

Saint Louis Recreational Cyclists
January 2025 Newsletter

Hello STLRC!

Well, the weather outside is frightful, so your elected Board met since we aren't riding... And it was the shortest meeting on record. Go figure.

The small news is the election; all of the existing board members with expiring terms re-upped for another two years. And just to keep things consistent, everyone consented to continue doing the same functions. Just for the record, here's the list:

Officers of the Corporation:

1. President: Marilyn Janowski
2. Vice President and Insurance Contact: Jerry Whittle
3. Treasurer: Kathy Montgomery
4. Secretary: yours truly, Leslie McCormick

Additional Board Functions

1. Ride Committee Chair and Website Manager: Joe Kruchowski
2. Membership Chair: Patti Brumleve
3. Facebook Page Manager: Bruce Crask
4. Hospitality Chair: Steve Leach
5. Public Relations and Marketing Chair: Karen Parham

The Board also extends our thanks to Janis Thompson, who manages our apparel (more on this later) and Granville White who is the ride statistician. Jerry Whittle also manages the walking statistics.

As usual, my big message here is to encourage everyone to renew your membership for 2025. Here is a link to the [Membership Application and Renewal form](#). Remember, your \$20 dues are to be paid by February 1. If the postmark is not on or before February 1, annual dues are \$25. The password for the Protected Member's Area of the website will be changed on February 1 and only those members with paid dues will receive the new password.

You may notice that from now on both the website and newsletters will refer to "walks" rather than "hikes". Please change all verbiage on walking tours to "walks" rather than "hikes". The purpose of the change is so we don't jeopardize our biking insurance coverage. If you want to know the gory details, please contact Jerry Whittle!

We are all looking forward to riding season and riding with the Club!!! But to do that WE NEED MORE RIDE LEADERS. Joe thinks the "Plan a Ride" page on the website is WAY too complicated. He said, "All you have to do is pick out a route, decide on a date and time, figure out what speed you want, call me, and I'll post it for you. That's it." Well, that doesn't sound too bad. He did add that if you want a new route, you'll need to give him a week or so to get the route into Ride with GPS.

I'm back on my soapbox here for a minute. If no one leads the routes at the times and speed that you want to do, consider leading it yourself. Joe would like to meet with potential ride leaders at his home on Wednesday, February 19. If you are AT ALL interested, please give Joe Kruchowski a call.

FYI: Due to safety concerns, photography and video taken while a rider is in motion will be forbidden on STLRC club rides. As a result, any posting to our Facebook page that appear to be taken while a rider is in motion will be removed.

Steve Leach gave a "Fix a Flat" clinic last fall after the potluck. A good time was had by all, and everyone became more self-sufficient! Seriously, it was a fun and informative session. In fact it was such a hit he's going to do it again in the spring. Stay tuned for details!

The new "Tek" shirts have arrived! The Club ordered extras in case you didn't get to put in an order but would like a shirt. We also have some Club jerseys. If you are interested in either, contact Janis Thompson (Thank you, Janis!).

Spring is just around the corner, and we are ALL looking forward to warmer weather and the riding season. And food! Potluck gatherings have been tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2025 and October 8, 2025, pending availability of a pavilion in Kirkwood Park. Save the dates! More to come.

In Memorium: Joann Curtis, a retired member of STLRC, died on January 6, 2025 after a brief illness of pneumonia and subsequent sepsis. Joann was an active member of the Gateway Chapter of American Youth Hostels in St. Louis for many years. She was the organizer/chairperson of the annual Cycle Across Missouri ride in the 1990's. She was 84. The family is planning a memorial service in March or April. Details will be forthcoming.

Leslie McCormick
Secretary