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ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN



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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.

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George can't get a brake...

Can you believe this February weather? Some of it, anyway! Even a few of we wimps have been out getting the Feb legs awakened to the fact of spring's return. Those who missed Rob Alexander's 101 ride the 19th missed a good one. I hope all had an equally good ride somewhere. The bus trip to the CABDA show is nearly upon us as I two-finger this. More on that next time.

Let me make a suggestion to all as the urge to get on the bike and pound off down the road is upon us this early season. Take a good look at that trusty steed that's been awaiting your bidding through the winter. I'm talking about a real lean-up-and-microscopic exam, folks. I'm talking about do as I say, not as I did. We were lucky, but it could have been different.

The one-day "feel rotten" got to me Saturday the 18th, so the tandem we rode Sunday was the one that had been riding around in the van since whenever we quit riding—no promised clean-up and inspection. Sunday came and I felt human enough to ride, so off we went. The bike got tires pumped and stoker seat and pedals moved and swapped. The rear brake sang an unharmonious song when applied. Mental note: Must get some new pads.

Toward the end of the ride, it acted like it wasn't centering; it dragged a little and sang a bit most of the time. In front of Rob's house we decided to take a look. Guess what—the right brake's cantilever arm had separated completely from its round actuator housing. I'm sure that would have been apparent had the good inspection been done. Anyone with Scott Pederson self-energizing cantilever brakes: Take a good look!

Time for a little club news. We didn't

get a quorum at the last board meeting, but discussed some topics on which we'd like your input. The first of these is the need for insurance for our events, the invitational rides and published club rides. Depending on the source and coverage, that insurance would cost us \$500 to \$900 a year. It would hopefully isolate the officers and members from unfavorable lawsuit expenses and judgments. Another possibility is to incorporate the club. By so doing we'd limit liability to the assets of the club—not exactly deep pockets. Those who have some thoughts or knowledge in this area, please make yourselves known.

We're looking for ways to stretch our club funds more efficiently while not reducing service to you. There will be a less elaborate mailing for new and renewing members, but materials—including rosters—

will be available at membership meetings. A little simple formatting change on the newsletter can save some pretty significant money, too. We've been somewhat under the prevailing fees for invitational rides, so we'll fix that and still provide a good time for the ride dollar.

And, speaking of rides: No Baloney has a new start point this year: Jubilee College State Park. As a result, you'll see some new routes and of course, No Baloney.

Plans for the mid-July Interplanetary Ride are progressing nicely, and Bill Clark again is going to chair Diane's Ride. We'll be looking for lots of people to do a little work for each of these great events.

Keep smiling out there on the road; pretty soon we'll get bugs in our teeth.

—GWD



For Sale: Royal blue 1984 Fuji Espirit (20" frame). \$100 or best offer. Red Schwinn Sierra mountain bike (20" frame). \$150 or best offer. Call George Burrier after 5 p.m. at (309) 266-5085.

Discount: The Bicycle Bus now offers 10 percent off parts and accessories to Illinois Valley Wheelm'n members. Tell 'em you saw it in the newsletter.

For Sale: Black & red marble Schwinn Paramount PDG-50 (17" frame). Full Deore DX. Like new, must see. \$600 or best offer. Call Alan Enslow at (309) 682-9346 (work) or (309) 688-2842.

Recumbents to racing...really!

GUNNAR FEHLAU, author of *Das Liegerad*, says an English translation of his fact-filled book on recumbent bicycles soon will be published by Bicycle Books.

MORE RECUMBENTS: Hoy Quan of BFK is offering a free catalog of recumbent bicycles and related items. Offerings include Easy Racer (Gold Rush, EZ-1), Lightning (P38, F40), Rotator (Interceptor, Pursuit), Manta (wind-powered vehicle) and Peter Lynn (kite-powered vehicle). Write Hoy Quan, c/o BFK, 19306 E. Windrose Dr., Rowland Parks, CA 91748.

COMPU-CYCLING: The LIB has formed an e-mail network to inform cyclists of late-breaking Illinois advocacy and legislation issues. For information on how to subscribe to the list, send e-mail to Ted Sanders at Bikead@aol.com.

