



EBC Bikewriter

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The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter

The President's Pacelines *by Mark Oliver*

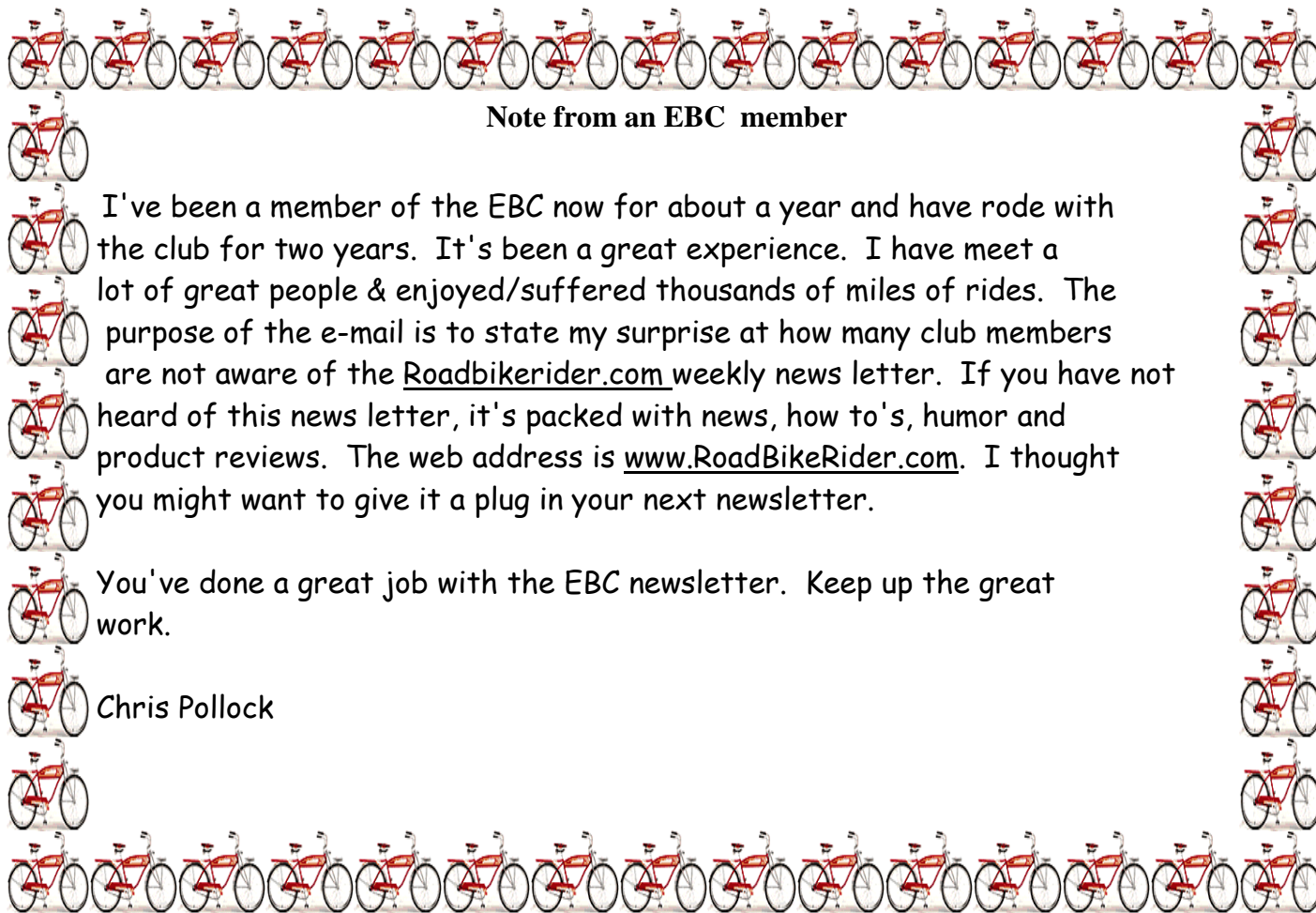
As this year comes to a close, I would like to congratulate and thank everyone in the club for a great many things. The first would be all the personal goals that were achieved this year whether it was to get faster, get more miles or have more fun. Good job guys. Second, for all the members who hosted a ride this year. The hard work involved in marking the routes and making preparations for all of us is greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks goes out to everyone who helped the club with the Great Pumpkin Metric and with the Tour de Bloom. Also, to all who marked our club routes this year, thank you. To those who came to the monthly meetings to discuss club business and other topics, thanks. To all the officers and office holders who worked so hard this year on behalf of our members, thank you. And finally, to all of you for permitting me to be your president this year. It has been my honor and a pleasure to be able to serve.

