

# **EBC** bikewriter

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

FEBRUARY, 2019

**I LOVE MY BIKE  
ALMOST AS MUCH  
AS I LOVE YOU!**



## NO EBC meeting FOR FEBRUARY – IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY

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](http://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](mailto: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

Dale Palmer #1284

### RENEWING MEMBERS

Dan Armstrong #811

Tom Ballard #650

Matt, Sonya & Carson Brindle #914

John Hunt #1135

Curt, Cindy & Cory Jones #652

Jim & Sherrie Niethammer #747

Kevin & Ann Pendley #404

Bill & Janet Robertson #3

Drew & Linda Swonder #1035

Rusty & Lori Yeager #229

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



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## KEVIN OTOLSKI

# The Presidents Letter

Greetings from your new club President. For those that do not know me, I am Kevin Otolski. I have been a EBC member now for 4 years and club Vice-President for the last two years.

I want to thank Diane Bies, our past President for helping prepare me for this role. I am grateful Diane will continue in a leadership role as club Vice-President. So, how did I get here? It was about four and a half years ago on a Sunday afternoon, while driving north on Interstate 69,

I saw people unloading their bikes from cars getting ready for what I would later find out was the 2 pm Olmstead ride. I wondered if I would like cycling? Since I came from a track \ cross country background, which started in the 3rd grade and continued into college, the pounding was starting to take a toll on my body. I proceeded to get myself a road bike and rode around for a few weeks getting pretty impressed with myself working up to 30 miles. Then I showed up to my first EBC group ride, which happened to be hosted from Diane's house.

The ride went pretty well. It was great to ride with others, even though I knew absolutely nobody I was riding with. I quickly learned the difference between a hosted group ride and a regular club ride. I showed up to the Sunday 2 pm Olmstead ride and was dropped of the back of the group about halfway into the ride. I think I only managed to hang on as long as I did for fear of not being familiar with the Bluegrass area and getting lost.

I came back each week with the intention to hang on to the group a

little longer each time. It was then that I realized, yes...this is something I wanted to continue to do and to improve. As the season turn into winter, I started to attend EBC club meetings and got involved sharing ideas to improve the club for its members.

Two years later, I was elected VP and now President.

I would like to thank the following people that have returned as part of the leadership team. Gary Gardner - Treasurer, Jeff Lancaster - Secretary, Kara May - Board

Member, Paul Jensen - Board Member, Jim Niethammer. New -Board Members, Khris Seger - and Keith Paige. Also a thank you to Rusty Yeager our Statistician and Jay Vercellotti our Web Page Master.

As a reminder and for our new members, ride schedule can be found on our Web page <http://www.evansvillebicycleclub.org> or on Facebook @ Evansville Bicycle Club Connections. Additional information is also on Twitter @ebc\_org and you can share your pictures on Instagram @ Evansville Bicycle Club use hastag #EvansvilleBicycleClub

Next month I should have an update for you on the EBC Banquet, GPM planning, and how I plan to change all the scheduled club rides to 100 mile rides. I threw that last one in to see how many of you are still reading this letter and will veto this idea :-). Stay safe out there.

Kevin





## The Evansville Trails Coalition (ETC)

*Thanks to Paul Jensen for writing this article*

### Mission

We connect people and places, promote active lifestyles, and advocate for the development of multi-use trails.

### History

In 2009, a small group of Evansville residents met to discuss the city's efforts to develop the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage and their concern about the general deficiency in pedestrian and bicycle trails within our community. Their research led to studying other cities with extensive trails systems and found the common denominator being the existence of non-profit groups that assisted their communities to help plan, educate, advocate for and promote the use of trails. By April 30, 2009, ETC was incorporated and underway! The goal then and now is to ensure an active, healthy, vibrant and economically thriving future for our community.

Through collaboration and partnerships ETC advocates on behalf of Evansville community members and seeks to assist Evansville in becoming a Bicycle Friendly and Walker Friendly city.

