



NOV 1989

Illinois Valley Wheelm'n

ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 18TH

Get Reservations to Eric Hutchison ASAP 685-3921 - At Fairview Farms on Heuermann Rd. off Maxwell Road. Cocktails at 6:30 (BYO) Meal at 7:00 (See article about cost in newsletter)

GET RESERVATIONS TO E. HUTCHISON BY MON. 11-15

FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK...

WARNING: ABRUPT CESSATION FROM CYCLING MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. Take my word for it, folks, withdrawal can be extremely depressing. After returning from RAGBRAI, business called and eighty and ninety hour work weeks brought my season to a screeching halt. Neal became one very depressed person. Now that the fall season is upon us and available daylight is getting less and less remember to taper off on your riding. Don't just hang your trusty steed up in the garage like a bat hibernating. Take some time to mellow out first just like you eased into riding back in the spring.

Our annual meeting is rapidly approaching. In addition to nominees for the various awards, we also need several board members. Here's your chance really to really put in your two cents in the affairs of the club.

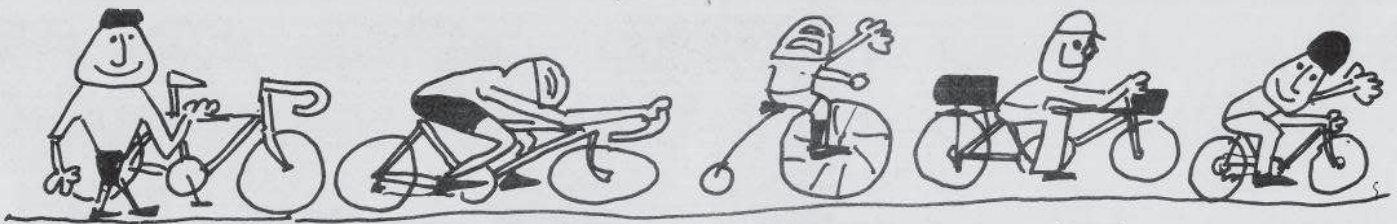
Elsewhere in this newsletter mention is made of the yeoman efforts of Carol Huggins and her family in handling Diane's Ride. Those of you who have done such a task can really appreciate what she did. I personally have heard nothing but very positive reviews of the ride and that includes comments from several other clubs.

Thanks, Carol!!!

Please give thought to several items. Firstly, how satisfied were you with the efforts and offerings of the IVW this year? Secondly, how about next year? Plans will be made over the next few months and we need your input. Please let those of us on the board know your thoughts on these subjects.

Don't forget to let us know if you're planning to attend the annual meeting. See you there.

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IVW SUNDAY RIDE SCHEDULE - MARY SCROGGS REPORTER 266-5790

Beginning November 12th - we will meet at the restaurant listed below at 8:30 am for breakfast - we will decide at breakfast about riding. So - even if you don't want to ride - come join us for breakfast!

- Nov 12th - Newell's, 127 Junction E. Peoria
- Nov 19th - Dixie Manor, Corner of Glen & War Memorial
- Nov 26th - Washington Family Restaurant, 1401 Washington Road
- Dec 3rd - Country Bee, RR1, Kickapoo
- Dec 10th - Doc's Mt Holly Inn, 8412 N. Mt Hawley Rd
- Dec 17th - Barb's Restaurant, 128 E Queenswood, Morton
- Dec 24th - Cummins Family Restaurant, 7929 N. Knoxville

Weekend Show & Go's

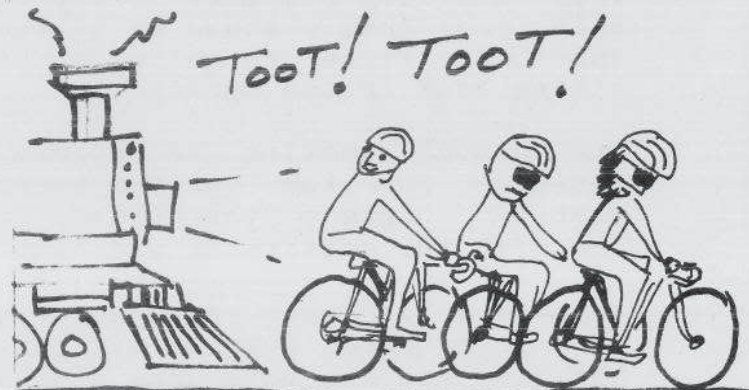
Saturday Morning 8:30 am - Washington Square
As always this ride will continue year round!



Sunday Mid Morning 11:00 am - Groveland Elementary School
This ride began informally last year by a handful of us who were willing to brave the cold but wanted to let it warm up first. Your best way to keep informed on this ride is to come to breakfast where decisions regarding this ride will be made.

