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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.

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# The President's Saddle

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Hello everyone:

Normally by this time of the year with winter approaching, our outside rides are fewer and we're not seeing a lot of our fellow club members as much. Because of this, I normally sneak a peek at my December letter from the previous year for some ideas.

I quickly realized that is not going to work this year. Instead of recapping what did happen, there is more of what did not happen. We had to suspend club rides early in the year, then when rides returned they just felt different.



There was the stress of not knowing if we were doing the right thing by having group rides. I think there was maybe one hosted ride this year that I can recall. There were very few event rides and of course there was no Great Pumpkin ride this year. The January 2021 EBC banquet had to be canceled. I am hopeful that sometime next year we can get back to a more normal EBC year.

Even though there is no banquet, be sure to get any outstanding club miles turned in.

It seems there are a lot more people doing indoor rides

than there were five years ago. Currently, I host a Wednesday night indoor Zwift ride. Just google Zwift if you do not know what that is. We ride for about an hour each Wednesday at 5:30 pm and have a chat room where we can talk to each other and catch up on the latest jibber jabber.

If anyone has a new smart trainer on their Christmas list this year, I hope you would consider joining us on Wednesday night. I think we have had around 14 or so people show up. Josh, our special Olympics cyclist, is going to try Zwifting this winter.

The group that has been working with him is going to help get him setup this month, once he gets his new laptop, do he can continue training during the winter.

Maybe for January's newsletter, we can show off some of the gear Santa brings us. I normally get some cycling socks so you may be seeing those soon.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe and healthy Holiday season.

K.O.

# Updates, News & Notes from LAB

Yes, the days are getting shorter. Yes, the rides are getting chiller. Also, yes, the bike joy is still there. Yes, bikes unite us even as we spend time apart. Yes, our work together to ensure better bicycling benefits everyone remains urgent.

Starting on Giving Tuesday, December 1st, we'll be asking you to invest in the small delights of biking and large-scale transformations our country needs to be a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. By investing in the League and our grassroots movement, you're helping make the next ride better for everyone who bikes.

We hope you enjoyed a bike-ful, thank-ful holiday! As 2020 sprints to a close, we can't help but look back at what we - the bike community, the community of people who bike - have achieved this year. On Capitol Hill, we're thankful you helped us advance a transportation bill that increased funding for bike projects, created a National Complete Streets Policy, judged projects through a social equity lens and even introduced a Bicycle Commuter Tax benefit. In 2021, together we'll take our efforts for people who bike even farther.

Bicycling should be fun, no matter what age you are. Our League Cycling Instructors teach bike education classes so that youth and adults have the confidence to bike, for fun or transportation, and the League works to support their efforts. So it is with great enthusiasm that the League has released a new Youth Skills Instructor's Manual and Youth Skills Kit to help LCIs teach kids and keep it f.u.n. (stickers are involved!) Learn more about what's in our new materials and how to purchase them.

We're checking our lists... our next round of Bicycle Friendly Community awards will be here before you know it, just in time to reward those places that have

been particularly nice and welcoming to people who bike over the review period. What does it take to get on the League's "nice" list? Read about the building blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community on our website and learn how to become an advocate for better biking in your neighborhood.

*Upcoming deadlines for the Bicycle Friendly America program:*

**Bicycle Friendly Community on February 10, 2021**

**Bicycle Friendly Business on February 11, 2021**

**Bicycle Friendly University on TBA 2021**

Apply online and check out our new BFA Application Portal FAQs.

**ICYMI:** last week's webinar with Saris Infrastructure is available as a recording: learn how eCargo bikes are making communities more accessible by bike from representatives of the City of Madison and Saris Infrastructure, who share lessons learned from their public sector.

The pandemic has shined a light on the underlying conditions that leave people vulnerable to poorer health outcomes. Research shows many of these chronic underlying conditions can be addressed through physical activity. Promoting physical activity is at the heart of the CDC's Active People Healthy Nation initiative, which the League has joined in an effort to get 27 million Americans more physically active by 2027. Find our latest updates in our Data Portal.

**Save the Date: mark your calendars for February 28 - March 3, 2021, when the League will be gathering bike advocates (in other words, you!) for our virtual 2021 National Bike Summit. Registration will open this month.**

# December EBC Ride Notes

December weather can be a bit more brisk but we have plenty of fun opportunities to ride.

