

# Illinois Valley WHEELM'N

JUNE 1992

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Saturday, June 6, 1992  
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Registration is \$12 and you can sign up the day of the ride. The registration table (at the train station just inside the main gate of the park) will be open from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m. NOTE: All 100-mile riders are asked to be on the road before 9:00 a.m.

## REMEMBER...

- Please observe traffic rules.
- Be ready for the weather. The temperature can vary between 40 and 90° in early June. You could FREEZE YOUR BUNS or FRY YOUR BACON.
- Make sure your bicycle is in good condition.
- We strongly recommend ALL RIDERS WEAR HELMETS. That's NO BALONEY!

Wildlife Prairie Park is located 10 miles west of Peoria and 3 miles south of I-74 on Taylor Road between Routes 8 and 116.

## ? OF BALANCE

—by Steve Shaffer

WELL HERE IT IS—the middle of May and I just racked up 900 miles on my road bike this year. This brings me to the question of "has my cycling been balanced this year?" Compared to previous years, yes, except that one aspect is not balanced.

I used to ride my mountain bike quite frequently up and down the single track trails of Jubilee Park. My dogs would come along also and swim in the creeks and get some much needed exercise. Sometime early last year, though, I lost interest in riding my mountain bike. That caused my dog to get fat.

My point here is maybe I need to dust off the ATB for better balance to my cycling.

The club in general ignored the off-road riders until Bill Wright started his Thursday-night ATB rides. I think the ATB riders need a special event similar to what the roadies have. A mountain bike weekend campout at Jubilee Park could be a real hoot. There could be ATB polo, ATB scavenger hunt, ATB tag, ATB etc., etc., and even trail rides. Maybe this could become an annual mid-summer IVW invitational event.

For die-hard roadies, Jubilee Park is an excellent starting point for some good road trips—something for everyone! If there's any interest out there, let's get moving on it and have some FUN. See ya on the road,



—Steve

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL BILL AND JULIE SEMMENS AT (309) 693-9388.



SOME OF THE IRONIES OF LIFE in Peoria are readily evident to cyclists. Irony One—10,000 people left Peoria County from 1980 to 1990, yet the area seems to require more, not fewer, five-lane roads for car travelers. Of course, each project not only threatens good cycling routes but even the trees and front yards of Peoria residents.

**Irony Two**—Despite the area's population drain, business at the bicycle shop is better than ever. First, a little history . . .

Six months after the owners signed the lease for the first floor of the building in which the bicycle shop opened in 1981, the big brewery down the street closed its doors. Seems Pabst just couldn't figure any other way to accelerate its long fall from the nation's number one brand than to close its most profitable operation. So the company moved the bottling machines to Wisconsin, took the big vats out of the side of the building (the holes still bear mute witness to the caesarean) and sold off the fixtures it couldn't use.

Business at the bicycle shop was slow, but once still-employed Peorians realized that the loss of a major employer wasn't the end of the world, they started buying bicycles again.

**"...business at the bicycle shop is better than ever."**

The next year, Caterpillar was shut down during its longest strike ever. Yet the shop hung in there and continued to build its customer base—ever so slowly.

Years went by. Small machine shops and corner bars were replaced by retail strip malls and riverboat gambling.

1992 saw Caterpillar's most bitter strike/lockout in history. And here is where Irony Two comes in—despite the population drain, despite the supposedly poor economic climate—business at the bike shop is booming.

I couldn't quite figure out why we were selling carbon fiber bikes like candy bars in January and February (months in which legendary in-store chess games had been played in the past, even in the best of times), nor why in March suspension forks fast became the indispensable accessory among the off-road set. After all—what about that work stoppage that was gaining international attention?

Then my mother, a Cat nurse and evidently, a bicycle economics expert as well, pointed out that company engineers and office workers were collecting hefty overtime checks as they kept the lines going in buildings including SS and Mossville. Those same white collar workers, suddenly with larger discretionary incomes, took their money straight to the bike shop.

