

Ride Reports:

August 21 - This ride started off looking like rain but turned into a beautiful, sunny ride. We rode from Peoria to Brimfield on somewhat hilly roads with a dog or two to challenge our right to the road. We had a good breakfast in Brimfield cooked and served by the Am. Legion.

August 26 - Five of us met for an almost impromptu 10 p.m. moonlight ride. It was a cool, humid evening. One person skidded on loose gravel in Eureka, receiving a cut on his knee and probably many bruises which will show up hours later. We rode to Goodfield and back to Eureka for a nice evening.

August 27 - The midnight century only was about 20 miles with only 3 people riding. Due to the stiff headwind the sag ride back home was welcomed.

Sept. 4 - The turnout for the Rambling Rally was disappointing to Les and Bill, who put quite a bit of effort into this ride. We met at Washington square but Lee & Bill led the riders one mile out of town for the start. We had our watches taken away from us and our odometer covered with tape. We were told to follow the arrows and that the end of the twenty mile course would be somewhere in the country. We had to estimate the time it would take us. The prizes were gift certificates of \$15, \$10, and \$5 from Competition Cycle. First prize of \$15 went to Terry Beachler who guess his time within 2 1/2 minutes. Sam Joslin won second prize of \$10 for coming in within 11 minutes of his est. The other four riders really underestimated their riding ability. They were all off by 20 to 23 minutes. We almost had a tie for third place. Third place was won by Aaron Olmsted whose time was 5 seconds closer than Cindy Mathias time. The ride was very enjoyable, level roads, cool and comfortable weather. We all would like another chance at guessing our time again.

Sept. 5 - 8 riders met Joe Bruckman at North Ave. Beach at 8 a.m. for a ride north along Lake Shore Drive (into a brisk breeze) on wide sidewalks. The wide walks made for lazy riding for several miles without stopping. Two bikers had flats and chose to turn back. The rest of them continued through Evanston with the Bahai Temple in mind as our destination. Set in a residential area of fine homes, the Temple itself had beautiful landscaping, and Middle-Eastern architecture. Nearly unbelievable to suddenly see this structure when turning a corner in a residential neighborhood. I enjoyed the day and I thank the three people who rode with me for their infinite patience during our car trouble.

Carol Stiles, Ride Ch.

The IVW has had 11 new members since the roster was printed. We hope that you will all come out to the local Sunday rides and if you are interested in LAW touring get in touch with some of the members, someone is always going somewhere it seems. Riding is a lot of fun, the more you do it (ride that is) the more fun it is and there will always be something to challenge your capabilities with. A feeling of accomplishing your first century is really super. Try it.

August 14 - Spinning Spokes Metric - A grey-overcast-chilly morning greeted 71 riders for the Metric Century ride from Idlewood Park in Morton. By mid-morning the sky was clear with temps. rising and the ride to Covell and back was enjoyed by all-including the Sag drivers. Reports and rumors have it that the ride was well-marked and the scenery very corny, however, this is the mid-west that is what there is to see here.

The Aurora Summer Frolic of 8/21/77 had a good turnout of IVW folk, considering the rain. Don Eberle, Harold Moloney, Steve Meisner, Terry Jones, Diane Ziegler and Bill Semmens, rode either the metric or the regular century. A big thanks to Terry for lending Steve his wheels after the tandem had two flats. This ride seemed to find all the bugs in the tandem, plus the incompetence of the navigator on the back of it caused a 20 miles detour when they took the wrong turn, oh well, at least we finished.

For the Labor Day Weekend, Doug Bertram, Diane Ziegler, Steve Meisner and Bob Jackson rode the Tour of Three States, Louisville, Kentucky. Bob Jackson kept the three riders well ahead of the crowds on Saturday we they rode the 138 miles to Cincinnati which was the overnight location, the ride was fairly level the first day, following the Ohio River valley. On Sunday we returned to Louisville via the Kentucky side of the river, through the hilly, scenic countryside. Who says the Illinois flat-landers can't ride hills, I think Doug showed a few how. A special thanks goes to Richard and Jean Nave who were our Friday night hosts. They were so kind to let us stay at their house. Southern hospitality is really super.

