

# Winchester Wheelmen December 2015 Newsletter

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## *December Club Meeting*

There won't be formal club meeting in December. There might be an informal social gathering; information will be made available through the WW Google Group.

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## *November Club Meeting Update*

Our November meeting was also the annual banquet. It was held at The Winchester Country Club on 09 November 2015. There were about 50 members in attendance.

### Awards and Acknowledgements

- Winchester Wheelmen Wheelmen of the Year: **Robert Golightly**
- Most Improved Riders: **Bruce Taylor** and **Pat Bacuros**
- Rider of the Year: **Jason Tresidder**.
- Million Dollar Jeopardy Champion: Co-winners, **Jonathon Hanson** and **Chuck Rumsey**, with poor, tricked **Rosalie Perry** coming in a very distant 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- **Bill & Mary Huehn** were recognized for their long-standing WW membership (since the early 1980's).
- **Rick Pennington** was recognized for considerable road mileage in 2015.
- **Robert Golightly** and **Ed Duncan** once again provided admirable emcee duties.
- **Robert Morris** provided the blessing for event.

### Club officers for 2016

- President: Jason Tresidder
- Vice President: Ken Tenney
- Treasurer: Jonathan Hanson
- Secretary: Pat Bacuros

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## **Ride to End Polio**

I know this announcement is a little early, but the Frederick County Rotary Club will be sponsoring a ride on Sunday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**. The purpose of the ride is to raise money for Rotary International's "Polio Plus Campaign." Rotary International made a commitment in 1985 to rid the world of polio. Their campaign has raised millions of dollars over the years and has eliminated polio from nearly all countries in the world. Only two countries still have active cases of polio, Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is a difficult struggle to work on ending polio in countries that are being torn apart by war and civil strife such as these, and there have been several casualties among volunteers who are working in these difficult areas, but the battle goes on. All funds raised will go directly to the Polio Plus program and will be matched by the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation on a two for one basis.

Mark your "new" 2016 calendars for this event, and then come out and ride with us. After this event is wrapped up, I plan to go to Tucson, Arizona, the following November to present a check from our ride's efforts to Rotary International officers and staff who will be riding in the El Tour de Tucson along with some 9000 other participants riding in support of several of their favorite charities.

- Mike Perry

## Custom Framebuilders

Every now and then we decide that the time is right for a new bike. That bike may be a mountain bike, a road bike, a cyclocross bike, a fixed gear, or some other variation. For most of us, this means a trip to the local bike shop to view the offerings of the major bike companies. I guess that's ok, but there is another possibility – [a custom framebuilder](#). If you opened this link, you saw many to choose from. A good builder will take your body dimensions, consider your riding style, and then build you a custom frame to match. You can even have the framebuilder ship the frame to your favorite local bike shop in order to get it built with the exact components that you would like rather than what fits some major brand's price point. What strikes me about this list is the number of builders in this country that are making it in today's economy– that's America!

- Dave Albecker

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## Winchester Wheelmen Dec 2015 Ride Schedule

### Weekday/Weeknight Rides & Events

**Note:** For 2015, Robert Golightly is the WW ride coordinator. He may be contacted at [rgolightly22601@gmail.com](mailto:rgolightly22601@gmail.com). 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 ride leader, please contact the leader for details (confirmation that the ride is a 'go', weather concerns, other). For all rides, the Winchester Wheelmen Google Group delivers the official 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 Google Group.

**Thursdays - Retired/Day - Off Ride of the Week.** This is an easy-paced ride starting at various locations. Ride length is between 20 to 30 miles usually with a lunch stop at the finish (optional). (No ride leaders here, just advisors.) The rides will start at **10:00AM** for December at the following locations:

- **December 3rd**--Meet at the Daily Grind on Jubal Early Dr. in Winchester
- **December 10th**--Meet at the Italian Touch in Middletown. Park in back.
- **December 17th**--Meet in parking lot across the street from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 156 W Washington St. in Strasburg, VA Lunch at Christina's Café nearby.
- **December 24th**--No ride scheduled on Xmas Eve.
- **December 31st**--Meet at Italian Touch in Middletown, VA.

**Thursdays - 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 **6:10PM**. Average speed is 15-17mph. No ride leader. Front white lights and red rear flasher required.

### Weekend Rides or Events

**Saturdays - Casual MTB - Andy Guest/Shenandoah River State Park - Bentonville, VA.** Robert Golightly will lead rides at Andy Guest Shenandoah River State Park. Rides will start at **11:00AM**. (Meet at the same lot where Zipline Tours begin. Go straight thru the park and down the hill to the stop sign. Turn right, then take the next right. Park on left, if room.) Pace will be casual and duration will be between 2 and 3.5 hours. Rides will take place weekly through December. Robert can be reached at [rgolightly22601@gmail.com](mailto:rgolightly22601@gmail.com) or 540-535-9986.

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**New Year's Day "Snowball Express" Ride - Winchester, VA.** Meet at James Wood Middle School on Amherst Street at 12:00PM (noon); 25 miles or less, depending on the temperature. Mike Perry is the ride leader and may be reached at 540-877-1795 or [mperry@visuallink.com](mailto:mperry@visuallink.com).

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