



EBC BIKEWRITER

NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE BICYCLE CLUB • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA • JANUARY, 2024

2024

Happy New Year

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 JANUARY, 2024

RENEWALS

Seger, Khris
Farr, Lance
Palmer, Dale

TOTAL EBC MEMBERS - 179
Paid Members - 137
Past Due Members - 42

Memberships expired
December 2023

Blackford, Elizabeth
Keplinger, Klifton
Endress, Michael
Breivogel, Gary
Lancaster, Jeff

Memberships expiring
January 2024

Ashworth, David
Gatewood, Ronald
Bartley, Johnnie
Perry, Bryan
Armstrong, Dan
Kuhr, Shayna

Memberships set to expire
February 2024

Robertson, Janet
Brouillard, Eugene
Niethammer, Jim
Hawley, Thomas
Straka, Dave
Neff, Ward



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

THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

Kevin Otolski • Kotolski@gmail.com

Happy New Year everyone:

It's incredible to think that my five-year tenure as EBC president is drawing to a close. At this year's club banquet, you will have the opportunity to elect a new president and fill various other leadership positions. While serving as president, I've cherished the experiences, even during the challenging times of navigating through the Covid years, wondering if we'd generate enough funds to sustain our charitable efforts and keep the EBC lights on. My sincere gratitude goes to the leadership team and special advisers who supported me throughout my term. Your input and guidance have been invaluable.

As we head into 2024, the club stands strong with a membership of approximately 145 members. I want to express special thanks to Erica Leavell, our membership chairwoman, for her outstanding work in streamlining the membership process and reaching out to renewing members. Additionally, I extend my appreciation to Steve Smith and Wes Jordan for their efforts, which have led to a slight increase in participation among our younger riders.

I'm eager to see their plans unfold in the coming year.

This fall, our acting EBC Secretary and Special Olympics coach, Jeff Lancaster, relocated to Indianapolis. I extend my thanks to Adam Head for stepping in as interim secretary. Special gratitude also goes to Jef Erk, who will be taking over as our fourth Special Olympics coach, succeeding Jeff.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the members who contribute to the success of the GPM. Your efforts are crucial, and without you, we couldn't host such events. Although I won't be president next year, I'm excited to continue my involvement as the GPM coordinator for the 42nd Great Pumpkin Metric.

In other club updates, I'm pleased to announce our new Advocacy Chairman, Pat Sullivan. Following the passing of long-time member Paul Jenson, Pat was voted in by the EBC board of directors. Congratulations, Pat!

A big shout-out to Carey Bockting for winning last month's "Where's Mike's Bike contest," sponsored by Endress Capital Management.



Carey receives \$50 in shop credit from Cycology Performance bike shop.

Mark your calendars for the EBC banquet on January 27th, 2024, at Archie and Clydes in Newburgh. Doors open at 5:30 PM, and dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Look out for an email or RSVP to the URL link on the Ride Notes (at the bottom of the link) or Ride Calendar pages in this newsletter. Wishing everyone a safe and great 2024

