



Springbike Bicycle Club  
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# THE TUBE

November 2006  
 www.springbike.org

Next Springbike Meeting  
 Monday November 13  
 Terry Whaley  
 Q'doba  
 Republic Rd and Kansas Expressway

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## Upcoming Events

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|--------|-----------------------|
| TBD    | Christmas Lights Ride |
| TBD    | Christmas Party       |
| Jan. 1 | New Years Ride        |
| Feb    | SuperBowl Ride        |

The New Year's Day ride will be a mystery ride. Ray Wageman is in charge and whoever guesses the destination will win a prize.

A special thanks to Mary Weston (Tim's wife). Mary provided all the chili at the Fall Century ride as well as manning 2 rest stops. Even though Mary is not a rider, she's given up much of her time to help the club out. Even if you didn't participate in the Fall Century, be sure and thank Mary next time you see her for all the support she gives us (an for putting up with Tim).

## Bad Cycling Jokes

**"I've really had it with my dog: he'll chase anyone on a bicycle."**  
 "So what are you going to do - leave him at the dog's home? Give him away? Sell him?"  
 "No, nothing that drastic. I think I'll just confiscate his bike."

**My granny started cycling at 97 years old.** She has been doing ten miles per day - and now we don't know where the heck she is!

**A tandem rider is stopped by a police car.** "What've I done, officer?" asks the rider.  
 "Perhaps you didn't notice sir, but your wife fell off your bike half a mile back . . ."  
 "Oh, thank God for that," says the rider - "I thought I'd gone deaf!"

## 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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 864-0550

**Cycles Unlimited**  
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 887-3560

**Downhill Bikes**  
 4250 Gretna Rd  
 Branson, MO 65616  
 417-335-4455

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 301 W Walnut  
 831-0800

**Springfield Bicycle Company**  
 3201 S Campbell  
 883-8100

**Sunshine Bike Shop**  
 1926 E Sunshine  
 883-1113

Hello,

I hope you're getting out for a ride while we still have a few nice days. Unfortunately I've had to dig out the winter wear, but a ride on a cool day is better than no ride at all. We've wrapped up the "big" year-end riding event with Annual Fall Century with some of the best weather we've had for this event in several years. I want to thank Bois D'arc elementary for allowing us to use their building, Bill Sharples for helping me to mark the route and make the arrangements with the school, Sheryl Galvin for helping with registration, Curt Sharples and friends for helping with the 3rd rest stop, Cynthia Petty for manning the 2nd rest stop and helping sag, Joe Dirago and Meeks for providing BBQ, and finally my wife Mary who did two rest stops, cooked the chili, and helped with anything else I needed done. I purposely took alot of space to acknowledge these people because none of this would be possible without the volunteers who help pull these things off. So the next time you run into someone who's helped with an event please take the time to thank them because they're doing this out of their love of this club and their sport.

We're now heading into our fall-winter schedule which means the start of the monthly meetings and the next will be a good one. Terry Whaley, from Ozark Greenways, is going to be sharing some new information concerning our area. Some great ideas for future topics have been discussed which could be very helpful for a lot of riders. As soon as these are finalized we'll let you know. We also have the Christmas Party and Christmas lights ride coming up in December. The dates will be posted on the website and in next months TUBE as soon as they are determined.

The last thing I want to mention is the Tour of Missouri, which if you haven't heard is a possible professional stage bike race being promoted by the state of Missouri. This is a huge opportunity since there are only two other similar races in the United States. The thing is that this is going to require a lot of manpower and since we are a bike club and we are bikers it would be really silly for us not to help in every way possible. If we don't step up and do our part (along with a lot of other people and organizations) this may not happen. If you want to learn more about the race go to [www.tourofmissouri.com](http://www.tourofmissouri.com)

See ya on the road,

Tim Weston

### YOU DID IT!!! YES YOU!!!

Those who participated in the 1st Annual "Celebrate Life Ride" (A ride to honor the memory of Kevin Umlauf) will be happy to hear, that because of your support, we raised just under \$4000.00. We are able to outfit 8 kids at the Boys and Girls Town of Missouri with Giant Hybrid bicycles complete with helmets, lights, locks, racks, and trunk bags. With the remaining money, I have set up the Kevin Umlauf Scholarship Foundation. It is our hope that donations will be given to this fund throughout the year. Scholarships will be awarded in April of each year. If you know a high school student that meets the criteria, you can download an application along with selection criteria from these websites: [www.cfozarks.org](http://www.cfozarks.org) [www.springbike.org](http://www.springbike.org) [www.sunshinebike.com](http://www.sunshinebike.com) [www.sunshinebike.com](http://www.sunshinebike.com) We will be presenting the bikes to the kids at the Boys and Girls Town this Saturday, Oct. 21 at 1:30pm.