**"...we were selling carbon fiber bikes like candy bars..."**

Then, when union workers returned to their stations, repairs at the shop started to pick up. It wouldn't be accurate to say that hourly employees finally had the money to get their old bikes fixed, though. It was simply part of the usual spring rush. Three days of sunshine in a row, and everybody will pull their bicycles out of the garage and bring them in to get them tried, overhauled and tuned up.

In fact, business has been so good, we finally got a new carpet for the showroom floor (the old one needed to be replaced when we opened 11 years ago).

I don't want to sound complacent about the whole sorry Cat labor/management affair but, given the outcome for the shop, I suppose that I'll be suggesting a few more capital improvements to the owner when the next strike rolls around.

Which brings us to the Irony Number Three: Boom times at the bicycle shop haven't meant an increase in club membership. According to my scattered records, IVW membership topped out in the fall of 1985 at 200 members. That was seven years ago, folks.

Yes, a number of members are riding newly purchased bicycles, but IVWers don't account for more than a fraction of sales at the shop.

**"Boom times at the bicycle shop haven't meant an increase in club membership."**

Figure out why so much of Peoria's cycling population is made up of loners, and you'll unlock the secret to club growth.

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Peoria, IL

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The Illinois Valley Wheelm'n is home to cyclists throughout Central Illinois. Newsletters are distributed each month (except December) through bulk third-class mail. Newsletters are not forwarded, so alert the membership chairperson one month in advance of your move. Membership contributions to the newsletter are welcome—send your articles and personal ads to: Samuel Joslin, 4436 Monroe, Peoria Heights, IL, 61614. All contributions must be received (not postmarked) no later than the 15th of the month.

## FROM THE ALMANAC

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Adam Smith (b. 1723)	5
Frank Lloyd Wright (b. 1867)	8
Cole Porter (b. 1893)	9
Eddy Merckx (b. 1945)	17
Francesco Moser (b. 1951)	19
Jean Paul Sartre (b. 1905)	21
Pearl S. Buck (b. 1892)	26
Greg LeMond (b. 1961)	26

### OTHER JUNE DATES

D-Day (1944)	6
First Man-Powered Flight Across English Channel (1979)	12
Andy Hampsten wins Giro d'Italia (1988)	12
Summer begins	20
Charles "Mile a Minute" Murphy earns his nickname (1899)	30

## REMINDERS

#### Board Meetings

Board meetings have been moved to the third Thursday of the month. Board meetings are open to all members and start at 8 p.m. Meetings will be held at the houses of these members: June 18th—Nick Paweski; July—no meeting; August 20th—George Dudley.

#### Sunday Ride Leaders

The ride committee is still in search of leaders for most Sundays throughout the season. Here's your chance to ride to a destination of your choice, at your pace, and when you want to go. Contact Jim Whitmer today to schedule YOUR ride! 691-7354.

## WEATHER

	Sunrise	Sunset
June 1	5:30 a.m.	8:32 p.m.
June 10	5:27 a.m.	8:29 p.m.
June 20	5:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.
June 30	5:31 a.m.	8:34 p.m.
Average High Temperatures	72–81°	
Average Low Temperatures	50–59°	
June 1991 rainfall	1.5 inches	

Summer begins June 21.

Source: National Weather Service

## Dear Dr. Derailleur,

What's going on with Pee Wee Herman these days? I'm a big fan, but because the news is filled with stories on the fall of communism and the destruction of Los Angeles, I'm starved for news of my favorite superstar. For instance—does he still ride that bike?

Curious Caroline  
Princeville



Pee Wee has assumed a new stage identity as Peter Paul Reubans. He portrays a male painter of fine art by day and a female folksinger by night. And no, he doesn't ride the bike he used in the movies—not even cyclists are that weird.

—D.D.

