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NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA • NOVEMBER, 2021



Happy Thanksgiving

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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NEW MEMBERS

Alex and Kristina Arwood #1347

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Bryan & Karen Trimborn #1349

Emilian Armeanu #1348

RENEWING MEMBERS

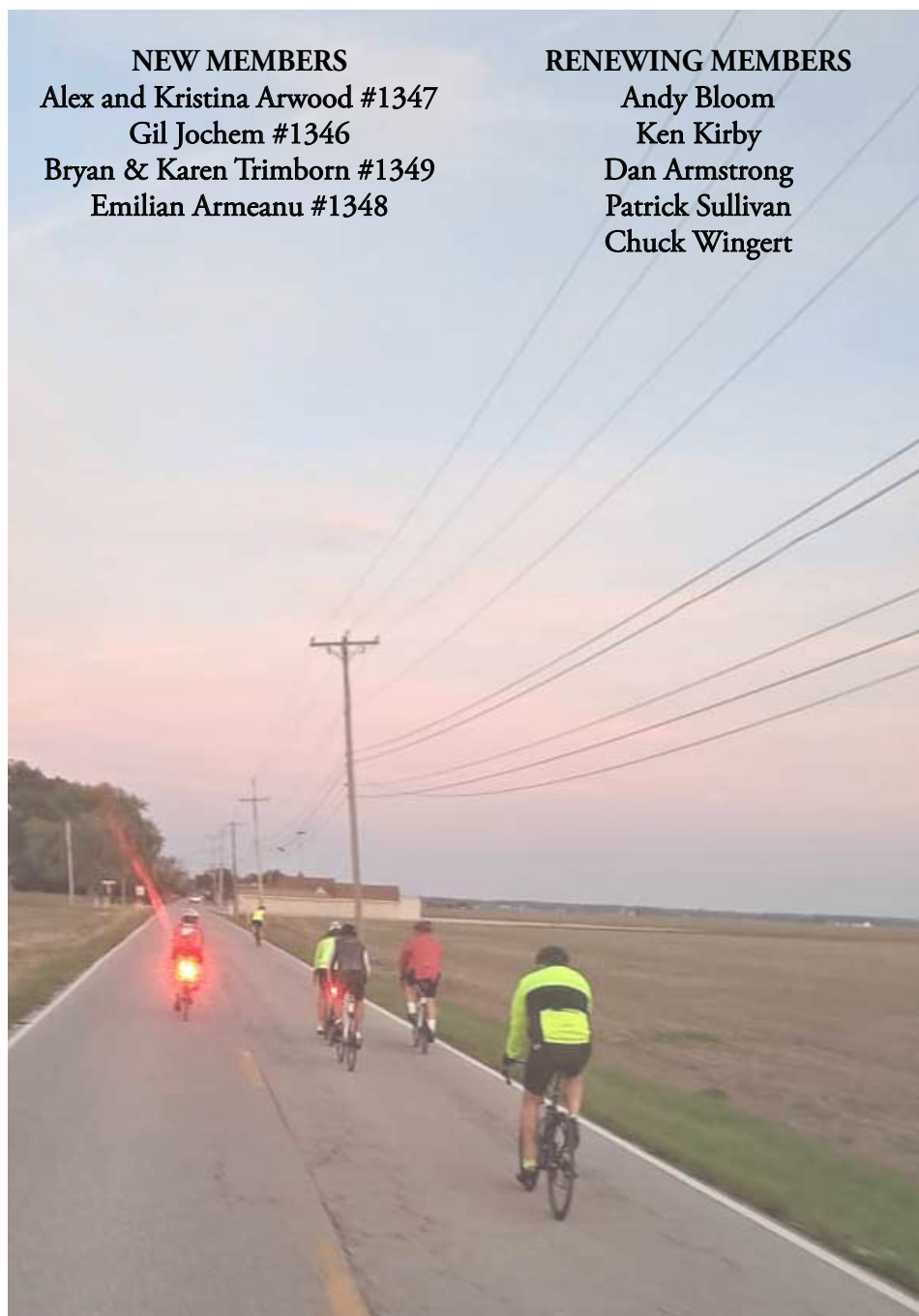
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THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

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Hello everyone:

All cyclists know you need a little luck now and then, here and there. I had a little luck last month when I was riding on my indoor trainer and looked over at my outside bike and I noticed the back tire was flat. I considered myself lucky that it happened at home and not on the road.

Another stroke of luck struck the morning of the Great Pumpkin Metric (GPM). Most of you know the weather forecast was not looking good with lots of rain being predicted for the weekend. With the prior year's GPM being canceled due to Covid, the club really needed the 39th GPM to be successful in order to support some of our charitable causes.

As luck would have it, the cycling gods opened up a window of dry time a few hours before the start of the ride and lasted well past the last cyclist rolling in. I think the rain overnight did keep some riders from making the trip to the fairgrounds, but I think in the end we came pretty close to what we were hoping for in attendance

considering the weather and Covid. Unofficially I heard around 270 cyclists had registered for this year's event. We were hoping for at least 300 so we were close. I should have the final numbers at one of our upcoming club meetings.