SUNDAY SOCIAL RIDE

Bill Stevenson is willing and able to sponsor and lead a regular **SOCIAL** ride each **Sunday** afternoon at 2:00 on the **ROCK ISLAND TRAIL**. This ride is for any type bicycle and will be at casual pace, not a race in any way shape or form. If you want to ride fast go somewhere else. Meet at the parking lot west of Alta at the start of the Rock Island Trail. Come out and have some **fun fun fun** on a **FRIENDLY CASUAL RIDE**.



A SPECIAL THANKS

November is coming and the annual banquet at which time we will recognize those members who have improved their riding, contributed their time and overall participated in the club. This is a time that we should not forget the bike shops who have also lent their support by providing Sag Wagons for our rides, speaking at our monthly meetings, and various other ways that they have supported the IVW. Sure they benefit from their participation but so do we and I think we should remember that and think the people of Russell's Cycle World and Vitesse Cycle Shop for their support during 1989!

IVW MAP BOOKLETS

Members of the ride committee have completed the first ever two-wheeled guide to the greater Peoria area. This humble collection of 9 bicycling route maps offers an assortment of ride lengths and starting locations around the Peoria area. Several maps contain more than one marked route. The map booklets will be sold to IVW members for \$2.00, all others \$3.00. For mail order, send check or M.O. payable to the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n to: Eric Hutchison, 918 W. Wilcox, Peoria, Il. 61604. The map booklets can also be purchased at; Vitesse Cycle Shop in Peoria, Hts., Russell's Cycle World in Washington, Il. and Peoria Bicycle Supply in Peoria for the \$3.00 fee. **Get one while they're HOT!**

IVW WEEKDAY/SATURDAY RIDES

...WEEKDAY RIDE GROUPS SHOULD MEET ON THEIR OWN TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH LONGER THEY CAN CONTINUE RIDING.

NOTE: NEW TIMES DUE TO EARLIER SUNSET

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. ALL LEVEL, Meet at Morton Field Shopping Center parking lot.
Faster riders wanting a fast, longer ride meet at 5:00 p.m. Peggy Tresenriter (387-6617)

6:00 p.m. EASY, Commercial National Bank, Pioneer Park, 7901 N. University, Peoria
Bill Wright (685-8549)

6:30 p.m. ALL TERRAIN BIKE/HIKE, Friends of Rock Island Trail Fondulac Park Administration Bldg.
E. Washington St. For further details contact George Burrier (676-6113)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. SHOW & GO, Meet at Charter Oak School, 5221 W. Timberidge Dr.
Riders wanting a 30-40 mile ride at a brisk pace should meet at 5:00 p.m.
Afterwards join us for pasta and goodies at Avanti's.

THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. ATHLETIC, Meet at Eureka Village Shopping Center on Rt. 117.
Opportunity to work at your own speed, not a group ride.
For further details contact Randy Townsend (347-3848)

FRIDAY

5:30 p.m. EASY, Meet at the square in Metamora. For further details call Gary Weiss (443-5407)

SATURDAY ...THIS RIDE WILL CONTINUE YEAR ROUND

8:30 a.m. SHOW AND GO, Meet at the square in Washington, Il. Please park off of the square.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Bill Stevenson is the IVW member of the month for November. Bill decided to do something about the dwindling attendance at the Wednesday evening social ride and on his own he contacted some new members and members who hadn't been out for awhile and invited (yes Invited) them out for a Wednesday night ride. He even brought along an extra bicycle for a new member to use. Bill structured the ride to accommodate beginners. He is planning to also run a Sunday afternoon ride through the winter on the Rock Island Trail.

It is dedication like this that helps make an organization a good one. Bill is obviously concerned about the new members and did something about it rather than sit back and gripe. Our commendations are out to you Bill for taking the initiative to get more people involved with bicycling and the IVW. THANKS!



