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OCTOBER MEETING Wednesday October 28, 7:30 p.m. at Safetytown 6518 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria Illinois. This month's program will be a videotape produced by a Springfield MO. T.V. station on the "Grand Tour of the Ozarks". This was a week long bicycle tour through the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: It was great seeing so many IVW members at this year's Hilly 100. They were rewarded with the best weather I've seen in the four years I've gone. While we didn't win the club trophy for the best attendance by a club, my daughter Grace unexpected won for the youngest female rider. Another daughter (Beth) also rode the Hilly, her 1st, and managed to finish long before Grace and I.

The Best thing about the Hilly is always the people. This year brought back IVW members Terry Jones from Virginia and Jim Roeckeman from Southern Illinois. Phyllis Harmon who presented our June program and LAW president Jack Goertz were also there.

But there was a somber note to all the activities. It seems too many bicyclists were causing problems for local residents, motorists and police. The Hilly organizers expressed concern for the Hilly not to be invited back to Bloomington.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMAN Ballots have been sent out to all members concerning a proposed change to the League's name. Don't forget to return your vote by the October 30 deadline.

ANNUAL MEETING: It's time to make reservations for the annual dinner Saturday, November 21, at Shady Oaks on Farmington Road. Cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 P.M. Cost is \$8.70 per person. Send check payable to IVW to Betty Harper 415 East Frye, Peoria 61603 phone 692-1931. Seating is limited so don't delay. There will be many door prizes.

BELOW IS A PROPOSED NEW NEWLETTER HEADING BY DAVE GARDNER. ANY COMMENTS?

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WINTER RIDE SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:30 a.m. at the Square in Washington

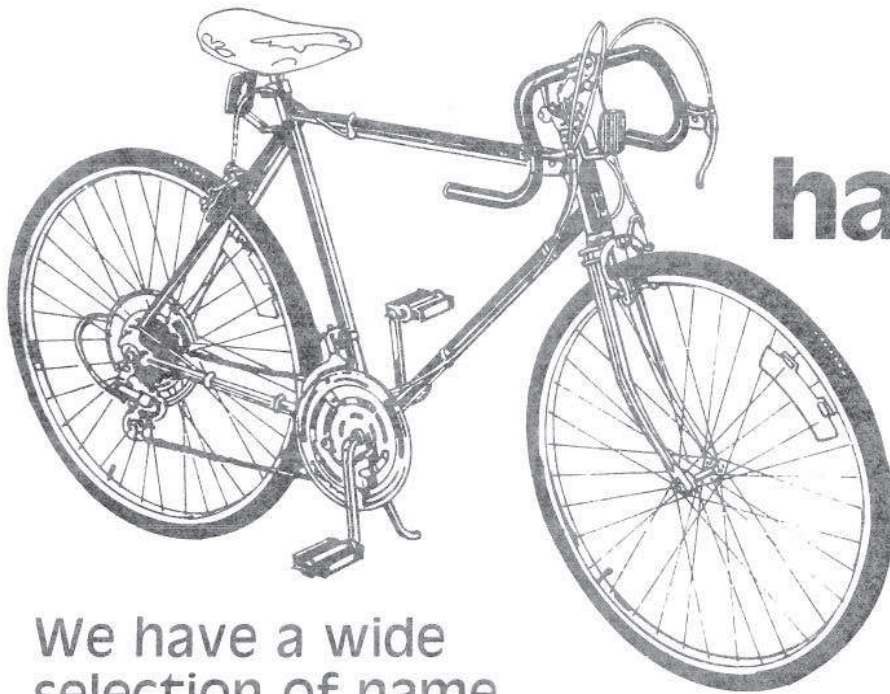
Sunday 10:00 a.m. at Mr. Donut by the Mall in Peoria

Sunday exception - Sunday Nov 15th Rock Island Trail Appreciation Day
at Detweiller Park.

January 1, 1982 Annual New Year's Day ride and party, details in next
bulletin.

RIDE REPORT Oct 10 & 11 Hilly Hundred Weekend - About 40 IVW members rode
this year's ride. The weather was warm, the scenery was colorful, the
entertainment was super which adds up to a good cycling weekend. The Central
Indiana Bicycling Association again provided a rugged workout on the bike during
the day and after the ride provided a warm shower, a satisfying meal, and
a chance for fellowship with cyclists numbering close to 2500. If you missed
this year's ride plan on attending next year.

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Federal bills on bicycling OCTOBER 1981

THE ISSUE

Clean air

WHERE IT STANDS NOW

The Clean Air Act, under which the federal government has carried out a wide range of activities to improve air quality, is due to expire in September 1981. Major studies have estimated that some 13,900 lives are saved each year in the U.S. due to the Act, and that its net benefits (once costs are subtracted) come to several billion dollars per year. The Reagan Administration has proposed a set of principles to shape a new clean air bill. These include: (a) rolling back auto emission standards for carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides; (b) extending for several years the timetables for some urban areas to meet air quality goals; (c) eliminating much of the program to prevent deterioration of air quality in areas with little pollution; and (d) potentially reducing federal enforcement powers. Industry spokesmen have applauded the proposals, while state environmental officials and environmentalists have expressed alarm. A major battle is expected in the House and the Senate as a new Clean Air bill is written in the next few months.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Write to your U.S. Representative and both your U.S. Senators. Point out that bicyclists are directly exposed to auto emissions, and that the present Clean Air Act has been beneficial in many ways, among them the inclusion of bicycle-related projects in many local transportation plans. Urge your three members of Congress to support a continued strong Clean Air Act, including air quality standards that contain a margin of safety for asthmatics, infants and the elderly, and an effective federal role to insure compliance with air quality goals.

