

MAY 1994

ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**

greater peoria's bicycle club



New members,
new rides...there's so
much to learn!

THE FABULOUS PEORIA MAY DAY BIKE TOUR

Sunday, May 1. Starts at 9 a.m. from 504 W. High St. (Elizabeth Heuermann's). Your ticket to 15-20 miles of easy-paced, stop-and-go city riding.

Post-ride brunch at Elizabeth's (food contributions and non-riding partners welcome). For more information, call ride leader Eric Hutchison at 685-3921.

NEW MEMBERS

- Ronald Dean Knoxville
- Michelle Derry Peoria
- Barbara Johnson Brimfield
- Michael Klasner Peoria
- Mary Klein Peoria
- Mark Olson Peoria
- Ellen, Laura, Lorne
& Nancy Tweed Peoria

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- David L. Danner Pekin
- Chris Drew East Peoria
- Alan & Beverly Enslow Peoria
- David & Alberta Gehrt Speer
- Dean Grethey Washington
- Kathleen Hilliard Peoria
- Jim Hooker Peoria
- Stephen Grube &
Terry Threw East Peoria
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DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

Sins against the editor, and other thoughts.

All jobs in any society are dependent to some degree on someone else doing a related job. Few of us operate in a complete vacuum. And so it is with the editor/producer of our club newsletter. Ideally, we should all be feeding him enough good material that we force him to make difficult choices among the best of the best.

When one of us regular contributors misses a deadline, there's really little to be said by way of excuse. There's only a resolve to not blow it again. So that's my preamble.

We have a need for someone to come forth and join the board as social chairperson. The major responsibility is to be sure we have a topic and a meeting place for each month's meeting. With the ride season underway, it's time to reflect on how much we get out of this sport. Life is like a bank—we have to put something back once in a while; it isn't all withdrawals. What we're asking for is about an hour or two a week. If you're a TV watcher, all you'd have to give up would be commercials!

So please, someone, give me a call and we'll put you to work. If five or six people call, we'll put you all to work. Every bit of improvement of our club comes from

volunteer effort. If we're standing still, maybe we need a few more volunteers.

Yesterday we started from Washington Square on the Earth Day ride. It wasn't a big group—Michele Astle, Sheila Hansen, stoker Eileen, and myself. It became an inspiration for a list of "Dumb Things We Do Early In The Season."

My contribution this time was "misreading the cue sheet." Ride organizers take pains to ensure that riders unfamiliar with the route will get to where they're going by following clearly written instructions. They put cumulative mileages in the left column to add to the certainty of arrival at the appoint destination. I quote: "3.0 Turn left onto Irish Lane; 5.1 Turn right onto Dee-Mack Blacktop."

Well, Irish turned out to be a tailwind; I set off for 5.1 miles of 26 mph bliss and we ended up in Goodfield! By the time we struggled upwind to Deer Creek, I decided our out-of-town friend had been kept waiting long enough. So my apologies to Michelle, who really did want to go to Mackinaw.

I figure "early season" will no longer excuse such blunders after May 15.

See ya on the road—if I can find my way,

—G.D.



MO' DUDLEY
BY GEORGE DUDLEY

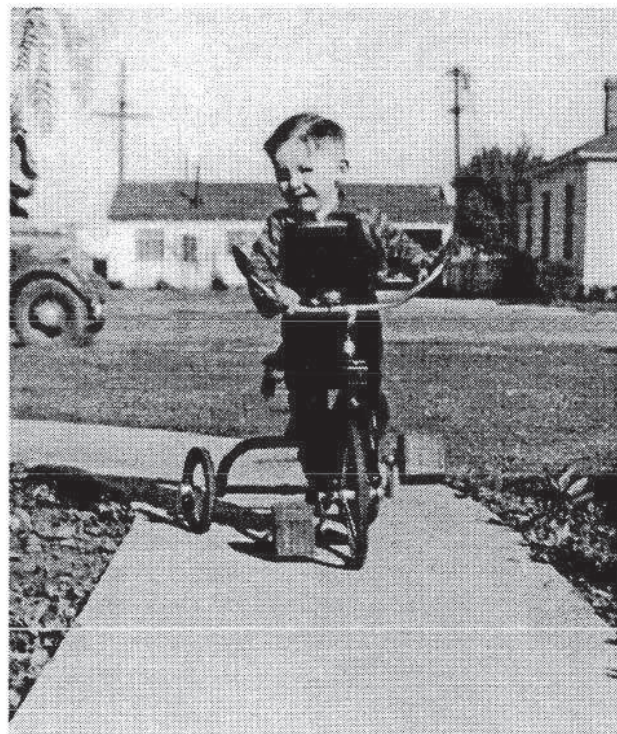
CHARIOT OF THE BOBS?

