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Awards Banquet  
January 15, 2011

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Please let us know what you think this newsletter needs. After all, it's your newsletter!



## Another Torch is Passed

by Andy Murphy, LBC President

By the time you read this, we have probably already elected a new mayor for the city of Louisville. For the first time in nearly a generation, Jerry Abramson will not be our mayor. Mayor Abramson has been a true friend to bicycling. The Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike & Bike and The Louisville Loop are the two most visible bicycle friendly projects the Mayor has undertaken. Whether it's been adding bicycle lanes where appropriate or airing bicycle related public service announcements on local television stations, Mayor Abramson has been a strong advocate for the rights of cyclists. I would like to thank the mayor for his support and wish him well as his ambitions take him a little East of Louisville, to Frankfort. Good luck, Jerry, we're all counting on you!



The Louisville Bicycle Club commissioned a bicycle themed art piece from Kaviar Forge and presented it to the mayor at his last Healthy Hometown Hike & Bike this past Labor Day. The crowd was estimated at



From L to R: Leslie Kaelin, Martin Kaelin, Kevin Jones, Andy Murphy, Mayor Jerry Abramson, John Cummings, Bill Fible, Steve Montgomery, Earl Jones and Jim Preston.

(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

7400 people-- the biggest Mayor's Ride crowd to date! As usual, LBC members served as Ride Marshalls and drove SAG Support for the record crowd. Thank you all for your continued support!

Both of the major party candidates have pledged their support to continue moving Louisville forward as a bicycle friendly community. I hope they follow through on this pledge with action when they are elected. Whatever your party affiliation, PLEASE VOTE!

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Murphy

Mayor Abramson addresses the crowd before the start of the Labor Day Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike & Bike.

(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)



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As a cost-saving measure, the newsletter of the Louisville Bicycle Club will be available only in electronic format beginning with March/April 2011. Please go the website address below to sign up to receive your newsletter by email for uninterrupted service.

Thanks for your cooperation.  
Jim Tretter, LBC Treasurer

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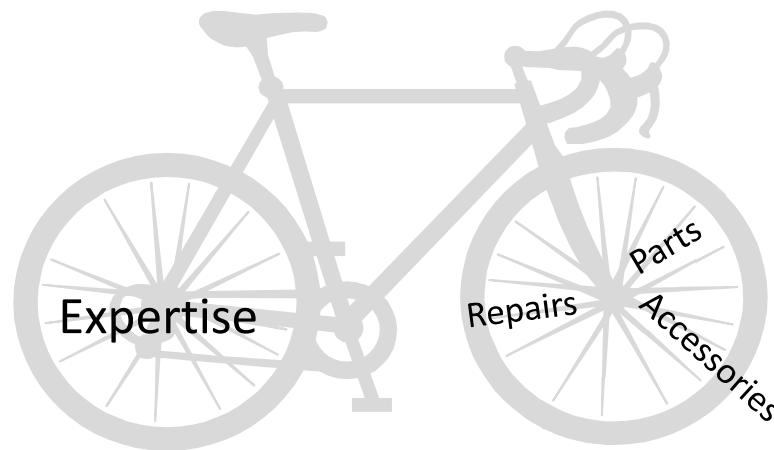
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## CYCLING TEAM



As I write this article, the US Gran Prix of Cyclocross has just concluded after, what could be called, one of the most dust-filled weekends of racing ever. After months of planning, countless time of preparation, and thousands of volunteer hours, the city of Louisville has shown the cycling world, once again, that we belong in the big time. Our fellow club members coordinated the volunteer effort, served at the registration desk, marshaled course crossings, assembled / disassembled the infamous Green Monster, drove innumerable stakes into the ground, and ran miles of tape and fencing. A big thank you goes out to all who served in any way during the preparation time, racing, or cleanup. The cycling world now knows the name Louisville is equivalent with well-planned and executed races. Bring on the Masters World Cyclocross Championship (2012) and Elite World Cyclocross Championship (2013)!

