

NOVEMBER 2018
Waterloo County Wanderers



[Click on the photo for a link to the September group shots organized by Ed \(photos by Peter & Ed\)](#)

This is likely our last newsletter for 21st cycling season. As usual, it's been a busy year, starting with the March 24th pot luck dinner and ending with our usual end of season dinner in St. Jacobs on October 4th. As is typical, we are also dealing with new technology and needs (such as e-Bikes) and have been giving that some thought. Also, we have found a new and less busy start point to ride from in Doon and we'll be working this winter to develop 24 new routes, creating new paper and RWGPS maps for our members. Of course, the year wouldn't be complete without one last ride next month (details are below).

SPECIAL 2018 RIDES:

Thanks again to Guy for organizing a lovely trail ride from Waterford to Port Dover and back on August 21st. This is rapidly becoming an annual event enjoyed by many of our members.

The September 15th Challenge ride of 50 km and 100 km was a success and enjoyed by 16 of our members who had a great day. The 160 km route didn't have any takers this year. Our thanks to Joan and Lorna for organizing this event.

SPECIAL THANKS:

We could not operate without the help of many of our members. 'Adopting' a week or two to hand out maps is greatly appreciated by your organizers. For those who like using their GPS devices, a special thanks to Robert for looking after the RWGPS web site and keeping it up to date with route revisions.

Likewise, we very much appreciate the help and support of our store partners and the door prize gifts for our pot luck, not to mention store discounts, courteous and friendly service and help when our "steeds" need repairs or maintenance. Thank you to Ziggy's, McPhail's and Wheels on Peel.

Lastly, your organizers work year round for our club to function. Maps need continuous work, the 2019 ride schedule is being developed and permissions to park are being obtained. Our Webmaster, Peter, makes sure that this vital communication site is always current and helpful to all visitors. We regret that Paula had to drop out because of family commitments. Her help will be missed.

SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR RIDE ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH AT 10:00 AM

For the committed winter cyclists or those who would like to try a December ride, our friend Ed Hummel has, once again, planned an opportunity for you.

We will meet at the parking lot on the west side of Hwy #24, next to a Petro Canada station (north of Meyers Rd, Cambridge) <https://goo.gl/maps/JDuwbLZvtKp> and plan to ride the trail to Paris where we can eat and warm up at Carvalho Coffee at [59 Grand River St. N. Paris](#). The ride **there and back** is 41 km. However, you can turn around at any time, preferably with another rider. We do prefer the buddy system for safety.

All members of the Waterloo County Wanderers and Great Canadian Bike Tours are invited. A separate sign in sheet will be available for each club. Of course, this is weather dependent and last minute changes may be necessary. Stay tuned to the respective Facebook pages for updates (if you have access). For more info, email Ed Hummel at Ed.Hummel@sympatico.ca or call his home at **519-578-2456** before the ride or his cell phone **226-789-7403** during the ride.

2019 SEASON:

Your organizers have started planning for next year, including the replacement of the Doon CAW location which was on the schedule this year but removed because of construction. We have reviewed our operating costs and are again keeping the membership at \$40 for next year. The limit of 135 members has worked well for locations with smaller parking lots and we plan on maintaining that for 2019.

Here is the plan for renewal of memberships:

Jan 1st to Feb 28th: applications will be processed for *only those renewing* their 2018 membership

Mar 1st: applications will be processed (in the order which they are received) for *new and renewing* members until we reach 135 members. The WCW Application and WCW Waiver forms are on our website home page. Please send them and your cheque:

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E-BIKES (POWER ASSISTED BICYCLES) & WCW

We have a few members now who have recently started riding e-bikes with our group, primarily for health reasons as a means of continuing to ride with their friends. WCW wants to continue to encourage people to come out, ride and maintain a healthy life style and we support and understand members changing needs.

We can discuss this more at the 2019 season's opening potluck. In the interim, your club will approve and encourage members riding e-bikes / Power Assisted Bicycles (PABs), providing they look like bicycles (vs. scooters etc.) on WCW organized rides. The maximum output of the electric motor is 500W and the maximum speed is 32 km/h over level ground with only the motor (no pedal assist). For safely riding as integrated groups, our e-bike riders will be asked to ride at the back of their group, so as not to accidentally endanger others on the downhill when their speed is limited while others riding conventional bikes don't have that limitation and are usually faster. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_bicycle_laws

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