

May - June 86

# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN



## PRESIDENT'S NOTES ---

The most frustrating aspect of cycling for me has to be the wide gap between the marketing of cycling and the realities of cycling.

Does it really make any difference whether your bicycle's frame is made of aluminum, steel, or zinc if the condition of the roads in your area make riding an accomplishment instead of a pleasure?

Why are people constantly apologizing that their bicycles are not the quality they should be? Does the bike do the job? Or the reverse; why do people buy cheap throwaway bicycles because "I'm not going to ride that much anyway"? Why not cut out the middleman and spend the money on another tank of gas for the Belaire?

Why do people buy dropped bar bicycles and then demand brake extension levers and stem shifters for an upright riding position?

Why do people ride against traffic because "I'm afraid cars are going to hit me", and then choose to ride on University and Prospect at night without lights?

Yu ever wunder, Vern?

This isn't an attack on that portion of the bicycle world known as marketing. In some ways, they are the only ones doing their jobs.

If a bicycle manufacturer decides it wants to make brake extension levers and stem shifters for a bicycle, a marketer will attempt to make it desirable (or vice versa). If the industry wants to make a cheap bike the marketer will sell on price; if its an expensive bike, he'll sell on mystique. The marketing people work hard.

In the big picture, the item that is missing is the conduit for practical cycling knowledge. The reason may be because there is no apparent financial benefit to teaching kids to ride with traffic; there are no apparent economic incentives to local governments to provide streets designed with bicycle traffic in mind.

Whatever accurate cycling information is available usually comes from bicycle clubs. And clubs are usually apathetic to such a function.

In the big picture, the money spent by the McLean Wheelers on safety brochures (see mailbox) is a small step; but it is a first step and one bicycle clubs should consider -- making themselves the marketers of cycling safety.

see you on the road - Samuel

## RIDE OF THE MONTH

The 12th annual Pedal-In is the featured ride for June. Of course, there is more information on this ride elsewhere in the newsletter, but keep this in mind -- this is the longest running two-day invitational that the IVW holds. The fact that it is the only two-day invitational that the IVW holds certainly shouldn't detract from its appeal. The IVW needs to thank certain folks for helping with the ride : Vitesse Cycle Shop, Russell's Cycle World, River City Athletic Club, and Illinois Valley Printing.

Be sure to get your application in early as the ride is limited to the first 1000 applicants. Also if you want a T-shirt out of the deal, you need to order it before the ride. The Saturday ride can be a 25 mile spin or a 100 mile adventure. The choice is yours, but remember: the rest of us will have a lot more fun with you than without you. Sunday's ride is the locally famous Tour of Peoria, a 35 mile trip covering the high points of Western Civilization as interpreted by natives of Peoria, Illinois.

All riders will receive a terrific picture of themselves as they were before the ride. Interesting trivia -- many of the cyclists you will meet on June 21 & 22 have completed or attended fifth grade.





OUT OF TOWN RIDES ---

The following are mostly invitational rides run by other clubs in the Midwest. More information is available by contacting Sam at 682-8777 and asking for it.

Keep in mind the rides run by the Spoon River Wheelmen. The first is a mountain bike ride called Assault on Mt. Horrible. Distances are 30-50-80 miles and the madness begins Sunday July 27 at Bernadotte River Park. Entry fee is \$6 before July 20 and \$9 after. The SRW's second invitational is the Spoon River Scenic Century Sept. 14 in Canton. Distances are 30-60-75-100 miles. The IVW had a big turnout at this ride last year; as good as the ride was, there should be more of us down south again this year. For more information on either of these two rides write:

Spoon River Wheelmen  
Box 353  
Canton, Il. 61520

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped, envelope.

The Macomb Bicycle Club holds the Spring Double Metric Century May 31 and June 1. The ride begins and ends in Macomb with overnight camping in Nauvoo. Among other things the ride includes baggage and sag service.

Kankakee is the start for the 8th annual Two Rivers/Iron Bridge Century June 8. Distances are 35,62,100 miles. The 100 mile loop features a stop at the historic Buckley Homestead comprised of one-room school, log cabin, barns, etc. Fee is \$5.50 before May 30 and includes map, lunch, sag and patch.

