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

NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey Erk

Wes & Katie Jorden, Ben & Emmaa

RENEWING MEMBERS

Kevin Otolowski

Bill Johnson

TOTAL EBC MEMBERS - 165

Paid Members - 24

Past Due Members - 141

Memberships expiring August 2022

Wong, Howard

Maurer, Kenneth

Orth, Roger

Fischer, Brian

Memberships set to expire
September 2022

Hunt, Brian

Wefel, Darlene

Fischer, Brian

Memberships expired, July 2022

Niethammer, Jesse

Vaughn, Donald Davis

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

Hello everyone:

Trying to come up with an August President's letter can sometimes be quite challenging. There is not a lot happening club wise at this time of the year. Members are training for those late summer events or off on vacations riding in some out of state locations. Keep posting your pictures to the Facebook page of your cycling adventures. The past month has seen some very hot days strung together and it looks as I write this, there are some more in the near future.

Congrats to several of our members that finished the R.A.I.N. ride. I know there were several of you.

I was surprised to hear attendance was still way down at this year's ride. Unofficially, I heard there were just over 600 registered and maybe 440 finished the entire route. I am not sure if Covid continues to keep attendance down or if there is some other reason for the drop in numbers.

Attendance at our own EBC rides continue to seem low prior to covid years. As a reminder you can enter your EBC miles electronically by going to the EBC web page

<http://www.evansvillebicycleclub.org/> and look for the submit mileage link on the main page.

GPM planning will start to pick up speed going forward. I hope I can count on those of you that volunteer each year. We can't put this event on without your help. Watch for more info on the GPM coming soon. One of the feedback items we received from last year's event was no ice cream at the finish.

We are working to bring this back to the 2022 GPM. The GPM planning committee is looking for a small chest freezer to store the ice cream in at the finish. If anyone is looking to sell a freezer or comes across one, please get in touch with me.

I am going to repost part of an article that appeared in the Evansville Courier recently in case you missed it. It's about bike lanes in the Evansville area and our EBC VP, Mario Leavell was quoted in the article.

Evansville bike, walking lane use - Alexa Shrake AShrake@gannett.com.

"The city doesn't keep track of bike and walking lane usage quite like how they do with streets. When the city does count, it sends an official to the street itself to stand there



and count the people that are riding a bike or walking at any given moment, city engineer Brent Schmitt said. Based on a count a few years ago, the city decided Evansville needs to be more accessible, which in part led to the Walnut Street project.

The work is costing millions and being funded by the city state through a grant. Schmitt said the project is his "vision" for Evansville. "My goal, in what time I'm graced with being able to have this role, is to be able to allow people that live and work and visit our city to be comfortable and to be healthy and to continue to work and go to the grocery and do all these
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THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE (CONTINUED)

things whether they have a car or not," Schmitt said. He said the road diet should make traffic flow smoother than before and make pedestrians feel safer.

The Courier & Press asked for the data on the usage of bike lanes, but the city was unable to provide any. Bike lanes Evansville Trails Coalition Executive Director Lorie Van Hook said existing bike lanes in the city are used everyday for both transportation and recreation.

"For temporary inconvenience, having infrastructure that supports this kind of mobility is important," Hook said. Evansville was once ranked among the most-obese city in the country. According

to County Health Rankings adult obesity for Vanderburgh County sits at 34%. But Van Hook said cities with more mobility infrastructure, such as bike and walking lanes, tend to be healthier. Walnut Street is one of many streets with those types of options. They also came in through the overhaul of North Main Street, and they did several roads along the greenway."

"The more we find ways to make connections and mobility, the healthier and safer the community feels," Van Hook said. Creating awareness, she also hopes the stretch will make riding safer for cyclists. Evansville Bicycle Club held a "ride of silence" a few months ago to honor those who were injured or killed in

biking accidents. From 2009-2013, there were 145 bike-related accidents reported in Vanderburgh County.

Vice President of Evansville Bicycle Club Mario Leavell said he has seen more people out using the lanes, which creates awareness for drivers.

"I'm glad to see the city put more infrastructure for bike lanes," he said. "I hope they continue adding more bike lanes."

Stay safe, and find me a cheap freezer

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EBC AUGUST RIDE NOTES

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**DID ANYONE SAY IT'S HOT
OUT THERE?**

**REMEMBER TO STAY
HYDRATED!**

Just a few noteworthy items:

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 —
STRASSENFEST**

7:00 AM (EDST) Jasper, IN
10, 20, 50, 65 miles

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH—
CLUB MEETING**

**Come join us at Roca Bar
on S. Kentucky Ave.
6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Meeting.**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 —
CLUB CENTURY**

7:00 AM, Crossroads Church. Mt.
Vernon or Touring Route

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 —
BLUEGRASS CENTURY**

8:00 AM, 550 Worthington Rd.,
Owensboro, KY
30. 62. 100 miles; \$75 until August
24th; \$80 D.O.R.