the racers CORNER

RACER'S CORNER - Randy Senneff, Reporter

September 16th Road Race

USCF VETS - Denny Tresenriter 8th
 SR 1-2 - Rancy Senneff 3rd

September 17th Marian Criterium

USCF VETS - Denny Tresenriter 8th
 SR 3 - Randy Senneff 3rd

September 23rd White Heath

USCF SR 2s - Denny Tresenriter 4th

October 8th Kankakee Cycle Cross

USCF VETS - Denny Tresenriter 2nd

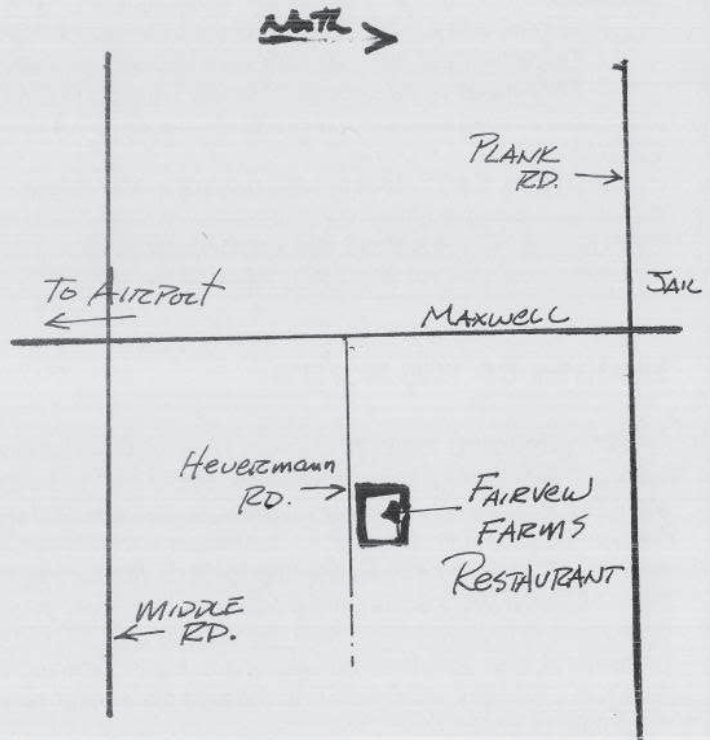
October 1st Bloomington Cycle Cross

USCF VETS - Jim Smith 1st
 SR 1-2 - Darrell Johnson 6th

Our apology to anyone overlooked, unfortunately race results are word of mouth, please see that Randy or Mary Scroggs gets your results.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday November 18th, and will be held at Fairview Farms which is out by the Airport. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:00. This is a B.Y.O.B. event with ice, cups and soda being provided along with the dinner. We have been assured that there will be better accomodations than we had at that Italian place last year. Members of the club will not have to pay for the dinner, however guests will be charged approximately \$8.00 per person. YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION AT LEAST 4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE WITH ERIC HUTCHISON (685-3921) IF YOU WISH TO GET DINNER AT NO COST. There will be a charge for the dinner if you wait until that night. Anyone making a reservation and not showing up will be charged the dinner fee (please notify Eric at least one week in advance if you plan to cancel your reservation).



ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

As per the New Constitution, we will need to elect some new members of the Board of Directors to fill the vacancies when **three** of the present Board Members terms expire. This will take place at the Annual Meeting. What we need at this time is for **three or more** members of the club to step forward and volunteer to run for these vacancies. The terms of office are two (2) years. After the election at the annual meeting, the board will establish new officers who will serve for the 1990 season. **GET INVOLVED---RUN FOR THE BOARD!**

APATHY

Fall is here and with the coming of a new year so comes the election of new board members - this year we need 2 new board members (Neal has agreed to serve a second term on the board - thanks Neal!)

All organizations seem to have or find a core group of people who are willing to do the work that is needed to run the organization. The IWV is unique in that there is a core group of individuals who come to rides and then there is a core group of individuals that run the club - not many people are in both groups.

I wonder sometimes if those who ride or those members who belong and never come to anything realize the work that goes into running the club or the work that goes into organizing a ride. Diane's ride this year was put together thru the efforts of one family, the Huggins, and a special recognition should be given to them for their time and effort in making Diane's ride happen. As always another special thanks should be given to Roger Jensen for his time and efforts in coordinating this ride. If not for the efforts of these individuals Diane's ride would NOT have happened,

Is that what the membership is silently saying - we don't want organized rides - we don't care? Is it so much to ask that each of you do a little, whether it's lead a ride, man a food station, help with registration - some little effort one day a year to support the IWV.

The IWV has a membership roster of over 200 people - I know of only 25-30 that ride regularly and only 20-25 that attend the monthly meetings. My question is "WHY" - What can the IWV do to get you more involved -

What types of programs would you like to see at the meetings?
What rides would you like to have offered that weren't offered?

We do not know these answers if you don't tell us - so my challenge to you is to let us know - send a note or call anyone on the IWV Board and let us know your thoughts. Better yet - attend the annual banquet and talk with us in person.

I would also like to ask each of you that enjoys coming to the Peddle In or Diane's Ride to give us your name to help next year - there are many ways in which you can help and still have time to ride. We will be starting early in January to organize these rides so that we do not burn anyone out. I truly think that you'll find your membership in the club more enjoyable if you actively participate - why not try it and see!