As for the racing team of The Louisville Bicycle Club, The BikeClicks.com / Team Louisville racing team is slowing down for the remainder of the year. Though some of our team members are still racing in cyclocross events, it is this time of year that many of our teammates look forward to because this is the time when we ride for no other reason than for fun. The year has been very productive for the racing team as our team was represented in the top ten of the majority of races we entered. We had a number of top five finishes, podium finishes, and wins. A big thanks to all of our sponsors who helped see us through the year through their support and encouragement. Without our wonderfully supportive sponsors, our season would be much more difficult. Thank you all so much!

We are all looking forward to next year and another productive year for BikeClicks.com / Team Louisville.



A field of 113 Category 4 racers heads into the first turn in the USGP of Cyclocross at Eva Bandman Park.

(photo courtesy Craig Dooley)



Category 4 racers line up for the inaugural cyclocross race at Eva Bandman Park.

(photo courtesy Craig Dooley)

## 2010 Old Kentucky Home Tour Review

by Lynn Luking, OKHT Director

Louisville Bicycle Club's Premier Cycling Tour - The Legendary "Old Kentucky Home Tour" - had another GREAT year. The weather was perfect after a few rain drops early Saturday morning. The roads were marked so well by the LBC "Mad Dog's" that the riders didn't even need the cue sheets!

The luggage and sag supplies made it to Bardstown and back to Sawyer Park in trucks from our Realtor friends Robert Socolar from Re-Max and Jack May, owner of May Team Realtor. Byerly Ford / Nissan also loaned us a truck this year.

Dr. Margaret Preble and her friends – sure know how to “rub folks the RIGHT way” to make them walk upright again! The lines to their tables were very long—go to [www.okht.org](http://www.okht.org) to see pictures of these hard working ladies!

The nurses from Flaget Memorial Hospital passed out samples of Chamois Butt'r to help the riders get back on their bikes for a safe ride back to Louisville!!

Yoga classes by Tami Combs from Baptist Milestone were a huge success again this year – She relaxed some folks to sleep!

New for 2010-OKHT created 4 levels of sponsorship packages. This allowed our sponsors greater latitude in choosing their level of OKHT support. The OKHT would not happen without the generous support from our sponsors. Go to [www.okht.org](http://www.okht.org) and click their logo's to learn how you can support them.

Also new for 2010, the OKHT web page was redesigned and updated by LBC members and Team Louisville/BickClicks Racers—Steven and Susan Webster. They created the



[www.bikeclicks.com](http://www.bikeclicks.com) webpage. Click on [www.okht.org](http://www.okht.org) to visit each of our sponsors' personal web sites to learn more about them. They now have more coverage than just the back of our OKHT jerseys!!

The Pottershop Hill Sag stop was a well stocked and a fun place to visit this year. It made you “want” to climb Pottershop Hill just to be part of the fun and collect the new Pottershop pin. We had another record high of 250 riders get pinned this year!! I've heard that folks are making plans to “practice” riding up the hills so they too can belong to the “2011 Pottershop Club”.

Finally-When you see any of the 100+ volunteers that gave up riding this year so you could—THANK them and think about volunteering in 2011 so they can ride OKHT and enjoy the fun that you had this year!!

If you have any suggestions on how to make the 2011 OKHT better—go to [www.okht.org](http://www.okht.org) and click on “suggestions for OKHT” tab. Send in your pictures for the OKHT web page.

Lynn Luking 2010 OKHT Director

## Red Trucks and Red Lights

by Laura Trachtenberg, LBC VP Advocacy

WOO HOO! I just finished my fourth century yesterday! And it truly was a Good Century. Obviously, I can't say it was a good First century for me, because it was not my first. I liked the reverse route, because it put us at the Widow's Walk at JUST the right time of the day!

On the century, I only had one person shout the usual obscenities at me for being on “their” road. It was interesting that it was a person in a red truck – in Indiana going toward Utica. I guess we can't get away from those red trucks!

Speaking about red trucks, which have been in the news lately, we know there are people out there who do not feel we deserve a legal part of the road. We can try to politely inform them, and then go on our way (they are bigger than I, so I am not going to challenge them). I think another behavior we can practice, is to be better than the offenders.

Another way of looking at the problems with drivers and bicyclists is to analyze behavior I occasionally see. We all, occasionally, (OK, frequently) only come to a rolling stop at stop signs. I will not speak of that, but I will speak of bicyclists going through red lights. I have seen it occasionally on LBC rides. I even saw it yesterday on the century. I am sure this irks drivers. I know it would irk me. It is also, of course, dangerous.