Let me remind you that our annual club banquet will be on Saturday January 14, 2006 starting at 5:30PM. But I would also like to bring you up to speed concerning our after dinner activities. Of course the main focus will be the awards. Rusty has always done a fantastic job with this and I can't wait to see what he has in store for us this year. If any of you have any photographs from rides this last year, Rusty would love to here from you. And as always, there will be the election of officers. But this year there will be two other exciting activities. You may remember that in the April newsletter I informed you that Gilles Cycling and Fitness would once again be providing, for one lucky club member, a weekend Trek Tour in the USA. The drawing for this prize will be after dinner. This should be a lot of fun! Good Luck! Here's how you earned chances:

- Attend three monthly meetings and you earn one ticket. You must have signed in.
- Ride 500 club miles - You earn one ticket for each 500 club miles ridden
- Write two articles for the newsletter for one ticket. Maximum 2 tickets (four articles)
- Work Tour De Bloom (sign up ahead of time) and earn one ticket
- Volunteer and work with I.B.C. as a rep - earn one ticket
- Host a ride - earn one ticket (max. one ticket)
- Volunteer to work on an EBC special project - earn one ticket (example Bike Rodeo)
- Work the GPM (sign-up ahead of time and work the entire day) - earn one ticket

Secondly we will be fulfilling our clubs commitment to give back to the community through our Special Needs Program. This year we will be giving away a very special tricycle. It is a Rifton Ranger Tricycle R137 with handbrake, abductor, trunk support, and guide bar. This trike will not be given to a single child but will instead be used by many handicapped children. We are going to present it to the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation at the banquet. We will be presenting the bike to Phyllis Fenneman. She is a physical therapist for the EVSC. There may even be some of the kids present who will be using it this year. By making our donating to the EVSC it will be used year after year as long as there are children with special needs.

I look forward to seeing you at the banquet and on the road in 2006!



Note from an EBC member

I've been a member of the EBC now for about a year and have rode with the club for two years. It's been a great experience. I have meet a lot of great people & enjoyed/suffered thousands of miles of rides. The purpose of the e-mail is to state my surprise at how many club members are not aware of the Roadbikerider.com weekly news letter. If you have not heard of this news letter, it's packed with news, how to's, humor and product reviews. The web address is www.RoadBikeRider.com. I thought you might want to give it a plug in your next newsletter.

You've done a great job with the EBC newsletter. Keep up the great work.

Chris Pollock

The Evansville Bike Club

Officer Nominations

The proposed slate of officers and office holders was discussed at our November meeting and are as follows:

President:	Mark Oliver
Vice President	Terrell Maurer
Treasurer:	Bobby Willett
Secretary:	Jason Lee
Statistician:	Rusty Yeager
Membership:	Jim Niethammer
Tour Director:	Jay Vercellotti
Newsletter:	Faye Carter
Website:	Bob Wefel

The election of the officers will take place on the night of the banquet. Please be there to support and vote for these volunteers who give of their time and talent to make our club the successful organization that it is!



Ride for the Roses 2005 & Farewell Todd Croke

This a belated message due to a busy schedule, but better late than never! In August 2005, I took it upon myself to begin raising funds for the Lance Armstrong Foundation out of a feeling of civic duty toward those suffering from cancer. Far too many of my friends and family have been affected by cancer, including several of those in our own cycling club. I set an initial goal of raising \$1000 before the fund-raising deadline, which loomed only 6 weeks away from when I decided to become involved in the fund-raising effort. I was floored when the funds quickly began tallying up on the web page LAF had setup for me. When the deadline came and passed, 48 individuals had donated a total of \$2980 on my behalf, 100% of which went directly to LAF. I want to sincerely thank all of you who donated in 2005, you are helping to make a real difference.

In late October, LAF fundraising efforts culminate in the Ride for the Roses celebration in Austin, Texas. So I packed up my bike and hopped a plane to Austin to be greeted by wonderful weather and the promise of a very fun weekend with fellow cyclists and anti-cancer advocacy. I was not disappointed. Organization of the weekend's activities is second to none, with an expansive expo hall, cancer discussion groups, and the occasional celebrity roaming the halls. In fact, I had the pleasure of meeting George Hincapie, Chris Carmichael and Lance's mom, Linda.

