

Ride Schedule for May and June!

We have a full ride schedule for May and June. Every weekend during the season there is a scheduled Road Ride, often starting from Mt. Morris. Trail rides usually start from the parking lot at Wendys. We have the Bonus Ride and Spring Spectacular the first weekend in May, plus rides in Fayette County, Marion County, and Harrison County. The perennial favorite of climbing to Masontown is made more comfortable by the addition of bathrooms there. The Garrett St. Parking area and the new bridge over Decker's Creek make access to the trail easier for club members, students, and town residents alike.

Announcing 2019 Spring Spectacular Weekend May 4 and 5, 2019

- **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:00 AM BONUS RIDE**

(Registration starts at 8:30 AM)

Contact: Kelly Williams 304-292-9821

Starting Point: County Courthouse

243 High Street, Morgantown, WV 26505

Join us for a challenging ride through the hills of West Virginia on Saturday, May 4. Starting at 9 AM, from the Mon County Courthouse (243 High Street, Morgantown, WV 26505). This challenging road ride will be 60 miles with 5000 feet of climbing on country roads. There is no entry fee, but a helmet and a signed liability waiver is required.

OR Choose a leisurely 25 mile Rail-Trail Ride, also starting from the County Courthouse. This is also a free, non-supported rides, but a helmet and a signed liability waiver is required.

- **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 9:00 AM SPRING SPECTACULAR**

(Registration starts at 8:00 AM)

\$20 Registration fee includes: Coffee and Snacks before the ride; Map and Cue Sheets; Snack Stop and SAG wagon support during the ride. Signed Registration/Waiver Form and helmets required.

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Starting Point: Wharf Parking Garage,

61 Wharf Street, Morgantown, WV 26501.

Please participate in our annual Spring Spectacular bicycle event on Sunday, May 5. Starting at 9 AM, from the Wharf District Parking Garage (40 Clay Street, Morgantown, WV 26501). Choose either a 25, 45,

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or 60-mile Road Ride on scenic, low traffic roads. All routes are reasonably hilly and challenging for fit road cyclists. \$20 Registration fee.

Annual Picnic June 30

Join us for our annual picnic at Prickett's Fort. Bring a dish to share for the picnic. Gerry Katz will be at the Waterfront Jeep parking lot to transport the food to the picnic. You can choose one of three options. 1. A road ride along RT 73 to Prickett's Fort. 2. A trail ride along the Mon River Trail. OR, 3. Just show up for the picnic, about 2:30 PM. (Take exit 139 from I-79, north of Fairmont, and follow the directions to the fort.)

Gene Vance Jr. Day Set for Saturday, May 18

The City of Morgantown is set to host the 8th Annual Gene Vance Jr. Day Celebration. The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Monongalia County Courthouse Square. The celebration will begin with live music performances, followed by a program honoring military veterans, active duty personnel and those that gave their lives serving their country. The ceremony is free to the public.

Following the ceremony there will be a run, ride, walk event at 12:00 p.m. Those who wish to participate in the run, ride, walk event must register prior to the event. All proceeds will go towards the Gene Vance Jr. Foundation in their efforts to help heal the war wounded.

The Gene Vance Jr. foundation was founded in honor of Morgantown native Gene Arden Vance Jr. who was killed in the global war on terror in 2002. The mission of The Gene Vance Jr. Foundation is to help increase quality of life for the catastrophically injured, especially wounded veterans, through investment in education, direct assistance, family and community support.

For more information on the event and to register for the run, ride, walk event visit

www.genevancejr.org/events.

Upcoming regional rides: Marietta River Rendezvous Bike Ride—June 1-2, 2019

The Marietta Rowing and Cycling Club is a non-profit organization in Marietta, Ohio. Members share the enthusiasm of cycling and rowing. This is the 37th year the club has sponsored the River Rendezvous Ride in the beautiful rolling hills of southeast Ohio. Cyclists can choose from multiple ride options. Saturday rides start in Duncan Falls (southeast of Zanesville) at the Philo High School Soccer Field and Track on Bridge Street between the hours of 7:00-8:00 am and follow along the scenic Muskingum River, which has historic hand-cranked locking systems. This ride has unbeatable hospitality and Support and Gear (SAG) assistance. Registration form at <http://www.mariettarcc.org/Events/events2019/LinkFor2019RR.html>

SHARROWS in Morgantown

On April 20, 2019 our CRC group rode with several members of the Morgantown Bike Board, to explore the roads in Morgantown that have been marked with Sharrow decals.

