

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN



PRESIDENT'S NOTES ---

This is my last column written as president of the Illinois Valley Wheelmen. After two years, I can't say all my goals have been reached; in fact, I am appalled at how little I accomplished. On the other hand, it is gratifying to witness the accomplishments of officers and other volunteers to improve the quality of this club. More members administer various aspects of the club and future growth in overall numbers and active participation is promising.

Financially, the IVW is stronger. There were times in the past when June Cowan would write a personal check to cover newsletter costs. Now, if weather wipes out an invitational ride, the financial loss is not devastating.

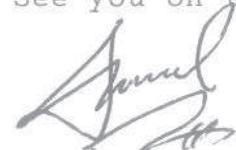
There are more rides per week to choose from; members have an easier time finding a ride to meet their demands of time and physical condition.

There is room for improvement in the quality and range of club activities. If the club was perfect, I doubt it would have elected me as president at all, let alone twice. I will be available to the next Executive Committee for advice on priorities if they ask for it. I encourage club members to get to know their new officers and let them know what you expect from a successful club.

As you read last month, I will be working on a new IVW committee. A proposed mission statement is included in this newsletter for your suggestions and comments. If this committee accomplishes only a fraction of its goals, all cyclists in the Tri-county area will benefit. This committee must rely on the active support and participation of club members. If this committee can't display the numbers in support of improvement, its suggestions are likely to be disregarded. (Ex.-- everyone drives cars; why should a few cyclists be catered to?)

I have a lot more miles to bicycle as an active and participating member of the IVW. I hope you do as well. Attend the annual meeting and determine the course the IVW will follow in 1987.

See you on the road,



MISSION STATEMENT OF
THE ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN'S
BICYCLE AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Our goal is to provide for the practical, safe, and enjoyable use of bicycles and non-motorized vehicles for transportation or pleasure by involving the public and private sectors through awareness and action in three areas -- education, engineering, and enforcement.

EDUCATION

The committee will:

- . Promote cyclists' awareness of their rights and responsibilities
- . Promote motorists' awareness of cyclists' rights and responsibilities
- . Encourage schools to provide proper instruction and resource information
- . Encourage driver education instructors to include cyclists' right to the road in their classes

ENGINEERING

The committee will:

- . Encourage the appropriate party(ies) to provide bicycle access in any new construction
- . Recommend priorities for facility improvements and construction such as bicycle responsive traffic signals, road widening, bike lanes (where appropriate), parking facilities, etc.
- . Underscore the importance of proper maintenance of roads and facilities as contributing to the safety of the cyclist
- . Monitor road and facility maintenance and make proper recommendations to appropriate parties

ENFORCEMENT

The committee will:

- . Review current code and codes of other cities and create a model code and lobby for its adoption
- . Encourage necessary and proper enforcement of bicycle laws

DECEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE

WINTER BREAKFAST RIDES

Breakfast rides during the winter should not be missed. Even when it was 25 below last winter we would show up. When the weather is just too much, there's plenty of conversation and hot coffee. When conditions permit, we go for a short ride after breakfast, usually only 10 to 20 miles. Join us.

SUNDAY

- 12/7 Newell's (127 Junction Ave., E. Peoria)
- 12/14 Country Bee Restaurant (Kickapoo - near I-74 Exit)
- 12/21 Washington Family Restaurant
- 12/28 Cunnins Family Restaurant (Pioneer Parkway & Knoxville)

** Breakfast rides meet at 8:30 AM. Eat first, then ride (or at think about it.)

SATURDAY

WASHINGTON SQUARE SHOW & GO. Ride leaves Washington Square every Saturday morning (weather permitting) and goes to destinations unknown. Destination, i.e. where to eat breakfast, determined by weather. (Wind determines direction and temperature distance.) Ride leaves at 8:30 AM

TOUR OF THE SCIOTO RIVER VALLEY

TOSRV is one of the oldest, largest, and enjoyable rides in the whole country. Each Mother's Day weekend over 5,000 bicyclists from all over the nation get together in Columbus, Ohio to begin a 200 mile round-trip ride to Portsmouth, Ohio. Starting from the State Capitol Building, the route leads south along the Scioto River. The small town of Portsmouth, on the Ohio River, literally opens all of its doors to accommodate the mass of bicyclists.

If you are even remotely considering going next year, now is the time to begin planning. The Columbus AYH mails out all the applications on February 1. By Feb. 10, the ride is usually completely sold out. So mail your request for an application soon. Include a legal size S.A.S.E. and mail to TOSRV, Columbus AYH, P. O. Box 23111, Columbus O. 43223

In the meantime you can find out who else might be going. Get together with a few others and carpool there. In the past several of us leave early on Friday, usually getting in with plenty of time to go out for a good meal.

