

Sitting here looking out the window at all the snow on the ground does not bring much hope of riding season ever getting here. However, it did get up to the low 40's and we did get a short ride in. So, for me, the streak continues. Since we bought our new bikes in August of 2007, I have ridden at least 1 day in every month since then. My wife has only missed 1 month during this stretch. Come on fair weather February!

Even with all the cold and snow that continues to blanket us here in east central Illinois, we continue to think about doing His work and what we can do in our community to share His love. We have worked hard on our schedule for 2011, and it is mostly complete. Just a few more details to work out. However, our first 3 events are set.

In April, we will again work with Guardian of the Children M/C to help raise money for the scholarship fund for the son of a fallen soldier. Ssgt. Chris Rudzinski lost his life in Afghanistan in October of 2009. He left behind a wife and young son. In May, we will again "Ride for HIM". This is an event that features a 100 mile ride, free lunch, live music, vendors and a large raffle. We continue to hope for that big benefactor to step forward and bless this ministry with a sizeable infusion of income!

Moving into June, we will work with the East Central Illinois Food Pantry with the "Help the Hungry Ride". We require non-perishable food items for this ride. Also in June, we will help Jesus Is The Way Prison Ministry with a memorial ride for a gentleman who was a rider and servant of His in prison ministry. Rounding out this month, we will travel north to help with the 14th Annual H-I-M Biker Day. This is the event on the schedule that I most look forward to. Not only do we get to do His work, we get to fellowship with brothers and sisters we only see once a year at this event.

WHEW! So that's the first 3 months of our 8 month riding calendar. I will continue to update our goings-on here throughout the year. If you are going to be in the Rantoul, Illinois area anytime throughout the year, please give us a holler and we will make sure you are taken care of while in this area.

Working for Him,

Shepherd Bill Wiedman

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