Riding in the cold is not so bad if you dress right. A dear friend of mine always said, "There are no bad riding days, only bad clothing choices". Layer up and get out and ride. There are several of us, fewer all the time, who ride outside year round here.

**The Club Century is scheduled for December 10 and 12. We will be doing the Folsomville Route or the Touring Route.**

**Wednesday night rides will all be at Wesselman Park this month due to the Festival of Lights at Garvin Park. This ride is for one hour (6:00 - 7:00 pm) on the very flat road at Wesselman Park.** There is minimal traffic. Bring your lights and come well dressed, layers! Riding at night can be very refreshing and invigorating, especially in the middle of the week. Some people start early to get a full 20 miles in but feel free to join any time and ride as many miles as you can.

**All Saturday rides are at Elite, other than the century, this month.** It seems the afternoon ride might be a bit more inviting as it warms up a bit then. There are no promises of others showing for rides in the winter, but we can hope.

**No special New Years Day ride this year. Sorry. Stay safe!**

Hope to see you out on the road finishing up any personal goals for 2020. You can do it! It has been a strange year with few club miles but let's keep riding and racking up those miles.

Remember, it's never too early to start working on 2021. **Come to Olmstead on January 1 at 1:00 for a fun ride! Maybe the weather will cooperate.**

Remember to stay safe. Social distances should be maintained. Stay away if you are not feeling well. Please take good care of yourself and those around you. I am hopeful that this virus will pass in time and we can all be close again someday.

# December 2020 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Watch locations as they change somedays. At Olmstead please park on the I-69 side of the access road and PARK ON THE PAVEMENT</p>	<p>HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>2 12:30 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57</u> and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park</u> on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi</p>	<p>4 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p>
<p>6 10:00 AM @ <u>Reitz High School</u> on Claremont off the Ray Becker Pkwy. 21, 40 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>7 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>9 12:30 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57</u> and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park</u> on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>10 8:00 AM <u>Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> 100 mi. Folsomville or Touring Route 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site</u>, Newburgh, 17,27 mi. NO MEETING THIS MONTH!!</p>	<p>11 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM <u>Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> 100 mi. Folsomville or Touring Route 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>13 10:00 AM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17,22,33 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>14 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>16 12:30 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57</u> and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park</u> on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>20 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness-TP Route</u> (57 &amp; Kansas) 23,37 mi. 1:00PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>21 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>23 12:30 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57</u> and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park</u> on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site</u>, Newburgh, 17,27 mi.</p>	<p>25 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 &amp; Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>27 10:00 AM @ <u>West Terrace School</u> (Near USI) 19, 33 mi. 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>28 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>30 12:30 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57</u> and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park</u> on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi</p>		<p>No special New Year's Day ride this year. It will just be the normal Friday afternoon ride. No Club Banquet in January. More news on that later</p>

# Evansville Bicycle Club – 2020 Club Mileage

## Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		6	96	2789
2 Johnson, Bill	7/1/21		2	90	2742
3 Bosko, John	6/1/21		3	64	1917
4 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21	1	26	39	1389
5 Vernier, Richard	3/1/21			47	1161
5 Vernier, Sue	3/1/21			47	1161
7 Heiss, Dave	9/1/21			36	1047
8 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/20		22	28	1029
9 Seger, Khris	10/1/21		11	22	832
10 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			28	771
11 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/21			24	724
12 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/20		23	11	595
13 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/21		7	13	526
14 Ashworth, David	1/1/21			18	501
15 Nelli, John	11/1/20			16	497
16 Straka, David	10/1/20			10	310
17 Kirby, Ken	7/1/21			8	276
18 Kercher, Greg	4/1/21			7	209
19 McBain, Roger	7/1/21			8	202
20 Hawley, Tom	7/1/20			6	184
21 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/20			16	180
22 Paige, Keith	6/1/20		13	5	174
23 Palmer, Dale	1/1/21			8	169
24 Kempf, Josh	7/1/21			20	114
25 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/20			4	108
26 Bartley, Johnnie	6/1/20		6	1	100
27 Blackford, Elizabeth	8/1/21			2	76
28 Shrimpton, Dave	8/1/20			2	69
29 Leavell, Mario	6/1/21		1	2	64
30 Wong, Howard	8/1/21			3	61
31 Breivogel, Gary	10/1/21			2	49
32 Gerdeman, Kella	9/1/21			1	45
32 Kline, Philip	7/1/21			2	45
32 Samm, Bill	10/1/20			2	45
35 Cloin, Drake	7/1/21			1	31
35 Reising, Alan	10/1/20			1	31
37 Miller, Mark	12/1/20			1	22
37 Scott, Nicolas	6/1/20			1	22
37 Weber, Scott	8/1/20			1	22
40 Paige, Kelly	6/1/20			1	15
41 Gray, Elizabeth	7/1/21			1	10
Gardner, Gary	6/1/20		26		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/20		13		

