



*Joliet Bicycle Club  
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## Message from the President

It's March JBC; Spring is almost here!

Many riders have already enjoyed the warmer temperatures we had throughout the month of February. **I don't recall a warmer February in the Joliet area! The last Sunday of the month was especially fun** when a 1 PM ad hoc ride ended up as an 11 rider turn out.

**If you haven't already, it is time to tune up the that bike, get that drive train ready, lube that chain,** check your tires for wear and make sure your bike is ready for the next sunny day when the weather calls you to ride. On a nice rideable weather weekend in late March or in April you will need your bike to be in riding order to join the JBC Donut Ride. Look for the JBC Donut Ride announcement on Google Groups.

The Chili Bowl in early February was a great time! Many thanks to Bob and Carolyn for organizing the event and to Michelle, Mindy and Mark for hosting the gathering. It was nice to see so many of JBC people out to share in the food festivities and bowl a couple games. If you are in town for the 2025 Chili **Bowl, don't miss the opportunity to join in the fun. Top vote getters in chili, side dish and dessert received a gift card. It doesn't matter what your bowling skill level is go ahead and play a game or two.** Our charter member, Ingrid had a blast rolling that bowl down the lane! Sure hope the rest of us can do **the same in our 90's!**

Thank you for your patience while we rework the 50th anniversary jersey design. The goal is for the jersey to represent the history of JBC. **Here is the club's brief history from the JBC Handbook found on the website.** Our current membership is closer to just over 125 members.

### A Brief JBC History

The Joliet Bicycle Club was formally organized as the Joliet YMCA Bicycle Club by a small group of bicycling pioneers back in 1974. The moving force and first president was Jack Coleman. Jack served as president until 1980, while Ruth Coleman was treasurer until 1978 and Newsletter Editor through 1980. In 1982 the club voted to sever their affiliation with the YMCA and the present Joliet Bicycle Club Inc. (JBC) started in the 1983 cycling season as an independent organization.

In the very first year, 1974, The Joliet YMCA Bicycle Club sponsored their first invitational ride, the 4th of July Ride. **The club's first century officially started in 1979 with the "Summers End Century" which became known as the "Sudden Century". In 1980, the "Across Illinois Bike Ride" was the clubs third invitational which emerged from Chuck Mickelwright's dream of an Illinois RAGBRAI style ride.** Today, the club consists of around 200 members.

Mark your calendars, the 50th Anniversary Banquet will be held Saturday, November 9, 2024. After all the positive feedback about the food, the board has decided to use the same banquet hall as 2023, Holiday Inn Rock Run in Joliet.

**Happy Trails....**

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# Membership Corner

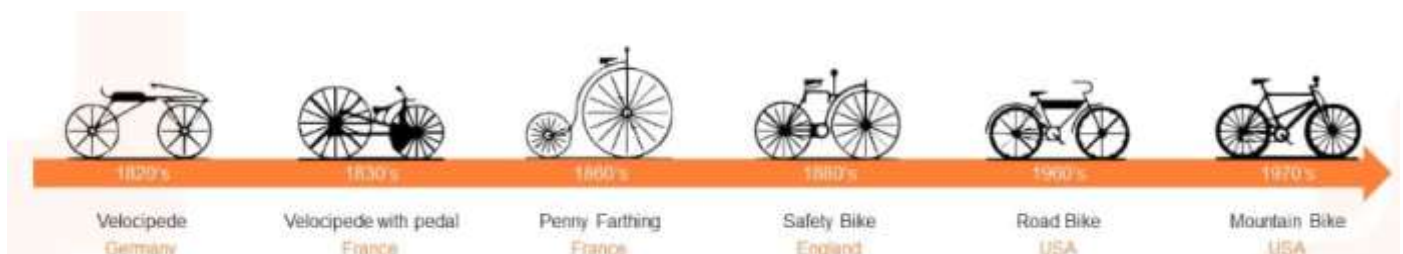
*By Steve Geary*



Welcome to New  
2024 Members  
Ben Komar  
Kevin Kethcart



## JBC Ride List



2024 J.B.C.  
Chili Bowl  
Night  
Saturday, Feb-  
ruary 10, 2024  
Channahon  
Lanes  
25306 W.  
Eames St.  
Channahon



















2023-2024 SLS Hiking Adventure

Hike number	Date	Region	Name	Miles	Terrain	Link
8	2/3/2024	Willow Springs	Palos - Maple Lake	4.6	2	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/28963663">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/28963663</a>



Hike number	Date	Region	Name	Miles	Terrain	Link
9	2/10/2024	Elwood	Midewin	6	2	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34279438">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34279438</a>



Hike number	Date	Region	Name	Miles	Terrain	Link
10	2/17/2024	Orland Park	Catalina Grove	4.5	3	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44679120">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44679120</a>



Hike number	Date	Region	Name	Miles	Terrain	Link
11	2/24/2024	Lemont	Lemont Quarries	5.45	2	<a href="https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44753982">https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44753982</a>



## 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](mailto:miles@jolietbicycleclub.com)

Send invitational miles with Invitational Mileage Report in the subject line to Bill Cihon at: [miles@jolietbicycleclub.com](mailto: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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Place Invitational Mileage  
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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](mailto: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 March 2024.

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