



# Quick Release

June 2021

Monthly meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month 6:30 PM at the Downtown ACPL, [900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802](#).

Next Meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Minutes and agendas archived [here](#):

We have changed our online signup for [member-ship](#) for your convenience. Follow the links above to join or more information!

## All Things 3RVS Festival Tour



## Join us on July 9 - 11 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Three Rivers Festival Tour

There are only a few days left to order a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jersey and get the Early Bird pricing for registration - May 31 is the deadline for both. If you register before June 1, you will get a \$5 discount on the registration cost + the \$5 member discount. Click on the "**Register Now**" button below to get signed up for the ride and order your jersey.



[Register Now](#)

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Tour Jerseys are on sale!

### 3 Rivers Festival Tour 50th Anniversary Jersey



To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Three Rivers Festival Tour, we are offering a commemorative jersey. These great looking jerseys are available as a short sleeve club jersey in men's, women's and youth sizes. You can purchase the jersey when you register on-line for the tour. If you've already registered on-line, just contact us at [3rvsfestivaltour@gmail.com](mailto:3rvsfestivaltour@gmail.com) and we can add your jersey(s) to your registration.



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## All Things 50th Anniversary TRF Tour

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If you registered (or plan to register) with a mail-in registration, contact us and we'll get your jersey on order.

The jerseys will be available as a pre-order only and all orders have to be placed by May 31. Don't miss the opportunity to snag one of these attractive jerseys as a memento of your ride.

If you can't join us for the ride or are volunteering on the day of the ride, but would like to order a 50th Anniversary jersey, you can place an order on the ride registration site. Click on the "**Register Now**" button above and select the "Merchandise Only" option.

### Gravel Goodness

Three Rivers Velo Sport is very excited to be offering two gravel options for this year's festival tour. We will be holding the gravel ride on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The ride will be starting at the YMCA in Columbia City. There will be two riding options. The short route will be 26.4 miles long. You will ride a few miles out of Columbia City to get to the gravel. This ride is perfect for those of you that want to find out why so many of us love to ride gravel. On this ride you will get to try out your gravel riding skills without chugging out loads of miles on gravel.



The longer route is 46 miles with approximately 20 miles on beautiful gravel roads and the rest on quiet roads that have a "chip & seal" surface or pavement. The gravel and the scenery are very satisfying on this route. A SAG stop will be offered in South Whitley. The traffic has been minimal on these roads, so there will be ample opportunities to ride next to another rider and talk along the way.

We hope that you will join us on one of these route options. We are sure that you will find at least one good photo opportunity during these rides.

## President's Message

Johnny Grabowski

### The Festival Tour is Important - 3 Ways You Can Help Ensure Its Success

**Three Rivers Velo Sport's own bike tour, the Three Rivers Festival Tour, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a 3-day event July 9, 10, and 11th.** This event is of utmost importance to 3RVS, as it represents our **single largest source of revenue**. A successful Festival Tour can not only help fund 3RVS' many programs and activities throughout the year, but could even make it possible for 3RVS to explore more ways to support and promote cycling in our community.

#### How can you help make this Festival Tour successful?

**Participate** - Decide now to not only mark your ride calendar, but to **actually register for the ride - today!** By committing to participate, your registration helps ensure we are planning on supporting the right number of riders.

**Volunteer** - Looking to participate beyond simply riding? **We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available with time slots as short as 3 hours** (meaning you could volunteer AND ride if you like!). Volunteers will each receive complimentary SWAG goodies, and their registration fee for the ride will be waived. Browse and sign up for volunteer opportunities at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49ada829a6f58-3rvsfestival>



Johnny Grabowski

**Advocate** - Once you've registered, **encourage your friends to join you for the ride.** Contact friends individually, share the Three Rivers Festival Tour page (<https://www.3rvs.com/festival-tour>) via social media, and drum up interest from cycling friends near and far.

Anyone can help promote the Festival Tour, even if they aren't going to be able to participate in the ride. The grass-roots nature of word-of-mouth advertising makes it highly effective - please be one of those voices helping get the Festival Tour noticed.