INFO TO GO. Going to Chicago for some Windy City-style cycling? Call ahead and ask for a free copy of *Safe Bicycling In Chicago*. It's available from the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information at 312-744-5000.



HOW'S THIS FOR HIGH MILEAGE?

Terry Wilson with 9,755 miles was tops in club mileage according to *CIBANews* (Central Indiana Bicycling Association, Indianapolis). Adding in his personal miles, Terry rode a total of 18,185 miles in 1994. Close behind Terry was Joe Newmeister (55 or over category) with 9,105 club miles and 10,140 total.

Financial note: In its February newsletter, CIBA reported preliminary 1994 revenue of \$36,166.49. We're impressed.

FULL-PRESS COURT.

Best source of information on Illinois Valley Wheelm'n members Alan and Bev Enslow? The BikeBurlington (IA) newsletter. America's favorite fun couple (indicted, not convicted) scores at least two column inches every month. Meanwhile, back at the

ranch, the silence is deafening. (Wait a sec . . . there's a late-breaking want ad from the Enslows in this month's newsletter. Check it out. We now return you to our regularly scheduled newsletter . . .)

WE HAVE A WIENER! Due to an overwhelming number of entries, the judges have closed the Out-Of-Town-

Newsletter-Most-Likely-To-Abuse-Copyright-Laws-In-Pursuit-Of-Calvin-And-Hobbes-Cartoons Contest. No word yet on when a winner will be announced, though one of the judges was heard to say, "They know who they are."

PRESIDENTIAL MOVE.

The president of the Aurora Bicycle Club, Scott Rendleman, has accepted a job transfer to . . . Peoria! Anyone who knows of Scott's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the editor.

PEORIA BICYCLE CLUB NEWS.

The Proctor Cycling Classic, central Illinois' premier bicycle race, gets underway Sunday, June 11. Chairman of the event, Steve Daggs, has plenty of volunteers to call on, including Kevin Lantz, Beth and Ken Beckler, Saul and Sue Boast, Michelle Lantz, and Jeff and Sharree Tate.

PBC DIRTY TALK.

Steve Daggs and Kevin Lantz are working with a group of local mountain bike riders interested in putting on the area's first NORBA-sponsored event. A short list of possible locations for the event includes Jubilee State Park.

This will be the third year in a row that IVW member Sheryl Hansen has chaired the club's spring invitational, this year named "No Baloney." But this is the first year that the club's spring invitational has ever been part of a book on the best rides in the Midwest (named, curiously enough, The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest.) Writer/rider Phil Van Valkenberg recently sent Sheryl a letter; here are a few excerpts:

"Let me give you a long overdue thank you for the assistance you provided as I was preparing *The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest* for Globe Pequot Press. The book has been in print since May and the bike tour you sent me is included along with 43 others in seven states . . . over 30,000 bicyclists participate in the collection of tours in *The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest* each year . . . If the book continues to sell well, perhaps there will be an updated version in the future."



BEND OUR EARS!

Tell us about your rides. Publish your stories and photographs in the IVW newsletter. Call Samuel Joslin today at 688-0922.

RENEW EARLY!

Don't miss a single issue of the IVW newsletter—renew before your subscription expires.



Colombia—it's a whole 'nother country

Tim Beeney, co-owner of the Bicycle Bus in Peoria, recently returned from a month-long visit to the small tourist town of Santa Marta and the considerably larger city of Bucaramanga in Colombia. I wanted to talk to Tim about the country, so first I did a little research.

According to a copy of the Illustrated World Encyclopedia (copyright 1968, volume six, CLD through CYR), Colombia is the only country in South America that has seafront property adjacent to both the Atlantic and Pacific. The book also reports Colombia is about the size of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico put together. At least that's one guess on where it came from.

Here's something else interesting: "The law does not make every child go to school, and so some children grow up without knowing how to read or even write their names." These kids usually become newsletter editors. And not usually editors of bicycle club newsletters.

The reason, as Tim points out, is that most bicycles are used for highly utilitarian, not recreational, pursuits.

