

"Springbike is a local cycling club..."



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for The
Tube are
the 20th
of each
month.*

Elections Coming Up!

Springbike positions needed:

President, Vice President,
Secretary, Treasure. Jim
Freeman is Special Event
route Organizer

Bruce Adib-Yazdi has volunteered to chair the nominating committee for the 2004 club officers. Please contact Bruce to volunteer on the committee, or to fill a vacancy, or nominate someone to fill a vacancy. 417.881.8510 or Badib-yazdi@swbell.net.

Elections will be held at the
December Holiday Party.

From Gary Day

Brief meeting notes:

20 members present.

Ways to encourage membership
and save money discussed

-Tube online vs mail

-up membership fee

Coy Hart has survived an MI/stent
Jerry Murray is recuperating from
being sideswiped by a car.

Everyone be careful out there!

Next Club Meeting Monday, November 10 at Cartoon's

November's Club Meeting Program

We are beginning a series of profiles on our local bike shops. Kevin Umlauf from Sunshine Bike will start the series by answering inquiries. Come and hear what has sparked and what

spurs our local shops!

We will also have Missouri Highway Patrol Safety Officer Dan Bracker to talk about bicycle regulations, roads and what the MHP expects of bicyclists. He is hoping for a good opportunity to answer the questions we may have. This ought to be a good one!

**See our website for classifieds
and late-breaking news!**

..whose purpose is to promote enjoyable safe cycling..

Ride the Roses Oct 26

Group leaving for Austin, TX Oct 24, back the 27. Call Gary Day if interested 581-6390

Weekly Club Ride

Monday 12:00 noon; meet at Turner's Station. Call Gary Day for more info 581-6390

Nov 2, Sunday AC Meeting

2:00 at The Mudhouse on South Street. Come on your bike!

Trash Pickup Turner's Station

Nov. 8, 9:00 AM. Greatly appreciated! For more info, call Ray Wageman 881-1986.

Halloween Ride

Nov. Wed 29 (or Thurs. 30 if bad weather). Leaving Cartoon's parking lot at 6:00 PM. This is a night ride so have lights, your helmet and a lock for the refreshment break. Hugh Harris is leading the ride. Call 887-9211 for info.

Ozark Greenways Rides:

4 rides will start at the Jordan

Valley Park at 8:30 each Saturday morning, weather permitting, with longer and shorter alternate routes offered. There will be a schedule of rides rotating with each week of the month.

Other notes:

If you would like an Ozark Greenways jersey, call 864-2015. \$60.

Tony Miller will lead the annual Christmas ride. More info later!

..for the members and the community."

Hello fellow Springbike members. Here is a brief report on current activities of the Advocacy Committee. If you are interested in any of these, and want to be involved, contact Bruce Adib-Yazdi. Badib-yazdi@swbell.net or 417.881.8510.

MODOT – October is Be Friendly to MODOT – we plan to write a letter to our local contact, Dawne Gardner who has been instrumental in coordinating the State Bike Route maps and other MODOT related activities.

Greene County - Terry Whaley and David Hutchison have reported that the county traffic / road improvement department have indicated interest in placing 'Share the Road' signs on county roads we think are appropriate. The committee is working on a route plan that ties in with current and/or future City bike routes.

Also, the committee is planning on working with a Travel / Tourism class at SMSU to document several bicycle rides, destinations, and stopping points in the Springfield Metro Area. The idea being to develop some material to promote Greene County as a place to visit, and bring your bike.

Missouri Bike Federation - Mike Schilling reported that the Transportation Bill which held several bike related issues was defeated this session, but there is hope to resurrect the bill in another form next session.

City of Springfield – We have met with David Hutchison in Public Works who has indicated he is looking to add additional sections of road to the designated city bike routes and has asked that we make some recommendations. We also worked with the City to organize a Family Fun Bike Ride around downtown, the same day as the dedication of the Expo Center and Car Park. (See article page 3)

Lone Pine Recycling Center – Hugh Harris reported that he has used the gate on the Galloway Trail to 'bike' his recycling to the center.

Traffic Advisory Board - Bruce Adib-Yazdi has been appointed to this city board, and has been attending Traffic Advisory Board meetings.

Bicycle Parking – We have drafted a letter to the Mayor asking him to consider required bicycle parking for development along bicycle routes.

