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It is mid-January as I write this and we are in our first snow in two years. Besides the snow, the temperatures have been rather low which leads to cancelling and/or delaying many of our scheduled bike rides. This puts the kibosh on some of our riders who had planned to ride every day in order to pile up miles on their calendars.

I remember as a kid growing up in Altoona PA riding my bike in the snow. Several of us neighborhood boys never stopped riding our bikes during the winter snows (which were many). I had a hand-me-down step through (called a girl's bike) frame which was much safer when I had to jump down because of snow/ice hazards. Some of the other boys had diamond frames (boy's bike) which were more dangerous. All our bikes were one speed, fat tired, and cruiser style. It was a lot of fun and a way to get out of the house and enjoy the snow. As an adult, there is no way I would try that now nor should anyone else.

We had our monthly board meeting a few days ago, which was focused on our planned Indian Head Century on Labor Day. It requires a lot of planning and we will need many volunteers to pull it off. There have been many requests for us to put this ride on again. In the past we have had as many as 1,000 riders. We have had about 85 OHBTC volunteers to help in the various related jobs. If you have past experience or are willing to learn, please consider volunteering to make this ride successful.

Jackie and I both have Covid so our riding has been curtailed until we recover and the temperatures rise a little.

See yens on the road and/or trail.
Rabbi Randy, President



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Date/Time	January 15, 2024 7 PM
Attendance	Board members: Randy Schoch, Diane Harris, Joan Oppel, Walt Roscello, Jessica Hirschhorn, Ellen Goodwin, Dan Donahue, Steve Palincsar, Jim Hudnall, Leslie Tierstein Members: Diana Donahue, Sherwood Byers, Jane Hudnall
Absent	Board members: None

President Schoch called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Minutes – Randy Schoch

A motion to approve the minutes from the December board meeting was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Annual Meeting

The board discussed the annual meeting, required by the club constitution to be held in March. Everyone agreed that last year's annual meeting was successful, and it was suggested that we follow last year's format of having a potluck dinner. The board suggested March 23rd, with March 16th as a backup. Jane Hudnall offered to check the availability of Grace Lutheran Church. The board agreed that, as in the past, a donation to Grace Lutheran would be appropriate if we are able to use its facility.

The meeting agenda will include election of officers, as required. Other agenda items are to be decided.

Indian Head 100 Planning – Jessica Hirschhorn

Jessica led the discussion of planning for the IH 100. She noted that the last time the century was held, in 2019, there were approximately 1000 riders, 85 volunteers, and 5 rest stops with one rest stop run by club members and the others by outside groups with club member assistance. Jessica and Joan had sent a lengthy memo that described the concept of dividing the event into 12 (or more as needed) tasks, with one board member or other member managing each task. The board approved that concept.

Jessica discussed each role and board members and others volunteered to manage the various roles, as noted below:

- Registration: Leslie Tierstein
- Parking: Ellen Goodwin. Randy Schoch offered to contact the Indian Head management and confirm that parking for 500 cars is ok.
- SAG: Unassigned
- Routes and Road Marking/Signage: Steve Palincsar and Sherwood Byers
- Website for Event: Joan with Jim Hudnall's help.
- Rest Stops (Durham Church, Oak Grove, St. Ignatius, Thomas Stone, Smallwood): Jessica noted that 2 people need to oversee the rest stops. Diane Harris and Joan volunteered to oversee rest stops. Jessica will manage Smallwood.
- Picnic: Dan and Diane Donahue

- Communication with Registrants: Joan Oppel and Steve Palincsar
- Communication with Officials: Joan Oppel with Jim and Jane Hudnall.
- Porta-Potties: Dan and Diana Donahue
- Supply Coordination: Unassigned
- Promotion: Jessica Hirschhorn
- Payment on Wild Apricot: Jim Hudnall
- Communication with Insurance: Joan Oppel

The board discussed next steps. A meeting will be held on February 5 to discuss the event. The board also discussed the number of club member volunteers needed to run the IH100. As noted, 85 were involved in the 2019 event. The board discussed sending an email to past IH100 volunteers and all club members stating that we are considering running the IH 100 but need to know whether folks are willing to volunteer.

The Rural Legacy was brought up. board members discussed whether we could run both the Rural Legacy and Indian Head events as full. Board members discussed deciding whether the IH 100 was definite in the next month or so.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

The IH100 Planning Committee will meet on February 5 at 7pm. The next Oxon Hill Board meeting will be on February 12 at 7 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Submitted by Ellen Goodwin and Joan Oppel

Ride with GPS Club Account Route Library

Half-a-Road Captain's Report – by Steve Palincsar

One of the benefits of membership in the Oxon Hill Bicycle and Trail Club is membership in our Ride With GPS club account. Taking the place of the old route library of cue sheets, our club account route library lets you find and download routes onto your smartphone or GPS-bike computer with only a free Ride with GPS membership.

