

# The Tube

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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2004



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**H**ello Again,  
Well Spring is just around the corner, and I don't know about you, but I'm ready to get outside and ride with some better weather.

If you didn't get a chance to make it to the February Club meeting, you missed a great time. We enjoyed hearing from Larry Williams of Willard Bike Shop, and Craig Erickson of Downhill Bike Shop in Branson. Also, there to inform us of what's going on with OCC (Ozark Cycling Club), was this year's President, Greg Pettus.

I must say, we were all impressed with the service and facility for our meeting at the Fox and Hounds. The room we are using should hold 100-120 people---so come on out next month for another exciting program--(thanks to our Program Director, James Allen, for all his hard work).

Notice, that Downhill Bike Shop will be added to our list of generous bike shops in our area, that are supporting the Springbike Club. I'm working on Member Packets and they should be to the participating bike shops very soon, if not already. You will be able to renew your membership at the bike shops, or send a friend to join for the first time.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the support over the past several years, to Gary and Rae Lynn Summers of Cartoon Oyster Bar & Grill. My wish to you both is that you enjoy your retirement, as you have done so much for so many.

Sheryl

### Minutes of the Springbike Bicycle Club

Feb. 9, 2004, Fox and Hound

**M**embers were greeted to a large, open venue and friendly wait staff at our new meeting location at Fox and Hounds on East Independence Avenue. Complimentary appetizers of chips and salsa along with hot wings were provided.

Meeting was called to order by the new Bike Club President, Sheryl Galvin, with the number in attendance including board members 24.

First order of business this evening was the discussion of the upcoming Dogwood ride on May 2 of this year. The Daffodil Dandy route will again be offered as a shorter alternative route.

Mark June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our first Camp Ride. This will be a fully supported 2 day

camp and ride event. Rates will be different members and non-members solely due to insurance precautions.

Bruce reported with the Advocacy Committee in regards to Missouri Bike Federal Legislation – join and be a participant on the State level.

Coy Hart and Dave Hutchinson are offering a Road One Course (LAB certified) available to all Springbike members on March 13. Course will be approximately eight hours in length.

Don't forget May is Bike Month! Keep checking your calendars for upcoming events.

James Allen made known that there are several different training routes available in our area for brevets.

March speakers will be Rich Howell with A & B Cycle; and Debbie Mellentime with the MS

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## Society

April speakers will be Diane Hood with the Duathlon series and Scott from Sports Extreme

The idea was brought to the table of having our own Springbike Jersey – email your thoughts and considerations to Sheryl at Galvin@hbhengineers.com

Our first speaker of the night was Greg Pettus – President of the OCC – he began talking about how one of OCC's goals for the year is to promote cycling and the community. May 1<sup>st</sup> they will sponsor a Child Bike Safety Day promoting road safety and helmet awareness. Their goal is to purchase 150 new quality helmets for the kids and for the children to receive a certificate of completion. Greg also

voiced a great interest in OCC offering their support to the Dogwood this year by assisting with rest stops and registration. OCC will be having a road race on the Dogwood course May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our assistance and support at this event would be greatly appreciated at this event and with any of the Crit races. Rules of a Crit race should you choose to sign up are as follows: No sleeveless, no arrow bars, and also requires a one day license that you purchase at registration. OCC donates portions of their prof-

its to the Breast Cancer Fund and the MS society. They are currently offering for sale OCC jerseys and shorts if anyone is interested. Greg summed up by saying that “we’re here, we love to cycle, and we want to give back to the community”. He hopes all cyclists keep a courteous attitude on the road.

Our next speaker was Craig Erickson with Downhill Bike in Branson. Originally from Champagne, IL, Craig has owned his bike shop, located on the Strip just a ¼ mile off of I-44, for eight years. He carries Trek, Giant and Fischer bikes. Craig stressed that service was his strong point and second to none! He has invited us down to try the hills of Branson – especially Gobblers Knob – 29 mile route – he has maps at the shop!