Flatproof tires, customized pedals, a suspension saddle system and ultra-stable low-speed handling were key features of George Dudley's first machine.

George at 2 1/2, photographed in Salinas, CA, Christmas 1938.

Kid Pics Wanted

Dig out those old cycling pictures and send 'em to the editor. Show the world what you looked like without that extra 100 pounds.



Open the POB Bay Doors, HAL...

Many bicyclists assume a police-on-bike (POB) program means "heat-on-two-wheels" out to bust gonzo riders who disobey traffic laws. And it's true that this is one benefit; renegade riders, after all, provide even good cyclists with a bad image when it comes to the attitudes of the non-cycling public. However, cyclists have much more to gain from POB programs than the elimination of some embarrassing bad apples.

For example, just like other cyclists, bike police need wide/clean roads on which to ride.

If the request for these improvements comes from "within" government (the police themselves), implementation is more likely.

Furthermore, POB programs promote the bicycle as a serious vehicle offering serious benefits—as something more than government's all-too-prevalent view of the bicycle as a kid's around-the-block toy.



ADVOCACY
NEWS & VIEWS
BY ERIC HUTCHISON

Savings include direct costs (car vs. bicycle) as well as indirect costs (reduced health-care costs through the best preventative medicine available—regular exercise).

Finally, police who "ride a mile on our wheels" will face the challenges facing all bicyclists. And renegade motorists may face new challenges of their own. Imagine an irate motorist who discovers too late that he's vented his life's frustrations on the bike police instead of ol' Joe Lycra.

What's happening in Peoria?

Peoria County's POB program opened to rave reviews from West Peoria residents last spring. Peoria is currently making plans for its own community-based policing program. If residents speak out, police on bikes will be included.

The IVW met Peoria's Acting Police Superintendent, Paul Bazzano, at the Peoria City Council's recent workshop session on community-based policing. The IVW mentioned the League of American Bicyclists (LAB)* and its POB training program. The club then offered to forward upcoming seminar information.

Bazzano told the IVW he was very familiar with POB programs and will be considering it as upcoming staffing allocations are made.

Talking to the city council, Bazzano said that Peoria must define its own version of community-based policing. Apparently, public input will be gathered for this purpose—a great time for Peoria's finest to hear from bicyclists.

**The League of American Bicyclists was formerly the League of American Wheelmen.*

CRUGER ROAD/WASHINGTON BYPASS (ROUTE 24) UPDATE *My wheels are a singin' those white-rock-bent-rim blues.* The Director of Public Services for the City of Washington, Butch Toon, reports that relief is in sight from the "mountain-bike" surface of Cruger Road. With the area's asphalt plants are now open for the season, road crews will have the temporary white-rock hole patches replaced with blacktop by the end of May. Note that this project only covers hole-patching—resurfacing is not in the works.

The crumbling of Cruger Road is due mainly to increased traffic from the partially completed Route 24 Washington bypass. In effect, Cruger Road is the impromptu bypass

east of Cummins Lane. The Illinois Department of Transportation reports that Illinois has not yet approved funding for Route 24 bypass completion; expect a decision by early summer. When the bypass is completed, however, bicyclists can look forward to its 10-foot paved shoulders with NO RUMBLE STRIPS.

IVW HELPS PREPARE STATE BIKE MAP

Craig Williams, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation (central office), has given the IVW a draft version of our region's state bicycle map for comment. The first maps to be published will cover the southern regions of Illinois. Planning is underway on the remainder. If you would like to see how your favorite routes are rated, give me a call.

BICYCLE COMMUTING PAYS \$500 PER MONTH

The cost of operating a car continues to rise, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA). In a 1994 report entitled "Your Driving Costs," AAA reported that the average cost of owning and operating a personal automobile is roughly \$6,000 per year, or \$500 per month. I say "roughly," because you may wish to consider the following as well:

- The \$6K/year includes loan interest payment but not the principal. What are you paying that interest on? \$200 or 300 a month?
- The cost per year doesn't account for the income you lost when you chose to sink your money into a car instead of an interest-paying investment.

