

# EBC bikewriter

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

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## 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

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David Heiss #1296  
Jason Puckett #1297  
Nic Scott #1298  
Carol Bosko #1180

### RENEWING MEMBERS

Dan Achimov #1230  
John Bosko #1180  
Bob Janowski #495  
Kevin Otolski #1158  
Keith & Kelly Paige #1268  
Bobby Willett #630

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*"It doesn't get any easier, you just go faster" — Greg LeMond*



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# Kevin Otolski The President's Letter

Hello everyone,

The year seems to be flying by. The days are getting shorter and everyone keeps getting busier.

Let's see what I can dig up to entertain you for a few minutes. It has probably already happened by the time your read this but I hope you made it over to Diane's 4th of July ride, swim and eat party. The ride was hosted by Diane Bies, Bill Majors, Luan Gruebel, Bill and Kathy Voegel.



The second annual EBC Moon Ride will be July 16th. Roll-Out will be at 8:15 pm from Olmstead. We will be doing the 17 mile route. This is a chill, easy group ride and lights are required. Plan to hang out a bit afterwards for special recovery food and drinks.

I am not sure if any of you have ever done the Cherohala Challenge Ride or are thinking about it. This ride had been on my radar for the past few years but I was waiting for some other crazy club member to pull the trigger and register first. Well, the trigger was pulled this year. Not sure how many times I sat there re-reading the text message, " Hey fellas, I just registered for the Cherohala Challenge." I am not one to name names when it comes to crazy, but Nicknames are different. Go back and read my April letter.

Five Shots had pulled the trigger. I thought "shots" were for Espresso but maybe it also stands for "Trigger Happy". The second weekend in June, myself and five fellow cycling friends accepted the Cherohala Challenge Ride in Tellico Plains, TN. A 115 mile ride with 10,315 feet of climbing. The Cherohala Challenge definitely lived up to its namesake, with weather that added to the difficulty. We woke up to look out the

window to find it raining, however it had stopped with sunshine trying to peek through the clouds at the 7:00 am start, but that was only a teaser. The first 40 miles we stayed with the main pack of riders climbing a rolling

2,000 feet. Once we hit the main climbs our group split up and everyone was left to deal with their inner demons. I entered the first major hill section at mile 42. This was called the Tail of the Dragon, an iconic 14-mile stretch that has 318 curves, a slight gradient climb at 4-5%. This was a lot

of fun zipping around blind downhill curves at 25+ mph.

The meat of the ride started at 62 miles ( Cherohala Skyway) and consisted of a 24 mile continuous climb covering about 4,300 feet. This is also when the rain returned in full force for about the next 50 miles. Not sprinkles, but full on down pour. I took me two hours and thirty four minutes to climb that section and by the time I reached the top at mile 86 (5,390 elevation), the temperature dropped to 49 degrees and I was soaking wet.

While dealing with those inner demons, that is when fellow rider Jeff Lancaster topped the hill. With teeth chattering, and some encouragement from or just plain crazy talk from Jeff , I don't remember much at that point, we decided to keep going and get off this mountain.

The temperatures started to warm up as we descended and somewhere we hit speeds near 50 on wet roads. Jeff and I rolled into the finish together. Challenged completed.

Stay safe out there and it is ok to be a little crazy,

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# STREETS ALIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Sunday the 23rd. Streets Alive will take place in the parking lot on north Main that once was the IGA. Hours will be from 1-4. If you can come for an hour or two that would be helpful. Please wear your EBC bicycle jersey or shirt.

We need as many members as possible to show up and show our presence as a partner with an interest in cycling in Evansville. We will put up one of our "tents" and answer questions about EBC. We will probably not sell any memberships, but we will show a presence. We need three to four people for this. Also, EBC BIKERS should be available to guide bikers up and down the new North Main bike path to Garvin Park and Back.

Please let me know if you might be able to help

Paul Jensen  
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Looks like an EBC prayer meeting--hoping for clear skies at the July 2nd Club Ride. BTW, it POURED!  
(photo courtesy of Diane Bies)