Our last speaker of the evening was Larry Williams with the Willard Bike Shop. Larry grew up in CA on the beach but for the last four years has been the owner of the bike shop in Willard. With a Schwinn as his first bike at the age of six, cycling is second nature to Larry. He has ridden high wheels across the country and also has interest in creating an antique bike museum by the bike shop. His shop carries Schwinn and Iron Horse and is a sponsor of local BMX tracks for kids.

Submitted  
Mary Worm

## Board Meeting Springbike Bicycle Club

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Fox and Hound

Announcements made:  
New increase in membership dues  
1 year - \$20.00  
2 year - \$38.00

3 year - \$58.00

Different routes discussed for the Monday Hickory Hills ride.

Suggestions – Fellows Lake  
Elwood – Ash Grove  
Ewing Park – Scenic

Wednesday night ride option to start in Republic.

Camp ride discussion tabled till next mtg in March.

Dogwood – we will keep the Daffodil Dandy route – ride is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – will have 5 rest stops that will need support – suggested fees for this ride are \$20.00/member and \$25.00/non-member (I motioned and Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Kevin will be in charge of the logo design for the T-shirt.

Jim – pricing, ordering of T-shirts – route marking.

We will send out letters to all the bike shops with a deadline to reply asking for SAG support.

May 1<sup>st</sup> kicks off Bike Month  
PSA's are available @  
[www.Bikemonth.org](http://www.Bikemonth.org) - all ready made!

Eric Johnson has offered to work with local media to promote bike month.

Printing of the Tube newsletter can be done all in one location by AAA mailing at a cost of .40 per copy. Huge savings from .95 plus less hassle – Jim motioned for the change from First Impressions and Niki 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## New Business

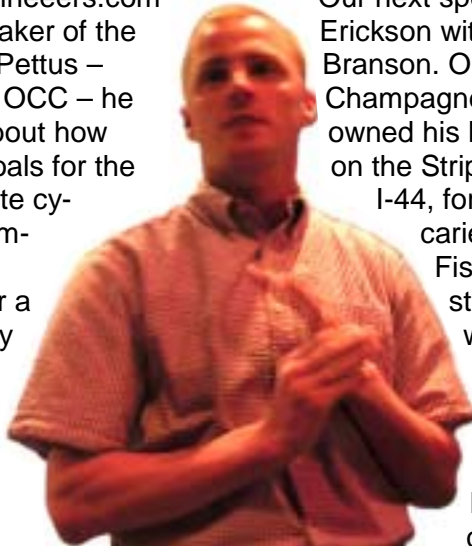
### Advocacy Board – Bruce

- city is discussing expanding “Share the Road” signs.
- reviewing and revising with city organization to improve guidelines and safety.
- Ozark Greenways sponsor “Bike to Work”.

**Treasure's Report** - \$1441.39 –  
Springbike - \$ 458.93 – Advocacy

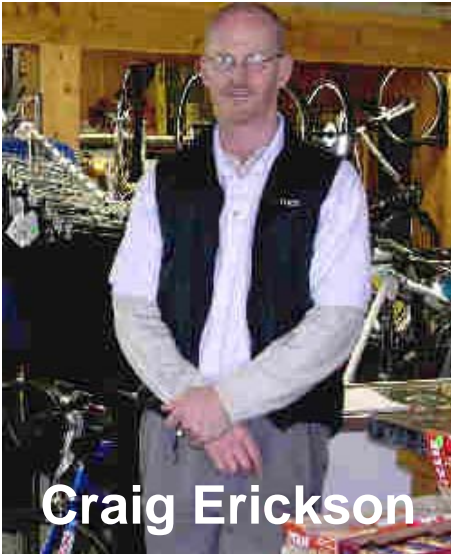
- Discussion held on entering the St. Pat's Day Parade
- introducing a Springbike Jersey and offering it for sale.