"Unless they're educated and think of bicycling as a sport, the majority of [the average Colombian bicycle user's] trips involve the delivery of major parcels—and not little packages like bike messengers here," Tim said.

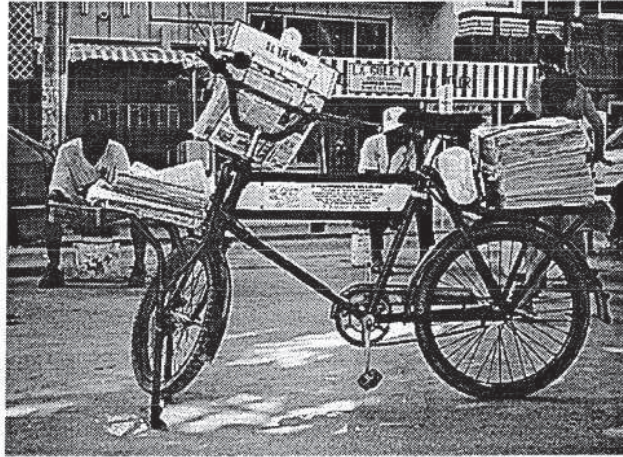
"There were a lot of Worksman-style bikes with heavy duty racks on the back and big kickstands. I saw people carrying produce, newspapers, everything in big bundles. I didn't pick one up or anything, but they looked like they weigh a ton."

"The names on the bikes were strange. I saw single-speed Colnago even Eddy Merckx bicycles. I don't know if they bought them that way. They weren't fancy, they were just for around town. Here people keep brands like those as shiny as they can.

In other words, if you're going to ride in Colombia, you might want to take your bicycle with you. Tim reported bicycles that cost \$350 to \$500 in the United States cost \$450 to \$700 in South America. "I visited a lot of bicycle shops in Colombia. One carried Cannondale and Klein; it was a very small shop, smaller than my place, about 700 square feet. The shops

there aren't like the bike shops people are used to here. They don't have a noticeable repair area; they don't have more than 10 bikes on the floor. My friend said that businessmen there tend to have a lot of small locations, rather than one or two large shops."

What's traffic like in Colombia? "It's dangerous. Here in the U.S. it's calm;



Newspapers, fresh fruit, you name it, somebody in Bucaramanga sells it from a bicycle.

there, everyone uses their horn—a lot. I'd never drive in Colombia. I think you'd have to be pretty adventurous."

What about bicycling? "If people don't like riding in traffic around here, they'd hate riding in Colombia. But if I was there, I would rely on my bike and public transportation in the city. No way I'd drive a car.

"The thing about the big towns is the pollution controls on the cars are terrible. You get behind a bus and it's nothing like you see here." But it can also be tricky riding city to city.

"The roads we were on from Santa Marta to Bucaramanga were two-lane blacktops; when we went through the mountains and canyons, we're talking hairpin turns with tour buses trying to pass semis (Tim was on a bus at the time).

"I'm sure there are lightly traveled roads somewhere. Someone told me that part of the road had been used for some kind of bicycle race in the past. But if you're going to go off the beaten track you better be with someone who speaks Spanish. In the city I didn't feel threatened

at all, but anytime you get in a rural area you just have to watch yourself.

"The news is filled with things surrounding the war on drugs. While I was there, there was an American pilot who dropped some herbicide over a town—there was a big controversy over that. People would jokingly tease me about it. People are strongly against the drug trade.

You might hear a slightly different story in the rural areas where much of the production goes on."

According to one guide book, what few Colombian trains exist are on their way out of existence. However, bus service is quite good, perhaps because there are so many people in the large cities. "The public transportation is incredible. You can get a bus anywhere in the city for about 40 to 50 cents. A taxi rarely costs

more two dollars, usually a dollar, dollar and a half. And you can get a bus out of the city every half hour from Bucaramanga to Bogata for \$15 to \$20.

"We're so proud of free enterprise here. But you can't get a bus in Peoria after six. In Bucaramanga [a city of about 500,000 people], there are ten or 15 different bus lines, many going to the same places. I guess there are enough people to support it."