**Remember to wear your EBC jersey
when riding on Sundays! Also it is
nice to wear them when riding at
organized rides so we can recognize
each other and represent our club**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 —
CLUB CENTURY**

7:00 AM, Crossroads Church. Mt.
Vernon or Touring Route

August 2022 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Wear your EBC jersey on Sunday rides.</p> <p>Helmets are always mandatory!</p>	<p>1 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access</p> <p>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>3 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</p> <p>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Ride 15,24,28 mi.</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p> <p>6:00 PM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 mi.</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>6 7:00 (8 eastern) Strassensfest Jasper, IN \$5 10,20,50,65</p> <p>9:00 AM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell 28 Mi.</p> <p>1:00 PM @ Dogtown Boat Ramp Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23,</p>
<p>7 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,24,33</p> <p>2:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi.</p>	<p>8 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access</p> <p>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>10 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</p> <p>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Ride 15,24,28 mi.</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23 mi</p> <p>6:00 Social Time.</p> <p>6:30 PM Club Meeting @Roca Bar 1618 S. Kentucky Ave</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>13 9:00 @ Korner Inn in Elberfeld 21, 29 mi.</p> <p>1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>14 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness-TP Route (57 & Kansas) 23,37 mi.</p> <p>2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>15 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access</p> <p>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>17 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</p> <p>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Ride 15,24,28 mi.</p>	<p>18 7:00 Club Century @ Crossroads Church on Outer Lincoln, 100 mi. Mt. Vernon or Touring</p> <p>9:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p> <p>6:00 PM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 mi.</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>20 7:00 AM Club Century @ Crossroads Church Mt. Vernon or Touring</p> <p>9:00 Hawg "N Sauce in Mt. Vernon, 30 mi.</p> <p>1:00 PM @ Dogtown Boat Ramp Old Henderson Rd. 12, 23, 30, 45 mi</p>
<p>21 10:00 AM @ West Terrace School 19, 33 mi.</p> <p>2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>23 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access</p> <p>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>24 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</p> <p>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Ride 15,24,28 mi.</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23 mi.</p>	<p>26 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22,33 mi</p>	<p>27 9:00 @ Hornville Tavern Baseline Rd. 21, 29 mi.</p> <p>1:00 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi.</p>
<p>28 10:00 AM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23, 32 mi.</p> <p>2:00PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi.</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM @ 4H Fairgrounds 15,24,28 mi</p> <p>6:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ 4-H Fairground 15 mi</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM @ I-69 Access</p> <p>Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17,22 mi</p>	<p>31 12:30 @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17,23,35 mi.</p> <p>5:30 4-H Fairgrounds Ride 15,24,28 mi.</p>	<p>EBC Membership form can be found at : http://EvansvilleBicycleClubMembershipApplication & Renewal - Cheddar Up</p>		<p>New Riders need to be ready to leave 30 minutes early and are encouraged to start with a "Come Ride With Us" Ride</p>

MIKE & DEBBIE'S RIDE ACROSS OHIO



The Ohio to Erie Trail. Six days, 326 miles of scenic dedicated bike paths through rural Ohio.



Evansville Bicycle Club — 2022 Club Mileage

Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	11/1/23		2	32	1225
2 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/22		2	43	1074
3 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/22		11	25	892
4 Kercher, Greg	4/1/23			35	861
5 Sullivan, Patrick	3/1/23		9	19	730
6 Niethammer, Jim	2/1/23		6	30	584
7 Vernier, Richard	3/1/23			20	490
7 Vernier, Sue	3/1/23			20	490
9 Farr, Lance	12/1/22		2	14	408
10 Seger, Khris	12/1/22		5	12	406
11 Johnson, Bill	7/1/22			13	394
12 Brouillard, Gene	2/1/23			15	367
13 Bosko, John	6/1/22			14	360
14 Heiss, Dave	12/1/22			10	284
15 Kempf, Josh	4/1/23			17	148
16 Carter, Archie	8/1/26			4	117
17 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/22			3	51
18 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/23			1	17
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/22		7		
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		4		

Men's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Wingert, Chuck	10/1/22		2	43	1074
2 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/22		11	25	892
3 Kercher, Greg	4/1/23			35	861
4 Sullivan, Patrick	3/1/23		9	19	730
5 Niethammer, Jim	2/1/23		6	30	584
6 Vernier, Richard	3/1/23			20	490
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12 Heiss, Dave	12/1/22			10	284
13 Kempf, Josh	4/1/23			17	148
14 Carter, Archie	8/1/26			4	117
15 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/22			3	51
16 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/23			1	17
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/22		7		
Gardner, Gary	6/1/23		4		

Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	11/1/23		2	32	1225
2 Vernier, Sue	3/1/23			20	490

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
Thunder Road	4/24
Ride of Silence	5/18
Horse Hundred	5/28 – 5/29
State Games	6/12



Photo from Memorial Day Weekend's Horsey 100 in Georgetown, KY, courtesy, Richard Vernier

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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