Bikeburlington is promoting ILIAMO a two-day bicycle tour for the serious rider (quote) Distance is 107 miles each day. Ride begins in West Burlington and an evening meal is provided in Hannibal. A baggage truck is provided but no sag. Sleeping and shower space is provided in Hannibal. Food stops, patch, fanny bumper, maps, marked route also included in the \$25 entry fee. Date June 28-29.

The 13th annual Apple Cider Century in Three Oaks Michigan is September 28. Distances are 25-50-75-100 miles. They say they are America's biggest one-day century event with 4500 cyclists participating in 1985. The Three Oaks Bicycle Club wants you to enter no later than July 15. The minimum entry fee of \$17 includes map, markings, sag, flag, patch, spaghetti dinner; T-shirt is available. They've got a huge brochure folks; you can read it all.

**MISSING:**

Light blue Viner Special Professional with yellow decals and yellow Benatto tape

Red Sekai 2600 with white decals and red Benatto tape

The bikes were abducted from the garage between the 4th and 5th of May. Anyone with information on the bikes (say someone tries to sell you the bike for a real good price) should contact :  
Jerry Lis 673-1471  
Tami Morse 688-1896

FROM THE MAILBOX ---

Both the Springfield and Wheeling bicycle clubs included notices of Diane Matuska's accident in their newsletters. Because of her extensive cycling, Diane had made many more bicycle acquaintances than just members of the IVW. She was widely known and now, widely missed.

A new bicycle advocacy group has started up north. The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation reported that it has 200 individual and corporate members and two local affiliated bicycle clubs. The group has probably grown since this report in their winter newsletter. It looks as though they have good financial backing; their newsletter was professionally done and entirely typeset.

The Bloomington/Normal area is getting a display of commitment to bicycling safety from the McLean County Wheelers. The Wheelers just donated \$500 of club funds toward the publication of bicycle safety handbooks geared toward grade-school age children in McLean County. According to their newsletter, the amount was contributed "in keeping with our charter and general advocacy of safe cycling". Outstanding!

Among the numerous bicycle travel groups which send us brochures, China Passage is the latest -- features organized tours through China and Tibet. This year, it highlights its new tour to Bali.

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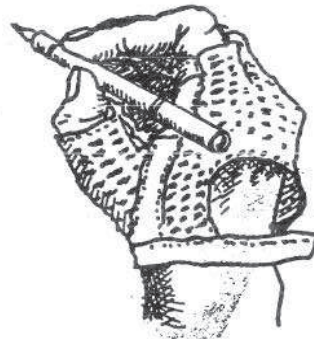
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The IVW doesn't limit itself to riding together just once a week. The club offers a variety of rides throughout the week....Come on out and join the FUN!

#### TUESDAY

TUESDAY NIGHT CASUAL RIDES(for beginners and those wishing an easy pace)leave from the Commercial National Bank parking lot on the corner of University and Pioneer Park Drive.Ride leaves at 6:15,covering a leisurely 10-20 miles.Everyone is welcome.For more information call 682-8777 and ask for Ron.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### WSR (WEDNESDAY SOCIAL RIDES)

WSRs begin from Washington Square,Avanti's (on Sterling) and the Eagle Store in Pekin.The rides begin at 5:00 pm for the Pekin and Peoria locations and 6:15 for Washington.Distances range from 12-25 miles - depending on weather conditions and the amount of daylight.

Gary Sams (346-2008) leads the Pekin ride.Those interested in the Washington Ride should contact Ron Anderson(444-2018).The Avanti's ride has various leaders.(leaders names will appear on the ride schedule.

\*\* The Avanti rides will begin from the Commercial Natinal Bank at Pioneer Park & University for the month of June.

After the Avanti's rides,quite a few of us go inside to talk,eat, etc.Even if you can't make the ride,you are always welcome to meet us after the ride

#### SATURDAY

TIME TRIALS are held each Saturday morning in Mossville on Old Galena Rd at the Caterpillar Tech Center.Test yourself on the ten mile course.Riders start at 7:00 AM,so get there early to warm up and be prepared to start at 7.HELMETS REQUIRED.

