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Check your inbox this week for the schedule for the SLS 2023/2024 Hiking Series.



Message from the President

Now that it is December, calendar year 2023 is winding down fast. This Thursday, December 7th is our monthly meeting at Pizza For U in Joliet on Larkin at 7 PM. **If you haven't already, renew your membership** by January 1, 2024 for a smooth membership transition.

I hope you're finding ways to keep active. Happy ski season to those heading to mountains. Enjoy those forest preserve trails on bike or by foot this winter. I for one hope to cross county ski and snow shoe if we get usable snow. For those who live in the sunshine state or travel to areas in the US where you can ride without winter gear, enjoy the miles. Then for those who choose indoor cycling as an option, I hope you **get your fans set up in such manner than you don't leave a puddle on** the floor! No matter the weather or your location just stay active!

Saturday, November 11th JBC hosted the Annual Banquet at the Holiday Inn & Suites/Rock Run Convention Center Joliet Southwest, a new location for the club. This location is conveniently located right off I 80. The food was good and the banquet room was very comfortable. The acoustics allowed for easy conversation amongst attendees. As always, It was nice to gather and share stories with club members. **A big thank you to all who attended. Don't forget November 2024 we will celebrate 50 years of JBC!**

Your JBC Board has continued to annually donate some of our proceeds from the 4th of July ride to causes that support cycling. I am including the written thank you notes, cards, emails and letters we received from: Ride Illinois, CAMBr, Will County Forest Preserve District and People for Bikes in this Newsletter. We verbally received accolades of gratitude and thanks from Plattville Playground Association and the Lisbon- Steward Fire Department Plattville Station for our donations

and continued support to the community of Plattville. The mutual beneficial relationship between JBC and the community of Plattville has contributed to the success of the 4th of July Ride.

Save the date! Our next social event is Chili Bowl scheduled for February 10, 2024. Bring a dish to share and bowl a couple of games! See you there until then... enjoy the Holidays that you celebrate.

Happy Trails.....

Janae

Thank You



Illustration by
Lana Carlson

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every thing
give
Thanks.
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Dear members of the
Joliet Bicycle Club~
We would like to thank
you for your continued
support of our bicycle
ministry and the most
generous donation! Please
know that your donations
not only help those who
are less fortunate enjoy
bike riding but enable
many to get to and fro
to work. What a
blessing you are!
Al & Rosemary



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Supporting Initiatives That Protect Nature, Inspire Discovery, and Bring People & Nature Together

November 8, 2023

Janae Hunziker
 Joliet Bicycle Club
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Dear Janae and the Joliet Bicycle Club Family,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500, Check No. 2138 on November 3, 2023 in support of bicycling initiatives in the Will County forest preserves. We are so grateful for your continued support!

Your amazing generosity creates a legacy of preservation, conservation, education, and recreation in the Will County forest preserves. Your gift impacts and improves the health and vitality of natural areas and funds programs that enrich thousands of lives and bring people and nature together. We are so honored to have your support!

Please note for tax purposes, that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.

Thank you for your support!

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Ham".

Cynthia Ham
 Executive Director

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN NATURE!

Please retain this donation acknowledgement for tax purposes. The Nature Foundation of Will County is a tax-exempt charitable organization with a 501 (c)(3) classification. EIN# 27-3123713. Your gift is tax-exempt to the extent allowed by tax laws.

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Hello Joliet Bicycle Club,

Thanks very much to JBC and your generous \$1,500 donation to Ride Illinois on 11/7/23. Our meaningful work is made possible through altruistic contributions. **Your organization's contribution will be used in line with Ride Illinois' mission to make Illinois better through biking.**

As a result of this recent contribution, «Company_Name» is recognized as an Affiliated Club at the Platinum level. Visit rideillinois.org/about-us/affiliated-clubs-organizations to learn more.

Forward-thinking communities are investing in bike infrastructure and making it safer for adults and children to travel by bike. Hopefully this is the case in Joliet. If not, JBC could help bring about positive change. Contact Ride Illinois for suggestions and resources.

Ride Illinois will share relevant news, useful resources, and opportunities to make Illinois better through biking via email. Be sure to read our monthly newsletter, Tailwinds, and follow Ride Illinois on social media. Please share news and updates from your community with Ride Illinois.

Lastly, please contact Ride Illinois at info@rideillinois.org or (630) 216-9282 with thoughts, concerns, questions, and suggestions related to making Illinois better through biking.

Dave Simmons
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Many thanks for
your continued
support!



