



**Springbike Bicycle Club**  
 PO Box 9823  
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# THE TUBE

February 2005  
[www.springbike.org](http://www.springbike.org)

Next monthly meeting February 14  
 Summers At The River @ 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 6 - Super Bowl Sunday Ride - Hillcrest HS
- Feb. 14 - Springbike meeting
- Feb. 26 - Rogersville Health Fair
- March 5 - Chili Ride Wesley United Methodist Church, 922 W Republic Rd
- May 1 - Dogwood Metric Century

All of these rides are for club members only and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult Club

### Superbowl Ride - Ray Wageman

Well...The Superbowl Ride will be dependent upon the weather. Forty degrees or below, I am history. I have no tolerance for the cold.....Burr. Start time will be 1 P.M. at Hillcrest High School. Maps will be provided. Ride to Willard and back. For the hard core riders, take the longer route to Ash Grove. Options to eat at Wimpies which is about a 1 1/2 mile north of Willard. Also two good eating spots at Ash Grove. There is the Fish House on Main St. and the Buffet Restaurant on highway 160 just north of town. The Hard Core should avoid highway 160. This highway is very dangerous. Also they should observe the beautiful old school house on the NW corner of 76 & 43. (Shown on the map) Where I got some of my fantastic education. (1929-31) I will enjoy the fine BB RIBS at Wimpies. Yum yum! The usual Sunday crowd should be cleared out by the time I get there. The course will not be painted.

### Classifieds

Wanted: 6 or 7 spd Shim thumb shifters-7 spd Shim bar ends-9 spd Ultegra components. 417-224-1305

**“Springbike is a local cycling club whose purpose is to promote enjoyable safe cycling for the members and the community.”**

**Support your local bike shops!**

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### Springbike BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Springbike Bicycle Club cannot be held responsible for any accident that may occur during, or as a result of, our activities. Participants ride at their own risk. For the safety of Participants, Springbike Bicycle Club requires that approved helmets be worn on all club-sponsored rides.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_New Membership \_\_\_\_\_Renewal

1 year membership.....\$20 per household

2 year membership.....\$38 per household

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### From Our President

Hello,  
I hope everybody's getting out and getting some riding in. Personally, this month I've ridden in shorts and I've gotten home with frozen water bottles...weird weather or weird rider.  
Since the last newsletter we've had the New Year's ride which took off from Clever and covered 20-32 hilly miles. The hearty 29 souls that came out had a great time riding and visiting with friends. Be sure and thank Ray Wageman for all the hard work! We also had a great monthly meeting that showed a club that's growing in numbers, financially sound and wants to support bicycling both locally and state wide. Please try to come to this next months meeting (Feb. 14) when our guest will be Doug Greek. Doug is a professional biker (and Springbike member) who races for Mercy Racing. Doug will be sharing his experiences, training information and anything else you want to ask him.  
The next rides coming up will be the Superbowl ride (see ride info) and a "brand new" Chili Ride on March 5 which will combine a nice ride and some of the finest chili in Springfield at the finish. In case of bad weather we'll have a make-up on March 12.  
Finally, Randy Lace reported that we now have 314 members, but we also noticed that according to the records several have let their memberships expire. Please look at the date above your mailing address to see if yours need to be renewed. If yours says that your membership has expired but you believe that you've already renewed please give Randy a call and let him know. You'll want to get your membership up to date in order to keep receiving The Tube, the bicycle shop discounts and your member discounts at the rides (Dogwood Metric Century, overnight campout, Fall Century, etc).  
Remember, if you ever have a question about your club please call me.

See ya on the road,  
Tim

### Shoulder Sweeping

MoDOT will sweep shoulders of any MoDOT road upon request. Call 1-888-ASK-MODOT (toll free) to request that a particular shoulder be swept.

Be prepared to explain which district the road is in (D1-St. Joe, D2-north central, D3-Hannibal, D4-KC, D5-central, D6-St.L, D7-Joplin, D8-Springfield, D9-south central, D10-Cape Girardeau) and exactly where the section of roadway is.

MoDOT roads include all federal freeways and highways in Missouri (those with numbers like I-70 or US Hwy 40) and all state highways and roads (with numbers like 350 Hwy, Route V, Route JJ). Basically, any road with a highway number or letter is a MoDOT road. Most major rural roads in Missouri are MoDOT roads.

This service would be particularly helpful if a group ride is planned that will use a particular road shoulder.

### Bicyclists May Fight Back with MoBikeFed's "Motorist Contact Letter"

Picture the perfect ride on a gorgeous Missouri morning spoiled by a frighteningly close encounter with a motorist who is angry just to see a bicyclist on the road. In the past, many of us were frustrated by our inability to take self-protective action or to incite others to protect us unless we were severely damaged by the encounter.