# July 2019 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Celebrate July 4 with EBC! All members are invited to the hosted ride. This is a members only event. Wear your red, white, and blue.</i></p>	<p>1 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>3 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi. 5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</p>	<p>4 <b>Happy Independence Day</b> 3:00 PM July 4 Ride, Swim and Picnic @ 624 Greengate Ct. 17, 26 mi. Hosted by Diane Bies, Bill Majors, Luan Greubel, and Bill &amp; Kathy Voegel Bring swim suits to cool off after the ride. Food around 4:30 Club member event</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM Ride to New Albany @ Crossroads must have own SAG 122 hilly mi. 8:30 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ Dogtown Boat Ramp Old Henderson Rd., 12, 23, 45 mi</p>
<p>7 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness @ 57 &amp; Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi.</p>	<p>8 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>10 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi. 5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi. 6:00 PM @ Reitz High School on Claremont off Ray Becker Pkwy 21 mi <b>No Club Meeting this month</b></p>	<p>12 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM @ Lamasco on Franklin St. 24,31 mi. 1:00 PM @ Dogtown Boat Ramp on Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 45 mi</p>
<p>14 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 15,27,30 mi. 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>15 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi 8:15 PM Full Moon Ride at I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17 mi.</p>	<p>17 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi. 5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. 23 mi. 6:00 PM @ Reitz High School on Claremont off Ray Becker Pkwy 21 mi</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>20 6:00 AM RAIN @ Terre Haute, IN 160 mi. \$\$ 8:30 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ Dogtown Boat Ramp Old Henderson Rd., 12, 23, 45 mi</p>
<p>21 10:00 AM @ Reitz High School on Claremont off the Ray Becker Pkwy. 21, 40 mi. 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM @ Scott School 15, 26 mi 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ Scott School 15 mi</p>	<p>23 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>24 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi. 5:30 Darmstadt Parking Lot Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</p>	<p>25 7:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church Poseyville or Touring 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi. 6:00 PM @ Reitz High School on Claremont off Ray Becker Pkwy 21</p>	<p>26 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>27 7:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church Poseyville or Touring 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM @ Henderson Co. High School Henderson, KY. 24, 32, 47</p>
<p>28 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness @ TP Route (57 &amp; Kansas) 23,37 mi. 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>31 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi. 5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</p>	<p>Saturday August 3, 2019 rides <a href="http://www.jasperstrassenfest.org/events">www.jasperstrassenfest.org/events</a> <a href="http://www.bourbonandbluegrasscentury.com">www.bourbonandbluegrasscentury.com</a></p>	<p>HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY!</p>	<p><b>ATTENTION!!</b> Location Change Monday July 22 and Wednesday July 24 Fast Ride due to County Fair at 4-H Fairgrounds</p>



# JULY EBC RIDE NOTES

There will be a *Special Full Moon ride on Tuesday July 16 at 8:15*. This is a moonlight ride. The ride will start and end at the I-69 Access point on Olmstead. Kevin Otolski and Jim Neithammer will lead a no drop ride and provide refreshments after the ride.

You must have a light on your bicycle both front and back! This will be held following the normal 6:00 Tuesday night ride. We may have some extra lights available for borrowing if needed.

Our Saturday rides are all over the place!

*Saturday July 6 ride* is the usual Dogtown offering but we start earlier at 8:30 to beat the heat in the morning. The afternoon ride is at 1:00 also from Dogtown Boat Ramp. *This is also the annual Ride to New Albany ride day*. You must have your own ride home if you go on this one way ride which starts at 7:00 AM.

*Our July 13 ride is at Lamasco* on W. Franklin for a 24 or 31 mile route with the TDE group at 9:00. The afternoon ride will be at Dogtown at 1:00.

*July 20 we are in Dogtown again* at both 8:30 and 1:00. *This is also the date of RAIN from Terre Haute to Richmond. Hope for positive weather for these participants.*

*Saturday July 27 the ride is at Henderson County High* at both 8:30 and 1:00. This is a beautiful route well worth the trip across the bridge. Depending where you live it really isn't any farther than some of our other start points.

*Thursday evening rides are at Reitz High School this month and start at the usual 6:00 pm.*

**Please note:** The Farmhouse Gift Shop is having an event on Saturday July 27. This does not affect us unless it is rained out and postponed to Sunday July 28. Be aware of this possibility and plan accordingly. Watch the Facebook page for more information if this becomes an issue.

**NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY!! Ride your bike instead!**

*Thursday July 25 and Saturday July 27 are the dates for the club century this month.* It is the Poseyville or Touring route. Early start time!! Be ready to roll at 7:00 am.

*Looking to August:*

*Saturday August 3* is the date for Strassenfest in Jasper and Bourbon and Bluegrass in Owensboro. There should be some fine riding and fun times at each. Register early for the best price.

