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NO DECEMBER MEETING Next meeting will be January 28, 1982 at Safetytown 6518 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria. Holly Happydays. Dolly Poppydays. Happy Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES The similarity between cross-country ski apparel and bike clothes is considerable. Both sports use tight fitting clothes and the multiple layer technique is encouraged for both. These past few weeks, Joan and I have purchased and used the following ski clothes for cold weather biking: gloves, down hill goggles, ski masks, polypropelene underwear, shell knickers and long socks. Going the other way, I can't say we've skied yet, but I did walk into Bushwhackers with my black shorts and leg warmers on and wasn't too sensational. Bike clothes suitable for skiing would be jerseys and arm warmers, jackets and even black shorts, legwarmers or tights. P.S., I've decided to leave the ski mask outside when I ride up to my local bank.

Your new officers met Nov. 30 and will meet again Dec. 17. The next bulletin and the January meeting will include the officer's proposal for next year's activities. We encourage your activity ideas and suggestions. John Wellwood.

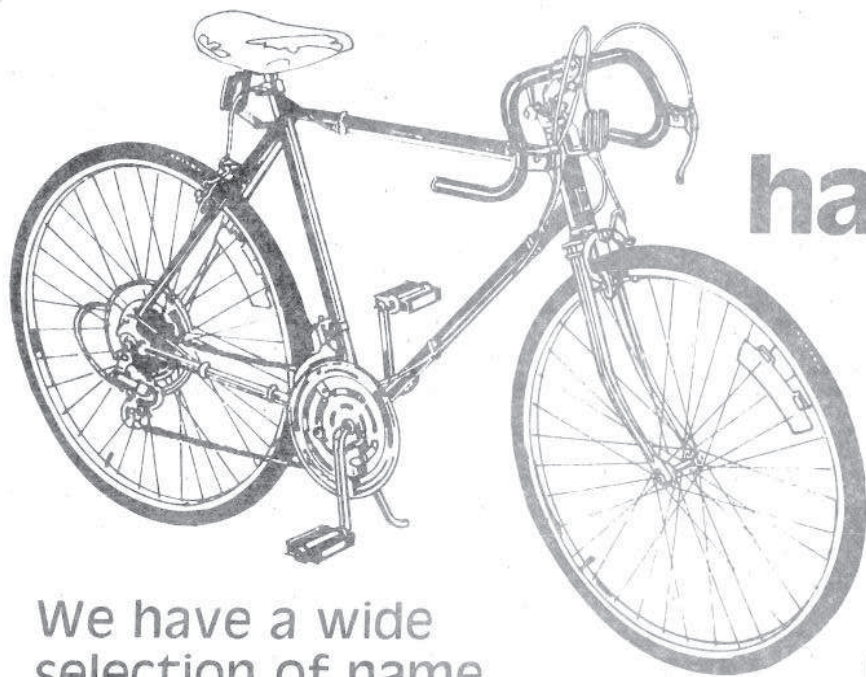
ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE AND POTLUCK Be a cycling midwife to the new year by attending the festivities at the Northern Oaks Clubhouse in Groveland. Jack Welch has directions at 387-6282. Everything starts at noon. Please bring your own place setting, and a dish according to your last name: A-H meat dish or cassarole; I-Q dessert; R-Z salads. IVW will provide hot and cold drinks, and snacks. Stuff doin'-- biking, rollers, fireplace, conversation.

IVW ANNUAL DINNER, AWARDS, AND ELECTIONS As usual we had a great turnout for this annual feast. Thanks to Rod Myers and all our business supporters, there were enough door prizes to go around. Les Siegrist (new ride chairm'n) and Ron Anderson (new program chairm'n) received recognition for their work on the Pedal-In, Diane Ziegler for the Summer Metric, Tom O'Dey as the Most Improved Rider. Tom had a lot of competition including: Betty Harper, John Wellwood, Jack Fought, Dave Danner, Jean McMahon. Bob Jones received the Broken Saddle for the most active rider on club rides. Rod Myers received this year's Service Award. Ron Matuska was given a coffee cup for serving as president for the last two years and for Steamboat Days. Results from the election are in the masthead. Dues for 1982 remain the same and no action concerning the IVW's name was taken. Thanks to Betty Harper for making the dinner arrangements and to Ron Douglas and the nominating committee for coming up with the list of candidates.

THANKS AND OTHER STUFF Thank you to Joe Bousky of Carousel Magnavox for the use of the video recorder at our October meeting. Joe also operates Illinois Cycle... We're waiting for the Blue Streak to return... BIG, VASTLY IMPORTANT NOTE Committees are now working to plan next years activities. Then need lotsa help. (You know how committees are.) Call John Wellwood or committee chair.

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LAW NON-NAME CHANGE Hot off the press. Ballots have been counted in the League of American Wheelmen's name change vote. The name remains the same with over 50% of LAW members voting. The count was close and will be reported soon in the "American Wheelmen".

MATUSKA IN JAM (13th Annual Jambalaya Tours) With the sun warming up the early morning mist, I quickly put on my shorts and T-shirt and filled both water bottles. I joined about 300 other bicyclist heading out for the day's rides. Just another mid-summer tour? Wrong. This was Thanksgiving Day. By mid-afternoon, the temperature had climbed to 84 and some color was put back into a fading tan. The meals at Jam included turkey jambalaya, seafood gumbo, and a hearty breakfast of pancakes and grits. Although Louisiana is a long way to go for a bicycle tour, try to find some excuse to be in the area and plan to attend Jam '82. Ron Matuska.