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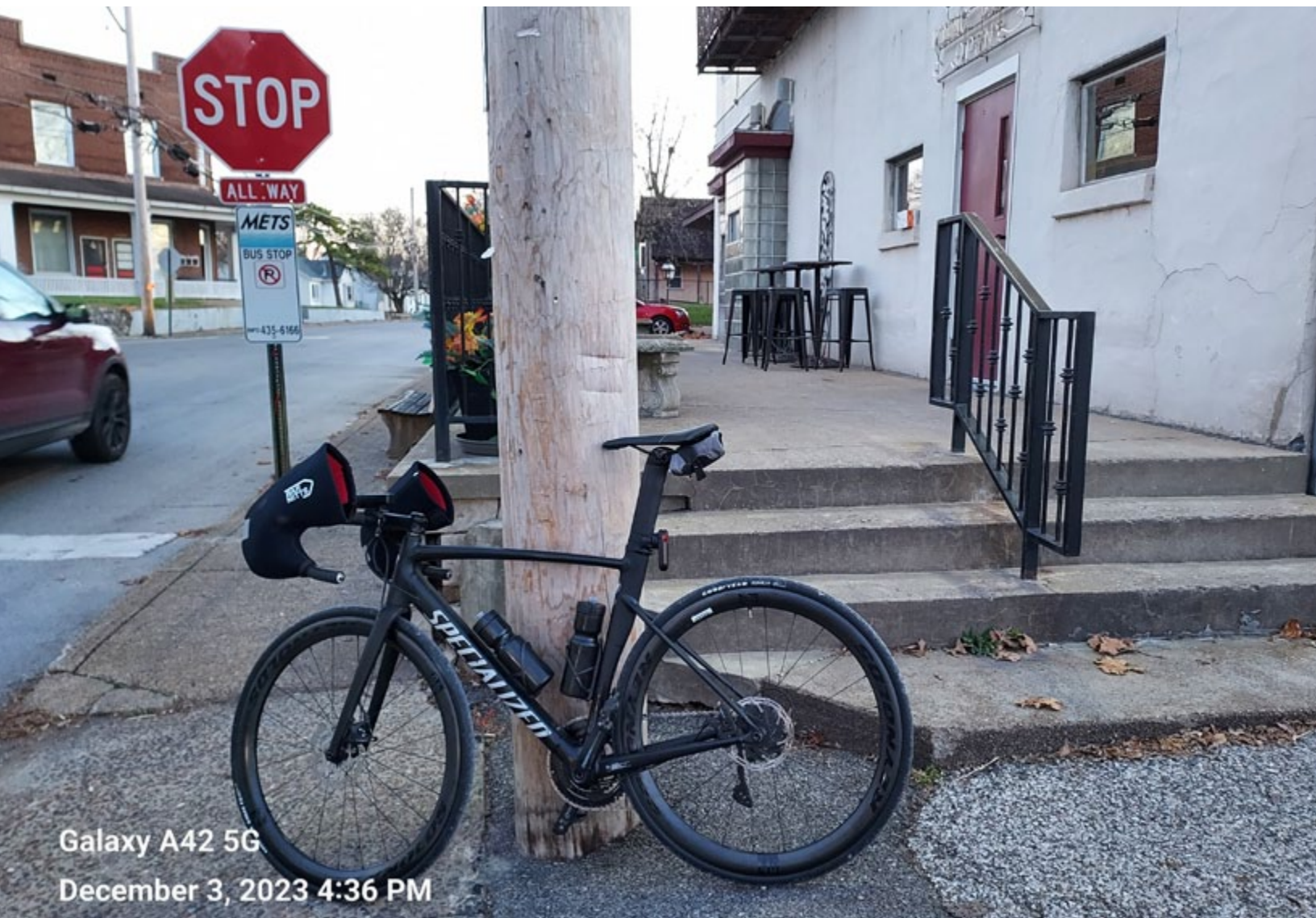
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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MIKE'S BIKE?



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MIKE'S BIKE?

Take a closer look at the intriguing photograph captured somewhere in the charming Evansville & Newburgh area. Could it be a hidden gem nestled along the riverfront, a quaint coffee cafe on a historic street, or a breathtaking vista from one of our iconic viewpoints? The possibilities are as diverse as our vibrant community!

"Guess the location" is proudly sponsored by Michael Endress, President & Financial Advisor of Endress Capital Management, L.L.C.

To win, simply channel your inner detective and submit your best detailed description of where this captivating snapshot was taken. Submit your brilliant deduction to evansville.bike.club@gmail.com with the subject of "Mike's bike"

All correct entries will be carefully collected and placed into a hat, and during the next club meeting one winner will be drawn. Don't worry if you can't attend in person; your presence isn't required to claim the victory!

Send your well-thought-out guess to evansville.bike.club@gmail.com, and you could be the lucky recipient of a special prize courtesy of Mike. It's time to showcase your local knowledge and revel in the thrill of discovery. The spotlight is on you, so seize the moment and let the guessing games begin!