ETC's goal is to be Evansville's resource for maps, trails information and to build awareness of the resources Evansville currently has as a community. Through mapping current trails within our system, ETC seeks to identify connecting segments that don't exist yet. This helps advocacy efforts that warrant the completion of vital segments within the trails system and existing pedestrian and bicycle networks. ETC has compiled pedestrian and bicycle routes & maps within the Evansville area and listed them on their website at <https://www.WalkBikeEw.org/maps-and-plans/>, so all of Evansville will have access to the resources already developed by businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals.

Community is supported by the ETC in several ways, several programs, events and local trails are sponsored and/or supported by the Evansville Trails Coalition.

- Upgrade Bike Share Program
- Trailblazer Program
- Streets Alive – Open Streets Event
- National Bike to School Day – May 8
- National Bike to Work Day on May 17
- National Bike to Work Week – May 13 through 17
- National Trails Day – June 1, 2019

Evansville is making progress toward completing additional segments with the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. Some of the latest completed segments are the North Main Street multi-use trail which is a pedestrian and bicycle trail that begins at North Main from Division Street to Garvin Park.

The newest completed segment is the Hi-Rail Trail. The Hi-Rail trail was completed in November 2018, this trail is a 2.5 mile multi-use path running along the west side of Highway 41 from Riverside Drive to Walnut Street.



# February 2019 E.B.C. Ride Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Note: All Wednesday night rides move to Garvin Park effective Feb. 20 Wesselman Park closes for salamander crossings</p>	<p>HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY</p>		<p><b>Ride Hosts wanted for 2019!!</b> Email or FB message Diane Bies</p>		<p>1 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>3 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness @ 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33</p>	<p>4 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM @ <u>I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>6 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site, Newburgh</u>, 27 mi</p>	<p>8 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
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<p>17 10:00 AM @ <u>Reitz High School</u> on Claremont off the Ray Becker Pkwy. 21, 40 mi. 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM @ <u>I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>20 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site, Newburgh</u>, 27 mi</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>23 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>24 10:00 AM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, 33 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>25 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM @ <u>I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>27 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site, Newburgh</u>, 27 mi</p>	<p>New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 min. early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" ride or "Circuit Ride". We often eat out after Wednesday night rides. There is no minimum pace on Wednesdays especially.</p>	

