

WINCHESTER WHEELMEN DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER MEETING:

The December meeting for the Wheelmen will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 PM. Location: Blue Ridge Bicycles, 2228#G, Papermill Rd, Winchester, VA 22601. Business meeting and election of officers will be at 7:00 PM. We'll order pizza, and if you'd like to bring a dessert to share, that would be welcome! Please bring \$5 for pizza and RSVP so we know how much pizza to get. Please reply to Josh Lewis at joshwlewis@netscape.net if you plan attend. Also, please bring your own camp chair or other for sitting.

WW Officer Elections for 2022

Nominations for the Winchester Wheelmen slate of officers are due Monday, December 6th. Anyone can nominate either themselves or someone else for office. The officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions are open for nomination.

Please send all nominations to the secretary, Andrea Cosans, by Monday, December 6th. The nominations for officers will be presented and voting will take place Wednesday, December 8th during the meeting which will be held at Blue Ridge Bicycle Shop at 6:00 PM. She can be contacted at acosans66@yahoo.com or 540-533-2028. Current officers are:

- President: Josh Lewis
 - Vice President: Justin Larsen
 - Treasurer: Jonathan Hanson
 - Secretary: Andrea Cosans
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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

The meeting was held 08 Nov 2021 with the president, Josh Lewis presiding. Reminder that these are notes from the meeting, as held that date. Some items referenced may have already occurred, etc.

The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM with the treasurer's report.

- Savings \$1503.30
- Checking \$2126.72
- Cash \$100.00
- Total \$3730.02

There were a good number of new members from the Metric Century held in October. There was a \$50.00 donation from metric century rider/member. Membership stands at 153 plus family members.

Old Business was discussed as follows:

- There is still no invoice from Primo Potties. Andrea volunteered to contact the company and tell them to pick up the potties and get an invoice. She will let them know we want to install a potty in mid-March. (We've asked that the porta-potty be picked up. **Please do not use the WP Restorations air compressor shed as a toilet.** -Ed.)

- The Adopt-a-Highway pick up date was discussed as possibly the Saturday after Thanksgiving time around 10:00 AM. An invite will be sent out to the group as a whole and Jonathon will be contacted so he can contact the DOT. (This is still pending. -Ed.)
- Andrea and Zita gave a report on winter activities for the Women's Ride group. There will be instructional classes and spin classes.
- Andrea and Wolfgang reported on the two meetings that we had with Frederick County Parks and Recreation and the CCAP board. They reported the issues that we had with parks and recreation. The only plus of staying with them is they are going to do a bike ride regardless of whether CCAP partners with them or not.
- Andrea reported that The Apple Blossom Committee might be interested in sponsoring a ride in 2023. The Wheelmen gave the go ahead to explore that.
- It was reported that you can now pay for membership online through our website. Andrea volunteered along with Wolfgang to update the website and make it easier to navigate.

New Business/Open:

- Nominations for next year's slate of officers are being taken through the end of November. If interested, please contact Andrea: acosans66@yahoo.com or 540-533-2028.
 - Jonathan would like a break from being treasurer and he will train.
 - Andrea is willing to remain secretary.
 - Josh and Justin are willing to remain president and vice president if no one else wants to step forward. However, if someone else is willing then please feel free.
- The next meeting will be at Blue Ridge Bicycles on Wednesday December 8 at 6:00 PM. The shop will host a Christmas open house.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Winchester Wheelmen December 2021 Ride Schedule

Weekday/Weeknight Rides & Events

Note: Approved helmets are required for all rides. If you are not a club member, you must sign a waiver prior to the ride. Non-members may only ride one ride as a guest. Membership is a requirement following that guest ride per club LAB insurance requirements. 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 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 ride is an easy to moderate pace ride starting at various locations. Ride length is between 20 to 30 miles, with an average speed of 12-15 MPH. The rides usually have a lunch break stop or lunch after. Rides are as follows:

- **Thursday, December 2nd:** Jail Trail; meet at the Route 9 Bike Trail just east of the Regional Jail on route 9. **10:00 AM** for a 32-mile ride to Shepherdstown for a coffee stop there.
- **Thursday, December 9th:** Rock Harbor Golf Club at **10:00 AM** for a 25-mile ride with lunch at the finish (great Reuban sandwiches and burgers).

- **Thursday, December 16th:** Clearbrook to Middleway Loop; meet at Clearbrook Fire Company parking lot at **10:00 AM** for a 30-mile loop.
- **Thursday, December 23rd:** Royalicious Bakery at **10:00 AM** for a 25-27 mile ride with lunch at the Bakery for anyone interested.
- **Thursday, December 30th:** Shop Ride from Blue Ridge Bicycles at **10:00 AM** for a 23-mile loop (this route replaced the regular route when weekend traffic on Cedar Creek Grade got too hectic during apple season at Marker Millers Farm Market).

Thursdays - Road Ride - White Post, VA. 17-mile ride starts at White Post Restorations. Departure time is **6:00 PM**. As this is a 100% darkness ride, you must have bike lights, front and back. This is a leaderless ride. Please check the WW Google Group to see that anyone is planning to ride.

Saturdays - Shop Ride - Winchester, VA. Impromptu only. Look to WW Google Group for details.

Saturdays - Morning Mountain Bike at Andy Guest/Shenandoah River State Park - Bentonville, VA. We will be riding each Saturday morning at 11:00 AM at the lower parking lot on the left (not at the zip line area) for a 2 to 3-hour ride. Each week's ride is adjusted to accommodate all riders who come out for the ride. Robert Golightly is leading and may be reached at 540-535-9986 or rgolightly22601@gmail.com. **(No ride on 11 Dec 2021 or 25 Dec 2021.)**

January 1, 2022, SNOWBALL EXPRESS, start location is James Wood Middle School, 12:00 noon start. 25 miles using the reverse of the Thanksgiving ride (via Jones, Middle, Cedar Creek). Time to celebrate the New Year!

WHERE: James Wood Middle School, 1313 Amherst St, Winchester, VA 22601, USA.

WHEN: 12:00 noon, 01 Jan 2022.

DESCRIPTION: New Year's Day "Snowball Express" Ride – Winchester, VA. Meet at James Wood Middle School on Amherst Street in Winchester. Ride departs (pushes off) at 12:00 noon; 25 miles or less, depending on the temperature.

Note that this is casual ride. Some riders will go hard, but please make the ride whatever pace works for you. With pleasant temperatures, I expect a big turnout. Please come out to start your calendar year with a ride!

Please be ready to push off at 12:00. Also, we always take a nice, big group photo.

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Future Weekend Rides or Events

- Visit <https://www.cyclingva.com/> for more riding options.