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OCTOBER MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT BREWBAKER'S ON THE OLD TOWN MALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, STARTING AT **6:00PM**. Dinner first with meeting to follow. Please let Ken Tenney know if you are planning on attending by Sunday, October 8th. He can be reached at k_tenney@verizon.net or 540 664 8435. It is important to have everyone's input into club activities and events. Your help in planning activities for the club helps broaden our ride base, activities and membership. It is time to finish plans for the Banquet and 2018 events. Hope you can make the meeting.

Minutes for the last meeting:

Treasurer's report: Jonathan reported that there was no money in the treasury, but thanked everyone for the wonderful time him and Jeannie had at the beach. Just joking!

- Savings: \$2242.00
- Checking \$1,331.00.

Rules of the road feedback: After a discussion, it was concluded that riding 2 abreast is the biggest riding violation that we seem to incur. Remember that riding 2 abreast is only allowed if not impeding traffic. The other issue was to be sure you are on your side of the road all the time. There are a lot of rises in the road where oncoming traffic cannot see you and therefore, not enough time to react. This is very true when riding in Clarke County.

Annual Banquet. Mike Perry is looking into us having the Banquet at Rock Harbor Golf Course. More news on this at the October Meeting.

WW T-shirts. There was discussion on new Club T-shirts. We will have an update at the meeting.

2018 WW Cycling Vacation. Looking at a 2018 Tour for the club. Most likely New York Finger Lakes.

Shenandoah 100. Congratulations to Josh Lewis, Jonathan Hanson and Bill Fennel on their completion of the Shenandoah 100 Mountain Bike Race! Way to go !!!!!



Presidential Day for a Presidential Ride

(Photo was intentionally excluded last month. Now included due to threat of bodily harm by some folks I know... Ken Tenney)

Scenes from the Shenandoah Valley 100



Ed, Michele, Pat and Robert enjoying a snack after the ride.



Kevin, Berry, Chuck, Bruce and Cindy looking good before the ride.



Cindy, Mike and Family at the Shenandoah 100 road ride.

Winchester Wheelmen October 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@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.

Monday MTB rides:

Will be determined each week by the Sunday before the ride and will be posted on the WW Google Group. Robert Golightly will be leading.

Monday - Whitehall Methodist Church. Susan Walker leading. Departure time will be **5:30PM**. Distance is 12.5 miles. Front and rear lights required. Please email Susan directly or text her at 540 247 7706 at least 90 minutes before departure time if you are planning on coming.

Tuesdays - Road Ride - Stephens City, VA. Done for Season.

Wednesday - Mixed Surface Ride - Frederick County, VA. Ride starts from Fellowship Bible Church and the time is **5:45PM** sharp. This will be a 25-29 mile ride that will travel on different road surfaces, blacktop, gravel, etc. Ken Tenney will be leading for September. He may be reached at 540 664 8435 by voice or text. Front and rear lights required.

Thursday - Casual Road Ride - White Post, VA. Susan Walker is leading a weekly casual ride from White Post Restorations, departing at **5:30PM**. Front and rear lights required. Please email Susan directly or text her at 540 247 7706 at least 90 minutes before departure time if you are planning on coming.

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. Front and rear lights required. Ride is usually followed by dinner at Roma's in Stephens City.

Thursdays - Retired/Day - Off Ride of the Week This is an easy to moderately 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.) *While there is no official ride leader, this is a group ride and those familiar with the route picked are asked to make sure all are able to follow the route and slower riders are not left behind.* The rides will start at **9:00AM** at the following locations:

--**October 5th** - Meet at the Italian Touch in Middletown, Park in back

--**October 12th** - Meet at the parking lot across from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg.

--**October 19th** - Meet at Valley Baptist Church in Edinburg.

--**October 26th** - Meet at the Episcopal Church, across from Project Hope.

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, or substitute, will lead the ride leader. About 1.5hrs long. Please check the google group each week for changes to this ride. This would be due to Weather, daylight, etc.

Saturday at White Post - Casual Road Ride - White Post, VA. Saturday's 17 mile ride will depart this week at **9:30AM** from the Exxon 7-Eleven on the corner of VA 7 E. and Kimble Road on the left just before the first Berryville exit. It is a nice leisurely ride in beautiful farm country. Hills are at a minimum and most are a gradual climb. Susan Walker is leading. Please email Susan directly or text her at 540 247 7706 at least 90 minutes before departure time if you are planning on coming.