



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N

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President's notes. Considerable discussion of the aims and goals of the IVW in regard to bicycle racing has been going on. This is partly an outgrowth of the May 2, 1981 racing accident during an IVW sponsored event in Morton. The Executive Committee met recently to provide a possible course of action. The EC proposes the following change to the IVW by-laws: Remove the paragraph -

"Racing Section

Racing members of the club shall constitute an autonomous group and shall have the authority to promulgate their own by-laws."

With this change the IVW will have:

- 1) reduced club liability exposure.
- 2) greater focus on the club's major activity which is bicycle touring.

The amended IVW by-laws will be voted on during the business portion of the annual meeting. This amendment is timed so that no IVW member now racing will be left without a USCF affiliated club for the 1983 racing season.

October Meeting: Muntz' Multi-Media Madness. If you missed the Steamboat Days banquet, be sure to not miss October's meeting program. Bob Muntz will be back by popular demand for a repeat showing of his sight and sound spectacular that created such a hit at the banquet. Using a multi-projector setup, Bob creates a show using slides of photos taken during the Steamboat Days tour along with appropriate soul-stirring music. It's an experience and you may even see yourself suffering on the hills of Smithville Road.

The meeting is held on the usual 4th Thursday, (October 28) at the usual time (7:30 p.m.) and at the usual place, (Safetytown, 6518 N. Sheridan, Peoria)

--Ron Anderson, Program Chairm'n

the Rod Myers' Surprise I'm Gone Pre-Posthuous Memorial Tuesday Night Time Trials Except They're on Sunday Afternoons Now Series marches on. A group of regulars has formed, around which the series should be a strong event for the IVW again in the spring. Time trials will continue through November, weather permitting. Remember the 10 mile course is run behind Caterpillar Mossville on Sundays at 1:00 pm, and of course everyone is welcome.

Mossville Time Trial Results

Sept 14, 1982

Phil England	27:41
Phil Oelkers	28:39
Jerry Lis	25:51

Sept 21, 1982

Rich Miller	30:23
Rod Myers	30:08
Jerry Lis	26:28
Jay Raupp	26:34

Sept. 28, 1982

nobody showed

Oct. 3, 1982

Sam Joslin	24:45
Brett Rickett	24:26
Jerry Lis	25:24
Ken Beckler	25:10
Mike Gray	26:03
Ron Johnson	27:23

(course record B. Rickett:
 Sept. 7, 1982 -23:54-)

Call for slides. A slide presentation will be put together for our annual meeting using club members' slides of club events, out of town rides, vacation experiences, wild parties, etc. If you have slides, please pick some out and get them to me before Nov. 12. Ron Anderson.

1982 Moonlight Ramble sets new records

The 1982 Moonlight Ramble, sponsored by the Ozark Area Council and the Seven-Up Bottling Company of St. Louis, was a tremendous success. The police estimate that 9000-10,000 people rode the Ramble. Therefore, about 1000 more bicyclists took over the streets of St. Louis this year than previously.

In addition, the Ramble itself ran exceptionally smoothly. The St. Louis City Police provided extra assistance and helped extensively with traffic control. Between Gateway React and the Funny Bunnies, there were 80 CB radio operators along the route covering virtually every intersection and making it almost impossible to get lost. Also, Mary Sue Shae organized a team of 15-20 Emergency Medical Technicians who rode the route. Seven-Up Bottling assisted the Council with soda distribution, catering, and

publicity. And last, but certainly not least, were the dozens of OAC/AYH volunteers who handled registration, merchandise sales, sag wagons, money counting, publicity and the thousands of details involved in organizing the event. Many Ramblers have called the Council office to compliment AYH for its outstanding organization of the ride.

All of us give an extra special thanks to Tom Calacci and Doug Diboll, Co-Chairmen of the Moonlight Ramble Committee, who have worked diligently for the past eight months preparing for the world's largest night-time bicycling event.

A final reminder: Volunteers who did not receive their Moonlight Ramble T-shirt should call the Council office. Also, T-shirts and patches are still available through the office.

