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IVW MAY-JUNE MEETINGS: The regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Safetytown, 6815 N. Sheridan Road. We'll have a discussion on bicycling "Rules of the Road" and tentatively the film 'Bicycling Safely On the Road'. The Peoria Park District will also show the film they use in their bicycle safety program. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

The regular meeting for June 24 will feature Phyllis Harmon, honorary director-at-large for the League of American Wheelmen. She will narrate a slide program of her recent tour of New Zealand.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: Another major event has been added to the schedule this year. On Saturday, July 11, the IVW, March of Dimes, WMBD radio, and Kentucky Fried Chicken are co-sponsoring a benefit ride for the March of Dimes. We're helping map a route connecting the various KFC outlets in Tazewell County. KFC will supply riders with ample portions of chicken. In addition, all riders will get a T-shirt. Registration forms will be in the next bulletin and I hope most of you can participate.*** Don't forget Steamboat Days June 20 & 21. We've come up with a number of good routes and you'll get to ride to some of the best places to visit in the area. We've had a lot of help so far but a few more volunteers are needed for route marking and for sag. Call me at 688-2488. A patch design is also still needed, and whoever submits the best one gets a free IVW T-shirt.*** It's great seeing the same members give so much of their time and efforts to make a better club. But new ideas and opinions from some of our many new members are appreciated even more. If you'd like to help out a little but haven't been asked please call any officer. We're a nice bunch of people - even after you get to know us better.

OPINION: Wouldn't it be better for our club name to be IVW Bicyclers or IVW Bicycling Club, so that everyone knows what kind of club it is. Joanne

NEW MEMBERS: We wish to welcome the following new members to the IVW:

David & Ann Glackin	Stan Backer	Mike Shular
Edward J Mielke	Mark B. Colosia	Linda Sue Carr
John Canham	Marge Kerby	David Kemmerer

1981 MEMBERSHIP DUES: Don't forget. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your dues.

"ON THE ROAD" by the Blue Streak Once you have enough confidence in your bicycling skills, you can easily mix with other vehicle traffic. Be assertive but neither aggressive or timid. Use the traffic lanes at intersections in the same manner as any other vehicle. If you're going straight, stay out of the right-side turn lane, don't rest your foot on a convenient curb, and give right turning traffic the opportunity to turn behind and to your right.

-STEAMBOAT DAYS-

RIDE SCHEDULE : Riders choice rides are held frequently. The riders who show up determine the length and estination. They are usually of shorter distances and slow to moderate speeds. They're a great way for new members or prospective members to get to know everyone.

RIDERS CHOICE

Washington - every Saturday 8:30 a.m. at the Square
 every Wednesday 6:30 p.m. at the Square
 Contact Les Siegrist or Ron Anderson

Peoria - every Saturday 8:30 a.m. at Columbus Statue, Parkside Drive in Bradley Park.

Sunday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Columbia Park by McClure library.
 Contact Joanne Fought or Joe Mugavero

Every Tuesday - Tourist Time Trails - 10 miles, 6:30 p.m. Cat. Tech. Center

Every Thursday - IVW-VRT training rides. Contact race team member for schedule
 Sunday May 24, 7:00 a.m. Meet at the rear of the Pekin Mall for a breakfast ride to Delavan. 30 miles moderate

Monday May 25, 8:30 a.m. Riders choice. Memorial Day Ride

Sunday May 31, 8:30 a.m. Hanna City Bank to Farmington. 35 miles & some hills

Sunday June 6, Picnic and ride in Norwood. See article for details and directions

Sunday June 14, 7:00 a.m. meet at the Field Shopping Center in Morton for a breakfast ride to Deer Creek. 14 miles, easy, good family ride.

Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21, Steamboat Days Tour of the Illinois River Valley. Rides for everyone, starts at Bradley Univ. campus

Sunday June 28, 7:00 a.m. meet at the Pioneer Bank for a ride to Brimfield. 30 miles moderate with some fun hills by Jubilee Park.

