



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N

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President's notes... Recent conversation among IVW members has been centered around what is the best riding formation during our regular club rides. I'm sure all of us have seen almost every combination of front to rear spacing as well as single, double, triple and quadruple file, which could be on narrow single lane country roads, two lane township roads, two lane state highways, multiple lane highways or multiple lane one-way city streets.

The Illinois Vehicle Code, as presently written, is not specific as concerns the place of the cyclist on the road. The 1981 code was specific- the cyclist should assume a single-file position or move to the right-hand side of the road as far as possible in the presence of a motor vehicle. The 1982 code is not as specific and it seems understandable that a Morton policeman in particular could be confused as to enforcement of the code.

It is predicted by responsible D.O.T. personnel that the Vehicle Code will be changed to allow double file group riding. This would conform to the thoughts of a strong bicycle lobby in Washington D.C.

With the law in flux, it is important that the I.V.W. consider etiquette as its guide. I hope members would consider themselves a group on group rides first and foremost, and as individuals second.

To me, this means when a motor vehicle is present, the club should move to the right and form a single file. The only exception I can envision is possible multiple files while riding on one-way multiple lane streets and occupying one lane.

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September Meeting happens at Safetytown, 6518 N. Sheridan in Peoria September 23, at 7:30 pm. In addition to the regular meeting, Diane Ziegler will talk about her transcontinental ride which occurred earlier this summer.

The Rod Myers' Pre-Posthumous Memorial Tuesday Night Time Trials Series is charging into October with a change of start times. The trials, held at Mossville Caterpillar, will be held Sundays at 1:00 pm starting Oct. 3rd. Participation is up and times for the 10 mile course are continuing to drop, with Brett Rickett lowering his time for the course to 23:54. Everyone is welcome to race against the clock whether they be the young at heart, old in mind, or of indeterminate age.

Mossville Time Trial Results

August 17th

Jerry Lis	26:36
John Wellwood	28:07
Jim Roberts	27:01
Bill Stevens	31:40
Phil England	28:24
Jim Wellwood	28:43
Brett Rickett	24:45

August 24th

Jay Raupp	26:01
Bill Stevens	31:03
Jerry Boutelle	29:00

August 31st

Jerry Lis	25:05
Brett Rickett	24:42
Jeanie McMahon	30:31
Phil England	29:57
Phil (last name n/a)	30:19

Sept 7th

Phil England	28:00
Rich Miller	28:17
Daryl Johnson	26:12
Brad (last name n/a)	29:10
Scott Weimer	25:57
Lela Vogel	29:14
Phil (last name n/a)	29:27
Allen (first or last?)	30:26
Jenny Oler	26:47
Brett Rickett	23:54

Be sure the timekeeper gets your full name in order to avoid inexact reports.

THANKS (a big thanks)
for help on the summer metric

Rich Miller	marking
John Wellwood	printing & general
Amy Myers	registration

The Rumor Monger strikes (one more and you're out) ... Another club member is leaving for the Dallas job market where there is a 6.79% unemployment rate, four area bike clubs to ride with, and 2.5 million people in the metropolitan area. This person wants to thank the club and its members for being friends and having good times on the rides.

Some thoughts from 1889:
THE TIME May come when a man without a bicycle may be looked upon as pitifully as the wretch who shivers in midwinter without an overcoat--Chicago InterOcean

SELDOM, INDEED, Do we find a wheelman who owns a good wheel and has acquired perfect control of it, who is not an enthusiast.
--The Springfield Wheelmen's Gazette

NEW MEMBERS

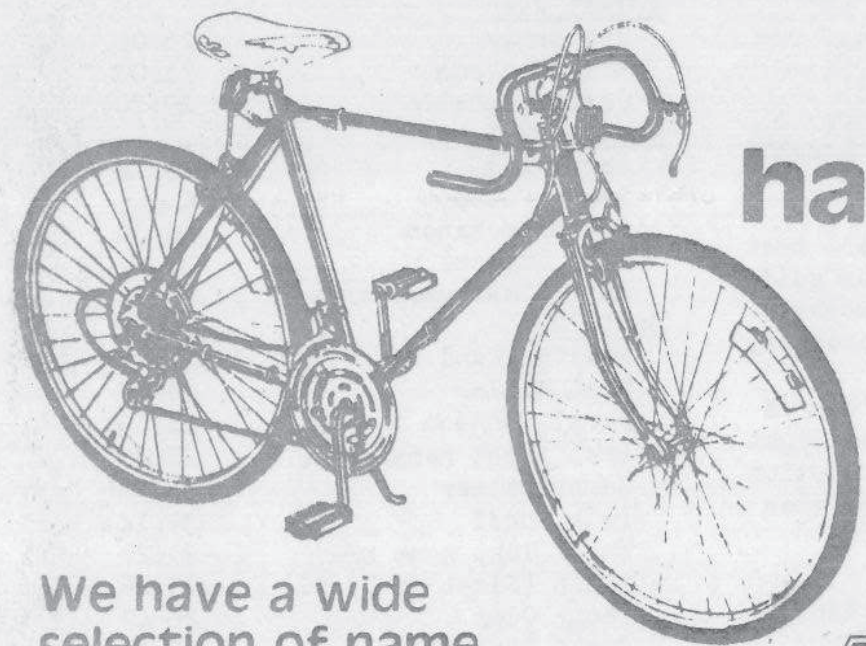
- Peoria
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Dr. Leonard Yang
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- Washington
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Phil Oelkers

The Peoria Historical Society has asked me (Joslin) to present a short lecture on the history of Peoria bicycling. The lecture will be held during a tour of the Flanagan House Oct. 10 from 2-4 pm. The tour cost will be \$1 and the society will hold a contest for the oldest bike, youngest and oldest riders, longest distance traveled to get to the house and the most unusual bicycle. If you aren't tired of hearing me spout about the good 'ol days, stop in and take the tour. A few names out of the past: Bert Myers, Rouse and Hazard, the PBC, Duryea, Seiberling, and Ide.

