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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

JUNE 1988

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I'm sure by now we are all aware of the tragic death of Rev. Thomas Triebel. Our sympathies are certainly with his family and friends.

As I consider bicycling this spring safety is foremost in my mind. The death of Rev. Triebel is only one of the many indicators that we all need to reconsider bicycle safety.

Let us all hope that the May 21st letter in the Journal Star represents the minority opinion of car drivers. For those who didn't see it, the gist was that we (bicyclists) flock to narrow roads, drive 3 mph, and cause cars to swerve in and out to pass us. We also don't pay gasoline taxes so we shouldn't be allowed to use the roads (Is there logic somewhere in there??!! I don't think so). I want to thank Chris Drew for the excellent response which was printed in the May 28th Journal Star. This is a beginning educating the public.

Let's all ride defensively and we'll see you on the road!

-Jean Waycuilis

SECRETARY REPORT

Not much has been happening since our May meeting turned into a social gabfest with no speaker.

Biggest news is the proposed name change (see below), so come to the August meeting for some lively discussion and then vote your opinion.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE

There is a proposed Article change that will be voted on during the August meeting by members who are present.

The current Article I, #1 reads: The name of the Organization shall be the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n.

The proposed Article I, #1 reads: The name of the Organization shall be the Illinois Valley Wheelers.

JUNE MEETING

The meeting this month will be June 23rd so come and see how much fun all the geese, ganders, and goslings had on "Gear Down With the Geese". Enjoy the trip down memory lane (of three weeks before!).

LEAGUE NEWS

Recently, Vitesse, Peoria Bicycle, and Russell's Cycle have signed on as supporting members of the League of American Wheelmen. The League is fighting to preserve our right to travel freely on public roads. But the L.A.W. needs your individual support as well. Although the I.V.W. is affiliated with the League, relatively few of us belong as singular members. The League needs and deserves the support of all of us. Please join today.

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE COURSE

You've asked for it, and now Illinois Central College will be offering a course in basic bicycle maintenance. The program, which will meet on Saturday mornings, starts in late August with the fall semester. For more information check the summer-fall schedule of classes at I.C.C.

FOR EVERY PROBLEM . . .

. . . there is a solution. From USA TODAY: (Beijing, China) Ziao Guoqi was executed last week shortly after being convicted of stealing 74 bicycles. (Thanks to Don Jacobs for bringing this item of enlightened justice to our attention).

THE NEWSLETTER . . .

. . . is kind of thin this month because only the usual few reliable people sent anything in. Hey, the club can afford to print eight instead of six pages so lets hear from some more of you. Certainly you have some opinions or something you can contribute.

WANT ADS !!!

FOR SALE: CANNONDALE "Bugger", call after 5:00pm, 691-8539.

FOR SALE: 24" Wheel youngsters 10-speed RAMPAR by Raleigh, everything works, good tires, \$65.00. Call Chris Drew, 692-6161 or 699-4005.

HELP WANTED: Stoker for tandem. No experience necessary. On the bike training for an enthusiastic person. Salary consists of good times. Benefits include exhilarating downhills. Call Ron Matuska 697-9009.

FOR SALE: Car top carrier, Graber, holds four-bikes, \$45.00, 692-6161.

Bicycle related ads are free to IVW members. Mail or phone them to the newsletter editor (692-6161).

RIDE CALENDAR

TUESDAY EVENINGS

MORTON NOVICE, Field Shopping Center, early season 10 miles increasing to
6:00 PM 20 later in summer. Ride Leader: Peggy Tresenriter (387-6617).

PEORIA ALL LEVELS, Commercial Bank Branch lot, North University Street at
6:00 PM Pioneer Parkway, 10-20 miles. Ride Leader: Bill Wright (685-8549).

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

PEORIA NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE social ride. June starting place is Banner
6:00 PM School, Allen Road at Cedar Hills Drive; July we start at Mossville
Grade School, Old Galena Road behind CAT, 15-20 miles. Different
ride leader each week. Break bread with us after the ride at Avan-
ti's on Sterling (EXCEPT June 22, see other side of page!).

