Happy Fall! I think we may be done with sweating for a while, but who knows?

Our club has been very busy with interesting and fun rides, Celebrate Wildwood, and preparations for our 10th Anniversary Ride and Potluck.

The STLRC 10th Anniversary Ride and Potluck will be held on October 18 2022. Come ride, eat, and celebrate! A detailed posting of this event is on the STLRC.org website calendar on October 18. There will be three rides starting at two locations beginning at 09:00. If you have an STLRC jersey, please wear it! If you don't have one, orders will be taken at the potluck. Meet at the upper parking lot (just west of the tennis courts) to start the medium and long rides. The shorter ride meets at the Grant's Trail trailhead at Holmes and Leffingwell Avenues.

Note: There is a slight change in the route this year. Please wait to print your cue sheet until October 17.

After the rides, meet at the Kirkwood Park Sugar Creek Ridge Pavilion for the potluck. The parking lot off Adams Avenue just west of the tennis courts at Geyer and Adams is closest to the pavilion. Former members and significant others are welcome at this event. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share. There will be cake!!

We also have printed more business cards which will be available at the potluck. Please take a few to hand out to prospective members.

Contact admin@stlrc.org or ride leaders on the posting if you have any questions.

STLRC Jerseys and T-Shirts. We have the following club apparel in stock:

- 1 Women's 2XL long sleeved jersey
- 1 Women's L short sleeved jersey
- 2 Men's XL short sleeved jerseys
- 2 Small pairs of arm warmers and they are not kidding. These are REALLY small.

These will be for sale at the potluck.

You can also request a club jersey at the potluck, or if you can't attend, contact Janis Thompson at <u>janthompson617@gmail.com</u>. For sizing look at <u>https://www.primalwear.com/pages/size-chart</u>.

We order our club jerseys from Primal in the "club" fit. (This is not as form-fitting as the "racing fit".) The best way to figure out what size to request is to ask someone that is about your size what size they wear. (Better yet, see if they will let you try on their garment.) Primal will not take returns or provide refunds; if you order the wrong size we can help you sell your jersey to another member.

Primal requires a minimum order of 10 jerseys per style (long sleeved, short sleeved or sleeveless). You must specify men's or women's, size, and style. Short sleeved jerseys are \$70 and we already have 6 requests so we need four more to meet the minimum. Long sleeved

jerseys are \$75 and we need 8 more requests to meet the minimum. Sleeveless jerseys are \$68 and we need nine more requests to meet the minimum.

Club t-shirts in both long-sleeved and short-sleeved styles may also be requested at the potluck or directly through Janis. They are made of the "tech" material, not pure cotton and have unisex sizing (to me that means Men's sizing). Four more requests will meet the minimum order quantity. Prices vary on the t-shirts based on when the order is placed due to supply issues but they are in the \$12 to \$18 range. XL sizes are a few dollars more.

Celebrate Wildwood. A good time was had by all who attended the Celebrate Wildwood fair. STLRC walked in the parade and had a booth displaying information about our club. Many interested cyclists stopped by and expressed interest in joining us. Several visitors recently moved or returned to St. Louis. Posters from the booth will be on display at the upcoming potluck.

Membership 2023 Renewals and Dues. Renewal forms and dues will be accepted by any Director at the potluck. The <u>renewal form</u> must be signed (it includes a liability release) and the \$20 dues in cash or by check must be included. A few renewal forms will be available, but if you have a printer please print your form, fill it out, seal it in an envelope with your name and "Renewal" or New Member" on the exterior, and bring it to the potluck. PLEASE update your address, email, phone number, and especially your "in case of emergency" contact's name and phone number if anything has changed. You can check what the club has on file for you in the Protected Member's area of <u>STLRC.org</u>; you only need to give us changed information on your renewal form.

Dues for renewing members will be for the calendar year 2023. If new members pay dues now, they may postpone attending events until next year and pay dues for 2023, or pay dues for both 2022 and 2023. Renewals are due on January 1 because we have to pay our insurance premium - it's the largest annual expense of the club. Any renewals received after January 31 will incur a \$5 late fee.

Thank you Jim Musec! Jim has resigned his director's position. He was instrumental in the club incorporation; he spent many hours doing research and helping the other directors through the process. We appreciate you sharing your knowledge and expertise, and hope that you recover and can ride again soon.

Welcome New Director Marilyn Janowski! Marilyn has accepted the Director's position vacated by Jim Musec.

Upcoming Elections. Thank you to all of our Directors for their time, ideas, and dedication that make our club successful. Each December, elections are held for the Board of Directors. (Holding elections electronically in December is new since the club incorporation.) Four Directors will be elected. Barry Rinderknecht and Janis Thompson have decided not to run again. Two of the current Directors, Joe Kruchowski and Patti Brumleve, are running for reelection.

If you are interested in becoming a Director, please contact admin@stlrc.org with your name and a brief bio, including how long you have been in the club (informational only), any

qualifications that you have (experience on other boards and in other organizations), your cycling history and why you wish to serve as a Director.

The Board may ask a member in good standing to run/serve, any member in good standing may nominate themselves, or one member may nominate another member in good standing as long as the nominated member has agreed to serve. (A "member in good standing" is defined as a member that is current on their membership renewals, dues, and has participated actively in rides or hikes in the past year, and has the intention to continue to do so.)

The election will be held electronically from December 1 through December 14, 2022. Results will be emailed to members and posted on the <u>STLRC.org</u> website as soon as results are tabulated. Members will be given clear instructions on how to complete their ballot online via email. The election will be accessed in the Protected Members area of <u>STLRC.org</u>.

Website Glitches. Occasionally the <u>STLRC.org</u> website does not operate as it should due to software updates on the website. If you can't access the Protected Members Area or the following month on the calendar, please shut down your web browser (such as Safari, Chrome or Internet Explorer), restart it, and try again. If that doesn't work, shut down all of the applications running on your device (phone, tablet or computer), power down your device, wait a few seconds, start it up again, and try again. If that doesn't work request assistance from admin@stlrc.org.

2022 Statistics. 46 rides have been scheduled so far in 2022. We were able to complete 40 rides in October with 282 riders participating.

We continue to need event leaders. Please email admin@stlrc.org if you would be willing to lead a ride or hike. You will get assistance to plan and post your event to the website.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR THE MORNING OF YOUR EVENT IN CASE ANY CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER UNFORSEEN DIFFICULTIES.

New Rides, New Fun, New Adventures, Faye Holdenried, STLRC President