I was truly happy to see the coverage of the problems with the red truck. What I would also like to see is no coverage of bicyclists not following the legal rules of the road. When we run red lights, we, unfortunately, put ourselves in a similar category as those who want us off the road. It gives them a reason to ask for us to stay off “their” roads. Let's not give drivers a reason to want us off their roads.

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# OKHT OLD KENTUCKY HOME TOUR

## It's Cyclocross Season

by Andy Murphy, LBC President



The new permanent venue for cyclocross at Eva Bandman Park, opened on October 23rd & 24th with the inaugural event,

the GREENWARE USGP of Cyclocross Derby City Cup presented by Papa John's Pizza. This is a wonderful use of an essentially unused city park. Competitors and spectators alike raved about the park. Eva Bandman Park will host the Master's Cyclocross World Championships in 2012 and 2013 as well as the 2013 Elite Cyclocross World Championships, the first time those events will take place outside of Europe. This is another world class bicycling facility we are fortunate to have here in Louisville. The park is open year-round for your cyclocross enjoyment!



Racers scale The Green Monster at the GREENWARE USGP of Cyclocross.  
(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

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**The 411 on 311**

311 is the number for MetroCall. MetroCall is a resource available to everyone to report glass, debris or other problems on a bike path or roadway. Anyone who has been to the Thursday morning ride with me has probably heard me bellyache about the gravel in the bike lane on Campground Road. I've never called MetroCall--shame on me. I've been assured that a call to MetroCall will result in action being taken to solve problems. So far in 2010, there have been 7 calls to MetroCall--7! When you call MetroCall, make sure you have the precise location of the problem. If you are experiencing a problem while you are commuting or on a pleasure ride, call MetroCall at 311. This is a resource we should be taking advantage of.

To Report a problem call MetroCall at 311

**LBC Newsletter Going All Electronic**

The January 2011, Louisville Bicycle Club Newsletter will be the last newsletter mailed to members. We're attempting to reduce our carbon footprint and maybe save a tree or two. For more information, see page 2.

**Commuting Program Coming To The Louisville Bicycle Club**

The formal announcement will be made at the January 15th Banquet/General Membership Meeting, but just between you and me, the LBC will begin tracking commuting mileage of our members in 2011. This will be a self reported system. Riding to and from club rides will count as a commute, but mileage on the rides will not count. We're still working out all the details, but we expect to make the formal announcement at the banquet.

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# LBC Annual Awards Banquet – January 15, 2011

Please join your cycling friends at the LBC Annual Awards Banquet to reminisce on the year's activities, acknowledge our volunteers, celebrate our achievements, and elect club officers for the upcoming year.

The banquet will be held again at:

**Big Spring Country Club**  
**5901 Dutchmans Lane**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2011.**

**Cost is \$10 per person for the buffet dinner.**

**6:00 p.m. - Reception and Cash Bar**

**7:15 p.m. - Buffet Dinner**

**8:00 p.m. - General Meeting, Awards, and Election of Officers for 2011**

**10:00 p.m. - Adjournment**

To provide an accurate count of attendees I must receive your reservation(s) by Sunday, January 9.

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## Little Miami Trail-Part Deux

by Andy Murphy, LBC President



A group of 12 LBC members made the two hour drive to Loveland, OH to ride a 130 mile loop on the Rails to Trails Conservancy's "Little Miami Trail" on October 6th. This started out as a training ride for John Cummings and me to prepare for the 160 mile RAIN Ride. It's turned into a fun road trip we will probably do a couple of times a year. On

our last trip, we started doing a little off-trail exploring. Larry Preble found the Corwin M. Nixon Covered Bridge in Oregonia, OH, just off the trail. We also happened upon the remnants of a turn of the century Grist Mill. This ride along the Little Miami River is really cool. Some of the old signal wire poles are still standing alongside the trail and there is a railroad theme in many of the small towns you pass through. Keep an eye out for this ride to be scheduled once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