Of course, there's more to Colombia than heavy bikes and big buses.

"I saw a horse-drawn farm cart on a main road. You see it all over. You are in a modern city and yet, you can step back in time. The most popular way to shop is at the market. You can find fresh produce, fresh meat. And by fresh meat I mean butchered there that morning. The favorite food of people in Bucaramanga is fish. You're overwhelmed by the smell. They clean them right there in the market. I'd go back there just for that."

Go fish.

—Samuel Joslin

March Events

Sunday breakfast get-togethers (8:30 a.m.)
Also known as "sit-n-gobbles." No ride, just
conversation (and perhaps, some planning for an
afternoon ride).

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

Rules of the Ride

- 1) Ride no more than two abreast—single file in traffic and at intersections.
- 2) Pass only on the left—and announce your intentions.
- 3) Create space in large groups to help motorists pass safely.
- 4) Maintain a safe distance from the rider ahead of you.
- 5) Check all intersections for traffic. Avoid "group think."
- 6) If you stop, please pull off the road.

*The IVW strongly recommends
that you wear a helmet.*

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.

March Rides

All riders should arrive 15 minutes before start times.

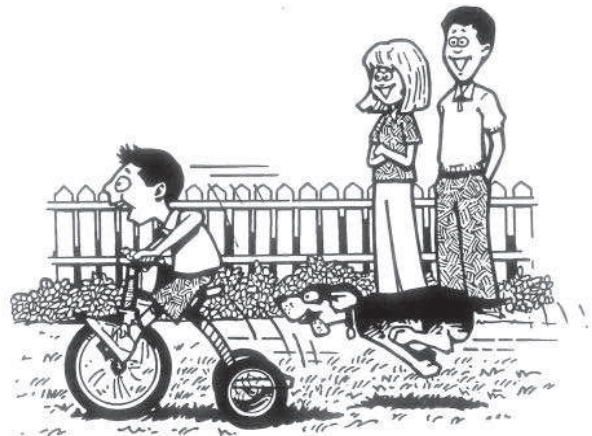
SUNDAY, MARCH 12. Fondulac Park District Building, Bloomington Road, East Peoria. 11 a.m. Distance and destination dependent on the weather and other unforeseen stuff. Steve Grube, ride leader. (309) 699-6956.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19. Road Riding 101, Lincoln Grade School, Washington. 1 p.m. Rob Alexander, ride leader. (309) 444-3299.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26. Fondulac Park District Building, Bloomington Road, East Peoria. 11 a.m. Distance and destination dependent on the weather and other unforeseen stuff. Steve Grube, ride leader. (309) 699-6956.

SATURDAY SHOW-N-GO. 8:30 a.m. every Saturday. Leaves from Washington Square. Please park away from the square. No leader. Show-n-go rides are recommended for experienced riders only.

Bill Wright's Rides will start before you know it! All riders welcome, including 1) beginners and new members, 2) experienced riders, and 3) hammer heads.



HERE IT IS

... what you've all been waiting for ... the first IVW Caption-That-Cartoon Contest! Send your caption for this cartoon to Samuel Joslin, 1318 W. MacQueen, Peoria, IL 61604 before March 12. Enter as often as you want. Winner receives a free loaf of ho'made bread and the gratitude of a nation! (Well...)

Talk about a month of Sundays...

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Folks on Spokes Easter Ride, University Park. 24/33/45/65 miles. \$10 before March 26; \$15 thereafter. Helmets required. Folks on Spokes Bicycle Club. 708-730-5179.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 Spring Metric Century. Springfield. 30/62 miles. 9 a.m. mass start. \$7 early/\$9 day of ride. Springfield Bicycle Club. Jon Edwards, 498-7647.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 Silver Springs 60, Yorkville. 25/45/60 miles. Includes spaghetti dinner. No late registrations; \$15 before March 25. Mike Brackett, 708-892-1010.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 Heritage Corridor Sudden Century, Joliet. 30/40/65/80/100 miles. Includes pasta dinner & raffle prizes. Helmets required. Joliet Bicycle Club. 708-479-1059.