In an effort to make our state a safer place to ride a bicycle, the Missouri Bicycle Federation (MoBikeFed) has established a program in which the details of the incident are reported to us and a letter will be sent to the offending motorist. Details of the incident should include: motorist license tag number and description of the incident (time, place, description of vehicle & driver, what happened).

This program is open to all MoBikeFed members, including members of affiliated clubs. Bicyclists may send the details of the incident to Morgan Bearden, MBF Motorist Contact Program, morgan@thedef.org, PO Box 104871, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4871.

### MoBikeFed releases new maps showing Missouri highway shoulders--bicyclist feedback needed

The Missouri Bicycle Federation, in cooperation with MoDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator Caryn Giarratano, has released a new set of maps showing shoulders on Missouri highways. These maps should be very useful for planning the more rural segments of any bicycle trip or route, and particularly for planning cross-state bicycle trips.

Last year, MOBikeFed released a previous set of shoulder maps and solicited bicyclist feedback on them. Thanks to your responses, the new shoulder maps should be far more accurate. Every bicyclist comment about the previous shoulder maps was carefully checked out and, in addition, routes were doubled checked to improve the quality of the underlying data.

The new maps show more detail, too, indicating width of shoulders in feet, showing roads that have shoulders on one side only, and indicating paved or unpaved condition.

Although we feel the new maps are far, far more accurate than the old, at this time we are officially releasing the maps for comment and feedback only. Please do take the time to look over the roads you know and let us know whether the map is accurate or not.

To view the maps and leave comments, visit [MoBikeFed.org/shoulder](http://MoBikeFed.org/shoulder). The proposed Missouri Cross-State Bicycle Route Map is also available for public comment. This map and others are available at

### Missouri Bicycle Federation, SpringBike's Shining Star, & BikeEd from Coy Hart

As far as I know, SpringBike is in the best financial shape it has ever been in, thanks to Sheryl Galvin and everyone who helped her. During her reign, many folks expressed an interest in using some of these funds to help support bicycle advocacy. I have a suggestions, but I'm only going to talk about the big one here.

The Missouri Bicycle Federation (MBF) works for us at the state level. MBF is directly responsible for the fact that we have a state Bike/Ped Coordinator and many other benefits. There isn't enough space here to tell you everything they do. I'll give you the web address to their site which is updated daily, and you can do the detective work: <http://www.mobikefed.org>. If you email me & request it, I'll send you 6 pages of info in MS Word format.

But, there is much more to do. MBF has just hired a Lobbyist to fight for bicycle issues in Jefferson City and hopefully get a bill passed this year. They need \$5,000 between now and May to pay him, and have a goal of raising \$10,000 for the year. Years ago, we contributed \$1,000 to help found Ozark Greenways. That was a pretty good investment, wasn't it? I suggest we contribute \$1,000 to this, as St. Louis Bicycle Federation has done. Since MBF would like to add 500 more members this year, we could submit our club renewal and as many memberships as the money would cover. I understand we have four SpringBike members that are willing to contribute \$100 each. Would you be willing to do this or to see the club contribute about \$5 worth of your share of the club's money? Other statewide bicycle groups have thousands of members. Why not Missouri? How about making the effort to tell every club officer what you think about this, and do it now!

And SpringBike's Shining Star? Why it's got to be Adriana Giraldo! You may not know this beautiful young lady from Bogotá, Columbia. That's because she does most of her bicycling for transportation, not recreation. She recently earned her Master's Degree. Her Thesis: "Obstacles for Developing Alternative Transportation in Springfield Missouri Area." As the lucky recipient of a copy, I can just about guarantee you she knows more about how bikes fit (or don't fit) into our area than you or I do. She's now a Planning Intern for the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), which will be developing a Regional Bicycle Plan. We need to find her the best job we can here, so she won't ever be tempted to leave us! God bless you, Adriana.

Don't forget! David Hutchison and I have upcoming Road I Classes (\$35) March 26, April 23, and May 21. Enjoy classroom discussion, parking lot practice of emergency maneuvers, and a 12 mile street ride in a diversity of conditions. You will gain a better understanding of how to safely operate a bicycle in a variety of situations, how to better avoid traffic conflict and crashes, and how to perform a bicycle safety check. It is beneficial to all skill levels and is a prerequisite to LAB's League Cycling Instructors Seminar being held here June 10th. If you are interested in any of these classes, please contact David at [dhutchison@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:dhutchison@ci.springfield.mo.us) (417-883-2950) or me (about anything here), Coy Hart, at [hillbillyoncrank@wmconnect.com](mailto:hillbillyoncrank@wmconnect.com) (417-894-2905).