OUT-OF-TOWN RIDES

Rod Myers has offered to help co-ordinate out of town rides. If you plan on going to any and want to share gas expenses, if you need a ride, or if you just want more information, just give Rod a call at 692-2975.

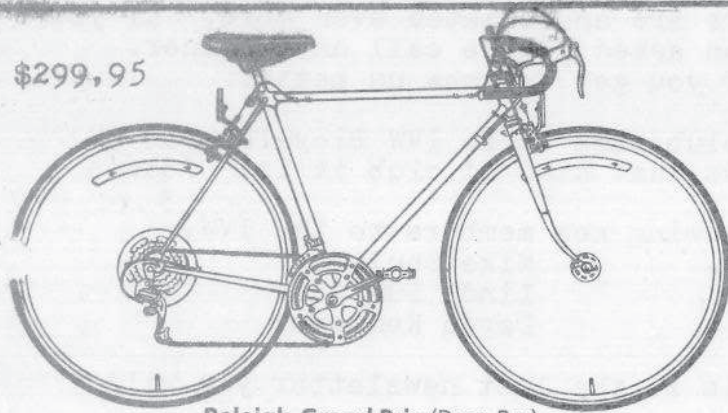
Sunday May 31, 7:30 a.m. McLean County Spring Metric. Ash Park on College Ave. in Normal. It's right up the street from Vitesse Cycle.

For car pool, meet at the Field Shopping Center at 6:30 a.m.

June 13 & 14, Tour of the Mississippi River Valley. For pre-registered riders only. Make your car-pool arrangements now or at the May meeting.

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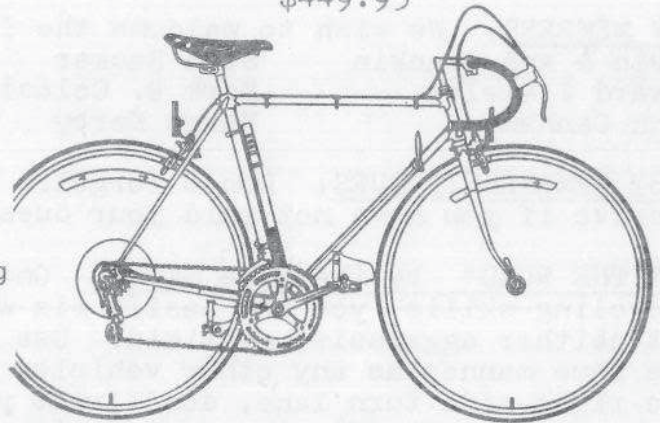
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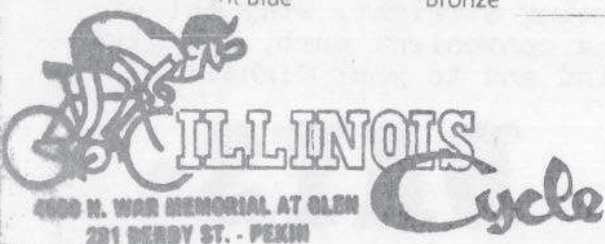
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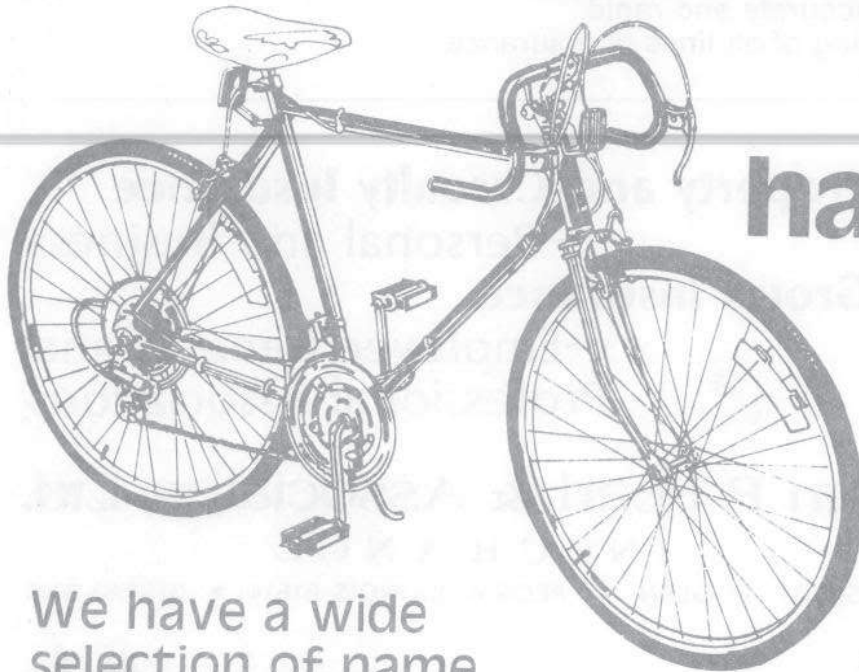
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The IWV is participating in Brown's Bike Expo 81 using the same format as last year. Rod Myers is again helping to set up our display board. If you have any photographs of bicycling activities or any other touring, racing, or commuting items of interest bring them to the next meeting. Several club members have already made plans to be out of town that weekend so extra help from the rest to the membership is needed. The dates for Bike Expo 81 are June 12, 13, & 14.

