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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

MARCH 1988

MARCH RIDE OF THE MONTH

The Ride of the Month for March is the O'LEARY'S ride on March 20th. Meet at 3300 W. Willow Knolls Rd. at 8:30 a.m. for a sumptuous breakfast and then a wonderful ride in the countryside with the new spring flowers, twittering birdies, and probably another sneaky snowstorm or hurricane.

IVW BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH

The Board meeting for March will be held at Marty Thompson's, 1511 W. Gilbert, on March 6th, at 3:00 p.m. Any member may attend board meetings.

THE JANUARY MEETING

Jeannie Gullett mentioned that there is a mountain bike ride every Sunday starting at 3:00 p.m. from Detwieller Park. If you need information, contact Jeannie Gullett at Vitesse Cycle Shop in Peoria, Hts.

George Burrier made a presentation concerning the Rails to Trails issue in our area. The Prairie Land Trail, which involves our area was asked to be endorsed by our club. The McLean County Wheelers and the Decatur FreeWheelers are interested in getting together for a ride, possibly starting at Atlanta, Il. and using some of the new trail. Anybody interested? Then Treats.....then adjourned.

I.V.W. BOARD MEETING (Jan. 5th)

1. The 1988 budget was discussed. (see later in newsletter)
2. We decided to have door prizes at monthly meetings.
3. We discussed having sign-upsheets at rides and a little more organization on the part of ride leaders during this season's rides.
4. One of the goals this year is to get new members more involved in club functions.
5. Decided to send out an empty newsletter to members who have not renewed and to ex-members in an attempt to get people to renew their memberships. Newsletters will not be given to the local bikeshops to hand out as freebies. The new deadline for news to be sent to the editor will be the 20th of the prior month, so that the newsletters can be received by the membership by the first of each month.
6. We will seek volunteers to bring treats to the monthly meetings and reimburse them for costs incurred.

respectfully submitted,

Marty Thompson, Sect.

PLANNING ON A TOUR?

If you are planning on or thinking about going on an organized professional tour, there are some items you should check on before plunking down the dollars. I have tried to list some of the more important items below.

1. What is the complete cost and what do you get for your money?
2. What is the itinerary?
3. Are there leaders, and how qualified are the leaders.
4. Will sag and other services be provided/ What type of services?
5. What is weather outlook and what are roads or route conditions.
6. What age group usually goes on this type of tour. How many riders?
7. What are accommodations going to be?
8. What about rental bikes? Quality? Can you bring your own bike?

Check around the club membership to see if anyone in the club has taken a tour you are thinking about going on. Ask the tour organizers for references.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FEB MTNG.

This meeting dealt with the ride schedule for this coming year. There will be guidelines for rides for the ride leaders and everyone else to follow. The Saturday morning ride was brought up and will stand as is---a go at your own risk ride for hearty souls and not recommended for novice riders. There will be no real leaders or sweeps.

The board voted to support the Rails to Trails program by donating \$200. The issue of whether or not to donate the money will be voted on at the next general membership meeting. If you have any pros or cons come to the next meeting.

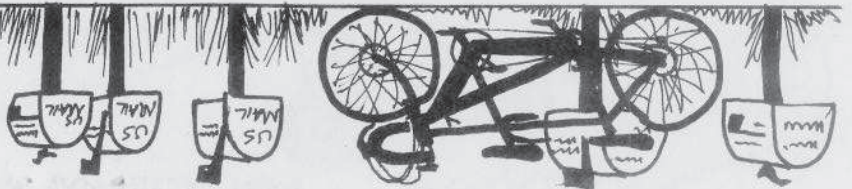
If you have any suggestions for spending the club's money or programs or rides, come to the next general membership meeting. (March 24, 1988) You could also let board members know of your feelings and opinions by contacting them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

