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greater peoria's bicycle club

Committee Approves City Bike Plan

AT ITS JANUARY 10 MEETING, the Community Growth and Development Committee of the Peoria City Council unanimously approved the bicycle map/plan presented by the city's Traffic Engineering Department. The plan was created with substantial IVW input.

Committee Chairman and District Councilman David Ransburg said "the plan is exciting." When Councilman Andre Bohannon asked how many Peorians would be served by improved bicycle facilities, Councilman Camille Gibson said "I see lots of people riding bicycles in my neighborhood." Also, Jack Fuller of the Peoria Park District and Councilman Ransburg vouched for the large number of bicycle users on the Rock Island Trail.

The plan calls for mapping over 80 miles of on- and off-road bicycle facilities. Some street routes would be marked with signs, while outdated "bike route" signs would be removed. Once approved by the full council, construction projects to expand the route network would become part of the city's normal capital project planning/budgeting process. These projects include elimination of "bottlenecks" to bicycling identified by Traffic Engineering during the map-planning process. Forrest Hill/Gale

avenues, our "trial by fire" introduction to the City Council last year, is included in the plan.

In advocacy lingo, this is known as "institutionalizing" bicycle planning, making bicycle accommodations a routine part of transportation planning.

At the meeting: The January 10 meeting was attended by the following members of the Community Growth and Development Committee: Chairman David Ransburg, Andre Bohannon, Camille Gibson, Edward Glover, David Koehler and Leonard Unes. Also in attendance: Jim Wittmer and Eric Hutchison (IVW), Jack Fuller (Peoria Park District), Bayo Andanri (Tri-County Regional Planning Commission), and Steve VanWinkle and Jim Baumann (Peoria Traffic Engineering).

Next step: The committee's recommendation may be passed on to the entire city council February 7 for approval. Traffic Engineering has already earmarked funds in the city's capital budget to get the plan rolling. Peoria County must also approve the plan as some mapped routes are under county jurisdiction. To verify that the plan will be on the agenda, call me, Eric Hutchison, at 685-3921. —Eric Hutchison



IVW WELCOMES 1995 Twelve IVW members (yes, there are only 10 in the picture) braved 21° temperatures and 5-15 mph winds on the club's New Year's Day ride. Eric Hutchison led the merry band on a historic neighborhoods tour: 12 miles around Roanoke/Randolph, Kickapoo Terrace and Moss Avenue landmarks. Back at the ranch Eric and Jennifer hosted 23 people. Dirk and Denise DeDecker battled the Sonic Hedgehog, Terry Threw contributed some new-age CDs, and there was loads of food, including smoked shrimp. Eric's post-ride highlight: "As the sun went down, seeing the fresh snow in my driveway criss-crossed with bicycle-tire

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Board Silly...

"I am one of those zealots who would have a special corner of Westminster Abbey for the honored bones of the men who brought to perfection this slender, whippet thing of steel and rubber that carries a man far and fast by his own glad effort, on the open road, and takes him away from his cares as nothing else can." —Twells Brex

That there's a group of people working for you in the form of a board of IVW directors probably isn't a mystery. This year we'll further demystify the process by having board meeting highlights as a part of the newsletter. You'll soon have all our phone, fax and e-mail info, and we're hoping to hear from you.

Since madam secretary is off to Trinidad for her annual family visit, I'll two-finger my way thru this and provide comments as we go.

The treasury: \$726.08 in checking, \$1039.22 in savings.

John Bousky, new owner of Illinois Cycle attended and announced his desire to support IVW. With each new bike sold, he'll issue a voucher to the buyer good for half of one year's dues in IVW. Thank you, John. Also, watch for news of some new, regularly scheduled fat tire rides to be lead by Mark Brown, who works for Illinois Cycle.

Sheryl Hansen, spring invitational ride chair, got approval to rename the spring invitational ride "No Baloney Ride" and leave it that way. Continuity is important in getting riders to return. Ride date is June 3. Committee meetings start Feb 20.

Eric Hutchison reported the Peoria city bike routes and maps advocated by IVW have received committee approval. The next step is city council review.

You'll want your councilman to be aware of where you stand on getting these approved and published. You'll also want to help represent the club at the council meeting.

