



EBCBIKEWRITER

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA • APRIL, 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 April, 2022

RENEWING MEMBERS

Janet &	Bob Jaowski
Bill Robertson	Mickey Flynn
Lori &	Jack Spencer
James Van Hook	Gwen Ryan
Cindy &	Doug Wurmnest
Curt Jones	Hugh Moors
Sonya &	Tom Davis
Matt Brindle	Bud Feldkamp
Brad Jenkins	Nathan Long

Memberships set to expire April, 2022

Effron, Michael
Kercher, Greg

Memberships set to expire May, 2022

Ashley, Gary
Bohrnstedt, Brian
Brake, Tony
Dempsey, Amanda
Hart, Randall
Julian, Michael
Lewis, Brian

TOTAL EBC MEMBERS - 193

Paid Members 133

Past Due Members 59

Memberships expired, APRIL, 2022

Barron, Stan	Miller, Susan
Collins, Doug	Roby, Virginia
Gerbis, Steve	Wilson, Ned
Miller, Mark	

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 April,

The weather lately has been like some of the roads around here, big swings up and down. Hopefully the weather makes up its mind soon and we get some consecutive nice days.

We have had a few leadership changes that went into effect this past month. Normally, we vote at the banquet but since we did not have one a vote was held at the March Club meeting.

First, Diane Bies has voluntarily stepped down as VP. I would like to thank Diane for all the help in assisting me while I moved from VP to President. Diane will remain a big part of the EBC leadership team as a special advisor and will be keeping her job handling ride schedules. With that being said, Mario Leavell was voted in as VP. Congratulations Mario. Mario has already done some great work and I look for more great ideas to come. With Mario changing roles, Erica Leavell was voted in as the new Membership Chairman. Congrats Erica.

One additional addition is Pat Sullivan will join the leadership as a board member. Congrats Pat. These changes are active as of March 10th. I look forward to working with all the newbies and the rest of the leadership team this year. Paul Jensen, who is in his

last year as Board member and Advocacy Chairman, is still looking for anyone interested in the advocacy position and is willing to train them.

In other club happenings, the joint bike rodeo between EBC and Mary Raley, an Injury Prevention Specialist at Ascension St. Vincent and member of Vanderburgh-Warrick Safe Kids Coalition, is set for May 14th. I really need some of our members to step up and volunteer a couple hours at this event. If you can help, get in touch with Paul or me for more info.

The Ride of Silence is back after being canceled due to covid the past two years. The Ride of Silence is an annual international bicycle ride to commemorate cyclists killed and support those injured while riding on public roads. It helps to raise awareness among motorists, the public and decision makers of the dangers cyclists face on the roads, especially from other traffic. The ride is 9 miles at 12mph, and there is no talking during the ride.

The ride starts and ends at the Evansville State Hospital grounds on the corner of Lincoln and Vann. The date this year is Wednesday, May 18th and the ride starts at 6pm. Here is a link to the route. [https://](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38804617)



ridewithgps.com/routes/38804617 I would like to see a good turn out for this community event.

Since we did not have a banquet, we would like to do a spring kick-off ride for members only and spend a little money for some food and socializing after the ride. We were thinking about some time in April once the weather gets a little more user friendly. So watch for more info on this.

Stay safe, spring is here so enjoy the ups and downs.

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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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**THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH—
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. This ride will be at 5:30 so we can finish before dark.

TUESDAY EVENING RIDES

at Olmstead. These are 17 & 22 mile rides for April 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 28 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

9 a.m., 27 miles. Rotating between Mesker and the Newburgh Dam.

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. 17, 22, 33 miles.

No Full Moon ride this month.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21—

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23—

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

GET OUT AND RIDE!!

Again, with Spring Rains, 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!



