

# EBCBIKEWRITER

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA • AUGUST, 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









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Photos, courtesy of Richard Vernier from the July 24th Korner Inn Ride from Elberfeld—two kinds of horsepower showed up today.





### THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

### Hello everyone:

With hot August in full force as I write this, it sure was nice to partake in the Moon Pie Ride.

For those that could make it, I hope you enjoyed something different by taking a slow spin in the dark around the 17 mile Olmstead loop. I hung out in the back and as the group started to string out a bit. It was sure something to see all those red lights maneuvering around up the road ahead of me.

Mario and Erica took things to a higher level by decking out their wheels in purple and green lights. I think we averaged around 14 mph and we regrouped twice, and stopped for full moon pictures on the way back.

Check out the pictures in this newsletter and look for Mario's video on the Facebook page. If you missed this one, I hear there is a plan to do another night ride later this month.

Klif Keplinger shared some technology info. Klif found an app called Chasing watts. (https://chasingwatts.com) You can go to the web site or download the app on your phone. You can use the app to see what rides are going on and who is planning on being there. Anyone can post a get-together ride and share it with others. It could also come in handy if you are out of town and looking for a group ride. Several of us have been using it. Give it a look.

The Owensboro Blue Grass Century ride is on this year. Sept 22nd is the day of the ride. They have distances of 30,62 and 100 miles. https://www. facebook.com/bluegrasscenturyobky

Speaking of rides, our 39th Great Pumpkin Metric is less than two months away. Plans are progressing nicely. Those of you that have already volunteered, I thank you.



We could still use a few more of you if you have a few hours to spare on October 3rd. Get in touch with me if you can help out your fellow members and our guest cyclists.

Stay safe. KO



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Board of Directors -- 1 position open

## EBC AUGUST RIDE NOTES

Saturday, August 7th— Strassenfest Ride in Jasper, IN. They offer a 10, 20, 50 and 65 mile route. There is a registration fee but it is supporting local activities in Jasper. This is an opportunity to ride some different lightly traveled roads. See more at Strassenfest Bike Ride (*runsignup.com*)

Our regular Saturday rides are on the move again! Morning rides are at 9:00 and afternoon rides start at 1:00.

**Saturday, August 7th**—Hornville Tavern in the morning at 9:00 and at Elite Fitness in the afternoon at 1:00.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH— CLUB MEETING Come join us at Roca Bar on S. Kentucky Ave. 6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Meeting.

**Saturday, August 14th**—Silver Bell in St. Wendell at 9:00 for 28 miles and Dogtown at 1:00.

**Thursday, August 19th—Club Century #1—**Crossroads Church, 7:00 AM. Mt. Vernon or Touring Route is planned.

**Saturday August 21st**—Korner Inn in Elberfeld for 21 or 30 miles. The afternoon ride is at Elite Fitness at 1:00.

Saturday, August 21st—Club Century #2—Crossroads Church, 7:00 AM. Mt. Vernon or Touring Route is planned.

**Sunday, August 22nd**—is another full moon. We will ride from Olmstead and do the Bluegrass17 mile route starting at 7:30. The moon will rise at 8:00 but we will start a bit earlier since it is a Sunday. Remember lights are mandatory in the front and the back. **Saturday August 28th**—Hawg 'N Sauce in Mt. Vernon for a 30 mile route at 9:00 am. The afternoon ride will be at Dogtown at 1:00.

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

We are now seeking volunteers for the Great Pumpkin Metric to be held on Sunday October 3, 2021. If interested please contact Kevin Otolski via email, phone or facebook messenger. There are volunteer opportunities both on the DAY OF AND BEFORE THE EVENT. It takes a lot of workers to host such an amazing event. Please consider taking a shift to help out! We will have themed rest stops again this year.

Consider joining EBC as a paid member. There are assorted benefits available to our paid members. See the form on Facebook or on our website. Membership is cheap but it helps pay for our paint and other expenses. Thanks!

### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

Moonlight Ramble St. Louis, MO, Saturday, August 21st <u>https://moonlightramble.com/registration/</u>

The Princeton Habitat for Humanity's 5th Annual Cover Gibson County Bike Ride September 11th, Princeton, IN. To register go to: <u>Habitat for Hu-</u> manity of Gibson County - Cover Gibson County Bike Ride (networkforgood. com) Limestone Cycling Tour Maysville, KY Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 7AM www.active.com/maysville-ky/cycling/ limestone-cycling-tour-2021

Wabash County Dam to Dam Ride Wabash, IN

Sunday, September 12th, 7:30 AM https://www.tickettailor.com/events/visitwabashcounty/425887

Promo code: CLUB21

2 Rivers on 2 Wheels Logansport, IN Saturday, September 18th https://casscountyymca.org/ about-us/program-registration or www.2riverson2wheels.org

**The Bluegrass Century, Owensboro, KY**, **Saturday, September 25th** Registration opens July 1. Check facebook for info.

Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV), Canal Winchester, OH, Saturday, September 25th & Sunday, September 26th, 105 miles each day, down to Portsmouth and return. <u>www.tosrv.org</u>

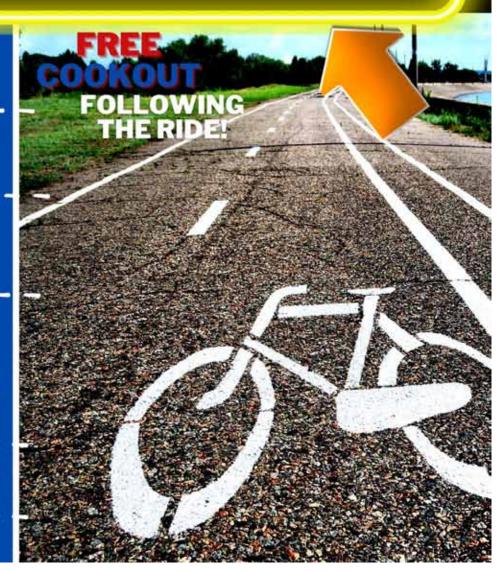


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for online registration go to our FB Page - Habitat for Humanity of Gibson County

SATURDAY, 9/11/21, 8 AM(CST) \$35 REGISTRATION-CURRENTLY OPEN 62 MILE & 30 MILE HELMET REQUIRED

REGISTER ONLINE OR MAIL TO: 1302 W. BRUMFIELD AV. PRINCETON, IN 47670 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: <u>HFHGC</u> 812-385-2434



August 2021	st 20	21	E.B.C. Ride Schedule	Side S	Sche	edule
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul> <li>1 10:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park</u></li> <li><u>Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u>23 or 38 mi.</li> <li>2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @</u></li> <li><u>1.69 Access</u>, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</li> </ul>	2 1:00 PM @ <u>4H</u> <u>Fairgrounds</u> 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM <u>Come Ride</u> <u>With Us @ 4-H</u> <u>Fairground</u> 15 mi	<ul> <li>3 9:00 AM</li> <li>and 6:00 PM</li> <li>@ 1-69 Access</li> <li>Burkhardt &amp;</li> <li>Olmstead</li> <li>Rds. 17,22 mi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</li> <li>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi.</li> <li>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5 9:00 AM <u>a Mesker</u></li> <li>Park Dr. and Wimberg</li> <li><u>Ave.</u> 23 mi</li> <li>6:00 PM <u>a</u> Castle HS on</li> <li>Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 mi</li> </ul>	6 1:00 PM <u>a</u> <u>1-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi	7 7:00 (8 eastern) Strassen- fest Jasper, IN \$\$ 10,20,50,65 9:00 <u>@ Hornville Tavern</u> Baseline Rd. 21, 29 mi. 1:00 PM <u>@ Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
<ul> <li>8 10:00 AM @ <u>Scott School</u> on Old State Rd. 15, 26, 33 mi.</li> <li>2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @</u> <u>1-69 Access</u>, Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, or 33 mi.</li> </ul>	9 1:00 PM @ <u>4H</u> <u>Fairgrounds</u> 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM <u>Come Ride</u> <u>With Us @ 4-H</u> <u>Fairground</u> 15 mi	<i>10</i> 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM <u>@ 1-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi	<ul> <li>11 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</li> <li>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi.</li> <li>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>12 9:00 AM @ Old Dam</li> <li>Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</li> <li>6:00 Social Time.</li> <li>6:30 PM Club Meeting</li> <li>@Roca Bar 1618 S. Kentucky Ave</li> </ul>	<i>13</i> 1:00 PM <u>(a) 1-69 Ac-</u> <u>cess</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi	<ul> <li><i>I</i> 4 9:00 AM (a) <u>Silver Bell</u> in St. Wendell 28 Mi.</li> <li>1:00 PM (a) <u>Dogtown Boat</u> <u>Ramp</u> Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 45mi.</li> </ul>
<i>I5</i> 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> @ <b>57 &amp; Kansas Rd</b> .17, 23, 35, 43 mi mi <b>2:00PM<u>Come Ride With Us @ I</u> <u>-69 Access</u> Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds.17, 24, 33 mi</b>	<i>l</i> 6 1:00 PM @ <u>4H</u> Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM <u>Come Ride</u> <u>With Us @ 4-H</u> Fairground 15 mi	<ul> <li>17 9:00 AM</li> <li>and 6:00 PM</li> <li>(a) <u>1-69 Access</u></li> <li>Burkhardt &amp;</li> <li>Olmstead</li> <li>Rds. 17,22 mi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>18 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</li> <li>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi.</li> <li>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>19 7:00 Club Century</li> <li>@ Crossroads Church on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. <u>Mt.</u></li> <li><u>Vernon or Touring</u></li> <li>9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park</u></li> <li>Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23</li> <li>6:00 PM @ <u>Castle HS</u> on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23</li> </ul>	20 1:00 PM <u>(a) 1-69 Ac-</u> <u>cess</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi	<ul> <li>21 7:00 AM <u>Club Century</u> @ Crossroads Church Mt.Vernon or Touring</li> <li>9:00 <u>@ Korner Inn in ELber-feld</u> 21, 29 mi.</li> <li>1:00 PM <u>@ Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>22 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site Newburgh. 15,27,40 mi.</li> <li>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 1-69 Access Burkhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, or 33 mi 7:30 PM Full Moon Ride @ 1-69 Access Bukhardt &amp; Olmstead Rds. 17 mi.</li> </ul>	23 1:00 PM @ 4 <u>H</u> Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM <u>Come Ride</u> With Us @ 4- <u>H</u> Fairground 15 mi	24 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ <u>1-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi	<ul> <li>25 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</li> <li>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride 15,24,28 mi.</li> <li>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us on the Greenway from Evansville Museum Ride Up to 20 mi.</li> </ul>	26 9:00 AM @ <u>Old</u> <u>Dam Site</u> , Newburgh, 27 mi. 6:00 PM @ <u>Castle HS</u> on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 mi.	27 1:00 PM <u>@ 1-69 Ac-</u> <u>cess</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi	28 9:00 Hawg "N Sauce in Mt.Vernon, 30 mi. 1:00 PM @ <u>Dogtown Boat</u> <u>Ramp</u> Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 30, 45 mi
<ul> <li>29 10:00 AM @ Reitz High</li> <li><u>School</u> on Claremont off the Ray</li> <li><u>Becker Pkwy.</u> 21, 40 mi.</li> <li>2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @</u></li> <li><u>1-69 Access</u> Burkhardt &amp;</li> <li>Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, or 33 mi</li> </ul>	<i>30</i> 1:00 PM @ <u>4H</u> Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi 6:00 PM <u>Come Ride</u> With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi	<i>31</i> 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ <u>1-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi	EBC Membership form can be found at : <u>EBC-Sign-up-form.pdf</u> (evansvillebicycleclub.org) Helmets are always mandatory!		Wear your EBC jersey on Sunday rides.	New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 minutes early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride

## NATCHEZ TRACE TRAIL RIDE by Angela Baker



The ride actually began with a simple text message from my brother last September. "Hey, you want to ride the Natchez Trace with me next spring?" I replied, "Sure!' I quickly followed that up with, "I guess this means that I need to buy a bike." I will add a disclaimer here that I hadn't really ridden a bike in 30 years. Whew!

We both ordered bikes, but if anyone tried to order a bike last year you know how that went. I ended up finding and buying a LIV Devote Advanced II. Who knew bikes were so expensive?!? My brother made do with what he had. It wasn't really designed for bikepacking, but it just goes to show that you don't need something fancy. Use what you



have! As far as gear, we decided against using panniers. We used the Topeak Versacages with drybags for our sleeping system. They worked perfectly. Tent on one side and sleeping bag and pad on the other. The Topeak Backloader Seatbag held extra clothes, food, camp stove, and extra bike repair supplies. We loved this bag! I cannot speak highly enough about it! We also used a Topeak handlebar bag for daily food, overflow from the seat bag, and just misc. things that we needed throughout the day. I sound like a salesperson for Topeak, but we had a great experience with all of the gear. We left our vehicles at the northern terminus of the trail at the ranger station. It was a very easy process, and our vehicles were nice and safe. We arranged for a shuttle to pick us up for the ride to Natchez. We arrived in the evening and took off the next morning. I would suggest maybe spending a day in Natchez to visit the town. Day 1 was a 60 mile ride to our campsite. It wasn't bad. 1,600 ft of elevation gain for the whole day. Days 2 and 3 were pretty-



much the same. We did end up getting a room in Jackson due to storms that were rolling in. Jackson has a wonderful trail that runs pretty much parallel to the trace. I would say definitely use it vs fighting the traffic. The rest of the week was very similar. We had a couple of shorter days miles wise just because we became tourists and stopped along the way to check out the historic areas. There are little pull offs every few miles with markers and information about the history of the trace. There are restrooms every 30 miles or so. Many of them have places to camp. We also found several little towns just a couple of miles off of the trace to get cold drinks and lunch. It was very easy to plan stops. Natchez Trace Travel.com is an invaluable source of information. The southern part of the trace is mild as



