

# THE SPROCKET

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**Getting Hitched!** Congratulations and best wishes go out to Ryan Edwards and Kristy Blankenship who are getting married on Saturday, February 2, 2002 at 2:00 PM at St Joe Hill Church in Sellersburg.

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## President's Message by Phyllis Lewis

Happy New Year to everyone! Come join us on the Polar Bear Ride on January 1, 2002. This year we will meet at Ron and Malvery McKim's house. If you are like me, you probably will not ride that day; however, come and enjoy the food. Remember to mark your calendars for this event.

Also mark the Cherry Pie Ride. I will be hosting this ride on February 24 at my house. I have lots of room to serve refreshments afterwards so please join us for this early 2002 ride. Check

the ride schedule for my address and call me if you need directions.

The banquet was great fun. Over 100 members attended. I would like to thank Jim and Jan Alexander for their job well done on the newsletter. They have made a tuff job seem easy. Jim and Jan, we appreciate all that you do.

Several folks have asked for an update on Nancy Voelker. She is currently at Clark Memorial Hospital on the 4th floor. She is still in

a deep sleep. Stop by her room and say hello. It is a known fact that people in deep sleep can hear others talking and will remember it when they wake up. So, if you get a chance, stop in. I know that she will appreciate it.

We only have two (2) months until March when the new riding season will officially get underway. I hope to see all of you guys then, if not before!

Phyllis

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If you are a bicyclist within the Southern Indiana / Louisville area, and would like to find a great group of people with similar interests to ride with, come check us out! Just pick up a Southern Indiana Wheelmen or Slow Spokes ride schedule from either the Clarksville Schwinn or Jeffersonville Schwinn bicycle shops. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the officers above and/or visit our web site (<http://www.aye.net/~siw>).

## **The 2001 SIW Awards banquet** *by Jim and Jan Alexander*

On November 16, 2001, SIW had its annual banquet at the Valley View Golf Club. This has been a busy year for the club. We had 207 active members this past year. As a club, we collectively rode a total of 129,167 miles. Many club members received various recognition awards, some serious (and some a little more tongue-in-cheek). Numerous door prizes were awarded throughout the night.

A total of 61 mileage mugs were awarded to SIW riders this year. There were 42 members who rode 1,000 miles or more: Jamie Aboud, Les Abramson, Jan Alexander, Jim Alexander, Carrie Baker, Kristin Baker, Kyle Baker, Darryl Benefiel, Jamie Benefiel, David Campbell, J. Chinn, Ted Derloshon, Marti Deuser, Kathy Edwards, Allison Ewart, Deborah Goldman, Jerry Goldman, Brenda Gutmann, Ed Hatfield, Randy House, Keith Hutton, Janet Jacobi, Bill Kenealy, Max Limbocker, Kathy McCarty, Malvery McKim, Ron McKim, Robin Meredith, Sharon Merker, Debra Moore, Sonny Neurath, Charlie Oberhausen, Carla Renn, Mary Reynolds, Jodi Rieger, Ken Rieger, Gil Saltzman, Pete Schuler, Kim Stone, Bill Van Cader, Jean Van Cader and Dick Williams.

Thirteen riders rode for over 2,000 miles: Ron Galbraith, Joan Gilley, Joe Gutmann, Jo Herald, Mike Hilderbrand, Jerry Juliot, Mark Kemp, Phyllis Lewis, Bob Martin, Steve Merker, Ken Meyer, Mike Truitt, and Bob Tull. Six riders completed 3,000 miles: Barb Beach, Paul Beach, Donnie Gladdin, Barry Herald, Kristi Juliot, and Dick Keith.

The Top 10 riders (in order) during 2001 were: Dick Keith, Kristi Juliot, Barry Herald, Barb Beach, Paul Beach, Donnie Gladdin, Jerry Juliot, Bob Martin, Ken Meyer, and Mark Kemp. The 2002 touring champions were Kristi Juliot and Dick Keith.

Plaques for accumulated miles were presented to fifteen riders this year: Jamie Aboud, Kathy Edwards, Donnie Gladdin, Janet Jacobi and Carla Renn for attaining 5,000 miles. 10,000 miles: Kyle Baker, Carrie Baker, and Phyllis Lewis. 15,000 miles: Bill Kenealy. 25,000 miles: Jodi Rieger and Ken Rieger. 30,000 miles: Barb Beach. 35,000 miles: Deborah Goldman. 40,000 miles: Paul Beach. 70,000 miles: Dick Keith. Jodi and Ken Rieger were also awarded Around the World Trophies, for riding a total of 24,901 miles.

Dick Keith, Mark Kemp, Barry Herald, Paul Beach and Barb Beach earned the most participation points. Les Abramson, Max Limbocker, and Jo Herald were selected as the most improved riders. Congratulations to all!

The 2002 club officers were announced. Phyllis Lewis will again be our club President. Barry and Jo Herald will serve as the Vice President for Touring. Joan Gilley will again be the club Secretary and the Slow Spokes scheduler. Carrie Baker will serve as our Treasurer. Kyle Baker continues his role as Webmaster for the club's web site. Paul Beach will serve as the club's Statistician. We (Jim and Jan) start our second year as the newsletter editors. Thanks to this year's officers for volunteering their time and talents, and thanks to last year's officers for a job well done!

Finally, thanks go out to the members who helped with the banquet, to all members who helped with Harvest Homecoming, to the people who helped out with Highway Cleanup, and to all who served as ride captains. Here's to 2002: may it be a great and safe year for biking!