End of board meeting



**Greg Pettus**, “We’re here, we love to cycle, and we want to give back to the community”.





**Craig Erickson**

I love to ride so I turned my passion into a business. Originally I am from Champaign Illinois. I worked in a family business with my brother and father. I married my wife Margaret and had two great boys. My youngest, Ian, is 13 and Tanner is 16 and I won't tell you how old my wife is. In Champaign, I cycled the flats because that is all there was to ride, there was very little off road because there was nothing but cornfields off the road. Needless to say Missouri was a completely different world when it came to cycling, but after a few months my lungs and legs started to acclimate to the terrain and I began to enjoy my bike again.

Two years after I arrived in Branson I was general manager of a motel on the Branson strip. I was beginning to realize that the motel business required too much time indoors away from my family so I began gathering information about the bicycle industry. In Champaign I had always thought I would like to get into the bicycle business but there was already too much competition there. When I finished researching cycling in Branson it was clear that opening my own business would be a risk. I mean, come on, we're talking about Branson here. But with the support of family, I bit the bullet and went

for it. There is no way I could have made it as far as I have without my wife Margaret's hard work and dedication. She worked two jobs and did the shuttling of the kids so I could remain at the shop for our customers.

It all started with a family loan and a small shop in Hollister, Mo. After three years I moved the shop to Hwy 248 in Branson. Then on April Fools Day 2001 (how appropriate) I moved to 1116 West Hwy 76 in Branson. After eight years I have finally reached the point that it seems I made the right decision.

Truthfully, people are somewhat intimidated with the hills, but the reality is that we have some of the best, most challenging rides on the planet in the Branson area. Given the tourist traffic, I service a very diverse riding population and almost everyone that has come to us for riding routes has departed with a smile. I get riders from all over the United States and most are very pleased with the level of riding and the challenge (especially the ones from the more mountainous regions of the world). The other thing to

keep in mind is the "Branson Master Trail Plan". Branson has adopted an 89mile trail plan with construction beginning on the first phase this year!

As for the shop, I am located on the notorious 76 Country Blvd but don't let that deter you. From the hwy 65/76 junctions go west on 76 toward the strip. I'm at the top of the hill on the left just after the Roark Valley Road stoplight (maybe ¼ mile from hwy 65) in what used to be a go cart track. Actually, you can completely avoid the strip if you want. I carry Trek,



Gary Fisher and Giant as my primary bicycle lines and have access to many others. Accessory coverage is complete and, of course, I can order and provide just about anything you might need in just a couple of days. Service is quick and efficient and very reasonably priced. I opened 8 years ago and I have always offered free adjustments on any bike purchased from me for as long as you own your bicycle. This includes adjusting front and rear derailleurs, brakes and minor wheel truing.

Through Trek the Ozarks we also carry Wave Sport and Wilderness Systems kayaks and do tours on lakes Table Rock and Taneycomo.

Make no mistake I take care of my customers!

Thanks to Springbike Club for the

opportunity to share some things about my life and business. I invite you to come to Branson and see me. I would love to meet you!

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(under construction but please visit anyway)



**Larry Williams**



# Willard Bike Shop

Jackson street divides the 2 buildings that comprise Larry's business. Larry is shown below



working in his shop west of Willard's Ozark Greenway's trailhead. Touring cyclists' rely on him for fix-ups as they pass following Adventure Cycling's Transamerica Route nearby.



To the left, Larry is showing progress on construction of a public restroom adjacent to his shop east of the trailhead for the Frisco Highline Trail. Many interesting things repose in this building. Recognize the old bike trainers in the right lower picture? The bicycle built for 12 is awaiting a bicycle museum along with several antique bikes. Many oddities can be seen around the Willard shop.



Drop by sometime!