FOR SALE Remember, members of the IVW can sell their bicycle-related items free through the newsletter. Commercial firms wishing to place ads can contact Sam Joslin at 444-4278.

TOSRV NOTICE If you have any thoughts about attending TOSRV this coming Mother's Day weekend in Columbus Ohio, now is the time to take action. They mail out applications on February 1st and within a couple of weeks all 3500 numbers are taken. Send your request for an application with a SASE to TOSRV Communications, P.O. Box 23111 Columbus Ohio 43223.

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RON DOUGLAS RIDE Ron Douglas is planning a bicycle trip to New Salem and Dixon Mounds between Christmas and New Year's. The three day-two night ride will cover 140 miles of scenic Central Illinois. Weather permitting, the group will leave from the Peoria Courthouse 8:30 a.m. Monday December 28 and return the afternoon of the 30th. Ron will make reservations at Petersburg and Lewiston motels. Rates are based on double occupancy with single beds at \$11.00 a night. Estimated cost for food, lodgings, etc. is \$50.00. Interested? Call Ron at 674-3454.

BICYCLE DEATH A bicyclist (not a member) was recently killed in Morton while riding on the wrong side of the street. Many people (evidently including the police dispatcher) still view the left side of the street as the safer route. Although our members know that the right side is the safer, legal and only allowable path, the public apparently is in need of some type of education better than that now available to it. Even on some Saturday morning club rides, I have noticed a tendency for riders to practically straddle the center line when facing oncoming traffic. Our appearance in public is important to the way the car-driving public views bicycling. Our first concern for any ride should be safety. Only when we ride in a safe manner can we begin to complain about the bicyclist's second-class road citizenship. The winter is an excellent time for the club and its members to review ride procedures with an eye to safety. I would appreciate some response on this subject from members and the public. Sam Joslin 444-4278.

PARADE A large-type thank-you goes to all the club members who participated in the East Peoria Christmas Parade, December 5. Although we decided to go at the last minute, we did get a good turnout. The club should look for more ways to promote cycling in the Peoria area. This was an easy and enjoyable method to promote the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Who was there? Andy Cowan, Ken Beckler, Dave Diebel, Don Eberle, Shawn Leman, Jerry Lis, Sam Joslin, Brett Rickett, and Dennis Rude.

NORTHWOODS Keep January 30 and 31 open on your calendar and come over to Northwoods to help with the IVW's exhibit and roller ride. If anyone has pictures, slides, brochures, or any material to beef up the show please contact Sam Joslin. Be sure to bring your bicycles and wear your riding clothes. If you are too busy to help, please be sure to stop by and say hello. We will be there as long as the place is open. Let me know if you are coming.

RIDE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNINGS*8:30A.M.*WASHINGTON SQUARE*RIDE LENGTH DEPENDANT ON RIDERS*BREAKFAST RIDE
(The Sunday morning Peoria rides have been dropped in favor of a Sunday ride with time and place decided by the Saturday morning riders. Call Les Siegrist Saturday night to find out where and when. 444-4660. More structured rides will again appear in the spring.)

BEGINNING RIDERS Andy Cowan 693-2838 has offered to lead beginning rides in the spring. Rides would be aimed at people not now active in the club because of the speed of most rides. The IVW has tried this in the past and met with less than total success because more than one person is needed to make the rides consistent week-in and out. Please give Andy a call if you can help, or have ideas. These would probably be Sunday rides separate from the regular club rides.

RAGING NOTES Next general meeting is December 20, 6:30p.m. at Steve Meisner's house. If you can't attend, please notify Sam or Jay Manthey. BRING YOUR JERSEYS FOR ACCOUNTING. Racers looking toward the '82 season need to set up their training schedules with Jay, if they have not done so all ready. Jay's number is 686-0492. Sam will have a tentative schedule of the 1982 season. We will vote on new members, discuss and decide insurance, and set up a location for the New Year's Eve party. We will also take a look at some of the short-term goals for the club. Fire up.

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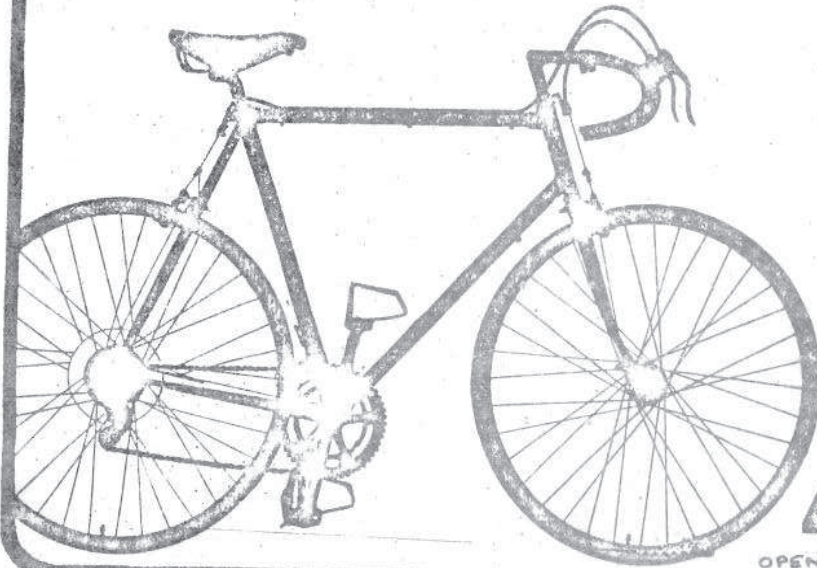
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