

# Cascades Cycling Club Newsletter



Serving Jackson's Cycling Community for over 40 Years - All Riders - All Abilities

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## Club Rides Are Back!

We have waited, and waited, and waited some more. Now that it looks like the nicer spring weather is about to return, we have begun adding our weekly club rides to the Ride Calendar on our website. Below is a summary of the rides we are planning for you this year.

**On Two Wheels Sunday Morning Breakfast Ride:** Join Adam Kohn Sundays for this 9:00 a.m. ride. Look for this ride to begin sometime in May from the Paragon Academy parking lot at 3750 McCain Road.

**On Two Wheels Monday Evening Mountain Bike Ride:** Join Pat Sowle for this very popular ride, which is scheduled to begin June 5 at 5:30 p.m. Meet up in the Hurst Planetarium parking lot in Ella Sharp Park.

**Tuesday Morning Gravel:** Join Ron Utter at 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays for 30 - 35 miles of very low traffic gravel road riding in Jackson and Washtenaw counties. The starting point will alternate weekly between Mt. Hope & Glenn and the Fishville Road locations, so be sure to check the Ride Calendar before heading out to this ride.

**Wednesday Evening Road Ride:** Join Rick & Cindy Acker at 6:00 p.m. May 10 in the north end of the parking lot of Acapulco Mexican Grill on Clinton Road. This ride will average 16 mph for 24 miles or so, but it is also a "No Drop Ride", so don't be shy, give this ride a try!

**Thursday Evening Gravel Ride:** Join Ron Utter at 6:00 p.m. Thursday May 4 for a shorter version of his Tuesday morning gravel rides. The starting point for this ride will alternate weekly between Mt. Hope & Glenn and the Fishville Road locations, so be sure to check the Ride Calendar before heading out to this ride. This is a "No Drop" ride.

**Saturday Morning Ride:** Join Dan McClure at 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 6 for a Mike Levine Lakelands Trail ride to Stockbridge. This ride will start at the Hawkins Road trailhead at 9:00 a.m., or you could meet the group in Munith at about 9:30 a.m. This is a "No Drop" ride.



# RIDE OF SILENCE.

**May 17, 7PM**

Free event. Horace Blackman Park.



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# Ride of Silence

May 17, 2023


Each year on the 3rd Wednesday in May, bicycling clubs around the world host a cycling event known as the Ride of Silence. This ride aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials of cyclists' legal right to use public roadways. The ride is also an opportunity to show respect for and honor the lives of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling. All cyclists are invited to join the members of the Cascades Cycling Club for this solemn, silent ride. Please plan to join us for this event.

This year we will be riding in honor of Linda Porter, who was killed by a hit and run driver while riding on Park Road. We knew Linda as an avid cyclist, kayaker and dog walker who was a familiar face on the Falling Waters Trail. Reading Linda's obituary gave me a sense of just how many lives she had touched, and that Linda will be missed by many. Club member Shelly Wilson is preparing a Ghost Bike in Linda's memory which will be placed on Park Road.








This is a photo from our 2021 Ride of Silence as the riders approach an intersection. Note the Jackson City Police holding traffic at the intersection to allow the riders to continue as one group.


Please join us at 6:45 p.m. on May 17 as we line up for this ride at Horace Blackman park in downtown Jackson.


The banner features a sunset over water with palm trees in the background. In the foreground, a blue acoustic guitar is leaning against a dark vertical post. On the left, there is a circular portrait of Linda M. Porter, an elderly woman with short grey hair, wearing a green top.

**Linda M. Porter**  
April 17, 1953 - January 24, 2023

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### LINDA'S OBITUARY

Porter, Linda M.

Of Jackson, passed away as a result of an accident on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Cremation has taken place and the Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The family will receive friends will receive friends at St. Mary's Church from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

Desnoyer Funeral Home  
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Read Linda's full obituary online at Desnoyer Funeral Home.



# Waterloo Grit & Gravel Race

Club members Shelly Wilson, Ron Utter and Dan McClure braved the wind, rain and mud on Saturday, April 29 to ride in the annual Waterloo Grit & Gravel race. I spoke with Ron and Dan who said the mud was the most difficult part of the day, and Dan added he was just happy to complete the race. What's more, both Shelly and Ron had the distinction of finishing on the podium with Shelly taking second and Ron placing third in their respective age groups! Congratulations Shelly, Ron and Dan, your dedication to your training through the cold months has paid off!





# Pedal & Whine Bike Tour 2023



## Save the Date! 2023 Pedal & Whine Bike Tour August 5!

Here is another picture of happy riders at our Pedal & Whine Bike Tour last year! Planning is currently underway for the 10th annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour, and registration is now open. Register today for this great ride at [cascadescyclingclub.org](https://cascadescyclingclub.org)

**When:** Saturday, August 5, 2023  
**Where:** Sandhill Crane Vineyards  
**What:** 10th Annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour

## A Word about Dues

Dues for 2023 are now being accepted. You can mail your dues payments to Cascades Cycling Club P.O. Box 515 Jackson, MI 49204, or visit our website to pay your dues online.

Your dues say that you support cycling. They give you a voice in Lansing and in Washington as they allow our club to be members of the Leagues of Michigan and American Bicyclists. These organizations continually work to make our roads & trails safer for you and your family to ride.

Funds raised through dues also pay for club operating costs such as our website and insurance policy. FYI - our club's policy provides liability and medical coverage for members while participating in club rides.

In addition, all club members enjoy free access to the club's Ride with GPS account. Never get lost again! Follow your route on your smartphone or cycling computer!

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## Miscellaneous

**Ride of Silence:** As in past years we will assemble in Horace Blackman Park in downtown Jackson. Please plan to join us by 6:45 p.m. for pre-ride instructions from our club's Vice-President Cindy Acker.

**Club Rides are Back!:** Check out the Ride Calendar on our website to find a ride you might like and we'll meet you at the starting point!

*Keep Riding!  
Stay Healthy!  
Ride Safe!*

*Mike*