The following is an excerpt from the Daily Cyclist Sept/Oct 86 issue, which is published by the London Cycling Campaign Ltd. A big thanks to Marty Trumpold for submitting it thereby making the newsletter (and club) somewhat international.

LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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CYCLISTS BLOCKADE WESTMINSTER BRIDGE

NEWS RELEASE
Tuesday August 5th 1986

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Cyclists today blockaded Westminster Bridge. They were protesting at the London Residuary Beaurocracy's act of removing a special traffic light controlled cycle crossing from the southern end of the bridge.

The London Cycling Campaign fears that this is just the start of the removal of bicycle safety facilities Londonwide.

Due to the chaos left after GLC abolition the four bodies involved with administering this cycle route have made it unuseable to cyclists and have forced them back onto the dangerous York Road roundabout.

The LCC called for the bodies concerned to get their act together to re-establish the scheme before a cyclist is killed.

After the demonstration, the cyclists challenged Sir Godfrey Taylor, Chairman of the London Residuary Body, to show that the road was safe without the crossing. They even provided a chauffeur ridden tandem. In his absence though the demonstrators found a lookalike to take his place. Traffic was brought to a standstill until police arrived to clear the area.

RELEASE ENDS

* Minister of Transport speaking on BBC TV May 1986.

For further details or interview tel 928-7220 or 928-2318 ask for Tim Pheby until 11pm tonight or office hours tomorrow.

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WINTER OUTDOOR SPORTS

Winter does not mean you can't bicycle till spring comes around. You just have to prepare better for the cold weather. The Sierra Club is having a program which should be of interest to anyone who wants to enjoy some outdoor activity this winter.

So attend the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club's Winter Sports and Safety Preview. It's scheduled Wednesday, November 19 at the Forest Park Nature Center for 7:30 pm. For more information call Randy at 692-9513.

DIANE'S RIDE FINAL REPORT

Many thanks need to go to all those who made Diane's Ride the great success it was. Putting on such an event is no small task. The enthusiasm with which the work was done was very impressive. Several members deserve special mention. Maureen Kelly, registration; Roger Jensen, food stops; Val Jones, June Cowan, Cindy Johnson, Nancy Beckler, breakfast and picnic; Sam Joslin, sag; Jean Holloway, our own Miss Cookie; Dean Grethey, IVW signs & parking; and Carl Ziegler, who cooked all those pork chops.

Others who deserve mention include Bev Russell, Mrs. Art Brecher, Jean Wyculis, Marty Hamm, Susan McCarthy, Alan Crosland and the Canton Water Dept., Vitesse Bicycle, Joe Russell and Russell's Cycle World, the Township of Kingston Mines, Zion Penn Ridge Lutheran Church, Lake Camelot Round Table Association. If I forgot someone, I apologize. Tell me at the annual meeting and I'll see to it.

Thank you to all 173 riders. You came from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, and Missouri. I regret not having had a chance to see or ride with all of you the day of the ride. I thought it only fair that I ride the century. Just as I said it would be, it was challenging. Mary Jones of South Bend Ind. said it was one of the most difficult rides she had ever done.

As you remember, we solicited contributions for the Wayne Phillips Fund. Riders donated \$79.00. I've asked the club to donate something out of our own funds. Even though Diane's Ride lost several hundred dollars, I know you feel the money was well spent. If we have pork chops again next year, we'll buy them when the price of pork is down.

Next year? I would like to again co-ordinate the club's summer century. Let me know how we can improve upon this year's event. What did we do wrong? What did we do right that we can do even better? But was Diane's Ride something that should be done only once.? Or, do you feel that the ride is the way you want to remember her?

Ron

1986 IVW MEMBERSHIP

DATE

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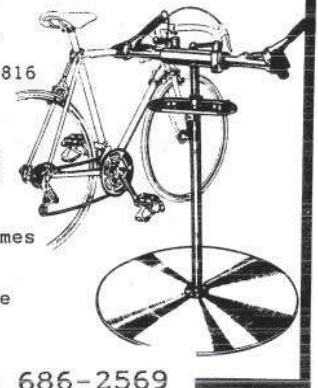
FOR SALE:

RACER MATE;2 years old;\$50.
675-6021 (days)
444-3663 (evenings)
Ask for Chris.

¶ The ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN is an incorporated non-profit organization of more than 20 but less than 300 members in the tri-county area. There are various folk in charge of different legs of this curious animal:

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