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Message from the President

Happy New Year JBC!

First and foremost I want to thank all of you who have shared your support as I take on the role of JBC President. I was content in the role of VP but, as Rob stepped down, I agreed to assume the job if no one else stepped up to take the reins. I accept this leadership position not because of my passion for cycling but, because I am motivated by the synergy of long standing club members. These cyclists have inspired me to care about JBC as much as they do. Club members whose unwavering volunteerism makes our 4th of July ride an exceptional cycling classic that is revered by cyclists in the Chicago area and beyond.

The July 4, 2021 ride was miraculously pulled off with only a 30-day window to plan after Covid restrictions were lifted. Under Dominick's leadership, another successful 4th ride is in the books. Membership Chair, Steve, expanded club membership on the

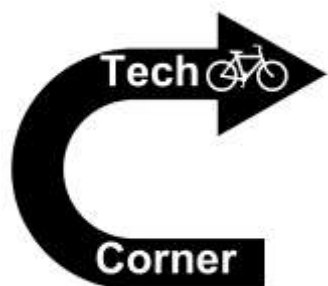
2021 4th of July ride application. As we welcome our new members, it is my hope that they too will join in club activities, find their ride niche and eventually volunteer. Getting involved facilitates membership pride and allows each of us the opportunity to become an integral part of the energy that is JBC. On behalf of your Board: Michelle, Conrad and Al, I welcome new and old members to the 2022 cycling season.

Traditionally in February, JBC has hosted a Chili Bowl. Several members have asked on recent hikes and rides, "Will there be a Chili Bowl in February, 2022?" Unfortunately, due to Covid variants currently increasing the positivity rate, this event is not looking feasible. The Board will meet in January to make a decision on this club activity. Look to Google Groups communication for a Chili Bowl status update. For those who don't know, Chili Bowl has been held at Channahon Lanes. Members sign up to bring chili, a side dish or dessert. After

eating, everyone votes for their favorites in the 3 categories: chili, side and dessert with simple prizes given to the top vote getters. After the food fest, everyone who would like to bowl, gets shoe rental and 2 games on JBC. Whether you bowl or not, fun is had by all who attend Chili Bowl.

Thanks again for your support JBC. I will do my best to honor my predecessors as well as club traditions in making decisions with the other Board Members. Together we are JBC.

***Happy Trails...
Janae***



Shimano Wireless Technology

By Steve Geary

Grantee Code: WY7 3-77 Oimatsu-cho Sakai-ku

Shimano has been granted a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval for a wireless derailleur and control. The FCC regulates communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable across the United States and approval is required to ensure it complies with their standards before it can be released.

This is the second FCC approval Shimano has been granted this year following [WY7-3GK1](#) a rear derailleur and [WY7-927A](#) a wireless module (shifter) [posted in January](#), which turned out to be for the new Dura-Ace Di2 R9200 and Ultegra Di2 R8100, [released at the end of August](#).



The details on this new groupset are locked away behind a confidentiality agreement but we can definitely speculate as to what might be going on here. Our first thought is that this could be the first hint of a wireless Di2 version of the current XTR groupset. Shimano last updated the XTR groupset back in June 2018, which will mean it hits its four-year anniversary right around the time the confidentiality agreement runs out on this filing. Shimano's doesn't currently have any wireless shifting in their mountain bike drivetrain lineup, whereas SRAM now has AXS capabilities on three of its offerings, XX1, X01 and GX. Shimano generally adopts new technologies later than SRAM but they must certainly be feeling the pressure to have their own wireless groupset now we're two years on from AXS' introduction. It's surely a question of when, not if, Shimano adopts a wireless mountain bike groupset.

Are there any other possibilities for what this could be? Firstly, both components work off the same frequency (2,478 Mhz) as the Dura Ace and Ultegra groupsets released earlier this year. This could just be Shimano's favored frequency or it could be that they are bringing the technology down to the 105 level in their road line up. It seems more likely that this is just a similar technology to the current road groupsets and could share the 'wiredless' method of wireless controls linking to a central battery that controls the derailleur using wires. Unlike SRAM, Shimano **isn't truly and completely wireless**.

