

Winchester Wheelmen November 2011 Newsletter

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November Club Meeting

Join us at Blue Ridge Bicycles for our November meeting, **Monday, the 14th**. The evening will start with free pizza and soft drinks at **6:30pm**. Food will be followed by a short business meeting. At the meeting we will be accepting nominations for officers for the 2012 cycling year. The following positions are open to nominations: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Following the business meeting, Mike and Rosalie Perry will give a short slide presentation of their recent bicycle adventure in the south of France and the Pyrenees Mts. Please RSVP to Mike at mperr@visuallink.com or call 877-1795 so we can have an idea on how much food to order. Remember, free food, a little business, and some pictures to make you dream a little. Join us on the 14th.

October Club Meeting

The meeting was held at Los Toltecos, and was brought to order at 7:10pm by club president, Steve Breeden.

Old Business

Drive Smart Virginia

Last month's meeting was preceded by a police-escorted and led group bicycle ride to recognize Drive Smart Virginia, a Share the Road Bicyclist & Pedestrian Awareness program sponsored by the DMV and BikeWalk Virginia. Approximately 40 cyclists accompanied the 14 police officers.

Winchester Apple Cross - October 2, 2011

Approximately 500 participants registered with 366 starting, which is about a 38% increase over last year. Kudos to the volunteers for all the work before, during, and after the event. The course was noted to be well liked by the riders. Congratulations to WWRT member, Jerzy Wozniak, who won the 45+ category.

Annual Wheelmen Banquet

The annual Winchester Wheelmen banquet will be held on Monday, December 12th at the Winchester Country Club. Further information will be forthcoming. RSVP to Steve Breeden at drsbreeden@gmail.com or 540 664-6338.

New Business

Treasury Report

Checking	\$1,759.49
Savings	\$4,486.30

CWT Park

There was a discussion of the need to have a work session at the 3rd Winchester Battlefield Park. The grass skirt in the Millbrook Woods needs to be mowed and briars cut back and several dead trees along the edge of the trail need to be cut down. The wood from the dead trees will be cut into firewood and donated to CCAP's fuel assistance program. A date and time will be announced for November via the google list.

Boys & Girls Club Ride

The 2012 Boys & Girls Club Ride is planned for Sunday, June 3, 2013. The hope is to increase advertising of the event to attract more participants.

2011 Membership Renewal

Membership fees 2011, \$16 for an individual and \$20 for a family. If you have any questions, please write to the PO Box or send an e-mail to info@winchesterwheelmen.org.

Wheelmen Club Jerseys

We currently have a good supply of club jerseys available in both men and women's sizes. They are at Blue Ridge Bicycles if you are interested in getting one. Please be sure to try them on before buying. They are running small and nearly everyone has taken one size larger than they would normally wear. The jerseys are blue and yellow with the Wheelmen logo on the sleeves. They also have full length zippers. The price is \$52.00, cash or check payable to Winchester Wheelmen.

The following article was in Bicycle Retailer magazine - -Mike Perry

The city of Mainz, Germany, has introduced a four million euro (\$5.4 million) plan to integrate bicycles into the city's public transportation system. The city of about 200,00 located along the west bank of the Rhine River has commissioned Swiss bike brand Simpel to use a fleet of its Paper Bicycles for a 120 station bike share system. The Paper Bicycle is a low maintenance, steel framed utility bike modeled after the British Royal Mail bikes and spec'd with NuVinci's N360 continuously variable transmission drivetrain. The city's public transportation department runs the bike share program.

Bike stations will be installed near existing stopping points for trains and buses to encourage multiple modes of transportation among commuters. The system is activated by a personal identification card linked to the user's bank account that can also be used with the city's other transportations options. The first six solar powered stations have been installed as pilots with plans to grow to 120 stations and 960 bikes.

Now, how is that for forward looking public officials.

Cacapon River Ride

Mother nature was putting on a beautiful display for us as we rode along the Cacapon River from Capon Bridge to Yellow Springs, WV. The river was running full, but clear. New fallen leaves painted the river's surface with yellow, red, and gold shadows as they floated slowly downstream. Three tandems showed up for the ride adding a little different look to a Wheelmen ride. More cyclists on tandems than on singles. It was one of those special fall days that we all dream of as we try to grasp those last days of warm sunshine. The locals call it Indian Summer. Everyone seemed to revel in the beauty of the day. If you have a chance, the ride should be in full autumn colors for the next week or so. Capon Bridge to Yellow Springs and back--21 miles. Pack a lunch and stop somewhere along the river for a special, lazy meal.



NEWS RELEASE

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STATE BICYCLE POLICY PLAN PUBLISHED *VDOT continues to support multimodal transportation solutions*

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recently completed the 2011 State Bicycle Policy Plan identifying the agency’s vision and goals for the future of bicycling in the commonwealth. The plan ensures that bicyclists remain an integral component of Virginia’s multimodal transportation system.

The new plan institutes the needed framework for establishing and maintaining a transportation system that encourages bicycling by providing infrastructure accommodations for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. The plan also is intended to improve public health and safety by reducing traffic congestion and emissions contributing to air pollution.

