

Winchester Wheelmen Jan/February 2017 Newsletter

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Snowball Express Ride – 01 Jan 2017



January Club Meeting

The January meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at El Centro on the Loudoun Street Mall. The meeting will start at 6:00PM, **Monday, 09 Jan 2017**, for social/dinner gathering, then the business meeting will begin at 7:00PM. Please RSVP to Ken Tenney at k_tenney@verizon.net or Tel. 664 8435 by Sun., 08 Jan 2017.

As has been the tradition in the last several years, there will not be a February, 2017 club meeting. We will hold an executive committee meeting. (We haven't had the February meeting due to its typical close proximity to St. Valentine's Day. It was a poorly attended meeting date...)

Our December meeting was also the annual banquet. It was held at I.J. Canns American Grill in Creekside on 12 December 2016. There were about 40 members in attendance.

Awards and Acknowledgements

- Winchester Wheelmen "Wheelmen of the Year": **Jason Tresidder** for his dedicated and succinct guidance of the club throughout the year.
- Most Improved Rider: **Dan White** for getting noticed on evening rides as moving up through the field to finish strongly at the end of the season.
- **Robert Golightly** and **Ed Duncan** were the great event directors, as usual.
- **Robert Morris** provided yet another eloquent blessing for meal and event, including recognition of club member Dan Warren's passing in early October, 2016.

Club officers for 2017

- President: Ken Tenney
- Vice President: Bruce Taylor
- Treasurer: Jonathan Hanson
- Secretary: Pat Bacuros

Notes from the Editor

I have a few notes of interest to most club members as we start a new calendar year.

- We are supposed to roll over to a new, quarterly format for the newsletter. This will be delayed a bit as the timing is poor to start the riding season in March, 2017, with insufficient information at this time. We'll get there! We will try to have a separate riding schedule release each month in the quarterly cycle.
 - We came up short on banquet receipts vs. the number of people who committed to attending and paid for the event. If you indicated you would attend, your place was paid for out of requirement by the restaurant. That is a shortfall for the club. Please make arrangements to compensate the club for that place setting.
 - With the cost of an annual banquet being relatively high and possibly excluding some of those who might like to attend, we will be discuss a low key potluck-style dinner in its place. Any input is welcomed.
 - We have some shift in officer positions for the 2017 calendar year. Ken Tenney was elected club president as Jason Tresidder stepped down to family and work schedule conflicts for time. Bruce Taylor has been elected club vice president and is a first time officer. Jonathan Hanson will continue to be club treasurer, as Pat Bacuros will continue to be club secretary.
 - The club has some non-officer positions that are filled by a couple of devoted members: **Robert Golightly** continues as Ride Coordinator and **Justin Larsen** continues as Webmaster.
 - If you ordered a club WW jersey, your jersey can be picked up from Blue Ridge Bicycles after 02 Jan 2017. There are extra jerseys for sale at \$68each (at cost).
 - We need physical WW waiver forms from every club member, regardless of membership method. Please send in the waiver when registering for the new calendar year.
 - Registration forms and electronic registration can be found at the WW website, though these need to be updated for 2017. Please give us until the end of the first week in January for these to be updated.
 - Lastly, please recall that this club is made up and driven by its membership. Please volunteer to lead rides and participate whenever possible, as doing so enhances your social circle and enhances everyone's experience.
- Ken Tenney

Winchester Wheelmen Jan/February 2017 Ride Schedule Weekday/Weeknight Rides & Events

Note: For 2017, 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 of the Week. This is an easy-paced ride starting at various locations. For the month of January we are going to change to ride schedule to an afternoon ride starting at **1:00PM** at the following locations on Thursdays:

--**Jan. 5th**--Macedonia Church on Macedonia Church Rd. No restaurant at start location. May stop for coffee and snack at Locke's Store depending on weather

--**Jan 12th**--Meet at the Italian Touch in Middletown. Park in back.

--**Jan. 19th**---Meet at the Daily Grind on Jubal Early Drive

--**Jan 26th**--Meet at Rock Harbor Golf Club House Parking Lot. Park on left.

We will try these afternoon rides for a month. Lunch before to ride is optional for those locations that have a restaurant. If you are having lunch near the start location, please give yourself enough time to be ready to go by 1:00PM. I have kept the start locations closer in for people who want to eat at home and drive to start location. Based on feedback we will decide whether to go back to 10AM for February.

--Spencer Ridings

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. 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 just below where the 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. Robert can be reached at rgolightly22601@gmail.com or 540 535 9986.

Casual Road Rides - Susan Walker has indicated she may post an impromptu road ride if the conditions are favorable.

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