

EBC bikewriter

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

MARCH, 2018



**Don't forget the EBC meeting
Thursday, MARCH 8th at THE
ROCA BAR on
So. Kentucky in Evansville—
Social at 6:00, Meeting at 6:30**

Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.
Mission Statement:

The Evansville Bicycle Club Inc., is an organization formed to promote bicycling in the Tri-State area.

We advocate bicycle safety and education in our local communities by participating in and supporting health, fitness and cycling activities.

The club provides the opportunity for cyclist of all ages and abilities to partake in cycling activities on a regular basis by offering a variety of rides weekly.

www.evansvillebicycleclub.org



CLUB JERSEYS

If you are wanting to get one of these new club jerseys they are now back at Diane Bies' House. Please contact her at biesdi@aol.com or phone at 473-3546 and I can get one picked up for you and meet with you to deliver it.

Short Sleeved Jersey: \$60, Sleeveless Jersey \$60 (limited quantities), Long Sleeved \$65, and Bike Shorts \$50. We have both women's and men's in stock.



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NEW MEMBERS

Kim Sullivan #155
Logan Woodring #1261

RENEWING MEMBERS

Ronald Gatewood #1144
Tim & Kaden Brown &
Brittany Constable

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"You're only one bike ride away from a good mood."



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Diane Bies

The President's Letter

Has everyone put pontoons on their bikes? Wow!! We have really had a wet month. Please be careful when you come upon water on the road if you go out on a ride any time but more so right now when the weather has been so wet. There could be a giant hole in that water or moving water can take you down. Remember not only is it slick for us but also for the cars out there.

So give them some extra space and or awareness. Yes, I do ride in the rain sometimes, not necessarily by choice. I do practice a bit of extra care and hope you will too.

Most of you already know that Rusty suffered an injury on his 24 hr. Challenge in Sebring, FL. He is on the mend already and I feel sure we will see him out riding again sooner than any of us could imagine. In spite of his accident and early withdrawal from the event, Rusty came in second in his age category! He moved into the 55-59 group this year. He would have won the 50-54 group still. Such a bummer! I also heard that Steve Gerbig came in second in his age group for the 12 hr. Challenge at the same event. Congrats to both of them. We have such amazing, accomplished members!

I have been out riding and have only seen a very few "regulars" out on the days that have not been exceptionally warm. Where is everyone? On the other hand, it has been so nice to see several people out riding on these random warm days we have been blessed with so far this year. We need to increase our number of riders and the frequency with which we all ride!

Reach out to your fellow club members if you have time and encourage them to come out and ride. Please remember to always sign in for the ride at the beginning of the ride. There are benefits to riding

with the club other than just the camaraderie of other riders. You are also insured if you sign in before the ride and have an accident while riding a club ride. If you have such an event ever, please contact a club officer for help. But you must sign in on the sign in sheet to be covered.



Daylight savings time and evening rides are just around the corner, as is spring! I am so excited! I love the thought of warm days and sunshine again! It has been a rough winter this year with so few days when the riding weather

was really good. As we go out to ride more again, there is a great need to get our routes all repainted.

Please, if you are willing to help, contact Bill Voegel about helping to mark routes. This is an opportunity for fun making graffiti on the roadways. EBC provides the paint and the instructions. You could become a member of the annual Magellan Club at the banquet for 2018. Seriously though, this is a great opportunity to contribute to your club in a way that you and so many others can benefit.

Thank you in advance for reaching out to Bill to volunteer. His contact information is on the first page of the newsletter.

Lastly, I want to put out a plea for ride hosts for the 2018 riding season. As long as you contact me by the 20th of the preceding month, I can get any hosted ride on the calendar. This is another fun way to give back to your club and to have a party with your bike buddies at the same time. I will gladly help you with any information you may need. Hosted rides can be very simple or elaborate.
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The President's Letter

It is your choice and really a chance for some socializing along with a bike ride. The ride does not have to be from your home. Be creative! Ride hosts get free admission to the EBC Banquet in January.

EBC to help sponsor like the ride to the Lynville Winery this past summer. Be sure to let me know so I can get it on the calendar and the members will come.