# Evansville Bicycle Club – 2018 Club Mileage

## Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/19	1	16	157	4690
2 Johnson, Bill	7/1/19		5	107	3432
3 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/19	2	26	76	3352
4 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/18	1	24	73	3231
5 Weyer, Keith	2/1/20			116	2692
6 Carter, Archie	8/1/19	1	10	60	2529
7 Majors, Bill	6/1/19			107	2456
8 Lancaster, Jeff	8/1/19		21	42	2440
9 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/18		14	49	2084
10 Miller, Kent	11/1/19		10	42	1927
11 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/19			66	1661
12 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/19		11	32	1463
13 Yeager, Rusty	6/1/19		60	23	1433
14 Bosko, John	6/1/19		1	50	1397
15 Vernier, Richard	3/1/19			50	1216
15 Vernier, Sue	3/1/19			50	1216
17 Paige, Keith	6/1/19		10	25	1102
18 Ashworth, David	1/1/19			38	1088
19 Paler, Jonathan	7/1/18		7	19	1018
20 Voegel, Bill	4/1/19			37	864
21 Wong, Howard	8/1/19			38	826
22 Silke, Randy	7/1/19	2		27	797
23 Holland, Diana	3/1/19			34	749
24 Janowski, Robert	7/1/19		3	19	708
25 Shrimpton, Dave	7/1/19		2	16	703
26 Jensen, Paul	10/1/18			40	702
27 Gabe, Tom	1/1/19	1	2	16	701
28 Redden, Donna	8/1/19			27	571
29 Willett, Bobby	5/1/19		4	6	494
30 Nelli, John	11/1/19			13	484
31 Seger, Khris	4/1/19		5	7	452
32 Spearin, Alicia	11/1/18			13	387
33 Kay, Bob	10/1/18			11	344
34 Breivogel, Gary	10/1/18			14	283
35 Spearin, Mike	11/1/18			9	282
36 Wilson, Ned	11/1/18			10	266
37 Breivogel, Judy	10/1/18			11	254
38 Gardner, Gary	6/1/19		38	13	234
39 Pendley, Ron	11/1/19			10	231
40 Pendley, Kevin	6/1/18			8	221
41 Gatewood, Ronald	4/1/19			11	185
42 Hawley, Tom	7/1/19			5	165
43 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/19			9	164
44 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/19			12	158
45 Jones, Curt D.	12/1/18			6	151
45 May, Kara	10/1/19			10	151
47 Powell, Robert	10/1/19			5	130
48 Swonder, Drew	10/1/18			5	127
49 Straka, David	10/1/19			5	125
50 Plouchard, Sherrie	10/1/18			7	122
50 Wassmer, Yvette	7/1/19			9	122
52 Farr, Lance	8/1/19			5	119
52 Feldkamp, Bud	10/1/20			3	119
54 Jones, Cindy	12/1/18			4	101
55 Swonder, Linda	10/1/18			4	99
56 Watson, Craig	10/1/19			4	88
57 May, Tony	10/1/19			5	74
58 Effron, Michael	4/1/19			2	63
59 Brindle, Matt	1/1/19			3	53
60 Baker, Jared	7/1/18			3	43
61 Holland, Greg	3/1/18			1	33
61 Lancaster, Evan	8/1/19			1	33
61 Roeder, Jeff	2/1/18			1	33
64 Culpepper, Mary	7/1/19			1	30
64 McCain, Brian	7/1/19			1	30
64 Tomlinson, Ryan	10/1/18			1	30
67 Demond, Lynne	5/1/18			1	29
67 Kercher, Greg	4/1/18			1	29
67 Mitchell, Zane	5/1/18			1	29
67 Powell, Todicea	5/1/18			1	29
71 Jenkins, Brad	5/1/18			1	28
71 Mueller, Tom	1/1/19			1	28
73 Weyer, Audrey	2/1/20			1	17
74 Pendley, Ann	6/1/18			1	15
75 Ashworth, Vicky	1/1/19			1	12
75 Robertson, Janet	2/1/19			1	12

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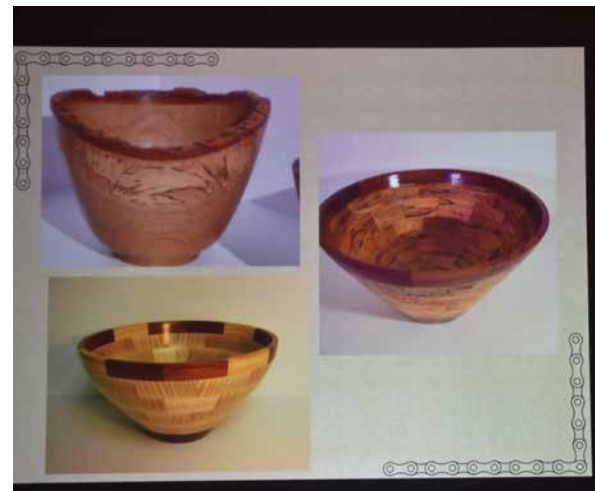
## Commuting Mileage

Club Member	Miles	Thru Month
Yeager, Rusty	330	December

## 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	Max. Mileage
July 4 Ride, Swim and Picnic	26
Moonlight No Drop	17
Tom Gabe's Second To None	30
Mystique Winery	30
Pumpkin Pie Ride	34
Specialty Rides	Date
Sebring 24 Hour	2/10
Fuller Center	Multiple dates
Calvin's Challenge	5/4
Harmonie Hundred	5/5 & 5/6
Rockin' River City Ride	5/12
Ride of Silence	5/16
Horsy Hundred	5/26 & 5/27
CRAM	5/26
Hoosiers Out On Tandems	6/1, 6/2 & 6/3
National 24 Hour Challenge	6/16
Tour de Corn	6/23
Korner Inn	7/7
Fuller Center	7/18, 7/19 & 7/23
RAIN	7/21
Bourbon and Bluegrass Century	8/4
CASA Subaru 24 Hour	8/18
Sunrise Century	9/1
Misaligned Minds	9/15
Habitat for Humanity	9/22
Hancock Flat 50	9/22
Hilly Hundred	10/6 & 10/7
Great Pumpkin Metric	10/7
Trail of Tears Century	10/20

