

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN  
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MAY MEETING - May 25, 1978 - C.O.R.D. Bldg., 6518 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, Illinois - 7:30 P.M.

Bob Wilkison from Peoria Camera Shop will present the program at this month's meeting. Bob will tell us all about photographing bicycling events and will be available to answer any questions. This program should be a must for all the IVW members, including those with instant cameras and high power camera.

From the President:

IVW PROFILE - NUMBER 3

May is a big month for IVW activity! The "Great Budweiser Bicycle Racing Weekend" has just been completed. Weren't the Morton Criterium races great? Doug and Dian, the VRT, and all who helped really brought first class bike racing to Morton! It's been a real experience to see top national cyclists and coach Eddie B. in action. I personally enjoyed watching "Tyger" Johnson's performance after having him at our meeting a couple of months ago.

I'm hoping that you will all participate in the all-new IVW Pedal-In on the 21st - new starting location, new route, new chairman, etc. Please note new members (or out of condition older members) that there is a 25 mile route this year in addition to the 50 and 100.

I'm excited about the Memorial Day excursion that Terry has planned. It's something new and different. Check out the details.

If you can help out with the Peoria Park District bike rodeo on the 20th, please call Jan Gurnsey at 691-6232. We do get much help and cooperation from the Park District! Let's return the favor.

Ron

Ron Anderson is the little guy with the big heart. Ron is the president of the Illinois Valley Wheelmen again this year, last year too. Ron jointed the IVW in 1973.

He was born in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He grew up in the small town of Sand Creek, and went to the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Ron is a research engineer working at the "Cat" tech center in Mossville, Illinois. He has one bicycle, a Raleigh Super Course, which he rode approximately 1500 miles last year. He rides for the physical fitness benefits and recreation. He is very active in the club because of the enthusiasm of the people in the group. He might some day get into model rail-roading, but he won't at the present time.

Ron is 34 years old. He lives in Washington, Illinois, with his wife, Pam, and two children.

Don Eberle, Profile Person

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Out-of-town ride coordinator is Don Eberle. If you desire to go to an LAW invitational tour, give Don a call and he can put you in contact with others who are also going. Call Don at 699-2790

## BUYING A USED BIKE

Since most cyclists come across used bicycles for sale I thought it would be helpful to discuss some things to look for in buying a used bicycle.

First carefully look at the lugs on the head tube for any noticeable hump. If any appear this simply means that the bicycle at sometime has suffered a head-on collision. Not the perfect bicycle to buy or try to fix.

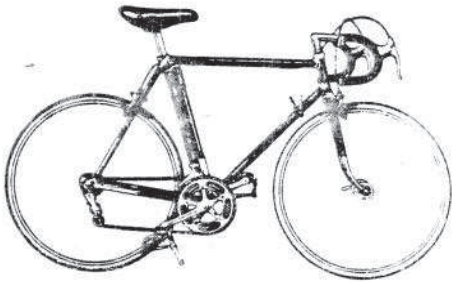
Another check to make is to look for a twisted head tube because it is a difficult job to bring a twisted frame back into line.

Look for weak spots that a fresh paint job may be hiding. A brand new paint job can be hiding a few bad nicks in the frame tubes, that have been filled with lead and filed.

Check for worn chainwheels, chain and the freewheel because a very common practice is to put on the bike that's going to be sold any well-used equipment the cyclist wants to get rid of from another bike.

After a good visual inspection to determine the condition of the bike, give the bike a short test ride to find if it handles smoothly. The next problem is finding the money for the bike.

Steve Meisner



## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE RE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

A vote will be taken at the May meeting on the following proposed addition to our Constitution:

As pertains to Meetings Section 5

"A family membership shall be entitled to two votes when two or more members of the family are present at Regular, Special, or Annual Meetings."

The question of family membership voting rights arose at our recent annual meeting. Since the Constitution has no provisions for such, the Executive Committee is making this proposal.

# CENTURY

IVW PEDAL-IN: Jubilee College to Bishop Hill and return.

After many hours and miles the chairman finally found a route for the century rides. There will be three routes - 25 to Princeville - 50 to West Jersey - 108 to the historic site of Bishop Hill. This colony was founded in 1846 and the residents began restoration of the community in 1962. It is now both a National and State Historic Site.

Help is still needed for registration - please call after May 15th (will be out of town till then) or I'll call you!

Rose Brewer

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Congratulations to DON EBERLE! He has just received a Presidential Sports Award with Jimmy Carter's signature affixed.

