

# The sprocket

Southern Indiana Wheelmen

March-April 2000

## President's Message

Paul Beach

Well, we sure started the New Year off right. Thanks again to Bob & Linda Martin for hosting the January 1<sup>st</sup> Polar Bear Ride. It was a great bike route and the weather was great too, a little cool (37°) starting out – but warmed up fast.

January was also our first club meeting for 2000. We had 14 members present, including our new officer, Kyle Baker, VP of Touring. As always, all members are welcome and *encouraged* to attend the bimonthly S.I.W. meetings. Please, let's help Kyle fill the up-coming ride schedules with new rides and more ride captains.

Here are just a few events to mark on your calendar:

- 2000 Club Meetings – Mar 23, May 18, Jul 20, Sep 21, and Nov 2
- Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up – Saturday, April 8
- Meet & Eat – Sunday, April 16 (at the “new” Rocky's Restaurant)
- East Egg Ride – April 22 (joint ride with Slow Spokes)

## Beginner Rides

Dick Keith

Every Wednesday in April there will be a beginner's ride starting at 5:30 p.m. from Wilson School (at the intersection of Jeff.-Charlestown Pike and Holsman Lane). Everyone is invited: new riders with Christmas bikes, Slowspoke riders, and SIW riders who may remember being fast in 1999. Regardless of your pace, you are encouraged to begin the cycling year with your friends.

## A Choice of Awards

TheKimers

New for 2000, riders with 1000 miles will have a choice of awards. They can pick the traditional Louisville Stoneware Mug, or they can receive a gift certificate of comparable value to Clarksville Schwinn.

The club is in **NOT** going to do away with the mugs, it's giving those members who already have several mugs an alternative. Ninety-five percent of the members will probably go with the mugs; however, the club aims to please.

If a Louisville Stoneware mug doesn't entice you to ride 1000 miles, maybe a gift certificate will help get you out of bed on a cold, rainy, windy morning in March!

## Milestones & Gallstones

TheKimers

1. Ken & Jodi are proud grandparents, a baby boy (Ean Paul).
2. Duane & Christine have a new son (Joseph Victor), born Dec. 18, 1999.
3. Bob & Linda Martin are proud grandparents, a baby girl (Courtney Nicole).
4. Susie P. has some sharp new wheels, an Oldsmobile Bravado.
5. TheKimers have a new pool table, all hustlers please drop in.
6. TheKimers have a new kitten (Kate), drop in to play pool before the table is shredded.



Joseph Stickler 1 week old



## Amish Images

Jan Alexander

navy work pants and home-sewn pastel dresses  
flapping along clotheslines

barefoot boys  
sporting sugarbowl haircuts and blue suspender-held pants

dignified, buggy-driving elders  
in long, gray beards and flat-brimmed hats

shy girls and modest women,  
hair tucked under starched white bonnets

flat and peaceful countryside,  
a patchwork quilt of small, family farms

trotting brown buggy horses  
clippity-clopping along asphalt roads

roads with buggy lanes;  
fresh mounds of dark "apples" and flat, tan "pies"

pin-neat, white houses with yards  
lined by weedless flower and vegetable gardens

young Amish wife  
tossing grain from her apron to the barnyard chickens

Amish women and girls  
Selling lemonade and cookies at roadside stands;  
A boy at one—his transportation (a Pony) tethered nearby  
As he mutely examines ours (bicycles) with saucer wide eyes

Daytime culture clash on a corner in Shippshewana: a quiet  
Amish girl in a sidewalk booth selling buggy ride tickets and  
an "English" boy at the red light in a car blasting rap

Nighttime culture clash: fragile, black buggies with  
fluorescent orange triangles and battery powered lights  
sharing the same state highway with barreling, armored  
semis (David's horse power vs. Goliath's horsepower)

Incongruity #1: six buggies in the Pizza Hut parking lot

Incongruity #2: a church run military academy

Incongruity #3: an Episcopal military academy in pacifist  
Amish country

## Upcoming Events

TheKimers

**Horsey Hundred 2000** is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, **May 26-28, 2000**, at [Georgetown College](http://www.georgetowncollege.edu) in [Georgetown, Kentucky](http://www.georgetowncollege.edu).

### **Brownstown Round Barn Ride**

The Round Barn Bike Ride offers rides of 32 and 62 miles featuring flat to gently rolling routes through some of southern Indiana's most scenic and picturesque country side. Riders on both routes will encounter the tour's signature round barns (three in all) with opportunity for a self-guided tour through two of these architecturally-awesome agricultural art forms. In addition to the round barns, the ride takes riders by one of Indiana's longest covered bridges located on the White River just outside the sleepy community of Medora, Indiana. With the 32-mile route feeding into the 62 mile route has something to offer riders of all abilities. Whether you're interested in a carefree, leisurely stroll while taking in the sites or a serious and challenging workout conquering some intense inclines, this ride is sure to please you all the way around.

Fees: Email or phone for fee information.

Date: July 8, 2000

Distances: 32 / 62 miles

City, State: Brownstown, Indiana

Start Location: Brownstown Central High School

Start Time: 7:00 - 9:00 am

Email: [lrayer@hsonline.net](mailto:lrayer@hsonline.net)

More Information: Brownstown Exchange Club, Larry Raymer, 1441 S. CR 150 W., Brownstown, IN 47220.

Phone: 812-358-5040 (H) or 812-358-3680 (W).

### **RAGBRAI XXVIII**

RAGBRAI®, The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa®, is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state. RAGBRAI is the longest, largest and oldest touring bicycle ride in the world. In the beginning, no one imagined that RAGBRAI® would become the Iowa tradition it is now. We at The Des Moines Register thank all the riders who have joined us over the years and especially thank the thousands and thousands of volunteers in the towns we've visited along the way for their tireless work to show RAGBRAI riders the hospitality that has made our ride world famous.

Date: July 23 - 29, 2000

Distances: ~468 miles in seven days

City, State: Des Moines, Iowa

Online information: <http://www.angelfire.com/mi/kbc>

Email: [jimg@ragbrai.org](mailto:jimg@ragbrai.org)


More information: RAGBRAI, P.O. Box 622, Des Moines, Iowa 50303-0622



## Coming in April

**Kyle Baker**

Beginning in April, on the S.I.W. Wheelmen Tuesday night ride, we will be trying a new ride format. Instead of a group start, we will utilize a staggered start in an attempt to have everyone finishing at approximately the same time. The goal is to have everyone complete the course at approximately 7:30pm at which time they will sign the ride sheet. The club hopes a large group of riders will then meet at one of the fast food restaurants.

The course is 25.5 miles long and is marked with yellow arrows and "C's". Example: "  "

The ride originates at Silver Creek High School and goes to Charlestown and returns by way of Possum Trot and Whittinghill roads to the Memphis-Charlestown road and back to Silver Creek High School.

Course directions are as follows:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| L.: North Hwy. 31      | L.: Possum Trot/Fox    |
| R.: Weber/Brick Church | L.: Whittinghill       |
| L.: Stricker           | R.: Memphis-Chas.      |
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| L.: West Hwy. 160      | R.: Weber/Brick Church |
| R.: Jack Teeple        | L.: South Hwy. 31      |
| L.: Harry Hughes       |                        |

Use the following list to determine your starting time.

If you average is	Your start time is
13 mph	5:32pm
14 mph	5:40pm
15 mph	5:48pm
16 mph	5:55pm
17 mph	6:00pm
18 mph	6:05pm
19 mph	6:10pm
20 mph	6:15pm



**Phyllis Lewis (Polar Bear Ride-2000)**



**Keith Lipe (Polar Bear 2000)**