April 2022 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note evening rides at 5:30 pm are longer now. Come Ride With Us Wed. evening ride at 6 pm Saturday mornings 10:00 location varies	Club Jersey Sundays Wear your EBC jersey on Sunday club rides	HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY	New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 min. early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride.	Red Bud ride in London, KY Eastern time zone https://www.bikesignup.com/Race/KY/London/LondonRedBudRide	1 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi	2 10:00 @ <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.
3 10:00 AM @ <u>Elite Fitness-TP Route</u> (57 & Kansas) 23, 37 mi. 2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi	4 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi. 5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>4H Fairground</u> 15 mi	5 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi.	6 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 4-H <u>Fairgrounds</u> Fast Ride 28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us Circuit Ride @ <u>Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Up to 20 mi.	7 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr.</u> 23 mi. 5:30 PM <u>Elite Fitness</u> Truck Pro Route Hwy 57 & Kansas Rd 22 mi	8 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi	9 Redbud Ride London, KY. 23, 38, 70, 102 mi. \$\$ 10:00 AM @ <u>Silver Bell</u> in St. Wendell 28 Mi. 1:00 PM @ <u>Dogtown Boat Ramp</u> Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 45 mi.
10 10:00 AM @ <u>West Terrace School</u> (Near USI) 19, 33 mi. 2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.	11 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi. 5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>4H Fairground</u> 15 mi	12 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi.	13 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 4-H <u>Fairgrounds</u> Fast Ride 28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us Circuit Ride @ <u>Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Up to 20 mi.	14 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.	15 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi	16 10:00 @ <u>Korner Inn</u> in Elberfeld 21, 30 mi. 1:00 PM @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.
17 Happy Easter 10:00 AM @ <u>Castle HS</u> on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23, 32 mi. 2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.	18 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi. 5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>4H Fairground</u> 15 mi	19 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi.	20 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 4-H <u>Fairgrounds</u> Fast Ride 28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us Circuit Ride @ <u>Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Up to 20 mi.	21 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church Santa Claus or Touring Rte 100 9:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr.</u> 23 mi 5:30 PM <u>Elite Fitness</u> Truck Pro Route Hwy 57 & Kansas Rd. 22 mi	22 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi	23 8:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church Santa Claus or Touring Rte 100 10:00 @ <u>Hawg "N Sauce"</u> in Mt. Vernon, 30 mi. 1:00 PM @ <u>Dogtown Boat Ramp</u> Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 30, 45 mi
24 10:00 AM @ <u>Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave.</u> 23 or 38 mi. 2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi	25 1:00 PM @ <u>4H Fairgrounds</u> 15, 24, 28 mi. 5:30 PM Come Ride With Us @ <u>4H Fairground</u> 15 mi	26 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi.	27 12:30 @ <u>Elite Fitness</u> 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 5:30 4-H <u>Fairgrounds</u> Fast Ride 28 mi. 6:00 PM Come Ride With Us Circuit Ride @ <u>Garvin Park</u> on N. Heidelberg Av. Up to 20 mi.	28 9:00 AM @ <u>Old Dam Site</u> , Newburgh, 17, 27 mi. 5:30 PM <u>Elite Fitness</u> Truck Pro Route Hwy 57 & Kansas Rd 22 mi	29 1:00 PM @ <u>I-69 Access</u> , Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi	30 10:00 @ <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.

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
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		1	9	573
2 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			8	213
3 Kercher, Greg	4/1/22			7	161
4 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		2	5	133
5 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		3	3	99
6 Vernier, Richard	3/1/22			4	90
6 Vernier, Sue	3/1/22			4	90
8 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/22			2	34
9 Farr, Lance	12/1/22			1	17
9 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/22			1	17
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		4		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/22		4		

Men's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/21			8	213
2 Kercher, Greg	4/1/22			7	161
3 Sullivan, Patrick	10/1/21		2	5	133
4 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/21		3	3	99
5 Vernier, Richard	3/1/22			4	90
6 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/22			2	34
7 Farr, Lance	12/1/22			1	17
7 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/22			1	17
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		4		
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/22		4		

Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	6/1/21		1	9	573
2 Vernier, Sue	3/1/22			4	90

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
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Expired Memberships

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
Carter, Archie	8/1/21			3	104

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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