02-Feb-88

ACCOUNT NAMES	YEARLY INCOME	BUDGETED INCOME	YEARLY EXPENSES	BUDGETED EXPENSES	NET
MEMBERSHIP	\$840.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$840.00
PEDAL-IN	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
DIANE'S RIDE	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
WHALE	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
SALES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEWSLETTER		\$0.00	(\$405.45)	\$1,800.00	(\$405.45)
ANNUAL DINNER		\$0.00	(\$10.48)	\$400.00	(\$10.48)
INTEREST	\$31.85	\$60.00		\$0.00	\$31.85
PUBLICITY		\$0.00		\$200.00	\$0.00
PRESIDENT		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
SECRETARY		\$0.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
RIDE CHAIRMAN		\$0.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
MMETINGS		\$0.00	(\$79.99)	\$800.00	(\$79.99)
TRAILER		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
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TREASURER		\$0.00		\$100.00	
TOTALS	\$871.85	\$8,260.00	(\$495.92)	\$7,400.00	\$375.93
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,251.69				
YR. TO DATE INCOME	\$871.85	CHECK BALANCE:	\$1,068.79		
YR. TO DATE EXPENSE	(\$495.92)	SAVING BALANCE:	\$2,558.83		
CLUB WORTH	\$3,627.62	CLUB WORTH	\$3,627.62		

From the Mailbox



Below are listed some of the more prominent midwestern rides that the IWM members sometimes travel on. When the dates of these events reach the editor of this newsletter they will be included in the out-of-town mailbox section. WATCH FOR THEM!

Carter LeBeau's group of Iowa rides:

T.O.G.I.R. VII (The Other Great Iowa Ride) June 18-24, 1988

T.I.G.E.R. V (Tour Iowa's Great Eastern Region) August 13-14, 1988

L.I.O.N. IV (Loop Iowa's Outstanding Northeast) July 9-10, 1988

B.E.A.R. III (Bicycle Early Agricultural Roads) July 29-31, 1988

If you seek to have the brochures sent to you for these rides, contact: TOGIR TOURS, 2325 Fulton Ave., Davenport, Iowa 52803

R.A.G.B.R.A.I. XVI (Registrar's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa)

Is set for July 24-30. Map and data coming later. Fee is 25.00, and April 1st is the deadline for entry. contact; RAGBRAI, P.O. Box 622, Des Moines, Iowa 50303

TOURING INFORMATION

T.M.O.R.V. II entry forms are out! This annual "Tour of the Mississippi River Valley" sponsored by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club is a favorite of many I.V.W. riders and will be held this year on June 11 & 12. Registration fees are from \$30 to \$40 depending on how early you send it in. Obtain registration forms at local bike shops or by contacting: Joanie Richards, 2839 E. 32nd St., Davenport, Iowa 52807 (188 miles covered over 2 days, dorms available at extra cost, door prizes, sag service and more)

T.R.I.R.I. (The Ride in Rural Indiana) June 19-25, 1988
 This ride of between 75-100 participants covers 400-500 miles. Contact Joe or Barb Anderson, Bloomington Bicycle Club, Bloomington, Indiana Phone; 812-332-6028

BIKE WISCONSIN TOURS

The 1988 catalog has been issued from Bike Wisconsin Tours, Ltd. P.O. Box 9309, Madison, Wisc. 53715, 608/238-BIKE. This catalog lists a wide variety of two to five day rides throughout Wisconsin from \$195 to \$525, many staying at some interesting and historical sites. For info write above address.

GRABAWR
 The Great annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River will take place July 3-8, 1988. For info contact: GRABAWR, Common Coause, 16 N. Carroll St. (310) Madison, WI. 53703

1988 SILVER SPRINGS SIXTY

The Aurora Bicycle Club sponsors this 14th annual affair to be held on April 24, 1988. 25, 50 or 60 mile marked routes with sag, 775 riders in '87, 1000 limit in '88, chicken dinner, patch and rest stop goodies. If interested in info or application contact: D. Grethey (IWM newsletter editor) 2302 Sheridan Pekin, IL 61554 or area bike shops.

Ride Calendar

SATURDAY MORNING RIDE (every Sat. year round)

This ride starts at 8:30 a.m. on the square in Washington, Il. and usually travels to one of the nearby towns for breakfast and then returns to the square. This ride is a **show-n-go**, so there is no ride leader or sweep and everyone is really "on their own" as far a pace of the ride goes. Length is usually 25 to 40 miles. Please park on the streets away from the square or in the off-square parking lots.

WINTER RIDE SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY RIDES

During the winter months the IVW rides on sunday morning are EAT FIRST and then ride if the weather permits or if the riders present desire to brave the elements.

