

Winchester Wheelmen December 2016 Newsletter

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December Club Meeting

The club annual banquet will be held on **Monday, 12 Dec 2016**. We will meet at IJ Canns American Grille in Creekside, Winchester, VA.

All club members should have received invitations with a request to RSVP by 01 Dec 2016. If you have not yet replied, there might be space for just a few attendees. We had to report the total number of attendees by Friday, 02 Dec 2016.

Events of the meeting will be annual awards and election of officers. Current nominees for officers are as follows: President - Ken Tenney, Vice President – Bruce Taylor, Treasurer – Jonathan Hanson, and Secretary – Pat Bacuros. (Supplementary positions are Webmaster – Justin Larsen & Ride Coordinator – Robert Golightly.) Current club President, Jason Tresidder, is graciously providing music for the evening with his professional DJ equipment and playlist.

Social hour begins at **6:00pm** with a cash bar available. The meal will include the choice of two entrees, either salmon or chicken. Reminder, if you're paying for your club dues at the banquet, please either have the exact cash amount or check. There will be a table set up to receive those who need to make payment. (Note that we cannot accept payment at the event by electronic transfer of funds (credit card or other).)

Any questions, please contact a club officer before the event.

November Club Meeting

Wheelmen met on 14 November 2016 at Blue Ridge Bicycles. (Minutes provided by Pat Bacuros.)

Topics addressed:

- Annual WW Banquet
Slate of Officer Nominations:
President: Ken Tenney
Vice President: Bruce Taylor
Treasurer: Jonathan Hanson
Secretary: Pat Bacuros
- Invitations have gone out; receiving some responses; responses needed by 1st of December. IJ Cannes – 2 choices. Chicken and Fish – no linens. VOTE: 2 entrees
- Wheelmen Jerseys: Jerseys have been received. They will be present at the WW Banquet for anyone attending.
- Winchester Apple Cross Race – next weekend (19-20 November) at Jim Barnett Park (Ed.- race was held as scheduled. Jon Hicks issued a nice general note of thanks to all Winchester Wheelmen who helped for the event, including breakdown of the course the cold and windy evening of the 20th).
- Membership Applications for 2017. Forms will be available at the banquet and can be found on line. Membership dues have been increased for \$20.
- Formal meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Presentation by Melissa and Victor White's trip to Portugal.

Winchester Wheelmen December 2016 Ride Schedule

Weekday and Weeknight Rides & Events

Note: For 2016, Robert Golightly continues to 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 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.

All times listed for ride starts are departure times unless otherwise stated. Plan on arriving with enough time to be ready for the departure time. Also, if you plan to diverge from the planned route and not stay with the group, you must notify the ride leader prior to doing so. Historically there have been many rides where the ride leader has spent time backtracking or otherwise spent time and effort verifying the safety of a rider who has chosen to leave the route. Please communicate.

Thursdays - Retired/Day Off Ride. This road ride starts at various locations and are designed to start and finish at a location convenient for lunch at the end (optional). The following is the subject ride schedule start locations. All rides are on Thursdays. December rides start at **10:00AM**.

--**Dec. 1st** -- Meet at Rock Harbor Golf Course Club House parking lot. Park on left.

--**Dec. 8th** -- Meet at Santorini's Grill in Berryville. Park in back.

--**Dec. 15th** -- Meet at the Italian Touch in Middletown. Park in back.

--**Dec. 22nd** -- Meet at Daily Grind on Jubal Early Drive.

--**Dec. 29th** -- Meet in parking lot across from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

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 **6:15PM**. Average speed is 15-17mph for the 17.8 mile golf course loop. There is no ride leader. Front white light and red rear flasher required.

Weekend Rides December

Saturdays - MTB Ride - 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 in lot near to 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 or 540-535-9986.

Saturdays - Casual Road Ride - Various Locations. Susan Walker is leading Saturday morning casual rides; starting time is **11:00AM**. Please contact Susan at 540-247-7706 or e-mail susanwwalker@comcast.net.

--**Dec. 3rd** -- Shell 7-Eleven on VA 7, west of Berryville at Kimble Road.

--**Dec. 10th** -- Italian touch restaurant in Middletown, VA.

--**Dec. 17th** -- White Post Restorations in White Post, VA.

--**Dec. 24th** -- Orchard View Elementary school on Middle Road in Frederick County.

There will be no ride the fifth Saturday as it is New Year's Eve.

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.