I would like to thank everyone that helped out at one of the many jobs that it takes to put on this event. I think there were just about 50 EBC volunteers and some of you had multiple jobs. EBC would also like to thank all the vendors that were present and for the donations they made.

Overall, I think the event ran very smoothly and setup and teardown was one of the fastest in recent memory. I checked in after the event with all of the teams asking for some feedback and if there were any changes they would like to see. The feedback collected will be reviewed at the next GPM planning meeting.

Next year will be the 40th GPM and I think we will be changing a few things to make this event even better. If anyone who is not involved as of now wants to be a part of the 40th



GPM planning committee or has any suggestions on what you would like to see, just let me know.

In other club news we are looking into restoring the EBC Club Banquet. Last year we had to cancel due to you know what, so with some luck I should have an update on that next month.

Get out there and enjoy those fall colors.

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Board of Directors -- 1 position open

EBC OCTOBER RIDE NOTES

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PLEASE NOTE:

Our Saturday morning rides are all starting at 9:00 AM at Elite Fitness on Kansas at Old Highway 57. We actually park off the frontage rd off of Seib Rd. just north of the old Elite Fitness building on Kansas Rd.

Saturday afternoon rides are now starting at 12:30 PM at the taverns we were frequenting in the mornings. Please look at the calendar as the location changes weekly.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH—
CLUB MEETING**
Come join us at Roca Bar
on S. Kentucky Ave.
6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Meeting.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11—
CLUB CENTURY**, The route on the calendar is the Santa Claus route starting at Crossroads Church at 8:00 AM.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13—
CLUB CENTURY**, The route on the calendar is the Santa Claus route starting at Crossroads Church at 8:00 AM.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH—
MOON PIE Full Moon Ride** at 5:30 PM at Olmstead. Must have lights! This is turning into a popular and requested ride. Moon Pies will be there.

Sadly this November we will again not have the Pumpkin Pie ride. Thanks to Covid 19 this gathering cannot happen. We hope it will be back in 2022!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH—
OUR ANNUAL DAY-AFTER-
THANKSGIVING-DAY RIDE.**
9:00 AM, Dogtown Boat Ramp on Old Henderson Rd. What a great way to get out and work off that feast you over ate on Turkey Day!

**COME OUT TO JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AFTER
WORK FOR CIRCLES IN THE
PARK AT 6:00 PM.** We ride for an hour and or up to 20 miles.

It is really an enjoyable ride as there are fun people there to visit with, the air is crisp and refreshing, and you can stop at your car as needed to add or remove layers if you don't dress quite right. It only lasts an hour!! (or if you want to come early or stay late for your full 20...)

YOU MUST HAVE LIGHTS but they can be purchased very reasonably at the bike shops or even the discount stores. Come check it out! You can't get lost and if you get dropped or want to ride faster or slower, you are never far from the other riders. Come join us for some fun. **NOTE: THESE RIDES ROTATE BETWEEN GARVIN AND WESSELMAN PARKS UNTIL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS MOVES US TO WESSELMAN THROUGH THE NEW YEAR.** Check the ride calendar for the correct park.

Most of all KEEP RIDING!! If you add a few layers, riding in the winter is really fun! If you want to know what you need to wear, ask any of us "crazies" out riding on the cooler days, we will be happy to share our thoughts and recruit others to ride through the winter too! It is really all about the layers. All things should be in layers, not necessarily heavier or warmer, just lots of layers everywhere.

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!

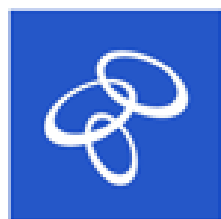
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THE RIDE WAS A SUCCESS, LET'S SUPPORT OUR GPM ADVERTISERS





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PHOTOS FROM THE GPM

Courtesy of Richard Vernier, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Wertz Talley and Kevin Otolski



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MORE CLUB "STUFF"



From Steve Gerbig:

Who said RAIN was canceled?! For the second year in a row, our resident ultra-cyclist, Rusty Yeager, refused to let the BBC keep him from enjoying one of his favorite on-bike experiences, the Ride Across Indiana. This year's ride was a solo, sub 8-1/2 hour crossing and one of the most pleasant and memorable yet, despite road construction, a detour, heavy traffic and a chilly start. And best of all, he finished before dark! Needless to say, the presence of Lorie was there thru every turn of the crank. Congratulations Rusty! Well done.