SUNDAY, MAY 21 McLean County Wheelers Spring Metric. 50/80/100 kilometers. Starts at Davis Lodge on northwest side of Lake Bloomington. Craig Ryan, 827-8216.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 27,28 State Line Sixty, Rockford. 35/60 miles. \$10 before May 17; \$12 thereafter. Blackhawk Bicycle and Ski Club. J.B. Ferguson, 815-962-4211.

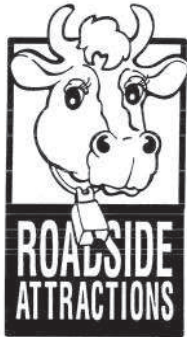
SATURDAY, JUNE 3 21st Annual Pedal-In NO BALONEY Ride, Jubilee College State Park, Peoria. 25/50/75/100 miles. Listed in The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest, by Phil Van Valkenberg. Includes breakfast, lunch. \$12 before May 26; \$15 thereafter—second and third family members \$8/\$11 late; fourth and additional family members FREE/\$3 late. (\$7 massage sessions available day of ride.) Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Sheryl Hansen, 309-263-2870 or Elizabeth Heuermann, 309-673-0098.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 Udder Century, Union. 31/50/62/100 miles. Includes raffle (preregistered riders only), museum pass, and pasta dinner. \$13 before May 22, then \$15. McHenry County Bicycle Club. 815-477-6858 or 708-442-1188.

Saturday, Sunday, June 10,11 18th Annual Tour Of Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV). More than 1,200 riders enjoy scenic and challenging terrain in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Quad Cities Bicycle Club. Susie LaForce, 319-355-5530.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 Proctor Cycling Classic. Criterium racing through downtown Peoria. Great event for spectators. For more information, call Ken or Beth Beckler at (309) 673-8647.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 Seventh Annual Boulevard Lakefront Tour, Chicago. 35 miles. Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.



SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 18-24 Cycle Across Missouri's State Parks (CAMP). 300 rider limit. St. Louis AYH, 314-644-4660.

SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 18-24 Touring Ride In Rural Indiana (TRIRI). Limited to 500 riders. Deadline: June 1; \$185. Write to Bloomington Bicycle Club/TRIRI, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402.

TUESDAY, JULY 4 Fourth of July Ride, Plainfield. 30/65 miles. Helmets required. \$8 before June 23; \$10 thereafter. Joliet Bicycle Club. Barb Moore, 815-726-2257.

SATURDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 8-15 Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Across the Wisconsin River (GRABAAWR). Limited to 1,000 riders. GRABAAWR, 608-256-2686.

SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 23-29 Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). Deadline: April 1; \$1,080. RAGBRAI, 515-284-8282.

SATURDAY-TUESDAY, AUGUST 5-8 13th Annual Across Illinois Bike Ride, Moline. 275-300 miles. Full support includes indoor/outdoor camping. Helmets required. Joliet Bicycle Club. Steve Alberico, 815-467-5748.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 10th Annual Diane's Ride. 35/67/100 miles. Includes breakfast and post-ride "Pasta Fest!" \$12 before August 12, \$15 thereafter. Illinois Valley Wheelm'n. Bill Clark, 309-347-4841.

SATURDAY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2-4 Bicycle Across Missouri. 573 miles in 63 hours; half-distance option. St. Louis AYH, 314-644-4660.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Capital City Century. Springfield Bicycle Club.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 Apple Cider Century '95. Entry deadline July 31; \$22. Write ACC '95, One Oak Street, Three Oaks, MI 49128.

Indiana State Parks
Touring Ride In Rural Indiana



June 18 - 24

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

Other 1995 Bloomington Bicycle Club events:

- May 13 Crane Strain**
A 12 hour ultra-marathon challenge.
- June 3 Hoosier Hills**
A weekend tour in Bloomington, IN 25 - 100 km.
- July 15 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

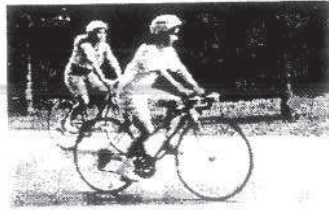


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A New Bicycle Map Is Now Available...