RUNNERS & BIKERS BOTH SPEAK ISTE*

The Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) is a national association of running clubs dedicated to promoting running as a competitive sport and healthful exercise. The RRCA national convention (April '94) featured a seminar on working with other organizations. Specifically mentioned were the League of American Wheelmen (now the League of American Bicyclists) and ISTE issues.

**Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. Signed by President Bush in 1991, ISTE recognizes bicyclists and pedestrians as part of the nation's transportation mix. ISTE funds are distributed by the states to qualifying transportation enhancement projects.*

Police on bikes...

WHAT'S IN IT FOR BICYCLISTS?

- ☞ Better roads/trails.
- ☞ More courteous motorists.
- ☞ Reduced "gonzo" activity.

Police officers often report that bicycles allow them to catch crime in action because they can approach it undetected. Moreover, one key to reduced crime is a strong working relationship between residents and the police—now-a-days called "community-based policing." Residents are more likely to approach and get to know police officers riding bicycles (the vehicle everyone loved as a kid) than cops behind the wheel of a patrol car (the vehicle which stimulates few fond memories).

The cost-effectiveness of bicycles should be applauded by government accountants and the ultimate bill-payers—taxpayers.

Police on bikes...

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE POLICE?

- ☞ More citizen involvement ("self-policed" neighborhoods).
- ☞ Enhanced effectiveness (bike as "stealth" vehicle).
- ☞ Cost-effective.
- ☞ Reduced health-care costs.

Between a Track and A Rock Island Trail

I know—by the survey that I passed around at the annual meeting—that a good number of IVW members are also readers of the *Journal Star*. So I assume that more than a few of you noticed two articles, on April 14 and 16 respectively, about the proposed Rock Island trail extension into Peoria. The first article said the Park Board had approved a proposal from Scruggs and Hammond March 24 to prepare drawings for grant applications (the board hopes to score some ISTEAF funds on this one). Two days later, the second article related that the city of Peoria will stay in the railroad business through 1997. And then, more than likely, get out.

Gee, three years to wait for a trail extension. Sorry, everybody—bicyclists, walkers, park board grant application drawer-upper—*but the train's coming through*. You'll all have to wait a while before you can drop a half a million on the bike path.

But wait—Jack Fuller, Park District administrative assistant and a member of the railroad commission (by the way, can you say "conflict of interest?") says the trail extension would cost several million dollars if the track remains in place.

Now maybe it's just the way the paper worded it, but I get the idea that someone thinks that dropping the extra cash on a path-with-a-track is actually a viable alternative. Keep reading the paper, folks . . .

and hold onto your wallets. Unless Jack and the gang want to wait until the tracks are melted down into Zippo lighters, it's going to take an awful lot of money to keep us cyclists "safe" and off the streets.

Of course, there are alternatives like the IVW's advocacy action list, but those proposals (connecting residential streets and so on) are largely the domain of the transportation folks, not the park board. And I don't remember when Jack last called us up and asked us for advice.

The park board has one agenda—a largely off-street bike path from Pioneer Park to downtown. I don't necessarily disagree with their agenda, but I keep feeling as though the folks that make the decisions believe

that this is the holy grail of bicycling. Again, the *Journal Star* quotes councilman David Koehler as saying "That piece, when it is done, will give us one of the best trail systems in the Midwest."

I want more than a trail, Dave. I want to ride from anywhere to anywhere in the city quickly and comfortably. But universal access would require that bicycles be included automatically in the planning of roads, and residential and commercial areas.

It's not an impossible goal, just one that has yet to find a champion on the council.

I don't want anybody to give up on the trail—properly designed, it will be hugely

popular with Peorians. But I'd sure like people like Fuller and Koehler to explore the larger universe of bicycle issues. Just think what Peoria could be if the whole town was bicycle-friendly instead of a single thoroughfare.

[and yes, of course my views are my own.]