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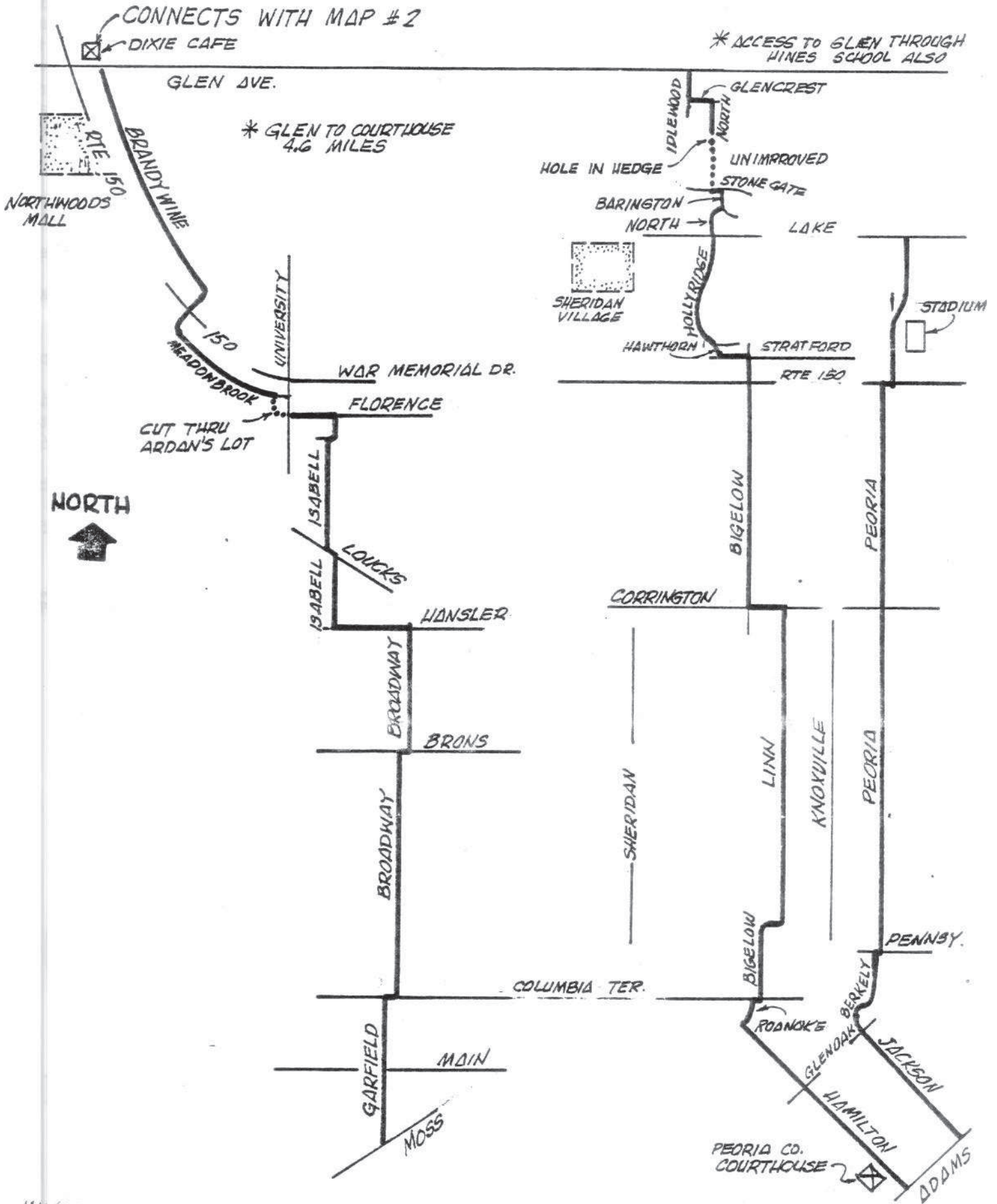
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# PEORIA NORTH-SOUTH COMMUTER ROUTES

## RIDE MAP #3



# Touring Report

4/9/78 - Peoria Courthouse - Grandview  
This had to have been the first warm tour of the year, it was sunny and temperatures were in the 60s. Diane Ziegler was the ride chairman, however, just a short distance out Diane realized she lost her helmet and went back to get it. Well she rode the route twice, front and back and didn't find her group. Later found out they took a different route. Here everyone had a good time anyway.

4/16/78 - Limestone High School  
Six riders turned out in warm-ups to ride the hills with chairman Bob Small. It was very chilly coming downhill.

