



# Decatur Bicycle Club Newsletter March 2020

## **Decatur Bicycle Club Holiday Party December 12, 2019**

The annual event was held to thank club members for participation in club activities, for promotion of the Decatur Bicycle Club, and for advocacy of bicycling in our community. About 45 club attendees were treated to a wonderful meal, fun and games planned by Debbie Czerwinski. Bob Disbrow reported that we collected \$245.00 in donations, with an additional \$100 from club funds which were given to the the Northeast Food Panty along with 74 pounds of canned food.

*(Editor's note: because of the size of the picture file I was unable to include pictures of the party. I am hoping they will become available on the DBC's refreshed website soon.)*

# The Decatur Bicycle Club has a Display at the Decatur Public Library all of March 2020



## Ask the Geezer



**(Editor's Note:** This column is 'reprinted' from earlier this year when we were all snowbound in Decatur. It makes me appreciate the seasonal changes we are experiencing this month)

Dear Geezer,

The conditions outside are cold and sloppy, but I still want to get in some winter riding without messing up my bike.

Do you have any suggestions?

**Bad Condition Outdoor Rider**

Dear Sloppy Rider,

There is an old saying that goes, "there is nothing sweeter, than riding on your beater". Winter conditions, like rain and melting snow, can really mess up a bike. So my suggestion is to have a beater bike, so that your good bike is not exposed to all of that nasty stuff.

You may already have an old bike that can fill the bill. If not, look around at yard sales, bike shops, Craig's List, etc. Try to find an inexpensive serviceable machine that you can pile on layers of dirt, and maybe, bang up a little bit, and not break into tears.

Remember to set up your beater as close as possible to your good weather bike. Getting the seat and stem heights right, will make the transitions between bikes easier on your body.

So get out there on a beater bike and laugh at winter.

**Geezer**

Post Card from the Geezer



Sometimes I think I  
could use a gravel bike.



# Mileage Statistics

This report reflects last month's miles and the total miles reported from December 2019 through February 2020. Please notify Laura Bickers for your updates and corrections. Her email address is [thefarm56@att.net](mailto:thefarm56@att.net) or phone and leave a message at 217-877-7586. Try to submit your mileage immediately after the last date of the month. Note: "Year-to-Date" totals will correspond with the December 2019-December 2020 range in subsequent Mileage Statistics reports. This will make a full 12 month total possible for the December Holiday Party report.

	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>Dec. 2019- Feb. 2020</b>
Michael Graves	35	262
Bob Disbrow	108	257
Jessica Disbrow	123	232
Terry Hogg	27	136
Kevin Brobst	372	1064
Laura Bickers	27	130
Jim Bickers	20	83
Norma Back	124	305
Keith Back	183	480
Ralph Czerwinski	39	115
Samuel Hughes	-	536
Jim Johnson	-	110
Jan Hoerbert	-	200
Rob Lipic	-	220
Don Harvey	-	47
Cami Harvey	-	7
Jaden Harvey	-	2