SUN MAR. 6	CUMMINS FAMILY RESTAURANT 7929 N. Knoxville, Peoria	8:30 a.m.
SUN MAR. 13	BRIMFIELD AMERICAN LEGION	8:30 a.m.
SUN MAR. 20	O'LEARY'S 3300 W. Willow Knolls Rd. Peoria, Il.	8:30 a.m.
SUN. MAR. 27	NEWELL'S RESTAURANT Rt. 8 & 150 , East Peoria, Il.	8:30 a.m.
SUN APR. 3	EASTER SUNDAY RIDE WITH THE BUNNIES Charter Oak School will be the setting for this show-n-go led by Gwen Chandler.	1:00 p.m.
SUN APR. 10	ride of the month ANNUAL SPRING BREAK-OUT Washington square to metamora (25 mile novice ride to the American Legion for pancakes and sausage) leader; Jack Welch (387-6117)	8:30 a.m.

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Attend the monthly meeting at SAFETY TOWN, 6815 N. Sheridan on Thursday March 24, 1988 and get in on the good eats, door prize and a super evening of bicycle talk and whatever else those goofy tightpants people do.



VERMONT BICYCLE TOURING

Obtain information about these tours by contacting: Vermont Bicycle Tours, Box 711, Bristol, VT 05443

BIKECENTENNIAL TOURS

Obtain information about BikeCentennial by writing P.O. Box 8308, Missoula, MT. 59807. Membership (annual) is \$22.

Easter Ride (April 3, 1988)

This Bunny biking bash will be a Show-n-go, starting at Charter Oak school at 1:00 p.m. and will be led by Gwen Chandler

President's Column

In spite of the snow, the IVW Executive Board met to discuss and plan the 1988 ride schedule. At this time, we outlined our goals for the 1988 Riding Year.

I hope to see a new commitment to safety from our club and the members. It seems that the safety emphasis has really declined in the past years. Our safety goals center around the following basic rules:

1. Obey all traffic signals
2. Use hand signals
3. Ride no more than 2 abreast in open areas, single file in traffic areas
4. Use and listen to verbal warnings, such as, car up/back, braking, on your left/right etc.
5. When you/we stop, pull off the road beyond the intersection or stop sign
6. Maintain your equipment
7. Wear a helmet

Jim has suggested to the State Police Information Officer that bicycle safety be included in the Defensive Driving course. We are pursuing this suggestion as it seems a good way to reach a large number of motorists.

We would like to see a video on bicycle safety available to everyone. We are not sure if one is now available so we will check into this. If we cannot locate one then we are considering producing one. So, we need the help of all the talented IVW members.

Another goal this year is the development of new guidelines for Ride Leaders and a Ride Rating System. Gwen and Ron Chandler have been working on this and we will see more of it as the ride schedule develops.

Now is the time to make known your opinions/suggestions on bicycle safety, rides, ride leaders, ride rating or anything else on your mind. Also, now is the time to volunteer to lead a ride or help with a program or bring refreshments. Contact me or any Board member. J.W.

RACE REPORT

On January 19th, the Vitesse Racing Team had its annual meeting for election of officers for 1988. Ken Beckler was elected president. Ken, as most of you know, has been racing and riding with the IVW since he was just a young lad. If anyone has any questions about the racing club or its functions, Ken or I would be more than ready to answer them. However, be forewarned that Ken and I rarely answer anything in phrases of 500 words or less.

The Illinois Cycling Association has published a tentative list of races for the upcoming year. Schedules of races are always very sketchy at this time of year, but here is a list of the more popular ones as it stands right now.

4/09/88	Prairie B.C. Criterium	Champaign
5/30/88	Quad Cities Criterium	Moline
6/05/88	State 40K Time Trial	Walnut
6/12/88	State Road Race *	Coleta
6/18/88	Zion Criterium	Zion
6/19/88	Northbrook Criterium	Northbrook
7/2-4/88	South Chicago Series	So. Chicago
7/10/88	West Sub. Criterium	Aurora
7/24/88	Pepsi Criterium	Crystal Lake
8/07/88	State Criterium **	Chicago
8/27/88	Bloomington Road Race	Danvers
8/28/88	Bloomington Criterium	Bloomington
9/18/88	Al Stern Road Race	Northeast Ill.
10/02/88	Comalara Cyclecross	Normal
11/27/88	State Cyclecross	Chicago

*Daryl Johnson-Current Sr. Champion

**Dennis Tresenriter-Current Vet. Champion

One more thing that I would like to mention, is that the Vitesse Racing Team is currently having roller rides at the Vitesse Rollerdrome (Vitesse Bicycle Shop) on Prospect in Peoria Heights from 6 to 8PM on Wednesdays. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring your own rollers if possible. Professional advice and tall stories will be provided by team members free of charge.