Membership in the club account provides premium navigation features on all club routes and events:

- Voice Navigation in the RWGPS mobile app
- Offline Maps in the RWGPS mobile app
- PDF Maps + Cuesheets
- Advanced Turn Notifications with TCX files
- Estimated time

Using the RWGPS smartphone app gives access to turn-by-turn voice navigation for routes in the club library.

Only active OHBike members may access our club account. You must also have a RWGPS account. You *do not* need a paid account; a *free* account works fine. If you don't already have a RWGPS account, create one.

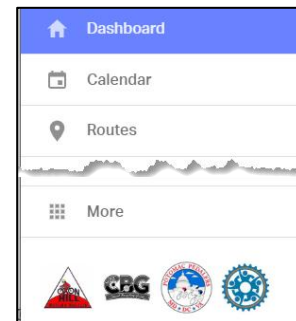


Joining the OHBike club account:

1. Create a RWGPS account. Remember, the *free* account is all you need: <https://ridewithgps.com/signup>
2. Once your account is created, click this link to join the club account: https://ridewithgps.com/auto_approve/Club/298/zQj36hVybnI23Lq2
3. Then click **Continue to club** to get to the club's home page within RWGPS.

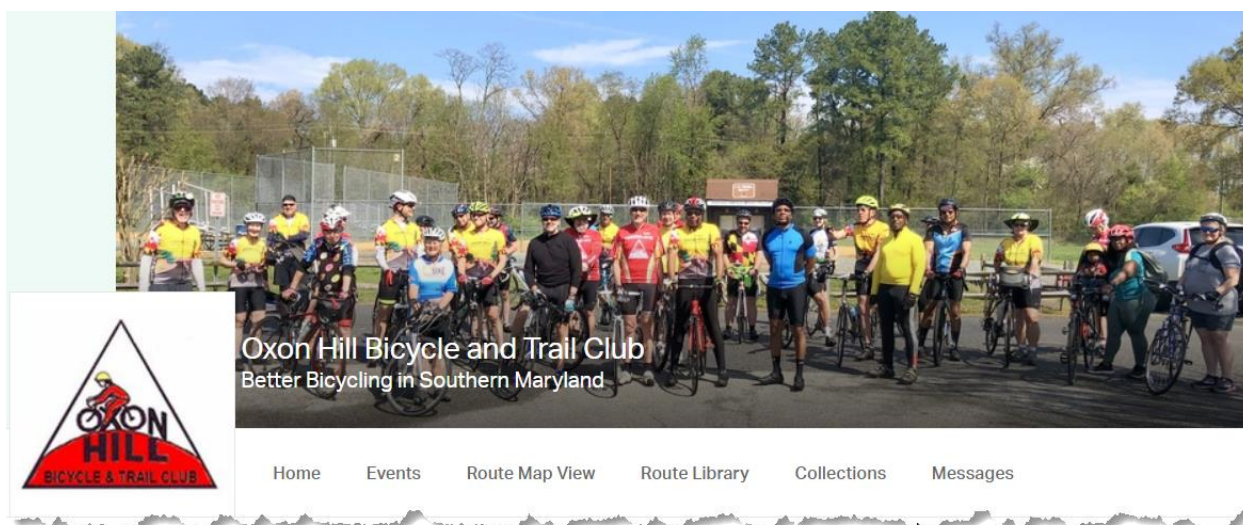
Accessing the Club Routes Once You are a Member

If you exit from RWGPS and want to view the club routes, login using the user name and password you created. The dashboard at the left of the screen will display the Oxon Hill logo. Click on that to view the RWGPS club home page.



Using the Club Route Library

Once the club's home page is displayed, click **Route Library** from the menu below the photo.



On the Route library page, you can find routes by **ride start** (using the list in the *Filter by Tag* field), by **route name** and by **location**. You can also narrow the list by **ride length** and **elevation gain**. Once you've found a route you can view it by clicking the **View** link.

Route library Export CSV [View archived routes](#)