SHOW & GO (S&G)-from Washington Square,every Saturday;8:30 AM Breakfast Ride-varies from 20-30 miles.Those who show(s) - go (g)

#### SUNDAY

Sunday rides begin from all over the area and usually start in the morning.They vary in distance and always have a leader. Questions relating to a specific ride,such as the terrain or riding pace,can be answered by the ride leader(whose phone number is listed).

If you don't see rides you like,please call the ride chairman, Gregg Benning and volunteer to lead the ride of your choice(your pace,your distance,your route).

Consult ride schedule for leader.

Ride Schedule

JUNE 1986

	SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
Lake of the Woods Plaza to Brimfield for breakfast; 30 mi.; 8 AM Jim H 243-9313	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Time Trial (TT) Mossville; 7 AM Show & Go (S&G) Wash. Sq.; 8:30AM
Groveland Grade School to Pekin for breakfast 30 mi.; 8:30 AM Peggy T. 387-6617	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 TT-Mossville 7 AM S&G-Wash. Sq. 8:30 AM
Wash. Sq. to Goodfield for breakfast 35 mi.; 8 AM Sam J. 676-1857	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 PEDAL-IN
<b>PEDAL-IN</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 TT-Mossville 7 AM S&G-Wash. Sq. 8:30 AM
Pekin Ins. to Delavan for breakfast 30 mi.; 7:30 AM Gary S. 346-2008	29	30					

\* RIDE OF THE MONTH

See reverse side for ride description

Future rides:  
7/6 Morton Field Shopping Center  
to Bloomington (eat there); 70 miles



# Pedal-In '86, June 21 & 22

## PEDAL 'ROUND PEORIA TOWN

Get your application in early for the Annual IVW Pedal-In. This year we want to get all bike riders in the Peoria Area out on our ride. Why not invite all your friends and neighbors out to what promises to be Peoria's best invitational ride.

Order your shirt now. Remember there won't be a pedal patch because we're trying something new....a picture of each rider at the start!

This year's ride begins at the River City Athletic Club (8603 N. University). Registration begins at 6:30 AM on Saturday and 7:30 on Sunday. Registration closes at 10:30 AM on both days. Those wishing to ride 100 miles on Saturday are encouraged to begin by 9:00 AM.

The registration fee includes the following: well marked routes, personal maps, souvenir photo, fanny flags, great food and drinks at the food stops, some of the best roads in central Illinois, and support vehicle service provided by Vitesse Cycle Shop and Russell's Cycle World.

So get in shape and get your application in early

### Registration Form

*Please type or print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BIKE CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian if registrant under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BIKE CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian if registrant under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

In signing this form for myself or for the above named participant (if he or she is under 18), I understand and agree to absolve all of the sponsors and organizers, be they individuals or organizations, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in Pedal-In '86 or in any of the activities associated with said event.

Please check the options of your choice and enter the appropriate amounts in the right-hand columns.

	<i>EACH X QUANTITY =</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday ride (25, 50, 62.5 & 100 Miles)	\$7.00 _____	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday ride (35 miles)	\$2.00 _____	= \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Souvenir T-shirt (All orders must be placed by May 31)	\$7.00 _____	= \$ _____
Size <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL(Men's sizes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration fee (Only applies to registrations postmarked after May 31, 1986)	\$2.00 _____	= \$ _____
		<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please send remittance with Registration Form.  
Make check payable and mail to:

**ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN**  
c/o Bill Semmens  
4224 N. University  
Peoria, IL 61614



Folks of Note ---

A veteran of the IVW since 1973, Ron Anderson of Washington, has lived in the tri-county area since graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1965. A product performance engineer for Caterpillar, Ron has managed to have the fewest problems with cheap plastic derailleurs of any cyclist in the Peoria area. A Peugeot rider, the 42 year old says the Spring Break-out is his favorite club ride, regardless of its location. Ron has ridden around 4200 miles since 1983 and Northern Tazewell County is home to most of those miles.

Ron has contributed quite a bit of time to the IVW over the years. President of the club in 1977 & '78, Ron has also served as secretary for two years ('75 & '80); as treasurer in '75; ride chairman in 1976; and as program chairman in 1982.

