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From the Newsletter Editor: Don't forget to look for the Easter Egg!

Message from the President—Unedited

September 30, 2020

Hello fellow JBC members,

This month we lost a long-time member Deiter Dietrich. Unfortunately, I did not get to know Deiter. From all that I learned about him he was a fascinating person. I was able to attend his memorial bike ride from Breidert Green to the Hickory Creek Trail. There were several members of Dieter's family and many friends there.

Among his family was his daughter and grand daughter who spoke very eloquently of Deiter as well as our good friend and Deiter's wife Joan.

Joan told the story of how they met. I won't go into detail here, if you see Joan make sure to have her tell you their story. It's well worth listening to.

JBC will sorely miss Dieter as we have in the re-

cent past since he had taken ill.

This month all the goblins and ghosts will be out on Halloween night.

As usual we will have our Halloween ride. It will be on Saturday October 31 starting at Hickory Creek Brewing at 4:00pm. Costume for you and your bike are mandatory. This ride is always a good time, so you won't want to miss this one.

On August 30, 2020 too late for the last newsletter Steve Santolin and Mike Henry put together a great century ride. There were over 20 riders and it was a great time had by all. 15 of the 20 made the century a 5 did 75 miles. It was a beautiful day. Look for pictures in this newsletter.

Well as the weather gets cooler, I have seen many riders ask questions on Facebook and online about how to dress for the

colder temps. Our member and president of the Elmhurst bike club George Pastorino has written a piece about how to dress for just such weather. It's a must read.

If you haven't done a lot of winter riding learning to dress properly is key to enjoying cold weather rides. There is a link to the article here. https://www.elmhurstbicycling.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=695056&module_id=288026

I look forward to the fall colors and fall riding before we get the white stuff. I also as always look forward to seeing many of you on upcoming rides.

Rolling forward,
Rob Weiss

President, JBC



Steve Santolin and Mike Henry—August 30 Century Ride



A **century ride** is a [road cycling](#) ride of 100 miles (160.9 [km](#)) or more, usually as a cycling club-sponsored event. Many cycling clubs sponsor an annual century ride as both a social event for cyclists and as a fundraiser for the club's other activities.

The origins of the century ride are obscure, but [Dora Rinehart](#) did century rides in Denver, Colorado in the 1890s. The TOSRV began in 1962 with two riders. The Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour started in 1972 with eighty riders. The Apple Cider Century dates back to 1974.



[Definition provided by Wikipedia.](#)



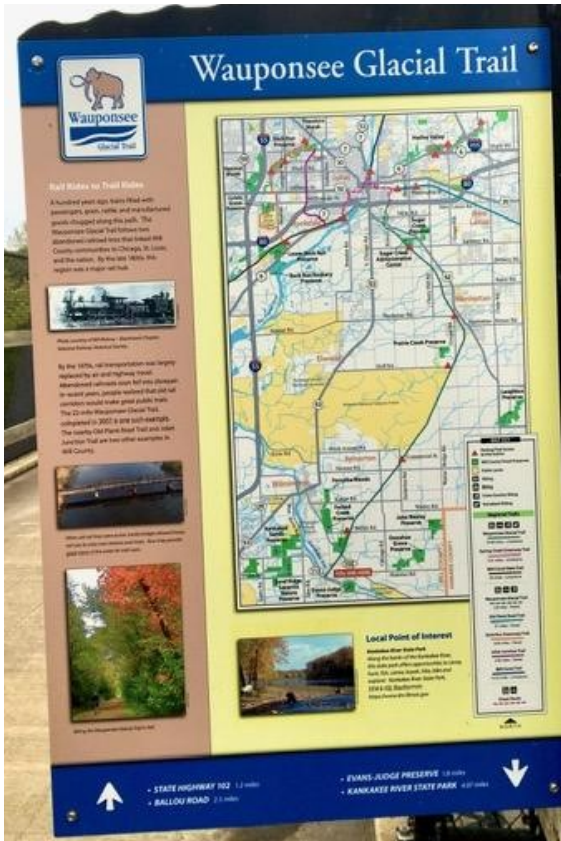


Midewin Tallgrass Prairie

*Photos by Mike
Henry*



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Membership Corner

New Members:

Please welcome new member Karen Hendren.

