MARCH MEETING:

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, MARCH 13th at El Centro, on the walking Mall. The meeting will start at 6:00pm, with dinner first and meeting to follow. Contact Ken at k_tenney@verizon.net to let him know you will be attending.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

Treasurer report: $2,919.28 (includes checking, savings and cash on hand).

Current Expenses:
Cost for P.O. BOX: $92.00

Reminder: if you ordered a Wheelmen Tee Shirt from Kevin McNair, you can pick it up at Blue Ridge Bikes.

Kevin Watson spoke of the upcoming summer event Farm to Fork Fondo. The organizers are looking for volunteers who will work as riding, roaming and rest stop guides. Volunteers will be eligible for the BBQ celebration at the end of the event.
If interested in riding the event or volunteering, go to their web site at http://www.farmtoforkfondo.com/volunteer-information

In February, the club voted to register for the riding app Ride with GPS. This app is the one that members look up rides and download for themselves. It would also feature voice navigation and could easily transition to phones. Ken would be the manager and would create a list of members allowed to use the app. Cost is $250.00 per year. Ken is working on getting this set up and should have more information at the March meeting.

Summer Trips: At this point, no summer trip is planned, but we are planning two other events. First, a long weekend trip to Robert's cabin, which will be late May or early June. The second, a 3 day biking trip from Winchester area to Orkney Springs, most likely July 19th to the 21st. This would include staying at the hotel there and enjoying 2 concerts on the grounds. More info will follow in each event. New information on these trips will be given at the March meeting.

Diane Walker presented a wonderful slide show of her bike trip to southeast Asia. The trip included Vietnam and Cambodia. Thank you Diane.
Camp Roosevelt and the CCC

If you have completed the SkyMass ride, biked the south part of Fort Valley Road or MTB and hiked the Kennedy Peak, Duncan Hollow area in the G.W. National Forest, you most likely have seen Camp Roosevelt. The camp is part of the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) established in 1933. The CCC was part of the New Deal program, set up by President Roosevelt and Congress to help end the massive soil erosion and declining timber resources throughout the country due to decades of poor management. This would be done by using the unemployed of large urban areas. CCC camps were set up all over the country. Camp Roosevelt was the first camp built. It was established in April, 1933. The camp had office and meeting buildings, mess hall and barracks. Although little remains of the buildings today, you can see some of the foundations where the buildings stood. Today the area is a picnic and overnight camping area that is open from late spring through early fall. You can walk the area all year long.

The work done by these young men dramatically changed America's landscape and today we still enjoy the legacy of these natural resource treasures that they built. Local results of their work include Shenandoah National Park, Skyline Drive and Sugar Loaf Mountain recreation area (North of Leesburg). Their work also set up the development and bases for modern conservation.

Just a few facts about the CCC:
The CCC built:

- 800 state parks
- 46,854 bridges
- 4,622 fishing ponds
- 204 lodges
- 3,470 fire towers
- Planted 3 billion trees
- Improved 3,462 beaches
- Taught over 40,000 men to read
- Produced 45,000 truck drivers every year for 9 years
- Total enrollment in the CCC was 3,465,766
- Total cost was $2,696,000,000.00

Other benefits from this program was that a $25.00 monthly allotment check was sent to the family of each young man in the CCC. Each community close to the camps averaged about $5,000.00 monthly income from purchases made by the men in at the camps.

Some photos of Camp Roosevelt and the CCC
CCC—Its lasting legacy

[Image of a CCC camp in the wilderness]

[Image of CCC barracks]

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WHEELMEN MARCH 2019 RIDE SCHEDULE

Note: For 2019, Robert Golightly will be the WW ride coordinator. He may be contacted at rgolightly22601@gmail.com or 540-535-9986. Approved helmets are required for all rides. If you are not a club member, you must sign a waiver prior to the ride. For all scheduled rides with a designated leader, please contact the leader for details about the ride. For all other rides, the Winchester Goolge Group delivers the official latest information. The direct link to that web page is: http://groups.google.com/group/wheelmen. You can read all post without joining the club.

Monday night MTB rides: Will be determined each week on the Sunday prior and will be posted on the google group.

Monday night Road rides will start in April.

Tuesdays – Road Ride - Boyce Elementary School – Boyce, VA. Ride will start 6:00pm. Be ready to push off at 6pm. This is a 18 mile hilly ride and is not recommended for beginners. Front and back light will be needed. First ride is 12 March 2019. Ride leader is Ken Tenney. He may be reached at k_tenney@verizon.net or 540 664 8435. Will flip to Shop n’ Save plaza for April, 2019.

Wednesdays – Wednesday road rides from Orchard View will start on March 20th. Start time for the ride will be 6:30pm. Be ready to push off at 6:30. Ride length is 17 miles. Front and back lights will be needed for first few weeks.

Thursdays - Thursday night road ride from White Post, VA.- This 17 mile ride starts at White Post Restorations. Ride departs promptly at 6:15pm. There is no ride leader and front and back lights are required this time of year. Dinner at Roma's, in Stephens City, after.

Thursday- Retired/Day-off Ride of the week. This ride is an easy to moderate pace ride starting at various locations. Rides start at 10am and ride length is between 20 to 30 miles, with an average speed of 15-17 MPH. The rides usually
have a lunch break stop or lunch after. Rides are as follows:

- March 7th: Italian Delight in Middletown, park in rear. 24 mile western route.
- March 14th: park at the Clark County pool, across from the Fairgrounds. 29 mile ride.
- March 21st: Rock Harbor Golf Course, park in the gravel parking lot to left. 25 mile ride.
- March 28th: Italian Delight on Warrior Drive. Park in area along Warrior Drive. 28 mile drive.

Saturday morning MTB rides at Andy Guest State Park. Meet at 11am in the park. Park in the lower parking lot on the left, after coming to the stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Rides are between 2 to 3 hours. Please contact Robert Golightly for more information at: 540 535 9986.