View of Mississippi from Natchez

far as elevation gain. From Natchez to Tupelo it's about 6,500 ft over 270 miles, and it's all on pavement. There isn't a designated bike lane, but everyone was super courteous. The only time that we felt crowded was when we were riding around Tupelo. I will say that the fact that it is all pavement makes it a little warm on 95 degree days. Riding in June may not have been the best idea. Unfortunately, real life stepped in and we ended up having to stop in Tupelo and head home. We were happy with what we had finished.

270 miles in 6 days. Not bad for beginners!! Keep in mind that we were both



Important stop while we were in town

brand new at this. I am a backpacker, but never a bikepacker. Big difference! We had a great time, and we can't wait to finish the rest.



## EBC MOON PIE RIDE

Thanks to Mario Leavell and Kevin Otolski for these photos. And to Kevin for putting on the ride.















### Evansville Bicycle Club — 2021 Club Mileage

<b>Overall Standings</b>	6				
Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		1	57	217
2 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21		1	65	187
3 Johnson, Bill	7/1/21			46	135
4 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		11	36	126
5 Bosko, John	6/1/21			34	96
6 Heiss, Dave	9/1/21			26	76
7 Vernier, Richard	2/1/22			24	58
7 Vernier, Sue	2/1/22			24	58
9 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/21			25	55
10 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		6	10	51
11 Blackford, Elizabeth	8/1/21			13	49

12 Seger, Khris 13 Maurer, Kenneth

14 Nelli, John

15 Kirby, Ken 16 Straka, David 17 Leavell, Mario

19 Gerbig, Steve 20 Corcoran, Lisa 21 Gardner, Gary 22 Effron, Michael

26 Kempf, Josh

22 Willett, Bobby 24 McBain, Roger 25 Gatewood, Ronald

29 Gerdeman, Kella 29 Samm, Bill

31 Ashworth, David

Yeager, Rusty

27 Toeniskoetter, Richard 28 Miller, Susan

18 Niethammer, Jim

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	Men's Standings					
Club Miles	Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
2179	1 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21		1	65	1879
1879	2 Johnson, Bill	7/1/21			46	1350
1350	3 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		11	36	1262
1262	4 Bosko, John	6/1/22			34	963
963	5 Heiss, Dave	9/1/21			26	761
761	6 Vernier, Richard	2/1/22			24	589
589	7 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/21			25	557
589	8 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		6	10	515
557	9 Seger, Khris	10/1/21		11	13	488
515	10 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/21			15	425
498	11 Nelli, John	11/1/21			12	368
488	12 Kirby, Ken	7/1/21			9	277
425	13 Straka, David	10/1/21			8	244
368	14 Leavell, Mario	6/1/21		1	4	220
277	15 Niethammer, Jim	10/1/21		3	5	168
244	16 Kempf, Josh	7/1/21			28	162
220	17 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/22			7	154
162	18 Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		11	7	119
154	19 Effron, Michael	4/1/22			1	100
121	19 Willett, Bobby	5/1/22		2	1	100
119	21 McBain, Roger	7/1/21			4	91
100	22 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/22			5	85
100	23 Toeniskoetter, Richard	3/1/22			2	61
91	24 Samm, Bill	10/1/21			1	31
85	25 Ashworth, David	1/1/22			1	24
81	Yeager, Rusty	6/1/21		6		
61						
33						
31	Women's Standir	ngs				
31	Club Member	Evn	Ride	100	No. of	Club

#### **Ride Mileage Information** Club Rides Max. Mileage Scott School 33 West Terrace School 33 Castle High School Henderson High School Reitz High School Garvin Park 35 47 40 20 20 38 45 43 37 28 40 33 30 29 30 Wesselman Park Greenway Mesker Park Dogtown Elite Elite TP 4-H Newburgh Dam Olmstead Hawg 'N Sauce Hornville Tavern Elberfeld Korner Inn Silver Bell 28 100 Crossroads Church New Albany Hosted Rides 122 Max. Mileage **Date** 4/17 - 4/24 5/29 - 6-4 Specialty Rides FCBA Natchez Trace 6/7 - 6/17

#### Women's Standings

Exp.	Ride Host			
6/1/21		1	73	3325
8/1/21			19	818
2/1/22			24	589
11/1/21			11	121
3/1/22			1	33
9/1/21			1	31
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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). 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 <u>New</u> <u>Renewal</u>

\$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
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.

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