Life is good  
Murphy



Larry Preble and Nita Bernat at the Corwin M. Nixon Covered Bridge just off the Little Miami Trail  
(photo courtesy Larry Preble)



L – R: John Larson, "Rockin'" Rick Croslin, Allison Dobbs, Andy Murphy, Andy Murphy, Nita Bernat, Larry Preble, Dave Combs, Bernice McGill, Bob Schindler, John Cummings, George Cooper  
(photo courtesy Larry Preble)



Little Miami River along the Trail  
(photo courtesy Larry Preble)

## 2011 Tour de Mad Dog

by David R. "BamBam" King, 2011 TMD Director

The 2010 Tour de Mad Dog has come to a close and I would like to congratulate the Yellow jersey winners, Janice Theriot and Bob Grable, along with the White jersey winners, Nita Bernat and Nate Calloway. I would also like to thank Kirk Roggenkamp for the job he has done with the tour for the last two years. I've been a part of the Tour de Mad Dog over the years and was lucky enough to win it one year. Luck and playing the odds on bonuses is usually how people win. The most important thing is to be safe, closely followed by having fun.

Over the years there have been slight changes to the rules as discussions occur on where to take this challenging goal. This will not change this year. I will be directing the tour in 2011 and ask for input from people who wish to be a part of it. The rules of the 2010 installment of the challenge are at the

website, <http://www.jpaul.us/maddogs/index.html>, and this is a good place to start.

I would like input on all matters concerning the 2011 Tour de Mad Dog: Rules changes; Adding or deleting of bonuses; proposed routes and dates for stages; Volunteer ride captains etc. This challenge has grown every year since its inception in 2004 and I hope it continues to grow and challenge riders of all abilities.

I would like to get a rough or final schedule before the end of the year and want to give everyone a chance for input. Ideas and suggestions can be sent to [dkmdbambam@aol.com](mailto:dkmdbambam@aol.com) or put up on the clubs facebook website under the discussions tab. Thank you for your time.

## A Fall Ride

by Melissa "Puddle" Hall

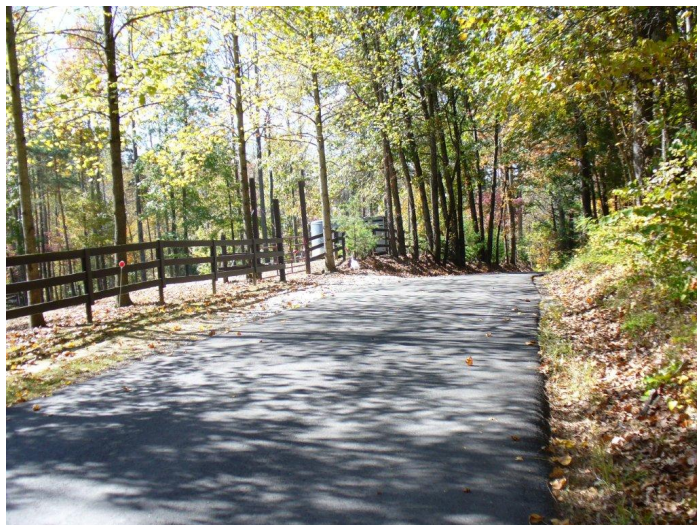
It is going to be one of those fall days when you feel guilty if you stay indoors: crispy cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon with sunshine, lots and lots of sunshine. It is not the harsh sun of summer, or the anemic sun of winter, or even the welcome but tender and untried sun of spring, but an embracing sun that makes you warm throughout the essence of your very being. I think of a quote by Nathaniel Hawthorne: "I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air." I know I will be too cold in the morning if I don't wear leg warmers, arm warmers, and a vest, but I know that I will carry them with me in the afternoon and what is now my delight will become my burden. Thus I pack accordingly for I am going exploring today. Sometimes it is nice to be alone, to ride the pace you want, to stop when you want and take a picture or to take in a particular scene, to think without interruption. I have never been to Vernon so last night I poured over the maps trying to find a nice route much more organized than my normal meandering voyages of discovery, but daylight is short. It is getting where it is more difficult to discover roads I don't know though I sometimes think that is due to a tendency to adhere to routine rather than the lack of roads, but today I will find a few.