At the start, from the CRC club were Kelly, Jennifer, Nancy, and Marilyn. We were joined by Bike Board members - Chip, Drew, Jen, and Brian. We started in First Ward, and rode on E Parkway, Hite, and West Virginia Avenue. From there, we biked to Chestnut and biked on the bike lane on Richwood, then continued onto Charles. We then found are way to Willowdale and finished up on University Avenue.

I am glad that the City of Morgantown has decided to help make cycling in the city easier and safer by marking many of the streets with Sharrows."

STREETS IN MORGANTOWN WITH SHARROWS:

Chestnut Street, Richwood Avenue, Killarney Drive, University Avenue, Willowdale Road, Laurel Street
Ross Street, Hite Street, E Parkway, West Virginia Avenue, Charles Street

What are Sharrows? (from Wikipedia) A **shared-lane marking** or **sharrow** is a street marking installed at locations in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Spain, or the United States. This marking is placed in the travel lane to indicate where people should preferably cycle.

The US [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#) says shared-lane markings may be used to:

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- A. Assist cyclists with lateral positioning in a shared lane with on-street parallel parking in order to reduce the chance of a bicyclist impacting the [open door of a parked vehicle](#);
 - B. Assist cyclists with lateral positioning in lanes that are too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane;
 - C. Alert motorists of the lateral location bicyclists are likely to occupy within the traveled way;
 - D. Encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists; and
 - E. Reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling. [2]
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And, from Jonathan Rosenbaum, a local history:

“Going way back in Bike Board history, the idea for them originated around 2007 when I brought up a conversation about how Morgantown used to have signs up for bike routes, but most of them were vandalized or stolen, I suggested we paint signs on the road. Frank did some research and discovered that there had been tests done on just such a type signage in San Francisco. We were way ahead of the learning curve, even Pittsburgh didn't have them, but the WV DOH was still using an old MUTCD. It took years and years for us to realize them. At one point they were going to happen, and the funding was in place, and then administration changed at the WV DOH. More recently, the City said, "Let's do it already." So, celebrate, because bringing change in WV is crazy challenging!”

Bike Florida 25th Anniversary Tour: Recap (Marilyn)

Larry Osborne, Lance Kennelty (Western Wheelman) from Pittsburgh, and I made the long 2 day trip to Florida. We met three of Larry's friends Dan, Leslie, and Tom. I saw an old friend Sally, that I met on my last Bike FL trip in 2016. We started in Brooksville, FL. The three-day ride was on nice trails and then we took off onto the roads. We rode the Withlacoochee Trail and also the Good Neighbor Trail. Florida has wonderful trails that are all paved and wind through the forest of Palm trees. The trail systems run from town to town and as many as 40 miles. Yes, I saw several snakes. The weather was wonderful during the day and cool at night which made for nice sleeping.

The camping was great. We camped at a city park in Brooksville until moving to Inverness, FL for the last 3 days of riding. In Inverness, we camped at the Whispering Pines City Park and managed to camp closer to the bathrooms this time, but had a long walk to the cars. Again we rode to the trails and then left the trails for some road riding. There are hills in Florida, I can contest to that. While in Inverness we got to ride to Crystal River to see the manatee but they had already made their way out to the ocean. The bike path on that trip paralleled the main road to the beach. I was glad to be on the side bike path instead of the 4 lane highway with all the cars that day.

We had one day of rain so we headed to the Aviation Museum that had planes from WW1 and WW2. That side trip was interesting -- thanks to Larry for driving. The last three days were trail and road just like the first three days. The last day of riding we packed up our tents and headed for the Paynes Prairie

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Preserve State Park to camp near Gainesville, Florida. We took a drive to the main Preserve and saw some buffalo, deer, and an eagle's nest. We were only on the edge of the preserve because the next day driving home we drove through the main area of the preserve. Wow, it is huge.

The trip was wonderful except for the two day trip down and back. The traffic was very congested with major backups because of accidents and road construction. We saw lots of campers and license plates from Canada on our way home with the Snow Birds.



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Figure 1 A little break for fun!