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Peoria Ill. 61614



# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

OCTOBER 1988

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be on the 27th at Safety Town on Sheridan Road at 7:30 pm. There will be a safety program by Doug Sumner of Country Companies Insurance. Also we will be voting on the proposed name change.

In addition, EVERYONE is invited to come ONE HOUR EARLIER at 6:30 to participate in an informal discussion about a possible change in the club's leadership structure. Central to this discussion is the idea of running the club with an elected board of directors instead of the present elected officer system. The problems that this attempts to address are the reluctance of many people to run for office due to the burdens of responsibility and the abrupt change in continuity of leadership from year to year. Please come to the meeting early and add your opinions!

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE

There is a proposed Article change that will be voted on during the October 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 Bicycle Club.

## NEWSFLASH! ANNUAL DINNER MEETING!

The Annual Dinner will be Saturday, November 5th, at Avanti's in East Peoria. Cocktails will be at 6:30 (cash bar) and dinner will be at 7:00. We will have a banquet room with Italian buffet (spaghetti, tortellini, meatball, chicken cacciatore, lasagna, salad, beverage & more). The dinner is free to IVW members IF THEY HAVE MADE A RESERVATION with Suzie Woodward by October 21st. Call 688-2972 and talk to Suzie or her answering machine.

We will vote at the Annual Dinner meeting for club awards. If you are not able to attend and wish to vote, contact Marty Thompson, 685-4571. The present nominations are:

### **MOST IMPROVED MALE:**

Dalton Larson  
Bob Munz  
Bob Scroggs

### **MOST IMPROVED FEMALE:**

Jan Ketchmark  
Bonnie Munz  
Mary Scroggs  
Susie Townsend

### **HUB OF THE CLUB:**

Chris Drew  
Jeannie Gullett  
Roger Jensen  
Neal McMeekan  
Peggy Tresenriter

## AN OPINION ON THE NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

When the initial name change proposal was discussed (and defeated) at the August meeting I suggested that we rename ourselves the "Peoria Bicycle Club". In addition to stating exactly who we are, the name leaves no doubt as to where our club is based. Our current name - and the latest proposal, "Illinois Valley Bicycle Club" - are not so good in that respect. Don't we always refer to Peoria anyway when we're at out-of-town events and are asked where we're from? Those of us from the smaller communities of Washington, Chillicothe, etc. have to do that. I suppose that if some members felt that using "Peoria" was too specific, we could use "Peoria Area" or "Greater Peoria" - but why? Let's keep it simple. Another Peoria Bicycle Club was an important part of Peoria's history 100 years ago. So, while the "Peoria Bicycle Club" name is a very practical, non-sexist name, it's also one which we can proudly resurrect.

I would like to urge defeat of the "Illinois Valley Bicycle Club" name proposal at the October meeting and adoption of "Peoria Bicycle Club" as soon as our by-laws permit.

- Ron Anderson, Washington

### FROM THE EDITOR

Ron Anderson's suggestion for a new name for our club (see above) is a good one and it probably is the second most mentioned choice for our name. I would have no problem supporting this change if it is the majority choice; it certainly is practical.

Ron is a long time member of the IVW and he is trying to overcome a second problem that some people have found with our present name: geographical identity. It is admirable that he, being from Washington, does not find the name "Peoria" too specific, as do several other club members from outlying communities. It is because of this often-expressed "community pride" of our suburban members that I am in favor of keeping the now traditional "Illinois Valley" in our name.

We do encompass a large geographical area including Pekin, which is not a suburb, but a substantial city in its own right. I feel geographical identity is only a small problem; the real problem we are trying to address is the obvious sexism of our present name. There are many other clubs around us that also have names that do not include a city: Bay Shore Bicycle Club (Green Bay), Blackhawk Bicycle Club (Rockford), and Prairie Cycle Club (Urbana), to name a few. Of course there are many more that do include their city's name, so Ron's suggestion does have precedent.

If you choose to reject the "Illinois Valley Bicycle Club" proposal then several members have volunteered to form a committee to explore possible names for the club. I hope this committee never has to be formed. We have much more important things for these good people to do than endless debates over our club's name! Let's get this issue behind us now.

