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JANUARY 2018 MEETING

The January meeting will be held at Blue Ridge Bicycles on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 pm. John Crandell will give a slide show and talk about his fall ride across the United States. Pizza and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. No RSVP is needed, but please bring a fold-up chair. If the weather does not allow us to have this meeting, it will be postponed for February 13th.

Events for the last meeting

Election of officers:

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

Non-officer positions recognized were:

- **Ride Coordinator:** Robert Golightly
- **Newsletter:** Robert Golightly
- **Webmaster:** Justin Larsen

Club member and certified LAB Instructor Kevin Watson spoke to the club for about 20mins on safe riding as prescribed by LAB. Several club members indicated they heard new information from Kevin's presentation. We thank him for the time spent with us during the annual banquet.

SNOWBALL EXPRESS RIDE! JANUARY 1ST AT NOON.

This annual ride will take place from James Wood Middle School, on Amherst Street in Winchester, VA. Weather conditions will determine if the ride will go or not and if it does, the length of the ride may be reduced due to conditions. Normally the ride is about 25 miles (there is a shortcut of about 17 miles). Check the WW Google Group for last minute details on the ride status.

2017 Banquet Award Highlights

Wheelmen of the year: Leonard Yang

Cyclist of the year: Bill Fennell

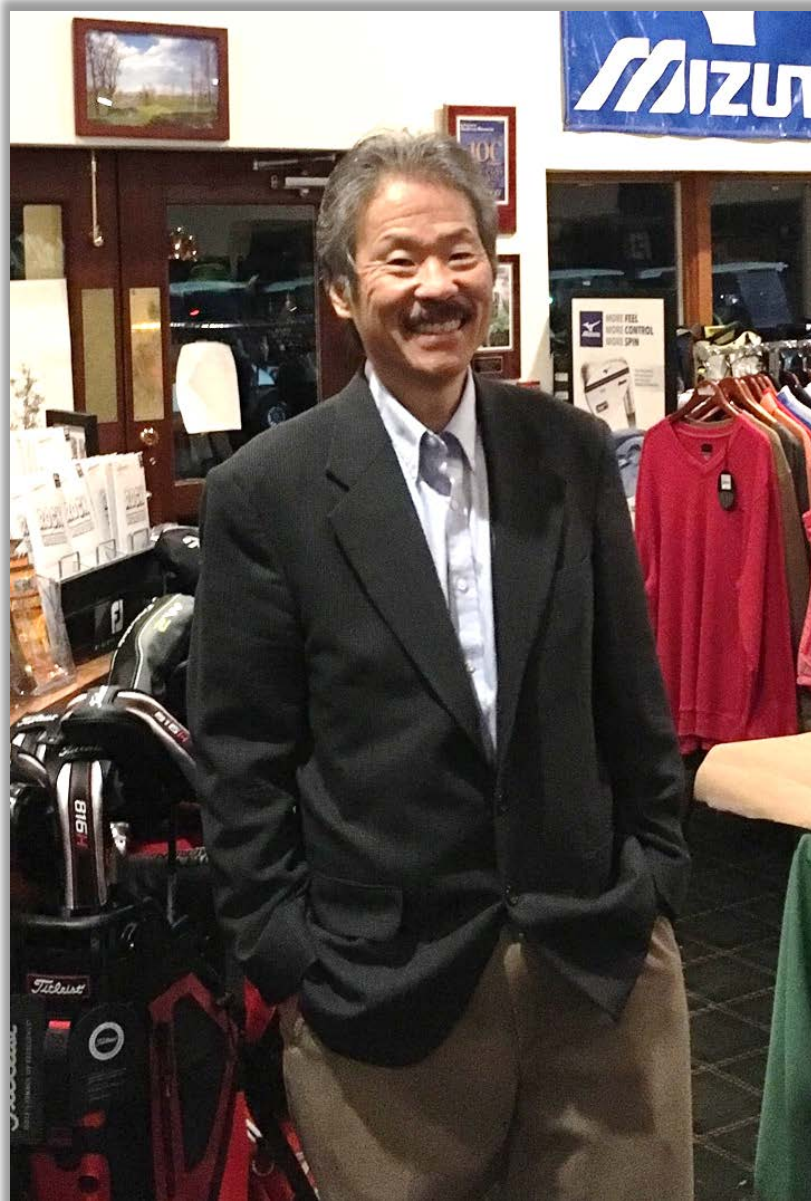
Most improved: Barry Defibaugh, Cindy Quinnelly and Susan Walker

True Grit award: Mike Perry

Best looking Calves: Barry Defibaugh

Best looking on a bike: Robert Golightly (really not an award, but thought I would throw this in, as I do write the newsletter.)

WHEELMEN OF THE YEAR! LEONARD YANG



Cyclist of the Year



Bill Fennell (on left)



Ed and Cindy checking over the tables.
Presentation is everything!

WINTER WONDERLAND AT ANDY GUEST!



Kevin Ringwood taking care of business!

Winchester Wheelmen January/February 2018 Ride Schedule Weekday/Weeknight/Weekend Rides & Events

Note: For 2018, 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. Those postings will be issued by Robert Golightly.

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.

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.) If the day's high is less than 40deg F, the ride is canceled. *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 **10:00AM** at the following locations:

--**January 4th** – Meet at Santorini Grill in Berryville.

--**January 11th** – Meet at Italian Delight on Warrior Drive, Stephens City. Park near by, not in front of restaurant.

--**January 18th** – Meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, park across the street.

--**January 25th** – Meet at the Italian Touch in Middletown, park in the back.

--**February 1st** – Meet at Santorini Grill in Berryville.

--**February 8th** – Meet at Italian Delight on Warrior Drive in Stephens City. Park near by, not in front of restaurant.

--**February 15th** – Meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, park across the street.

--**February 22nd** – Meet at Italian Touch in Middletown, park in back.

Saturdays - The shop ride has ended for the season, but Mike Perry let me know if anyone wants to continue to ride from the shop at 8:30, please feel free to do so, but please park in the parking spots facing the road.

Saturdays - MTB rides at Andy Guest State Park. Meet at 11:00am in the park. Park in the parking lot below the parking lot for the Zip Line concession operator. Please join us for casual mountain bike rides here at the park. The rides are usually about 2 to 3 hours long. The rides are great for beginners or experienced riders. Please contact Robert Golightly for more information at 540 535 9986. Call or text.

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