PICNIC AND RIDE IN NORWOOD On Sunday, June 7th at 2 p.m. we will meet at Linda & Larry Carr's place in Norwood for a 10 - 20 mile ride followed by a cookout. Go west on Farmington road, turn right onto Norwood road. (this is the intersection after maxwell road) Go straight on Norwood road until you see the Village Hall fire dept. building and then turn left. Stay on this road following it around a curve and then you will come to a fork. Drive down the right fork. This is Boyd Avenue. Drive to the end of Boyd Avenue. Drive to the end of Boyd Avenue. Turn left onto the I3 Club property (ignore the no trespassing signs) Drive across the damn and turn into the first driveway on the right. Linda Carr's phone number is 673-3218. She will provide the food and drink.

For Sale HI-E pedals \$25.00*** Silver Silca Frame pump for 23 or 24 inch frame bike without chuck \$3.00 with chuck \$4.50*** Adjust-a-portor bike carrier \$15.00*** Regina 13-24 5 speed freewheel \$10.00 call Rod Myers 692-2975 after 6

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RIDE REPORT: The tour of the Scioto River Valley is the ultimate century ride in the country. The 20th annual ride started May 9th from Columbus Ohio south to Portsmouth Ohio and back to Columbus on Sunday May 10th. There were over 3,500 bikers this year from 38 states and Canada taking part in the annual event. TOSRV cost the Columbus Council of American Youth Hostels about \$76,000 and 400 volunteers to sponsor the event. The money comes from donations and from a \$20.00 registration fee. The route goes through Circleville, Chillicothe and Waverly on Ohio Route 104 to Portsmouth. Saturday we started our the 1st 100 miles of the tour by 6:30 a.m. and enjoyed a nice day of riding with 3 food stops except for about 30 minutes of light rain. After we arrived in Portsmouth Saturday afternoon we enjoyed a home cooked chicken dinner with fellow bikers and a much needed night sleep. Sunday we had a Southern breakfast of biscuits with sausage gravy and grits at a local restaurant. Then back on our bikes for the 100 mile return trip to Columbus. All types of people ride these tours young, old, experienced, inexperienced, singles, families and also some unusual bikes were recumbents, a very tall 30 inch frame bike and a bike called a triple which is similar to a tandem but it has 3 seats and 3 sets of pedals. Attending this years TOSRV was Ron Matuska, Steve Meisner, Jim Roberts, the Bergers, Diane Ziegler, Terry Jones, and Rod Myers. To apply for the 1982 tour just write to TOSRV Communications P.O. Box 23111, Columbus, Ohio 43223, but apply early because the 3,500 slots are all filled within a few weeks. Rod H. Myers.

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APR 26 Ken Beckler and Brett
 IA City Rickets represented the
 IVW Velo Racing Team on
 this fine spring day. Brett tries
 to bridge the gap that the break
 has made in the Juniors event, and
 finishes third. NOTE: This was Bretts
 1st USCF competition. Ken dropped
 his chain and chased to no avail.