I like the name "Illinois Valley". It has a lovely flow to it; it sounds "countryside" like the good things we enjoy about bicycling and the outdoors. It is the good part of our present name and represents the best part of our geography. Let's keep it. Let's just change the part that some of our members find objectionable (the old saw about babies and bath water applies here).

Constitutional changes require two-thirds support of members present. There are many other name choices that have some support but this is one that, while maybe not everyone's favorite, can be supported by most of us. I urge you to attend the October meeting and vote for it.

- Chris Drew

## RIDE CALENDAR

EVENING RIDES WILL CONTINUE WHILE THERE IS SUFFICIENT DAYLIGHT!  
(THEY WILL POSITIVELY END AFTER WITH THE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME)

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

MORTON, 5:30 PM, NOVICE. Field Shopping Center, about 15-20 miles. Ride Leader: Peggy Tresenriter (387-6617).

PEORIA, 5:30 PM, ALL LEVELS. Commercial Bank lot, University at Pioneer Parkway, 10-20 miles. Ride Leader: Bill Wright (685-8549).

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

PEORIA, 5:30 or 6:00 PM, ALL LEVELS, social ride. Starting place is Charter Oak Grade School. Meet after at Avanti's on Sterling.

WASHINGTON, 6:30 PM, SHOW AND GO. Cancelled for season.

### SATURDAY MORNINGS

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

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

OCTOBER 9, 8:30 AM, PRE-FOOTBALL GAME!, RIDE OF THE MONTH, ALL LEVELS  
Meet at Bob and Mary Scroggs' home, 216 Evergreen, Morton, for a ride to Eureka for breakfast and then return to watch the football game, 30 miles (non-football fans welcome also). RSVP home (266-5790), Bob's work (266-3659), Mary's work (675-0040).

OCTOBER 16, 8:00 AM, MORTON TO BLOOMINGTON, INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED  
Meet at the Field Shopping Center in Morton for a 70 mile ride with minimum stops. Leaders: Peggy and Denny Tresenriter, (387-6617).

OCTOBER 23, 8:30 AM, GERMANTOWN HILLS, INTERMEDIATE  
Meet at the Germantown Hills Grade School on Route 116 for a 25-30 mile tour of Woodford County. Leader: Ron Chandler (698-8002).

OCTOBER 30, 8:30 AM, CIDER 'N' DONUTS 1/3 CENTURY!, INTERMEDIATE  
Meet at Mossville Grade School for a 30 mile ride to Tanner's Orchard where you can indulge in apples, cider, donuts, etc. Ride Leaders: Bill and Julie Semmens (685-9452).

WINTER RIDE SCHEDULE. Starting in November, the Sunday rides will be EAT and RIDE events. We will meet at a restaurant for breakfast at 8:30 AM and then ride if the weather permits. Even if you don't intend on riding please come for the breakfast get-together anyway!

NOVEMBER 6, 8:30 AM, WASHINGTON FAMILY RESTAURANT on Route 24, Washington.

NOVEMBER 13, 8:30 AM, CUMMINS FAMILY RESTAURANT, 7929 N. Knoxville, Peoria.

NOVEMBER 20, 8:30 AM, NEWELL'S RESTAURANT, Routes 8 and 150, East Peoria.

NOVEMBER 27, 8:30 AM, DIXIE MANOR RESTAURANT, Glen and War Memorial, Peoria.

What It Means to Belong  
by Mary M. Scroggs

Joining the IVW has been a great experience for both Bob and me. It has afforded us the opportunity to improve our skills in a sport we had just begun last year. In addition it opened doors to new friendships and new areas of adventure (in addition to new toys to spend \$\$ on!!).

I love the freedom I feel when riding - releasing the frustrations of my work day while enjoying the country side. The solitude of riding alone, the challenge of catching those ahead (like Peggy & Bob), and the companionship of other riders near by - (watching out for me and waiting when I had breathing problems like Jan, Dean, and Sue).

The People in the IVW have been super - open, friendly, helpful and challenging to me to better myself and supporting me when I was low (Ken).

When you join an organization, whether it is professional or a bike club you have a responsibility to that organization - It's up to YOU to get WHAT YOU WANT from that organization.

