

Paceline, April 2, 2018

Hey riders, surprise! We've had a couple of slushy snow storms to keep us guessing about when it will be warm enough to ride consistently. Any day now, I hope. There are *lots* of tidbits of news that've accumulated since the last Paceline, so read on!

- **New Rider Callout is May 12** from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm at the picnic area adjacent to where the West Lafayette Farmers' Market is held. Please look at the WRCC homepage "volunteers needed" button if you'd like to help. Many positions are still available (for rider leaders and sweeps for all categories, and for volunteers to help set up and take down, etc.) Dennis Figueroa is the point person on this event.
- **The Club has new leadership after the elections held at the February banquet:** the Board is composed of Ed Lambuth, Dave Sturgeon, Courtney Brubaker-Zolman, Molly Birt, Brittany Huff and Tony Smith. Kathy Schroth is continuing as our secretary, Rob Cumberland is the new treasurer, Ryan Stremke is our new vice president, and Pat Boling (me) is continuing as president. We meet once a month, generally on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 at the West Lafayette Public Library.
- **We are holding an all-club meeting at Walt's pub (on Kalberer near the soccer fields) on Thursday April 26 at 7:30.** The discussion will address whether to amend the club by-laws to elect a new officer, the coordinator for the Wabash River Ride. This officer would serve at the pleasure of the Board (as all the officers do), and would not be term-limited. We are hoping to facilitate continuity and institutional memory by being able to appoint a coordinator for the ride who is experienced, has good community connections, works well with people throughout the club, etc. In addition to discussing and voting on this change in the by laws, which was sent out to the ListServ last week as an email from Kathy, since such amendments must be sent out at least 30 days in advance of a vote. The all-club meeting is also an opportunity to have a glass of beer or a coke and some food (if you're so inclined) and visit with friends from the club after a ride, and to talk broadly about what you want the club to be and do this year.
- The new Walt's is pretty close to the soccer fields starting point for rides, so it will also be the venue of choice for socializing **post-All Club rides, which will begin on Thursday afternoons as soon as the weather gets into a good groove** (and if you're interested in being a ride leader for one of the groups, A through E, that will be riding, let me know!).

- The **Purdue Cycling Club is holding its Spring Road Race & TTT (Team Time Trial) on Saturday April 21st**. They are **looking for help running this event**. The following note is from Justin Miller of Purdue Cycling:

~Hello Wabash River Cycling Club,

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, Purdue Cycling Club will be hosting the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference regional championship team time trial and road race. See attached flyer for event details.

We are looking for volunteers to help put on the event. Please fill out the volunteer form if you are able to help. We will contact you closer to the event to confirm your participation and role.

- <https://goo.gl/forms/tV27dw7pHI9HzAt12>

Our volunteers act as corner marshals as well as driving lead and follow cars. No experience is necessary. We will have a training meeting before each wave.

- Corner Sweeping: Friday evening, removing gravel and sand from corners
- Corner Marshals: Stop traffic and direct racers safely around the course
- Lead Car: Let corner marshals and oncoming traffic know when racers are approaching

Follow/Wheel Car: Carry spare wheels in case of flats. Pick up riders who cannot continue riding

We try to provide some breakfast and lunch for our volunteers. If you would like to donate food/snacks, (bagels, bananas, peanut butter, etc.) let us know!

Thank you in advance for your help! We rely on the support of volunteers to make the races safe, affordable, and possible. If you have questions, let me know.

-Justin Miller, Purdue Cycling Club, mille918@purdue.edu, 727-755-1262~

- The Board voted to **reinstate the commuter mile category**. Hopefully starting April 1 is not going to be too inconvenient in terms of miles you might have ridden the first 3 months in 2018. Here's how it works:
 - **Commuter miles are reported on the honor system. Commuter miles are ridden to work, school, errands, or starts of club rides. They are not "everything" miles that cover your personal recreational riding or vacation trips.** Everyone who logs more than 500 commuter miles in 2018 will be recognized with a T shirt (or whatever item we devise) at the yearly banquet, but we won't make a big deal out of announcing people's total miles. Send your commuter miles to the ride log coordinator on a monthly basis please.

- Gary Brouillard has graciously volunteered to carry on the fine tradition inaugurated by Brian Slick of coordinating and leading a **training program for first time WRR riders**. He's looking for help from people who'd be willing to lead training rides on Saturdays here and there. Gary will communicate about what he needs/wants from the club separately, but if you think you could be a ride leader occasionally for riders who are just building up stamina and not going very far, please contact him and let him know you're ready to pitch in: rickandgary@frontier.com
- The WRCC is going to participate in **events being planned by Bicycle Lafayette for April 27-29**: The documentary "Bikelantis" will be screened on Friday April 27th at 8:30 pm at Carnahan Hall, along with an art exhibition. 3 rides are scheduled on Saturday April 28th, all starting from Virtuous Cycles: one for kids at 11:00 am, a leisurely 10 mile ride that leaves at 2:00 pm to ride past several public art installations, and third ride that will be led by Gary Brouillard and Allen Hackney leaving at 5:30. More details on the rides to appear on the ride calendar soon. Sunday there will be another screening, this time of a short documentary on the "Ovarian Psychos" (an East Los Angeles women's riding group), and another chance to watch of Bikelantis.
- The **Cover Indiana Ride**, a week-long ride to support Habitat for Humanity, takes place from May 6-12. The ride starts from Lafayette on May 6th. Many times in the past the WRCC has had a goodly number of riders who started out with the Cover riders on the first day, rode down to Crawfordsville, ate some lunch, and rode on back to Lafayette via a different route. Cover Indiana offers a one-day registration fee of \$45. If you're interested in doing this as a one-day century, or as all or part of the week-long ride, find details here: <https://www.hfhcoverindiana.org/register>. It would be great if someone wanted to be the ride leader for the one-day version of the ride, and communicate details to the whole club!
- Kevin Johnston asks that we let you all know about **FREE adult swim lessons that will be offered during April at the YWCA. Space is limited! Sign up today to reserve your spot at <http://www.ywcalafayette.org/adultlearntoswim>**
- The **women's ride** will be on Monday evenings again this year, and (reverting to the 2016 practice) starting from Hodson's Bay. In exchange, Greg has graciously offered to help us put on 3 "stand nights," where we'll introduce women's ride riders to basic maintenance and riding skills. Look for details about when we'll start the ride on the club ride calendar! (Britt and Pat)
- Info on registration for the August 18-19 **CASA ride** (from Donna Osborn): **Register by April 25th to save \$20 off the normal registration price!** Those riding on a team can save \$10 on registration. Register at give.classy.org/2018CASACHallenge

And that's it, folks! Pat Boling, club president