

## President's Notes and Banquet Highlights

Three years wasn't enough for the phalanges of being president of the EBC so I'm back. That could be good or bad according to your viewpoint. I promise to do the best that I can for the club and its members. To round out the slate of officers, they are the following: Terrell Maurer, V.P.; Bob Willett, Treasurer; Linda Clemmer, Secretary; Jay Vercellotti, Tour Director; Faye Carter, Newsletter Editor; Dave Ashworth, Membership; Bob Wefel, Web master; Ann Russel, P.R. And the list would not be complete without listing Rusty Yeager, Statistician. I'm thankful that many of last year's officers were willing to continue in their current positions. Mark did a fantastic job in the last two years as President, and I'm sure we will miss his guidance, but I have his number in case I need advise.

I want to thank Hope, and Vicky for doing such a fine job organizing the banquet. Cambridge was a very beautiful location, the food was excellent, and the facilities were great for the banquet.

Congratulations to Faye Carter for winning the drawing for a Trek Trip. I think she knows exactly where she wants to go and when. Thank you Gilles for making this trip possible!

This year has already started of on a great note. Kelly K a club member teaches at Harrison High School was approached by students about starting a bike club. I am meeting with the students after school Friday, January 26th to talk about bike safety. I'm hoping that some of these young adults will join us on some of our rides, and that we can help them achieve the goals as cyclists.

One of my goals as president of the club is to promote cycling, bike safety, and welcome new members into the club. Also, it's my goal to help establish a positive impression of what the bike club does for the community, and to help new cyclists reach their goals and potential as cyclists. Ann and I will be working as a team this year to promote the club and encourage new riders to join us. We are open to new ideas and have a few of our own. Please come to the February meeting at Pizza Chef in Newburgh on the 8<sup>th</sup> to share your ideas and thoughts on how we can do this.

I'm also looking for an organized individual who would be the coordinator for the GPM this year. You would not be working alone, just as a team member in charge of keeping us on track and meeting deadlines. If you're interested please contact me or Rusty.

Respectfully Submitted, Darlene Wefel

## LET ME APPLAUD YOU ALL

My nephew Scott Baker was married on Saturday, January 13, 2007. I missed the wedding in Mexico (he lives in Texas), but that evening I received a bicycle advocacy award from the Evansville Bicycle Club.

I hope Scott's marriage is as successful as my association with the bike club has been.

Thank you for the award, which is a high honor. I wish I had a recording of Mark Oliver's eloquent tribute. Yet I fear there are other club members more deserving than I. As president, Mark pulled our club for two years. He faced especially challenging circumstances in the past year, both personally and for the club.

Mark and incoming President Darlene Wefel have demonstrated their commitment to bicycle safety. The club sponsored bike safety rodeos during Mark's administration and Darlene's earlier presidency, and Darlene has served on committees addressing bike safety, the needs of cyclists and education for motorists and cyclists.

In addition, Mark and Darlene have championed the club's service to disabled children and adults through the special needs program.

I know there are others in the club who deserve recognition as well. They keep the wheels moving in more ways than under their saddles.

Let me give a hand to all who had a hand in this award or who have advanced bike safety in our community. I applaud you all.

Dan Armstrong

Several members of the EBC met on New Year's Day at the old dam in Newburg to ring in the New Year with the first ride of 2007. Everyone braved the cold wind and ate chili and banana bread after they rode.





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after the Trek Tour in San Francisco to see the sights. On the way home, I arranged to be routed through Arizona to stop and stay a few days with my sister. She and I plan to go to Nogales to do some shopping in Mexico. This will be the vacation of a lifetime for me: three days of picturesque cycling with two nights in a luxury retreat, three days of sight seeing in San Francisco, three days in Arizona and a quick shopping trip across the border.

Again, I can not say THANK YOU enough to Gilles Cycling for giving away this trip.

Faye Carter



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