Moon Pie Ride photos courtesy of Eric Claudius Salemie

November 2021 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note special ride on Friday Nov. 26. Day after Thanksgiving Day	1 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi	2 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi	3 12:30 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Westman Park on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	4 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23 mi	5 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi	6 9:00 AM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ Hawg 'N Sauce in Mt. Vernon, 30 mi
7 Daylight Savings Ends 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 17, 27, 40 mi. 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 24, or 33 mi	8 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi	9 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi	10 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	11 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church 100 mi. Santa Claus or Touring Route 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 17, 27 mi. 6:00 Social Time. 6:30 PM Club Meeting @ Roca Bar 1618 S. Kentucky Ave	12 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi	13 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church 100 mi. Santa Claus or Touring Route 9:00 AM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd 17, 23, 35, 43 mi 12:30 PM @ Hornville Tavern Baseline Rd. 21, 29 mi.
14 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 & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi	15 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi	16 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi	17 12:30 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Westman Park on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	18 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23 mi	19 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi 5:30 PM Full Moon Ride @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds 17 mi Lights Required	20 9:00 AM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell 28 mi.
21 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi	22 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi	23 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi	24 12:30 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Westman Park on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	25 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 17, 27 mi.	26 9:00 AM Day After Thanksgiving Day Ride @ Dogtown Boat Ramp on Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 31, 45 mi.	27 9:00 AM @ Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ Korner Inn in Elberfeld 21, 30 mi.
28 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness-TP Route (57 & Kansas) 23, 37 mi. 1:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi	29 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15, 24, 28 mi	30 9:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi	Watch locations as they change from week to week, especially Sun. morning, Wed. nights, Thurs. morning, and Sat. afternoon.	Come out and enjoy our Full Moon rides! They are quite an enjoyable experience. Moon pies and conversation after make for a special evening!	HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY!!	New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 minutes early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride

Evansville Bicycle Club — 2021 Club Mileage

Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21		2	90	2636
2 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		2	64	2438
3 Johnson, Bill	7/1/21		1	74	2194
4 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21	1	16	51	1881
5 Bosko, John	6/1/22		1	48	1383
6 Heiss, Dave	9/1/21			36	1065
7 Vernier, Richard	2/1/22			36	895
7 Vernier, Sue	2/1/22			36	895
9 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		9	19	834
10 Seger, Khris	10/1/21		15	20	831
11 Niethammer, Jim	10/1/21		11	26	799
12 Brouillard, Gene	6/1/21			29	652
13 Blackford, Elizabeth	8/1/21			13	498
14 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/21			18	474
15 Nelli, John	11/1/21			12	368
16 Kirby, Ken	7/1/21			9	277
17 Straka, David	10/1/21			8	244
18 Leavell, Mario	6/1/21	1	4	220	
19 Gerbig, Steve	3/1/22		9	198	
20 Kempf, Josh	7/1/21		22	135	
21 Julian, Michael	5/1/22		4	123	
22 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/21		11	121	
23 Gardner, Gary	6/1/23	18	7	119	
24 Effron, Michael	4/1/22		1	100	
24 Hart, Randy	5/1/22	1	1	100	
24 Willett, Bobby	5/1/22	2	1	100	
27 McBain, Roger	7/1/21		4	91	
28 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/22		5	85	
29 Toeniskoetter, Richard	3/1/22		2	61	
30 Dempsey, Amanda	5/1/22		2	53	
31 Miller, Susan	3/1/22		1	33	
32 Gerdeman, Kella	9/1/21		1	31	
32 Samm, Bill	10/1/21		1	31	
34 Lewis, Brian	5/1/22		1	30	
35 Ashworth, David	1/1/22		1	24	
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/21		12		

Men's Standings

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18 Julian, Michael	5/1/22		4	123	
19 Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		18	7	119
20 Effron, Michael	4/1/22			1	100
20 Hart, Randy	5/1/22		1	1	100
20 Willett, Bobby	5/1/22		2	1	100
23 McBain, Roger	7/1/21			4	91
24 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/22			5	85
25 Toeniskoetter, Richard	3/1/22			2	61
26 Samm, Bill	10/1/21			1	31
27 Lewis, Brian	5/1/22			1	30
28 Ashworth, David	1/1/22			1	24
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/21		12		

Women's Standings

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1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		2	64	2438
2 Vernier, Sue	2/1/22			36	895
3 Blackford, Elizabeth	8/1/21			13	498
4 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/21			11	121
5 Dempsey, Amanda	5/1/22			2	53
6 Miller, Susan	3/1/22			1	33
7 Gerdeman, Kella	9/1/21			1	31

Ride Mileage Information

Club Rides	Max. Mileage
Scott School	33
West Terrace School	33
Castle High School	35
Henderson High School	47
Reitz High School	40
Garvin Park	20
Wesselman Park	20
Greenway	20
Mesker Park	38
Dogtown	45
Elite	43
Elite TP	37
4-H	28
Newburgh Dam	40
Olmstead	33
Hawg 'N Sauce	30
Hornville Tavern	29
Elberfeld Komer Inn	30
Silver Bell	28
Crossroads Church	100
New Albany	122
Hosted Rides	Max. Mileage
Moon Pie Ride (7/23)	17
Specialty Rides	Date
FCBA Natchez Trace	4/17 – 4/24
	5/29 – 6-4
	6/7 – 6/17

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.

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