

EBC BIKEWRITER

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

"The bicycle has a soul. If you succeed to love it, it will give you emotions that you will never forget." —Mario Cipollini

Paul Jensen The President's Corner

 Now, I am looking out my window, there are four inches of snow on the ground and the temperature is 12 F with a wind chill of 0 and at least one of you is seriously thinking about it. You know who you are. The annual EBC banquet was held last Saturday evening and as I stood in front of the gathering I observed lots of smiling faces. One gets a much different view when you are facing everyone rather than sitting around the table. I want to spend a bit of space in congratulating Ms. Diana Cabrera-Holland in garnering for at least the fourth year in a row the title of Women's MILEAGE CHAMP.

Not only that, she has been second overall for the last three years. Also congratulations to Mr. Archie Carter who was the overall mileage champ for 2010.

Other deserving winners include:

Most Centuries—Gary Gardner
Commuter Mileage Leader—
Tom Ballard
Rookie of the year—Dale McCuiston
Volunteer of the year—Paul Jensen
Ride Host of the Year—Mark & Debbie
Oliver—Pumpkin Pie Ride
Lonely Hearts Club—Archie's Wife: Mary

So many thanks to our unofficial/official MC, Rusty Yeager who, again, was BRILLIANT! Great photos plus unique dialog.

For those of you who did attend, let's take our hats off again for the location of our event plus the elegant lineup of meal choices. Wahoo!! Vicky and Hope, can we count on you for next year? I guess so, I already have you down.

The Banquet actually serves two purposes; first, it is a celebration of the past years accomplishments, which includes mileage advocacy and enjoyment, second it is our official by-law required "Annual Meeting" Which includes the annual financial statement and the elections of officers for the coming year.

According to these by-laws, all board positions are for one year terms and the following were elected unanimously to serve:

President—Paul Jensen
Vice President—Ann Pendley
Secretary—Diane Bies
Treasurer—Darlene Wefel
At Large—Gary Gardner
At Large—Cindy Jones
At Large—Bill Voegel

Those accepting appointments for leadership roles include:

Statistician—Rusty Yeager
Publicity—Ann Pendley
Editor Bikewriter—Paul Sluder
GPM Director—Dan Krueger
Youth Director—Keith Weyer
Webmaster—Jay Vercellotti

Banquet—Hope Rold/Vicky Ashworth
Membership—Open

Twenty Youth Riders were rewarded with either a certificate or plaque for their participation in 2010. This is thanks to one of our members who decided to make a difference, Keith Weyer, who has said that 2011 will be bigger and better than 2010. Our Door prize list was quite lengthy and rewarding to quite a few members present. EBC is so grateful for the support of the donations and please reciprocate by utilizing their products and services.

A list of the contributors follows:

A total of \$500.00 in giveaways from Gilles Cyclery and Fitness: (2x \$25, 2 x \$50, 2 x \$75 and 2 x \$100 dollar gift certificates).

3 x \$100.00 gift certificates: from Dan's Comp.

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Our monthly club meeting is on the second Thursday of every month except January at the Pizza Chef in Newburgh Indiana at 6:30 PM.

The Evansville Bicycle Club is a recreational organization that centers its activities around the sport of bicycling. Our membership includes over 200 individuals and families, most of whom live in the Southwestern Indiana area. The EBC has been active for over 25 years, and is a year-round organization.

The primary purpose of the club is to provide the opportunity for its members to participate in cycling activities on a regular basis, over pre-selected and usually well marked cycling routes in group rides. By riding in groups, members enjoy bicycling in relative safety, with knowledgeable cyclists, and reap the rewards of friendship and encouragement. The club is very active, promoting organized "rides" year-round, and as many as 10 per week during the warm weather months. Monthly membership meetings are well attended and provide an opportunity to keep the club well organized and responsive to the needs of its members.

The EBC also hosts a nationally recognized bicycle tour "The Great Pumpkin Metric" the first weekend of October.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Paul Jensen

A pair of sunglasses: from Cindy and Curt Jones of Ultimate Fit.