Sept. 11 - Capital City Century, Spflg. The IVW was shining in Springfield. We had good representation, excellent weather, and super food at this ride. Everyone who participated had a good ride, some fast, some a little slower but all enjoyable on the well-marked countryside route. (Did you all see Rose on her new bike? She is really flying on her wheels now!) The tandem (BJ) was also showing off a bit in the sun that day sprinting ahead of the pack!

===== THE CHICKEN RIDE - October 16. Jay is going to lead us to Chillicothe once again for the IVW Annual Chicken Ride. One change for this year, if you want to sag back, the trailer will be available. So we want to see everyone out riding on this one, let's hope for better weather, last year it rained a little too much for good participation. =====

Q. How did the bikers eat their dinner after they lost their silverware?
A. The used their front forks.

===== Oh where, Oh where, have the racers gone Oh where, Oh where, can they be? Come on guys, I know you are out there, doing some cycle-cross etc. So why won't you tell us about it?

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN RIDE SCHEDULE

Late September and October, 1977

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH	RIDE CHAIRMAN
Saturday morning	8:00 A.M.	Meet at square in Washington	20 mi./less	Ron 283-2018 Les 283-4660
Wednesday evening	6:30 P.M.	Washington SW corner of square	Optional	Ron 283-2018 Les 283-4660
Sept. 18 Sunday	8:30 A.M.	Picnic ride. Eureka courthouse to Lake Evergreen. Bring something to eat or stop at fruit stand.	40 miles.	Rich Miller no phone
Sept. 25 Sunday	8:30 A.M.	Morton to Goodfield. Meet at Lincoln School parking lot on Jefferson Street.	24 miles	Les Osterman 264-1511
Oct. 1/2		Sugar River Trail (See Bulletin for Details) New Glarus, Wis.		
Oct. 2 Sunday	8:30 A.M.	Meet at Field Shopping Center in Morton.	optional.	Don Eberle 699-2790
Oct. 9 Sunday	8:30 A.M.	Meet at Limestone High School, Bartonville. A different route through rolling hills & valleys and autumn leaves.	20 miles	Mike Small 565-4890
Oct. 16 Sunday		CHICKEN RIDE (See Bulletin for further details)		Jay Manthey 676-2011

LAW RIDES OF INTEREST TO ALL YOU FALL BIKIES (caution - watch out for the fuzzy, little, defenseless woolly worms, they are out in numerous proportion this year and are quite fat, so they can't crawl across the road to quickly, they are sweet so be kind and don't squish them with your wheels)

- SEPTEMBER 18 - PRAIRIE FALL CENTURY, Urbana, Illinois (we want good representation on this one, just like the spring century)
- SEPTEMBER 25 - EASY RIDERS METRIC CENTURY, Jacksonville, Illinois (100 miles too much try this one [63 mi. = 100 km])
- SEPTEMBER 25 - APPLE CIDER CENTURY, Three Oaks, Michigan (the IVW is cooking out-of-state this year)
- OCTOBER 2 - TURNING LEAVES CENTURY, Edwardsburg, Michigan (for those who love the fall colors)
- OCTOBER 8/9 - HILLY HUNDRED, Bloomington, Indiana (a challenge for us flat-landers, but we can handle it!)

*Riders under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
 **IVW assumes no responsibility for accident, injury, loss or damage to bod or bike.
 ***Call the listed Ride Chairman for any additional information, questions, or directions.

THIS TIME OF YEAR IS A SUPER TIME TO RIDE A BIKE. YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE SEASONS CHANGE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR WHEELS. IF YOU AREN'T OUT RIDING THE SEPTEMBER CENTURIES, BE SURE TO CATCH UP ON SOME OF OUR LOCAL RIDES. ALL RIDES YOU PARTICIPATE IN COUNT ON YOUR POINT AWARDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

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