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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

JANUARY 1989

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be on the 26th at Safety Town on Sheridan Road at 7:30 pm. Judy Koehler of the American Lung Association is scheduled to present a program about Debbie Rouzer's TransAmerican Trek. This is rescheduled from the September meeting. You will also hear a preview of some of the plans being worked on for the coming year!

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Has your club membership expired? You can find out real quick. Just look at the mailing label on this newsletter. The top line will tell you everything. If it has expired, you will have a short grace period to renew, but it may not happen again. So fill out the application and send it in as soon as possible. There's a lot of exciting things coming up in the NEW I.V.W. and you don't want to miss out.

If you have any questions about your membership, or need to update our mailing information, please call Bill Semmens at 685-9452.

RIDE CALENDAR

WINTER RIDE SCHEDULE. During the winter months, the Sunday rides will be EAT and RIDE events. We will meet at a restaurant for breakfast at 8:30 AM and those who wish to ride may do so afterward. The unusually warm winter has encouraged quite a few to ride. Even if you don't intend on riding please come for the breakfast get-together anyway!

JANUARY 29, 8:30 AM, DENNY'S RESTAURANT, Sterling Avenue, Peoria.

FEBRUARY 5, 8:30 AM, NEWELL'S RESTAURANT, Routes 8 and 150, East Peoria.

FEBRUARY 12, 8:30 AM, STEAK N SHAKE, Route 9, Court St., Pekin.

FEBRUARY 19, 8:30 AM, BOB EVANS RESTAURANT, Big Hollow Road, Peoria.

FEBRUARY 26, 8:30 AM, CUMMINS RESTAURANT, Knoxville & Pioneer, Peoria.

MARCH 5, 8:30 AM, STEAK N SHAKE, by the Franklin St. Bridge, East Peoria.

MARCH 12, 8:30 AM, COUNTRY BEE, I-74 near Kickapoo Exit.

THE NEW I.V.W PRESENTS . . .

Bicycle Equipment and Clothing Showcase 1989!!! Fun! Skits! Models! Bikes! Food! Excitement! A great way to kick off the bicycling season!

WHERE: Knight's of Columbus Hall, 2711 Willow Knolls Road, Peoria!

WHEN: Sunday, April 23rd, Social Hour 3:00, Show 4:00!

WHO: Us! With help from Peoria Bicycle, Russell's, and Vitesse!

TICKETS: CHEAP!! at \$2.00! After Feb. 1 from Liz Benning, 243-5206, or any member of the Reorganization Committee or cast or crew!

Be part of the show or crew!! Call Jan Ketchmark at 347-5309! More details soon! Keep the date open!!

FROM THE SECRETARY: As many of you are aware, several super volunteers are working on the I.V.W. Reorganization Committee. Sub committees are:

BYLAWS: Examine the bylaws and propose changes in the election of leadership to a Board of Directors. Dean Grethey, Mary Scroggs.

RIDES: Improve rides and make bicycling enjoyable for all members. Chris Drew, Dalton Larson, Mary Scroggs, Randy Townsend, Bill Overbey, Steve Meisner, Steve Weast, Jean Gullet.

COMMUNICATIONS: Improve publicity for all club functions. Dean Grethey, Chris Drew.

SOCIAL: Improve meetings, arrange out of town rides and other social functions. Roger John, Jean Waycuilus, Ron Anderson.

MEMBERSHIP: Improve membership recruiting, maintain membership records. Gwen Chandler, Bill Semmens, Mary Scroggs, Jan Ketchmark, Randy Townsend, Dean Grethey.

- Jan Ketchmark

FROM THE EDITOR: For those of you who noticed, my apologies for this issue being late this time. But I have been working behind the scenes with the reorganization committee trying to help make 1989 the best year ever for the I.V.W. Our board system of running the club seems to work pretty well and I feel you will approve when you see the results. BUT, and this is a big "but", we can't and shouldn't be expected to do it all. We will provide the formal framework for our activities but it takes work to get things done. Many members seem to feel that the ten bucks gets them a full working bike club to ride with and that is their only obligation. The fee only covers such things as this newsletter and the many incidental expenses. It does not pay anyone to do anything. We haven't made helping a formal obligation to membership but I hope that some twinge of conscience will bring out the moral obligation to do at least some small part.