Membership has held up during the winter. We now stan at 209. (but as we've learned at a leadership session, the way to attract and hold members is to have activities that will get the under-served participating. We need your ideas, you who we may seldom see and don't know as well as we should.)

If you need a roster, call Elizabeth Heuermann at 673-0098.



Sheldon Schafer, Lakeview planetarium director, presented ideas and plans for the "World's Longest and Fastest Bike Ride" around the world's largest scale model of the solar system. That will be a joint effort by IVW, the Peoria Astronomical Society, the Peoria Academy of Sciences, and Lakeview Museum. Our role will be to provide ride organizational know-how, and some support

people. Most of the day-of-ride support will be from non-riders in the other organizations. This will be a two-day event in mid July. I will be the primary liaison between IVW and the other organizations. Your phone may ring.

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m., Feb 16 at Eric Hutchison's . All are welcome.

Well, from the above you see we're mvoing forward on what will be a great year for the IVW, and for you as a rider. The intrepid ones have already been out proving that it really doesn't have to be 70° and sunny for it to feel good out there.

Just in case you think there might be some gadget or unobtanium frame you haven't seen, or you'd just like to spend a day with your riding friends, better call Roger John for a seat on the CABDA show bus. —GWD

Info needed: Has anyone toured Pella, Iowa? On May 8, I'll begin riding from Peoria to Pella for that community's Tulip Festival. Call me to offer advice or to join me on the ride. Judy Apici, 387-6761.

Wanted: Stokers. Steve Grube, 699-6956.

For Sale: Sekai 10-speed, 22" frame, SunTour derailleurs, DiaCompe centerpull brakes, Suzue hubs. \$75. Don Eberle. 699-2790.

Midwest Bicycle Show: Feb. 25

Response has been great. We have almost 40 people signed up for what will be a fun trip. If you want to go but haven't sent your \$20, better get that check in the mail today! Remember, the bus only holds 46 people.

This is a good opportunity for new members, or those who haven't been as active, to meet other club members and get inspired for riding in '95.

We will meet at the southeast corner of the Northwoods Mall parking lot and leave promptly at 7 a.m. The club will provide donuts and juice for your breakfast dining (or snacking) pleasure.

If you would like to go, or you need more information, call me at 243-9191.

—Roger John

Meeting: Bicycle Inn, 7 p.m., Feb. 23

The February club meeting features George Burrier as guest speaker. George and his wife are local cyclists who enjoy both road and trail riding. If you've ridden the Rock Island Trail, you can thank George for his years of tireless effort to make the trail a reality.

Join us for dessert and hear George talk about one of his recent bike trips. Also, find out what's happening with bike trails in Illinois.

Since part of the program touches on bike trails, it seems appropriate to hold our meeting at a favorite stop on the Rock Island Trail. Although the Bicycle Inn in Dunlap closes at 2 p.m., John Parks has graciously agreed to let us use the place for our meeting during the evening.

To reach the Bicycle Inn, take Route

91 to Dunlap, and turn right at the only gas station in Dunlap. Go two blocks and turn left on Second Street. Proceed about 1/2 block and watch for the big high-wheeler bike sign. Call a member you haven't seen for awhile or invite a cycling friend to this meeting. You provide your presence; we'll continue to provide interesting and informative club meetings.

—RJ

Tuesday Get-Together

Join Bill Wright's Tuesday Night crowd at Leonardo's in Peoria, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue DeDecker at 693-2973.

No Baloney Planning

Come one, come all . . . to the first planning session for this year's spring invitational—the No Baloney ride to be held Monday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. That's right: "No Baloney" returns as club designation for the biggest ride of the year. See how you can take part and mark routes, help out with check-in, or take care of a food stop. The fun starts 7:30 p.m., February 20 at Elizabeth Heuermann's place, 504 W. High St., Peoria. For more information, call Elizabeth at 673-0098 or Sheryl Hansen at 263-2870. It's bound to be a good time for all and that's No Baloney!

Up & Coming

The **March meeting**, the second in our bike shop series, will be hosted by Vitesse Cycle Shop. I'll provide details in the next newsletter.

Following the theme of "eat to ride and ride to eat" (or is it the other way around?), some of our **warm-weather meetings** will be held at outdoor picnic shelters. We'll have a potluck and short meeting followed by a hands-on program, one of which will include area bike shops bringing demo bikes for members to try out.