# NFBC PARTY PHOTO OPS...Courtesy of Mark Oliver







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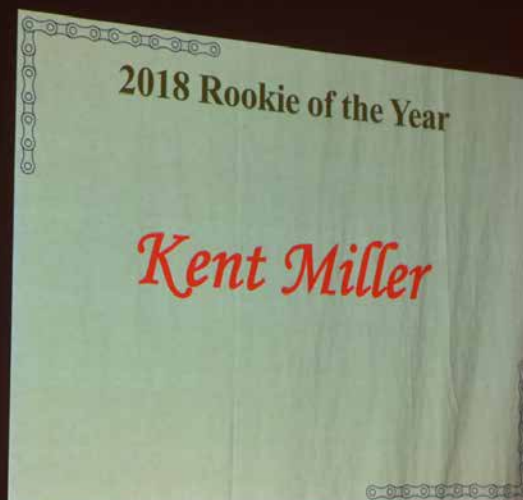
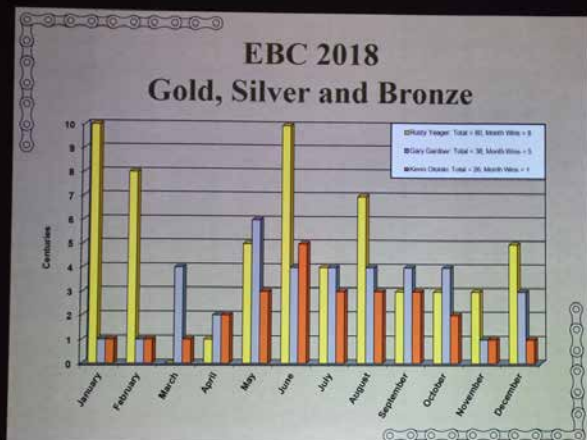
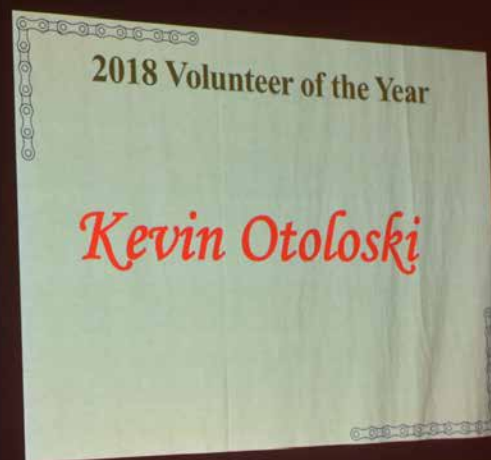
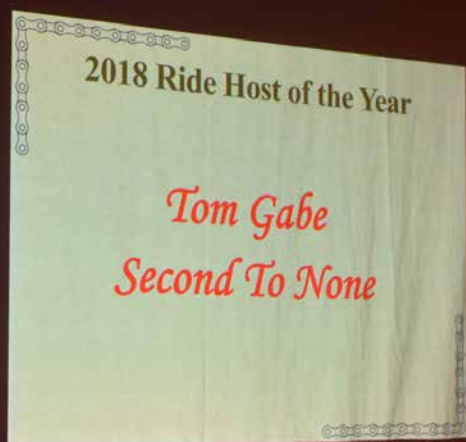
## Passing of the Gavel...



**NFBC PARTY PHOTO OPS...**  
Courtesy of Mark Oliver



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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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**Evansville, IN 47712**