May 2 The weather co-operated
 Morton and we have a fabulous
 turn out for the 7th
 Annual Morton Criterium. The Senior
 1-2-3 field is 96 riders strong.
 Ken is entered, but the big guns
 strut their stuff, and leave the
 3's struggling. In the Juniors
 race, Dave Kemmerer and Brett miss
 the break. Jim Roberts negotiates
 trouble with two laps to go in the
 Senior 4's event and rediscovered
 road rash. Then as the 4's straight
 en out for the sprint Sam Joslin
 has his problems as another rider
 takes a dive into his rear wheel.
 Sam manages to hold it together to
 capture 11th place.

MAY 3 Another fine day in an
 Glen Oak excellent weekend. The
 Senior 3's show a strong
 field, Ken Beckler looks fine, but
 alas!, bike trouble again! Ken
 obtained another bike, chased, and
 finally abandons. Sam Joslin rode
 very well to an 8th place in the
 4's. With a little speedwork, this
 guy is going to be difficult to
 defeat. In the Juniors Olympic
 Development competition, Brett
 learns a little about point races,
 as well as about riding the course
 before racing.

MAY9-10 Jay comes out of hiding
 Madison for his 1st USCF racing
 of the year. Still recuperating
 from a tonsilectomy, Jay struggled
 up the hills in the road race and
 seemed to do a lot of time trial-
 ing. He did not place.

May 23- Burlington IA Crapo Park
 Criterium

May 24- Muscatine IA Melon City
 Criterium

May 25- Moline IL Moline criterium
 (an EXCELLENT event to
 take the family to.)

May 28-31 Wisconsin Milk Race

June 6 Covington KY

June 7 Lexington KY

June 13 Illinois state championships

14 Road Race- States

The Velo Racing Team Training races*
 are under way. Ken Beckler, Brett *
 Rickets, Jay Manthey, Rod Meyers, *
 Paul Hutinger, Steve Meisner, Jim *
 Roberts, and Alex Hodge have been *
 active. Everyone is welcome. A *
 calandar of events is listed else- *
 where in this bulliten.

15 May*-- Pioneer Park

It was wet and cold, and just as many riders
 decided not to ride as those who did. Jay
 Manthey rode away from the start, Brett,
 Alex, and Rod followed in that order.

RIDE REPORTS Washington to Eureka ride April 18 About twenty five riders meet at the Cherry Tree Shopping Center for the ride to Eureka. Unfortunately, twenty one arrived at 8:30 and the rest at 10:30. The weather was great with moderate temperatures and light wind. I can't comment on the route taken since I was lost after the first turn. It was, however, a nice loop of about 25 miles with smooth roads. We also had one guest along, Carol Davis from Chicago. Carol appeared to be a very good rider, but its difficult to tell from my usual position at the rear of the pack. John Trim

Break-out Ride April 26 About a dozen riders started from the Peoria Courthouse for the annual spring breakout ride. We rode down Washington street and on to the Bartonville American Legion for breakfast. We were pleasantly surprised when told there would be no charge for breakfast because this was the last day it would be served this summer. Afterwards we rode down Kickapoo creek road, up Richwoods, and eventually ended up in Bradley Park. Remember this fall to have breakfast at the Bartonville American Legion, good food served by a great group. John Trim

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RIDE REPORTS

Prairie Spring Century Champaign, Illinois - If you rode this ride last spring, it was a carbon copy this year. The winds were out of the SW, the route was identical and the sun was just as hot. The IVW members down at C-U were, to my knowledge, Steve Meisner, Jim Roberts, Bob Lipka, John Yeck, Diane Ziegler, and Betty Harper. This was Betty's first century ride. It took a while, but endurance pays off and now that Betty has a century to her credit, I hope that she will be riding more and more during the coming season. Diane Ziegler