More New Members

Peoria

Dan Briggs
Ron Chandler
Chris Drew

John Wingate
Kathy Hillard

Washington

Dave Suffield

Kevin Holzhauser

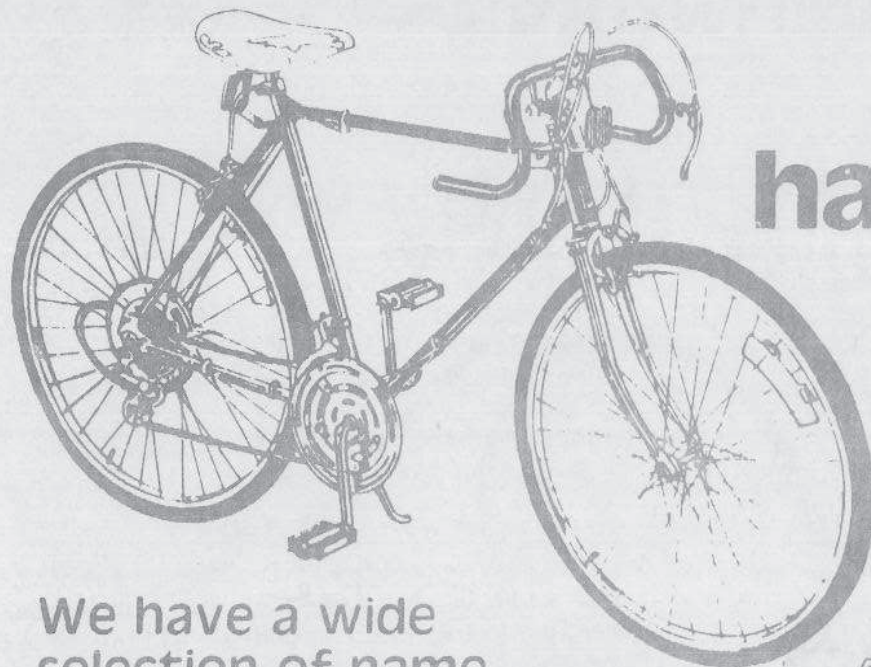
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Jane Warrick

Election of officers will be held at the annual meeting on November 20. Anyone wanting to volunteer for an office or recommend a qualified candidate should call Betty Harper, (h) 682-9092 or (w) 692-1931 or Dave Danner at 346-6916. The slate of nominees will be included in the next newsletter.



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West Bluff Resident "Veteran Cyclist" in 1909



The following article appeared in the Peoria Star October 10, 1909:

PEORIA'S VETERAN CYCLIST Has Traveled More Miles By His Own Exertion Than Any Other Man Living or Dead.

It is the boast of Thomas Davis, the veteran cyclist, who is now in his eighty-second year, that he has traveled more miles by his own exertions than any other man, living or dead, and he is still traveling.

He keeps a record of the distance traveled each day and when he returned to his home on South Orange street on the West Bluff yesterday afternoon after his daily run he found that his grand total had reached the sum of 135,200 miles. This is more than five times the circumference of the earth and the distance has been covered in twenty years, an average of 6,750 miles a year. On several occasions he has wheeled 100 miles a day and in the month of August, 1896, made sixty miles a day for every day in the month. This is all the more remarkable from the fact that Mr. Davis did not begin riding a wheel until he was an old man. He had passed three-score when he began to keep his record and during the past twenty years has been continually on the go. With the advance of years his daily distances have been gradually decreasing, but he still manages to ride between fifteen and twenty miles a day and at the conclusion of each daily ride consults his cyclometer and jots the result down in his record, and yesterday afternoon found that the grand total thus far was 135,200 miles.

He declares that this record far exceeds the distance traveled by any other man dependent on his own physical exertion and he is undoubtedly correct in the assertion.

Well, here we are at the end of another year almost and enjoying the best cycling season of all - the fall. Start counting your miles for the annual meeting's award presentation. Bring some positive suggestions for the club's future direction, i.e. should we have an active mapping committee to publish suitable bicycle routes?, which public rides should we concentrate our energies on, in order to come up with a quality event? Should we attempt to become more publicity minded in order to attract the general public to the sport of bicycling; or should we watch to make sure that our present members have a homey (and therefore smaller) club and concentrate on our social function? It seems as though the club would promote more quality within the cycling community if: 1) It will plan a narrowed range of activity, with more attention to details. 2) Retain the successful parts of the club (time trials, novice rides) while, 3) Carefully examining losing propositions (fill in the blank). -- S. Joslin



From the West Bluff Word, Peoria
Illinois, July 1982.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N 1982 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
New _____
Renewal _____

Bicycling Interests: Short, slow-pace _____ Saturday rides _____ Sunday rides _____
Local rides _____ X-country tours _____ Racing _____

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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N RIDE SCHEDULE
 **LES SIEGRIST, RIDE CHAIRM'N 444-560

NOVEMBER 1982

Every Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Meet at Washington Square for ride through county	Ron Anderson 444-2018
Sunday Oct 24	8:30 a.m.	Meet at Mossville Grade School for ride to Tanner's Orchard and back. 30 miles.	
Sunday Oct 31	8:30 a.m.	Meet at Jubilee State Park. Ride to Brimfield American Legion Hall for breakfast (\$ 20 miles.	

