

# Illinois Valley WHEELM'N

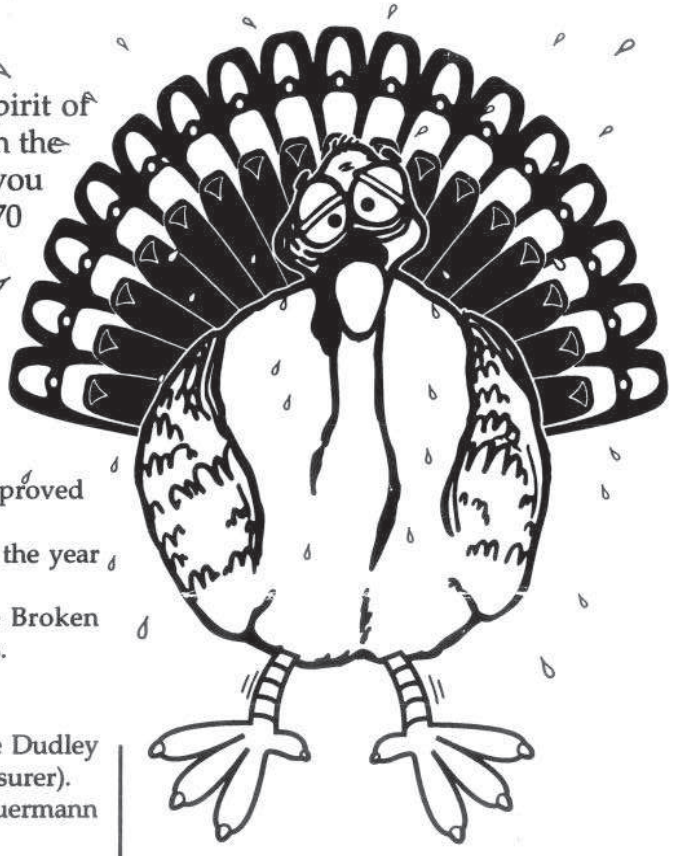
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DECEMBER

6518 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, PEORIA, IL 61604

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Here it is—the end of the year. And in the traditional spirit of the holidays, I've left my "editing" chores to be done in the last minutes before Thanksgiving. In January, I'll give you more info on the Annual Meeting—attended by about 70 members in the spacious Packard Building downtown—and I'll provide more detailed club survey results as well. For now, here's the Reader's Digest version:



## AWARDS

- Sue DeDecker and Paula Wilson shared the Most Improved Female Rider award.
- Outgoing club president Steve Shaffer captured the Most Improved Male Rider award.
- Advocacy chairperson Eric Hutchison was voted volunteer of the year and awarded the Hub of the Club trophy.
- Longtime member and past president Jack Welch won the Broken Saddle trophy for most club miles. Jack's log showed 2,244 miles.

## OFFICERS

- All officers were elected by unanimous vote. They are George Dudley (president), Ken Beckler, (vice president) and Brenda Clark (treasurer).
- New volunteers are Sue DeDecker (mailing) and Elizabeth Heuermann (membership).
- Continuing their duties into '94 are Jagada Kosey (secretary), Eric Hutchison (advocacy), Bob Wilson (social), Bill Clark (data processing, Diane's Ride), Alice Feldman (Pedal-In), Steve Grube (ride coordinator) and Samuel Joslin (editor).

## SURVEY TIDBITS

- Fifty-four people (70 in attendance) filled a survey at the annual meeting.
- By subscriptions, *Bicycling* magazine is the second-most popular publication in the club (33 responses). Only the *Journal Star* gets more readership (35). *VeloNews* came in third (13) followed by *Outside* (11), *Silent Sports* (9), *Bicycle Guide* (8) and *Runner's World* (7).
- Twenty-five members rode between 1,000 and 3,000 miles this year. Thirteen members rode more than 3,000.
- Most popular potential program topics: Slide show on touring (100 out of 100 possible points), bicycle fit (95 points) and basic bicycle repair (90 points). Least popular topics: antique bicycle display (27 points), *Breaking Away* (24 points) and first aid (15 points).

