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## Welcome Back!



Since the club reopened in late February following our second covid pandemic closure we've been some busy bees. We stepped up in a big way as always to assist the Kentucky Derby festival with the operation of the Tour de Lou bike ride. Our members showed up for six weekends in February, March and April to implement a training program starting with a five mile ride and eventually working up to thirty miles over the series. Then on April 18th we served as ride marshals and ran a support stop out on the route. Our members also assisted with planning the event and even helped with pre ride packet pick up. We had a great showing of volunteers at every single part of this great event! Then the Mayor called\* with the good news that his Hike, Bike and Paddle would be happening on Memorial Day and we again served as ride marshals for this event.

The New Rider clinic has already completed one session at the Yellow lot Downtown and has started the next one at St Stephens Church in the West End. Dave also has sessions planned for St Matthews Baptist Church in St Matthews and Baptist Eastpoint in the East End. So far participation has been robust by both participants and volunteers. These are all really tangible ways the Louisville Bicycle Club continues to serve our community.

Our touring season is in full swing. Sometimes it seems we are everywhere! Check out our ride calendar at [www.louisvillebicycleclub.org](http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org). There are multiple rides on most days. In fact there was a Wednesday evening recently that had four rides starting from all over the metro. There were rides starting Downtown heading over to Indiana , Mid town, The South End and the East End out in Middletown. I've got to be honest; this has been a bit of a learning curve for me. I remember the days when our rides would go out with 30-40 strong and that was quite impressive to see. Nowadays with the multiple rides you guys are putting on we usually don't have as many large groups but when you add up all of us from each ride we're having a ton of participation, putting cyclists on roads all over town and reducing the impact we have on other road users while at the same time creating more exposure to a broader base of those other users. The way I see it, the more people see us and become accustomed to us being on the road the safer it should become for everyone.

We are right in the middle of our main fundraiser for the year. The good folks at Middletown Cycling have donated an E-bike to the club and we are raffling it off. Tickets are just 10 bucks and can be purchased online [here](#) where you can get all the details. The drawing will be held July 3rd at Noon. The location of the drawing will be at the Middle of Town location. You can register early and often to make this a great success for the club and our charitable partner. A portion of the proceeds will go to help the good work that Falls City Community BikeWorks has been doing in our city.

And the future looks bright! I'm happy to announce the return of a couple of popular activities that we cancelled as part of our response to the covid pandemic. The Yellow Jersey competition is returning and will run from June 1st through the official end of the touring season October 31st. The Yellow Jersey is awarded to the member that has accumulated the most mileage as determined by the club statistician. There is also a Blue Jersey awarded to the top mileage member over the age of 55. This has been a fun, friendly competition for the club for 40 years and I'm pleased we can bring it back. Finally the CLUB PICNIC is ON for JULY 18th. The fine folks at Yew Dell Gardens are sponsoring us again by providing the excellent venue. We plan to have a ride of 20-25 miles in the morning returning by noon for the picnic. As always we are planning to include the popular swap meet. The club will provide the tasty fried chicken and soft drinks. Members will get the opportunity to show off their culinary magic by bringing a covered dish. We'll need appetizers, sides and desserts so have some fun creating your signature dish. Or, stop by the deli. Whatever. I've always been pretty food motivated so I'm looking forward to this one! Check out the club calendar for details. We'll also use this event to hold a club meeting. We've got more in the works and will keep you informed as details become available. Thanks to all for your support and dedication to the club. Now it's time to let the good times roll!

Let's Ride! - **Jeff White, President**



\*Okay, it was an email from someone in the Mayors office

# Make your voices heard LBC!

Contact your Councilperson today in support of bicycling infrastructure.

**Author: Steven Jent, VP Advocacy**

The Louisville Bicycle Club has been the flagship wheelman's group for our community now for well over 100 years with our heritage of scheduled rides dating back to the 1800's. Nowadays, however, it is not just the LBC alone out there. Many great cycling communities are flourishing in Louisville and we represent a broad swath of public opinion. While we don't always see eye to eye on many an important subject (such as the super tuck – legal or illegal, or the correct length of socks, or ahem... stop signs...) there is one thing that we all typically do agree on - cycling deserves its place on our roads and that those roads should be designed and planned in such a way as to safely integrate cycling with vehicular traffic where appropriate.

To advance the state of cycling in Louisville, we need broad public support for adequate funding and prioritization of bicycles in transport policy that ensures cycling is a direct, attractive, and convenient option that boasts an unparalleled level of comfort and safety.