*Dr. Derailleur is one of the few independent thinkers in the bicycle press today. Believing that all research on cycling is inevitably tainted by prejudice and opinion, he relies only on the unique power of his trained intellect to arrive at the correct answers to all his readers' questions. Please direct your cycling-oriented questions to:*

**Dr. Derailleur**  
c/o Illinois Valley Wheelm'n  
6518 N. Sheridan Rd.  
Peoria, IL 61614

# WINDY CITY MEANDERS

DOIN' THAT LAKEFRONT THANG

— by Nick Paweski

**Y**OU DEFINITELY DON'T NEED an altimeter to ride in Chicago, but you might need a cow catcher on your bicycle! Since I had never bicycled in the big city, I brought my bicycle with me when I visited my sister, Sue. It was a sunny, warm (70°) day in March, and every bicyclist, roller blader and jogger was out on the lakefront path, enjoying the unseasonable conditions.

I was so busy dodging people, I couldn't relax and enjoy my ride. "On your left" was on my lips all day, as I attempted to quickly go around traffic. I felt like I was in a battle in a Nintendo game, but with no phaser to blast a clear path to ride.

My route started on the North Side near Loyola University and

continued south along the lakefront to Grant Park, then to McCormick Place. I never knew you could follow the path under the streets around Navy Pier, so it was fun to discover the new route. But it got very windy on the South Side, so I turned around and again battled through the maze of humanity on the path.

The next day I bicycled north to Northwestern University and hit a lot less people (so to speak). This day wasn't as warm, and I liked it better because of fewer joggers, etc. Now I could enjoy Lake Michigan. The sun shimmering on the lake was hypnotic (no, I didn't get hypnotized and ride into the lake)

A couple of weeks later I was visiting the sister Sue-ster again, and again I brought my bicycle. There's a cafe/bar/general store/community center called "The Heartland Cafe" around where Sue lives. A number (9) of people were getting together for their first annual spring breakout ride, so I glommed on to the group.

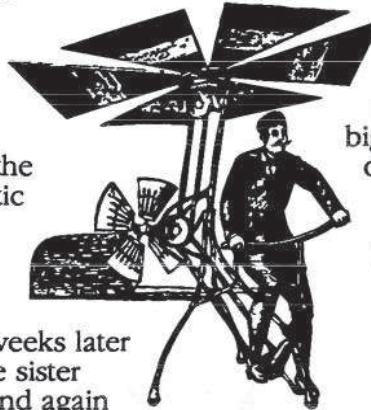
We had a leisurely social ride down the lakefront path and didn't hit much traffic. We stopped at Lincoln Park Zoo, then at a coffee shop across from the Art Institute. At the cafe, we all wrote down our names and addresses for their newsletter. These people got the idea I drove from Peoria for their ride! I didn't mention I'd "done" Chicago before, but let them believe the IVW knows no bounds!

After being in the warmth of the coffee shop, it felt chilly outside, but I warmed up after we rode awhile. Another rider mentioned an Evanston Bicycle Club ride for the next day. But it was drizzling the next day, so I blew it off.

Well sir, cycling in Chicago can be tricky. To avoid the crowds along the lakefront, cyclists say they do a lot of sunrise riding. I had a closed-in, stifling feeling in Chicago. I missed getting out of town and on the backroads like I do around Peoria. And I missed Peoria's bluffs and hills.

But hey—I found I could enjoy the cyclists and make some friends . . . not a bad deal for a downstate boy in the big-shouldered city. So remember our club's new chant and repeat it as you ride from now on: "The IVW knows no bounds! The IVW knows no bounds!"

—Nick



## FOR SALE

- Front Blackburn Lowrider Rack—black
- Rear Blackburn Adjustable Mtn. Rack—black
- 1 pr. Rhode Gear Maximum Deluxe full panniers—silver grey
- 1 pr. Rhode Gear Standard front panniers—silver grey

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Members advertise for free in the IVW newsletter. Mail your ad to Samuel Joslin, 1318 W. MacQueen, Peoria, IL 61604.