4/16/78 - Aurora Bicycle Club Silver Springs Century, Aurora, Illinois.  
Nine brave souls met at East Peoria Holiday Inn at the ungodly time of 5:30 A.M. to travel to Aurora for a early season 60 mile ride. Fred with his wife and their new tandem, Les, Jack, Sam, Ken, Don, Doug and myself (I hope nobody finds out I went on this trip) rode a cool windy 60 miles called the Silver Springs Spring Sixty.

Sam celebrated Ken's birthday by eating 5 of 6 pizzas the night before, needless to say we had to find all the open gas stations on the way to Aurora. Just ask Sam how he likes pizzas the next time you see him.

After a hard cool ride a spagetti dinner was served with most riders going back for second helpings and would you believe thirds. On the way home we all had Big Mac attacks at Pontiac and we found out that nobody has a bigger appetite than Doug.

4/23/78 - Peoria Courthouse to Morton  
Ride chairman was Les Siegrist and Les rode over to Morton on this sunny, windy day with four other riders.

4/30/78 - Peoria Courthouse around town.  
Eight riders rode from downtown Peoria out to Detweiller Park for a 25 mile tour. The weather was excellent. Rich Miller stripped his rear cog on the return trip at the top of Knoxville hill. The Auto Hill climb was at Detweiller.

4/30/78 - Prairie Spring Century, Champaign, Illinois. The IVW was out in full force at this nearby century ride. Tandems were the word for the day. Altogether four tandems rode the route. The route, due to the bad winter road conditions was not too good. However, bicycle tires are skinny and can manage to go around the pot holes. It was an extremely windy day, the people on the back of the tandems loved the wind break. Hope to see all the Champaign people at the IVW Pedal-In.

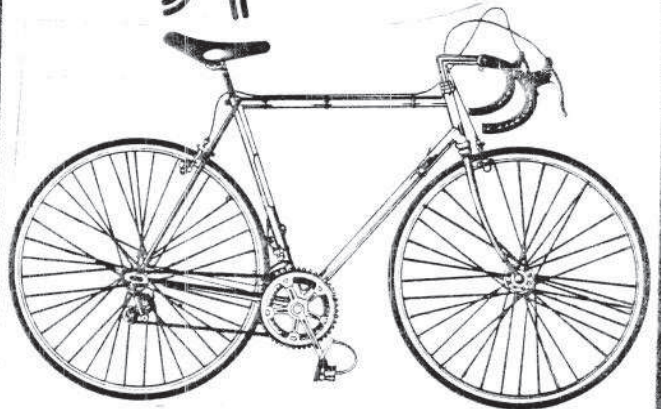
## THIS 'N THAT

Max Koehl provided an outstanding commuter map for those in Peoria. Note that it connects with the previous Dunlap ride map.

TB

Jim Roberts is sponsoring a ride/campout at Jubilee College State Park on Saturday and Sunday June 10 and 11. Call Jim and let him know if you will join him 347-2836. Camping will be at an unimproved site. Bring anything you will need as nothing is provided. A 6 PM Sat. ride is scheduled (come even if you are not camping). A Sunday morning ride for breakfast in Brimfield is planned and no time is specified. The event will be cancelled if there is rain. Jim will advise you if it is cancelled. TB

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Did you see the new LAW belt buckles in the LAW Bulletin. Terry Beachler has one take a look at it sometime. Pretty nice.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN RIDE SCHEDULE

May, 1978

June, 1978

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	RIDE CHAIRMAN
Saturday morning	9:00 A.M.	Meet at Washington Square (20 miles of less) (starting June 4 time is CHANGED to 8:00 A.M.)	Ron - 283-2018 Les - 283-4660
Wed. evening	6:30 P.M.	Meet at Washington Square (20 miles of less)	Ron - 283-2018 Les - 283-4660
May 21 Sunday	7:00 A.M.	IVW PEDAL-IN - Jubilee College State Park, Kickapoo, Illinois (15 mi. N of Peo.) 25/50/100 mile routes	Rose Brewer 685-7172
May 29 Monday	6:15 A.M.	Rock Island Depot, Peoria, Illinois (see Bulletin for details) Memorial Day Ride	Terry Beachler 688-0869
June 4 Sunday	8:00 A.M.	Herget Bank to Spring Lake and return 30 miles - 2 or 3 hours	Jack Welch 46-9866
June 10/11 Sat/Sun		Camp out at Jubilee Park (See Bulletin)	Jim Roberts 347-2836
June 18 Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Steamboat Days - Mossville to Chillicothe 18 miles - 2 hours - an excellent family ride	Bill Perry 691-7277
July 22/23		IVW / Peoria Ski Club - Elroy-Sparta Trail Trip	Rich Miller

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN VELO RACING TEAM TRAINING RACE SCHEDULE

May 17 Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	criterium - Pioneer Park	Rich White 688-2799
May 24 Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	Grange & Trigger - 2 man Time Trial	"
May 31 Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	Matched Sprints - to be announced	"
June 7 Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	Pine Lakes - Road Race	"
June 14 Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	criterium - Pioneer Park	"

- \* Riders under 16 must be accompanied by a Responsible Adult.
- \*\* IVW assumes no responsibility for accident, injury or damage.
- \*\*\* Call listed Ride Chairman for any additional information.