Happy Halloween



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2021 Memberships Renewal starts October 1st



It's hard to believe that another year has passed, but the time for renewing your JBC membership has

You can Join or Renew your JBC membership at any time throughout the year. Applications for the year 2021 will start being accepted on October 1st, 2020. The best time to renew your membership is between October 1st and December 31st.

Renewing your membership is easy! Just go to the JBC website and click on "[Apply for Membership](#)". Fill out the membership form and you will be directed to PayPal.

Each adult will need to

apply for membership separately for the incredibly low price of \$16. Members may include children under the age of 18 free of charge.

As of September 1st, 2019 JBC Membership has gone "Paperless".

We no longer accept applications or payments through the mail. All membership applications will be completed using the online form, and all payments will be completed using PayPal. No cash or checks will be accepted.

All current JBC members who have not renewed by January 1st may lose the ability to

send and receive emails via Google Groups.

Annual club membership dues need to be received by January 1st of each year for the purpose of recording mileage you have ridden with the club. All miles submitted between October 1st and December 31st will not be recorded towards your 2021 club totals unless your dues are current.

Please direct all your questions and comments to the Membership Chairman. membershipchair@jolietbicyclub.com

Let's keep those wheels turning!

Dieter Dietrich

December 26, 1939—September 21, 2020

Dieter Dietrich of Frankfort, IL, died on Monday morning, September 21, 2020, at the age of 80. Dieter is preceded in death by his father Werner Dietrich, mother Paulina (Müller) Dietrich, and his sister Inge Dietrich. Dieter is survived by his wife, Joan Dietrich, his brother Rolf Dietrich and Rolf's longtime partner Käthe Schultz, his son Kurt Dietrich and Kurt's wife Jean Dietrich, his daughter Jennifer Dietrich, his daughter Catherine Dietrich and Catherine's husband David Konsoer, stepson Jeff Block, stepson Bill Block and his wife Cheryl Block, niece Harue Seki, and ten grandchildren who all called him Opa.

Dieter was born on December 26, 1939, in (coincidentally) Frankfort, Germany. Following the end of WWII, his family immigrated from Germany to Canada, and then soon after to the U.S. While in high school, Dieter and his brother Rolf helped their father build a house in Plymouth, MI, which served as a home and family gathering place for almost forty years.

Dieter graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957 and was accepted to the University of Michigan, graduating with his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1961. While at the U. of M. he developed his lifelong love of classical music, jazz, and

sailing. He was an active member of the university's sailing club.

Upon graduation, Dieter moved to Chicago to begin work at Swift and Company. While at Swift, a coworker introduced him to his daughter, Bonnie Beckett, and the two were married (1963-1989) and share three children. Dieter took a job at Amoco in Chicago, and his young family owned their first home in Park Forest, Illinois.

The family moved to Pekin, IL in 1970, where Dieter began to hone his engineering skills at Corn Products Corporation. The family enjoyed the small town just outside of

Peoria, and Dieter enjoyed family walks in the woods and by streams, and socializing with neighborhood friends. He was also an officer with the local Cub Scout Pack.

After 7 years in small-town Illinois, Dieter was recruited to work a 2-year contract engagement with a Swedish engineering company, Alfa Laval. The family moved to Södertälje, Sweden, a suburb of Stockholm. Dieter became fluent in Swedish, his third language after English, and his native German.

Completing his contracted work, the family moved to Downers Grove, IL, where Dieter worked for Brown and Root in Oakbrook, IL, from 1979 to 1981. Late in 1981, Dieter

began work at Process Systems, Inc. (PSI) in Memphis, TN, and the family was with him there until he started work at Dedert Corporation (no relation) in Olympia Fields, IL, in 1984. The family then settled in Homewood, IL.

Dieter was a Senior Engineer at Dedert Corp. for 20 years and did significant work, including numerous lengthy engagements in China, where he led startups of several Chinese factories producing Vitamin C. He retired with much gratitude from the company's ownership. Instead of a gold watch, they let him keep his company car.

Dieter was generous. One of many examples of his generosity was the time he stopped

his chores immediately one afternoon in 1973 to fix the bike of the 5-year-old kid of the single mom living next door. As it turns out, a similar act of kindness in August of 1998 at a Folks on Spokes Sunday bike ride out of Flossmoor allowed Dieter to meet Joan Block. The two were married on November 28, 2003, and shared a love of biking.