Whew! Sorry for being so long winded. Let's make 2018 the best year yet for riding with EBC. Welcome new members and help them find others to ride with at their pace. If you don't know someone, introduce yourselves and others to them.

We need to get more people riding more miles if we are going to stop the downward trend on overall miles ridden by EBC members.

Grab a friend and come out and ride. Be sure to sign in on the sign in sheet so we know you are there and you get the benefits of club membership while riding even if you don't expect to make 500 miles for the year. They all add up.

Let's all do our part! Ride and enjoy! Diane

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMPLAINT CHART

IT'S SNOWING → AT LEAST IT'S NOT RAINING
IT'S RAINING → AT LEAST IT'S NOT COLD + WINDY
IT'S COLD + WINDY → AT LEAST IT'S NOT RAINING TOO
IT'S COLD, WINDY, RAINING, + SNOWING → AT LEAST WE'RE NOT AT WORK

LANI KAI 2018

By Ken Herrmann

I am reborn, in heaven, in salubrious Lanikai.

Waking at 4 am, a shower, fresh clothes, a large mug of cappuccino, a rocking chair on the deck outside my bedroom 50 feet above the road. The night was clear and black, no moon, no clouds, no wind. At that time there were no cars and no joggers, no barking dogs, only the sound of the crickets and the surf. The waves breaking on the sand are tiny, lovely waves audible from a 120 degrees perspective, first breaking left and then right. Between the sounds of the shore waves is the constant rumble of the larger waves breaking on the more distant reef.

The Lanikai community is dotted with lights, many like those at my home, solar powered lights that line the 40 steps up a path from the street to the front door. The crowns of a pair of palm trees is at eye level from my deck and are illuminated by spot lights hidden somewhere on the ground below. In the distance, lights twinkle from the far side of residential Kailua Bay to the Marines' base that ends on Mokapu crater.

I sit comfortably pushed back on the rocker, my feet encased in wool lined house shoes, a thick "hoodie" jacket,

a cup of coffee and just listen to the sounds of the surf. It's a cool 65 degrees. Gradually the community greets the morning. A car drives by, a jogger runs on the bike path, a dog barks, a jet from Honolulu passes in the distance and fades away. I love listening to the sound of the surf. The waves breaking on the reef will be visible from where I sit when the sun rises. Yesterday was my first morning



in my Lanikai rental home and the morning was dark with clouds and noisy with heavy rains. I stayed in bed and listened to the rain, waking and falling back to sleep. Today I am eager to watch the sun rise. It is winter and I don't know where the sun will rise on the horizon. Possibly it will appear as a green flash, there are no clouds and no wind. My view of the ho-

zizon from the upper deck is intermittently obscured by trees and the Mokulua Islands. A jet approaches Honolulu, lights flashing and engines roaring about as loud as the distant waves on the reef.

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LANI KAI 2018

Another runner passes. Another car passes, perhaps the fifth car in the past hour. Gradually the cars pass more frequently and the sounds of neighbors putting out their trash signals the waking of the community.