Ozark Greenways – Bruce Adib-Yazdi has been serving on the Board of OGI and related activities and joint projects are becoming more and more prevalent. We (Springbike) need to continue working on connecting the Greenway trails with bike routes, and OGI will continue building new trails.

A new 5 mile section of Frisco Highline Trail was opened this month from Kearney Street to Willard. Also, a brave group of riders, supported by Coy Hart on SAG duty rode from Willard to Bolivar on the future section of trail, which is currently an overgrown railroad bed.

Bicycle Friendly Community Application – Earlier this year, we submitted an application to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community. The bad news is that we have received notification that our application for Bicycle Friendly Community has been denied, but there were several key points that we can focus on, and when we are ready, re-apply. The good news, in that we now have some key areas to focus our work on, and things we can point to that will help us establish this designation.

Bicycle Safety / Education – **Coy Hart and David Hutchison have been** certified by the LAB to be League Cycling Instructors in Road I. Our next step is to have

these two do a local Road I session for interested club members. We also want to start looking into doing motorist, and kid education.

Townie Rides – We have established a monthly ride (to the Advocacy Committee meeting) the first Sunday of the month. Also, the committee thinks we should be encouraging Springbike members to ride to and from the weekly rides to show visibility and use of the city bike routes.

Bicycle Month – we are beginning planning of Bicycle Month in May. We plan to continue the Awareness Ride, Bike to Work Week, as well as other opportunities. Build on last years' success.

Bruce Adib-Yazdi

Editor's note: As you can see, this committee is involved with a great deal of bicycle-pertinent issues. If interested, meetings are 2:00 PM at The Mudhouse just south of the Square on South Street. They meet the first Sunday of the month. Please ride you bike to the meeting using city bike routes.

Appreciating MoDOT

A note sent by Bruce Adib-Yazdi on behalf of Springbike and Ozark Greenways:

I wanted to take this opportunity to THANK those involved with some area improvements that I think are noteworthy. I am the Bicycle Advocacy Chairman of Springbike Bicycle Club in Springfield, MO and a Board member of Ozark Greenways. Both organizations promote the use of bicycles to get around town and for recreational use.

Thanks to people like Dawne Gardner (local District 8 representative)

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and Caryn Giarratano (state bike / ped coordinator) I think MODOT is taking positive steps toward making our community a better place to live.

Examples:

Share the Road signs on HWY 65 south of Branson.

Share the Road signs on HWY 160 (west bypass) from Sunshine to Republic.

Our local city bike route coordinator working with MODOT to have a section of Kearney Street (which is a state HWY) be designated part of our bike route system.

The state bike route maps that are under development.

Caryn's visit to Springfield earlier this year to kick off 'May is Bicycle Month'.

Development of a Share the Road bumper sticker.

These are all examples of state and local governments working with citizen groups to develop a transportation system that reaches beyond the vehicle as a mode of transportation. You are to be commended for this effort.

THANK YOU!

--Bruce Adib-Yazdi

Editor's note: and our thanks to you, too, Bruce!

Family Fun Bike Ride September 20, 2003

There were about 40 participants in the Family Fun Bike Ride that was organized by Springbike, and sponsored by Ozark Greenways, Hearts and Parks, the City of Springfield, and Jordan Valley Ice Park.

There were all kinds of bikes - from road bikes, to stylish commuters to kids with training wheels. Among the group was the City Manager, Tom Finnie. Before the ride, many people just wandered around Jordan Valley Park, enjoying the warm morning sun and seeing what the park was all about. Some had their tires aired up, others had minor mechanical problem fixed - Sunshine Bike Shop was there to offer assistance.

Dan Kinney, the Director of Springfield-Greene County Park Board started the ride with a few words about the Hearts and Parks coalition. I made note that we were on E. Trafficway, which has the only dedicated bicycle lanes in the City, (the lanes on W. Battlefield are in the county) and the group applauded, thanking the City Manager for them. Then we were off.

We stopped at several downtown and center city projects along the way. (Expo Center, Ice Park, Car Park, Hammons Field Ball Park, Future Arena site, Jordan Valley Park Phase I, Cider Days, Walnut Street / South Street Entertainment District, the Square, Founders park, Jordan Valley Greenway, The Creamery Art Building). We talked a bit about them, and the

development of downtown and center city in general, as well as about bicycle safety and rules of the road. It was a good combination of seeing the center city grow, and learning about bicycle safety. Total of 1.6 miles, and 35-40 minutes. Also along this route were several City, State and Federal government facilities.

