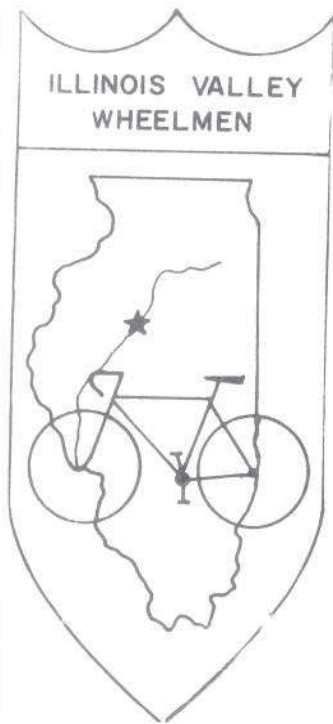


ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

P.O. Box 1523, Peoria, Illinois



MAY 1979

THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED!!!

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MAY MEETING - 5/24/79 - C.O.R.D. Bldg., 6518 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: Haven't we had a great spring! The weather has been ideal for riding just about every day this spring. Seriously now, if you feel like me, you're ready to move south. My wife informs me if I do, I'll be going alone (what do you expect from a Yankee?). I think everyone will agree that the weather this spring has been less than perfect. Between flats (3) and loose spokes, I haven't gotten in as much riding as I would have liked. As of this writing, I have just delivered a letter to Jim Roberts concerning the proposed Rock Island Trail Bill to be copied and distributed to the State Legislators by the Sierra Club. I believe the vote is to take place this Friday, May 4. Irene Kerwin showed some beautiful slides of a tour through upper Wisconsin last month. The weather is bound to improve soon so we can get out on the road more, so let's try to make the most of it. More next month.

Jack Welch, President

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MONTHLY MEETING: Reports from all committees. **The I.V.W. Metric will be August 19, at Limestone High School, Chairperson--Ron Matuska** Jim Roberts reported on the Illinois Trails Symposiums. Bikers will have to become more vocal, especially in letting their legislative know just what their views are. **Passed motion in support of Rock Island Trail. Pres. Jack Welch to write letter. **Passed motion to form a legislative action committee within the club. **Discussed forming a statewide legislative group with other biking interests. **Discussed changes in our Constitution and Bylaws concerning the election of officers. Same members believe elections should be held in late fall so that new officers will have the entire winter to prepare for the following year's events. **Changing the date of election will also affect such things as membership renewal, fiscal year, awards dinner, etc., Let the officers know your opinion.

Ron Matuska, Secretary

IVW/VITESSE RACING TEAM NEWS: Many thanks to everyone who helped with our weekend races. Also thanks is in order for our three local bicycle shops for their support in the form of prizes--Vitesse Cycle Shop, Competition Cycle and Russell's Cycle World. The weather was great and we had a good turnout of racers. Jay placed both days while Lee Pirtle placed high Sunday. Both Jay and Lee have been placing high in area races and if they do not watch out they may be category 2 riders soon. Steve Berger won a race in Madison in which he used his good sprinting ability. Ken Beckler is also showing improvement. The club still races Wednesday nights at 6:30 and everybody is welcome. The schedule is: May 16--Jubilee Park; May 23--Time Trial, Deer Creek; May 30--Pioneer Park; June 6--Eureka--Road Race; June 13--Time Trial, Deer Creek; June 20, Pioneer Park

DON EBERLE'S IVW PROFILE & COMMENTS: Dorothy Belke is another long-time member of the I.V.W. having been in the club since 1970. She is from Peoria where she now lives. She works in the mail room at Caterpillar in East Peoria. Dorothy is 49 years old and has 3 bicycles. She rides her Schwinn Sports the most. She rides for recreation and physical fitness. Dorothy has held various offices in the club and was the person who started these monthly news bulletins. She rode her bike an estimated 400 miles last year. She played lots of tennis and racketball, also. **Over-nite ride update: Are you ready? In about 2 weeks, June 9, we leave the Field Shopping Ct. in Morton for New Salem 8:30 a.m. rain or shine. Approx. 67 miles each day. Self-contained, no sag. See you there. Questions? Contact D. Eberle 699-2790.

IVW RIDE REPORTS

Locals

April 1.--Leader: Jack Fought. Downtown Peoria, 5 Mi. Five riders. Tour of demolition area. Cool, some light rain. **April 8.--Leader: Dodie Mugavero. McClure Library to Wardcliff area. Donut stop. Clear, cool. 10 mi. Seven riders. **April 15.--No ride. Easter. **April 22.--Leader: Carol Stiles. Eureka to Goodfield. Clear. 20 miles. Eight riders. **April 29.--Leader: Carla Koehl. Scheduled from Tower Park, Peoria Heights, 5 mi. Rain. No riders showed. Carla and Max drank all the coffee themselves.

Out-of-Town

LAW Ride Reports: Silver Springs Sixty, Aurora, Illinois, April 22, 1979. The IVW was represented by Rose Berger, Jim Roberts and Diane Ziegler, and surprisingly enough we ran into John Schuler. The day was perfect, a slight head wind during one stretch but generally sunny and warm, tending to bring us all home with mild spring sunburns. The route this

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year was the same as last year, however, they started on the West side of Aurora at a junior high school so the traffic in and out of town was minimal. The route was along and through the Fox River Valley, along river roads and with a rest stop scheduled at Silver Springs State Park. At the finish, the Aurora Club supplied the hungry riders with a complete chicken dinner before they loaded up their bikes to go home.