## President's Message

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While we are fortunate to ride our roads every day, many out-of-town riders deal with traffic congestion and miles of traffic light-ridden suburbia. Our routes are scenic and not overly demanding, and Fort Wayne is a drivable distance from 7 major metropolitan areas. In other words, don't underestimate what the Festival Tour has to offer out-of-town riders.

**We are so excited to make this 50th Anniversary Three Rivers Festival Tour a success. Thanks for your help - we're looking forward to riding with you in July!**

## Festival Tour Thanks

Mona Will

As committee chair for this year's ride, I am very excited about what is in store for the upcoming Festival Tour ride. Each member of the committee brings to the table their unique talents, personality and passions that make a huge contribution to the planning and execution of the ride. I'd like to tip my hat to each member by sharing what I have experienced working with each of them.

I'll start with **Roiann Smolinski**. She is a master of organizing and planning. She was the one who suggested we use "Sign Up Genius" as a way to organize the volunteer schedule-which can be a rat's nest if not carefully attended to. She had never actually set up Sign Up Genius before, but she set her mind to the task of learning how to do it and within a couple of days, voila' we had our sign up all taken care of. Let me say that if you ever need to get "your ducks in a row" she's your woman.

Speaking of woman/women, we have a passionate gravel rider on the committee. It's **Pam Fennell** and she is the woman who got this ride "on the books" as another element to the Festival Tour. She has been a route guru of her own backroads/gravel rides for years and I'm so glad she offered to create one specifically for the tour. You will see and experience through your own eyes, the things that make gravel riding so enjoyable. As any rider will tell you, it's about the journey not the destination. That plays heavily into the choices made of what winding roads are used, how a small town park has a perfect location, how the trees arch over the road in a particular spot, or how the sound of gravel crunching under the tires as you roll along, are all part of "the journey."

When talking about routes and the love of mapping routes then you are talking about one of **Kent Ellis's** passions. Anyone can map a route, but it's Kent's immense knowledge of the country roads and their nuances that make any of the Sunday road routes interesting and engaging. A prime example of interesting and engaging-he was the one who came up with the catchy phrase "Loony Ride" for the century ride. I can't spill the beans on why this will be "Loony" but just know it will be interesting to see what awaits you, should you choose the full century. ;)

"Interesting and engaging" is a reason why **John Grabowski** suggested that we find and create "photo ops" on the routes so riders can do just that-stop, get off the bike, and take some photos. Our routes are scenic and though you will hear people complain about Indiana's cornfields and soybean fields, you will see why we make sure to have more than just that on the road ride.

John is an employee at Sweetwater Sound and was very instrumental (oh I just used a pun!) in securing Sweetwater as our start and end point for the Festival Tour. This place is ideal. It has plenty of parking space, has immediate access to low traffic country roads, and when the ride is over there is shaded seating available to enjoy the complimentary ice cream provided by the club. In my personal opinion, a ride is only as good as the bathroom facilities that are provided, and Sweetwater has THE BEST !!

Morsches Park in Columbia City is where the main SAG stop is for the Sunday road tour. This is where you get delicious SAG snacks, food, and beverages AND it's air-conditioned!! Morsches Park is the "heart" of the ride. This is where all riders, with the exception of the 20 mile riders, will loop in and out as they navigate from one route to another. **Patrick Stelte** is "the man" in charge of the food and the volunteers at this integral stopping point. Anyone that knows Patrick knows that he is a very effective leader in whatever he chooses.

Morsches Park is also where the ham radio operators will set up home base. **Jay Farlow** has been our point person for getting the necessary information to the teams so that they are located in the most effective locations for the duration of the ride. These men and women (ham radio operators) are in constant communication with each other and with our contact people throughout the day. They will move from location to location that is befitting for the flow



Mona Will

## Festival Tour Thanks

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of riders. They are on the roads and in the parks so if an emergency pops up, help will be on the way almost immediately thanks to their communication network with emergency crews in all counties that the riders are located.