Rider's Choice Month

(all rides begin at 8:30 a.m. weather permitting)

- Nov. 7 Meet at Washington Square
- Nov. 14 Ride starts from Steak & Shake near Franklin St. Bridge
- Nov. 21 Riders start from the Field Shopping Center in Morton
- Nov. 28 Back to Washington Square for a start (Goodfield for pancakes sounds good, just a suggestion)

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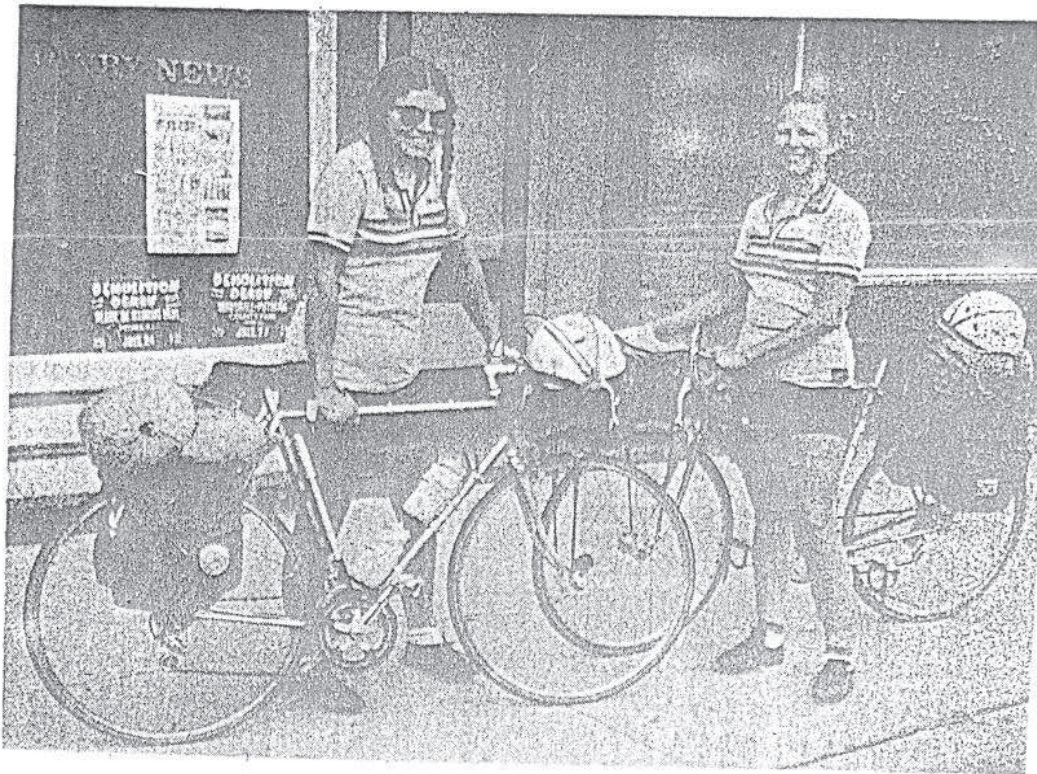
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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN PRESENT
SLIDE SHOW AND TRAVELOGUE

"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"

BY DIANE L. ZIEGLER



DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1982

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

ADMISSION: FREE - OPEN TO PUBLIC

PLACE: PEORIA PARK DISTRICT SAFETY TOWN
6518 N. SHERIDAN
PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61614

THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL TELL THE STORY OF HOW I, AND MY SISTER, NANCY BICYCLED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FROM THE PACIFIC COAST OF OREGON TO THE ATLANTIC COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA. WE LOGGED 4,219 MILES AND WERE ON THE ROAD FOR 50 DAYS. I WELCOME YOU TO COME AND SEE THE PICTURES AND HEAR THE EPIC TALE OF MY TRIP ACROSS THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.