# REMEMBRANCE OF BICYCLES PAST

—Bryan Chumbley

WE OFTEN THINK OF OUR LIVES as a series of phases. If we're lucky, there are a few constants that link each of those phases to one another. Recently, during a fleeting moment of reflection (on a solo ride, of course), I came to realize that one constant throughout my life has been some form of cycling. From tricycle to Trek, pushing pedals has kept me going.

About 28 years ago I climbed on a golden-colored, rusted, hand-me-down trike. The thing squeaked like an old screen door and its hard rubber tires were nearly worn to the rim. For two years that tricycle functioned as my only transportation throughout the neighborhood. The relationship ended sadly when a neighbor's Buick prepared my first bike for the recycling bin by flattening it in the alley.

After a hushed burial in the depths of the lilac bush, I quickly took over the next bike in the hand-me-down line. It had ten-inch solid rubber tires and a seat whose padding had long since been lost. The skin on my knees met the same fate as the seat padding. For three years I pedaled that friend until my knees began to bruise my chin with each pedal stroke.

My brother, turning ten, freed up the next heirloom to be passed on to me. A Schwinn Stingray! Navy blue with a girl's frame, and banana seat. That Stingray took me to school and everywhere else I could go: Riverside and Barnard's pond, the public pool, over ramps in the alley, and down

Snake Hill. I can still hear the scrape of the pedal on the chain-guard and hear the ski-i-i-i-id of the

slick back tire when I jammed the pedals in reverse.

At age ten, kids in our family got their first brand new bike. I picked a sleek five-speed beauty from Sears. The front wheel was smaller than the back; it had two hand brakes and butterfly handlebars. I rode it to school the next day, November 15, 1972, locked it with three locks for safety's sake, and stood right by it until the bell rang.

A Vista Cruiser I bought for \$45 took me through college. I used it for commutes to the north-forty parking lot that held my



long distance transportation, short hops back and forth to my favorite watering hole, and to class of course.

The Vista also served me well in my early days as a track coach, out riding while the distance guys ran. After a few farm dogs and flat tires, I finally retired it to the Museum of Chumbley History—my parents' garage. It's still there with old snow shovels, lawn mower parts, storm windows and wood scraps. Majestically it collects dust, waiting for the next garage sale.

With my first child came another "new" bike. A Schwinn Sprint stylishly equipped with a child seat purchased with that year's tax return. I rode nearly every day of the summer with my son's sleepy head resting against my back. Riding back and forth to the Dairy Queen or the A & W, I became familiar with the phrase "ride to eat, eat to ride." This bike carried me through my first MS 150 and into the joy of touring.

Now I'm riding a Trek. It's pretty new and I know I'll keep it a while, but I'm beginning to wonder what phase is next. Recumbent?

Tandem? RAAM? (RAAM is my secret desire I haven't told my wife about!) I don't know!!

From tricycle to Trek, cycling has been a big part of my life. From toddler . . . to teenager . . . to 29+, my bikes have provided me with health, transportation, recreation, friendships and escape. Today's bike may be fancier, but the feelings are still the same.

—B.C.



## Salad Days (salad consumed prior to photo)

Baby fat aside, my tenth birthday picture with my first new bike is one of my most prized possessions.

The Sears special was followed by a series of used ten-speeds. A Schwinn Varsity that survived a near fatal collision (for the bike) with a parked car carried me through adolescence. I resurrected it during a two-month stint without a driver's license (another story entirely).



## JUNE

**SAT 6 No Baloney-Rides Again.** 25,50,75,100 miles. Starts 10 miles west of Peoria @ Wildlife Prairie Park. Includes marked route, map, food stops, sag, prime to choice weather, after-ride treat from the Spotted Cow. Late registration \$12. T-shirt available. Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Marty Thompson, 1511 W. Gilbert, Peoria, IL 61604. For more info, call Bill or Julie Semmens @ (309) 693-9388. Sign-up sheets also available at local bicycle shops.