GIVE ME MO, MO, MO. If you'd like to get a taste of the Olympics without traveling far, check out the U.S. Olympic Festival '94 in St. Louis. Athletes from across the country will be competing for berths on the U.S. team. There is no ticket charge for the two cycling events: a time trial along Alton River Road Thursday, July 7 starting at 9 a.m.; and a road race through Babler State Park, Friday, July 8 at 8:30 a.m. For more information on the '94 Festival, call 1-800-94GAMES. Thanks to Larry Davis for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch clip.

RAILS-TO-TRAILS-TO-BOOK. The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy has announced the first in a series of rail-trail guidebooks. 40 Great Rail-Trails in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana is 224-pages long and includes 25 trails in Michigan, 12 in Illinois and three in Indiana. RTC plans to produce two more guides by the end of 1994. 40 Great Rail-Trails is available for \$14.95 plus \$4 shipping from Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, 1400 Sixteenth Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.



Quiet Heroes Make A Big Start In '94

The following IVW members have supported the Quiet Hero Blood Donor Program in a big way during the first three months of 1994 with 19 total donations. Excellent!

Ron Anderson (2 donations)
Ralph Behrens (2 donations)
Nancy Buzan
Joe Camp (New IVW Quiet Hero)
Linda Fischer
Sheila Hansen

Ken Pedigo (6 pheresis donations)
Dave Ringland
Bill Semmens
James Vaupel (New IVW Quiet hero)
Brian White (2 donations)

IVW members are encouraged to become regular blood donors through the Quiet Hero Program. Simply mention our club number (000560) when you register at a bloodmobile or at the blood center. Questions? Call the center at 674-7171, ext. 278, or call me, Ron Anderson, IVW Quiet Hero Coordinator at 444-2018.



Notes From All Over...

Karl Kohlrus, president of the **SPRINGFIELD BICYCLE CLUB**, told his members in April that the club attended a meeting of the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) after an invitation from that group. Kohlrus said he was "quite impressed by the openness of the meeting and the warm reception the SBC received." At the same meeting, an engineering firm presented plans for the proposed Springfield-Chatham-Auburn bicycle trail. Kohlrus said the trail would be submitted to the state by June 13 for possible ISTE A funding.

Dave Shepherd, editor of the **JOLIET BICYCLE CLUB** Newsletter dreamed up a 24-hour bicycle channel. From the April issue, here's are just two of the venture's possible programs:

- **This Old Frame** Rejected by PBS, this do-it-yourself show teaches bike repair skills. Host Bob Villa takes an old bike and each week, fixes something new on it. A five-part series on "lubing your chain" is planned for Sweeps Week.
- **The Guiding Vistalite** This soap opera follows the life of the SchwinnByrds, a rich, opulent family who practically "own" the bicycling manufacturing town of Saddle Brook. In one episode, Crystal, the wife of Derrick SchwinnByrd, the owner of the bicycling company, has her eye on Brick, the muscular foreman of the bearing component department. Derrick catches Crystal and Brick riding a tandem on a local bike path.

The Aurora, IL police department has been easing itself into a police-on-bikes program

with the purchase of two bicycles in 1992 and two more in 1993. Now the **AURORA BICYCLE CLUB** has purchased two Specialized Rockhoppers for the department, according to the club's April newsletter.

Losses: Harold Hoeweler, **DUBUQUE (IA) BIKE CLUB** support vehicle driver for RAGBRAI, recently died at age 59 according to the club's April newsletter. Don Thompson, vice-president of **BIKEBURLINGTON** (Burlington, IA) was hit and killed while riding his bicycle in Ft. Madison, March 21.

Here are a couple of publications of interest to cycling advocates mentioned in the March issue of the **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY PROJECT BULLETIN**:

- From the Federal Highway Administration. "Innovations in Public Involvement for Transportation Planning" describes approaches to involving citizens in transportation planning and provides a contact list of communities that have tried them. For a free copy, write Florence Mills, FHWA, 400 7th Street, SW, HEP 32, Washington, DC 20590.
- From STPP. "State Expenditures of ISTE A Funds: Do They Reflect the New Directions" reports on how states are using their ISTE A funds. Send \$10 plus \$3 for postage to State Report, Attention Meg Franko, STPP, 1400 Sixteenth Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

In April the **CHICAGOLAND BICYCLE FEDERATION** reported that the Chicago area

continues to win in the ISTE A arena. Winners of state-distributed federal funding included 11 projects for Cook County, four for Lake County and two for DuPage County. Projects include road-widening, path improvements, signage, striping and new construction.

