



Quick Release

May 2020

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

Until further notice meetings will be held in a virtual environment. Invitations to follow.

Next Meeting is June 4th

Minutes and agendas archived [here](#):

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



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What's the Plan?

Johnny Grabowski

Over the last two days, I participated in online meetings for the 3RVS Festival Tour committee and our monthly club meeting. The topic of paramount importance has been the status of the 3RVS group rides, which have been indefinitely suspended due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) safety concerns. **Group rides remain suspended until June 14th, with the next update on Friday, June 5th** (following the next 3RVS monthly meeting). At that time, 3RVS members will be updated on the status of 3RVS group rides via email and Facebook.

More Details

On May 1, Indiana's Governor, Eric Holcomb, announced "Back On Track Indiana." This roadmap, subject to change at any time due to new information or CDC guidance, is a 5-stage plan for gradually easing pandemic restrictions from early May to early July (full details of Back On Track Indiana are available at <https://www.backontrack.in.gov>). For purposes of this article, I will focus on Indiana's plan while acknowledging that some neighboring states are still under far stricter restrictions. While no governmental guidance that I know of specifically addresses group cycling, club officers have carefully reviewed and discussed the spirit of any current or future restrictions and/or guidance, then responsibly applied common sense in our decisions regarding any 3RVS activities.

Keeping in mind that the physics of cycling within a group of riders *dramatically* expands the distance required to maintain the safety of all participants (one scientific study shared with me by other club members suggested that one cyclist riding behind another at a speed of 18 mph would require no less than *28 feet* of following distance to achieve "social distancing"), and that group rides of cyclists with heightened respiratory activity for hours at a time equates to what the Governor's plan spells out as "groups of people in close contact for extended periods of time," we are being particularly cautious with decisions regarding group rides. I am not a medical expert or scientist (heck, even medical experts and scientists don't know everything we need to know about this virus yet) but the safety of our club is paramount and, frankly, not negotiable. For this reason, 3RVS will continue to be careful and cautious as we work our way through this.

The Back On Track Indiana Roadmap: what changes happen, and when

Stage 1 - ended May 3rd

Stage 2 - May 4th to May 23rd

As I write this on Friday, May 8, Allen County is in Stage 2, which specifies that "recreational sports leagues" remain closed.

Stage 3 - May 24th to June 13th (*projected dates - subject to change*)

Even when **Stage 3** goes into effect recreational sports leagues and sports venues will remain closed. While spaces like playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, and community pools will reopen, this will only be with social distancing guidelines in place.



Johnny Grabowski

What's the Plan?

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Stage 4 - June 14th to July 3rd *(projected dates - subject to change)*

June 14th is the earliest date that the 3RVS Board of Directors sees as a possibility to reinstate group rides. This will be the primary topic discussed at the 3RVS monthly meeting on June 4th.

I assure you that we are all ready and eager to roll out a robust schedule of group rides just as soon as we can.

Festival Tour Update

On May 14th, Three Rivers Festival organizers announced that they were cancelling the festival. As the Three Rivers Festival Tour is officially affiliated with the event, the tour has been cancelled.

3RVS' Festival Tour Committee will meet again in early June, and will be considering all avenues, from the potential for re-scheduling a similar event, all the way to a completely different, all-new event.

Between Now & Then - A Spring Cycling Challenge

We can ride our bikes (just not in groups), so I'm working with other club officers and members to put together a fun challenge to help us all stay motivated to ride our bikes and do bike-related things for the month leading up to June 14th. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank You

We are so fortunate that Three Rivers Velo Sport is such a large and experienced community of responsible, caring people who are passionate about all kinds of cycling, and I have been continually impressed with the knowledge and compassion demonstrated by 3RVS members as we navigate these difficult decisions. Thank you to everyone who is helping along the way (and an extra-special thank you to Pamela Fennell for scheduling and facilitating our virtual meetings!).

As always, I wish good health to you and yours, and hope we can all embrace the joys of solo riding until we are all able to ride together again.

A Word from the Festival Tour Committee

Mona Will



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Many of you saw the post announcing the cancellation of the 3 Rivers Festival earlier today. Naturally the question arose as to the status of the "Festival Tour" because the tour is an official festival event.

The festival tour committee spoke to the board at the May meeting and advised that if the Three Rivers Festival cancelled the ride would be also. This decision involved much more than simply "if they cancel, we cancel". I'm certain most of you know it's more about the safety and health of everyone involved.

Right now, there are more questions than there are answers on if or when the ride will be offered in 2020. After the June board meeting we will have more answers for everyone. All current pre-registered riders will be refunded in full to the original form of payment.

I will say what we have been saying for months, "Until we can ride together, stay safe and stay healthy."

First Friday and Destination Tour Updates

Amy Copeland & Jennifer Altherr

By now it's a sure bet that we are all getting just a bit stir crazy and itching to get together and ride in groups with our friends, but the reality is that right now in most cases we aren't completely safe to do so. In accordance to governmental guidance and the 3RVS boards plan we will be cancelling the June First Friday City Ride as well as the planned Kal-Haven destination ride for June 12-14. We will continue to monitor the situation in hopes of returning to normal ride status for July. Although there was not a destination ride scheduled for July, if situations will allow the destination ride planning group will try its best to re-schedule one of our cancelled ride or try something completely new during the month of July.



Amy Copeland



Jennifer Altherr

We don't want our friends to forget about the fun we have on our city rides and we want to encourage you to get out safely riding. We are working to plan a virtual city ride for the first week of June for anyone in the club to participate in. You know how Amy and Jennifer like to award prizes, so besides a chance to get out and ride we will find a way to reward one or a few riders for participating in our virtual ride. Be on the lookout on Facebook for details in the next few weeks

Riding outside is therapeutic! Please still get out there and do it...socially distanced!

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