## Men's Standings

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1 Johnson, Bill	7/1/21		2	90	2742
2 Bosko, John	6/1/21		3	64	1917
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4 Vernier, Richard	3/1/21			47	1161
5 Heiss, Dave	9/1/21			36	1047
6 Niethammer, Jim	12/1/20		22	28	1029
7 Seger, Khris	10/1/21		11	22	832
8 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			28	771
9 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/21			24	724
10 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/20		23	11	595
11 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/21		7	13	526
12 Ashworth, David	1/1/21			18	501
13 Nelli, John	11/1/20			16	497
14 Straka, David	10/1/20			10	310
15 Kirby, Ken	7/1/21			8	276
16 Kercher, Greg	4/1/21			7	209
17 McBain, Roger	7/1/21			8	202
18 Hawley, Tom	7/1/20			6	184
19 Paige, Keith	6/1/20		13	5	174
20 Palmer, Dale	1/1/21			8	169
21 Kempf, Josh	7/1/21			20	114
22 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/20			4	108
23 Bartley, Johnnie	6/1/20		6	1	100
24 Shrimpton, Dave	8/1/20			2	69
25 Leavell, Mario	6/1/21		1	2	64
26 Wong, Howard	8/1/21			3	61
27 Breivogel, Gary	10/1/21			2	49
28 Kline, Philip	7/1/21			2	45
28 Samm, Bill	10/1/20			2	45
30 Cloin, Drake	7/1/21			1	31
30 Reising, Alan	10/1/20			1	31
32 Miller, Mark	12/1/20			1	22
32 Scott, Nicolas	6/1/20			1	22
32 Weber, Scott	8/1/20			1	22
Gardner, Gary	6/1/20		26		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/20		13		

## 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
Full Moon Ride (8/3)	17
Specialty Rides	Date
Sebring 24 Hour	2/9
Selma to Montgomery	2/22
Lee County Tornado Memorial Ride	2/29

## Overdue Membership Mileage

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
Paige, Keith	6/1/2020			19	582
Shrimpton, Dave	8/1/2020			1	35

## Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		6	96	2789
2 Vernier, Sue	3/1/21			47	1161
3 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/20			16	180
4 Blackford, Elizabeth	8/1/21			2	76
5 Gerdeman, Kella	9/1/21			1	45
6 Paige, Kelly	6/1/20			1	15
7 Gray, Elizabeth	7/1/21			1	10

## Commuting Mileage

Club Member	Miles	Thru Month
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# The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc. Membership Application



Fellow Cyclist,

We would like to invite you to become acquainted with the Evansville Bicycle Club by joining us on one of our weekly rides, attending one of our monthly meetings, or participating in any of our other cycling activities.

We encourage you to join us as an official Evansville Bicycle Club member. Membership in the Evansville Bicycle Club entitles you to:

- Participation in all EBC sponsored event.
- Monthly issues of the EBC newsletter *The BikeWriter*
- 10% discount on qualify purchases at local participating bike shops
- Fellowship with other cycling enthusiasts!

*The BikeWriter* is e-mailed each month to members and is also available on line at the Evansville Bicycle Club web site ([www.evansvillebicycleclub.org](http://www.evansvillebicycleclub.org)). In it you will find the EBC ride schedule, year-to-date club mileage statistics, a schedule of various rides throughout the Midwest, and many articles of interest!

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## Membership Level

New ☐

Renewal ☐

☐ \$12.00 Individual (one adult) add \$1.00 for each additional family member under the age of 18

☐ \$20.00 Family (two adults) add \$1.00 for each additional family member under the age of 18

Name	Age*	Signature*	Date
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

\*Members under the age of 18 must indicate age and have signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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## 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 member, I understand and agree to absolve the Evansville Bicycle Club, 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 Evansville Bicycle Club, 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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