Strategies and opportunities have been identified in the plan to enhance the implemented Commonwealth Transportation Board’s 2004 Policy for Integrating Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations, while addressing stakeholder concerns across the commonwealth. The recommendations outlined in the policy will be used throughout Virginia to assist in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of bicycle accommodations.

The Virginia State Bicycle Policy Plan contains four main recommendations:

- Clarifying bicycle accommodation policies
- Providing staff with resources to integrate the requirements of bicyclists in projects and programs
- Improving outreach and coordination on this transportation alternative
- Evaluating the established bicycle plan performance measures

This plan is the first in a three-part series that VDOT has undertaken to establish the vision for the Commonwealth’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Future steps include the creation of a pedestrian policy plan and an implementation document for both plans. The Bicycle Policy Plan was created with the assistance of a Policy Implementation Team and the Department’s Bicycle Advisory Committee. To view the finalized State Bicycle Policy Plan, visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bk-default.asp> .

CD-ROMs

As in past years, to save money and reduce redundancy, the 2011 version won't be automatically sent to everyone. If you would like one, please send a note to Ken Tenney at k_tenney@verizon.net (2011 membership required). If you never rec'd a 2010 CD since becoming a 2010 WW member, please let Ken know, and he will send one to you.



Winchester Wheelmen Nov. 2011 Ride Schedule



Weekly Riding or Events

(Sunset times: Nov. 1st: 6:13 P.M., Nov. 5th: 6:09 P.M., Nov. 10th: 5:04 P.M., Nov. 15th: 4:59 P.M.,
Nov. 20th: 4:56 P.M., Nov. 25th: 4:53 P.M., Nov. 30th: 4:51 P.M.)

Up to date posting. Remember to check WW Google Group, <http://groups.google.com/group/wheelmen> for any last minute changes to rides. You can read all of the postings without joining the group.

MONDAY NIGHT MOUNTAIN BIKING

Meet at the spring on Rt 55, spring located approximately 1 mile before you get to the WV line. Meet at **6:30 PM**. Ride leader is Robert Golightly 540-535-9986. **Lights are required.** Robert may have some extra lights to lend, if you are interested in the ride.

TUESDAY NIGHT ROAD RIDE

Meet at Food Lion Plaza east of Stephens City on VA 277. The ride will start from the east side of the plaza. Ride start is **6:00P.M.** Chris Stubbs is the ride leader (chris_stubbs@comcast.net). Loop to be determined by those present. **You must have a front white light and red rear flasher for the back, if participating in the ride.** No go if raining or snowing. Consult the WW Google Group for details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROAD RIDE IS OFF UNTIL MARCH, 2012

THURSDAY RETIRED/DAY OFF RIDES...

have moved to Fridays for November

THURSDAY NIGHT ROAD RIDE

Thursdays at White Post - Night Road Ride - White Post, VA. This ride is a "go" unless there is rain or snow. Ride starts from White Post Restorations. Ride departs promptly at **6:30P.M.** Average speed is 15-17mph. *Buck Hefner is leading. (White front light and red rear flashing light are required for this ride.)*

THURSDAY "NO MERCY" PACELINE RIDE IS OFF UNTIL MARCH, 2012

FRIDAY RETIRED/DAY OFF RIDES

Please note that we have moved the day from **Thursday to Friday**. All rides are in the 20-30 mile range. For those wanting we will have lunch at or near the starting location of the ride. Ride does not go if it is raining or snowing. No ride leaders, just advisers! The Friday Retirees/Day Off ride schedule for November is as follows, all rides start at **10:00A.M.:**

November 4th - Meet at the Episcopal Church across from Project Hope in Millwood, VA.

November 11th - Meet at Big Daddy's BBQ at 181 Warrior Drive; park in the middle of the shopping center away from store fronts.

November 18th - Meet at the Focacia Grill at 15 Crow Street in Berryville, VA.

November 25th - Meet at Daily Grind on Jubal Early Drive in Winchester, VA.



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Weekend Riding or Events

Saturdays in November - Susan Walker's Casual Ride. Please check the WW Google Group for details. Location and time may vary. Susan may be reached at 540-247-7706.

Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day "Pre-Gluttony Ride", Winchester, VA. This is a road ride to either help build an appetite or prevent one for your Thanksgiving Day meal. The ride is an old WW ride: the Western 25 miler. The ride will start at **10:00A.M.** at the parking lot of James Wood Middle School, on US50 W (Amherst St.) in Winchester. Turnout tends to be good for this ride. Come out and meet other riders.

GENERAL CLUB RIDE NOTES

Approved helmets are required for all rides. For all scheduled rides with a designated ride leader, please contact the leader for details (confirmation that the ride is a 'go', weather concerns, other). For rides without a leader, visit the Winchester Wheelmen Google listserv for the latest information. The direct link to that web page is:

<http://groups.google.com/group/wheelmen> You can read all of the postings without joining the list.

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