EBC JANUARY RIDE NOTES

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!!!

JANUARY 27 AT 5:30 PM

DINNER AT 6:00 PM

**EBC ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET AT
ARCHIE AND CLYDE'S IN NEWBURGH**

<http://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-evansville-bicycle-club-annual-awards-banquet/barriers/visitor-report?cart=6e854eee-543a-4e54-982a-d806545e696f%21%2169792029>

MONDAYS – 1:00 PM –
4H Fairgrounds –15, 24, 28 miles

TUESDAYS – 10:00 AM –
I-69 Access, Olmstead & Burkhardt Roads –
17, 22 miles

WEDNESDAYS – 12:30 PM –
Elite Fitness Hwy 57 & Kansas Roads –
17, 23, 35 miles

WEDNESDAYS – 6:00 PM –
Circuit Ride, Wesselman Park on Boeke Road –
Ride up to 20 miles. Lights required.

THURSDAYS – 10 AM –
Old Dam Site, Newburgh –27 miles

FRIDAYS – 1:00 PM –
I-69 Access, Olmstead & Burkhardt Roads –
17, 22 or 33 miles

SATURDAY, JAN 6 & 13 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM –
Silver Bell, St. Wendells (Hornville Route) –
29 miles.

SATURDAY, JAN 20 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM –
Korner Inn in Elberfeld –
29 miles

SATURDAY, JAN 27 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM –
Hog N' Sauce, Mt. Vernon –
30 miles

NO CLUB CENTURIES FOR JANUARY

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!

At this year's Posey County Special Olympics Banquet, EBC member Josh Kempf was celebrated for his remarkable success in cycling this year. Josh was accompanied by two of his coaches, Pat Sullivan and Kevin Otolksi. Along with fellow coaches Jim Niethammer and Jeff Lancaster, Josh has achieved an incredible 260 miles this season, and over 1000 miles in total in the last four years.

Congratulations to Josh and the coaching staff on this amazing accomplishment!



January 2024 E.B.C. Ride Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Make Your Reservation!! January 27 at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:00 PM EBC Annual Club Banquet at Archie and Clyde's in Newburgh https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-evansville-bicycle-club-annual-awards-banquet/barriers/visitor-report?cart=6e854eee-543a-4e54-982a-d806545e696f%21%2169792029</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day 1:00 PM @ 4H Fair-grounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>3 12:30 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell (Hornville Route) 21, 29 Mi. 1:00 PM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell (Hornville Route) 21, 29 Mi.</p>
<p>7 10:00 AM Come Ride With Us and Kids Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park Up to 20 mi 10:00 AM @ Castle HS on Hwy 261 in Newburgh 23, 32 mi. 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>8 1:00 PM @ 4H Fair-grounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>10 12:30 PM @ 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.</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell 28 Mi. 1:00 PM @ Silver Bell in St. Wendell 28 Mi.</p>
<p>14 10:00 AM Come Ride With Us and Kids Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park Up to 20 mi 10:00 AM @ Mesker Park Dr. and Wimberg Ave. 23 or 38 mi. 1:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>15 1:00 PM @ 4H Fair-grounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>17 12:30 PM @ Elite Fitness 57 and Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35 mi. 6:00 PM Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park on Boeke Rd. Ride up to 20 mi. Lights required</p>	<p>18 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM @ Korner Inn in Elberfeld 21, 30 mi. 1:00 PM @ Korner Inn in Elberfeld 21, 30 mi.</p>
<p>21 10:00 AM Come Ride With Us and Kids Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park Up to 20 mi 10:00 AM @ Scott School on Old State Rd. 15, 26, 33 mi. 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access, Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, 33 mi</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM @ 4H Fair-grounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>24 12:30 PM @ 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.</p>	<p>25 10:00 AM @ Old Dam Site, Newburgh, 27 mi.</p>	<p>26 1:00 PM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22, or 33 mi</p>	<p>27 10:00 @ Hawg "N Sauce in Mt. Vernon, 30 mi. 1:00 PM @ Hawg "N Sauce in Mt. Vernon, 30 mi 5:30 PM Social time 6:00 PM Dinner EBC Annual Club Banquet - at Archie and Clydes 8309 Bell Oaks Dr. Newburgh</p>
<p>28 10:00 AM Come Ride With Us and Kids Circuit Ride @ Wesselman Park Up to 20 mi 10:00 AM @ Elite Fitness @ 57 & Kansas Rd. 17, 23, 35, 43 mi 1:00 PM Come Ride With Us @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 24, 33 mi</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM @ 4H Fair-grounds 15, 24, 28 mi</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM @ I-69 Access Burkhardt & Olmstead Rds. 17, 22 mi</p>	<p>31 12:30 PM @ 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.</p>	<p>HELMETS ARE ALWAYS MANDATORY!</p>	<p>Make your reservation for the EBC Banquet!! Don't miss out on this fun event. Annual awards will be presented. Reservation deadline Jan. 23. Banquet on Saturday Jan. 27</p>	

