



EBCBIKEWRITER

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA • MARCH, 2022



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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EBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR March, 2022

NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Perry
Michael Kaiser

RENEWING MEMBERS

Roger McBain
Archie Carter
David & Vicky Ashworth
David Straka
Richard Toeniskoetter
John Guckien
Ron Gatewood
David & Phoebe Shrimpton
Jay Vercellotti

TOTAL EBC MEMBERS - 192

Paid Members 119

Past Due Members 73

Memberships expired last month, February 2022

Moors, Butch
Long, Nathan
Pendley, Ann
Robertson, Janet
Strokis, John

Memberships expiring this month, March 2022

Barron, Stan
Collins, Doug
Gerbig, Steve
Jones, Cindy
Miller, Mark
Miller, Susan

Memberships set to expire April 2022

Effron, Michael
Kercher, Greg

Cheddar Up Link is up. Members will be able to renew/join and pay dues online. Please click the link below to pay dues online or scan QR code.

<https://evansville-bicycle-club-membership-application-renewal.cheddarup.com>



THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

Kevin Otolski • Kotolski@gmail.com

Welcome to March,

If you are like me, I hope you felt like this winter flew by and now we are just days away from the spring time change. Make sure to check the monthly ride schedule as some ride times will change and the return of the evening rides will start.

I am beginning to see more and more fundraising rides on the internet. Maybe we are finally turning a corner with this pandemic and can get back to a more normal life.

The big announcement last month was the return of Ride Across Indiana. <https://www.rainride.org>

For the new members and the old members :-), you can enter your club miles online at <http://www.evansvillebicycleclub.org/> and while you are there, Jay Vercellotti, our web master has updated the membership renewal link where you can now pay electronically if you need to update your membership.

In club news, I hope to make some announcements next month on some exciting leadership changes.

We are also working on organizing the "Ride of Silence" and a combined effort with Safekids Coalition to host a kids rodeo on May 14th. We will need some volunteers for this event so let us know if you can help by getting in touch with me or with Paul Jensen, parthur333@gmail.com.

Also, I could use another person to help out on our Special Olympics training team. I need a person that can commit to a once a week evening ride, probably on a Monday or Thursday evening. I need to be able to count on this person to be on time and show up on their scheduled day.

We normally ride in groups of 3 so you would not be alone and we always have a good time. This is a very rewarding experience working with Josh and his family. If you can help Josh and the rest of the team out, reach out to me. If you would like to help in a different



way please see the "Put Josh on the Podium" article in this newsletter.

Stay safe, spring winds are here, enjoy

K.O.

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Board of Directors -- 1 position open

PUT JOSH ON THE PODIUM FUNDRAISER

One of the nice things about being part of a club is getting behind something to assist others to become better cyclists. EBC has been training with member Josh Kempf for the past two years. Last year, Josh won 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in the Special Olympics bike races. To help keep Josh improving, and show our appreciation for the hard work Josh puts in, the EBC would like to purchase a faster \ lighter bicycle for Josh.

We're asking for those who are willing and able to donate any amount they can to this cause. All funds donated will go towards the cost of the bike. Any additional funds that exceed the cost of the bike will be used for lights and other maintenance needs.

<https://put-josh-on-the-podium-fundraiser.cheddarup.com>



EBC MARCH RIDE NOTES

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**EFFECTIVE MARCH 13
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS
BACK!!!**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH—
CLUB MEETING**
Come join us at Roca Bar
on S. Kentucky Ave.
6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Meeting.

MONDAY EVENING RIDES

at the 4-H Center are back on the calendar with Daylight Savings Time. This ride will be at 5:30 so we can finish before dark.

TUESDAY EVENING RIDES

at Olmstead are also back. These are only 17 mile rides for March and will start at 5:30 also. Safety is a concern!

WEDNESDAY FAST RIDES

at 4-H are also back. These start at 5:30 for 15 miles this month.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDES AT GARVIN PARK

Consider coming early if you want extra miles. You can earn up to 20 miles on these circuit rides in the park. We are staying in the park due to potential flooding on the Greenway. Lights are no longer required after the time change as we should be in by dark at 7:00.