More important than the committee members are all the volunteers that give up a few hours or more of their day to help where help is needed. We need support vehicle drivers, roads have to be marked, food prepared, registration tables staffed, along with set up of tables and tents for sags; We need water lines to be hooked up and bike parking stands set up at a SAG or in the parking lot. WE NEED HELP! We are expecting close to 300 riders this year and that calls for *lots* of support from volunteers. An organized ride believe it or not, flourishes or dies based on the amount of support riders receive. If you don't have substantial food for the riders, convenient bathroom facilities, interesting routes, and friendly faces greeting you, you're not going to go back to that ride.

When the ride is successful, the club is financially successful. Then we, the club, can donate to local and national organizations that support bike riding We can also get together as a whole at least once a year to celebrate somewhere fancy or somewhere simple. So come out to ride, come out to volunteer, and together we will create a healthy and sustaining club membership

## June Touring Dates

Michael Souers

Date	Time	Map	Start At	Destination/Pace Groups	Distance
6/5	Waves start at 9:00 AM	Fort 4 Fitness	Promenade Park Pavilion	Arcola/Roanoke/Huntington Groups All	10/20/36/50/65
6/6	9:00 AM	<a href="#">SWS-1</a>	Sweetwater Music	Churubusco/Garrett/Huntertown Groups TBD	29/38/60/68
6/12	9:00 AM	<a href="#">LME-1</a>	Lafayette Meadows	Roanoke/Huntington/North Manchester Groups TBD	21/34/64
6/13	9:00 AM	<a href="#">NHS-2</a>	New Haven High School	Poe/Hoagland/Monroeville/Woodburn Groups TBD	30/43/50/58
6/19	9:00 AM	<a href="#">WLN-1</a>	Woodlan High School	Woodburn/Antwerp/Cecil/The Bend Groups TBD	12/31/53/63
6/20	9:00 AM	<a href="#">LHS-4</a>	Leo High School	Garrett/Avilla/Kendalville Groups TBD	26/44/58
6/26	9:00 AM	<a href="#">WHS-4</a>	Wayne High School	Yoder/Ossian/Hoagland Groups TBD	23/35/43/52
6/27	9:00 AM	<a href="#">CHS-3</a>	Carroll High School	Churubusco/Meriam Groups TBD	25/40/57

Weekend tours are subject to change due to road, weather or other conditions. Any changes will be posted on the 3RVS website, 3RVS Facebook Page, or @ride3rvs.

The A group rides at every tour, B,C & D group tours are listed in Destination/Pace Groups above.

Group paces: A = 20+ mph; B = 18/19 mph; C = 16/17 mph; D = 14/15 mph; E = 12/13 mph

See the back side of the weekend route maps or 3rvs.com for 3RVS Group Riding Guidelines.

Follow our tours live using the Life360 App at Ride 3RVS.

**Monday**

**Monday Meanderings & Musings 10:00AM**

Location varies, check weekly for start locations

Pace 10-15 MPH

**Covington Elementary 6:00PM**

2430 W. Hamilton Rd. S

Distance: ~25 miles

Pace: 17-18 MPH

**Franke 6:30PM**

All Ride Levels, split into groups

**Tuesday**

**Kreager Ride 6:00PM**

Kreager Park 6400 N. River Rd

Meet near the Tennis Courts

Distance: 28 miles

Pace: 13-15 MPH

**Skills Dev Tour 6:00PM**

Jefferson Middle School

5303 Wheelock Rd. Ft Wayne

Distance: 24-42 miles

Pace: 18-20 MPH

**Short n' Sweet 6:00PM**

Start Location Varies

Ad-hoc rides starting soon.

**Trek the Trails 6:30PM**

Start Varies

Distance: TBD

Pace: 10-13 MPH

**Wednesday**

**Saturn Ride 6:00PM**

Saturn Church, 6731 E 800 S Whitley Co. (1 mi E of Allen Co.)