How about a **bus trip with bikes** to ride the backroads of Wisconsin? Or maybe a **one-day bike repair workshop** next winter? Don't be bashful; give me a call if you have

an idea for a club meeting, program or other activity. You provide the idea—I'll organize it. This is not a one-person club, so step right up and call me at 243-9191.

—RJ

Diane's Ride Moves

Bill's back! And he's moved Diane's Ride, the club's fall invitational, from its mid-September date to August 26. For more information, or to get in on the planning, call Bill at 347-4841.



Quiet Hero Club

During the final two months of 1994, the following IVW members supported the Quiet Hero Blood Donor Program:

Ron Anderson
Ralph Behrens
Ken Kiley
Ken Pedigo (4 pheresis donations)
Dave Ringland
Bill Semmens
Steve West
Jack Welch
Brian White

Total donations from our Quiet Hero Club in '94 totaled 63; that's a 21 percent increase over '93. Thanks IVW Quiet Heroes!

Haven't donated yet? Along with your New Year's resolution to ride more miles in '95 please consider a pledge to donate blood regularly! Be sure to mention the IVW Quiet Hero Club number: 000560.

—Ron Anderson

NO BALONEY!



Volunteer to help with the biggest IVW ride of the year. Call Sheryl Hansen today at 263-2870.

Peoria's News Pedaler

In late 1935, French writer and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry barely slept in the 48 hours preceding his attempt on the Paris-Saigon speed record. Less than 24 hours into his trip, he crashed into a Libyan sand dune at 170 mph. Afterward, he complained about the price of breakfast in the desert; an expensive parachute was used to capture a miniscule amount of dew.

Like pilots, most cyclists would benefit from a little more planning and rest before physically demanding events. However, like the author of the *Little Prince*, sometimes they just "wing it." In August 1987, Eric Shangraw, now anchor of News 25 Weekend on WEEK, winged it. He and Don Schoenfeld, later a photographer at the station, decided to ride their bikes to Chicago, 140 miles away. Neither had ridden much more than 20 miles at a stretch before the ride.

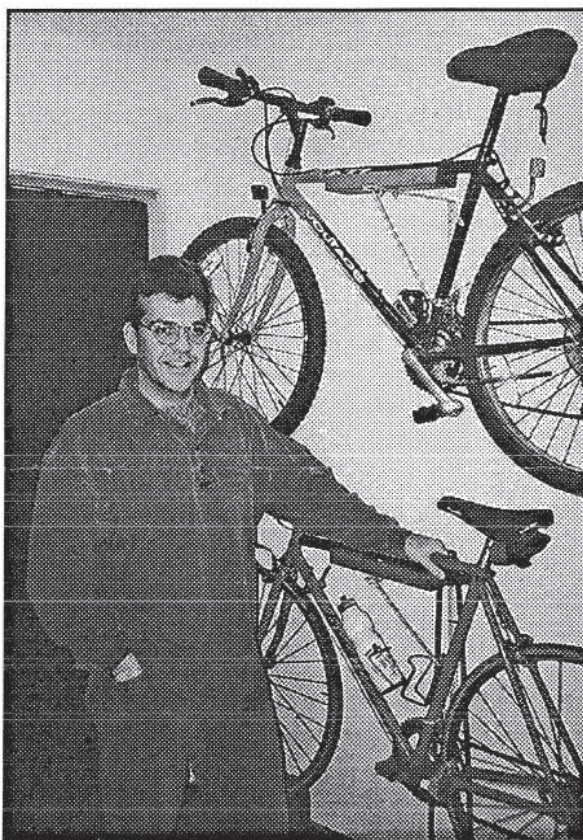
"It was just pure, young, psycho college energy," Shangraw said. "We only took \$10 with us, so about two in the afternoon, we charged six Milky Ways to get us through the rest of the ride." No planning, no training; a disaster in the making—except that the pair completed their journey successfully. "We drove back in Schoenfeld's car, which was the reason we pedaled to Chicago in the first place."

After the longest ride of his life, Eric started training regularly, but he still didn't get carried away with planning. For two or three summers after the Chicago trip, he would hop on Route 150—"I didn't know there were any other roads"—and ride the 105 miles to Champaign.