## News from the League of American Bicyclists

**CLEAR CHANNEL UPDATE**  
CEO John Hogan came to our office for a very productive meeting where we outlined several opportunities to promote bicycling in a positive light, including possible promotions during National Bike Month in May. Another outcome of the meeting was the clear desire of Clear Channel to develop good relations with the bicycle community at the local level.

## BIKEFEST

It's never too early to start thinking about Bikefest 2004. This year the League will partner with the Indiana Bicycle Coalition to host the League's National Rally at the Indiana Bike Fest in Jasper, Indiana on September 3-6, 2004. This four-day event covering Labor Day weekend will bring riders from all across the US to enjoy scenic rides both on and off-road. Make sure to save the days and we hope to see you there! Contact

## The Annual Ride for Life

Our annual Ride for Life to benefit the Breast Cancer Foundation of The Ozarks, is scheduled for June 12, 2004. I will have details later. Contact person is me, Carol Gough at 881-8094. Word has it that this will also be a scheduled MS training ride. Carol Gough

## We're Invited:

June 26; registration 7-8 AM, 128 West 8th Street, Coffeyville, KS 67337 Ride starts at 8 AM. All paved very low traffic roads. Full SAG support, rest stops, snacks & refreshments. Some rolling hills,

Christina Herold at (202) 822-1333 or [christina@bikeleague.org](mailto:christina@bikeleague.org).

## BIKE SUMMIT

First, we're excited to see many of you on March 3-5, 2004 here in DC for our annual National Bike Summit. We still have room for more so if you're coming act quickly. This three-day educational forum on improving bicycling policies and initiatives includes an important day educating decision-makers on Capitol Hill, but even if you can't make it you can still make your voice heard at: [http://econstituent.votenet.com/\(joub4m45o23ec02ggieyh3yo\)/index.aspx/lab/home.aspx](http://econstituent.votenet.com/(joub4m45o23ec02ggieyh3yo)/index.aspx/lab/home.aspx).

## CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

We're seeking middle school teachers to volunteer to review the League's new Teacher's Guide for Safe Routes to School Bicycle and Pedestrian Curriculum. If there is a teacher among you please ask them to help us review this (age 11-14) curriculum. Contact Sami Fournier, the Director of Education for the League at (202) 822-1333, or [sami@bikeleague.org](mailto:sami@bikeleague.org).

From Mike Mackin  
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## From Our Program Director

The featured bike shop for our March 8th meeting will be A&B cycle. Rich Howell will be present to talk about the bike shop and answer any questions you might have.

Debbie Mellentine from the MS society will be at the March meeting to tell about the MS 150 plans and to answer questions.

March 13th will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Missouri Wheelmen and South West Missouri Cycle Collectors will meet at Commercial and Benton to participate in the St. Pat's Day Parade. Everyone is Welcome! Dress in green, come and ride.

Please call James Allen 833-1980 for more information.

## From Our Treasurer

Total Assets .....	\$1,900.32
Total Liabilities & Equity .....	\$1,900.32

## Profit & Loss January 2004

### Income

Mem.Dues .....	\$214.00
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### Expense

Mem. Exp.....	\$40.60
Tube Exp.....	45.04
Tot Exp.....	85.64
Net Income .....	\$128.36

For questions or clarifications call Bill Compere 863-1617

registration form please contact.  
Rex Holeman e-mail  
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1216 West 6th  
Coffeyville, KS 67337

100 mile ride for experienced riders. 25 and 50 mile rides for all bikers. Pre-registration donation \$ 20.00 each or \$ 35.00 per couple. Day of ride..... \$ 25.00 each. For more information and

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## Springbike Bicycle Club's Newsletter

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ New membership
- \_\_\_ Renewal (Due each April 1)
- One year membership ...\$20.00 per household
- Two year membership ...\$38.00 per household
- Three year membership ...\$58.00 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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These bike shops support the Springbike Club with member discounts, and donations of time and merchandise for special events. Return the favor and support these shops with your business. Shop your local bike shops first!