L.A.W. Ride of Possible Interest

- May 27 - 28 - Blackhawk Metric Century, Rockford, Illinois
- May 28 - Cheese & Cider Ride, Mt. Prospect, Illinois
- June 10 - Central 200 & 300, Litchfield, Illinois
- June 11 - Big Rock 100, Big Rock, Illinois



NOTES FROM THE RIDE CHAIRMAN:

Rose Brewer (685-7172) has applications for the July 15 & 16 Tour of the Mississippi River Valley. Sponsor is the Quad Cities Bicycle Club (limited 300 riders).

As of the printing of this Bulletin several IVW members (9 or 10) are going to TOVRS in Columbus, Ohio for the 210 mile weekend with 3500 riders. It should be a good trip. Let's hope some of them take pictures to bring back to the club for display.

# Attention Cyclists!

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### MEMORIAL DAY TOUR - May 29, 1978

Planned for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, is a real live old fashioned train/bicycle ride. The Rock Island "Rocket" departs at 6:45 A.M. from the Rock Island passenger station at the foot of Morton Street in Peoria. It will arrive in Bureau, Illinois, at 8:15 A.M. from where our bike ride following Rt. 26 back to Peoria will begin. The ride will be 60 miles in length. We will return around 2:00 P.M. Bring a lunch. Sag will be provided. CALL ME by May 24th if you are coming. We need an estimate on attendance as space may be limited. We will add some miles (probably) by returning via the Franklin Street bridge because of the condition of the McCluggage bridge. Thanks to Bob Wentz, Ticket Agent for the Rock Island Railroad who helped with arrangements. Ticket price is \$2.60. Please help by bring exact change. We will meet at the Rock Island station at 6:15 A.M. Bikes will go in the passenger car with their owner.

As this article goes to press a problem may have cropped up. The Rock Island has permission to discontinue passenger service from Peoria to Chicago at the end of May. I heard a news report just a short time ago and details were sketchy. The ride is still on! You will be one of the last people to ride the "Rocket," if you join us. Because of the deadline at The Ziegler Publishing Company, I have no further details. CALL ME if you are going. If we have to change plans I will call you. The two problems I foresee are 1) many people would want one last ride on "The Rocket" and then no room for us and 2) the train would be cancelled.

Terry Beachler - 688-0869

ESCAPE 78 is the title for the LAW Convention to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This is an annual convention, last year it was held in Denver and attended by three IVW members. With the convention being so close to home let's hope we have more representatives from the IVW attending. The date for the convention is June 22 to 25. There are pre-tours and post-tours and Michigan is a super place to ride a bicycle with good roads and scenic countryside. See details in LAW Bulletin.