WASHINGTON NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE, Washington Square, 10-20 miles.
6:30 PM Show and Go.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

WASHINGTON ALL LEVELS, Washington Square, ride to nearby town for breakfast,
8:30 AM usually 25-30 miles. Show and Go. (PLEASE don't park on Square.
Be considerate of the shoppers and local merchants.)

MOSSVILLE TIME TRIALS, Cat Tech Center visitor's lot, 5 miles out, 5 miles
back, timers on hand. Watch your performance improve each week!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

June 12 TOMRV ALTERNATIVE RIDE 8:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Lake of the Woods to Chillicothe, 20 miles of rolling and flat
terrain. Ride Leader: Chris Drew (699-4005).

June 19 FATHERS'S DAY RIDE 8:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Meet at Washington Square. Show & Go. No ride leader.

June 26 RIDE OF THE MONTH 8:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Jewel and Debbie Moyer's home in Hanna City to Kickapoo, 30 miles.
Ride Leaders: Jewel & Debbie Moyer (565-7389).

NOTICE!! TO BEAT THE HEAT DURING JULY AND AUGUST, SUNDAY MORNING RIDES
WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

July 3 CHARTER OAK SCHOOL 7:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Meet at Charter Oak School. Show & Go. No ride leader.

July 10 TEAM CHALLENGE 7:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Meet at Washington Square with your bike, bike bag (if you have
one), watch, pencil, and your wits for Glen's team challenge. Each
team will have riders riding varying distances (20-65 miles depend-
ing on how you want to play the game) - something for everyone!
Ride Leader: Glen Thompson (685-4571).

July 17 RIDE OF THE MONTH 7:30 AM NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE
Meet at ICC tennis courts for a scenic 35 mile ride to Eureka Lake.
Ride Leader: Suzi Woodward (688-2972).

Special IVW rides for your calendar:

3rd Annual Junk Food Ride

June 22, 1988

Meet at Banner School for the usual Wednesday evening ride but instead of Avanti's, we will adjourn to the Benning's house in Lake of the Woods to pig out on calorie laden junk food! This is pot luck, so bring your favorite junk food (The evening's big question will be, How do you spell relief?). For further information, call Liz or Gregg Benning at 243-6296.

Prairieland Trail Ride

June 25-26, 1988

The IVW, McLean County Wheelers, Springfield Bicycle Club, and the Decatur Wheelers will converge on the town of Atlanta, (Ill.) for an overnight rendezvous. Ride is in support of the Prairieland Trail rails-to-trails conversion from Morton to Decatur. Atlanta is arranging camping and/or indoor sleeping accommodations, showers, live music, dinner with the townspeople, interclub/-townspeople softball game, and breakfast. Atlanta offers a well-stocked antique shop, an interesting little library, and a ceramic shop. We will arrange transportation of baggage and persons not wishing to cycle to Atlanta and/or back. We need non-riding volunteers to transport the riders' gear. Bring money for additional meals. Leave from rear of Pekin Mall at 7:00 am. Approximate one-way distance of 50 miles. Map and cue sheets to Atlanta provided. You must call ahead if you want to go as adequate room for gear must be arranged. Non-riders should also call so we can determine how many people to feed. Call the ride leader, Ron Matuska (697-9009).

Diane's Ride

August 28, 1988

Southwest Peoria County and Canton area, 25-50-75-100 mile routes. Planning for this annual event is now in final stages. We need volunteers (especially a cookie chairman)! We would also like to begin training a new events chairman for next year. Now is the time to get involved.