About the Map

The Illinois Department of Transportation has just published a new bicycle map covering the southernmost 13 counties of Illinois, including the Shawnee National Forest area. It is the first in a series of nine maps covering the state by regions.



Although the map shows off-road trails, its primary purpose is to rate the suitability of existing U.S., state, and county roads for bicycling. Full-color photos and information about scenic, recreational, and historic sites in Illinois assist the touring bicyclist in what to see and do, and where to eat, get bike repairs, and spend the night.

Who the Map Is For

The map is intended for bicyclists of average or above experience who are comfortable bicycling on roads and highways. It is not intended as a guide for young children.

How to Order a FREE Copy of the Map

Contact Map Sales, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764.

What's Next...

Maps for other regions of the state will become available through 1995. New announcements will be posted as each map becomes available.



Illinois Department of Transportation

Greg Lemond has retired. Sean Kelly has retired. Coppi is dead. The baseball players are still on strike. Football season's over. Too many people die at soccer games. I don't care what anybody else says, basketball players look like they're traveling, not dribbling. Stock car drivers are not athletes. Until Seles comes back to women's tennis with a vengeance, who really gives a good double fault? Ice skating is just an O.J. trial set to music. The hockey season now is too short for anybody to start a decent fight. Skydiving is not a spectator sport, and neither is paintball. ESPN is just another four-letter word, with the added disadvantage that no one can pronounce it. Here's my question: What new sport is going to come along and revive good ol', wave-the-flag, win-one-for-the-Gipper competition?



—Mouthy Mabel, Mapleton

One thing's for sure. It won't be writing letters to advice columnists. —D.D.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME #1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

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NAME #1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

SIGNATURE (NAME #1) _____ DATE _____

(parent or guardian signature needed if registrant is under 18)

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.

ARE YOU RENEWING A MEMBERSHIP, OR IS THIS A NEW MEMBERSHIP? (CHECK ONE)

RENEWING NEW

IF NEW, HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS? (CHECK ONE)

Yes No

BASIC MEMBERSHIP:

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) \$ _____

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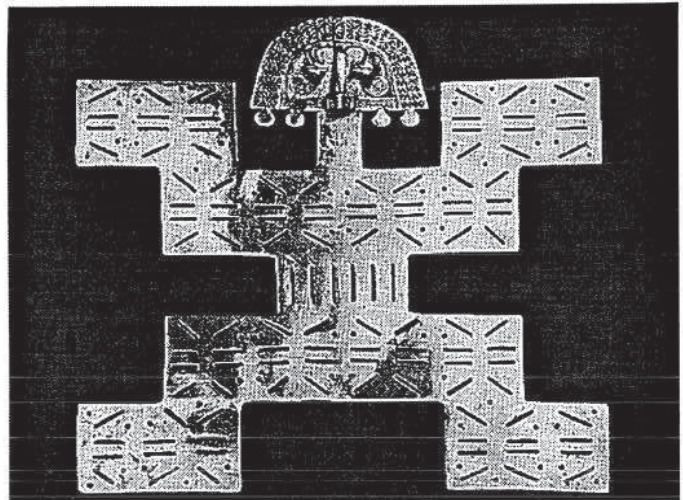
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Beeney went to Colombia, and all he got me was this lousy postcard (see page 4).

(postcard from Museum of Gold in Bogota)

CLUB MEETING

7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

We'll be making our second stop on this year's bike shop tour at Vitesse Cycle Shop, located at 4609 N. Prospect in beautiful downtown Peoria Heights. Several bike company "reps" will be there with new products to talk about, and to answer any questions you may have about their lines of bikes. The business meeting will be short and the conversation and camaraderie long. Come enjoy Vitesse's hospitality. C.J. tells me that Cater Inn will provide something to snack on while you roam the shop, and there will be door prizes, too. Be there to find out what the special surprise C.J. has planned for the evening.

Join me for dinner (no, I'm not buying) at Leonardo's; we'll meet there at 5:45 p.m. for a little pre-meeting bike talk.

—Roger John

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