Pick-up bicycle marathons seem to be at odds with the newscaster's demeanor on the set; quietly confident and always organized, Eric on camera is a study in seriousness. His ruler-straight back never touches his chair, seemingly never comes within three inches of it. That could be why he looks taller on the tube than in person; even standing on a

bathroom scale, he's not quite six feet tall.

Sitting on a beige couch of indeterminate age in his modest apartment near O'Leary's, Eric talked about cycling the evening before traveling to Galesburg to cover President Clinton's Middle-Class-Bill-of-Rights trip. Carefully folding blue, brown and black dress socks—socks that



Channel 25 newscaster Eric Shangraw always wears a helmet whether he's riding on- or off-road. He's meticulous about the rest of his wardrobe, too. "I only wear black shorts. It's not that colored shorts aren't cool; they just aren't me. And cotton t-shirts—no jerseys."

viewers never see—he occasionally glanced at Conan the Barbarian on, as Carson used to say, another network.

"I chose this place because it's so easy to get out of town. Kellogg's golf course is just across the road; even the Rock Island

Trail isn't too far away."

Two bikes, a Jazz Voltage and a Specialized Sirrus, rest on homemade metal-and-wood racks just inside the door. "I had a Specialized before this one, but only two weeks. Lost it when I went to a party in Chicago. The bike was in the back seat of the car. The doors were locked, but when I came back out, someone had smashed a window and taken it. Stupid."

Despite the nearness of the Rock Island, it's soon obvious that Eric rides mostly on the road; for one, the much heavier mountain bike is stored above the spic-and-span Specialized. During the summer, he and his friend Bruce Day ride at least four times a week, traveling mostly to Dunlap, Princeville and Wyoming. "And I always ride after the show on Saturday; whether it's gone good or bad, I always have a good ride."

Born in New York in 1964, Eric grew up in Normal, where his father—who still works for State Farm Insurance—moved the family in 1971. Eric always rode a bike, but a seventh-grade paper route helped him pick up the pace. "I carried the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Sun Times*, the *New York Times* and the *Journal Star*. Pedaled seven and a half miles a day for three years—20 miles on Sunday, because I could only carry half of the papers at a time."

In 1994, Eric began riding with his girlfriend, Beth Hartter, 25's forecaster on Saturdays. Beth, who also teaches aerobics, pedaled through COMPACRACC with ease, and Eric lengthened the first two days of PACRACC into even centuries. Impressed with Beth's performance on a borrowed bike, Eric said, "I may give the Voltage to Beth so she can trade it in on something lighter."

When quizzed about his total mileage in 1994, Eric seemed a little disappointed that his cyclometer

registered "only" 1,800 miles. So, what is he planning for '95? "Bruce and I talked about doing another century this year.

A century a month—that would be great."

—Samuel Joslin

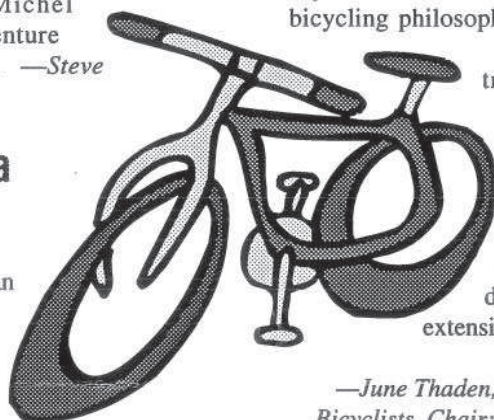


Another great club ride

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25. Five energetic, young-at-heart people ventured out on a day that was sunny, calm and warm (40°). Glen Thompson rode in from Groveland for a tour of Peoria shopping areas. Jack Welch had his recently restored Schwinn Paramount, a beautiful bike, on its maiden voyage. Denny and Peggy Tresenriter were out taking a break from holiday activities. The route led us to Northwoods Mall and then a scenic ride down Grandview Drive. Glen showed us some interesting back streets as we returned to Fondulac Park by way of the Michel Bridge. Our adventure covered 25 miles. —*Steve Grube*

Not quite a review

In my librarian duties, I processed a book today that looks interesting and well written. I've



read only a couple of pages so can't really "recommend" it totally, but on first glance it seems an excellent review of the subject.

The book is *The Ecology of the Automobile*, by Peter Freund and George Martin, ©1993, Black Rose Books; ISBN 1-895431-82-4, (paper), less than \$20.