Evansville Bicycle Club – 2023 Club Mileage

Overall Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	11/1/23		113	3353	
2 Smith, Steven	5/1/24		11	104	3013
3 Kercher, Greg	4/1/24			92	2370
4 Johnson, Bill	7/1/24			87	2350
5 Wingert, Chuck	5/1/24	1	62	2059	
6 Jordan, Wes	7/1/24	14	70	2045	
7 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/24	20	56	1811	
8 Bosko, John	6/1/24		63	1689	
9 Sullivan, Patrick	3/1/24	19	41	1668	
10 Vernier, Richard	3/1/24		62	1478	
10 Vernier, Sue	3/1/24		62	1478	
12 Straka, David	2/1/24		47	1395	
13 Erk, Jeffrey	7/1/24	10	34	1216	
14 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/24		42	1001	
15 Brouillard, Gene	2/1/24		40	940	
16 Nelli, John	11/1/23		32	818	
17 Weyer, Theresa	5/1/24		13	694	
18 Dohogne, Jim	3/1/24		43	661	
19 Head, Adam	8/1/24	3	18	469	
20 Fiedler, Matt	6/1/24		15	435	
20 Fiedler, Tim	6/1/24		15	435	
22 Lancaster, Jeff	12/1/23	7	4	418	
23 Hawley, Tom	2/1/24		17	396	
24 Janowski, Robert	3/1/24	3	6	381	
25 Seger, Khris	12/1/23	5	12	380	
26 Kirby, Ken	10/1/23		11	301	
27 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/23		30	284	
28 Kempf, Josh	4/1/29		27	261	
29 Jordan, Ben	7/1/24		16	142	
30 Farr, Lance	12/1/23		6	140	
31 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/24		11	139	
32 Weber, Scott	8/1/24		5	117	
33 Jordan, Katie	7/1/24		15	98	
34 Wilson, Ned	3/1/24		3	86	
35 Jordan, Emma	7/1/24		14	83	
36 Weyer, Audrey	5/1/24		3	68	
37 Smith, Emmett	5/1/24		8	60	
38 Shrimpton, Dave	3/1/24		2	59	
39 Fraley, Ben	6/1/24		2	58	
39 Palmer, Dale	1/1/24		2	58	
41 Fraley, Liesl	6/1/24		3	41	
42 Adler, Gary	9/1/24		1	29	
42 Hernandez, Jose	9/1/24		1	29	
42 Shrimpton, Phoebe	3/1/24		1	29	
45 Brindle, Sonya	3/1/24		1	17	
46 Brown, Kaden	1/1/24		1	15	
47 Brake, Tony	5/1/24		1	10	
47 Head, Kate	8/1/24		2	10	
49 Feldkamp, Bud	3/1/24		1	9	
49 Leavell, Mario	6/1/24		1	9	
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/23	22			