At the end there were gift bags for all, which included bicycle safety info, a Hearts 'n Parks bicycle bell, Cider Days passes, and several other fun things. Immediately following the ride was the dedication of the new Expo Center. Mayor Tom Carlson started the dedication (which included MANY local and state elected officials, as well as MoDOT for public funding for the Car Park) by acknowledging the ride as one of several activities the day had to offer, and he then pulled three names from a hat containing names of those who participated in the ride. Each of the three received bike shop gift certificates. Good publicity for cycling in general.

All in all, I believe this event was a success, and the Advocacy Committee thinks we need to do something similar next year, again with Hearts 'n Parks, and again in the downtown / center city area. Maybe during Bike Month in May? Undoubtedly by then there will be new things to see in this area of the city.

Thanks to Louise Whall (City of Springfield), Jodie Adams (Parks Department) and Mary Ellison (Health Department) for spearheading this project. Thanks also go out to Susie Bowen, Mike Schilling, Eric Johnson, Christian Lentz, Jessica Casey, Debbie Casey, Randy Sandoval, Daphne Greenlee, Terry Whaley, Mike Penprase, Jill Duncan, David Hutchison, and Kevin Umlauf for their volunteer help.

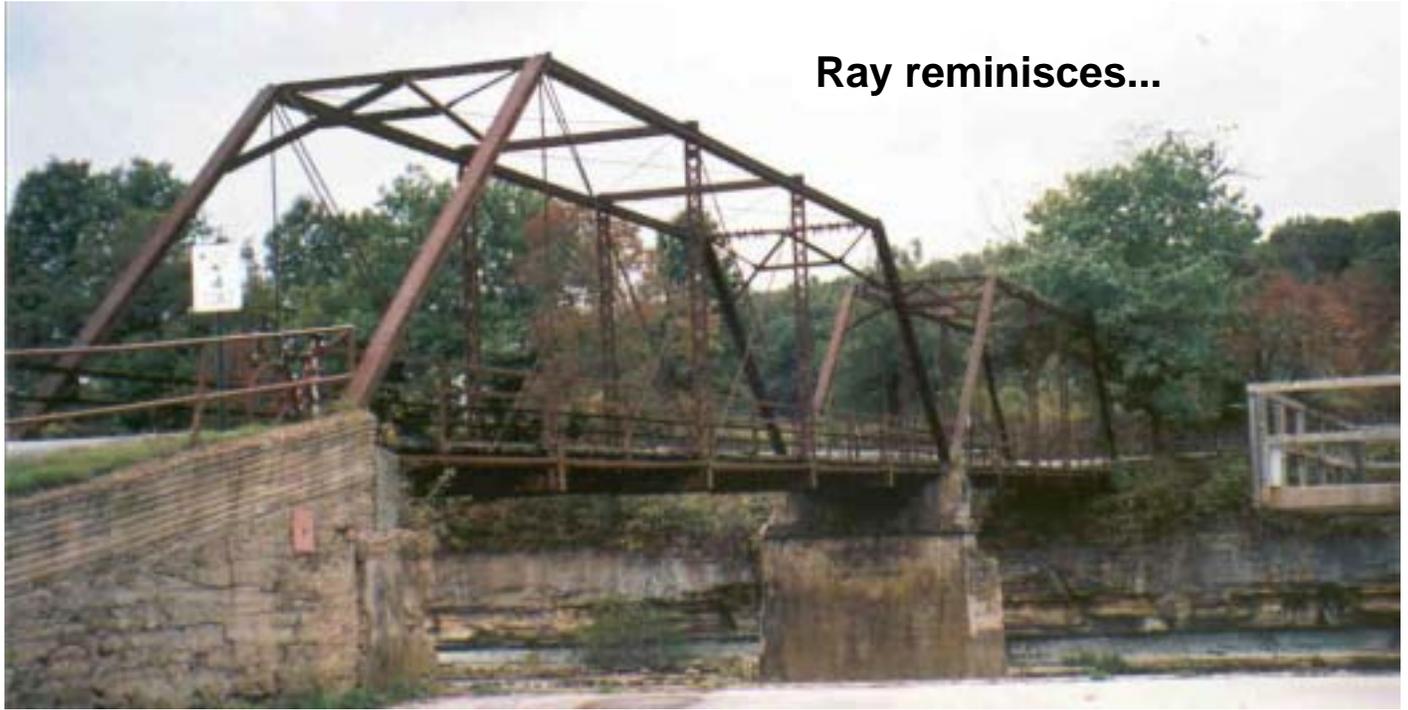
Bruce Adib-Yazdi

Job Opportunity!