## NEW MEMBERS

- Abby & Frank Barclay .....Green Valley
- Mark Ferguson .....Peoria
- Jeryl Riebling .....Peoria
- Del Rusher .....Peoria
- Dan Shea .....Peoria
- John Zdanowski .....Morton

## RENEWING MEMBERS

- Edith Albright .....Chillicothe
- Ron & Shelly Anderson .....Washington
- Gene Crawford .....Peoria
- Keith Ehley .....Metamora
- John & Peggy Ellgas .....Racine, WI
- Jim Kamp .....Tremont
- Bill & Ruth Stevenson .....Peoria
- Jeff & Sharree Tate .....Peoria

Happy Holidays,  
Samuel

By Eric Hutchison

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Samuel Joslin .....688-0922

All phone numbers are in the  
"309" area code

The Illinois Valley Wheelm'n is home to cyclists throughout Central Illinois. Newsletters are distributed each month through bulk third-class mail. Newsletters are not forwarded—please alert the membership chairperson one month in advance of your move. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome—send your articles to Samuel Joslin, 1318 W. MacQueen, Peoria, IL 61604. Members also may submit personal ads. All contributions must be received no later than the 15th of the month.

**CARS STILL OPTIONAL?** While recently stopped at one of Peoria's busier traffic signals, I noticed a young woman on the corner holding a cardboard sign toward the cross-traffic. I thought some kids must be having a carwash nearby. I looked around, but saw no balloons or sudzy autos. When the light changed, I saw the woman's sign, and it changed my perspective a bit. The hand-letter message read, "Will work for food or gasoline."

**BIKE AND BUS ROUTES FACE SAME**

**CHALLENGE: DEAD-END SUBDIVISIONS.**

The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District recently unveiled its new "feeder system" plan for improved bus service. It consists of a circular hub route between major Peoria destinations (shopping centers and downtown) fed by smaller-sized neighborhood buses. According to GMPTD, this approach is needed because of the lack of a gridwork pattern of streets in Peoria's new development areas, preventing normal bus route planning. Gee, where have we heard that before? (The lack of connecting residential streets creates a major obstacle to bicycling through Peoria's north side.)

**BICYCLE ADVOCACY '93...REAR-VIEW MIRROR QUICK-CHECK.**

For better or worse, we bicyclists are officially "out of the closet" in the Tri-County area (those tights always did look a tad suspicious). From our first humble bike tour with local government officials, we've traveled a fair distance. Highlights include:

- **Forrest Hill/Gale Avenues.** Peoria adopts bicycle-friendly plan (Oct. '93). Persistence pays off—our first (of many) contacts with the city was August '92. The club has initiated face-to-face exchanges with the Peoria City Council.

These exchanges were educational, though not entirely pleasant, experiences. A future policy session, "Bicycle Access to Streets," is now on the council agenda.

- **Brandywine/Westaire Avenues.** A low-cost link between these adjacent streets expanded Peoria's network of bicycle/pedestrian routes.
- **Regional Bicycle-Access Task Force Formed.** In response to the IVW's 22-project plan for improving bicycle access, the Tri-County Regional Planning

Commission formed a local group to develop the long-range plan for bicycle access required by ISTEAA\* (due Dec. '94). Members include IVW representatives and transportation officials from local and state governments.

- **Peoria's City Growth Plan Includes Better Bicycle Access.** IVW suggestions incorporated into the city's comprehensive growth

**FORREST HILL/GALE**

**AVENUES UPDATE.** Hanson Engineers, consultants on this project, report that designs are progressing on the bicycle-accessible plan. Results will be presented at a hearing in mid-January '94. All Tri-County bicyclists are urged to attend and support the area's first "on-purpose" bicycle-accessible road.

plan include:

- Safe, adequate and efficient infrastructure for all users, including bicyclists.
- Roadways which accommodate the needs of all vehicles, both motorized and non-motorized.
- Development of a continuous network of secondary roads in new growth areas.

- **State Highway Projects** to accommodate bicyclists include Route 88 (Knoxville Ave., Peoria) and Route 24 linking Pekin and Bartonville.
- **Bicycle access issue raised in mayoral/council election.** Members of the IVW attended public forums prior to city elections to quiz candidates on bicycle access. The moderator of one forum described an IVW-submission as "a question which I guarantee has never been asked before in a Peoria election."

\*ISTEA: Federal transportation budget.

**Next month: Plans for 1994...The best is yet to come!**

# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N 1993 MILEAGE LOG

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# DECEMBER "GET-TOGETHER" SCHEDULE



Here is the December Sunday breakfast schedule. Join us for the eats and a good bit of "armchair" cycling starting at 8:30 a.m.