Distance: 25-27 miles

Pace: 22+ MPH

**Thursday**

**Girls Ride Out 6:00PM**

Over for the Season

**NEIC Trailblazers Youth MTB Team Update**

**Ramon Vasquez**



So as the temps are starting to ramp up so does the excitement for our 3<sup>rd</sup> season. We're getting very close to surpassing 60 registered riders so far this year which is just amazing to us!

The team trailer is about to be finished getting its final art touches so that we can travel in style and easily be spotted at events as well as by new riders and families who are showing up for the first time to ride with us. We will be getting in our t-shirt order and our 2<sup>nd</sup> kit order very soon for the people who were not members yet or missed the first order. Our custom gloves arrived recently and they look really sharp and will complement our kits nicely.

The DINO series kicked off at Winona Saturday the 22nd and 10 of our kids raced plus coach Jake and myself. Levi Hall won the 0-14 base male division, Jude Serrani and Kyra Vasquez finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective male and female junior 15-18 divisions, Wesley Loshe was 3<sup>rd</sup> in base men 15-18, Lilly Joseph was 4<sup>th</sup> in 11-14 junior women, Sam Joseph 6<sup>th</sup> in 15-18 junior men, Matt Albrecht 9<sup>th</sup> base men 15-18, Benjamin Hyde 11<sup>th</sup> in junior 11-14, Jaxson Loshe 15<sup>th</sup> in junior men 0-10, Keegan Algier 17<sup>th</sup> in junior men 11-14. Coach Jake Fitzmaurice won the sport open race and Coach Ray DNF'd. Great job everyone and keep up the good work!

In 2 weeks some of the team will return to Missouri for another stage of the Chubb Downhill race while race #2 of the DINO series will resume at Brown County with some of our racers heading down there. We will then be looking forward to our trip to Marquette Michigan and then our first official team practices start up June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>!

We are looking forward to new teammates and new adventures in the 2021 season so bring it on and see you on the trails!

**First Friday each Month**

**City Tour 6:30PM**

Lawton Park, east end of parking lot

Distance: 8-10 miles

Pace: 10-12 mph

## Destination Ride #2 is coming June 19<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Altherr &  
Amy Copeland

Building on the excitement of the first 2021 destinations ride, Jennifer and I are happy to announce plans for ride #2 in the series. On Saturday June 19th we will riding a "new" to us section of the Cardinal Greenway from Jonesboro, Indiana through Marion and Sweetser to Converse, Indiana and then take a break before returning by the same route. Any bike will be suitable for this ride as it is all paved unless we come across construction issues. Our stop in Converse will be unique this ride as we are leaving "open play time" for individuals or small group to explore the town for lunch and other activities before meeting back up for departure. A list and small map will be provided for activities. Other than dining there are antique shops, the Big Dipper Ice Cream Shop, Ledbetters Grand Fudge Shop and Oak Hill Winery to name a few.



Amy Copeland

There will be an initial meet up point at the Starbucks 5723 Coventry Lane by 9:00AM for a no later than 9:15AM departure. The ride start meet up location is the JC Knight Elementary school parking lot at 1106 S Water St, Jonesboro IN 46938. If meeting there please plan to arrive by 10:15 so we can be ready to roll at 10:30.

As usual we hope to have everyone back to Fort Wayne in time for dinner, but we cannot make guarantees due to the social nature of the ride and possible interference by Mother Nature. As always don't forget your helmet, spending money and a lock if possible. We hope you will consider joining us!

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## Monday Meanderings and Musings Schedule

Kathi Hoch Heyes

Here is the Meandering Schedule for June. All rides start at 10 AM and are weather permitting at the discretion of the ride leaders. Updates will post on the Meanderings Page.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bluffton Trails (Detailed Start Location on the Meandering Facebook Page)  
Ride Leader: Angie Quinn

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Shoaff Park  
Ride Leader: Amy Copeland

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Franke Park  
Ride Leader: Amy Copeland

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Lawton Park  
Ride Leader: Kathi Heyes