## **Words from the last Word Search** *by Jim Alexander*

The following words can be formed from the letters in the word "peloton" (a few are slang or unusual words):

Eon, let, loo, lop, lot, net, not, one, opt, pen, pet, pol, pot, ten, toe, tun, too, top, leno, lent, lone, loon, loop, loot, lope, noel, nope, note, oleo, onto, open, pelt, peon, pent, plot, poet, pole, polo, pone, pool, tole, tone, tool, toon, tope.

## The 2001 River Walk Ride *by the Merkers*

A beautiful fall day greeted the riders who turned out for the third annual River Walk Ride on November 4th. The ride started at the Lexington Road entrance to Cherokee Park and followed the bike path to the river where we picked up the River Walk. Riders regrouped at Chickasaw Park and again at the Belle of Louisville before returning to Cherokee. The ride was about as flat as you can get around here and totaled 23 miles, earning a rating of less than one as far as difficulty.

After the ride, 20 folks showed up at the Merkers' house, nearby, for a bowl or two of chili with all the fixings. The chili was from Check's Café in Germantown, so you know it was good. Homemade cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee were also served. It was quite warm out, warm enough to enjoy the meal and each other's company outside on the patio. If you missed this ride, plan to make it next year.

## Math Problem for the Month *by Jim Alexander*

Suppose you have two riders, Hyacinth and Onslow. Hyacinth travels at a speed of 12 miles per hour and Onslow travels at a speed of 17 miles per hour. Hyacinth and Onslow are friends who wish to finish a 25 mile route at the same time (so they can check out their favorite PBS show). Hyacinth's ride has to be shorter in length than Onslow's. Hyacinth will have to start at the same time as Onslow at a point on the route in front of him, in order for both of them to finish at the same end point together. At what mile marker should Hyacinth start her ride?

Now try this second problem. Hyacinth and Onslow want to start a 25 mile ride at the same point and finish at the same point. Hyacinth pedals at 12 mph and Onslow pedals at 17 mph. Hyacinth thus will start the ride earlier than Onslow does. How much earlier should Hyacinth start the ride so that she and Onslow will end up together at the end?

The answers to both questions will be in the next newsletter. (Bonus: Hyacinth and Onslow are characters on what t.v. show?)

## Tours and Club Events

**Polar Bear Ride**, hosted by Ron and Malvery McKim (944-2762), 1008 Mill Stream Ct., New Albany, Tuesday, January 1st, 2002, 10 am. Bring a covered dish.

**SIW Meeting**, Thursday, January 17th, 2002, 7:15 pm at the Clarksville Public Library.

**Slow Spokes** meeting, Sunday, January 27, 2002, 2 pm, hosted by Joan Gilley (948-8408), 1306 Aebersold Drive, New Albany. Bring a covered dish. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential Slow Spokes rides for the 2002 touring season.

**Meet and Eat**, Diefenbach Café in Sellersburg, IN, Sunday, February 17th, 6 pm. Contact Phyllis Lewis (283-4860) for further information.

**Cherry Pie Ride**, Sunday, February 24, 2002, 2 pm, hosted by Phyllis Lewis (283-4860), 1205 Birchwood Drive in Jeffersonville, 15 miles. Bring a pie to share afterwards!

On June 6, Marcia and I boarded the "hotel" barge Gandalf at the Amsterdam docks to begin our VBT Holland tour. We met the other 17 participants and two Dutch leaders, had lunch and a briefing while sailing to Hoorn, where we located our assigned bikes, made adjustments, and took a warm-up ride before dinner. On Day 2, we rode either 15 or 30 miles through North Holland, often atop dikes looking over the water, to the 13<sup>th</sup> century port of Enkhuizen. We joined a local resident for a guided walking tour of the city, and then had dinner in town with several of our group. Day 3 we breakfasted while sailing on the IJsselmeer Lake (formerly the Zuider Zee) to Volendam. The cycling routes (15 or 25 miles) included a cheese making demo/tasting stop, and a visit to a clog workshop where we saw wooden shoes being made. After a ferry ride back to Volendam and dinner on the barge, we joined our leaders for "sampling" at a Dutch pub. On Day 4 we vanned to the Royal Palace Het'Loo for a tour, then biked 15 or 27 miles through the National Park DeHoge Veluwe and visited the Kroeller-Mueller Museum (the world's largest collection of Van Gogh's). We then arrived at the Hotel DeBilderberg in Oosterbeek, where we would spend three nights. The hotel was very nice. If you are a big breakfast fan, the included buffets were great, and the two dinners we had there were excellent. On Day 5 (15 or 27 miles) we rode to a ferry to cross the Rhine River, then on to a town where unexpectedly there were 100 bands performing in costumes of all sorts. Rather than riding through town, we wove our way through the crowds on foot, stopping to listen or sample food from the booths along the way. We all dined together at a restaurant where the wait staff sang (in English and very well) as we ate. The last day of cycling took us to the Netherlands Open Air Museum (old dwellings from around the country) and through the National Park Veluwezoom, with optional visits to castles and the Airborne Museum (WWII historical). After breakfast the next day, we were luxury bussed back to Amsterdam. We thoroughly enjoyed this trip. Although the tulips are gone in June, the weather was terrific, cool to warm, never too windy and with only minor sprinkles. Holland is basically flat, and a lot of the riding is on bike paths paralleling auto routes. We had such a good experience that we signed up for another bike tour with VBT next year.

## Holland Bike and Barge *by Gil Saltzman*

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### The Juliots and Heralds at the Harvest Homecoming ride, 2001.

*Photo by Charlie Oberhausen*

If you have an article or a photo that you would like included in a future edition of the newsletter, send it to Jim and Jan Alexander: 3201 Julian Dr., New Albany, IN 47150, or e-mail it to us at [felix3@aol.com](mailto:felix3@aol.com). Please include a caption and some background information. Remember to provide a return address for any photos you mail to us. Thanks!