Denny Tresenriter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're glad to have you with us.

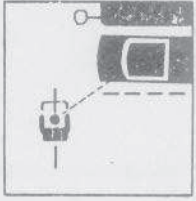
Terri Avila	Chillicothe, IL
Edwin Brockway Family	Washington, IL
Carl DeBoer Family	Peoria, IL
Denny Kubal Family	East Peoria, IL
Dennis Landwehr	Bartonville, IL
Jeff and Pam Sarff	Peoria, IL
Jerry Smith	North Pekin, IL
Mark and Sandy Standley	Peoria, IL
Albert J. Tony	Peoria, IL

WELCOME BACK OLD MEMBERS.

We're glad you are back. We missed you.
(Back after one year or more)

Joyce Blumenshine	Peoria, IL
Charles T. Ruppman	Peoria, IL
Fred Silzer Family	Elmwood, IL
Rick Steele	Richton Pk., IL
LaVerne Weems	Chillicothe, IL

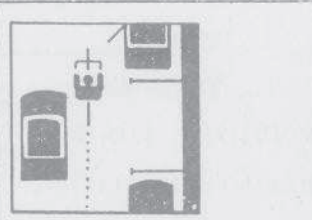
RIDE LIKE A PRO



Watch for cars pulling out.
Make eye contact with drivers. Assume they don't see you until you are sure they do.



Avoid road hazards. Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks and speed bumps carefully at right angles.



Ride in a straight line whenever possible and ride with traffic. Keep to the right, but stay about a car door width away from parked cars.

DIAGRAMS COURTESY OF THE PORTLAND, ORE. BICYCLE PROGRAM

A CHALLENGE TO ALL MEMBERS

What unique or interesting methods do you have for getting rid of pesky dogs who harass you while you're riding? Send your thoughts to the Editor and see what weirdness your fellow riders use on the ankle biter set.
D. Grethey, 2302 Sheridan, Pekin, Il. 61554

THE LIBRARY CORNER

As spring draws near we bicycle riders begin to psyche ourselves up for the coming riding season. One way that we in the Library Corner get up for the new spring is by reading the latest books about our pastime. We would like to share with you some of the better books of the 1988 book year.

ZEN AND THE ART OF BICYCLE REPAIR: by Mahatma Sam

A philosophical look at why we must keep our chains oiled religiously.

THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY SCHWINN: by Mark Chain

A rereleased classic worth rereading.

THE BICYCLISTS MANIFESTO: by Carl Marks

Groucho's lesser known, older brother, explains his plans for world domination by cyclists.

A FAIRWELL TO CRANKARMS: by Earnest Thataway

A magnificent and tender tale of bicycles on the Italian front in WW I, this novel is among the most enduring works of fiction produced in this century.

GOD IS MY TANDEM PARTNER: by Col. Robert L. Scott

The true story of an American bicyclist during the battle over the Burma Road and in enemy-occupied China written in the heat of combat. This remains one of the really great stories of cycle warfare.

GONE WITH THE WIND: by Peggy Tresenriter

A flaming epic of touring and racing in the Old South and the tragedy of a stiff.....head wind.

If you have problems locating any of these books at your neighborhood book store, feel free to contact us at the library corner.

LUCY LIBRETTO AND MIKE MYOPIC

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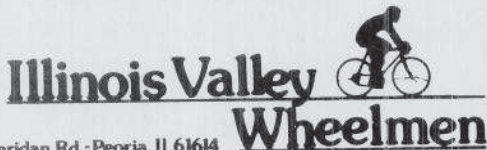
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The ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN is an incorporated non-profit organization of more than 20 but less than 300 members in the tri-county area.

Newsletters are distributed about 11 times each year through bulk third class mail. The newsletter will not be forwarded so let the membership chairperson know if you plan to move or are not getting your newsletter.

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