



# Quick Release

January 2019

Monthly meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month 7:30 PM at the Downtown ACPL, [900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802](http://www.acpl.org)

Next Meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup>

[BikeReg.com](http://BikeReg.com)

We have changed our online signup for membership and for the festival tour for your convenience. Follow the link above to join!

## Officer Elections Results

At January's club meeting, officers for 2019 were elected. Two offices have changes as Jennifer Bryant Alther is the new club secretary and Doug Wintin is the new touring director. All other officers will continue with their one year contracts of indentured servitude. Also, we honored Steve Pequignot for his 10 year service as outgoing touring director.

Patrick Stelte



## End of Year Party

**Three Rivers Velo Sport 50th Anniversary Party**  
Friday, January 18, 2019 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Sweetwater Sound (conference hall)**  
5501 Highway U.S. 30 West

Join in the Golden Anniversary celebration of 3RVS. Eat, socialize and be entertained by the evening's festivities. Rub elbows with friends, share stories and get to know new people. As always, dinner will be catered by a delicious local establishment. The deadline for a head count is Sunday, January 13th so the food that is ordered will arrive on time along with a correct number of tables and chairs. If you are attending, please RSVP no later than Sunday the 13th. A tradition of our annual party is a request for club members to bring a dessert if they so desire.



The event is free to all club members with the opportunity to renew your membership for 2019. Guests are welcome with a \$10 fee. Also, the 3RVS Tech Shirt will be available to pick up for those who ordered. Once again, awards will be presented for a variety of member accomplishments with a couple of surprises added. The keynote speaker will be Andrew Gritzmaker. He will talk about his participation in the Race Across America. Doors will open at 6pm with dinner served at 6:30pm. Andrew will give his presentation at 7:30pm and the awards ceremony will begin at 8pm.

RSVP names and the number of people to attend: [membership@3rvs.com](mailto:membership@3rvs.com)

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## Touring Farewell

Steve Pequignot



3RVS Touring

After enjoying the tours of my life over the past ten seasons as your touring director it is now time for me to ride in a different direction. I have been so fortunate to learn the many aspects of group touring from many of you over the years. In addition to adding to a healthy lifestyle, cycling has blessed me with many friends. I have participated in many types of sports during my life. Cycling has become the sport that provided me with the highest level of camaraderie. I feel my cycling friends are friends for life, people I can count on in times of need for about any issue in life. I leave the office feeling I have added a little something positive to the club and its touring members.

Based on members' input we included multiple pace groups on the weekend and holiday tours, increased the number of weeknight rides, created the September Touring Challenge, Team 3RVS won two National Championships in the National Bike Challenge, and we added the Labor Day Weekend Triple Century to our touring schedule. None of these events would have been successful without the experience and dedication of the many ride leaders and volunteers who spent countless hours and miles organizing tours. To those ride leaders and volunteers, I salute you.

I had the honor to serve under two presidents, Dave Lehman for two years and Patrick Stelte for the last eight years. Both presidents provided me with direction over the years and supported my goals for touring events. I wish to thank my predecessor Corky Miller, who recommended that I succeed him. I'm not sure what he saw in me for this position. I hope I met his expectations.

Additionally, I thank the Newsletter Editors I served with, Kim Dwyer, Lynette Mankey, Kathy Boling, Mike Heyes and Scott Tomsits. These officers worked tirelessly printing my touring articles, getting the word out, keeping our members up to date on current touring events.

Also, I'd like to extend a special thank you to Mike Heyes, who has served as Webmaster longer than I have been in the club. Mike has posted all of my touring articles on the website, posted all of our touring events, and posted all of the club's weekend touring maps online. The online map feature saved the club considerable paper and ink funds over the years. There have been times I had to contact Mike about a map detour just prior to a ride. Mike always went the extra mile to get the updates online in time so members could have the latest map version.

Moving forward, I am please to let you know you will be left in good hands. Doug Wintin was elected as your new touring director at the January club meeting. Doug is highly experienced in group touring. He is an accomplished racer and well respected in the cycling community. Doug may change a few things this season and if he does I am sure they will be beneficial to our touring members. When our 51st season opens in a few months I ask that you offer Doug your support as you did for me. Doug is the man that will lead us down the road into the future.

Finally, I would like to thank each member of 3RVS for the support that you have offered to me over the past ten years. This job has been the most rewarding position I have ever held. It kept me out of the retirement chair and on the road with my friends. Thank you for that priceless gift. Until we ride together again.



Steve Pequignot

Yours truly,

Steve Pequignot

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## Chilly Challenge Wrap-up

Mona Will

I have been asked to submit one paragraph that summarizes the “chilly”. For those of you that know me, being brief isn’t exactly my forte but here it goes. At 11AM, January 1<sup>st</sup> the first wave of volunteers had arrived, carrying in food items and setting up tables for the promised 16 crockpots filled with chili that would be delivered later. Noon, chilly was being delivered, early riders were signing waiver forms and the buzz of pre-ride excitement filled the Psi Ote Barn. 1245PM organized pandemonium as last-minute waivers were still being signed, cyclists beginning to queue up outside the barn, friends looking for friends to ride with, and Phil on the PA system. At



1PM the ride departed and wave after wave of riders passed onto Parnell Avenue. Unofficial helmet count 202 people. Largest attendance for the past 5 years or maybe longer. Weather was 37 degrees, overcast with a slight wind. Food was tasty, tables were filled, and camaraderie was almost palatable. Thank you to Christine Lines, Roiann Smolinski, Pam Fennell, Cheryl Matthews, Susan Hunt, Kristy and Jesse Richardson, Luis, Phil Snider, Adriene Maurer, John Grabowski, Brian Meyer, his great nephew Nikko, Jennifer Smith, Tania Glass, those who I have forgotten to mention and those that contributed chili and treats. Because of everyone’s contribution we had another SUCCESSFUL “Chilly”.



## 3RVS CARES For The Heart of the City

Mona Will

*Heart of the City* is a local not for profit organization that provides services for the underserved in our community. A few of our members volunteer their time to help with the program that repairs donated bikes so that they are in working order for people to have and use.

Kymberly Byers is one of those that volunteers. She is asking members to bring canned food items/non-perishables to the upcoming winter party. These items will be used to restock the food bank at Heart of the City. Every contribution will be appreciated whether it is one can of soup or a box filled with needed items.



In the spirit of 3RVS CARES and our club's mission statement we are a membership that encourages and supports riding in all forms. For most of us riding is a leisure event. For others it is an enjoyable way to get to and from work knowing the convenience and comfort of a vehicle will get us around should the weather turn bad. For the people that Heart of the City serves, bikes are their vehicles. Bikes are used year around no matter the weather. It is a way for a child to get to and from school or a reliable way to get to church, doctor appointments, or to pick up food at the food bank.

Kymberly will have a donation area set up at the party and everything collected that evening will be taken to Heart of the City. The food drive is active from January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>. Should you not be able to make it to the party but are moved to donate, there are additional collection locations:

Summit City Bicycles & Fitness, located at 3801 Lima Rd. during normal business hours.

Heart of the City Mission, 1651 Cass St, Fridays from 9A to 12N.

Mission Church Ft Wayne, 1651 Cass St, Sunday mornings.

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