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JULY MEETING

El Centro's on the walking mall

We will be at El Centro's on Monday, July 10th starting at 6:00pm. If you are planning to attend, please send an RSVP to club president, Ken Tenney at k_tenney@verizon.net or telephone at 540 664 8435 by Sunday, July 9th.

THE BICYCLE CELEBRATES 200 YEARS



200 YEARS OF BIKING

On June 12, 2017 the bicycle celebrated 200 years. The bicycle was invented by Karl Drais in Mannheim Germany. The bike had no pedals or drive train and you pushed your legs, like you were ice skating, to power the bike. Drais's invention was known as the laufmaschine and is considered to be the archetype not only for the bicycle, but for the automobile as well. Karl Benz, in 1886, borrowed the bicycle technology to build his motorized three wheeler. Drais went on to be credited with inventing the typewriter, with a keyboard, as well.

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Rescheduled Event!

The 9th Annual Shenandoah Valley Heritage ride, to support the Kids Club of the Northern Shenandoah Valley has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 27th. The ride time and location will remain the same. More details will follow in the August Newsletter.

CLUB METRIC RIDE

The Wheelmen Metric ride will take place sometime in late September or early October. No date or location has been set. The details will be in the August Newsletter. Also, just a reminder that many of that other regional clubs are setting up or have set up their fall events and are now open for registration.

Bob Morris brought two of his favorite seats with him on the West Virginia weekend trip!



Winchester Wheelmen July 2017 Ride Schedule

Weekday/Weeknight/Weekend Rides & Events

Note: For 2017, Robert Golightly continues to be the WW ride coordinator. He may be contacted at rgolightly22601 at 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.

Mondays - Road Ride - Frederick County, VA. Meet at White Hall Methodist Church, White Hall, VA at **6:15PM**. Robert Golightly is leading. This ride is 23 miles and will average 14 to 16 MPH There is also an option to climb Buck Mountain. We will have two short rest stops and regroup as needed. 540 535 9986

Monday - Casual Ride - Same location as above, but will take off at 5:30PM. Distance is about 12 miles. Call Susan Walker for more details at 540 247 7706.

Tuesdays - Road Ride - Stephens City, VA. Meet at Food Lion Plaza east of Stephens City on VA 277 for the **6:00PM** ride start. This is not a beginner ride; the pace is 17-19mph for the slower group, 19+ for the faster group. Typical loop is here: <http://www.ridewithgps.com/routes/102730> Distance is TBD by participants due to available daylight constraints. Please have a white front light and red rear flasher. There is no ride leader.

Wednesdays - Mixed Surface Ride - Frederick County, VA. Ride starts from Fellowship Bible Church and the time is **6:15PM Sharp**. This will be a 25 mile ride that will travel on different road surfaces, blacktop, gravel, etc. DJ Arnold normally leads, but Ken Tenney will be leading for July. He may be reached at 540 664 8435 by voice or text.

Thursdays - Night Road Ride - White Post, VA. This 17 mile ride starts from White Post Restorations. Ride departs promptly at **6:15PM**. Average speed is 15-17mph. There is no ride leader. Ride is usually followed by dinner at Roma's in Stephens City.

Thursday - Casual Ride - White Post, VA - This ride will start in the same location as the one above, but will start at **5:30PM**. Susan Walker will lead. 540 247 7706. Please join the other Thursday night riders for dinner at Roma's.

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 **9:00AM** for July at the following locations:

- **July 6th** -- Meet at the Italian Delight on Warrior Drive in Stephens City. Park close by instead of in their lot.
- July 13th** -- Meet in the parking across from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg
- July 20th** -- Meet at Episcopal Church in Millwood, across from Project Hope
- July 27th** -- Meet at Santorini's Grill in Berryville. Park in back.

Saturdays - Blue Ridge Bicycles - Winchester, VA. Fast Shop Ride will depart at **8:00AM**. 17+ mph ride with a distance of about 20 miles. Ken Tenney is leading for the first half of the month, then back to DJ.

Saturdays - Blue Ridge Bicycles - Winchester, VA. Moderate road ride. Will depart at **8:00AM** and the speed will be in the 12-14 mph zone. Mike Perry is ride leader.

Saturdays - Casual Road Ride - White Post, VA. Susan Walker is leading a weekly casual ride. She asks that if anyone is planning to ride on a given Saturday to text her at: 540 247 7706.

Casual Ride: Sunday 09 July 2017

Start from White Post Restorations at **9:00am** for a 37mile ride. Will "pit stop" in the Berryville area, somewhere TBD. Pace is casual (yes, seriously). Ride leader is Ken Tenney. He may be reached at 540 664 8435. The ride loop is here: www.ridewithgps.com/routes/10311148 Come on out and share a ride with your fellow club members.