A Guitar Lab professional team racing jersey: Mike Boren/Caron Leader.

A Wii console donated by: Paul Jensen—PJ won this as an EBC volunteer at the 2010 Run O' Luck 7K last March and because this was won as a volunteer through EBC thought it would be a good idea to give it away at the Banquet.

I have been informed by our new editor, Paul Sluder, that in the coming months there will be changes galore in the Bike-Writer. I can't wait. By the way, this is at least the second time that Sir Sluder has been editor of the Newsletter. See you at the meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 at the Pizza Chef...or on the road...providing the following happens: 50F minimum—Sunny—wind 3 MPH or less.

Your Wussy President,
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PACELINES!

.....*Editorially Speaking*

So you're probably thinking, "Has he fallen and hit his Giro one too many times?" Yeah, well I thought that too, when Paul Jensen replied to my (somewhat sheepish) offer to handle the EBC newsletter duties this year. Neat thing about it this time around: No more cut-and-paste. Last time I did the Bikewriter, it was very old-school and desktop publishing was in its infancy or hadn't been invented yet. Gotta love Steve Jobs & Apple purchasing Hewlett-Packard's Graphic Interface when they were building the MACs and those guys at Microsoft didn't want it.

So here I sit with the latest in software from Adobe, making my life 10X easier.

I'm gonna have fun with this newsletter. So send articles, photos, etc. And thanks

NEW EBC Kid's Korner

Congratulations to the Evansville Bicycle Club and the 20 Youth Cyclists who received either Achievement or Mileage Awards for 2010!

This was a whopping 333% increase from 2009. The revamped Youth Cycling Program took off mid-year with a unanimous vote for the proposed changes and never stopped flying.



Our Goal for 2011 is 40 Youth Cyclists and we will need the continued support of every EBC Member to make that happen! Go to the EBC website to download a copy of the Youth Cycling Program guidelines. "Join" our Facebook group site "EBC Kids!" and upload photos and success stories for Your Youth Cyclist. Plan NOW to have a trailer, tag-a-long, tandem or youth bicycle in good working order so you are ready to Hit The Road when the weather breaks.

Thank You for your tremendous support of the Youth Cycling Program in 2010. Let's work together to make 2011 another huge success!

Keith Weyer
Youth Cycling Program Director

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to Paul for the accolades. I am humbled. As Keith Weyer and Gene Brouillard would say, "It's another EBC adventure!!!"

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Who Pays For Our Roads?

We all do.

(article, courtesy League of American Bicyclists)

“We are often asked to address the dubious claim that bicyclists do not help pay for roads. We have long argued that since many of 57 million adult bicyclists in this country are also drivers, and that since much of the government’s transportation spending comes from property taxes, general fund allocations, bond issues, and fare boxes of transit systems, we’re all paying into the system. A new report is perhaps making our job a little easier.

The U.S. PIRG Education Fund recently released a report, called “Do Roads Pay for Themselves? Setting the Record Straight on Transportation Funding” that busts the myth that “user fees” paid by drivers pay for all road costs. The one-two punch of myth-busting boils down to these two points: 1. Gasoline taxes aren’t “user fees” in the way the phrase implies, and 2. highways don’t pay for themselves.

Do Roads Pay for Themselves?

First, the user fee argument. A user fee implies a direct connection to the fee

and the use, for example admission to a state park or a toll road. However, when you pay the gas tax, you may not ever use the highways or other transportation projects that the tax is helping to pay for. When the gas tax was first implemented to pay down the deficit and since 1973 the gas tax has been used to pay for many useful transportation projects beyond highways. It’s not a user fee.

Second, the highways-pay-for-themselves argument. The report explains that since 1947, expenditures on highways, roads and streets have exceeded the amount generated through the gas tax and other fees by \$600 billion. The subsidy for highways is as significant today as it has ever been.

Current “user-fees” pay for only about half of the costs of highway and road building and maintenance.

