

THE SPROCKET

March-April, 2001

President's Message by Phyllis Lewis

SIW Web Page:
<http://www.aye.net/>

The January Club Meeting was attended by 16 SIW members at the Clarksville Public Library.

Several issues were discussed including upcoming rides, the April 21st highway clean up, the new Club Jersey, Harvest Homecoming, and ways to better promote SIW.

If you are interested in Club promotion, please contact me. We are looking for someone (or ones) to get our ride schedules printed free in local papers and to otherwise promote what SIW has to offer. All ideas and volunteers are welcome. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer or

know of someone you would like to "volunteer."

Please take the time to:

1. read the article on page 2 concerning the new Club Jersey and Wind Vest;
2. fill out the order form on page 3, and;
3. mail it (as well as 50% of your order) to me by March 12.

Our goal is to have at least 50 orders by then. You can talk to me or one of the other members of the Jersey Committee (Carrie Baker, Joan Gilley, Jerry and Kristi Juliot, Debra Moore, and Pete Schuler) if you have any questions.

See Bob Peters if you have any ideas for this fall's Harvest Homecoming Ride or t-shirt.

A Meet and Eat was held on February 18 at Buckheads in Jeffersonville. A good time was enjoyed by all 18 who attended. Come join us at the next Meet and Eat on April 22 at Logan's Roadhouse in Clarksville.

I pick up the Club mail. Call me if you'd like information concerning out-of-town rides, or attend a club meeting where this information will be on display and you may pick up any that interests you.

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Polar Bear Ride 2001 by Ron and Malvery McKim

January 1, 2001 was the perfect Polar Bear day; that is, if you are a Polar Bear. Gray skies, blowing snow, 25-degree temperature, and snow-covered roads made biking conditions absolutely perfect.

Even though twenty S.I.W. members were present, only two were dedicated enough to bring bikes and ride. Much discussion preceded the ride. Most of the club members were asking the two riders personal questions, like; "ARE YOU CRAZY?" "Aren't you afraid of slick roads?" "Are you going for the touring jersey?" and "Aren't you going to have an ambulance on standby?"

The two said, "We're riding! Besides, Jerry and Kristi always ride and when they get here, the four of us are going to have a great time!"

About three minutes later, Jerry and Kristi strolled in without bikes and wearing street clothes. It was way past the 15 minute

grace period and our courageous two had a decision to make: "Do we ride?" or "Do we eat chocolate brownies and fudge with everybody else?"

Sound the trumpets! Roll the cameras! Paul and Barb headed down the driveway. Knobby tires biting for traction, our two heroes battled the elements for the thrill and enjoyment of cycling. The rest of us only watched and wished we had that much dedication.

Speaking of dedication, after seeing Paul and Barb off, the rest of us decided that Bob and Linda's giant screen T.V. and large buffet table full of snacks and desserts needed our utmost attention. No one counted calories as they enjoyed the plentiful and delicious food.

Bob M. and Steve M. had their usual conversation about the finer qualities of domestic beer and imported beer. Dick K. won the group over with a nice quantity of imported beer from his favorite

distiller.

Yes, (for those wondering), Paul and Barb made it back before lunch. They had ridden for about an hour and had a great time. Maybe next year their dedication will rub off on some of the rest of us.

This was the fifth year in a row that Bob and Linda opened their house for this special occasion. Each year they improve the Polar Bear Ride with their hospitality and friendship. The attendance continues to rise even with inclement weather. Thanks for everything you do, Bob and Linda: we truly appreciate your hard work.

The "we" in attendance this year were: Bob and Susie, Kyle and Carrie, Jerry and Kristi, Paul and Barb, Ken and Jodi, Steve and Sharon, Charlie O., Father Mike, Phyllis (the Pres), Dick K., Ron G., Rob J., and Ron and Malvery McKim.

Reserve Your New SIW Jersey/Vest by Carrie Baker

Don't be left out: show your club spirit by ordering your newly designed SIW jersey or wind vest now! The ordering deadline is March 12, 2001.

