

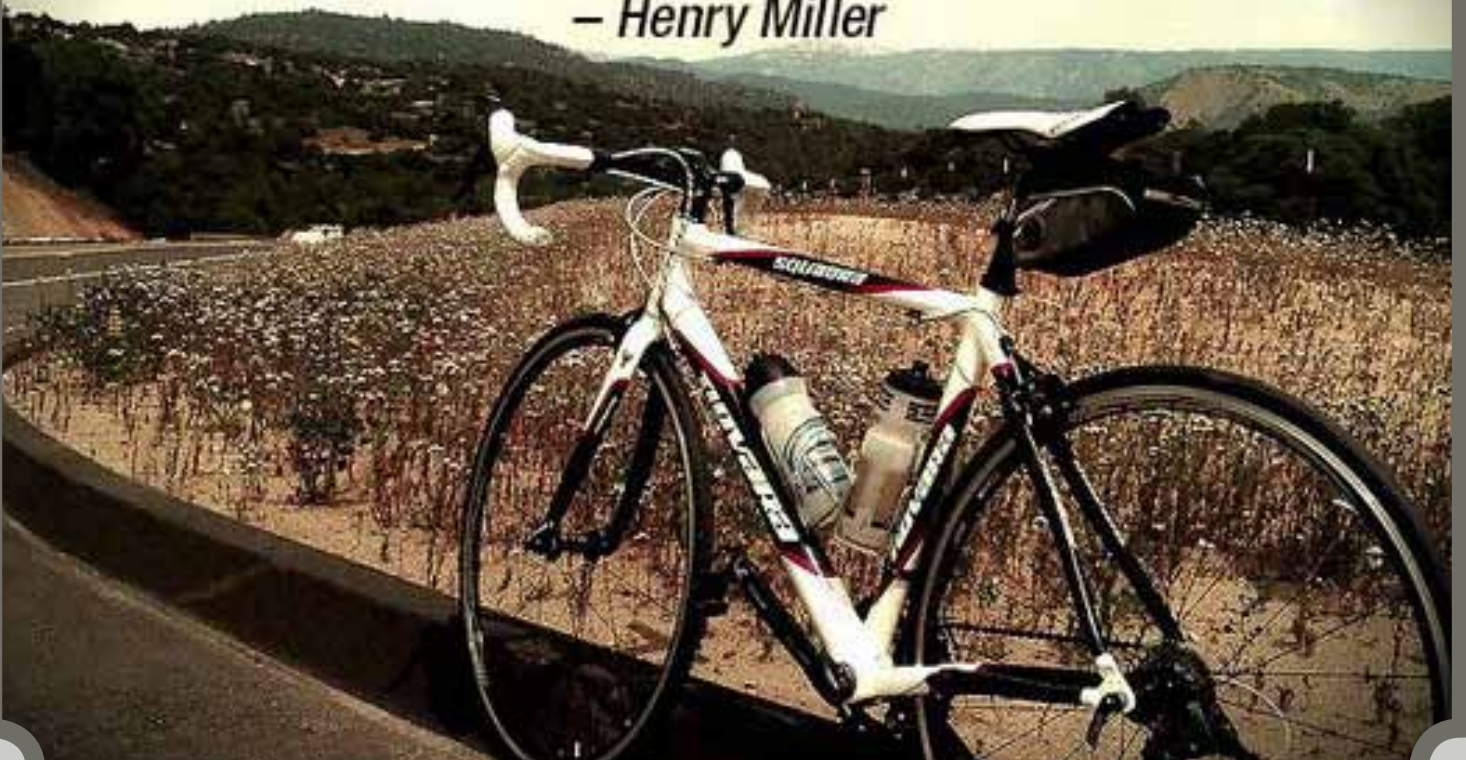
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NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

JANUARY, 2021

“One’s destination is never a place,
but a new way of seeing things.”

– *Henry Miller*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021**

**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



EBC bikewriter

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Larry & Diana Dick #1329

RENEWING MEMBERS

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Happy New Year:

I hope everyone is doing well and maybe some of you picked up some nice cycling goodies over the holidays. I myself did get those new cycling socks I mentioned last month, but I knew it was a pretty sure thing since I picked them out, ordered them and gave them to the Mrs. to wrap. Don't judge me, some of you did the same thing.

Now is a good time to review last year's cycling data and think about what you want to accomplish this year. Whether that is to ride more miles than you did last year, or get out to more club rides. So come up with your number and go after it.

More and more people are riding on indoor trainers this year and our Wednesday night Zwift group ride had one of the biggest turn-outs last month. I think around 16 people showed up.

I am currently working on increasing that number and getting John Bosko and Jeff Lancaster to join us some time. In other indoor news, I wanted to see if I could get our Special Olympics Athlete, Josh, the top end Tron bike in the game but to earn that you have to climb over 70,000 feet and that can take a while.

I wrote Zwift asking if they could make an exception and give the bike to Josh and they said they could not give him the bike, but would be willing to give him a free year of Zwift. That was very nice of them and they deserve a shout out.

Once again, there is not much to report in the way of new club news. Covid still has us social distancing ourselves and we have suspended in-person club meetings for the time being.

Be sure to get any outstanding 2020 ride miles turned in to Rusty or use the online submission form.

In closing, I would like to thank our board member Keith Page who will be stepping down at the end of this month. Keith has been a big part of our EBC leadership team and we wish him well.

Keith will be retiring this year and has plans to relocate south to a warmer location.

Stay safe and warm out there, the days are getting longer.

K.O.