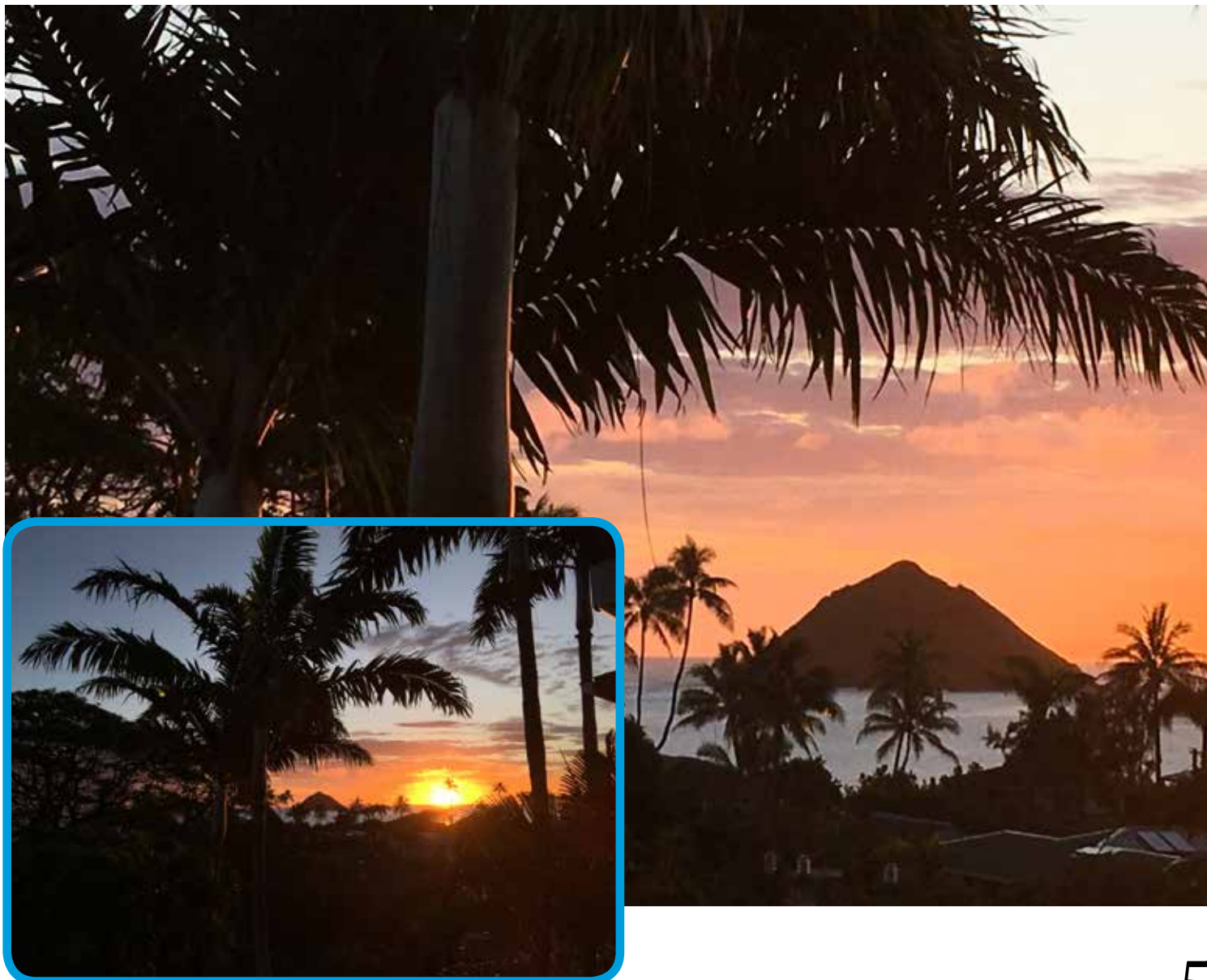
It's my habit to practice my cello in the early morning. Today I don't want to disrupt the morning peace. I wait in the silent darkness and drink in the rare beauty of the calm winter air.

There will be better morning opportunities for practice when the tradewinds blow to obscure the sounds of the surf and of my practice. The community comes alive an hour

before the sun rises. As the sky gains light and color, the birds wake and create a symphonic wall of sound, blocking the sound of the shore break and occasionally pausing enough to allow the reef break to be heard. The sun will rise 5 minutes from now, the early morning red hues have faded and the horizon contains a band of low clouds: no green flash today. The sun rises at 7 am with glorious color on the right side of the Mokulua Islands.

I am happy.

Aloha.



MARCH EBC RIDE NOTES

There will be a Club Meeting on Thursday March 8. Come voice your opinion! Enjoy some time in the company of other cyclists.

Ride Hosts We are looking for ride hosts for the spring. It isn't too early to start planning that special ride you want to host. The weather will be warm again before we know it. (Or at least I hope it will be.)

Be sure to let Diane Bies know what you have planned and when so she can get it on the calendar with no conflicts.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS BACK!!!