Larry Williams of Willard Bike Shop is looking for some part time help during the week about 10:00-3:00. General bike repair is needed. While experience is preferred, he is willing to train someone. Willard people like to stop and visit. This would be an enjoyable job.

Special Deal!

Larry also wished to remind everyone to be sure to stop by or call the Willard Bike Shop if you are shopping for a bike trainer. He has a special deal to offer! Call 742-4465



Ray reminisces...

Last week I read in the newspaper that Riverdale Bridge was to be taken out this last Monday. This distressed me greatly as this is such a beautiful place and I have many memories of biking down there in the late thirties and early forties. I would spend the day with friends, just enjoying swimming in the lake back of the dam and splashing in the waters which spilled over the dam. Great fun! Two of my friends I rode with, Byron and Earnest Dehoney, were killed in WWII. And this is another sad story. It would have been so nice had this bridge been preserved as a foot bridge and remained history for others to enjoy for many more years.

So I rode my red racer to see the bridge last Sunday. It was a cool and misty day but nice for a ride. The ride down Main St. south of Nixa was a blast as there was no traffic and I took the roller coaster all out ---what a blast! Going at full speed I could "sling shot" almost to the top of the next hill. Great! I stopped at a corner south of Nixa to ask a kindly lady doing knitting on her front porch for

directions of which road to take as there was a fork in the road. This lead into quite a discussion about the Riverdale Bridge as she felt very strongly, as did all others to which I spoke, felt the same way, that Riverdale should be preserved. The lady, a Mrs. Jenetta Ford was very interesting to converse with and she reminded me of how kind and polite and nice the country people can be as it was back in the good ol' days.

Shortly after WWII, I took a party of six, "a triple date" down there for a Sunday afternoon picnic, but we were turned away by a large burley guard, with a pistol on his belt, and he was not too friendly about it!! Since then, the property there has been privately owned and adorned with many "No Trespassing" signs. Ugh. What a shame that this wonderful beautiful place could not have been made into a state park of sorts .Maybe it was because of my past association with Riverdale, but this was one of the most enjoyable short bike rides I have ever taken, except for my bike ride with daughter Gere, across the great Golden Gate a few years back

The wind was to my back on return to Springfield and I made it back to town in short order. I rode several miles on the lay-by of 160 which was safe and sound, except for some trash.

To my surprise, the round trip from my house was only 37 miles. I had predicted 50! I hope to be able to bike down to the McCall Bridge before it too is destroyed. The newspaper says that McCall is ten miles further down the river but I don't know whether this is as the crow flies or by way of those county roads?

Ray Wageman



From Our Treasurer

Beginning Bal 5/17/03	
.....	\$2997.95
Income	813.00
Total	<u>\$3810.95</u>
Disbursements	<u>1101.62</u>
Total	\$2709.33
For questions or clarifications, call Tony Miller 886-2348	

David Hutchison shares his pictures from the MS 150

From David:

“After a wet start, we had great weather for riding the MS 150. I had only one flat.

Look. I made it to Pittsburg, KS, with energy to spare!”



A wet start at Republic High.



Made it to Kansas



The finish at Pittsburg Kansas Middle school. The names of all the riders are on those little flags lining the walks

Editor's note: I enjoyed riding with David a few miles on this ride. I saw some Springbike members, a few changing tires from the abundant gravel on the road. Personally, I felt right at home and enjoyed the route immensely. The Jolly Mill area was beautiful. I appreciated having roads with little traffic in which I could enjoy new cyclists along the way. KMH

Way to go Ozark Greenways!

David is also in this picture as he helped to celebrate the opening of the newly completed extension of the Frisco Highline trail to Kearney Street in Springfield. Now we can enjoy a Greenways' trail from Kearney to Willard and on to Walnut Grove!



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Springbike Bicycle Club's Newsletter

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 State: _____ Email: _____

____ New membership
 ____ Renewal (Due each April 1)

One year membership ...\$15.00 per household
 Two year membership ...\$28.00 per household
 Three year membership ...\$40.00 per household

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: _____
 Date: _____



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