### Earn Respect

On Aug. 28, I was a guest of Simon Rose, a radio talk show host with KFRU in Columbia, to talk about bicycle use on the road. Several listeners called in with concerns. Following the MS150 charity bicycle ride, I received a call from an unhappy motorist representing a group of 100 who encountered rude bicyclists on the ride. Here's my perspective: road users must show respect to earn respect. In most cases, there is only one road to get from point A to point B and all users must share. Bicyclists have the same rules, rights and responsibilities as motorists. That means that both are required to stop at stop signs and red lights. Both are required to signal turns, use the lane correctly (slower traffic keeps right) and not impede traffic. If bicyclists want to be treated as equal to motorists, we must follow the same rules. My defense of bicyclists' rights to the road is severely undermined when bicyclists break the law. I ask that we all find ways to fix this problem. See Missouri law regarding bicyclists ... [http://www.modot.mo.gov/othertransportation/bike\\_ped/documents/MO\\_bikelaw\\_August05.pdf](http://www.modot.mo.gov/othertransportation/bike_ped/documents/MO_bikelaw_August05.pdf).

### Missouri Bicycle Foundation Receives \$15,000 Challenge Grant

A private foundation has issued a \$15,000 challenge to supporters of bicycling and walking in Missouri.

The Challenge Grant will match donations to the Missouri Bicycle Foundation's Sustaining Donor Campaign dollar for dollar--from individuals, clubs, businesses, or other groups.

"It doubles the power of any gift you make to the Foundation during this period," says Missouri Bicycle Foundation Executive Director Brent Hugh. "It allows us to raise the amount needed to continue and accelerate the exciting progress we have been seeing over the past couple of years. This is the next step in creating an organization that will be here for the long haul to make a real difference for bicyclists across Missouri."

To take advantage of this opportunity to double your gift, your donation must be received by January 31st, 2007.

To find out more about the Foundation or to make a donation, visit <http://mobikefed.org/foundation> or send donations to the Missouri Bicycle Foundation, Post Office Box 104871, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4871.

The Missouri Bicycle Foundation is a statewide, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to advance bicycle access, safety, and education. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Your donation to the Foundation moves forward programs like Missouri Safe Routes to Schools, bicycle education, promotion of bicycle safety, bicycle transportation, and bicycle tourism, school bicycle clubs, the effort to complete the Katy Trail and create a complete, cross-state trails network, bicycle/pedestrian access on river bridges, work to train and educate planners and engineers on bicycle and pedestrian design, and education of the public and law enforcement about the newly passed Missouri Bicycle Safety legislation.

Polish your street riding skills with the League of American Bicyclists' Road I Class. You already know traffic is more fun on a bicycle. Now, get even more enjoyment from your bicycling adventures on our roads. Basic through advanced traffic skills covered. Classroom discussion, the "Effective Cycling" Video, parking lot practice of maneuvers, and a street ride with a variety of situations. Improve your ability to share, communicate, and cooperate with other traffic. Develop even more confidence in your own capabilities and a more positive attitude towards other road users.

Helmet and operating bicycle required. Consider rain gear.

**Monday, November 13, 2006-5:30 p.m.**

*Free classroom work, Dinner included*

**Saturday, November 18, 2006 -9:00 a.m.**

*Class size limited, class work and on bike training  
Pre-registration and \$35.00 fee required for this session, Lunch included*

*St. John's Clinic- Smith Glynn Callaway,  
3231 S National, West Parking Lot-Entrance B, Basement Meeting Room by Cafeteria  
For Reservations Call 417-841-0333 or Toll Free 1-800-909-8326*

**Presented by: St. John's Seniors and Ozark Greenways**

**Any age adults welcome!!!**