Filter by tag by Name by Location

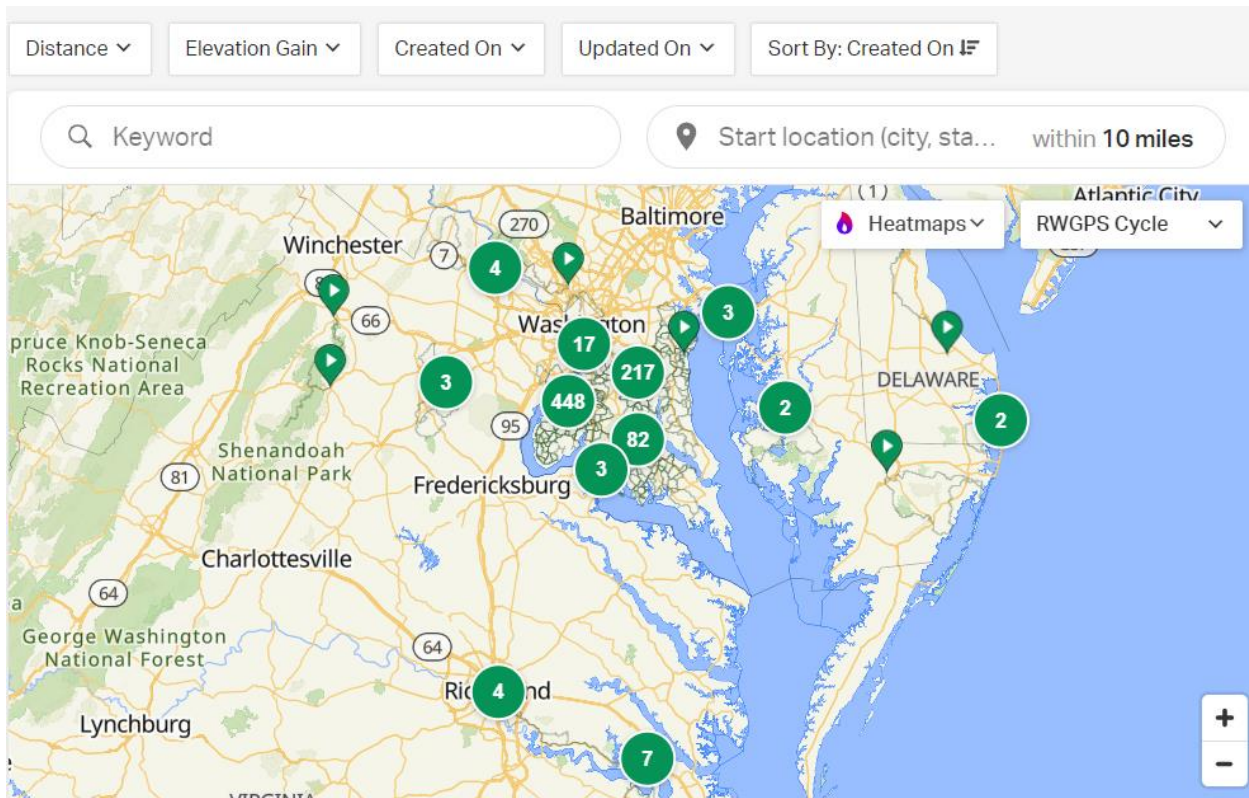
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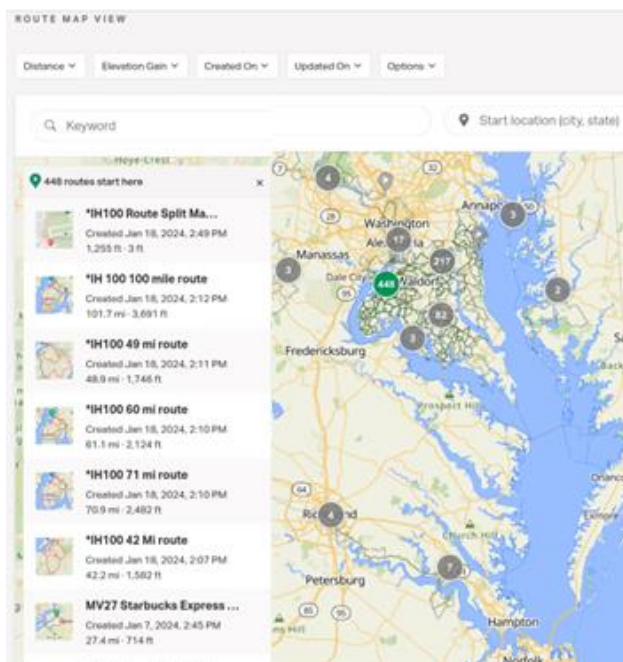
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NK 32 Celestial, No Gallant G...	North Keys Park	Prince George's Count...	32.9	1013	05/31/22	View
BR 30 Fire Tower & Pisgah Ma...	Bryans Rd Shopping ...	Bryans Road, MD	30.8	953	02/06/18	View
AF 64 Accokeek Riverside	Accokeek Firehouse	Accokeek, MD	64.4	2134	09/10/17	View
MV 34 Manokeek Espresso	Manokeek Village Ctr	Accokeek, MD	34.2	890	10/12/20	View

To learn more about Ride With GPS and club accounts visit the [Club Account Benefits](#) help page. To learn how to use the Ride With GPS smartphone app for navigation, see RWGPS's article on [navigating Club Routes](#).

Ride With GPS recently introduced a new way to locate routes, the **Route Map View**, which is also accessible from the club home page.



The number inside each green circle indicates how many routes there are that start in that location. Clicking on the number opens a list of routes starting in the selected location.



Clicking on a route in the list brings up a map of the area with the route you selected highlighted.

You can open the route by clicking on the **View Route** link. You can also search by keyword and location.

For more information on Route Map View, see the RWGPS [article](#) introducing the feature.