The CBF also reported that Lt. Tom Northfeld, head of the city's bicycle-mounted patrol unit, hopes to build public support for extending bicycle patrols along Chicago's Lakefront Path. Northfeld said that muggers at three different locations along a 1.5 mile stretch of the trail between 31st and 47th streets make the path unsafe for single cyclists until the summer police patrols get underway.



OTHER PEOPLE OTHER PLACES

Speaking of Chicago, there's finally a **CHICAGO CYCLING CLUB**, according to the group's inaugural April newsletter. Weekly rides are planned beginning April 10 leaving from the Addison Totem Pole in Lincoln Park at 8:30 a.m. Corporate support seems to be an important part of the club's unveiling; the club's membership fees are sent to the Kangaroo Connection, a retailer of Headway helmets.

Roger Cantu, president of the **OAK PARK CYCLE CLUB**, remembered a few of his failed resolutions in his clubs April newsletter. There was the *Great Weight Loss Project* of 1986, the *Great Works of Literature Undertaking* of 1979 and "of course, the *Girls Will Never Cloud My Thinking Resolution* of 1975." Cantu said he wouldn't confess his failures if not for his successes. "The shining example is the *I'll Take Up Cycling Commitment* of 1990."

**PROCTOR CYCLING CLASSIC
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
WHERE: DOWNTOWN PEORIA
WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 12
TIME: 8 A.M.-5:30 P.M.**



The Peoria Bicycle Club, Peoria's bicycle racing organization, needs volunteers to watch corners for its annual criterium race. Each volunteer is given a T-shirt and invited to a cookout at Saturn of Peoria in Pioneer Park on June 11, the Saturday before the race. To sign up, stop by Vitesse Cycle Shop in Peoria Heights or mail this form to: Jeff Tate, 2315 W. Madera Ct., Peoria, IL 61614

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE () _____

Times Available (morning, afternoon, all day) _____

Prefered Shift Length (in hours) _____

Have you volunteered on the criterium course before? Yes No

Roadside Attractions

The IVW receives many ride notices. Listed below are rides sponsored by bicycle clubs and other cycling organizations in the Midwest. For unlisted information on charity rides and tour companies, call Samuel Joslin at (309) 688-0922. Remember, do not send money without first filling out a registration form. Phone numbers for more information are included whenever possible. In addition, SJ may have registration blanks available for many of the listed events. Plan ahead, plan early.

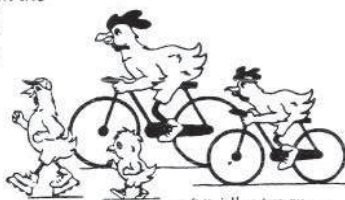
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- SAT 7** Tour of the Sangamon River Valley. 35, 65 miles. Lake of the Woods. \$13 late registration. Prairie Cycle Club, P.O. Box 115, Urbana, IL 61801. For more info, call Marni Basic at (217) 384-7153.
- SAT 14** Psychos 6 & 12 Hour Challenge. 16-mile repeat loop on a moderately challenging course with neutral support zone at start/finish. \$20 before April 30, \$23 day of event. Bike Psychos, P.O. Box 652, Oak Lawn, IL 60454.
- SUN 15** McLean County Wheelers' Spring Metric. Lake Bloomington. 50, 100 miles. \$12-15. Craig Ryan, 309-827-8216.
- SUN 22** Windy City Sports Bike Rally/Pizza Ride. 15, 25, 40, 60 miles. \$15 before May 9 (and receive T-Shirt). 312-421-6827 for information.
- FRI 27-SUN 29** Horsey Hundred. 25, 50, 75, 100 miles Saturday. 30, 54, 60 miles Sunday. Bluegrass Wheelmen, P.O. Box 8044, Lexington, KY 40533-8044.
- SAT 28 OR 29** Blackhawk State Line Sixty. 35, 60 miles through northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. \$10 before May 20. Blackhawk Bicycle and Ski Club, P.O. Box 8316, Rockford, IL 61125.

