



# Wheeling Wheelmen

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 2021

Welcome everyone to March as it comes in like a lamb. I sure hope spring is not like last year.

Another month has gone by since our last regularly scheduled meeting and I along with the board have been very busy in the background working on various projects concerning our great club.

I need all of you to check out our home page at wheelmen.com. The webmaster has been very busy with new and updated changes. As I promised you last month I will continue to amaze you with "one-stop shopping" on these changes to the Wheeling Wheelmen website.

So anytime you are in need of information on the Wheeling Wheelmen simply go to our home page and I guarantee you will find it there. After arriving to our home page and noticing the new website and Harmon banners click on "Club Rides" and go to the bottom and click "Route Library" taking note of the club rides listed there. This is assuming you are a member. You will see the "Ride name, Distance and Starting Location."

Clicking on "Google Map" will launch "Google Maps" showing you the starting point where you can click "Directions" that will guide you to all your fellow club members waiting for you to join in on another great riding experience with them. Clicking on "Ride with GPS" will take you to the "Ride with GPS" website where the club ride for that day can be downloaded to your bicycle "Smart" computer or navigation unit to guide you through turns and long straights with the wind at your back.

I need to rant here a little bit about the "Gentleman's agreement - simply understood as part of an unspoken agreement by convention or through mutually - beneficial etiquette" that was in place back in the 80's and 90's between invitational hosting clubs where "one club would not step on another club's invitational date". Please continue reading. The good news is the board has set a date for the Harmon Hundred for August 1st. After fifty years we were forced to move the Harmon Hundred from its original date of the 1st Sunday following Labor Day to August 1st as a particular club moved their ride from the 4th Sunday of June to the "Harmon Hundred" date without so much as a "by the by". The bad news is the "Harmon Hundred" ride is COVID-19 permitting.

Another bicycle club claimed this "blah, blah, blah... has been known for sponsoring the first invitational of the biking season". Fact checking will find that this particular ride has always taken place on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of April. The Wheeling Wheelmen has always hosted the St Patrick's day invitational, please note the keyword invitational, on the Sunday closest to either the weekend before or after St Patrick's day and always around the middle of March making our "Everyone is Irish" that day the very first invitational of the year going back to at least no later than 1982.

I am hoping that soon the website home page will accommodate a section in the lower left hand corner called "Tells from the Board." This will be where Ella can post editorials, I can post my columns, and the board will be free to post the many things they've accomplished for the club to entertain and delight all members and visitors alike.

I would also like to take the time here to invite back Joe "the decade" Beemster to participate and share with us his tells of wisdom in this new "Tells from the Board" corner. Please say "yes" Mr. Beemster.

Ride safely everyone as it is the camaraderie we are here for.

George, President