The second thing to notice is that the filing is for a 'dual control' lever. We read that as a lever that operates the brakes and well as the gears. There are no prizes here for pointing out that [Shimano has produced Dual Control mountain bike brakes](#) in the past but we highly doubt they're returning to that technology in 2022. Instead, we'd look to their GRX gravel groupset to be the alternate possibility for what the dual control levers operate.

Whatever the case, the confidentiality agreement will end on 15 June 2022 so put that date in your diary for a potential release of this new technology. You can check out the FCC filings for the [derailleur, here](#), and [the control, here](#).

Shimano said, "Shimano is constantly working on the development of new products. However, we do not comment on rumors or speculation about our products, whether they are in development or not."

Steve Geary

Skinny Wheels, Skinny Tires, Skinny Arms

SSHA 2021-2022 Series

Steve and Shirl's Hiking Adventures

Hiking with Steve and Shirl Checklist

Additional pair of pants to remain in vehicle
Additional pair of shoes to remain in vehicle
Additional pair of socks to remain in vehicle
Plastic bag for muddy boots to remain in vehicle
Check weather before leaving home for appropriate layers
Dress in Layers
Gloves - glove liners
Hat
Hiking map (Provided in email invite) - Printed or digital
Hiking Poles (optional)
Micro-spikes for boots
Monitor email for updates/cancellations
Snack
Sunglasses
Water bottle
Waterproof boots

Date	Region	Name	Miles	Terrain	Link
12/4/21	Joliet	Pilcher Park	4.0	2	ridewithgps.com/routes/37430350
12/12/21	Palos	Maple Lake	4.1	2	ridewithgps.com/routes/28963663
12/18/21	Mokena	Hickory Creek East	4.7	2	No Map – Single Track
1/1/22	Palos	Imperial Oak	4.5	2	ridewithgps.com/routes/37429928
1/8/22	Yorkville	Saw Wee Kee	4.9	4	ridewithgps.com/routes/37826051
1/15/22	Palos	Red Gate	4.8	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/28966278
1/22/22	Naperville	Knock Knolls	4.9	2	ridewithgps.com/routes/33984566
1/29/22	Palos	Swallow Cliff South	5.3	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/37485539
2/5/22	Warrenville	Herrick Lake	5.7	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/28956487
2/12/22	Palos	McCloughry Springs	5.1	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/28962987
2/19/22	Elwood	Midwin Group 63	3.4 - 5.8	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/34279438
2/26/22	Palos	Campground Trail	5.5	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/36928066
3/5/22	Woodridge	Green Valley	4.2 - 6.3	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/35122538
3/12/22	Palos	Stonehouse	4.3 - 5.8	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/36924019
3/19/22	New Lenox	Hickory Creek Barrens	6.6	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/34280293
3/26/22	Palos	Little Red Schoolhouse	3.1 – 3.9 – 5.8	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/37691934
4/2/22	Shorewood	Hammel Woods	3.3 - 6.7	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/34283099
4/9/22	Palos	Bloodshed	3.5 - 5.9	4	ridewithgps.com/routes/36070285
4/16/22	Utica	Starved Rock East	5.3 - 6.0 - 7.7	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/38010914
4/23/22	Palos	Boating Center	8.2	3	ridewithgps.com/routes/36035616
4/30/22	Lemont	Waterfall Glen	10.0	1	ridewithgps.com/routes/34298908

SSHA 2021-2022 Series

As we approach “winter”, we may be encountering snow and/or ice on some of our hikes. Therefore, **PLEASE** ensure that if you plan on hiking, the following are our recommended requirements: mid-calf or higher waterproof boots, microspikes, clothing layers, gloves, warm hat, and hiking (trekking) poles. If we have a scheduled hike and it is snowing, unless we are expecting multiple inches, we will normally still hike. If you have never hiked while it is snowing, I encourage you to try it once. It is such an amazing, tranquil, awesome experience.

Be sure to monitor your JBC emails as each weekend approaches. Prior to each hike we will post de-

tails such as starting location, starting times and other information pertaining to the upcoming hike.



The terrain varies from well-manicured limestone trails to hilly and rocky single tracks. The terrain is rated on a scale from 1-

5, with 1 being easy and 5 being very challenging. The weather and trail conditions will also vary widely, possibly adding

some difficulty.

Most locations are near Joliet with the exception of Starved Rock. However, Starved Rock is well worth the drive.