Mandatory deposits on bottles

Broken glass on the road is a hazard and a nuisance to bicyclists. In such states as Oregon, Vermont, Michigan and Maine, bottle deposit laws have cut down sharply on highway litter. S. 709 (sponsored by Sen. Mark Hatfield and 6 other Senators) and H.R. 2498 (sponsored by Rep. Jim Jeffords and 38 others) would require a nationwide system of deposits on soda and beer bottles.

Write to both of your U.S. Senators asking support for S. 709. It is especially important for these members of the Senate Commerce Committee to get letters: Goldwater, Schmitt, Danforth, Kassebaum, Packwood, Pressler, Gorton, Stevens, Kasten, Cannon, Long, Hollings, Inouye, Ford, Riegle, Exon and Heflin.

Bicycle parking at federal buildings

Many federal buildings now lack bicycle parking and support facilities - showers and lockers. S. 533, which has passed the Senate, would require sheltered and secure bicycle parking at all new federal buildings. At existing federal buildings, including leased ones, parking and support facilities would be provided if the General Services Administration expects enough bicycle use to warrant the expenditure. The House version of the public buildings bill, H.R. 1938, does not mention bicycle parking or support facilities.

Write to your U.S. Representative asking him or her to include in H.R. 1938, the public buildings bill, a requirement that sheltered and secure bicycle parking, and such support facilities as showers and lockers, be provided in all existing and new public buildings and leased buildings. Mention federal buildings in your community which need bicycle parking.

Reimbursement for bicycle use on official business

Federal employees can be reimbursed for using a privately owned motor vehicle on official business, but not for using a bicycle. H.R. 1574, sponsored by Rep. Glenn M. Anderson, would permit federal agencies to pay their employees 4 cents a mile for using a privately owned bicycle on official business. Such reimbursement was recommended by a report on "Actions needed to increase bicycle/moped use in the federal community" published in January 1981 by the Comptroller General of the United States. The State of California and several local governments already provide such reimbursement to their employees. Hearings have not yet been held on H.R. 1574, and no similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.

Write to your U.S. Representative asking him or her to support H.R. 1574 and to urge the House Committee on Government Operations to report it for action soon.

National plan for youth hostels

Unlike many foreign countries the U.S. has no national plan for the development of youth hostels. H.R. 862, a bill sponsored by Reps. Phillip Burton and Douglas Bereuter, creates a commission to prepare a national plan for youth hostels, and authorizes grants for renovating and converting buildings, including historic structures, into hostels. There is no similar bill in the Senate yet.

Write to your two U.S. Senators asking if they would support or co-sponsor a bill to require preparation of a national plan for youth hostels. Mention any particular area in your region or state which could benefit from having a hostel but does not have one. If you get a positive response from one or both of your Senators, send the League a copy.

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RIDE REPORT

Sep 27 Tanner Orchard Ride - 14 riders started from Mossville Grade School for a enjoyable but windy ride to Tanners Orchard. At the orchard everybody had some free cider, apples, donuts or a bag of popcorn. Dave Gardner carried some cider in his bike bag while Diane carried some apples in her backpack which she shared with everybody back at the Grade School after the ride. Good ride and I hope we can do it again next year.

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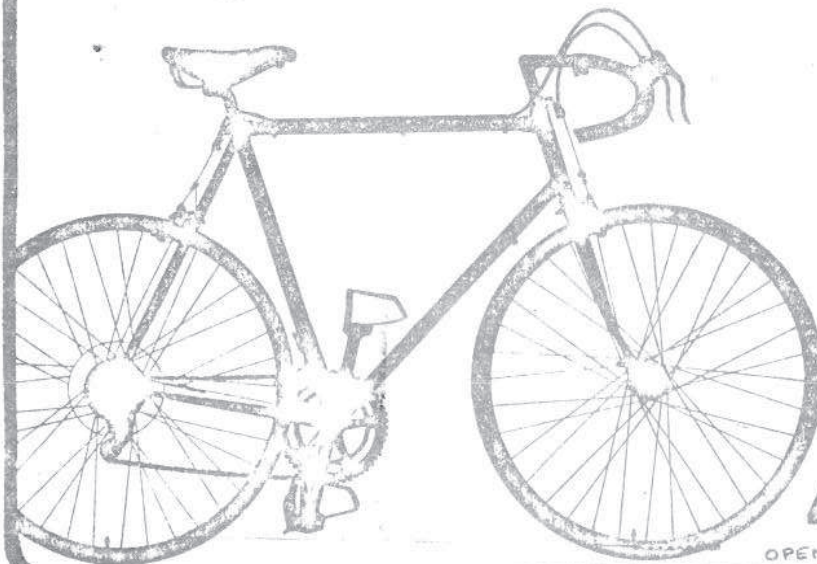
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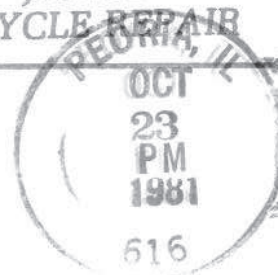
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