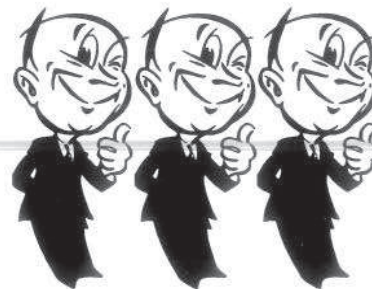
Divided into 3 parts, its sections are

- 1) Auto-Centered Transport as a Social Problem.
- 2) Deconstructing Auto Hegemony.
- 3) Politics and alternatives (a chapter here is *Modifying Auto-Centered Transport*).

The pages dealing with use of the bicycle seem to be in line with pro-bicycling philosophies—so often more general land transportation books tend to have "bike path" mentality, or ignore bicycling entirely.

The book is also very well documented, with extensive bibliographies.

—*June Thaden, League of Michigan Bicyclists, Chair; Vice President, LAB*



February Get-Togethers

All gatherings begin at 8:30 a.m.:

Bob Evans, East Peoria	5
Oogies, Peoria	12
Bob Evans, East Peoria	19*
Oogies, Peoria	26

*Meet the board of directors at Oogies in Peoria, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 19. We won't buy your breakfast, but you can bend our ears with your ideas for 1995. For more information, call George Dudley at 692-7076.

Ride leaders: Contact me at 274-6101 with your ride information before the 12th of the preceding month.

—*Tom Parr*

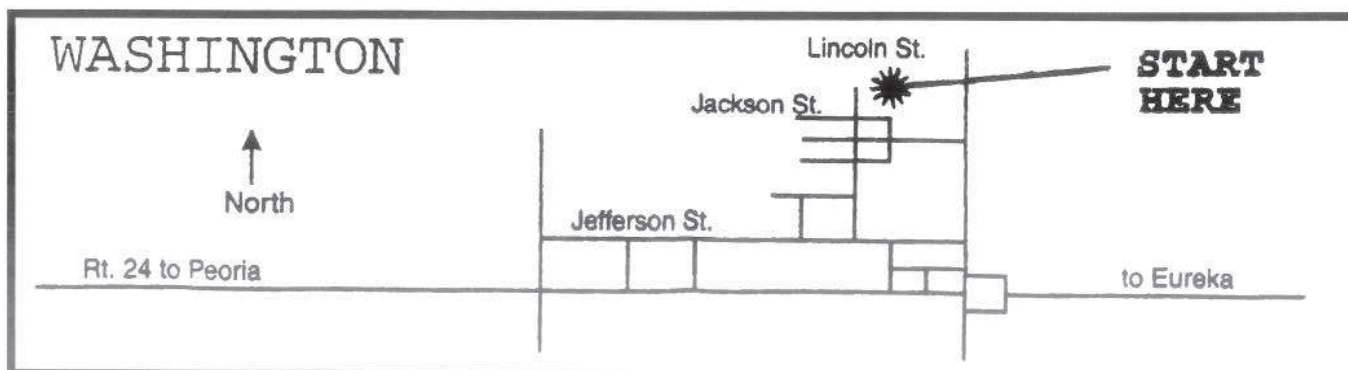
RR 101—ROAD RIDING PRACTICUM

Prerequisite: A fair level of fitness and the ability to ride 10 miles at a brisk pace. This ride is for riders who have ridden up and down the trail and around town about all they can, and now wish to improve their fitness, bike handling skills and comfort with riding on the road. Riders wanting a greater challenge are encouraged to bring mountain bikes, trailers, and tandems with kiddie stokers. Concrete blocks are available upon request.

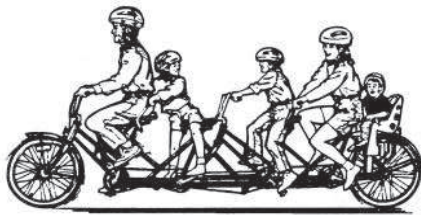
RR 101 CLASS MEETING TIMES

LINCOLN GRADE SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON:

RR 101 will be held, weather permitting, on the third Sunday of each month beginning February 19, 1995, at 1 p.m. The ride will not be held if there is ice or snow on the roads or if the temperature is much below freezing. If the day is sunny and above 20°, a great ride can be expected. This ride is intended to allow less experienced riders to meet and ride with people who are more experienced. Questions are encouraged.