Mary M Scroggs

ANNUAL MEETING AWARD BALLOT

I Nominate _____ for Hub of the Club 1989.
I Nominate _____ for Most Improved Male 1989
I Nominate _____ for Most Improved Female 1989

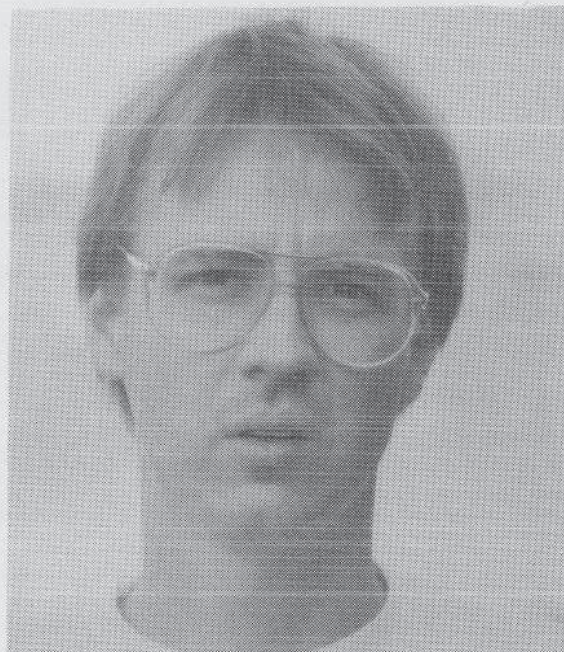
Send Nominations to Eric Hutchison, 918 W. Wilcox, Peoria, Il. 61604

...Also remember to bring your log book for the broken saddle award (given for MOST CLUB MILES RIDDEN THIS YEAR.)



Val Jones is one of the most dedicated members of the IVW and along with husband Bob are long time members of the biking fraternity. Val is very important to the IVW in that she is the one primarily responsible for getting these newsletters stapled and tagged for mailing to you each month. It is a very important position and Val does a SUPER JOB. THANKS VAL (!) WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK FOR THE ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N.

Eric Hutchison is pictured here in a somewhat somber pose, but those of us who know him usually always see a smile. Eric is presently serving as VicePresident of the club and Chair of the Membership committee. He is in charge of sending out the new member packets, keeping the membership records (along with Bill Semmens) and recruiting new members. Eric also contributed a large amount of effort and time to the MAP BOOKLET produced by the IVW. The next time you see Eric, say THANKS for his work.



BOARD MINUTES From meeting on Oct. 26, 1989

Attending: Anderson, McMeekan, Weast, John, Grethey

Weast: Checking Balance of \$803 and Savings remained same. (sorry, figure unavailable - plenty)

Discussion of Dues for 1990--voted to keep at present level (\$10 indiv. \$12 fam.)

Discussion of Awards to be presented to several members of club for past contributions and efforts.

Sheila Hansen and Sally Larson have agreed to accept nomination to the Board of Directors.

One more member is needed for Board seat.

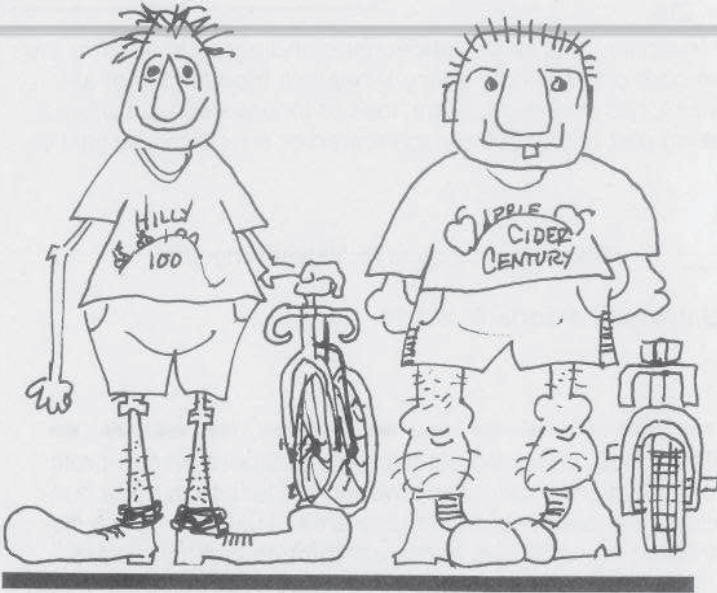
New membership forms will be printed and dispensed to the area bike shops. (1000 to be printed)

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Eric Carlson presented an informative lecture on the history of bicycles and brought in 2 ancient bikes in his collection. One of the bikes was built in the 1880's and the other was built in the 1890's. It was a very informative presentation, unfortunately only 14 members of the club were on hand at Safetytown to see it. If this club would like to have interesting meetings in the future, it would seem only fair and polite to have a large number of members at the monthly meetings. It has been somewhat embarrassing the past 2 months where we have had GOOD PROGRAMS but very few people attend the meetings. Come on folks, let's support the social committee and attend monthly meetings!