The cost of the (white plus three color) jersey is \$52.00. The cost of the vest (identical to the jersey but without sleeves) is \$45.00. Half of the cost must be paid when you place your order. Final payment is due at the time of delivery (the first week of May).

The jersey and vest are both made by Voler. **Sizes do run small, so be sure you order the right size as we cannot return them.**

If you are interested in ordering a jersey or vest, please use the order form on page 3.

Any questions? Call Phyllis at 283-4860 or another member of the Jersey/Vest Committee. (The members are listed in the "President's Message" on page 1.)



Capital Bike Challenge by Mark Kemp

Are you ready to ride one of the first tours of the season? Enjoy beautiful Kentucky scenery on an early spring ride sponsored annually by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The goal for this year's Capital Bike Challenge is for 100 people to bike either 50 or 100 miles to raise funds to send 100 teenagers to FCA summer camp.

The Capital Bike Challenge is a moderately hilly (#3), fully SAG supported, one-day ride. All riders will receive a T-shirts.

When: Saturday, May 12, 2001.
Sign-in at 7:00 AM.

Start: Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, Middletown, KY.

To: the Capitol Building in Frankfort, KY. (Fifty-milers will ride a bus back.)

For more information (including pledging/pledge sheets) contact Mark or Teresa Kemp at 256-3019.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, **March 22: SIW Meeting**, 7:15 PM at the Clarksville Public Library.

Saturday, **April 14: Easter Ride**. SIW and Slowspokes will start at different locations and meet up at Deam Lake. See ride schedules.

Saturday, **April 21: Adopt a Highway Clean Up**. Meet at the Memphis Truck Stop for a free breakfast at 6:45 AM or at 8 AM for the trash pickup. (Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and waterproof shoes. Bring a few safety pins.) Ride to follow.

Sunday, **April 22: Meet and Eat**, 6:30 PM at Logan's Roadhouse on Hwy 131 in Clarksville. RSVP with Kyle and Carrie Baker: 284-4708.

HELP NEEDED!!

Publicity/Promotions

Your help is needed to assist the club in attaining its goal of increasing membership in 2001.

Contact Phyllis Lewis if you can help in any of the following areas: t.v., radio, internet, or newspaper announcements; distributing flyers to health clubs or Louisville bike stores; mailing ride announcements to other bike clubs in time for inclusion in their newsletters, etc.

Harvest Homecoming Ride

If you have an idea for this year's Harvest Homecoming t-shirt design, please submit it to Bob Peters at Clarksville Schwinn. It can pertain to color or design. Sketches are welcome.

SIW Club Jersey/Wind Vest Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Write the number you are ordering on the correct line(s) below.

Jersey (\$52)

Man's: __ XS __ S __ M __ L __ 2XL __ 3XL

Woman's: __ XS __ S __ M __ L __ 2XL __ 3XL

Wind Vest (\$45)

Man's: __ XS __ S __ M __ L __ 2XL

Please complete, detach, and mail this order form, along with at least half the amount of your order, to: Phyllis Lewis, SIW President: 1205 Birchwood Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130, by March 12, 2001.

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NOTICE: This is the last issue you will receive if your 2001 dues are unpaid. If your address label says "Membership: 2000," you have not paid your dues for the current year. To renew, please use the membership application on an enclosed Ride Schedule.

Polar Bears: Paul and Barb Beach brave the elements.

Photo by
The McKims



Stumped by Joan Gilley's photo in the last issue? Ron and Malvery McKim won the photo contest by correctly guessing all four of the riders. From left to right they were Jean Van Cader, Bob Russell, Peg Meyer, and Joan. (The 5th figure, Jack O'Lantern, certainly looked a little worse for wear!) The picture was taken around 1980 on Aiken Road in Middletown. If you have a photo that you would like included in a future edition of the newsletter, send it and the accompanying text to Jim and Jan Alexander: 3201 Julian Dr., New Albany, IN 47150, or e-mail it to us: felix3@aol.com. Thanks!