COVID-19 has confirmed what many planners and engineers have been advocating for years: walking and biking are critical modes of transportation and recreation that deserve more attention as well as funding. It has brought to light the strategic value of non-motorized infrastructure. Cleaner air, quieter, safer streets, and more people biking outdoors – the pandemic has created a bit of a silver lining for communities willing to capitalize.

To this end we are asking for your help. We are calling on the membership of LBC and the memberships of all the other cycling organizations in Louisville to reach out and have your voices heard.

Every June the Louisville Metro Council gathers to vote on the budget for the coming Fiscal year. FY22 budget will be the 11th Louisville Metro Government budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Please, use this time between now and then to contact your metro representative and voice your support of money to be included in the budget for Cycling infrastructure.



## LBC Kits Available

Primal store open until June 9th



**Author: Katie Rowe, VP Communications**

The Primal store is open until June 9th to order the new LBC kits. Buying the correct size is very important, since you are ordering directly through Primal please note that **we cannot accept exchanges or returns.**

More information on clothing available, sizing chart, and a link to order please visit our website at [louisvillebicycleclub.org](http://louisvillebicycleclub.org)

Additionally, socks (\$12) can be purchased from Bekki Livingston, Jeff White, Amelia Dauer, or Barbara Martin.



## Bike Raffle

Benefitting LBC and Falls City Community BikeWorks

**Author: Katie Rowe, VP Communications**

Louisville Bicycle Club in partnership with Middletown Cycling is raffling off a cool new bike! The Simi Step Over electric assist bike will get you where you want to go in style. Check out the rules on our website and enter the raffle here for a chance to win, \$10 per ticket. You do not need to be present to win, and the drawing will be held on July 3rd at Middle of Town Cycling. All proceeds will benefit Louisville Bicycle Club, allowing us to continue to support our membership and local community organizations. Louisville

Bicycle Club is donating 10% of the proceeds directly to Falls City Community BikeWorks.



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A huge THANK YOU to Middletown Cycling for the donation of the bike for raffle, we could not do what we do without the support from our sponsors, and we highly encourage everyone to check them out in person or at [www.middletowncycling.com](http://www.middletowncycling.com).

Keep up to date with Louisville Bicycle club through our website, hear real time news and ride schedules through Facebook, and check in periodically on our newly created Twitter (@LBC\_BikeLouKY) and Instagram (lbc\_bikelouky) accounts!



## Join us at the Fall Picnic!

**Author: Katie Rowe, VP Communications**

The Fall Picnic is back on this year!

Save the date for July 18th at Yew Dell Gardens. Watch our website [www.louisvillebicycleclub.org](http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org) and Facebook page for more details, including times and ride schedule.



**Author: Katie Rowe, VP Education**

The 2021 New Rider Clinic is off to a great start with a fantastic first graduating class! The second Clinic is now underway.

If you missed the first clinic, registrations are still open on our [website](#) for the following clinics:

**Clinic 3:** Mondays 6-9pm July 12th through August 9th  
St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Avenue

**Clinic 4:** Sundays 2-5pm August 1st through August 29th  
Baptist Healthcare Eastpoint, 2400 Eastpoint Parkway

## New Rider Clinics Coming Up!

Not just for new riders, everyone can benefit from a New Rider Clinic!



## In Memoriam: Larry Myers



### **Author: Carson Torpey**

My good friend Larry Myers, 78, has passed away on Sunday March 28, 2021. He had been a member of the club for as long as I knew him and I joined the club in 1972. While he had many interests, it was his love for cycling that interests his cycling friends.

While attending Eastern Kentucky University, he founded the Eastern Kentucky Cycling Club. The club won many Kentucky Collegiate championships. He served as the Kentucky state representative for the Amateur Bicycle League of America and the United States Cycling Federation during the 1970's. Larry was responsible for bringing the United States Time Trail Championships to Carrollton, Kentucky in 1976. He even walked the course with a surveyor's chain to certify the length. The Louisville Wheelmen's first jersey was designed by Larry and made in England as there were no makers in the US at the time.

He was also a member of the River City Road Club and published a newsletter for them. During his time as a state rep, he helped organize many cycling events in Kentucky. Larry was inducted into the Kentucky Bicycle Hall of Fame in 2018.

If you have been in the club for a while, you may have found a person or several persons over the years that you feel comfortable riding with. Larry was one of those for me. Whether in a group or one on one, Larry was a pleasure to ride with. Next time Percy asks me, "Where's your twin brother?" I'll have to answer, "He's gone to that great velodrome in the sky."