Monday evening rides at the 4-H Center are back on the calendar with Daylight Savings Time. This ride will be at 5:30 so we can finish before dark. Consider planning to stay for dinner after with the other riders. This is a great opportunity to get to know others.

Tuesday evening rides at Olmstead are also back. These are only 17 mile rides for March and will start at 5:30 also. Safety is a concern!

Wednesday night rides at Garvin Park Consider coming early if you want extra miles. You can earn up to 20 miles on these circuit rides in the park. We are staying in the park due to potential flooding on the Greenway. Lights are no longer required after the time change as we should be in by dark at 7:00. Consider planning to stay for dinner after with the other riders. This is a great opportunity to get to know others.

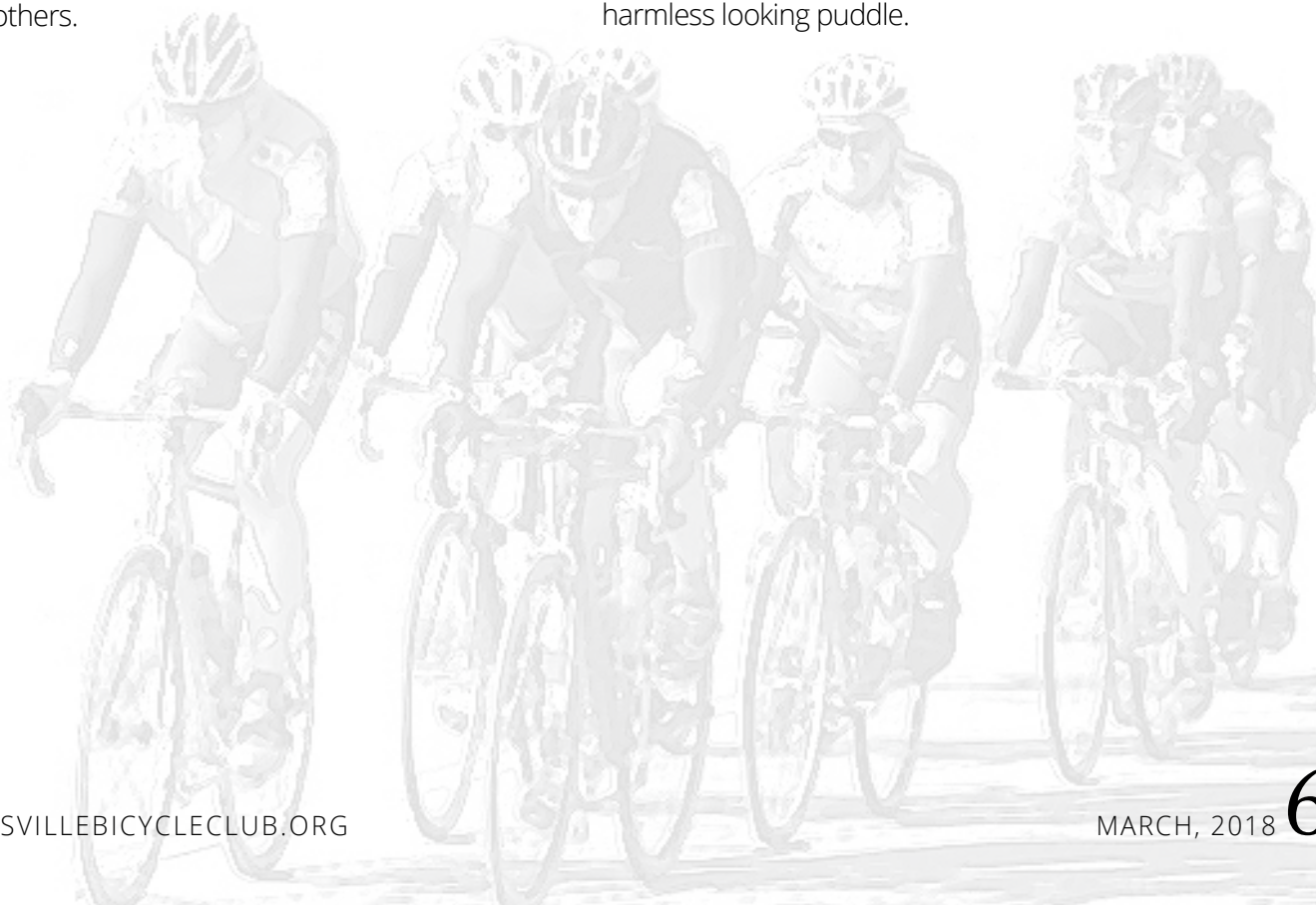
Thursday mornings at Mesker are back. We have spent the last two months at Newburgh on Thursday mornings because the roads there are cleared in the winter better than the west side ones. However, we are assuming winter is passed and going back to rotating the Thursday morning rides between the Old Dam and Mesker Park.