By the time the actual Ride of the Roses began on Sunday I was as giddy as a school boy. Nearly 10,000 cyclists had showed up to ride various distances, starting in waves with Lance leading the way. I elected to ride the 100 mile route on that sunny 75 degree day and was smacked in the face by steady 25 mph winds for most of the ride. Regardless, I felt indestructible the entire time and completed it in 5 hours flat. To be truthful, I felt like I could have rode another 50 miles. I'd like to think that the 20 names I wore on my jersey of cancer survivors, sufferers and those we've lost to cancer, gave me the extra energy I needed that day. I encourage all of you to raise funds for this worthy cause in the future and participate in the ride. It's a wonderful ride and very well supported. Heck, they even have people assigned to hold your bike at the rest stops!! Doesn't get much better than that.

On a more personal note, I accepted a job in Colorado and moved here the weekend after Thanksgiving. I moved to Evansville as a new college graduate over seven years ago and it served me well in gaining valuable personal and professional experience. Nearly all the friends I've made in Evansville are a result of participation in the EBC and I treasure those friendships. This is a great club you have and I hope it continues to thrive for many years to come. However, I've wanted to live among the western mountains for many years. The lure of their beauty and the opportunity for fabulous rock climbing, snowboarding, mountaineering, cycling, etc. was too much for me to resist.

I thank you for all the good times we've shared and if you ever find yourself in Colorad, I'd be delighted to ride the high mountains with you.

Take care and LiveSTRONG,
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January 2006 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1 New Year's Day</i> 1:00 PM New Year's Day Ride @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh 22 or 40 mi. Chili and banana bread. Host Faye Carter.</p>	<p>2 Club Jersey Sundays. Wear your Evansville Bicycle Club Jersey on the Sunday club rides.</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17 or 23 miles. 6:30 PM Spinnerval @ Elite Fitness in Newburgh.</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM @ AAA 7820 Eagle Crest Blvd. 20 miles. Head and tail lights required!</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 22 mi. Does Not Count as Club Mileage.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles.</p>
<p>8 11:00 AM @ Mesker Park. Mesker Park Dr. & Wimberg Rd. 23 or 38 mi. 2:00 PM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 23, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>9 Note: Spinnerval is free to bike club members. Bring your own trainer. No cleats on floor.</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17 or 23 miles. 6:30 PM Spinnerval @ Elite Fitness in Newburgh.</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM @ AAA 7820 Eagle Crest Blvd. 20 miles. Head and tail lights required!</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 22 mi. Does Not Count as Club Mileage.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles. 5:30 PM EBC Annual Club Banquet—Executive Inn—Reservations Required.</p>
<p>15 11:00 AM @ Henderson Co. High School in Henderson, KY 24 or 36 mi. 2:00 PM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 23, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17 or 23 miles. 6:30 PM Spinnerval @ Elite Fitness in Newburgh.</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM @ AAA 7820 Eagle Crest Blvd. 20 miles. Head and tail lights required!</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 22 mi. Does Not Count as Club Mileage.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles.</p>
<p>22 11:00 AM @ Scott School on Old State Rd. 15, 26, or 33 mi. 2:00 PM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 23, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17 or 23 miles. 6:30 PM Spinnerval @ Elite Fitness in Newburgh.</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM @ AAA 7820 Eagle Crest Blvd. 20 miles. Head and tail lights required!</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 22 mi. Does Not Count as Club Mileage.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles.</p>
<p>29 11:00 AM @ USI 20 or 40 mi. 2:00 PM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 23, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>30 <u>Ride hosts needed for February and March</u> Call or e-mail Jay Vercellotti @ 867-7549 rides@endlessvistas.com</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17 or 23 miles. 6:30 PM Spinnerval @ Elite Fitness in Newburgh.</p>	<p>Stats?: Rusty Yeager ryeager@sigecom.net Newsletter?: Faye Carter chiapet@charter.net \$\$ denotes REGISTRATION FEE</p>	<p><i>New riders need to be ready to leave 30 minutes early.</i> Helmets are mandatory. <u>As always, please park on the I-164 side of the Access Road & PARK ON PAVEMENT!</u></p>	<p>Join Elite Fitness Evansville Bicycle Club members <u>ONLY</u> with 300 club miles can join Elite Fitness for the 4 months of Nov., Dec., Jan., & Feb. for \$80. 858-8300 or 868-8650</p>	

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The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

New Membership and Renewal Application 2006

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Signature _____

Individual \$12

Family \$20 +

\$1/child

Release of Liability

Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc. is organized for sole purpose of providing it's members with notification of central meeting points and times. Members freely elect to ride together as a group, following a route of choice. In signing this form for myself and/or my family members I understand and agree to absolve EBC, Inc. and it's organizers or sponsors for all blame for any injury misadventure, harm loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of participation in any ride or activity associated with or sponsored by the EBC, Inc. I further understand that I, as an individual am responsible to abide by all traffic laws and regulations governing bicycling and take full responsibility for my actions.

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