JOKES

By David Fiedler, *Courtesy of liveaboutdotcom (2019)*

Two Nerds on a Tandem

Two nerds are riding along on a tandem bicycle when, suddenly, the one on the front slams on the brakes, gets off, and starts letting air out of the tires.

The one on the back says: "HEY! What are you doing that for?!"

The first nerd says, "My seat was too high and was hurting my butt. I wanted to lower it a bit."

So the one in the back has had enough. He jumps off, loosens his own seat and spins it round to face the other direction.

Now it's the first guy's turn to wonder what's going on. "What are you doing?" he asks his friend.

"Look, mate," says the rider in the back, "if you're going to do stupid stuff like that, I'm going home!!"

Pig! Pig!

The other day on a ride, I was speeding down a narrow, twisting, mountain road. Along comes a man who was driving very slowly uphill toward me, honking his horn and shouting at me.

"PIG! PIG!!" he yelled. "PIG! PIG!!"

So I flipped him the finger and, as I buzzed by him, shouted back some things I dare not repeat.

Still fuming about this awful man and his shouting, I turned the corner and promptly collided with a pig.

Spousal Tandem

A tandem rider is stopped by a police car.

"What've I done, officer?" asks the rider.

"Perhaps you didn't notice, sir, but your wife fell off your bike half a mile back . . ."

"Oh, thank God for that," says the rider - "I thought I'd gone deaf!"

Tough Climb for Two

Jack and Jill have just climbed L'Alpe d'Huez, one of the steepest peaks in the French Alps, on their tandem.

"Phew, that was a tough climb," said Jill, leaning over, breathing hard. "That climb was so hard, and we were going so slow, I thought we were never going to make it."

"Yeah, good thing I kept the brakes on," said Jack, "or we'd have slid all the way back down!"

Hardest Part of Learning to Ride

Q. Do you know what's the hardest part of learning to ride a bike?

A. The pavement.

Problem Dog

"I've really had it with my dog," says a guy to his neighbor. "He'll chase anyone on a bicycle."

"Hmmm, that is a problem," said the neighbor. "What are you thinking of doing about it?"

"Guess the only answer is to confiscate his bike!"

Cyclist in Heaven

A very devout cyclist dies and goes to heaven. Saint Peter meets him at the gate. The first thing the cyclist asks is if there are bicycles in heaven.

"Sure," says St. Peter, "let me show you," and he leads the guy into the finest Velodrome you can imagine.

"This is great," the cyclist says.

"It certainly is," says St. Peter. "You will have a custom bike and the best cycling clothes you've ever seen, and your personal masseuse will always be available."

As they speak, a blur streaks by them on the boards, riding a gold-plated bike.

"Wow!" the cyclist exclaims. "That guy was so fast that can only be Mark Cavendish!"

"No," says St. Peter, "that was God on the bike. He only thinks he's Mark Cavendish."

The Pedestrian and the Cyclist

A pedestrian stepped off the curb and into the road without looking and promptly gets knocked flat by a passing cyclist.

"You were really lucky there," said the cyclist.

"What on earth are you talking about! That really hurt!" said the pedestrian, still on the pavement, rubbing his head.

The cyclist replied, "Well, usually I drive a bus!"

January 2021 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| <p>New Riders need to be ready to leave 15 to 30 min. early and are encouraged to start with a <input type="checkbox"/> Come Ride With Us <input type="checkbox"/> ride or <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Ride <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>There is no minimum pace on Wednesdays especially. If you get left behind, the riders will come around again soon.</p> | <p>4 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p> | <p>HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY!</p> | | | <p>1 NEW YEARS DAY! 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>2 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> - <u>ness</u> 57 & <u>Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p> | | | | | |
| <p>3 10:00 AM @ <u>Castle HS</u> on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23, 32 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>5 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p> | <p>6 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 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, 27 mi.</u></p> | <p>8 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>9 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> - <u>ness</u> 57 & <u>Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p> | <p>10 10:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 or 38 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi.</p> | <p>11 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p> | <p>12 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 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>13 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</u></p> | <p>14 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>15 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> - <u>ness</u> 57 & <u>Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p> |
| <p>17 10:00 AM @ <u>Henderson Co. HS</u> in Henderson, KY 24 or 32 mi 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>18 MLK Day 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p> | <p>19 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p> | <p>20 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 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, 27 mi.</u></p> | <p>22 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>23 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> - <u>ness</u> 57 & <u>Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p> | | | | | |
| <p>24 10:00 AM @ <u>Scott School</u> on Old State Rd. 15, 26, 33 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 24, or 33 mi.</p> | <p>25 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p> | <p>26 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi</p> | <p>27 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd.</u> 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>28 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</u></p> | <p>29 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, <u>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, or 33 mi</p> | <p>30 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> - <u>ness</u> 57 & <u>Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi</p> | | | | | |
| <p>31 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness @ 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 24, or 33 mi.</p> | | <p>At Olmstead please park on the I-69 side of the access road and PARK ON THE PAVEMENT</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

| Club Member | Exp. | Ride Host | 100 Miles | No. of Rides | Club Miles |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| 1 Johnson, Bill | 7/1/21 | | 2 | 90 | 2742 |
| 2 Bosko, John | 6/1/21 | | 3 | 64 | 1917 |
| 3 Otolski, Kevin | 7/1/21 | 1 | 26 | 39 | 1389 |
| 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 |
|-------------|-------|------------|
|-------------|-------|------------|



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). 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!

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

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.

Make checks payable to: Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

Mail to: Kara May

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