The hiking schedule may be subject to change based on weather and trail conditions. The safety of the hikers and the preservation of the

trails will be our top considerations.

Please feel free to reach out to Steve Geary or ShirI Boatman with any

January 2022

SSHA 2021-2022 Series

Date & Time: Saturday, December 4 @ 9:00 am

Start Location: [Bird Haven Greenhouse & Conservatory](#), 225 Gougar Rd, Joliet

Distance & Speed: 4 miles @ 3+ mph

Terrain: #2 (easy/moderate)

Intended Route: [Pilcher Park](#)

Hike #1



Photographer—Steve Geary

27 JBC Members and Guests followed Steve and I into Pilcher park for the first hike of the SSHA Series. Thank you for coming out to enjoy the beauty of Pilcher Park and enjoy the comradery of friends! We had great weather.



Photographer—Steve Geary



Date & Time: Sunday, December 12 @ 1:00 pm

Start Location: [Hickory Smoked Trailhead](#), 1/4 mile east of the [Maple Lake Boating Center](#), 9690 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

Distance & Speed: 4.1 miles @ 3+ mph

Terrain: #2-3 (easy/moderate)

Intended Route: [Maple Lake - Palos Forest Preserve](#)

Hike #2

17 JBC Members and Guests followed Steve and I on the Maple Lake hike in Palos.



Thank you for coming out to enjoy the Palos Forest Preserve.



Another great weather day for a hike.



Date & Time: Saturday 12/18 @ 10:00 am
Location: [10537 W La Porte Rd, Mokena, IL 60448](#)
Park Here: [41.523391, -87.872507](#)
Distance & Speed: 5.0 miles @ 3+ mph
Terrain: #2-3 (easy/moderate)

Hike #3



Andre and his Garden Gnome



14 JBC Members and Guests followed Steve and I into the “back woods” of Hickory Creek. Many didn’t know these single track trails existed. We weren’t on the asphalt trail. Thank you for joining us!



Rob and his merry band of tree huggers!





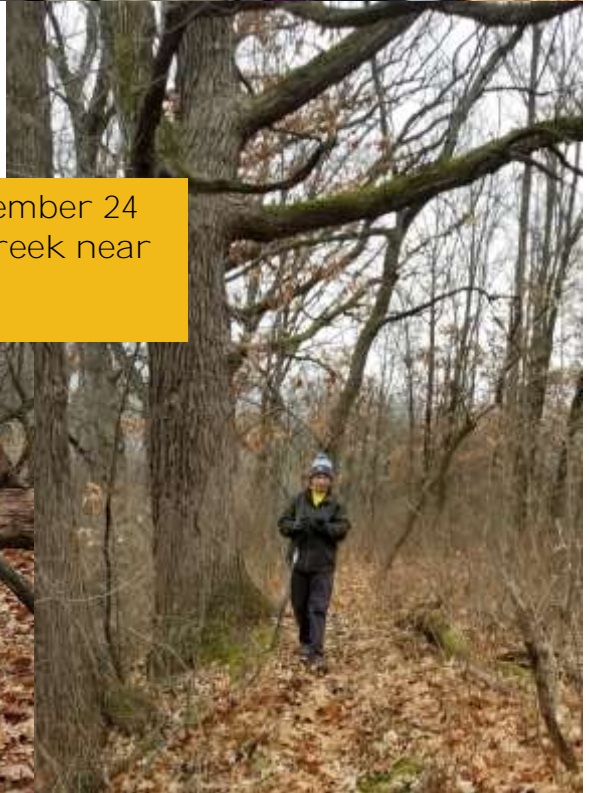
November 26 Ad-Hike in the backwoods of Hickory Creek! Photographer—Brent Radoski



December 19 Ad-Hike in North Creek (Lansing area). Ask Gary about his alternate route across 394!



Ad-Hike—December 24 along North Creek near Lansing.



Date & Time: Sunday 12/26 @ 10:00 am
Location: [Teason's Woods](#) Cal Sag Rd & 104th Ave.
Park Here: [41.684175, -87.873932](#)
Distance & Speed: 6.5 miles @ 3 mph
Terrain: #3 Moderate

Ad-Hike—after Christmas to hike off all those calories!