Also a member of the LAW, Ron enjoys the diversity of backgrounds IVW members have. You'll probably see Ron on the next rides around Washington.

Dave Glackin says he prefers two wheels to four, both as a motorcyclist (Honda Sabre) and bicyclist (Trek 720). Dave joined the club 5 years ago, basically because he got tired of riding alone. Mapleton and Glasford are favorite places to ride although Dave admits that Cottonwood Road isn't nearly as interesting since they blew up the strip mine shovel.

Dave averages about 3000 miles a year and enjoys the Peoria Wednesday night social rides. In fact, Dave's first club ride was a Wednesday ride from the McClure library with Joe and Dodie Mugavero.

Dave is an ex-smoker and started riding because he felt he was out of shape while catching up on thirty. Dave is now known as "that skinny guy" before whom the steepest of hills kneel. Not suprisingly, the Hilly Hundred in Bloomington, Indiana is Dave's favorite out of town ride.

One of many on the ten and out program at Cat, Dave is now studying mechanical engineering at ICC and works part time at Vitesse Cycle Shop.

Jean Waycuilus is currently the secretary of the IVW. Most of her riding takes place in the East Peoria, Morton, Washington area. Jean joined the IVW along with husband Jim in 1985 and has given two great programs about their trips in Europe by bicycle.

Jean is a registered nurse and currently works at the Fondulac Nursing Manor. She also holds a B.A. in history from Eastern Illinois University. Jean would like to see the IVW to emphasize safety both to the community and among club riders.

Jean has been a resident of this area for eight years. Rumor has it that Jean is secretly heading an effort to kidnap great French cooks, bring them to the tri-county area, and have them cook for the IVW breakfast rides.

Time Trial Results

	4/19	4/26	5/3	5/10
	58°	72°	42°	57°
	So.Winds	Strong	North	East
		East wind	wind	wind
M.Koel	31:25	30:05		29:51
R.Love	29:58			27:32
E.Kumpf	27:12			25:30
R.Hilsbos	30:09	27:51	28:48	
B.Stewart 29:01	27:44	27:44		
D.Balvaziz	29:05			27:29
J.McPherson	30:19			
D.Johnson	25:16		24:40	
J.Smith		27:47		
D.McCollum		29:19		29:55
M.Hamm		29:02		
T.Gambogi			28:57	28:38
J.Eschelman				32:15
D.Tresenriter				23:50
P.Brecher				29:31
P.Clark				27:11
D.Harris				26:16
E.Carlson				25:48
R.Senneff				25:28
B.Rickett				23:54
R.Gambogi			35:26	35:49
D.Kumpf				29:32
M.Kelly				





1986 IVM MEMBERSHIP

DATE

NAME(S) OF APPLICANT(S)

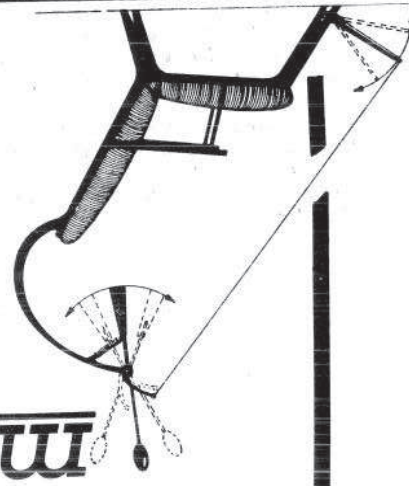
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STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

DUES: \$10 individual, \$12 family; Mail to: Illinois Valley Wheelmen  
6518 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614




# meeting

May is an ancient Sino-Hindu word for mystery and the program for this month exemplifies (and nearly personifies) the word's definition, as the exact program is unknown. But, rest assured that a program does exist (although somewhat existentially) and will be presented after the brief business meeting May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Location is Safetytown. Previous suggestions have included spelling tips, how to report tips, and the function of the Id in Japanese society. Can you afford not to attend? (The preferred answer is negative.) As always that distant cousin of Vana White's, the loquacious Nancy Beck will provide the refreshments.

FOR SALE:

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387-6117



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