



# EBC Bikewriter

March 2007

The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter



## Notes from the President's Corner



I can't believe that January and February have come to an end and my bike remains in the stand in the garage begging me to take it for a spin. Will the ground hog be right and we will only have two more weeks of winter?

Kelly Kuchenbrad's Harrison High School Bike Club asked the EBC to do a presentation on cycling in January. Ann Pendley and I met with Kelly after school on a Friday and were surprised to find 11 very enthusiastic high school students and another teacher eager to get out and ride. We covered the do's and don'ts of cycling with a group, rules of the road, and answered a lot of questions. We agreed to meet with them on training rides to help them achieve their goals for cycling. I believe several of them want to work hard to build their cycling skills, and some day soon be able to ride with the fast pack. This will take assistance from all levels of cyclists from the club.

We are also working on adding some training rides twice a week for newcomers. The concept is to ride with the new riders make them feel welcome, teach them how to read makings, make sure they are not left alone, and confident they will make it back to their vehicle. For those who have been members of the club prior to 2002, you will remember Dicky Lindenschmitt. We want people to have the same experience most of us had while riding with Dicky. He was always willing to ride with new members and made them feel welcome and part of the club. We are hoping to do the same starting in April. We are asking that, once every month or two, one or more club members volunteers to take a turn. Call Ann or I to volunteer. It means being there 20 minutes ahead of scheduled rides, waiting until the official ride time to start, and making sure everyone gets back. These rides will be published in the newspaper, on local calendars, etc.

Looking for a career in cycling? The Indiana Bicycle Coalition wants you. See article on page 4 for more information on the Executive Director Position. This is a full-time paid position.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darlene Wefel

27 January 2007

Dear Mark and Members of the Evansville Bicycle Club,,

How can we thank you enough for the very generous donation of two more Rifton adaptive tricycles? The two additional tricycles are already in demand and used on a daily basis by students with disabilities in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. When these students mount these tricycles, there is a visible transformation and a palpable sense of empowerment as their disabilities melt away when they begin pedaling independently for the first time in their lives.

Mathew Clegg, the first grade student from Vogel who pedaled the new Rifton tricycle at the banquet, had this to say about Saturday night and his debut on Fox 7 News: "This is the best day of my life!" For Mathew and other students with disabilities, recognition of doing something special is just as important as it is for other kids. Thank you for giving Mathew his moment to shine.

The young lady who could not make it Saturday night due to illness was thrilled to get to pedal the tricycle at Stockwell Elementary School on Monday morning. When I shoed her the tricycle, she squealed, "She's a beauty!" Sage pedaled the tricycle from the gym back to her homeroom. When her fellow students saw her pedaling, they cheered her on. With their sudden recognition and encouragement, Sage noticeably picked up her speed. Mr. Morris, the gym teacher, has agreed to allow Sage to pedal the tricycle during gym class while the other children complete their walk/jog laps around the gym. For Sage, who relies on a power chair for mobility, this will be the only real exercise she gets during the day. Wow! That is pretty powerful. Thank you, Evansville Bicycle Club, for making such a difference in our students; lives.

As you well know, pedaling a bicycle is truly one of life's simplest, yet greatest pleasures, as well as every child's consummate rite of passage. We are so grateful for your generous contribution, which will help many students with disabilities realize their childhood potential and dreams. Marcel Proust eloquently describes our gratitude toward your organization: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

On behalf of the EVST special education staff and students, thanks for making our souls blossom! — Phyllis Fenneman



## EBC Web Page Update

Bob Wefel  
EBC Webmaster

Effective 2/15/07 Cinergy (Evansville On Line) will no longer be offering free email and web site hosting to the EBC. They want \$40 per month just to host our web page on their server.

So I did a little research and found Free web site hosting and email.

The EBC's new email address is: [evansvillebicycleclub@gmail.com](mailto:evansvillebicycleclub@gmail.com)

The new web site is: <http://evansvillebicycleclub.googlepages.com>

Cinergy will forward our email and web site traffic to the new ones for up to a year from 2/15/07.

This will be a work in process. I feel our web site needed a facelift anyway.

The newsletter and ride schedule are up and running as is a slide show of the GPM.

If you have any comments or suggestions please email me at the above email address.

Thanks,

Bob Wefel



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**CHARLIE MILLER—  
CINCINNATI, OH**

Executive Director  
The Indiana Bicycle Coalition

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- \* Advocacy
- \* Organizational growth
- \* Community outreach
- \* Fundraising
- \* Strategic planning
- \* Budgeting

If you think you have the skills and enthusiasm for this calling, then please send a resume' to: Executive Director Search Committee, Indiana Bicycle Coalition, Inc., P.O. Box 20243, Indianapolis, IN 46220, or via e-mail to [info@bicycleindiana.org](mailto:info@bicycleindiana.org) .

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I was recently appointed to the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (formerly EUTS). The Committee is made up of approximately 15 elected officials and appointees from Vanderburgh County, Warrick County, and Henderson County. It advises the MPO on transportation issues, including traffic planning and construction. I went onto the Committee with the intent of advancing alternative transportation options for the Evansville metropolitan area, like bike lanes, designated bike routes, and bike and pedestrian paths.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Executive Director (Brad Mills) and his staff are very interested in incorporating "non-traditional" transportation (read: bicycles) into the planning for our transportation network. Unfortunately, this kind of planning has a lead-time of several years. For example, Oak Hill Road will be widened from Highway 41 to Lynch Road, but the design work has already been completed and bike lanes were not included -- too expensive. The same is true for Epworth Road. It will be widened from the Lloyd north to connect with the Lynch Road extension, but bike lanes were not incorporated into the design. There is some consolation that these roads will now be 4 lane, meaning more room for vehicles and bikes to co-exist.

My goals now are to watch for projects that are in the early stages of development and to make sure that bicycle transportation is considered in (and hopefully incorporated into) the design stage.

If any EBC member wants information about the MPO or its work, he/she is welcome to contact me at 812-476-0394 or meyer@msslegal.com.

Greg Meyer

**Subject: A good little chuckle — submitted by Diane Bies**

My neighbor found out her dog could hardly hear so she took it to the Veterinarian. He found that the problem was hair in its ears so he cleaned both ears and the dog could hear fine.

The vet then proceeded to tell the lady that if she wanted to keep this from reoccurring she should go to the store and get some "Nair" hair remover and rub it in the dog's ears once a month.

The lady goes to the drug store and gets some "Nair" hair remover. At the register the druggist tells her: "If you're going to use this under your arms don't use deodorant for a few days." The lady says: "I'm not using it under my arms."

The druggist says: "If you're using it on your legs don't shave for a couple of days." The lady says: "I'm not using it on my legs either; if you must know, I'm using it on my schnauzer."

The druggist says: "Stay off your bicycle for a week."



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## The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

New Membership and Renewal Application 2007

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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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