December 5 .....Newell's, East Peoria.

December 12 .....Steak 'N Shake, East Peoria.

December 19.....Bob Evans, East Peoria.

December 26 .....Happy Holidays!

Besides breakfast and conversation, we also use the morning get-together to plan that afternoon's ride.

Saturday morning rides still leave from the square in Washington at 8:30 a.m. Remember not to park around the square or in any of the adjacent parking lots. This ride is recommended for experienced riders only.

For more information on winter get-togethers and rides, call ride coordinator Steve Grube at 699-6956.

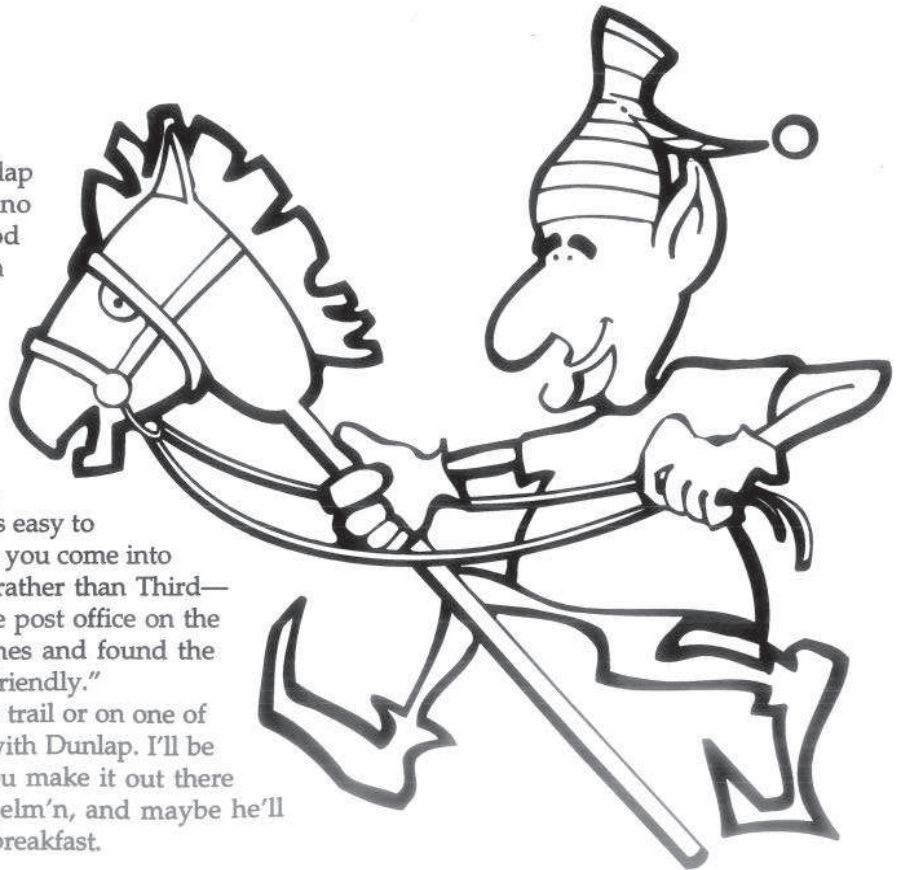
## A NEW PLACE TO EAT

By Roger John

For those of you who bicycle in or around Dunlap and have looked for someplace to eat, well, look no more. (No, I haven't turned my kitchen into a food stop.) A guy by the name of John Parks (Duryea fame) has recycled an elegant old Dunlap building, creating a restaurant dedicated to cyclists (and other who like a smoke-free place with great food). It carries our namesake and goes by the name "The Bicycle Inn." Not a bad name, huh?

With much effort, John has meticulously turned this old brick building into a Dunlap jewel. Although the old highwheeler sign isn't hung yet, it's easy to find—just a stone's throw from the post office. When you come into Dunlap on the bike trail, turn onto Second Street—rather than Third—and follow your nose to 208 N. Second (just past the post office on the same side of the street). I've eaten there several times and found the food quality and service to be excellent and "bicycle-friendly."