For more information on RR 101, call Rob Alexander at 444-3297.



Top 10 Tips On Riding With a Kiddie Stoker

10. **Watch what you say.** Kids pick up bike talk fast; your six year-old will tell people you pass to "grab a wheel."
9. **Beware of kids chewing gum;** it usually ends up on your tire.
8. **Think ahead.** Halfway up the steepest hills, the feet of kiddie stokers always will fly out of the toe clips, leaving you with two choices: 1. Walk the bike (your husband will now yell: "You should have ridden the wind trainer last winter"), or 2. Hope someone grabs the back of your bike and pushes you up the hill (your husband will still yell about the wind trainer).
7. **Double-check all communication.** A car can be three miles down the road and the child will still say, "We'd better wait; car back."
6. **Always carry rain gear.** If you think adults fuss about the weather, wait 'til you hear a five or six year-old.
5. **Think warm.** Kids are always cold—even when you are practically naked and they have on gloves, sweatpants, sweatshirt and wind gear.
4. **Ride in a group.** Then your kids can bug someone else.
3. **Think ahead.** Kids are always hungry on the bike; when you stop, order what you want because after four bites they will be full.
2. **Visit the restroom before hitting the road.** Otherwise, you'll be stopping after you start (and you might be stopping anyway).
1. **Remain calm.** Whether you've ridden 20 or 120 miles, even if you can't walk two steps, kiddie stokers will be running around before your feet are out of the clips.

—Sue DeDecker

The **Indiana Bicycle Coalition** hosts the 1995 Indiana Bicycle conference Friday, February 10, to further its goal of promoting safe, enjoyable bicycling in Indiana. The conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel Conference Center, 2544 Executive Drive in Indianapolis.

John Fegan, bicycle coordinator for the **U.S. Department of Transportation** will be the keynote speaker. Charles Gandy of the **Bicycle Federation of America** will speak at lunch.

Seminars will be conducted by the best available resource people in Indiana, including representatives from state government, business and bicycle organizations. Topics include Roadway Design and Bicycles, Money in Two-Wheel Travel, Bicycle Safety, and Legislation Affecting Bicycling. Conference fee: \$45. For more information call 1-800-BIKE-110 or 1-317-251-8551, or write fcliff@aol.com.

The **Bicycle Museum of America's** first "No Ride" Ride went off without a hitch Saturday, December 31. Participants were encouraged to sleep in or read the paper. Entry fees went to support the museum's mission of preserving bicycling's past.

James Hurd, curator, was pleased with the event's success. "You and hundreds of other participants enjoyed doing not much of anything on December 31. The lack of energy you put into this ride and your basic laziness made the "No Ride" a great success for the museum. I am glad to report the event was a safe one. There was one big toe stubbed on a night stand, and a minor case of frostbite when a participant fell asleep in front of an open refrigerator."

Here are two publications listed in the January newsletter of the **Bicycle Club Of Lake County** (Libertyville, IL). A *Native's Guide to Chicago* helps visitors find "interesting and inexpensive" places to visit, and emphasizes those that can be reached without a car. Send check or money order for \$12.82 payable to Lake Claremont Press, P.O. Box 25291, Chicago, IL 60625. The 1995 *Cycle and Recycle Calendar* is still available. First released in 1989—and published jointly by nine bike advocacy groups—it works for the year 2006, too. Send check or money order for \$9 payable to Bicycle

Network, P.O. Box 8194, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

If you visit the Libertyville area, call the BCLC Rideline at (708) 415-1820 for the latest info on rides and other club activities.

Members of the **Oak Park (IL) Cycle Club** who recruit new riders are eligible for a \$50 cash prize. Each application received with an existing member's name attached garners a raffle ticket for that member; the more raffle tickets in play, the better the chances of winning. The drawing will be held at the club's July 4 picnic.

The **Des Moines (IA) Bicycle Club**, in combination with

Project Safety, has been awarded a safety grant from the state of Iowa. Grant money will be used to distribute helmets to children during Project Safety's elementary school safety programs.

According to the **Chicagoland Bicycle Federation**, Tom Peters, author of several books dealing with change and business competitiveness, advocated cycling in a recent column. He recommended that employees "chip in as a group and buy several old bikes; encourage people to hold meetings in the local park instead of the office. Also suggest they take a 25-minute decompression ride when they get uptight."