16 total hikers for the Cap Sauer Ad-hike in Palos. We hiked on the Es-

ker—a ridge formed by a river that once ran in or on a glacier—at Cap Sauers Holding is one of the best examples of this rare feature in Illinois. The glaciers also left behind hills and depressions that have become marshes and wet meadows.

16 pairs of boots, 16 pairs of gloves, and 16 great hikers today! 6.7 miles @ 3.5 mph avg, max grade 12.4, elevation + 594 ft / -558 ft



Photographer—Barb Westphal



Ad Hike—December 25, 2022 — Morton Arboretum



Human + Nature—[Click here](#) to learn more about the artist and the sculptures.

The Morton Arboretum, a 1,700-acre living museum, champions trees throughout the world through science and conservation, education and outreach, and plant collections. Conveniently located approximately 25 miles from Chicago, the Arboretum features an award-winning **Children’s Garden, Maze Garden,** and 16 miles of hiking trails. Whether you seek a quiet stroll or an active family adventure, the Arboretum offers a variety of exhibitions, activities, events, and classes for all ages to enjoy.

All admission fees include parking. The Arboretum grounds are open 365 days a year. Buildings are open daily, except on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; closed at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.



Moosen Santa Cycle 2021



Saturday, December 11, 2021

Start time: 3:30 p.m.

End time: ?

We ride rain, shine, sleet or snow.

20th anniversary

Start Location: Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park 320 E. Kenilworth Ave. Villa Park

[Click here](#) to view the video



Membership Corner

By Steve Geary

2022 membership renewals started on October 1, 2021.

Please refer to the [JBC Website](#) to complete the application and to keep up to date on rides with the [Ride List](#).

2021 Memberships are current until December 31, 2021. In order to maintain a seamless membership transition, please complete the 2022 membership application by December 31, 2021.



Please note any items that are underscored in this newsletter are clickable links. You may have to use CTRL and Click the Link depending on your computer.

“Flashing vs steady bike lights: which is safest and what does the law say?” - quick read article from [Bike Radar](#).



TREK TRAVEL

WHERE WILL YOUR BIKE TAKE YOU NEXT

TREK TRAVEL NIGHT

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Trek Travel Event!

Calling all global explorers, legendary fun seekers, and road warriors. The cycling vacation of a lifetime is waiting for you!

Join Trek Travel and Trek Bicycle Store Downers Grove for a fun-filled evening on Friday, January 28th @ 6 pm.

Raffle prizes, trivia, food & drinks! And a presentation from Trek Travel, to learn everything you need to know about booking your dream vacation.

If interested, [Click Here](#) to register.

Peggy McEvilly-Reed - Contestant on Wheel of Fortune on December 14



6 Minooka traveling nurse to appear on Wheel of Fortune

By DENISE M. KARASIK/APRIL

When Peggy McEvilly-Reed talked to her Uncle Bob McEvilly for his birthday this year, she said he told her, "The next time you're home, I'm going to be watching you on TV."

McEvilly-Reed will appear on a Wheel of Fortune, "Secret Santa Holiday Showcase" show at 6:30 p.m. This December 14.

But Bob will be "watching from heaven" along with McEvilly-Reed's mother, Ann McEvilly, McEvilly-Reed said. Bob died Dec. 3 last, just a few days before the holiday.

McEvilly-Reed said she's proud to be the show's 12-year-old and McEvilly-Reed, a traveling nurse, always wanted "Wheel of Fortune" with Ann and Bob. She's proud to be on the show.

"I don't know why," McEvilly-Reed said. "And then one day, we made the schedule. So I went up the show to meet my mother."

Ann's challenge to Minooka Reed, an Ann helped McEvilly-Reed with a song from the show's "Secret Santa Show." "It's a one-minute video. McEvilly-Reed sang out the highlights of her life, mother of three, one of seven siblings.

Reed, raised on a farm and an avid cyclist, McEvilly-Reed rides 40 miles a day on her days off, she said.

McEvilly-Reed submitted her recording in November 2018. Several weeks later, McEvilly-Reed received a letter in mail in addition to Champaign. She was one of about 30 applicants that day and one of 30 who received follow-up letters that they were "put in a pool to be considered."

McEvilly-Reed said.

In August, McEvilly-Reed received the phone call. She traveled to California in October to tape Tuesday's show and was thrilled to learn it was a "Secret Santa" show, since her mother had shown her.