Strassenfest can be found at [www.jasperstrassenfest.org/events](http://www.jasperstrassenfest.org/events)

Bourbon and Bluegrass can be found at [www.bourbonandbluegrasscentury.com](http://www.bourbonandbluegrasscentury.com)

*Photo courtesy JAT Gibson*



# Evansville Bicycle Club – 2019 Club Mileage

## Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Yeager, Rusty	6/1/19		58	40	1617
2 Bies, Diane	6/1/19		4	33	1144
3 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/19		8	29	1027
4 Weyer, Keith	2/1/20			36	765
5 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/19		2	19	683
6 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/19		5	16	573
7 Lancaster, Jeff	8/1/19		2	14	568
8 Vernier, Richard	3/1/20			21	473
8 Vernier, Sue	3/1/20			21	473
10 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/20		4	12	440
11 Johnson, Bill	7/1/19			14	410
12 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/19			18	397
13 Paige, Keith	6/1/19	1		11	387
14 Ashworth, David	1/1/20			13	352
15 Majors, Bill	6/1/19			13	249
16 Silke, Randy	7/1/19			10	247
17 Gibson, Josh	3/1/20	4		7	235
18 Carter, Archie	8/1/19			9	209
19 Breivogel, Gary	10/1/19			7	160
20 Bosko, John	6/1/19			7	153
21 Wong, Howard	8/1/19			8	140
22 Gardner, Gary	6/1/19	13		7	126
23 Voegel, Bill	4/1/23			5	110
24 Nell, John	11/1/19			3	92
25 Farr, Lance	8/1/19			3	89
26 Straka, David	10/1/19			2	82
27 Bartley, Johnnie	6/1/20			2	72
28 Hawley, Tom	7/1/19			3	69
29 Robertson, Janet	2/1/20			2	65
30 Breivogel, Judy	10/1/19			3	64
31 Janowski, Robert	7/1/19			2	51
32 Miller, Kent	11/1/19	1		1	43
32 Powell, Robert	10/1/19			2	43
34 Pendley, Kevin	6/1/20			2	38
35 Moors, Butch	1/1/20			1	35
36 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/19			1	29
37 Bohler, Nick	2/1/20			1	28
37 Liegl, John	5/1/20			1	28
37 Seger, Khris	4/1/19			1	28
40 Brindle, Matt	1/1/20			1	22
40 Oliver, Mark	4/1/20			1	22
42 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/19			2	20
43 Plouchard, Sherrie	10/1/19			1	18
44 Wheaton, Rachel	5/1/20			1	15
45 Wassmer, Yvette	7/1/19			1	11
46 Gatewood, Ronald	4/1/20			1	10
46 Guckien, John	2/1/20			1	10
46 Pendley, Ann	6/1/20			1	10

Red highlight denotes expired memberships

## Men's Standings

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3 Weyer, Keith	2/1/20			36	765
4 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/19		2	19	683
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9 Johnson, Bill	7/1/19			14	410
10 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/19			18	397
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13 Majors, Bill	6/1/19			13	249
14 Silke, Randy	7/1/19			10	247
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16 Carter, Archie	8/1/19			9	209
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18 Bosko, John	6/1/19			7	153
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20 Gardner, Gary	6/1/19	13		7	126
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25 Bartley, Johnnie	6/1/20			2	72
26 Hawley, Tom	7/1/19			3	69
27 Janowski, Robert	7/1/19			2	51
28 Miller, Kent	11/1/19	1		1	43
28 Powell, Robert	10/1/19			2	43
30 Pendley, Kevin	6/1/20			2	38
31 Moors, Butch	1/1/20			1	35
32 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/19			1	29
33 Bohler, Nick	2/1/20			1	28
33 Liegl, John	5/1/20			1	28
33 Seger, Khris	4/1/19			1	28
36 Brindle, Matt	1/1/20			1	22
36 Oliver, Mark	4/1/20			1	22
38 Gatewood, Ronald	4/1/20			1	10
38 Guckien, John	2/1/20			1	10

## Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/19		4	33	1144
2 Vernier, Sue	3/1/20			21	473
3 Robertson, Janet	2/1/20			2	65
4 Breivogel, Judy	10/1/19			3	64
5 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/19			2	20
6 Plouchard, Sherrie	10/1/19			1	18
7 Wheaton, Rachel	5/1/20			1	15
8 Wassmer, Yvette	7/1/19			1	11
9 Pendley, Ann	6/1/20			1	10

## Commuting Mileage

Club Member	Miles	Thru Month
Miller, Kent	20	April

## 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
Specialty Rides	Date
Sebring 24 Hour	2/9
Fuller Center	4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12
Harmonie Hundred	5/4, 5/5
Rockin' River City	5/11
Ride of Silence	5/15
Korner Inn in Elberfeld	5/18
Horsey Hundred	5/25, 5/26

## Expired Membership Mileage

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
Bies, Nicole	6/1/17			2	66
Briner, Aaron	6/1/12			2	56
Christ, Rick	4/1/15			1	35
Conner, David	6/1/11			2	56
Demery, Mike	6/1/14			1	22
Kirkpatrick, Greg	9/1/04			1	53
Mitchell, Zane	5/1/18			1	53
Spencer, Jack	10/1/17			6	155

The Century Crew striking a "pose."  
(Photo courtesy of Jeff Lancaster)





<http://www.evansvillebicycleclub.org>

## 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 of 2  
Adults \$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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