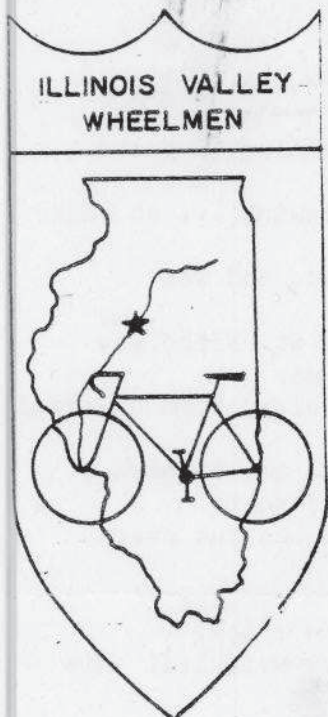


ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

P.O. Box 1523, Peoria, Illinois



President	Ron Anderson	283-2018
Vice President	Gerry Selvo	673-4143
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No December Meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS

President's Notes: Thanks to Cliff for obtaining the film on Colorado's bikeways that we viewed at the November meeting. It sets us to thinking about possibilities for Peoria. Cliff has some ideas for promoting cycling safety and bikeway planning come Spring. He has enlisted John Wineke's help and will need more. Let's support this!

There will not be a club meeting in December, but do come out for the New Years Day ride and socializing at Jerry Selvo's place (1519 N.E. Monroe, Peoria, Ill.) It's always a good time. Our next meeting will be the annual meeting in January. We are still working on officer nominees. Those who have already agreed to run are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Congratulations to the new Race Section officers who were listed in last months newsletter. We've got some real cycling enthusiasts in that group who are well into their plans for next year's race activities.

Here is Fred & Lee Carrick's new address for those of you who might like to send them a card. It's 8910 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona 85345. (Peoria is correct).

Do give winter riding a try. There are a lot of advantages once you dress warmly enough - no sweat in your eyes, no bugs, no pollen, less traffic generally, etc. I still haven't solved the cold feet problem when the temperatures get below freezing. Any real good solutions? I do think a hooded sweatshirt is great for keeping the neck and head warm.

Ron Anderson, President

RIDE CHAIRMAN AND AWARD PROGRAM CHAIRMAN REQUEST that you please take a moment and fill out this questionnaire and send it in by January 1, 1979. Information will be used for the 1978 awards and 1979 planning. Mail to: I.V.W., P.O. Box 1523, Peoria, Illinois 61601

Name Ron Anderson Address 203 Locust, Washington Phone 283-2018

How many miles did you ride in 1978? 1680

Did you receive a Presidential Sports Award in 1978? No

Did you go on any extended tours in 1978? ? Where? ONLY TOMRV

Do you have any suggestions regarding the club or club rides for 1979? Try additional ideas for getting club members out to club rides.

Do you have a favorite ride you would like to contribute as a major project? _____

Do you have any type of article you wish to see printed in the Bulletin? _____
What? _____

Additional Comments: _____

December 1978

~ The Ride Before Christmas ~

'Twas the ride before Christmas, when
departing the house,
With freewheels a-whirring, brakes
squeaking like a mouse;
Our stockings were tucked under warmups
with care,
In hopes that more bikers soon would
be there;
The children were riding, as usual,
ahead,
While visions of day-tours danced in
each head;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I
in my cap,
Discussed the terrain with our route-slip
and map
When out of the group there arose such
a clatter,
I sprang from my saddle to see what
was the matter.
Away with my wrench I flew like
a flash,
Tore open a cluster and blew out
some trash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen
snow
Gave a lustre of Chromium to objects
below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
But a miniature cycle with an
eighteen inch gear,
With a little old rider, so lively and
quick,
I knew in a moment it must be
St. Nick,
More rapid than eagles his Corsas
they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and
called by nickname:
"Now, Dasher! now Dancer! now Prancer
and Vixen!
On, Campi! on Cooper! on Dandos
and Dixon!
To the top ... let us scorch! to the top ...
let us haul!
Now dash away! dash away! dash
away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild
hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky,
So up to the hilltop our cyclers
they flew
With horseplay and noise, and
St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard
someone goof —
The glancing and clawing ... an angry
reproof!
As I drew in my head, and was
turning around,
Down on the roadway St. Nicholas
came with a bound.
He acquiesced in a blur, from his head
to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
with asphalt and soot:
A bunch of the boys had run over
his back,
And he looked like a pedaler
gone down on the track.
His eyes — how they wrinkled! his
chin like a berry
His cheeks were like roses, his nose
like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up
like a bow,
And the shade of his skin was as
white as the snow;
The stump of a pump he held tight
in his teeth,
And a spoke, it encircled his head
like a wreath;