Scan to request
Ride Illinois materials

Ride Illinois is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

P.S. Check out our 'I Can Bike There' campaign at icanbikethere.org. Share your story and inspire others!

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When the amount of daylight each day begins to get shorter as summer turns to fall, leaves stop making chlorophyll, the pigment that gives leaves their summery green color. When this happens, green slowly gives way to the yellows, oranges and reds we love to see each fall.

Our local trees that produce deep red and orange and bronze-colored leaves include red oaks, sugar maples, flowering dogwoods, persimmons, sweet gums, sumacs and tupelo gums. Bright yellow and orange leaves are seen in ash, birch, black cherry, cottonwood, hickory, assafras and tulip trees. The deep purples and reds are typically seen on vines like poison ivy and Virginia creeper.

Dear Janae, Michelle, Conrad & Al,

Thank you for your continued support and

your very generous gift of \$1,500.00

We are so honored to partner with the

Johet Bicycle Club to support bicycling in our forest preserves!

Ride on! With gratitude,
Cindy

Meet the Member

by Rob Weiss

Many of you may recall a few tears ago I started a newsletter feature called “Meet the Member”. Life seemed to get in the way and I stopped the monthly meet the member. Last Sunday I went on a ride led by Gary Zaur and there I was inspired by a new member to bring this feature back to the newsletter. **Of Course, you don’t have to be a new member to be featured in meet the member, however this month’s meet the member is a new member. I always enjoy meeting new members, they are the life blood of JBC. I think everyone should make an effort to bring in new member each year. Please enjoy reading about our new member and this month’s Meet the Member, John Smaga.**

JBC’S MEET THE MEMBER JOHN SMAGA

Your name? John Smaga

Are you married? Spouse name and years married Yes, my wife is Alicia Smaga and have been married for 38 wonderful years

Do you have children? Yes, I have three children: one Boy (Jonathan) and two Girls (Kimberly and Kristen)

What city do you live in? For the past three years I have lived in Plainfield, Illinois

When did you join JBC and why did you join the club? I joined JBC in the late winter of 2023. I previously lived in Elmhurst for 35 years before moving to Plainfield and missed riding with folks that enjoy riding as much as I do. So, I scoured the internet for bike clubs in the area when I came across JBC. I had initial concerns that **most of the rides would take place out of Joliet. Then I found Jim Lambert’s phone number and gave him a call regarding the Club. Jim was very helpful and assured me that the rides take place in various communities around the southwest side. And he was very helpful and made me feel comfortable with joining JBC.**

What brought you into cycling? Well, I basically have ridden a bike before I could walk :-} and pretty much spent my early years riding everywhere I needed to go **from sun up to sun down. So, It's, always been a part of my life. Although I had to** get away from it while I was raising my children. But have started back up about 15 years ago.

What do you enjoy most about cycling with JBC? **Of course, it's the idea that I get to** meet new people and to share my passion with like-minded folks.

Tell us about your favorite cycling adventure. **I haven't done any riding out of the ordinary to this point so will have to get back to you on that one.**

Where do you cycle mostly with JBC and why? Mostly out in the farm land west of Plainfield. It allows the best open ride (not a lot of vehicle interference) , although the wind can beat you up pretty bad out in the open.

What is your favorite JBC route? So far, I have to say the Centennial Trail since it reminds me of riding out of Elmhurst and the fact it provides a bit of protection from **the WIND doesn't hurt either.**

What is your favorite JBC event I am probably most interested in the Bike across Georgia event.

If you could cycle anywhere in the world, where would it be? I would like to ride the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina.



Riding the Rhone in
France.

- *Ev and Ken Bussema*



Membership Corner

By Steve Geary

JBC Membership Applications for the year 2024 are now being accepted.

Your JBC Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. However, submitting an application for membership prior to January 1st gives you a seamless transition into the new year, and it's much easier for me to manage your account. If you do not renew your membership by the 12/31 deadline, your account will be deleted on January 1st and all member benefits will be discontinued.

To apply for a 2024 JBC Membership simply [Click Here](#). Fill out the application form and use a credit card to complete your registration. The cost for an individual adult membership remains to be \$16. Children under 18 can be registered at no cost when accompanied by an adult membership.

Don't wait! Apply for membership [NOW!](#)



Welcome to New
2024 Members

Patrycja Orlow
Michelle Picard



Click [here](#): JBC Ride List



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 will be announced in the Newsletter. JBC holds meetings in Feb, March, April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. at Pizza 4 U, 116 S Larkin Ave, Joliet. December Club Meeting is December 7 at 7:00 PM.

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