Missing a bicycle from **RAGBRAI**? According to the **Quad Cities Bicycle Club** (Davenport, IA) newsletter, a Univega Activa Country and a Giant Nutra have "resurfaced." If either is your bicycle, or you know who the owner is, contact Warren Power at (319) 765-4921.

Also in the January **QCBC** newsletter: Artist Don Davis has created a limited-edition series of intaglio prints based on the **Moline Criterium**. Even the photocopied representation looks pretty neat. Call Don at (309) 788-0753 for more information.

Cindy Owsley, editor of the **BikeBurlington** (Burlington, IA) newsletter, asks the timeless question, "Why don't men eat more M&Ms?" and then answers, "They're too hard to peel."



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Food, food, glorious food Jim Vaupel partakes of the bountiful spread at the Hutchison Estate and Small Animal Center after the IVW New Year's Day Ride.

Tuesday Night Ride Reunion



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greater peoria's bicycle club

Peoria Bicycle Plan Goes Before City Council

IVW Members Urged To Attend

—Eric Hutchison

The Peoria Bicycle Plan/Map, created with substantial IVW involvement, will be voted on by the Peoria City Council on Tuesday, March 7, at its regular meeting. The plan was approved by a subcommittee of council members in January, a very good sign. A sizeable showing of smiling bicyclists in the council chambers on March 7 will pave us many future miles of improved roads and trails. The mountain has trembled; our applause will get it rolling. The council meeting at Peoria City Hall begins at 6:15 p.m.

PEORIA BIKE PLAN DRAWS NATIONAL ATTENTION.

Peoria recently made news in *Bicycle USA*, the national magazine of the League of American Bicyclists (30,000 members). In response to the publicity, I received this letter from LAB member Harvey Botzman.

Dear Eric,

I thank you and the IVW as well as the forward-looking City of Peoria Traffic Engineering Department for introducing and implementing a roadway plan which will include bicycle lanes.

I have toured (long-distance cyclotourer here) the Peoria area and found it delightful. This improvement will make me come back.

As you well know, older touring cyclists, such as myself, are an increasing number of bicycle riders. We contribute to the local economies in the areas we tour. A number of states and localities (e.g., Vermont, Oregon; Pima County, Arizona, etc.) recognize this and have made provisions for bicycle tourists and commuters.

The January/February 1995 issue of *Bicycle USA* has an excellent article on Corvallis, Oregon, which you might want to send to the City Council and Traffic Engineering Departments. You may also send a copy of this letter to them.

Sincerely, Harvey Botzman
Rochester, New York

I forwarded a copy of Harvey's letter to all Peoria City Council members and the Traffic Engineering Department in preparation for the council's first full review of the Peoria Bike Plan/Map.

IVW EXPANDS MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS. You'll notice a new area on the IVW membership form for an optional donation above normal membership dues. Because of increased newsletter costs and expanded advocacy activity (talk is cheap, but printing and postage are not), club expenditures have risen. Tipped helmets to Jim Vaupel, Carl Buerger, Jr., and Nick and Jan Weede for their recent donations to the IVW.

STATE BICYCLE PROFESSIONAL TO SPEAK IN PEORIA.

Craig Williams, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager for the State of Illinois, will speak at a March 15 meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Craig will meet with the Technical Committee of the TCRPC to discuss the new Illinois Bicycle Maps and our local bike plan/map effort. The committee is composed of transportation engineers from throughout the greater Peoria area. If you live anywhere in the Tri-County area, these are the folks who plan and build your roads.

The March 15 meeting is not a public hearing, but the public (including smiling bicyclists) is welcome to attend. The meeting probably will start at 9 a.m. in East Peoria. Call me for details (309) 685-3921.

LIB ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION—MARCH 25.

It was a League of Illinois Bicyclists' training session that got the IVW advocacy effort kick-started a few years ago. This is a great opportunity to pick up some tips from experienced advocates statewide. The meeting will be at Starved Rock State Park Lodge. Speakers include Noel Weyrich from the national office of the League Of American Bicyclists, Craig Williams, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager for the State of Illinois, and yours truly. Contact me for more details at (309) 685-3921.

New Member

Cynthia Tanner.....Peoria

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