He had a raw face and a badly
ground belly,
That shook, when he gasped, like
a bowlful of jelly.
He was grubby, and slumped; a right
stolid old elf,
And I winced when I saw him, in spite
of myself;
A blink of his eye and a twist of
his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing
to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight
to his work,
And skillfully restored our frames
with a jerk,
And laying a finger aside of his
nose,
And giving a snort, from calamity
he rose;
He sprang to his saddle; gave a
scream and a whistle!
And tenderly rode like the down
of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he
rode out of sight,
"Crappy Christmas t' y' all ... go
learn t' draft right!"

NOMINEES FOR 1979 OFFICERS:

President	Diane Ziegler Jack Welch
Vice President	John Wineke Les Siegrist
Secretary	Ron Matuska
Treasurer	Terry Beachler Harold Moloney

NOTE: We are hoping to add more names to this list before the annual meeting so that there will be contests for each office. Nominations from the floor will also be welcome. (The positions of Ride Committee Chairman, Program Chairman, Bulletin Editor, etc. are appointed by the new President.)
The Executive Committee

IVW NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order on November 30, 1978, at C.O.R.D. Bldg., Peoria, by President Ron Anderson. The Secretary's report was not given due to absence. The Treasurer, Steve Meismer reported a balance of \$223.59 and fifteen T-Shirts left to sell. The Racing Section reported that they will hold a meeting on December 2, at 5 p.m. with discussion of a Morton Sectional Classic, Mackinaw National Classic and Cyclo-cross races for the 1979 season. Jersey orders will also be discussed. Ride Chairman, Terry Beachler reported that rides are scheduled throughout January but February is open. Publicity Chairman brought to the attention of the club of the Journal Star report of the Cyclo-Cross race and Lou Luthans mention of the IVW on an article on him. Our May and August invitations tour dates have been set are were sent to the LAW Bulletin calendar, and also to the QCBC for inclusion in their tentative 1979 callendar. A special announcement was made that Jack's Bicycle Shop was having a sell-out; also, the Cross-Country ski club will hold a clinic on the Saturday of the First snow. The program by Chairman Cliff Brown was a film on the Colorado Bicycle Safety Program. Jack moved to adjourn and Terry seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

NEW YEARS DAY RIDE:

The New Years Day Ride will start at Jerry Selvo's house, 1519 N.E. Monroe Street, Peoria. If you are downtown turn NE on Monroe Street and go past the Spring St. stoplight and if you get to Woodruff High School you have gone a couple blocks too far so turn around and come back a few blocks. His house is on the corner Monroe and Mary streets and is a Pumpkin color.

The ride will start at 1 p.m. and, depending on the weather and temperature will be relatively short, possible ride about 10 blocks or so to the Peoria Courthouse, downtown, and back again. Upon return to Jerry's house, we plan a small get-together. So if you plan on coming bring not only your bicycle, but your favorite goodies, hot drinks will be available.

This has been an annual event for the IVW for some time and has been an excellent winter activity for the IVW for the past few years. Last year several hearty soles rode in the snow and ice that existed on the pavement, but still they rode on January 1. An L.A.W. New Years Day patch will be available to be ordered for a small fee.

IVW PROFILE: Dodie Mugavero is past 40 years old, but how she rides here bicycle! Dodie rode very strong this past season. She knows what the dividends are from every day riding. Dodie is from Peoria where she now lives. She went to Bradley University. Dodies is a (self employed) free lance artist. She rode approximately 1200 miles last year. Dodie rides her bike for recreation and physical fitness. Her other hobbies are sewing and painting. She has been in the I.V.W. since 1970.....D.E.

IVW/VRT

The Team is going to place an order for Club Jerseys from Jones Cycle Wear in February and they will be the same as last year. To order please contact a Team Officer if you cannot attend the next meeting.

Tentative races for next year will be Morton on May 5 and Bloomington on May 6.

Team is considering participating in Club promotion at Northwoods Mall this spring.

Dues for membership in the racing team will again be \$3.00 per year.

Next team meeting will be January 27, 1979, at 5:00 P.M. at 900 N. Bourland, Peoria, Ill.