The report concludes that the misconception that roads pay for themselves through a direct user fee distorts our transportation planning, by making roads look cheaper than they are.

For cyclists, this is just another good reminder that all of us are paying into the road system, either as drivers or through general taxes. The roads belong to all of us.”

Recognition of Service for Vacating Officers/Positions

HANK HUDSON - VICE PRESIDENT - 2010

DAVID ASHWORTH - MEMBERSHIP - 2007 THROUGH 2010

VICKY ASHWORTH - SECRETARY - 2008 THROUGH 2010

JAY VERCELLOTTI - TOURING DIRECTOR - 2005 THROUGH 2010

RENEE' HANFT - NEWSLETTER EDITOR - 2009 THROUGH 2010



Share The Road License Plate—it's finally here!

Thanks to your support, drive and dedication, as of January 3, 2011, you can obtain your I Share The Road license plate from the BMV and proudly display your pedal passion even when you're driving. To get your I Share The Road license plate, you have three options:

1. Visit a BMV Branch
2. Call 1-888-692-6841
3. Go to www.mybmv.com

If you order online, be sure to click the box marked "Allow BMV to share my information with this organization." If ordering by phone or in person, let the BMV representative know you want to share your information.

Have you already received your I Share The Road license plate? Bicycle Indiana is giving away one of the I Share the Road fleece beanies to the first person who send an email with a photograph of their I Share the Road license plate on their vehicle email info@bicycleindiana.org.

Bicycle Indiana Resource Guide Deadline is quickly approaching! Hoosier cyclists have learned to rely on the Bicycle

Indiana Resource Guide for everything they need to know about cycling in Indiana. Help us publicize your rides, classes and other events. We're accepting ads and information now for 2011-2012 Resource Guide. With more than 40,000 copies distributed throughout Indiana and beyond, it's a great way to connect with cyclists.

For information on advertising, distribu-

price of two years! As always, additional donations in support of our programs are happily accepted and greatly appreciated.

When you renew your membership you'll receive a membership card via e-mail (or USPS if we don't have an e-mail address for you). Shortly thereafter you'll receive an acknowledgement letter in the mail with a document detailing the discounts you can receive with retailers and other organizations because of your Bicycle Indiana membership!

Advocate

SB0353

Thanks again to Senator John Broden of South Bend Indiana for authoring a bill in the current legislative session which if enacted, will help make our roadways safer for all bicyclists. This bill is currently assigned to the committee on Homeland Security, Transportation & Veteran Affairs which is chaired by Senator Tom Wyss of Fort Wayne Indiana. Call to action: Contact Senator Wyss and ask him to hear SB0353 in his committee. Contact your legislators and ask them to support this bill. If you have any questions, please send them to info@bicycleindiana.org or call 317-466-9701.

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tion or promoting funding rides, contact info@bicycleindiana.org.

Event Listing

We need your photos! We're also looking for photographs from bicycle rides in Indiana to showcase in the 2011 Resource Guide. Contact info@bicycleindiana.org for details.

Time for membership renewals
Reminder: January membership renewals are now due. The most cost-effective option is the three-year membership. You can renew for three years for the

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Educate

Bicycle Friendly Community seminars offered

Would your civic leaders and bicycle enthusiasts benefit from learning about how the benefits of developing and living in a Bicycle Friendly Community?

Bicycle Indiana and the Indiana State Department of Health wants to help.

We'll come to your community and host a seminar appropriate for a broad audi-

ence -- planners, engineers and landscape architects, elected officials, local government employees, engineering students, consultants, area business leaders, and of course, bicyclists!

This seminar touts the health, environmental, and economic benefits of Bicycle Friendly Communities. Topics of discussion will include:

- Bicycling and public health
- Non-infrastructure programs
- Bike safety lesson
- Implementation
- Bikeway network
- Q&A Session
- Other infrastructure

- Bike-friendly Business
- Working Lunch
- Bike Suitability Mapping Exercise

If you're interested in scheduling a seminar in your community, contact info@bicycleindiana.org.