TREE STORY BECOMES POPULAR

The "As Tree Rides" saga has recently drawn praise from the Springfield Ill. Bicycle Club, who will include the story in their newsletter. Dean Grethey writes the story for the IVW.



As the Tree Rides

....a continuing saga

...bad considering the company that he had been riding with. Tree had been a club years ago (the Whiting whittlers of whippy wood) and he had noticed the same attitude in that organization. Maybe it was him, his body odor, his bike, his shoes; or maybe it was those jerks in the club. Well, he decided to just ride on his own from now on so that he could go where he wanted and ride at his own pace. "Those club people just were'nt very friendly noh-ow".

A couple of months went by and Tree was sick of riding by himself, so he thought that he'd go to a local bike club meeting and maybe try and meet someone he could ride with. He got there early and was suprised to find no one there, so he went to a nearby pop machine and got him a big orange drink and a bag of nuts from the candy machine and sat on the curb waiting for the bike club members to arrive. About 7:30 some people arrived at the place for the meeting and went in so Tree figured that he could go in also. He approached the door and a short dumpy looking guy came up and said, "What ya want buddy?" Tree said, "I was lookin for the bike club meeting, is this the right place?" Yeh!, the dumpy guy said, and I suppose you want to join us, huh? "Well, I was thinking of it", Tree said. "OK", the dumpy guy said, and Tree was allowed to enter. He found 6 people at the meeting, and he recognized all of them from the people on his last ride. As the meeting progressed a few more people arrived and Tree met a guy who seemed to be polite and willing to ride with him sometime. They agreed to get together on the next weekend to ride and Tree left the meeting looking forward to his new friend and the ride. Sunday came none to soon and Tree met his new friend, "Spoke" Grindley, and they rode off on their bikes into the sunrise. Tree and Spoke got along great and rode at the same speed and enjoyed the same vistas and good fattening cookies and all the other nice things associated with biking. It was wonderful for Tree, he now had a riding companion and was happy as a new skunk after his first assault on the neighborhood dog. Tree and Spoke rode each and every weekend and every Wednesday night after work. They had begun to attract other riders...

Dean Grethey

AWARDS AWARDS AWARDS

• Hub of Club • Broken Saddle • Most Improved Male & Female Nominate & Vote

The Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching and it's that time again to submit names for the major IVW Honors to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Again we will have the HUB OF THE CLUB award to be presented to the IVW member who you feel has made the greatest contribution to the club in the past year. The MOST IMPROVED MALE AND MOST IMPROVED FEMALE riders will also be presented at that time. And last, but far from least, the BROKEN SADDLE award for the most logged IVW miles of the past year. So, get those pens and pencils out and write down who you would like to nominate for these awards and send your nominees to Eric Hutchison, 918 W. Wilcox, Peoria, Il. 61604. See form elsewhere in newsletter.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

Vetta wind trainer • has two cages • excellent condition • Great for the upcoming winter season to keep in shape • A bargain at \$75 • Phone 346-0645 ask for Dean

FOR SALE

Tunturi rowing machine • In excellent new condition • used very very little • asking \$175 • was \$275 new. Phone: 346-0645 ask for Dean

Bicycle related ads are free to IVW members. Ads will run for one issue unless an extension is requested. All phone numbers are Area Code 309 unless otherwise noted. Send new ads to Dean Grethey, 2302 Sheridan Rd. Pekin, Il. 61554 and please include your phone number. Thanks!

**ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA
EXPIRES _____
JOINED _____
PKSNT _____

NAME _____
childrens' names _____

ADDRESS _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ - _____ - _____

- Individual (\$10.00) New
 Family (\$12.00) Renewal
 R.A.W. (Ride after work)

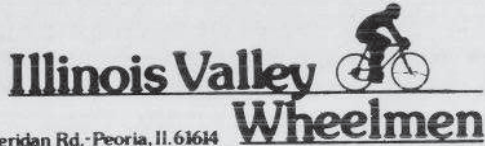
DISCLAIMER: In signing this form, I understand and agree to absolve the officers and members of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n bicycle club of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in any activity sponsored or advertised by said organization.

Appl. sign. _____ Date _____ Make checks pay to Ill. Valley Wheelm'n

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