JUNE

- SAT 4.** 20th Annual Pedal-In, Tour de Prairie. Peoria, IL. 25, 50, 75 & 100 miles. Fully supported event over flat to rolling terrain includes homemade cookies, marked and mapped routes, and post-ride meal (with vegetarian option). Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Sheryl Hansen at (309) 263-2870, or Sue Weast at (309) 639-2323.
- SAT 4** Hoosier Hills Bike Tour. Bloomington, IN. 25, 60, 100K. \$8 before May 16, \$10 thereafter. Bloomington Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402. For info, call (812) 330-0658.
- SUN 5** 12th Annual Udder Century. Union, IL. 32, 54, 63, 100 miles. All-new pasta dinner. \$13-15. McHenry County Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 917, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0917. For more info, call Linda at (708) 442-1188.

SAT 11 Tour de Chicken, to benefit the Children's Home. Peoria. 8,24,60 mile routes. Start at Jubilee State College. Walking and skating events also available. \$15 registration includes chicken dinner and T-shirt. For more information, call the Children's Home at (309) 695-1047. Submitted by IVW member Frank Barclay.



Tour de Chicken

- SAT 11** Keosippi Metric Century. Keokuk, IA. 36, 63 miles. \$7. Keokuk Bicycle Club.]
- SAT 11, SUN 12** 19th Annual Honeysuckle Hundred. 35, 62, 100 miles Saturday, 35, 56 miles Sunday. Columbus, IN. Challenging tour of scenic back roads in Sothern Indiana. \$10 before June 1. Driftwood Valley Wheelers. For more info, call Ron Adams (812) 372-5538.
- SAT 11, SUN 12** 17th Annual Tour Of Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV) 106 miles from Bettendorf to Dubuque, IA Saturday. 86 miles return Sunday. Shorter route available. Includes baggage transfer, sag stops, TOMRV jersey, Saturday night dinner. \$43 until March 31, then \$48 until April 30, then \$53 until May 31. No fees accepted after May 31. Saturday night accomodations not included in fee. Quad Cities Bicycle Club. Susie LaForce, (319) 355-5530.
- SUN 12** BCLC Ramble. Wauconda. 30, 60, 80, 100 miles. \$15. Bicycle Club of Lake County. Gary Schlesinger, 708-367-3341.
- SAT 18-19** Mississippi River Ride. 40, 70 miles. Burlington, IA. \$15 & \$5 camping before June 2. Loop ride starts in West Burlington with overnight stay in Nauvoo, a restored Mormon community. Fully supported ride over mainly flat, lightly traveled roads. BikeBurlington Bicycle Club. Call Burlington Area Convention & Tourism, 800-82RIVER for more information.
- SAT 18-19** 12th Annual 24-Hour Challenge. Byron Center, MI. Personal best bicycle ride to test your endurance and determination. Includes T-shirt, mileage pins, certificate, 1,000-mile jersey. \$40 before May 18; \$60 thereafter. Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club. For info, call (616) 241-1969.
- SUN 19** Windy 60. DeKalb, IL. 25,40,60 miles. \$8 before June 4; \$10 thereafter. Includes T-shirt. DeKalb County Bicycle Club (815) 758-8879 or (815) 758-1562.
- SAT 25** Georgetown Chicken Century Bicycle Tour. 35, 65, 100 miles through eastern Illinois and western Indiana. Includes BBQ chicken dinner at end of ride. Riders registered before June 19 receive a T-shirt. \$15. Champaign (IL) Touring Society. For more information, call 217-352-7600.

Indiana State Parks
Touring Ride in Rural Indiana

TRIP



June 19 - 25

1994

A week-long bicycle/camping tour of Indiana state parks.

Other 1994 Bloomington Bicycle Club events:

May 21 Crane Strain (formerly HUMOR/2)
A 12 hour ultra-marathon challenge.

June 4 Hoosier Hills
A weekend tour in Bloomington, IN 25 - 100 km.

July 18 RAIN (Ride Across Indiana)
Terre Haute to Richmond (162 miles) in one day.

For more information:
Write the event % BBC
or call (812) 332-8028



BLOOMINGTON
BICYCLE CLUB

P.O. Box 463
Bloomington, IN 47402

JULY

SAT 2 Liberty Tour '94. 16, 38, 62, 100 miles. Bay City, MI. Includes use of community center pool and showers, "new improved" salad bar, entry to fireworks festival. Preregistered riders receive a T-shirt. \$20 before June 21 (\$12 if no T-shirt), \$15 thereafter. Tri-City Cyclists. (517) 892-2100 or (517) 892-4204.