Traffic Skills class offered

Bicycle Indiana would like to assist cycling advocates and individuals who promote safe bicycling by hosting a Traffic Skills class. The classes were held in five communities in 2010 and received rave reviews. If you, your bike club or organization is interested in bringing the program to your community, contact info@bicycleindiana.org

2010 EBC Youth Award Winners

| | 2010 | | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| Mileage Plaques/Plates | | Mileage Certificates | |
| Brindle, Carson | 256 | Lonnberg, Adam | 62 |
| Jones, Cory | 342 | McCuiston, Adam | 43 |
| Nance, Aulden | 313 | Ward, Whitney | 162 |
| Weyer, Audrey | 406 | Achievement Certificates | |
| Weyer, Brett | 395 | Fisher, Alexander | 7 |
| Weyer, Brock | 368 | Fisher, Hadley | 7 |
| Whittaker, Ashley | 274 | Herrell, Carson | 17 |
| Mileage Certificates | | Hoss, Garrett | 5 |
| Gerbig, Caleb | 163 | Hoss, Nathan | 5 |
| Gerbig, Madison | 157 | Lonnberg, Michael | 8 |
| Herrell, Nolan | 66 | Nance, Grasen | 1 |

“Marked-UP”
and other
ride information
will return with the
March, 2011 issue.
Watch for it!

**JANUARY NEW
MEMBERS**

**JIM BUSH
KATHE WOICKE
JOCHEN WOICKE**

FEBRUARY 2011 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><i>New riders need to be ready to leave 30 minutes early and are encouraged to start with a "No Drop" or "Come Ride With Us" Ride.</i></p> <p><i>Helmets are mandatory.</i></p> <p><u>As always, please park on the I-164 side of the Access Road & PARK ON PAVEMENT!</u></p> | | <p>19:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17/22 mi.</p> | <p>2 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman's Park on Boeke Rd. Ride 1 hour. 20 mi. Head and tail lights required!</p> | 3 | 4 | <p>5 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles.</p> |
| <p>6 10:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi.</p> <p>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds</p> | 7 | <p>8 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17/22 mi.</p> | <p>9 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman's Park on Boeke Rd. Ride 1 hour. 20 mi. Head and tail lights required!</p> | <p>9 6:30 PM Club meeting @ Newburgh Pizza Chef near Wesselman's on Hwy 261.</p> | 11 | <p>12 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Henderson Co. High School in Henderson, KY 24, 32, or 47 mi.</p> |
| <p>13 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness—TP Route (57 & Kansas), 22 or 37 miles.</p> <p>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-164 Access Burkhardt &</p> | 14 | <p>15 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17/22 mi.</p> | <p>16 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman's Park on Boeke Rd. Ride 1 hour. 20 mi. Head and tail lights required!</p> | | 18 | <p>20 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles.</p> |
| <p>20 10:00 AM @ West Terrace School (near USI), 19 or 33 miles.</p> <p>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi.</p> | 21 | <p>22 9:00 AM @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead rds. 17/22 mi.</p> | <p>23 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman's Park on Boeke Rd. Ride 1 hour. 20 mi. Head and tail lights required!</p> | 24 | 25 | <p>26 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness (57 & Kansas) 16, 23, 35, or 43 miles</p> |
| <p>27 10:00 AM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 or 35 miles.</p> <p>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-164 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</p> | 28 | | | | | |

EBC Annual Banquet, 2010

Photos
Courtesy of
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| <p>Name(s) & Age(s) _____ _____ _____ _____</p> <p>Address _____ _____ _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____</p> <p>Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (_____) _____ - _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> | <p>Membership Dues</p> <p><u>Individual</u> \$12</p> <p><u>Family</u> \$20 + \$1 per child</p> <p>Send me the newsletter by:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> USPS</p> | <p>Release of Liability</p> <p>Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc. is organized for the sole purpose of providing its 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 its 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, 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.</p> <p>Make checks payable to Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.</p> <p>Mail to: Evansville Bicycle Club P.O. Box 15517 Evansville, IN 47716</p> |