Prairie Spring Century, Champaign, Illinois, April 29, 1979. Windy was the word! Participants from our club included Steve Meisner, Jim Roberts, Diane Ziegler, Jack Allen and Dave Paddock, excuse me if I missed anyone. The day started out rainy, cold and windy and got increasingly worse. The ride was cut short by even some of the strong riders due to the extremely heavy wind conditions. The cross wind was so strong it blew your wheels sideways off the pavement at times. This, however, is typical for Champaign. The route this year went east of Urbana, toward Danville and Kickapoo State Park. The roads were in much better condition than last year's route and the food stop was inside a municipal building with hot and cold food and drink (it seems as though PCC was expecting bad weather). An additional note, I rode to the ride on Saturday, and experienced the perfect riding condition--110 miles of tailwind--every biker's dream tour!

The next LAW tour on the agenda is the Tour of the Sciota River Valley at Columbus, Ohio. 210 miles and over 3500 cyclists from all over the country...it makes training all worthwhile. The IVW has 5 members going this year and only one is a first-timer. Last year was rain and heavy winds and still they go back for more. (Editor's note-- This was the year for TOSRV. Sunny and warm on Saturday with a steady 5-10 mph tailwind to Portsmouth. If you took your time you got a little rain in the late afternoon just to remind you that you really were on TOSRV. The sun popped out immediately thereafter, however, and warmed everyone up. Sunday was not as nice but still good. Overcast in the morning with some light mist but no real rain. Cool and the same wind but this time we were riding into it. The sun popped out again in the afternoon for a beautiful ending. Make your reservations early for next year!)

Just a note about commuting to work by bicycle. The weather is perfect now, cool mornings and warm afternoons. Look around the area you work and seek out-of-the-way parking spaces for your bicycle, it can be done. The brief time spent in the early morning on the bicycle can improve your outlook during the entire day. You can arrive to work awake and feeling alive. If you wait only perhaps 10 to 15 minutes after work all the rush-hour traffic has left the downtown area and you are left to ride on quiet city streets. Just an added note...I have been commuting for the past month for the first time since I started riding and I love it. I leave for work the same time I did by auto and arrive at approximately the same time and repeat this also going home. Seek out the lightly-traveled side streets and avoid traffic congestion.

Diane Ziegler

RIDE SCHEDULE JUNE 1979

Date	Time	Description	Leader
Saturday mornings	8 a.m.	Meet at Washington Square. 20 mi. or less	Ron Anderson/283-2018 Les Siegrist/283-4660
Sunday afternoons	1:30 p.m.		
May 27		Becky Dodge, Junction City	
June 3		No Ride Chairman	
June 10		No Ride Chairman	
June 17		Harold Moloney, Field Mall, Morton	
June 24		Jack Welch, Field Mall, Morton	
May 27		Memorial Day Ride. Meet at Washington Square, ride to Mackinaw. 25 mi. Note: LAW patch available, \$1.00	Les Siegrist 444-4660
Sunday	9 a.m.		
Sunday		Morton to Bloomington. Meet at Field Shop Center (60 miles)	Don Eberle 699-2790
June 3	8 a.m.		
Sunday		Field Shopping Center, Morton, to New Salem State Park. Stay overnight. No sag. Make own motel reservations. 70 miles each way.	Don Eberle 699-2790
June 9-10	8:30 a.m.		
Sunday		Start at Jubilee State Park, tour area. 15 miles.	Terry Beachler 688-0869
June 10	9 a.m.		
Wednesday		Wine & cheese ride. Meet at Jack's @ 501 N. Glenwood, West Peoria. Bring your own cheese, fruit or crackers. They'll supply the wine. A few miles	JoAnne & Jack Fought 676-6849
June 13	6:30 p.m.		
Sunday		Airport Road and Smithville Road, Peoria west. Hilly. 15 mi.	Jack Fought 676-6849
June 17	8:30 a.m.		
Sunday		Meet at Washington Square. Area ride. 20/25 miles	Ron Anderson 444-2018
June 24	8:30 a.m.		

LOCAL OVERNIGHT RIDES

June 9-10	New Salem State Park	Don Eberle
July 14-15	Tomrv, Davenport, Iowa (preregistration required)	
July 28-29	Starved Rock State Park	Diane Ziegler
August 11-12	Lake of the Woods	Don Eberle

JUNE OUT OF TOWN RIDES

June 3	Kenosha Diamond Ride, Kenosha, Wisconsin
June 3	Liberty Metric, Mt. Prospect, Illinois
June 9	Centrail Double & Triple Centuries, Litchfield, Illinois
June 10	Ken Alrutz's Memorial Metric, Lincoln, Illinois
June 10	Big Rock 100, Big Rock, Illinois
June 17	Illinois Amish Country Tour, Mattoon, Illinois
June 24	Old Iron Bridge Century, Kankakee, Illinois
June 24	Swedish Day Ride, St. Charles, Illinois

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