**SAT 6 Udder Century.** Union, IL. 31,50,62,100 flat-to-rolling miles. Includes map, sag, route markings, snacks, pin, spaghetti dinner. Late registration: \$15. McHenry County Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 917, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. (815) 943-7884.

**SAT 6, SUN 7 Ride to the River.** 62 miles each day. Macomb—Nauvoo—Macomb. Overnight camping. Ask the editor.

**SUN 7 Hoosier Hills.** Sat: 25, 60, 100 miles. Sun: 25, 50 miles. Both days rolling to hilly. Includes map, patch, sag, marked route, food (including lunch and entertainment Saturday). Registration \$12.50. For application write: Bloomington Bicycle Club, c/o Barbara Anderson, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402.

**SAT 13, SUN 14 15th Annual Tour of Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV).** Saturday: 106 miles from Bettendorf, IA through Galena, IL to Dubuque IA. Sunday: 86 miles return. Challenging terrain. Short course available. Includes: baggage transfer, Saturday night dinner, T-shirt, water bottle, fanny flag, map, cue sheets, marked route, sag. Overnight accommodations not included in fee. Non-refundable registration: \$50 before May 31. TOMRV 15, c/o Susie LaForce, 2023 East 45th St., Davenport, IA 52807. For info, call (319) 355-5530.

**SUN 14—FRI 19 Ride Around Wyoming (RAW).** 6-day, 447-mile journey around the Wind River Mountains begins and ends in Jackson, WY. See the May newsletter or ask the editor for more information.

**SAT 20, SUN 21 Mississippi River Ride.** 40/70 mile options each day. Loop ride starts in W. Burlington with overnight stay in Nauvoo, a restored Mormon community. Fully supported ride over mainly flat, lightly travelled roads. Call (800) 827-4837. Write BikeBurlington, P.O. Box 1135, Burlington, IA, 52601.

**SAT 20—SAT 27 7th Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River (GRABAAWR).** 500-mile route (or any of seven legs) mainly follows low-traffic, county and town roads from Boulder Junction to Prairie Du Chien, WI. Helmets mandatory. 1,000 rider limit. Non-refundable registration: \$140 before June 1, \$175 thereafter. Includes transport from Prairie Du Chien to start (not guaranteed with late fee); seven overnights; baggage transport; sag; map and cues; commemorative jersey and patch. GRABAAWR, P.O. Box 6148, Madison, WI 53716-0184. For info, call: (608) 256-2686

**SUN 21 Two Rivers Century.** Kankakee, IL. 35,62,100 miles. Includes map, sag, route markings, snacks. Registration \$8 before June 13; \$10 thereafter. Le Peloton 422 West Broadway, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. (815) 933-9905.

**SUN 21—SAT 27 Touring Ride In Rural Indiana (TRIRI).** 435 miles, flat to very hilly. Includes amp, patch, sag, marked route, food, camping, baggage transport and t-shirt. Registration \$160 until June 14. For application write: Bloomington Bicycle Club, c/o Barbara Anderson, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402. (812) 332-6028.



**TUES 30—SUN, JULY 5 Tour de St. Croix/1992 League of American Wheelmen National Rally, River Falls WI.** Workshops and rides each day. Sponsored by LAW, Minnesota Coalition of Bicyclists, Eco Tourism Council, Inc. For registration packet, contact Jerry Waller, 1992 National Rally Coordinator, 102 N. 9th St., River Falls, WI 54022. For more info, call (715) 425-1009 or (715) 425-4484.

## JULY

**SAT 18 Ride Across Indiana (RAIN).** Terre Haute, IN. 160 miles, from Illinois-Indiana state line to Richmond, IN, rolling terrain. Includes map, sag, marked route, food, t-shirt. Registration \$20. For application write Bloomington Bicycle Club, c/o Steve Merry, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402. For more info, call (812) 339-4717.