It is always easy to find fault with things and criticize others, but I feel that when you don't like something, before you put it down, you should recommend an alternative.

I am disappointed to see the conflicts within the IVW - we ALL joined the IVW to RIDE - why can't we let each of us ride at his own level, whether that's 10 mph or 20 mph? So what if a ride has different levels - can't we regroup after and enjoy each other's company? Isn't that what the IVW is for - letting each of us develop our riding potential to the level we each want to reach?

My challenge to each of us is to concentrate on solutions NOT problems - remember, if you are NOT part of the solution then you are part of the problem.

This is our club - let's make it the best in the state - for anyone at any level to join and ride . . . regardless how fast or slow they ride.

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**WANT ADS !!!**

FOR SALE: Eclipse panniers. One pair Transcontinentals, two pair Superlights (good on Low-Riders). Also Eclipse rear rack and Jim Blackburn front Low-Rider rack. Call Ron Matuska, 697-9009.

FOR SALE: Cateye-Mate bicycle computer and spare system parts such as sensors and wiring. Call Ron Matuska, 697-9009.

FOR SALE: Phil Wood hub. Tandem hub with 48 spoke drilling and ready to accept drum brake. New! Still in box. Call Ron Matuska, 697-9009.

FOR SALE: 20" Wheel youngsters 2-speed Huffy BMX style. Everything works, good tires, \$30.00. Call Chris Drew, 692-6161 or 699-4005.

FOR SALE: 2 pairs Nike bike shoes. Men's size 9 and women's size 8 1/2, \$30 each. Call Steve Grube, 674-3175.

Bicycle related ads are free to IVW members. Also contributions and opinions are welcome. Mail or phone them to Chris Drew, 7324 N. University, Peoria, IL 61614 or call 692-6161.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

William Anderson  
Janet Cowley & Family  
Brett Greene  
Deborah Krohn  
Thomas Parr  
Heidi Selman  
Eric Vallejera  
Ron Maloney  
Edith Davidson  
Gary Hartzler

Peoria  
Elmwood  
Peoria  
Pekin  
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East Peoria  
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We hope you enjoy bicycling with us and look forward to seeing you on many rides this fall! If you are new to club cycling, please don't hesitate to call any of the club officers if you need help or advice. We were all beginners once and we all understand the questions that newer cyclists may have! Be sure to join us for the winter meetings and breakfasts so we can get to know each other!

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REPORT FROM THE "BIG MUDDY"

I am a new member of the IVW and would like to share a recent weekend with you: the Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile bike fund raising tour to Hannibal, Missouri on September 24th and 25th.

Leaving from the Pekin Mall were 247 riders from Peoria, nearby towns and even some from other states. With rest stops every 8-10 miles, the first day took anywhere from five to nine hours.

Our home for the night was the Brown County High School in Mount Sterling. We were treated to a delicious chicken dinner, then a meeting, campfire, and entertainment all followed. We arose early to a breakfast served by Hardee's and then departed for the remaining 60 miles.

We had a police escort across the Hannibal bridge and into town where busses and vans awaited us and our bikes. We were transported to the Holiday Inn and able to shower, swim, enjoy the hot tub, and even take tours of Hannibal. Our supper that evening was an Italian buffet followed by an awards banquet and entertainment by "Mark Twain". Then we rode home by air conditioned charter busses to the Pekin Mall to claim our baggage and bicycles.

The most memorable part of the trip for me was crossing the Hannibal bridge with the police escort. After many months of waiting, training, collecting pledges, and finally making the trip, it was a great feeling crossing the bridge to Missouri riding my bicycle!

This was my first long bicycle trip but definitely not my last. I am looking forward to many rides next year, as I just joined recently, and work and time won't allow much this fall.

- Jody Wang

1988 ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN MEMBERSHIP

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Membership type: INDIVIDUAL \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Illinois Valley Wheelmen and mail to:  
 Wm. Overbey, 6415 N. Imperial Dr., Peoria, IL 61614

**Wear a helmet everytime you ride!**

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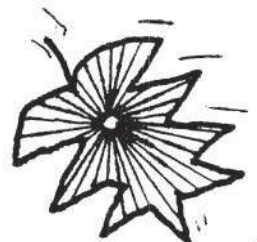
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