MAY DAYS METRIC Danville, Illinois - This was the most scenic ride around and throughout the Wabash River Valley in Indiana. It covered backroads that traffic is never heard of. The route crossed the Wabash River many times, some through 19th century covered bridges. One thing I might mention the metric century measured 95 miles, the ride organizers apologized for being a little off, they originally told us it would be 75 miles. The main distraction on the route were the dogs. German Shepards, Dobermans, Great Danes, St. Bernards, Afghans, Irish Setters, Beagles, Terriers, big dogs, little dogs, barking dogs, chasing dogs. Every house has at least one dog. My sprint was getting a good workout, but the ride was one of the best so far this spring, the people were super to ride with and I only got lost once, probably missed the arrow when I was getting away from the dogs. Diane Ziegler

DEKALB WINDY 60 Dekalb, Illinois - The name really tells everything you want to know about this ride. The weather was sunny and warm, but the wind was extremely strong and gusty out of the South. Most of the ride was spent fighting the heavy cross winds that try to blow you and your bicycle off the road. This is a well organized tour, with good to excellent riding surfaces. Some of the highlights of this hot, windy day were water fights and a new one, banana peel duels. Diane Ziegler

LINCOLN METRIC CENTURY Lincoln, Illinois - Approximately forty-five riders arrived at Lincoln College early Sunday morning to begin the ride sponsored by the Springfield Bicycle Club. IVW riders seen included Steve Chance, Dave Danner, Don Eberle, Bob and Val Jones, Ron Matuska, Rod Myers, Les Siegrist, and Jack Welch. Most of the riders were from the Springfield area. Although Sunday was unseasonably warm and windy, it was really a beautiful day. The temperature hit 83° and wind gusts reportedly reached 25-30 mph. The ride was unusually flat. It included many really nice farm scenes, very little automobile traffic, and, without exception, fine bicycling company. The ingredients for a "make-it-yourself" lunch were provided by the sponsoring group about half-way through the ride. As a new club member, I felt a little better about my novice shortcomings when I heard some of the accomplished riders mention that the long stretch into the wind really taxed them too. This brings to mind separate but related thoughts. I am grateful to the riders in IVW who have been so helpful to me. Those of you other new or inactive members who may be hesitant to attempt the rides might want to consider coming on out and trying. I am sure that, like me, you will be pleased that you did. You will meet intelligent, helpful, courteous people who are very willing and able to help. You will find that you'll acquire a lot by just listening to the more experienced riders talk and by picking up little tips watching them as you ride along. David Danner

OUT-OF-TOWN RIDES

August 1 & 2 Amishland and Lakes Ride
October 10 & 11 Hilly Hundred, Bloomington, Indiana

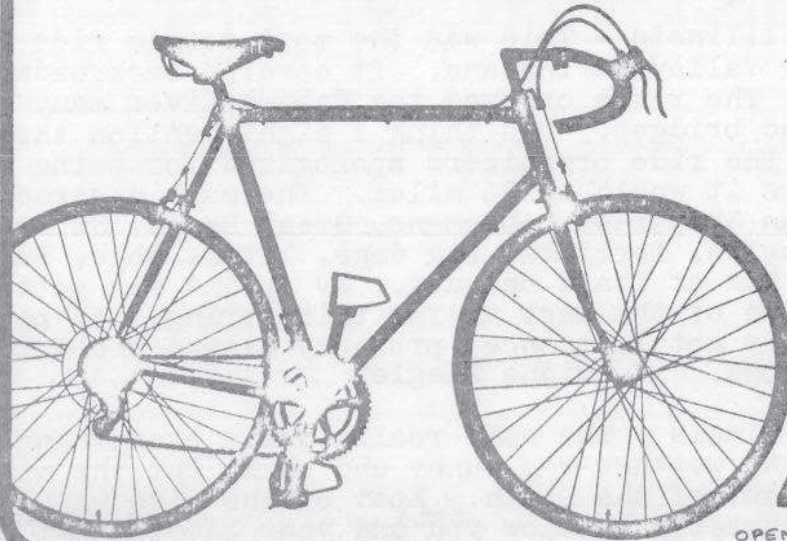
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