Thursday night rides at Newburgh Old Dam is a new addition. Again only the 17 mile route is on the schedule for a 5:30 start.

The Club Centuries are also back on the schedule!!! We are riding the Tennyson Century or a Touring Century this month on Saturday March 17 and Thursday March 22. Meet up at Crossroads Church at 8 AM for a fun day on the bike. Wear your green on Saturday March 17 or risk being pinched. Happy St. Patty's Day!

GET OUT AND RIDE!! WE HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RIDE WITH FRIENDS ON THE CALENDAR. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!! MAYBE IT WILL STAY WARM AND DRY SOON. SPRING ARRIVES ON MARCH 20.

Again, be aware of water across the roadway. Do not enter deep water as it may take you down. Watch out for chuck holes too! They could be lurking, very deep, under that harmless looking puddle.



March 2018 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note addition of evening rides at 5:30 pm after the time changes on March 11! Come out and ride!!	HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY!	Club Jersey Sundays Wear your EBC jersey on Sunday club rides.	New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 min. early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride. We often eat out after Monday and Wednesday	<u>1 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi.	<u>2 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	<u>3 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
<u>4 10:00 AM @ West Terrace School</u> (Near USI) 19, 33 mi. <u>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.17, 22, 33 mi.	<u>5 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi.	<u>6 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi	<u>7 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 17,23,35 mi. <u>6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park on N. Heidelberg Av.</u> Up to 20 mi. Lights required	<u>8 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site,</u> Newburgh 17, 27 mi. <u>6:00 Social Time.</u> <u>6:30 PM Club Meeting @ Roca Bar</u> 1618 S. Kentucky Ave	<u>9 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	<u>10 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
<u>11 10:00 AM @ Castle HS</u> on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23, 32 mi. <u>2:00 P M Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.17, 22, 33 mi.	<u>12 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi. <u>5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	<u>13 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17 mi.	<u>14 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 17,23,35 mi. <u>6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park on N. Heidelberg Av.</u> Up to 20 mi. Lights required	<u>15 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ Old Dam Site,</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	<u>16 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	<u>17 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. Ten-nyson or Touring Route <u>9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
<u>18 10:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 or 38 mi. <u>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi.	<u>19 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi. <u>5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	<u>20 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17 mi.	<u>21 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 17,23,35 mi. <u>6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park on N. Heidelberg Av.</u> Up to 20 mi. Lights required	<u>22 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. Ten-nyson or Touring Route <u>9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site,</u> Newburgh, 17, 27 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ Old Dam Site,</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	<u>23 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	<u>24 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
<u>25 10:00 AM @ Henderson Co. HS</u> in Henderson, KY 24 or 32 mi <u>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi.	<u>26 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi. <u>5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	<u>27 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17, 22 mi.	<u>28 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 17,23,35 mi. <u>6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park on N. Heidelberg Av.</u> Up to 20 mi. Lights required	<u>29 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi. <u>5:30 PM @ Old Dam Site,</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	<u>30 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	<u>31 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.

meeting minutes

December 14, 2017 • Meeting was held at Roca Bar, Evansville.
Present:

Diane Bies	Dan Armstrong
Sue Vernier	Ron Pendley
John Nelli	Keith Weyer
Bill Majors	Gary Gardner
Donna Redden	Richard Vernier
Bill Voegel	Jay Vercellotti
Kara May	

Diane Bies, EBC President, opened the meeting at 6:30p.m.