THURSDAY MORNING RIDES

at Mesker are back. We have spent the last two months at Newburgh on Thursday mornings because the roads there are cleared in the winter better than the west side ones. *However, we are assuming winter is passed and going back to rotating the Thursday morning rides between the Old Dam and Mesker Park.*

THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES

at Newburgh Old Dam is a new addition. Again only the 17 mile route is on the schedule for a 5:30 start.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RIDES

are back to starting at 2:00 after the time change. It starts at 1:00 the first Sunday in March only.

**Wear your green on Thursday
March 17 or risk being pinched.
Happy St. Patty's Day!**

No Full Moon ride this month.

The full moon rises after 8:00 on a Friday night at the beginning of spring break. We will hopefully have better timing in April.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24—

CLUB CENTURY, The route on the calendar is the Tennyson or Touring route starting at Crossroads Church at 8:00 AM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27—

CLUB CENTURY, The route on the calendar is the Tennyson or Touring route starting at Crossroads Church at 8:00 AM. FUN TIMES!

**GET OUT AND RIDE!!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
STARTS MARCH 13. SPRING
ARRIVES ON MARCH 20.**

Again, be aware of water across the roadway. Do not enter deep water as it may take you down. Watch out for chuck holes too! They could be lurking, very deep, under that harmless looking puddle.

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!

March 2022 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note addition of evening rides at 5:30 pm after the time changes on March 13! Come out and ride!! Century: March 24 & 26	HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY	1 9:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi	2 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights	3 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr.</u> and <u>Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi	4 1:00 PM @ <u>L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	5 9:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi 12:30 PM @ <u>Hornville Tavern</u> Baseline Rd. 21, 29 mi.
6 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 1:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 24, or 33mi.	7 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi	8 9:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi	9 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	10 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site.</u> Newburgh, 27 mi. 6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Club Meeting @ Roca Bar 1618 S. Kentucky Ave.	11 1:00 PM @ <u>L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	12 9:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ <u>Silver Bell</u> in St. Wendell 28 mi.
13 Daylight Savings Time 10:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site</u> Newburgh, 15, 27, 40 mi. 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 24, or 33 mi.	14 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi. 5:30 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	15 9:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi 5:30 PM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17mi.	16 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 <u>4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride</u> 15mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	17 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr.</u> and <u>Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi 5:30 PM @ <u>Old Dam Site.</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	18 1:00 PM @ <u>L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	19 9:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ <u>Korner Inn</u> in Elberfeld 21, 30 mi.
20 10:00 AM @ <u>Reitz High School</u> on <u>Claremont</u> off the <u>Ray Becker Pkwy.</u> 21, 40 mi. 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 24, 33 mi.	21 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi. 5:30 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	22 9:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi 5:30 PM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17 mi.	23 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 <u>4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride</u> 15mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	24 8:00 AM <u>Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. Tennyson or Touring Route 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site.</u> Newburgh, 27 mi. 5:30 PM @ <u>Old Dam Site.</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	25 1:00 PM @ <u>L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, or 33mi	26 8:00 AM <u>Club Century @ Crossroads Church</u> on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. Tennyson or Touring Route 9:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness 57 & Kansas Rd.</u> 17, 23, 35, 43 mi. 12:30 PM @ <u>Hawg "N Sauce</u> in <u>Mt. Vernon</u> , 30 mi
27 10:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 24, 33 2:00 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22, 33 mi.	28 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 28 mi. 5:30 PM <u>Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground</u> 15 mi.	29 9:00 AM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds.</u> 17, 22 mi 5:30 PM @ <u>L-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rd.</u> 17 mi.	30 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 <u>4-H Fairgrounds Fast Ride</u> 15mi. 6:00 PM <u>Circuit Ride @ Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required	31 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr.</u> and <u>Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 mi 5:30 PM @ <u>Old Dam Site.</u> Newburgh, 17 mi.	Club Jersey Sundays Wear your EBC jersey on Sunday club rides.	New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 min. early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride. We often eat out after Monday and Wednesday night rides.

