

APRIL 2019

Waterloo County Wanderers

FIRST RIDE OF THE 2019 SEASON:

We may need a bit of extra clothing, but our first ride is on **April 9th starting at 6:30 pm.**

The **start location is the St. Jacob's Community Center**, at the north end of town. We suggest parking near the entrances so as not to interfere with parking for the hockey enthusiasts using the indoor rink. Ed Hummel will be handing out paper maps and setting an example of cool weather cycling. (Ed, no costumes, please)

ADOPT-A-WEEK:

A big **"Thank You"** to the many members who have agreed to hand out maps at the ride locations. Your support is very much appreciated by your organizers as it frees us up to handle other things needed for a smoothly running club. Only a few locations are still open for "Adoption". Check our website at www.WCWanderers.com/schedule.html and email WCWanderers@gmail.com to get your name added to the schedule.

POT LUCK

Once again the annual Pot Luck was a huge success, thanks to all who contributed. There were 64 from the club as well as 4 representatives from our partner bike stores, Ziggy's, McPhail's and Wheels on Peel. We all appreciate the assistance given by Don and Christine, both in helping us get the use of their great church facility and for their leadership with set up and clean up. It was great to also get so much help from other members with this work. Aside from an absolutely fabulous selection of main courses and desserts, we had the biggest ever number of door prizes, 50 in all. These were all donated by our partner stores and your club. There were lots of smiles from the lucky recipients. If we have that much generosity next year, we promise to split the drawing into two separate times. The bikes and gear brought out by our partner stores drew a lot of interested attention. Ted's flashing helmet perhaps most of all.

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS

Just to let you know that there will be a few special events on weekends. Dates and details will be sent out either via future newsletters or the occasional Newsflash as we get closer to the actual timings.

- **Trail ride from Waterford to Port Dover** and a meal with rest before returning to the start point. Guy is again planning details for this neat, popular day excursion.
- **Challenge Ride (50, 100, 160 km)** in early September. Joan and Lorna are working on the plans. Volunteers for a sag wagon are needed.
- Also, if we can get volunteers to organize a **Scavenger Hunt** ride evening, we can resurrect that fun event, complete with team recognition and prizes.

WCW Cycling Initiatives Support:

Each year we share details of certain events that might be of interest to members. We can't do them all, partly because of volunteer time constraints. One is an event called **"Spring-on-the-Trail"** in early May, organized to seek support for, and use of, the fabulous rail trail running through our Region and extending from Guelph to Goderich in its entirety. You will see more details in a future communication.

We are also looking to support other things, such as the recent CanBike course offer we made to all WCW members.

Another program we feel is valuable and worth helping is the **Cycling into the Future** project. "Cycling Into The Future (CITF) has its roots in *From Bicycles to Butterflies*, a year-long class project undertaken in 2009-10 by Philip Martin's Grade 5 students at Sheppard Public School in Kitchener. Built around modules that developed skills in such areas as tire repair, riding and on-road safety awareness, CITF has expanded to schools in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and Woolwich Township. Since 2014, CITF has trained over 4,000 students in six modules that give kids a good foundation for cycling on neighbourhood streets. The goal of our non-profit organization is to deliver a comprehensive cycling education program to all students in the Waterloo Region when they are in Grade 5 or Grade 6." Your club is making a \$250 donation to this very worthwhile program. www.CyclingIntoTheFuture.com

WCW MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES:

You will recall that on your member application form, you were asked if your email address can be shared with other club members. We are working on updating that list and will make it available to members, on a request basis. We also ask anyone who receives that list to please use it carefully so as not to expose fellow club members to unwanted electronic exposure.

WCW ON FACEBOOK – how to join

Logon to Facebook with your account and password.

Then go to www.facebook.com/groups/Wat.CW

Click "+ **Join Group**" under the photo of the covered bridge.

After you're confirmed as a WCW member, one of the administrators will accept you as a WCW Facebook member.

WCW ON RIDE WITH GPS – how to join

This is the fourth year we have purchased a club account to create and maintain a schedule of all rides.

Thank-you Robert Holmes for maintaining this web site with our schedule and digitized routes.

RWGPS is free to all WCW members but you need to have a RWGPS account first. If you don't have one, go to <https://ridewithgps.com/signup>. Enter your name, email address and password. Select the FREE "Starter" plan.

Then go to the WCW RWGPS home page <https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/138-waterloo-county-wanderers>

Near the top right corner of the screen you will see: "*You are not a member of this page*". Click on "**Apply to Join**". The text will then change to: "*You have applied to join this page. Request pending approval*". After you're confirmed as a current WCW member, one of the administrators will accept you as a RWGPS member, then login.

Click on '*Events*' on the Toolbar to see a 'Calendar View' or 'List View' of the scheduled rides. When you click on an event, it will show all three rides for that day, including the distance for each. When you click on a route, it will show that one on the map to the right. You can also click on '**Show All On Map**' to view all of the routes at the same time to see where they overlap. Click on one of the routes and then click on '**Go To Route**' to see the details for that route. You will be able to print it (with or without cue sheets). Most people don't bother because they can pick up a printed paper map at the start of the ride.

Our schedule page www.WCWanderers.com/schedule.html has hyperlinks links for each ride date. If you are signed into RWGPS and click on a date, it will take you to the RWGPS page with routes assigned for that date.

If you have an iPhone or Android smart phone, you can install the RWGPS app. Open the app and log in with your account & password. Click on '**Club Routes**' and search for a specific route for that day. Click on the down arrow to '**Save map & route**' to your phone. You will then be able to turn 'Data' OFF and 'GPS/Location' services ON to get turn by turn instructions during the ride. You can turn up your phone's speaker volume to also get voice turn by turn instructions.

If you have a Garmin Edge or Wahoo bike computer, you can send or 'Pin' the route to that device to get visual turn by turn instructions during the ride. Then you won't have to use the app on your cell phone.

Here's a list of compatible bike computers: <https://ridewithgps.com/help/compatible-devices>

CAMBRIDGE TOUR DE GRAND: Sunday June 9th (from 10 to 160 km) www.CambridgeTourDeGrand.com

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