Early in the ride, on Lake Road, I see something sitting in the road ahead. Being nearsighted, I struggle with what it is. It is too big for a cat, but does not really look like a dog though he sits like one. As I get closer, I see it is a fox, his bushy tail larger than his torso. I roll closer and closer and am uneasy as he does not move but is obviously alive. I assume he has gone to the pond across the road from the wooded area to drink as the drought has dried up many of the creeks I will pass during the ride. I worry that he is rabid and I wonder if I should pass when he finally spots me and streaks off into the forest, melting into the trees, a flash that leaves you wondering if you imagined the whole thing, like seeing a ghost. I am sorry to have startled him out of his morning reverie as that is one of the things I have

been looking forward to on this ride, that and the fall scenery. In all the miles I have covered on my bicycle I have only spotted a fox twice, and I decide that it portends a good day.

The fall scenery does not disappoint. Whether the leaves are turning from the season or the drought, they are turning and beginning to spot the roads in places. Occasionally the road is stained by crushed walnuts, persimmons, and acorns. Halloween decorations are everywhere and it brings back memories from my own childhood and from that of my children. I remember taking my children trick or treating, their eyes aglow with excitement and anticipation. How much the holiday has changed for when I was a child it was the night to be out after dark with no adults to supervise, running wild. There were no thoughts that anyone would purposefully hurt a child. I recall the fun of decorating with my children, carving pumpkins and making dummies from old clothing, straw, and a plastic pumpkin. Old sheets made great ghosts. Halloween was a time for creativity and creation, not buying from a store. I think of how my now deceased cat, Christmas, would sit in the lap of the dummy we made on a fine fall day, languidly basking in the sun that was sure to disappear in the near future. I thought about my husband cursing through his grins when he came home one night and the ghost we had hanging in the drive banged into his truck windshield frightening him. By the time I awoken from my thoughts, miles have passed and I am on to new roads and places I have not been before.

All too soon I am home, hungry as can be for I did not stop for lunch today. My husband is there to greet me. However many more days such as today I will have, I believe I will always be greedy for more. Does fall touch me so with such a nameless hunger and poignancy because of the recognition that it is fleeting or because of being in the autumn of my own life? Another thought to ponder on another ride on another day. For now it is enough to be home and embraced with love, safety, and warmth.



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Melissa Hall puts on a century ride each year that she calls "Packman's Hint" after a conversation we had about an area in southern Indiana.

I have had in mind for a long time a somewhat more challenging and unusual route. The 133-mile ride was actually done once by three riders, including myself, who rode it together in September 1997. It is a loop, rather than an out-and-back. Basically, the ride started at Iroquois Park, although somewhere between Jeffersonville and New Albany would also make a good, perhaps better, starting point. The loop generally covers both sides of the Ohio River between downtown Louisville and Brandenburg, although mostly not along the river. The entire loop is flat to rolling with one more serious climb in either direction.

Generally, from Iroquois Park clockwise, the route begins by following the Dishonest Abe to Lebanon Junction. This area makes for a pleasant out-and-back for the shorter distances. Then it takes the broad-shouldered 313 to Rineyville in Hardin County. From there, it goes on the less-travelled roads to Bewleyville, then turning toward Brandenburg. After crossing the Matthew

Welsh Bridge, it goes through Laconia and Elizabeth, with some back roads possibly alternative to much of 11, down the hill at Blunk Knob (highest hill in 100 miles) and then Budd Lane most of the way into New Albany. This is not exactly the 1997 route, but is a little more off main roads.

The course I designed avoids the major hazards of Dixie Highway (crossing it near Rineyville), old and narrow 434 frequented by gravel trucks, heavily travelled 144 in Hardin and Meade Counties and 111 between New Albany and the casino. I have explored the possibility of a shorter route that also avoids Dixie Highway by passing through roads on the Fort Knox Army Base to get to Muldraugh and from there to Brandenburg.

It was not a big success attendance-wise in 1997 but I have long thought it would be great for one of the more challenging Mad Dog Tour routes. It is certainly not as hard as WACKY or even WACKY Lite. Please send me a note if you would like to captain this ride and I would be very happy to discuss details and alternatives for this challenging and adventuresome ride. I'm sure it could become a classic.