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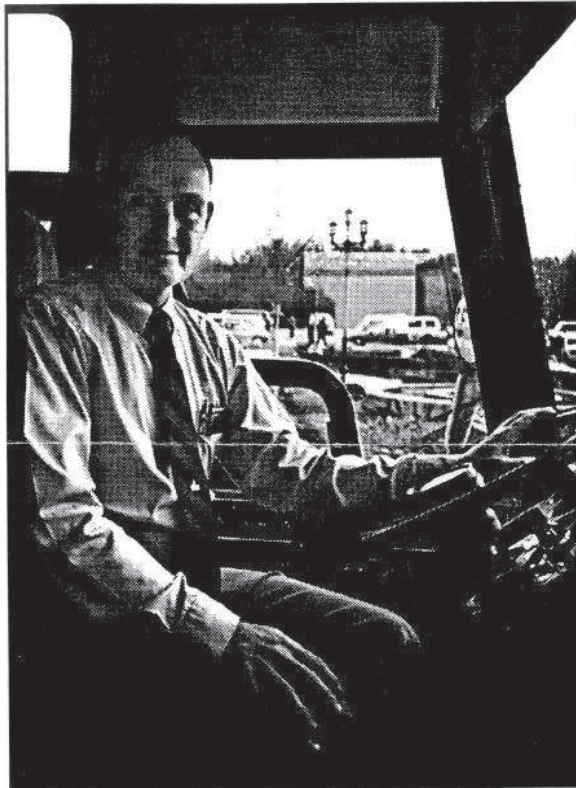
# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



*greater peoria's bicycle club*

## At the Bicycle Show...

(see pages 4 & 5 for stories on exhibits)



### **BUS-DRIVING GUY.**

**IVW** member Al Silzer was at the wheel of the Peoria Charter Coach that carried 45 avid cyclists to the Midwest Bicycle Show at the Rosemont Convention Center on February 25.

### NEW MEMBERS

Marilyn, Joe, Pam & Renee Alli .....	Peoria
Lee & Monica DenBraber .....	Peoria
Julle Feeny .....	Peoria
Marcy Grebner .....	East Peoria
David Hanson .....	Peoria
Merle Millard .....	Peoria
Dan O'Brien .....	Peoria

### RENEWING MEMBERS

Allan D. Carr* .....	Peoria
Ronald Dean* .....	Knoxville
Carl & Janice DeBoer .....	Peoria
James & Sue Hooker* .....	Chillicothe
Elizabeth & Harold Maloney* .....	Morton
John Mogler .....	Washington
Gus, Nancy & Robert Neumann .....	East Peoria
Frank & Judie Noyes .....	Pekin
George Parsons .....	Peoria
Jerry Riebling .....	Peoria
Dave Schaufelberger .....	Chillicothe
Karen Saltsman* .....	Bloomington
Les Siegrist .....	Washington
Barb & Quinton Smith .....	Peoria
Armand Tippet .....	Taylorville
Bill & Judy Tolliver .....	East Peoria
Jack Welch .....	Groveland
Diane Williams .....	Pekin
William Wright .....	Peoria

\*Advocacy-level membership



### **OUTSIDE THE**

### **BICYCLE MUSEUM.**

It was a full day of fun for the people who took the bus to the bicycle show. Afterward, it was on to shopping and dining at Northpier.

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# Landmark Lands On The Mark

We'll get to the serious stuff soon, but I thought there might be a few out there who didn't know the barn fell down. "What is he raving about now?" your stoker may ask. Well, for those who ride Grange Hall Road on the west side of the river, this is a big deal. For years we've been speculating how much longer that poor ol' barn out there by the gravel pits was going to last. On the 16th, I took the afternoon off, and favorite stoker and I rode out to the start point of this year's No Baloney Ride. Sure enough it was collapsed—the barn. And guess what—the car was still in it, looking much the worse for the experience!

A big thanks to Roger John for organizing the bus trip to the CABDA show and North Pier bike museum, et.al. The bus was full, the hospitality was great—Roger's still eating donuts—and we met some kindred souls from the Bloomington club.