It's a great place to ride from or to, either on the trail or on one of the many good paved county roads that intersect with Dunlap. I'll be leading a breakfast ride from there in '94. But if you make it out there before then, say hi to John, tell him you're a Wheelm'n, and maybe he'll throw in a tour of his Duryea factory next door with breakfast.



# OTHER PEOPLE, OTHER PLACES

**DOES THIS ACCOUNT FOR THE FERRIS WHEEL, TOO?** Paul Bunyun rode a mountain bike according to the Memphis Hightailers Bicycle Club, via the Driftwood Valley Wheelers (Columbus, IN) newsletter, the freewheeler (Oct): "He named it Bubba the Blue Bike . . . After years of neglect, Bubba's remains were rescued and shipped to France where they were misassembled and put on display in Paris. In 1889, Bubba was renamed, and is known today as the Eiffel Tower."

**SOMETHING OLD IS SOMETHING NEW.** In October, Folks on Spokes (Homewood, IL), announced the opening of the Bicycle Museum of America in Chicago's North Pier. The museum includes the Schwinn collection of antique bikes and memorabilia. Admission to the museum—open seven days a week—is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child. For information, call 312-222-0500.

**DAVE SHEPHERD, EDITOR** of the Joliet Bicycle Club's newsletter, is still working on his Midwest mountain bike trail book. Here are just a few of the things he learned on a recent fact-finding mission:

- I can drive 500 miles across three states without the straps on my rear bike carrier coming loose, but at home, I can't go around the block without all four straps flapping in the breeze.
- It will take longer for help to get to you if the forest ranger tells the tow truck driver that you've already been helped out.
- You can find more species of insects in the out-houses than in the woods themselves.
- When riding alone down an isolated trail, you probably don't want to ask a shirtless man carrying a knife on his belt to take a picture of you.
- Even a mechanically inept person can change a flat tire . . . in only one hour.

**WHEN YOU GOTTA GO, YOU GOTTA GO.** Ride Across Indiana (RAIN) is a 162-mile one-day ride held in July by the Bloomington (IN) Bicycle Club. This year, 624 people started the seventh annual event and 470 completed it, an increase in participation from the previous year of 19.3%, according to the club's November newsletter.



**CINDY OWSLEY, EDITOR** of BikeBurlington's (Burlington, IA) newsletter, provided an extensive quiz on bicycle phrases in the October issue. Here is a sampling:

- "Watch out for the crack in the road" means:
- A) the expansion joint is the exact width of your bike tire.
  - B) beware of the mounds of powdery stuff.
  - C) the guy in front of you needs to pull up his bike shorts.

- "Interval training" means:
- A) sprinting short distances at regular intervals.
  - B) riding once or twice a week then skipping a week.
  - C) seeing who can get to the beer stops quickest.

- A "weaver" is:
- A) a novice cyclist who doesn't ride a straight line.
  - B) someone who can't find lycra shorts in their size and buys baggy woven ones.
  - C) someone who spins after interval training.

Surprisingly enough, Owsley claimed "A" is the right answer for each question.

**PATCH O' MY HEART.** Aurora Bicycle Club members were checking their drawers and closets for old ride souvenirs before the club's September meeting. After finding all their patches, t-shirts and water bottles, the riders displayed them. And some of them took home prizes: for oldest patch (1976), most colorful patch (Windy City Sports Bike Rally) and most-distant patch (Florida). One member even brought in his collection of PACRACC T-shirts from the past seven years.

**TENNESSEE TAPS TRAILS.** According to an article in the Tennessean, copied in the Decatur Freewheelers' October newsletter, the governor of Tennessee is eager to see local governments tap into federal funding for a statewide network of bicycle trails, mostly on low-volume state, county and city roads. Governor Ned McWherter—an avid horseman—promised to cut red tape at the state level, and observed that states with bicycle trails are successful in luring tourists.

## By The Way.

Eric Hutchison has all the invitational equipment—coolers, table wear, misc. stuff—or, at least he thinks he does. If you have club property, will you alert him so he can include it in an inventory? Call Eric Hutchison at 685-3921.



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# Dear Dr. Derailleur,

I just sold my stamp collection for \$575,000. I'd like to start a bicycle magazine with the money. Any tips?