Out-of-town rides that you might find interesting:

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| <u>TOGIR VII</u> | <u>The Other Great Iowa Ride</u> | June 18-24, 1988 |
| <u>LION IV</u> | <u>Loop Iowa's Outstanding Northeast</u> | July 9-10, 1988 |
| <u>BEAR III</u> | <u>Bicycle Early Agricultural Roads</u> | July 29-31, 1988 |
| <u>TIGER V</u> | <u>Tour Iowa's Great Eastern Region</u> | August 13-14, 1988 |

Information on the above tours is available from TOGIR TOURS,
2325 Fulton Ave., Davenport, IA 52803.

TOMRV Tour of the Mississippi River Valley

June 11-12, 1988

Sponsored by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club, 100 miles each day.

Third Annual Spoon River Mountain Bike Ride

July 31, 1988

"Pileup on Polecat Hill", sponsored by the Spoon River Wheelmen, 20-30-45 miles, starts at Putnam Park in Cuba (near Canton), \$7.00 by July 24th, \$9.00 after, registration 6-8 am. Information write SRW, PO Box 353, Canton IL 61520, or call Allan Crossland (1-647-1018) or Dick Casper (1-647-8891).

Apple Cider Century

September 25, 1988

25-50-75-100 mile routes. Information on this Midwestern favorite can be obtained by writing ACC '88, PO Box 5000, Three Oaks, Michigan 49128.

RACE REPORT

The race season is now running along at full speed and there are some important events coming up in the next couple of months both from a racer's as well as a spectators's perspective.

One of the finest races in the area is being held at Oak Park on Sunday, June 5th. There is a \$25,000 prize list which is guaranteed to draw top national competitors. The race is held on a short criterium course designed for maximum speed and spectator viewing. There are also citizen events starting at 8:00am and participation is usually very high. USCF races start at 11:00am with the Cat. 4 race and continues until 5:00pm or so when the Junior events finish. The Pro and Senior 1,2 race is at 2:15 and will be as fast as any race in the country.

On June 12 are the Illinois State Road Races held at Coleta and Darrel Johnson will be there to defend his title. This is a very important event to the racers as they must place here to be eligible to compete at the national championships. Besides Darrel competing the Senior level, Jacob Tresenriter (Parental bragging will be allowed here! -ed.) and Marty Robinson have a chance to win their respective Junior categories. The entire team will be training hard for this one.

One of my favorite races is now a three day stage race. This race is held at Kankakee on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, with a time trial, criterium, and road race. This event is a prestige classic for women and juniors meaning that premier women and juniors from all over will attend. The criterium on July 3rd should be very exciting to see.

One of my main objectives this year is to defend my Illinois Criterium title on July 17th. This very fast course is located in by Buckingham Fountain on the lake front near downtown Chicago.

Marty Hamm is working on a race for Peoria this year to be held August 20th and 21st. We have not had a race in Peoria for several years so this is really something to get behind and support. I will have more on this later as details become available.

The best races in the area are held at Danvers and Bloomington on August 27th and 28th. These are great races and are so convenient to our area to go watch. Last year the racing talent was very good with several national caliber men and women coming to the race. This is definitely a "don't miss" race.

These are just a few of the races being held in our state this year. A good source of race information is Velo-News, available at the bike shops. There is a list of races for the whole country in the back including who to contact for more information. For thrills, spills, and speed, see a race today!

-Denny Tresenriter

A CHANCE TO HELP

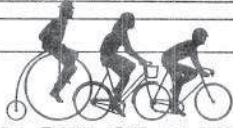
It's getting close to Baillinois 88 - Bicycle Across Illinois on the July 4th weekend. This three day ride starting July 2nd in Galesburg and ending in Pontiac with stops in Peoria and Bloomington is a fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, with all proceeds going to help Central Illinois children at St. Francis and the College of Medicine in Peoria. If you want more information, call Ken Kiley at (work) 655-3714 or (home) 691-8433.

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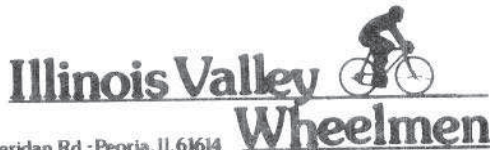
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