**SUN 26 MetroMetric.** Oswego, IL. 25,40,62,100 miles. Rest stops, sag, marked route, map. Riders registered before July 10 receive a commemorative T-shirt. Registration \$10. Sponsored by Elmhurst Bike Club. Send SASE to: Elmhurst Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 902, Elmhurst, IL 60126. (708) 530-BIKE.

## AUGUST

**SAT 1—TUES 4 Across Illinois.** Joliet Bicycle Club.

**SAT 8—SUN 9 Amishland and Lakes.** Howe, IN. 55 flat-to-rolling miles each day. Includes map, patch, sag, route markings, snacks. Registration \$12. Michiana Bicycle Club, John W. Gardner, 56085 Cedar Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46545. (219) 256-6735.

## SEPTEMBER

**SAT 5, SUN 6 COMPACRACC.** Shorter version (100-miles over 2 days) of PACRAAC. Registration \$25 before July 21, \$45 before August 21, \$55 thereafter. See next entry.

**SAT 5—MON 7 11th Annual Pantagraph Area Cyclist Ride Around Corn Country (PACRAAC).** 220-mile ride over lightly traveled roads in Central Illinois. Includes five all-you-can-eat meals, camping, baggage transport, route services and more. Registration \$45 before July 21, \$55 before August 21, \$75 thereafter. HELMETS REQUIRED. The Pantagraph, Marketing Services, PACRACC, 301 W. Washington St., P.O. Box 2907, Bloomington, IL 61702-9973.

**SUN 13 Capital City Century.** Springfield Bicycle Club.

**SAT 19 Diane's Ride.** Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Nick Paweski, chairperson. Call (309) 691-8306.

**SUN 20 Spoon River Scenic Century.** Spoon River Wheelmen.

**SUN 27 19th Annual Apple Cider Century®.** 25,50,75,100 miles. Three Oaks, MI. Includes marked route, map, fanny flag, sag, food stops, certificate of recognition and spaghetti dinner. Limited to 7000 riders. Registration \$20 by July 31st. No late registration. ACC '92, P.O. Box 7000, Three Oaks, MI 49128. Info hotline: (616) 756-3361. Include SASE (business size) with application fee. Sponsored by Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Club.

- Please request complete entry form from sponsor before submitting registration fee.
- Entry forms for some rides are available at monthly IVW meetings and from the editor.
- If requesting information by mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

# OTHER PEOPLE, OTHER PLACES

Various and sundry outtakes from **BikeBurlington's** newsletter (Burlington, IA):

- Pat Boney cracked his headset and has to wait a month for it to heal.
- Craig Owsley on STI shifting: "I'm not sure I could get used to it. I'm just now getting used to not pedaling backwards to stop."
- A helmet crushes your hair, but the ground crushes your head . . . WEAR A HELMET!!!
- The difference between a man and a savings bond? A savings bond matures.

From Dave Gerbig and the **Bloomington (IN) Bicycle Club**:

. . . Another biking innovation from the [Department of Defense] scientists involves a molecular shift technology straight out of Star Trek. The problem involves the inductively coupled sensors for our many traffic lights. Through the use of technologies developed to make certain explosives easier to store by changing their molecular structures into nonvolatile, inert compounds, we riders can now breeze through the lights as easily as any automobile. The bike rider stops at the light as if it were a totally automatic time operated light. Then by simply pressing a button, the bike appears to transform into an 8000-pound Caddy. The light instantly changes to green, allowing the rider to pass. . . .

Here's a few awards the **Central Indiana Bicycling Association** (Indianapolis, IN) bestows upon its members:

- Gas Saver Patch—Riding (instead of driving) to a given number of listed club rides.
- Camping Ride Patch—Riding at least one club camping ride.
- Top-Half Club T-Shirt—Riding on more than one-half of the total rides on the ride schedule during one season (spring, summer, etc.).