Men's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Smith, Steven	5/1/24		11	104	3013
2 Kercher, Greg	4/1/24			92	2370
3 Johnson, Bill	7/1/24			87	2350
4 Wingert, Chuck	5/1/24	1	62	2059	
5 Jordan, Wes	7/1/24	14	70	2045	
6 Otolski, Kevin	7/1/24	20	56	1811	
7 Bosko, John	6/1/24		63	1689	
8 Sullivan, Patrick	3/1/24	19	41	1668	
9 Vernier, Richard	3/1/24		62	1478	
10 Straka, David	2/1/24		47	1395	
11 Erk, Jeffrey	7/1/24	10	34	1216	
12 Maurer, Kenneth	8/1/24		42	1001	
13 Brouillard, Gene	2/1/24		40	940	
14 Nelli, John	11/1/23		32	818	
15 Dohogne, Jim	3/1/24		43	661	
16 Head, Adam	8/1/24	3	18	469	
17 Fiedler, Matt	6/1/24		15	435	
17 Fiedler, Tim	6/1/24		15	435	
19 Lancaster, Jeff	12/1/23	7	4	418	
20 Hawley, Tom	2/1/24		17	396	
21 Janowski, Robert	3/1/24	3	6	381	
22 Seger, Khris	12/1/23	5	12	380	
23 Kirby, Ken	10/1/23		11	301	
24 Kempf, Josh	4/1/29		27	261	
25 Jordan, Ben	7/1/24		16	142	
26 Farr, Lance	12/1/23		6	140	
27 Gatewood, Ronald	1/1/24		11	139	
28 Weber, Scott	8/1/24		5	117	
29 Wilson, Ned	3/1/24		3	86	
30 Smith, Emmett	5/1/24		8	60	
31 Shrimpton, Dave	3/1/24		2	59	
32 Fraley, Ben	6/1/24		2	58	
32 Palmer, Dale	1/1/24		2	58	
34 Adler, Gary	9/1/24		1	29	
34 Hernandez, Jose	9/1/24		1	29	
36 Brake, Tony	5/1/24		1	10	
37 Feldkamp, Bud	3/1/24		1	9	
37 Leavell, Mario	6/1/24		1	9	
Yeager, Rusty	6/1/23	22			

Women's Standings

Club Member	Exp.	Ride Host	100 Miles	No. of Rides	Club Miles
1 Bies, Diane	11/1/23			113	3353
2 Vernier, Sue	3/1/24			62	1478
3 Weyer, Theresa	5/1/24			13	694
4 Corcoran, Lisa	11/1/23			30	284
5 Jordan, Katie	7/1/24			15	98
6 Jordan, Emma	7/1/24			14	83
7 Fraley, Liesl	6/1/24			3	41
8 Shrimpton, Phoebe	3/1/24			1	29
9 Brindle, Sonya	3/1/24			1	17
10 Brown, Kaden	1/1/24			1	15
11 Head, Kate	8/1/24			2	10

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
Hawg 'N Sauce	30
Hornville Tavern	29
Korner Inn in Elberfeld	30
Silver Bell	28
Full Moon	17
New Albany	122
Hosted Rides	Max. Mileage
Darmstadt Inn Memorial Day	23
Specialty Rides	Date
Tour de Cure – Goodyear	3/18
Pedal Putnam 100km	5/6
Cheaha Challenge	5/20
CRAM	5/27
Horsey 100	5/27
Pedal Putnam 100K	5/6
Cheaha Challenge	5/20
CRAM	5/27
Horsey 100	5/27
Wheel Lee Fun Ride	6/11
RAIN	7/15
Hincapie Fondo Bangor	6/24
Triple Bypass Fondo	7/22
Ride Around Clark County	7/22
RAGBRAI	7/23
Strassefest	8/5
CASA Subaru 24 Hour	8/5
Hancock Flat 50	8/26
Blueberry Bike Cruise	9/2
Ride the Drive	9/3
Tunnel Hill Ride	9/17
Cover Gibson County Habitat Ride	9/23
Hilly Hundred	10/7

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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