SAT 9-SAT 16 Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River. From Upper Michigan to Iowa borders. Includes camping, showers, transportation to start. 608-256-2686.

SAT 16 Ride Across Indiana (RAIN). 162 miles border to border. Brisk-paced, physically challenging, 14-hour ride limit. \$22 includes T-shirt, lunch, 6 rest stops. Bloomington Bicycle Club. Call (812) 339-4717.

SUN 17 Melon Metric X. 30,62,100 miles. Naperville Bicycle Club. \$9 before June 20. Call (708) 357-9000, ext. 191, or ext. 616.

SAT 23-FRI 29 Tour Of The Thumb (TOTT). St. Clair to Au Gres, MI. Includes breakfast and dinner daily Sunday through Thursday, breakfast on Friday, camping, baggage transfer. \$155 registration, before- or after-ride transportation \$30. Tri-City Cyclists, P.O. Box 2156, Bay City, MI 48707.

SUN 24 Boulevard Lakefront Tour. 35-mile historical/architectural tour of Chicago's neighborhoods, parks and lakefront. \$20 before June 30 and

get a T-shirt at no extra cost. Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. CBF office, 312-42-PEDAL.

SUN 31 MetroMetric XIV, Wizard of Ozwego. \$14. Riders registered before July 8 receive free full-color T-shirt. Elmhurst Bicycle Club. Phil Wolpe 708-968-4880 (eve) or 708-268-6666 (day).

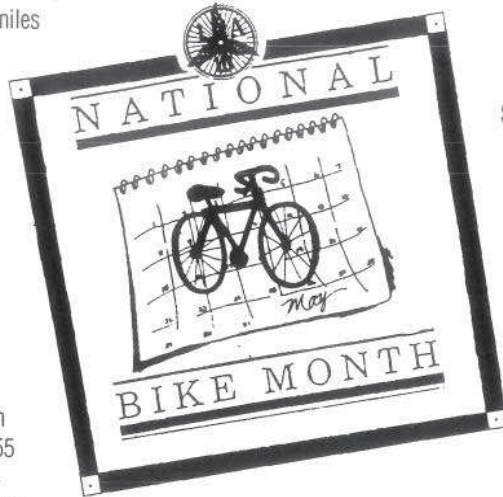
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SAT 17 Diane's Ride. 35, 67, 100 miles. Glasford, IL. Includes breakfast and post-ride meal with vegetarian option. \$12 until September 3, \$15 thereafter. T-shirt available. Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Bill Clark, 309-347-4841.

SUN 18 11th Annual Spoon River Scenic Century. 30, 65, 100 miles. Canton, IL. Includes lightly traveled roads, the first apple cider of the season and post-ride shower facilities. \$10 before September 4, \$12 thereafter. Spoon River Wheelmen. Dave Tomlinson, 309-647-6436. **Make it a weekend of riding in Central Illinois. Combine Spoon River with Diane's Ride.**

SUN 25 Apple Cider Century®. Three Oaks, MI. 25, 50, 75, 100 miles through orchards, forests and wine country around Three Oaks. 7,000 cyclists in '93; send registration in early—

1,500 were turned away last year. Includes spaghetti dinner and ice cream social. \$22 before July 31. Apple Cider Century '94, P.O. Box 7000, Three Oaks, MI 49128.



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ LAW (Y/N)? _____
(list other family members on reverse)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

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

CHECK ANOTHER ONE NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWING

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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.

Make check to: Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, 6518 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614

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 _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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ANNUAL JUNK FOOD RIDE (JFR)

The 1994 JFR will be held Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m., starting from Lake of the Woods Plaza (on Route 88 between Mossville Road and Cedar Hills Drive). Please bring your favorite junk food (cookies, chips, etc.) to share at Benning's after the ride. Drinks will be provided. The ride will proceed at a casual pace for between three and 100 miles. Everyone is welcome; if you can't make the ride, show up at about 7:15 p.m. to gain the weight needed to see you through the season. Questions? Call Gregg and Liz Benning at 243-5206.

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Call Sheryl Hansen at (309) 263-2870
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Thanks to IVW member **Bill Clark** for donating a water cooler to the club for use on future invitational rides.

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