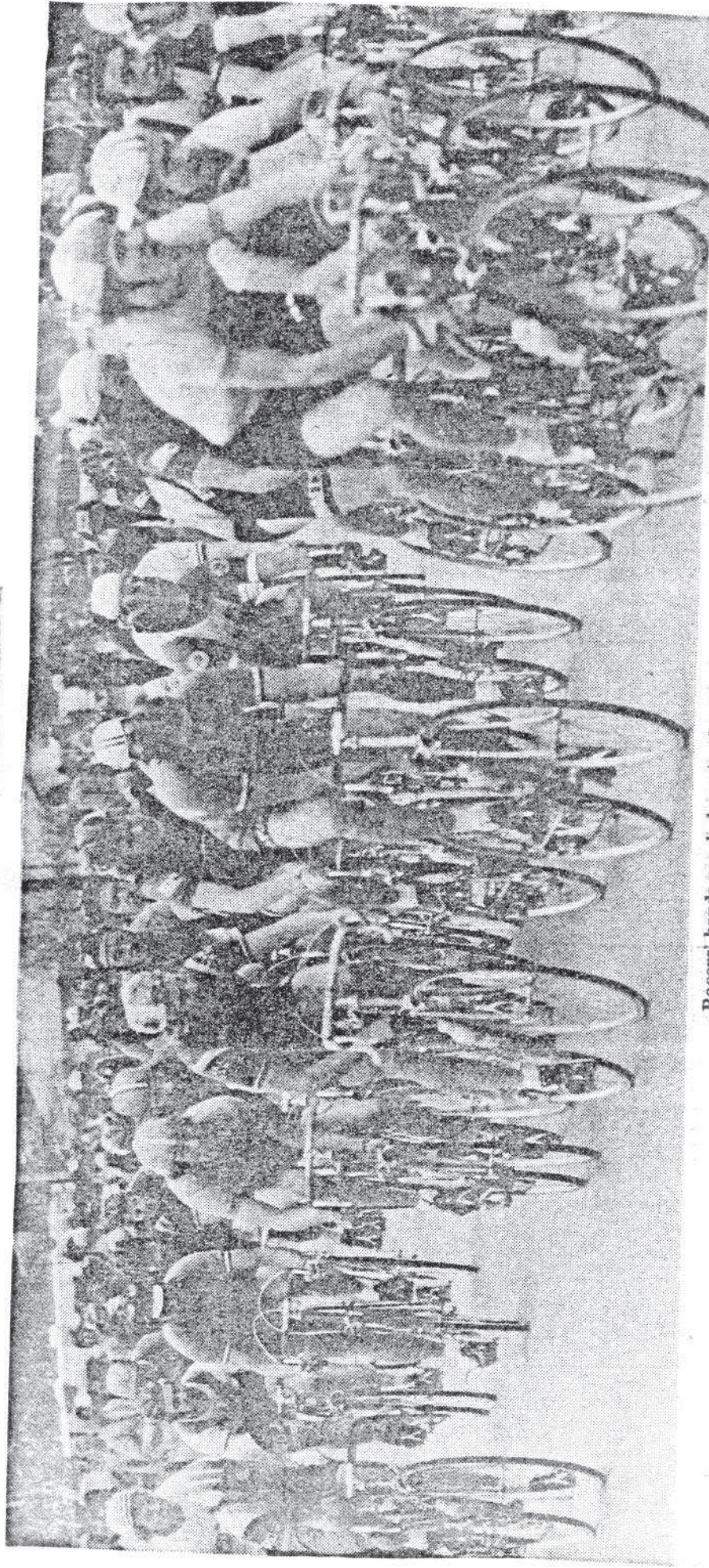


THERE'S A SHORT HILL JUST AS YOU LEAVE THE FERRY.  
Dale D. Martin cartoon

THE GREAT

BUDWEISER

RACING WEEK-END



### *They're Off ... In Morton Criterium*

Racers' hands reach down to change gears seconds after the start of the 30-mile feature event in yesterday's Fourth Annual Morton Criterium. Moving between 25 and 30 miles an hour in this race, the competitors were vying

for \$600 in prize money on the closed circuit course. The races continue today with longer races and a \$2,000 purse at Heritage Lake, northeast of Mackinaw. See story and additional photos on page C-4. Photo by Larry Brooks.

This photo was taken from the front page of the Peoria Journal Star, who gave the IVW Morton Criterium super publicity in their paper by the coverage of the races. Next year, with this type of publicity, we should get more spectators to witness this super cycling event.

# Vitesse racing team report

RACING SECTION MEETING - May 21, 1978, 7:30 P.M., 900 N. Bourland, Peoria, IL

May 6 & 7 the racing was fantastic with top riders from all over the country, including Jim Huff, Pontiac, Michigan, William Marty, Pradfordwoods, PA, Lee Ziff, Los Angeles, CA, David Hiatt, Tallahassee, Fla, Neil Bankston, Los Alamos, N.M., Thurlon Rogers, California, Richard Chillingworth, Tulsa, Okla. and Keven Kvale, who with his brother broke the transcontinental record, from Minneapolis, Minn. Elga Vaivars, Ontario, Canada, Kenneth Whiting, Rochester N.E., Jeff Bradley (former National Champ), J. Stetina, Greg Lamond, Carson City Nevada (Jr. National Champ) plus many more from almost every state in the country. The Senior I & II race on Saturday had 80 starters including the 16 top Juniors. Needless to say the race was very fast and exciting. Congratulations to Jay Manthey for staying with the pack on Saturday and for finishing 13th place on Sunday's rainy, cold Senior I.D. road race. If you enjoyed the races this year just wait until next year with the help from Terry B. it should be great.

Doug.

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Having received no training race results from the coach this month, hopefully, I will be able to publish all the results in the June Bulletin.

There was also a USCF race in Champaign last month, but I have no results from that race either.

Come on guys, write the stuff up and let us all know what super racing bikies you are.

Diane, Editor

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