November meeting minutes were approved as read.

Gary Gardner – Treasurer

Account balance as of December 14, 2017 is \$41,175.12.
Made less money than last year on the Pumpkin due to no sponsor.
Treasurer's Report was approved.

Kara May – Membership

1 new member
18 renewals
161 paid members

Jay Vercellotti -Webmaster

643 members on Facebook.
More Facebook users than Website. 141 hits on the Website.
Link has been added to the Website for the current newsletter. Ride with GPS route maps need to be updated.
Advocacy needs to be updated also. Jay asked for a short article about Advocacy.

Old Business

Diane Bies said we are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate GPM 2018.
GPM publicity was discussed. John Nelli suggested an article in News4You, Evansville Living and an ad on WIKY. John will contact WIKY regarding an ad.
EBC Banquet – The Old Mill has been reserved for Saturday, January 27th. Social time begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Menu items were chosen. John Nelli volunteered to help with the sign- in table. Banquet invitation was changed to include dinner + EBC membership for banquet guests. Cost will be \$27.

New Business

January 1st ride will leave from Lamasco's at 1:00.
Jeff Lancaster would like to serve on the EBC board. His name will be added to the ballot.
Received a donation request from Ambucks. Approved \$1,000.
Approved a \$500 donation to Patchwork Central.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Redden

Evansville Bicycle Club – 2018 Club Mileage

Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Yeager, Rusty	6/1/18		19	14	771
2 Weyer, Keith	2/1/18			13	301
3 Bies, Diane	6/1/19			10	254
4 Bosko, John	7/1/18			6	154
5 Johnson, Bill	7/1/18			4	88
5 Majors, Bill	6/1/18			3	88
7 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/19			4	83
8 Voegel, Bill	4/1/19			3	59
9 Holland, Diana	3/1/18			2	35
10 Carter, Archie	8/1/19			1	33
10 Lancaster, Jeff	8/1/18			1	33
10 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/17			1	33
10 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/18		1	1	33
10 Roeder, Jeff	2/1/18			1	33
15 Vernier, Richard	3/1/18			1	20
15 Vernier, Sue	3/1/18			1	20
17 Plouchard, Sherrie	10/1/18			1	12

Men's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Yeager, Rusty	6/1/18		19	14	771
2 Weyer, Keith	2/1/18			13	301
3 Bosko, John	7/1/18			6	154
4 Johnson, Bill	7/1/18			4	88
4 Majors, Bill	6/1/18			3	88
6 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/19			4	83
7 Voegel, Bill	4/1/19			3	59
8 Carter, Archie	8/1/19			1	33
8 Lancaster, Jeff	8/1/18			1	33
8 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/17			1	33
8 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/18		1	1	33
8 Roeder, Jeff	2/1/18			1	33
13 Vernier, Richard	3/1/18			1	20

Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/19			10	254
2 Holland, Diana	3/1/18			2	35
3 Vernier, Sue	3/1/18			1	20
4 Plouchard, Sherrie	10/1/18			1	12

Youth Mileage

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
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Commuting Mileage

Club Member	Miles	Thru Month
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Ride Mileage Information

Club Rides	Max. Mileage
Scott School	33
West Terrace School	33
Boonville High School	21
Castle High School	35
Henderson High School	47
Reitz High School	40
Garvin Park	20
Wesselman Park	20
Mesker Park	38
Dogtown	45
Elite	43
Elite TP	37
4-H	28
Newburgh Dam	40
Olmstead	33
New Albany	122
Hosted Rides	
Specialty Rides	
Sebring 24 Hour	2/10



Beautiful Tuesday morning ride!
And coffee at McDonalds after!
What a great morning! — with Bill Voegel,
Diane Bies, Eugene Brouillard, Diana Holland,
Keith Weyer and John Bosko.





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The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

Name(s) & _____
Age(s) _____

Special Hobbies/Interests: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Membership Dues

Individual
\$12

Family \$20 +
\$1 per child

☐ New

☐ Renewal

Release of Liability

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.

Make checks payable to Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

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