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Spring is appearing
in Hickory Creek!

Message from the President

April Showers....

I hope all of you fared well with the big storms March 31, 2023. Years ago **family members from LA didn't understand why news stations in Chicago** devoted so much time to the weather. After 12 [Atmospheric Rivers](#), (new term for me) 600 inches of snow, streets turning to rivers and mud slides, I am sure they now understand the need to learn what weather is coming their way by turning into the weather on the TV news or at least checking their weather apps on the phone. We cyclists in the Midwest plan our cycling lives around the weather report and weather apps.

One of my favorite photos was taken of a few JBCers out on a ride. They are looking at the sky and looking at the weather app on their phones trying to figure out their best ride plan. What would you do in this situation?

Keep in mind, weather apps aren't always correct. A couple of years ago a small group of us who usually ride out of Frankfort saw that the weather was better at 4 Seasons. We drove over to Shorewood only to find that it was raining. Bound and determined to ride, we kept driving Northwest until we found dry roads. We ended up riding out of Na-Au-Say riding North and West to stay dry. The crazy things we do to ride our bikes.

I am sure most of you have had some crazy rain riding experiences. Consider submitting your story to the next Newsletter.

The Board continues to work on plans for the 4th of July Ride. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the 2023 Ride. Our 4th of July ride is listed on the Ride Illinois website. All members should have received a post card announcing the upcoming rides for 2023 from Ride Illinois. Remember these invitational rides are Bicycle Clubs fund raising events. Consider supporting other cycling clubs by picking out a few events to ride.

Happy Trails and Be Safe Out There JBC

Janae



Which way
should
we go?




Stormy Weather

Click picture to the right to be directed to the Web-site.

2023 Ride Guide

Ride Guide 2023



What you'll find inside:

- Over 30 events in Illinois and the Midwest
- Links for quick, easy event registration
- Member recommended Routes to Ride
- Tips to stay safe on roads and trails
- Friendly, social ride clubs in Illinois

We're making Illinois better through biking!

Plan your 2023 bike adventures with our annual Ride Guide!

The 2023 Ride Guide includes:

- Over 30 events in Illinois and the Midwest
- Links for quick, easy event registration
- Safety info, including our **BikeSafetyQuiz**
- And so much more!
 - Member-recommended Routes to Ride
 - List of friendly, social bike clubs in Illinois
 - Info about generous Corporate Members



Ride Guide is available at bit.ly/2023RideGuide

JBC South Cookout & Spring Meeting



Florida



JBC South Visitors



Shanon
found a
turtle to
feed!



JBC South Visitors



Florida



Explore these Websites for Cycling Adventure Ideas!

*by: Shirl Boatman
JBC Newsletter Editor*

Meanwhile, back in Illinois, we are all excited for the approaching warm weather. I have provided some links below if you are looking for some different cycling adventures this year.

If you are into trails, this is a site showing a map of [Illinois bike trails](#).

Check out this website that exhibits [Organized Cycling Events](#).

Click [Biking in Illinois](#) to see Illinois' network of bike trails that includes river trails, historic rail trails, mountain bike tracks and scenic State Parks. Get off road and go biking in Illinois.

[Rails-to-Trails](#) is another great website where their mission is: *At Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, we are building a nation connected by trails. We reimagine public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors.*

And as a reminder Please provide your pictures and articles to [Shirl Boatman](#) for submission into the JBC Newsletter.

Share the Road License Plates

Many JBC members do have the Illinois Share the Road License Plates. Should you wish to advertise that you are a cycling enthusiast, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State website by clicking the below picture for details and pricing.



Jim Lambert invites you to....



Jim Lambert wants to let everyone know that the JBC Door County Ride is scheduled for Saturday July 15th through Saturday July 22nd of 2023.

Mark your calendars. Plan your vacation time for 2023 in advance.

The 15th and 22nd of July are travel days. There are planned rides that will be taking place starting on Sunday July 16th and ending on Friday July 21st.

If you are not able to stay the whole week, you are still welcome to join the rides whenever you wish.



All travel related costs (transportation, lodging, and food) are the responsibility of each attendee.

Due to the increased interest in Door County, Jim plans on making his reservations sometime in January or February of next

year. At this time, Jim plans on staying at the Parkwood Lodge in Fish Creek.

If anyone has any questions about Door County, contact

Jim Lambert @ fun2bike@pm.me

It's a great place to bike and have fun with other JBC members.

Membership Corner

By Steve Geary

Recently there has been some discussion about the content on the JBC Google Group (GG).

Traditionally we use GG to convey information about all types of activities. We also use GG as a social media platform to share information, such as posting photos or sharing experiences. There really are very few limitations regarding what we can post on GG so long as it is done with respect and civility.

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone of the GG guidelines writing in our [Members Handbook](#). The Handbook can be found on the [JBC Website](#).

-Steve Geary-

JBC Membership Chair

Google Groups Dude

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Google Groups:

Google Groups is a list-server for the Joliet Bicycle Club where all members are able to post information regarding activities relating to JBC and/or biking in general.

General Guidelines:

- Please maintain civility and think about what you post. All articles posted are to be in good taste.
- All posts must reflect your full name.
- There will be ABSOLUTELY NO denigration of an individual or a group of individuals.
- There will be no tolerance for vitriolic or

cynical commentary about the club or its members.

- There will be no posts regarding business issues pertaining to the club. All business issues must be presented at a general meeting.
- Posts related to charitable Invitationals and donations are to be brought before the board or at a general meeting first.

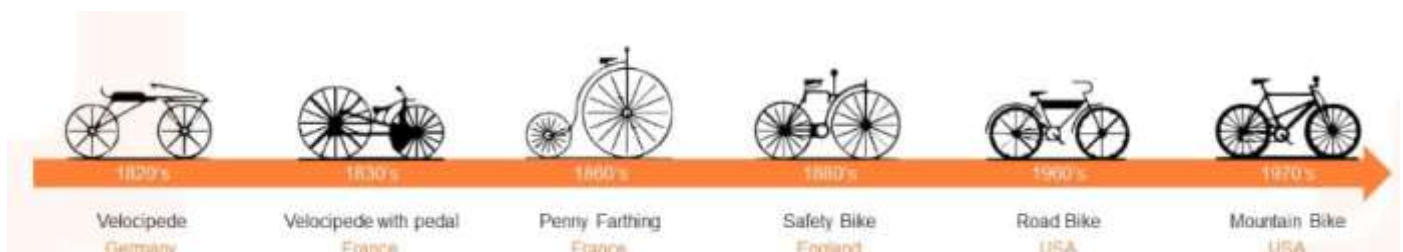
Abusers of these policies will be warned once and then temporarily removed from Google Groups. Repeat offenders will be permanently removed. Decisions regarding these policies will be determined and ruled on by the board.



Click the picture to the right to re-view the January 2023 Publication of the Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road.



Click [here](#): JBC Ride List



JBC Ride Definitions / Rules / Etiquette

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

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

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

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 in-state 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 will be announced in the Newsletter. JBC holds meetings in Feb, March, April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. at Pizza 4 U, 116 S Larkin Ave, Joliet. There is no general meeting for April 2023.

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