- Chris Drew

RIDE MAPS: The Ride Committee is working on a booklet of local ride maps to be published this spring. We would like to include your favorite routes. Send to or call Steve Weast, RR1, Dahinda IL 61428, 742-7141. Steve could also use some help on this worthwhile project.

RIDE COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Ride Committee has met several times this winter and we have come up with an expanded schedule of regular weekly rides for this season. There will be at least one ride every day of the week and two rides on some days (the exact details will be published later). Some of the features of the NEW I.V.W. ride schedule will be to provide some structured rides for those who want a "kinder and gentler" pace and to have each weekday ride always meeting at the same place (different places for different days). The rides will be graded as to difficulty and riding style and they will be kept that way all season. Members are encouraged to select the rides that best fit their abilities and expectations.

Part of this expanded schedule will mean that we will need plenty of volunteers for Ride Leaders. This will be an easier job this year because the routes will be pre-defined for most rides. All the leader will be expected to do is start the ride and set the pace for those rides that will have a maximum speed. Please help; we will need it.

The Sunday morning rides will continue to be quite varied as they have in the past with all levels of riders welcome. We are trying to make up the schedule for most of the season now so please contact us if you have a special ride that you wish to lead, sponsor, or suggest. We need to hear from you now, not in August! Call Chris Drew, 692-6161.

JOIN THE R.A.W. RIDERS!!!

Who are the R.A.W. Riders? They're club members that go out and ride after work. This isn't an organized ride, just a list of people interested in riding after work.

Want to get your name on the list? Then check the appropriate place on a membership application (or write "R.A.W" if using an older form or blank paper). There is no special fee; this is just one on the many services provided by the NEW I.V.W. Of course if you haven't renewed, this would be an excellent time to check "Renew" and enclose your check! To receive a copy of the list, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Bill Semmens hopes to have the list compiled by early April so if you are interested send it in NOW!!!

200 MILE DAY ? ? ?

The word is starting to spread that a few crazy I.V.W. members are interested in doing their own 200 mile day. Sure we could go to Litchfield or Rockford, but why drive all that way to kill ourselves when we could do it right here in our own back yard?

If your interested in trying this 200 mile foolishness then call Bill Semmens (685-9452) and mark June 24th on your calendar. Tentative plans call for setting up a flat 50 mile loop somewhere and riding it four times. That way if you have a problem you won't be stranded in some other state and if the 200 miles doesn't get you the boredom will! Other club members are invited to join them for a loop or two to provide encouragement or just to stare at the wonder of it all.

This is an impromptu ride for now, but with enough support, maybe we can arrange for food and sag service.

1989 ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN MEMBERSHIP

Date _____ NAME(S) _____
 New _____ Renew _____ STREET _____
 R.A.W.Rider? CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 Yes _____ No _____
 (Ride After Work) TELEPHONE (_____) _____
 Membership Type: INDIVIDUAL \$10 _____ FAMILY \$12 _____

Please make check payable to Illinois Valley Wheelmen and mail to:
 Bill Semmens, 4224 N. University St., Peoria, IL 61614

Wear a helmet everytime you ride!

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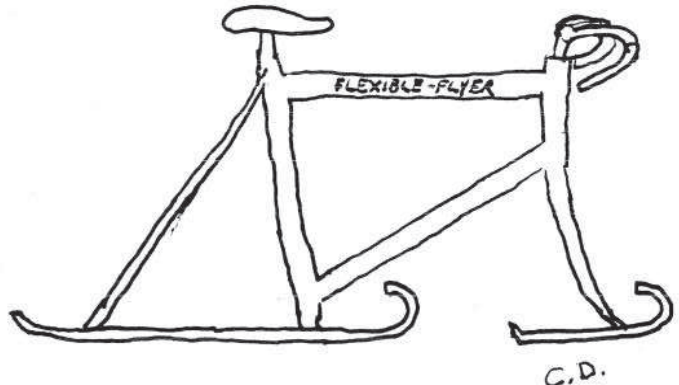
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