—Hilbert Immelman, Benson

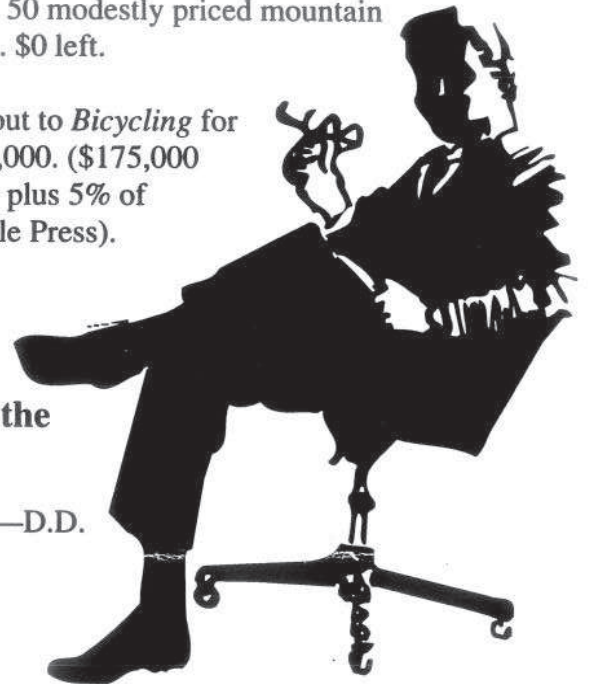
Sure . . . Here's how to organize your new venture:

- 1) Establish a budget: Set aside \$200,000 for printing, \$65,000 for mailing, \$50,000 for your salary, \$25,000 for freelance articles \$5,000 for an initial mailing list, another \$5,000 for computer hardware and software, \$4,000 for miscellaneous office supplies and \$5,000 for pizza on Fridays (take the soda money out of your salary). You have \$226,000 left for marketing.
- 2) Design a one-color, eight-page monthly newsletter (with a pull-out calendar during the season).
- 3) Send your newsletter free for one year to 25,000 people on your mailing list and to the first 5,000 who respond to your ads in the *Utne Reader*, *Mother Earth News*, *Outside* and *The Village Voice*. \$6,000 left.
- 4) Mention six of your readers in each of your articles.

- 5) Don't let the facts stand in the way of a good story.
- 6) Announce a 50-unit mountain-bike giveaway at the very end of the free subscription period. Promise details to follow in your next newsletter.
- 7) Hope you pull a 90% response rate when you urge your readers to renew their subscription at the low, low yearly rate of \$9.95.
- 8) After teaming up with a major manufacturer, give away 50 modestly priced mountain bikes. \$0 left.
- 9) Sell out to *Bicycling* for \$750,000. (\$175,000 gross plus 5% of Rodale Press).

Enjoy the pizza.

—D.D.



## ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

List additional family members and birthdates on reverse

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE   INDIVIDUAL (\$10) OR  FAMILY (\$12)

CHECK ONE   NEW MEMBERSHIP OR  RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

**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.

Membership in the LAW automatically qualifies you for membership in the League of Illinois Bicyclists, the statewide organization of bicyclists



## LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I want to join the national organization of bicyclists. Please start my subscription to BICYCLE USA magazine. Also send my membership materials, including bike and window decals, and a membership card.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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CLUB: ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N, PEORIA, IL

### LAW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

- Individual: \$25
- Family: \$30
- Advocate—Individual: \$35
- Advocate—Family: \$40

Send check to:  
League of American Wheelmen, 190 W. Ostend Street,  
Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 539-3399/FAX (410) 539-3496

# THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE

will begin at the home of Steve Grube and Terry Threw, 950 N. Main, East Peoria. Ride start time will be 11:00 a.m. Potluck to follow, so please bring a dish to pass.

Table service will be furnished as well as coffee and ice tea. If you drink soda, please bring your own.

Ride length, speed and destination will be determined by the group the morning of the ride. Non-riders are welcome to stay at the house while the others ride. For more information, call Steve and Terry at 699-6956.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Peoria, cross Murray Baker bridge, take Metamora 116 East exit and turn right onto Access Road 2, just past the Mutual Wheel Co., Or, cross McCluggage bridge, take East Peoria exit and turn left onto Access Road 3. We have a red mailbox with brass numbers. Park at the bottom of the drive.



## INSIDE DECEMBER...

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AWARD-WINNER ERIC SUMS UP '93 .....	2
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BUILD YOUR OWN MAGAZINE .....	5

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**NO DECEMBER MEETING...**

...Say hello to the folks