Dieter cherished the friends he and Joan made through their bike clubs – Folks on Spokes and the Joliet Bicycle Club. They did countless group rides, many multi-day biking trips both in the US and internationally. He loved nothing more than being on his bike with Joan and their wonderful biking friends. Joan and Di-

eter also traveled extensively, visiting 5 continents, with Joan always sharing amazing pictures of their adventures.

Dieter was very strong, surviving a severe traumatic brain injury from a bike crash that occurred during a weeklong bike tour in August of 2007 in Wisconsin. Joan was with him throughout his lengthy and near-complete recovery, and she sustained him through all of his subsequent health trials and tribulations. Joan's love and devotion to Dieter was his savior. Ultimately, his brain injury later led to dementia that shortened his life. Under Joan's truly remarkable care, Dieter lived at home for all but his final seven

weeks of life.

Dieter was intelligent and had an irreverent sense of humor that brought laughter and joy to those around him. He didn't shy away from difficult subjects – almost everything was fair game. Dieter loved to banter with friends and family. It was fun to witness because Dieter was so well informed, whether it was history or current events. Until just a few days ago, even through the fog of dementia, Dieter was digesting his two favorite weekly news magazines, *The Economist* (UK) and *Der Spiegel* (Germany).

We will all miss Dieter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Brain Injury Association of Illi-

nois.

Dieter Dietrich Memorial Bike Ride and Lunch
<http://evite.me/jDDxr96Cfk>

Brain Injury Associate of Illinois
<https://www.biail.com/>



Gary Meyer will be co-hosting a ride with Chris Oldanie to honor Dieter Dietrich and Bill Lang on Sunday October 11. The ride will start and end at Hickory Creek Brewing. Multiple routes offered. Watch Google Groups for more details from Gary.

“It’s a Beautiful day for a Bike Ride “ The memorial plaque for Bill has been placed at the Bike Repair Station JBC donated in honor of Bill. It is located along the Old Plank Trail in front of the New Lenox Park District Administration Building.

JBC Proud



Photos by Dominick Chellino



Teaser for November Newsletter—Midewin!!!
Who can identify the type of tree?



*“Slow man with
his peaches”*
Photo by Dominick
Chellino



*“Happy Birthday
Chris”*
Photo by: Barb Lewan-
dowski

JBC Ride Definitions / Rules / Etiquette

SG - Show & Go - ride leaders, and distances can be decided at the ride

Ride contacts are to be called for information about the ride.

S - Social - Group stays together, rides at posted level, has ride leader.

All riders should plan to arrive at any scheduled ride at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

AD HOC RIDES

1. A non-calendar ride, via google groups email invite
2. 12 hour advance notice, e.g. Friday 8am ride invite sent by 8pm Thursday
3. Invite must include starting time, location and ride level (I-V)
4. Additional details about the ride can be shared too.
5. Miles are recorded as: AH/date/leader initials/miles/riders (in alpha form).
6. Use AD Hoc number assigned to the day of the ride
7. 2 riders minimum for instate and out of state rides

Please send AD Hoc and regular miles to Bill Cihon at:

miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Send invitational miles with Invitational Mileage Report in the subject line to Bill Cihon at: miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

LEVEL	MPH
I	10-12.4
II	12.5-15
III	15.1-18
IV	18.1-20
V	20.1+

Click this [link](#) to view the JBC Member Guide:



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Reporting Miles, Ride List, Membership

Ride leaders or whomever is in charge for the ride should report miles for daily JBC rides listed on the calendar and for Ad Hoc Rides. Please send the Ride #, date, and list of riders in alphabetical order, and their miles to:

miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Mileage reports should be sent within 3 days of the ride.

The JBC Ride List is published monthly on the JBC website.

<http://www.jolietbicycleclub.com/ride-calendar/>

All JBC Ad Hoc Rides are announced through JBC Google Groups emails.

Make sure you are signed up on JBC Google Groups to get all club announcements.

JBC annual dues are \$15.00

JBC Meeting Information

Regular JBC club meetings are at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at PizzaForU 116 S. Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL. JBC holds meetings in Feb, March, April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. Meeting locations and dates may change. No meeting for October.

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