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I realize the single-file formation in a large group increases the front to rear distance, making a considerable passing distance for a following car. The solution is to break the club into groups of no more than 12.

This solution requires more leaders within the ride, but with the large number of experienced riders within the IVW this could easily be arranged. Most importantly the ride leader should be a take-charge person and outline ride procedures before and even during any club ride -- John W.

Gary Sams offers a warm-up suit for sale: One small 100% wool Emily K; blue - \$40. That number in Pekin - 346-2008.

A ride to look for next year. The best organized ride in this area had to be the Bloomington Pantagraph's PACRACC. The three-day Labor Day weekend ride was well attended, and many of those attending were beginning riders who had trained for the event with a series of PACRACC warm-up rides in the weeks preceding Labor Day. For this newspaper to take on a major ride (attendance 300) and pull it off without any major problems is a tribute to the dedicated and determined team that thought the ride important enough to pay attention to the details. The IVW could learn quite a lot from the PACRACC. Next year, our members should look to this ride as a out-of-town magnet as powerful as the Hilly Hundred. Kudos. (215 miles)

BICYCLE

A New Year approaches already. Election of officers comes up on November 25. Committees will be forming to take care of the club's ongoing rides and activities. The newsletter will also need an editor for the January issue, which comes out one week before the 4th Thursday in Dec. The December issue will be the last produced by the current editor, so a replacement will need to be found, for the status quo will be unable to continue into the next year, due to other commitments.

Food for thought. Everyone who is an experienced rider can spot the beginner, right? Weaving from side to side down the wrong side of the road, the beginner tempts tragedy with every oncoming car. The rank novice, noting that the bicycle is neither car nor pedestrian, ambles on-blind to the traffic controls that govern those on foot and behind the wheel. So, where are the experienced riders in the IVW? One recent Sunday, these experts (without weaving at all side-to-side) bravely proclaimed their freedom from downtown Peoria traffic lights by zooming straight through them. No wonder that responsible cyclists in the community are harassed by motorists recalling this and similar charges of the Light Brigade. No wonder that few will risk their names as appointed ride leaders. And no wonder that so many cyclists are confused as to how to ride in any type of traffic density. The IVW risks being eclipsed by a moon of

community disgust. This moon does not describe an orbit, throwing its shadow on everything in its path, but is stationary, allowing the unthinking to move under its glaring black light. It is easy to pull back from the dangerous orbit we are entering, if we will only face the problem as a serious one. There are too many beginners on the road today with bikes worth more than their common sense. There are not enough skilled riders with knowledge extending beyond the name on their seatpost or derailleur. There are tragedies willing to teach us if we refuse to educate ourselves. A helmet's protection is not absolute, and a rear view mirror is nothing if we can not see in front of us. The IVW is growing too large, too fast to turn into a group of permanent beginners. How many years of experience does it take to turn a cyclist into a vegetable? -- s. joslin

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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N RIDE SCHEDULE
 **LES SIEGRIST, RIDE CHAIRM'N 444-4660

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Every Sat.	8:30 am	Meet at Washington Square for ride through country	Ron Anderson 444-2018
Every Wed.	6:00 pm	Meet at Pizza Works @ 3921 N. Prospect, short ride	Ron Douglas 674-3454
SUNDAY SEPT. 26	8:30 am	Meet at Limestone High School (Bartonville, Il.) Ride to Canton and back. 50 miles. sag.	**
SUNDAY OCT. 3	8:30 am	Meet at Pekin Insurance (Pekin, Il) Ride to Mackinaw and back. 40 miles	**
SUNDAY OCT. 10	8:30 am	"The Almost Hilly Hundred Ride" Meet at I.C.C. Tennis Courts; ride to Washburn and Metamora. Scenic ride through flat (?) Central Illinois during height of fall colors (new route) 60 miles.	Rich Miller n/p
SUNDAY OCT 17	8:30 am	Meet at Peoria Courthouse. Riders' choice	**
sat/sun OCT 16-17		HILLY HUNDRED RIDE ** OUT OF TOWN ** BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA CONTACT RON MATUSKA 688-2488	
SUNDAY OCT 24	8:30 am	Meet at Mossville Grade School for ride to Tanner's Orchard and back. 30 miles	**
SUNDAY OCT 31	8:30 am	Meet at Jubilee State Park. Ride to Brimfield American Legion Hall for breakfast (\$2-3) 20 miles	**

Wednesday night rides in Washington have been discontinued. Peoria's WNRs will continue through October as will the Saturday morning Washington rides. F&F rides have concluded for the year as well.

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