



Quick Release

February 2021

Monthly meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month 7:30 PM at the Downtown ACPL, [900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802](#).

Next Meeting is February 4th @ 6:30 PM

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!

Hindsight 2020

Johnny Grabowski

Recently, Facebook brought a memory up for me from a post I did several years ago. At the time, I was about to ride in my first-ever Hotter’N Hell Hundred - riding alongside over 13,000 cyclists in the plains of Northern Texas in Northern Texas. At the time, I was told how lucky I was that temperatures that year (which topped out in the high 90s) were “mild.” Memories of that ride, like starting with so many cyclists that I waited for more than 20 minutes to start as large groups of riders were released 1 city block at a time, or temperatures so hot that SAG stops included large above-ground watering troughs filled with ice water, couldn’t have seemed farther away from my current reality or state of mind. While it seems to be all the rage to bash 2020, I truly believe that there were equally as memorable moments to be had from the many ways that last year was unique.

2021 will be unique, too:

- Since we are unable to have our Annual Awards Banquet in January, we’ll be planning to do the event differently in early Spring.
- We’ll be rolling out a 3RVS website re-design and (hopefully) a new brand identity with an updated logo and new 3RVS cycling apparel.
- This year’s 50th Festival Tour will include not only one, but three days of events.
- 3RVS will expand its support of all kinds of cycling by partnering with Trek the Trails.
- These are just some of the changes coming this year.



Johnny Grabowski

While I’m excited about progress, 2021 will bring back plenty of well-loved activities and familiar faces as well - with what will hopefully be a full season of familiar 3RVS fun.

You’re going to want to be a member of 3RVS in 2021, so please renew your 3RVS membership if you haven’t already! Doing so will keep your monthly newsletters and other emails coming, and will keep you eligible for fun 3RVS members-only events all year long. Rather than waiting to renew at the Awards Banquet, simply go to [3rvs.com](#) and click on “Membership” to conveniently register online.

Best wishes for a fantastic new year - I look forward to riding with you again soon!

Johnny Grabowski

President



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Chilly Challenge 2021 Recap

Mona Will

Recreating the Chilly Challenge was something that I will not forget any time soon. Having been under the COVID 19 restrictions for 9 months, hearing the uplifting news of emerging vaccines, and Allen County hitting high numbers of deaths due to COVID, the thought of moving forward with this ride was almost overwhelming.

Thanks to Kent Ellis, Andrea Egeland, Shane Powell, Phil Snider, and a few others that kept the spirit of the ride alive, we came up with a plan that was like no other Chilly had ever been. No mass start, no gathering at Psi Ote Barn afterwards for chili, sweet treats and hot chocolate. No stopping to watch the Polar Bear plunge and no renewing memberships before or after the ride. This year it was about just getting on the bike, putting in whatever length of mileage, and then posting a photo of person and bike, on the Chilly Challenge Facebook page. At the end of the day, all those that participated in an outdoor ride would be eligible for prizes provided by our generous sponsors, **Summit City Bikes and Fitness, InRush Bicycles, Fort Wayne Trails and Three Rivers Velo Sport.**

Here is a list of the winners and their prize-

2022 3RVS Membership - **Mike Lubbehusen**

Summit City Bikes and Fitness Gift Card - **Fred Bailey**

InRush Bicycles free Bronze Servicing - **John Krueger**

Fort Wayne Trails Gift Pack - **Julie Wolfe**

Summit City Bikes and Fitness Gift Card - **James Snyder**

Fort Wayne Trails Gift Pack - **Victoria Kruse**

Twenty participants braved the cold and ice to put in their first miles of 2021 and two participants were in the warmth and sunshine of Florida riding! Plus there were multiple riders hooked up to Zwift on their indoor trainers riding too.



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Thank you to each person that contributed to this ride: whether it was putting in the miles, putting in time to create the event online, lining up the sponsors, sending emails, adding the event to the club's website, or updating the Chilly Challenge Facebook page. You are recognized and appreciated.

February Show N' Go Dates

Date	Time	Map	Start At	Destination/Pace Groups	Distance
2/6	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Homestead High School	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/7	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Flaugh Rd.	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/13	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Flaugh Rd.	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/14	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Homestead High School	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/20	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Homestead High School	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/21	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Flaugh Rd.	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/27	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Flaugh Rd.	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD
2/28	12:00 NOON	Show N' Go Winter	Homestead High School	2-3 Hour Show N' Go	TBD

Greenway Trail Adoption

Mona Will



CONGRATULATIONS THREE RIVERS VELO SPORT!

You have officially adopted a new segment of Fort Wayne Trails

At the January board meeting a unanimous vote passed the proposed adoption of the new Becketts Run Trail. Currently the trail is still under construction so we can't take our baby home yet, however, we are told sometime in the spring of this year he/she/they/it will be ours. There will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony and a sign will be erected on the trail with the name of our organization as the adopters.

With any adoption comes responsibilities. Stewardship of the trail will be a required necessity. The City of Fort Wayne designates three separate times of the year for clean-up of all trails. We, the members of 3RVS, our friends, and family members will be responsible for cleaning our 2'ish mile trail. As the saying goes "many hands make light work" so we will need many volunteers to answer the call when it is made.

Beckett's Run Trail is approximately 2 miles in length. It will begin at the newly constructed trailhead located off St Joe Center Road on Martin Luther Drive, located behind Concordia Seminary campus. The trail follows St Joseph River. For those of you that are familiar with Fort Wayne history, the trail borders an old fairgrounds location. Eventually the trail takes a turn west between two housing developments and stops at North Clinton street.

The club has a two-year commitment to this adoption. I am personally hopeful that we, the club members will be great stewards of the trail. In fact, so great, that we would add a second trail to our family soon.

As a PSA- many of us use the trails multiple times a year. We count on those trails being free of debris to make our rides more enjoyable. We count on the trails to be in good repair. We use the trails to get us places, both physically and mentally. Next time you're out for a ride on the trails, take time to note the conditions of the trails. If you see some trash/debris, don't just ride by expecting someone else to take care of it. Do the good deed yourself. If there is a low hanging branch or debris too large to move yourself, take note of the location and then report it to the city.

Let's all be good stewards of the trails. Not only will it be self-serving but also serving others too.

A Call to Arms!

Roiann Smolinski

Hello! I'm Roiann Smolinski, the new Volunteer Co-Ordinator for the 3RVS club. Many of you have probably ridden with my husband, Marty. I'm considered to be a "non riding" spouse, but I do enjoy the comradery of the club.

The backbone of 3RVS is its volunteers. Without the behind-the-scenes volunteers, our organization couldn't exist. There are a lot of things that our volunteers do to keep the wheels rolling, and that's why I need your help!

Our upcoming 50th anniversary Festival Tour Ride is going to be BIG this year. It will take place July 9-11, 2021. With 3 events happening, I'll need lots of volunteers to help make it successful. I'm starting to compile a list of tasks and time slots that need to be filled. You, your significant other, and family members are all welcome to help out. Even if you only have an hour or two to help, I'll find a spot for you. If you also know of an organization or group that needs volunteer hours completed, please let me know!

This is not the only event that I will need volunteers. Maybe you can't help this time but can at a future event. We also have events such as The Chilly Challenge, The Jersey Ride, and the September Triple Century that need volunteers for the SAG's.

Come out to help and get involved with a great group of people. The joy of seeing our riders smile, and helping them to achieve their goals is heartwarming!

Please contact me at volunteers@3rvs.com with your availability. Thank YOU, for helping to keep our club cycling!

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