2022 MIDWEST RIDE CALENDAR

Editor's Note: I picked this up off the internet and put it here for everyone to think about filling their "dance card" (out of town ride schedule) while there's still snow on the ground and you're getting pumped up doing Zwift. This is not complete, as there are a lot of rides still unconfirmed as of this publication, such as GOBA in Ohio. See RAGBRAI promo below.

Start Date	Event	Location	Routes	Type
May 29 2022	Chippewa Valley Century Ride	Chippew Falls, Wisconsin, USA	35, 50, 75, 100 miles	CENTURY
Jun 04 2022	Tour de Cure: Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA	7, 18, 27, 45, 62, 100	FESTIVAL
Jun 05 2022	Arlington 500	Barrington, Illinois, USA	25, 42, 51, 70 miles	CENTURY
Jun 05 2022	Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN)	Omaha, Nebraska, USA	7 days, 745 miles	TOUR
Jun 11 2022	Harbor Springs Cycling Classic	Harbor Springs, Michigan, USA	20, 45, 60 miles	CENTURY
Jun 11 2022	Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour	Starlight, Indiana, USA	26, 40, 65 miles	CENTURY
Jun 11 2022	Biking Across Kansas	Johnson City, Kansas, USA	8 days, 500 +/- miles	TOUR
Jun 12 2022	Big BAM (Bicycle Across Missouri)	Poplar Bluff, Missouri	297 miles	TOUR
Jun 17 2022	Le Tour de Shore	Chicago, Illinois, USA	2 days, 66 miles, 34 miles	TOUR
Jun 18 2022	Pedal Across Lower Michigan (PALM)	Whitehall Michigan, USA	6 days, 280 miles	TOUR
Jun 18 2022	Peninsula Century Spring Classic	Sister Bay, Wisconsin, USA	25, 50, 62, 100 miles	CENTURY
Jun 25 2022	Ride Across Illinois RAIL South	St. Louis, Missouri, USA	165 miles	DOUBLE
Jun 25 2022	Tour da Goose	Watertown, WI	12, 22, 42, 62, 100 miles	TOUR
Jun 25 2022	Superior Vistas Bike Tour	Washburn, Wisconsin, USA	13, 19, 34, 52, 70, 100 miles	CENTURY
Jun 25 2022	Tour de Corn	East Prairie, Missouri, USA	15, 30, 60, 100 miles	FESTIVAL
Jul 09 2022	Dog Days Wine Tour	Oberlin, Ohio, USA	35, 50, 68 miles	FESTIVAL
Jul 16 2022	Holland 100	Holland, Michigan, USA	18, 36, 67, 100 miles	CENTURY

RAGBRAI — JULY 23-30th

RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest, and longest recreational touring bicycle ride in the world. Started in 1973 by Des Moines Register reporters John Karras and Donald Kaul, RAGBRAI is a seven-day bicycle tour that goes from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River with stops in overnight towns along the way. One of the largest tourism events in the country, a 2008 study by the University of Northern Iowa estimates RAGBRAI's economic impact between \$24 million to \$25 million for the weeklong ride. Registration for RAGBRAI XLIX is open at [RAGBRAI.com/ragbrai-registration](https://ragbrai.com/ragbrai-registration). The full route with meeting and pass thru towns will be announced in March 2022.



Evansville Bicycle Club — 2021 Club Mileage

Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
Bies, Diane	6/1/21		1	8	509
Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			3	85
Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		2	2	66
Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		1	2	66
Kercher, Greg				2	49
Maurer, Kenneth				2	34
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		2		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/21		2		

Men's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			3	85
Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		2	2	66
Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		1	2	66
Kercher, Greg				2	49
Maurer, Kenneth				2	34
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		2		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/21		2		

Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		1	8	509

Commuting Mileage

Club Member	Miles	Thru Month
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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

BLAST FROM THE PAST...

Editor's Note:

My son found this Bike Shop ad while perusing old Evansville archives. Thought you'd like it.

1889 The **JENNER CYCLE CO.,** 1899.

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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

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.

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