Our club owns a trailer which members can use to haul their bicycles to out-of-town events. The **Dubuque (IA) Bicycle Club** owns a bicycle trailer, which members can use to pedal their kids in, out of, or around town.

The **Elmhurst (IL) Bicycle Club** turns 15 this year.

A few eyebrows were raised this year when Bridgestone Cycle attached a \$4 price to their product catalog (a \$5 price was recently spotted). Now Bridgestone is giving money back to the cause of cycling (still a rare activity among manufacturers and distributors in the industry). The company recently contributed \$1,000 to the **League of American Wheelmen**—this along with contributions to other bicycle-related organizations.

According to the **McHenry County Bicycle Club** (Crystal Lake, IL), Lon Haldeman, marathon cyclist and all-around nice guy, has a new hobby—woodworking. Lon, whose favorite building material is oak, crafts anything from wall racks to cabinets.

Jim Deal, member of the **Quad-Cities Bicycle Club** (Davenport, IA), praises a new seat cover made from "a space-age cushioning material." Jim goes on to say, "I am ready to accept a lucrative contract endorsing this product should the company be in desperate need of a spokesman."

The **Spoon River Wheelmen** announce the 9th annual Spoon River Scenic Century—to be held September 20, one day after Diane's Ride. The Spooners call the IVW-sponsored event "the most grueling century ride in the state," and invite Diane's Ride participants to remain in the area and take a "restful ride on Sunday."



**MAKE IT TWO IN '92—ENCOURAGE A FRIEND TO JOIN THE IVW!**

## ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## JUNE MEETING

7:30 P.M., JUNE 25  
PEORIA PIZZA WORKS  
3921 PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA HEIGHTS

We were so busy in April selecting a new logo  
that we forgot to watch the video.

The 1991 LAW national rally is scheduled.

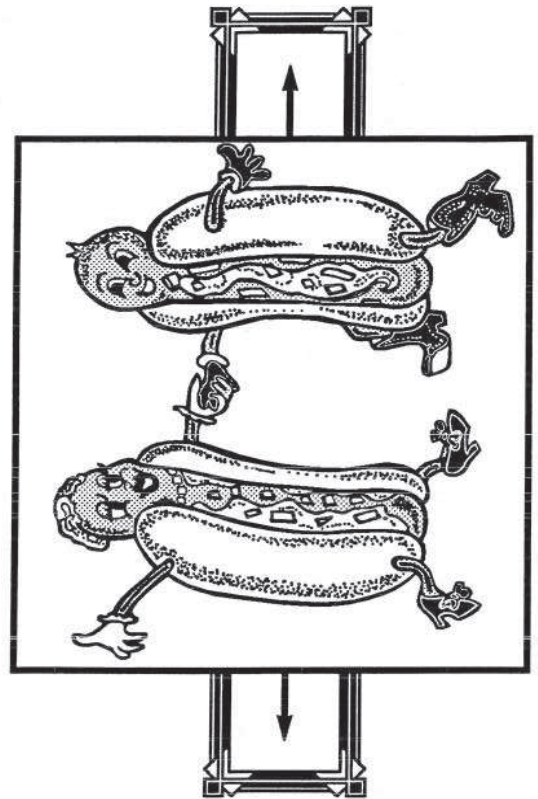
Join us!

Call Nick Paweski at 691-8306 for the details.

## "NO BALONEYRIDES AGAIN"

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1992  
WILDLIFE PRAIRIE PARK • PEORIA

It's not too late to make your plans for this rolling  
exercise in wanton consumption. Pick up an entry  
form at area bicycle shops, or call Bill and Julie  
Semmens at (309) 693-9388 for more information.



## Illinois Valley Wheelm'n

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### JUNE MEETING—JUNE 25—7:30 P.M.

Second try . . . video tape of 1991 LAW national rally

. . . at Pizza Works