Here's how "Secret Santa" works. Contestants appearing on the show from Dec. 6 through Dec. 17, 2021, become a "Secret Santa" to an at-home viewer with a Wheel Watchers Club member's SPIN ID number. If a SPIN ID number is revealed, the at-home viewer becomes eligible to win the same prize the contestant wins - provided the at-home viewer logs into wheeloffortune.com within 30 hours of the broadcast to claim the prize.

"My mom always thought it was so cool that you could win a car or vacation or money without even leaving your living room," McEvilly-Reed said.

McEvilly-Reed said the entire "Wheel of Fortune" experience followed extremely strict COVID-19 protocols. She said every person she met was super-friendly. What McEvilly-Reed can't say is how she did on the show.

But she can say this.

"Mama Reed, my mom, was there there with me, whispering, 'Boy's a good!'" McEvilly-Reed said.



Thank you from Ride Illinois for JBC Annual Contribution



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Dear Joliet Bicycle Club board and members,

On behalf of our board and staff, I'd like to thank you for your generous 1,500.00 donation to Ride Illinois on 11/25/2021! Financial support from individuals and organizations has made nonprofit bike advocacy in Illinois possible since 1992. We're excited to begin our 30th year of nonprofit, statewide bike advocacy in 2022. Your club's contribution will help to fund our ongoing efforts to make Illinois better through biking and will help individuals and communities become safer, more connected, and healthier. We're thankful that you value the work that we do and we truly appreciate your support.

Ride Illinois uses donations from bike clubs and community organizations in line with our mission. We're thrilled that JBC has chosen to support our work. This generous contribution also renews your annual membership as a Ride Illinois-affiliated bicycle club at the Platinum level. We'd appreciate if you would share news about Ride Illinois with your members and supporters in order to familiarize them with the importance of bike advocacy. And don't forget to take (or re-take) BikeSafetyQuiz!

Ride Illinois is a resource for all Illinois residents when the topic is biking and safety. If there is a topic or matter that we can assist your club with, please don't hesitate to contact us.

In the meantime, we'll continue to share relevant news, available resources, and opportunities to make Illinois better through biking. Please read our e-newsletters, like our Facebook page, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to remain informed about our efforts.

Don't hesitate to contact us at info@rideillinois.org with thoughts, concerns, and questions from JBC members. Please share our appreciation with your entire club.

Be safe and pedal on!

Dave Simmons
Executive Director
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JBC Ride Definitions / Rules / Etiquette

SG - Show & Go - ride leaders, and distances can be decided at the ride

S - Social - Group stays together, rides at posted level, has ride leader.

Ride contacts are to be called for information about the ride.

All riders should plan to arrive at any scheduled ride at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

AD HOC RIDES

1. A non-calendar ride, via google groups email invite
2. 12 hour advance notice, e.g. Friday 8am ride invite sent by 8pm Thursday
3. Invite must include starting time, location and ride level (I-V)
4. Additional details about the ride can be shared too.
5. Miles are recorded as: AH/date/leader initials/miles/riders (in alpha form).
6. Use AD Hoc number assigned to the day of the ride
7. 2 riders minimum for in-state and out of state rides

Please send AD Hoc and regular miles to Bill Cihon at:

miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Send invitational miles with Invitational Mileage Report in the subject line to Bill Cihon at: miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

LEVEL	MPH
I	10-12.4
II	12.5-15
III	15.1-18
IV	18.1-20
V	20.1+

Click this [link](#) to view the JBC Member Guide:



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Reporting Miles, Ride List, Membership

Ride leaders or whomever is in charge for the ride should report miles for daily JBC rides listed on the calendar and for Ad Hoc Rides. Please send the Ride #, date, and list of riders in alphabetical order, and their miles to:

miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Mileage reports should be sent within 3 days of the ride.

The JBC Ride List is published monthly on the JBC website.

<http://www.jolietbicycleclub.com/ride-calendar/>

All JBC Ad Hoc Rides are announced through JBC Google Groups emails.

Make sure you are signed up on JBC Google Groups to get all club announcements.

JBC annual dues are \$15.00

JBC Meeting Information

Regular JBC club meetings are at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. JBC holds meetings in Feb, March, April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. Meeting locations and dates may change.

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