We had a board meeting as is customary this month. We've had a great victory in the advocacy area. The bike map/plan for the City of Peoria went thru its time in the council meeting as a non-controversial issue. So what's the big deal? Without a great deal of effort and persistence on Eric Hutchison's part, the outcome would probably have been very different. Many items that get to the council floor are already decided well in advance.

As you'll see, we have a good looking ride schedule for April. We'll have up to three groups on the Wright ride, so we can truly fit the needs of all levels of riders on Tuesday evenings. Encourage those new riders and their cross bikes or fat tires or whatever to come out.

Sheryl Hansen is looking for a few dozen good volunteers for the No Baloney Ride. The idea is to keep day-of-ride shifts short to permit all to ride at least 50 miles. It looks like Jubilee Park is going to be an excellent start point with none of the distractions we've had at Wildlife Prairie Park.

The board voted favorably on our financial split on the Interplanetary ride. In a nutshell: We will get 25% of the net and will not be required to put up any money in advance of the ride. Our help will be in the areas of organization, routes, and logistics. We will need a few day of ride volunteers. I'm hoping we can provide some on-the-job training to Lakeview and Peoria Academy of Sciences folks during the No Baloney Ride.

The weather's getting better all the time, Daylight Savings Time is nearly upon us, and I have a healthy stoker. It's going to be a great season!

—George Dudley  
 e-mail: gwudley@bykerider.win.net



## FOR SALE

Ladies mountain bike. Blue 18-speed Specialized Hard Rock, 19" frame, three years old, excellent condition. \$160.  
 John Apici, (309) 387-6761 (home), (309) 675-4849 (work).

**LIB ON-LINE** The text of the Illinois Bicyclist [newsletter of the League of Illinois Bicyclists] has been uploaded to America Online's Bikenet. The path to it: keyword: "Bikenet," then select "Other Bicycling," "Libraries," "Newsletter Exchange." It took four minutes for me to upload. Feel free to copy anything, credit appreciated. Those not on AOL can send me a note if you want the text for a specific article. —Al Sturges, Editor, *League of Illinois Bicyclists*, e-mail: [AlbikeIL](mailto:AlbikeIL)

**THE TRAIL USERS RIGHTS FOUNDATION (TURF)** recently started a 24-hour telephone hotline for Chicago-area mountain bikers. The hotline features a calendar of regional off-road cycling events and a summary of local trail issues. The automated system allows callers to listen to prerecorded information and leave messages. The hotline number is (708) 470-4266 or (708) 470-HAMMER. Information is also available by contacting TURF via e-mail at [turfinfo@aol.com](mailto:turfinfo@aol.com).

# Peoria bike plan passes unanimously

ON MARCH 7, the Peoria City Council approved the bicycle map/plan created by the Traffic Engineering Department with substantial IVW input. This vote authorizes the department to spend \$10,000 on bicycle accommodations in 1995. Furthermore, it gives tentative approval to the same yearly expenditure in '96 and '97.

I spoke at the council meeting in support of the plan and its positive impact on the quality of life in Peoria neighborhoods. This got the attention of a few folks in the audience; after the meeting, I met Annette Hoerdeman from the Moss-Bradley Residential Association. Annette told me that bicycles are "good traffic," and that Peoria neighborhoods would welcome them. Sounds like neighborhood association meetings would be an excellent forum to publicize and promote the bicycle plan—stay tuned.

Peoria *Journal Star* reporter Doug Fruehling covered the hearing with a feature article about the bicycle plan/map.

Thanks go to IVW members who worked the phone tree and publicized the March 7 meeting: Drew Arnett, George and Eileen Dudley, Elizabeth Heuermann, Roger John, Franny Klees, Steve Shaffer, Quinton Smith, Bill Stevenson, Marion Sword, Steve Meismer, Russ Goin, Jim Wittmer and Bill Wright.

**STATE BICYCLE PROFESSIONAL REPORTS STRONG DEMAND FOR ILLINOIS BICYCLE MAPS.** In the first two months of availability, 8,000 copies of the first Illinois State Bicycle Map have already been distributed. On March 15 in East Peoria, Craig Williams, Illinois Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, and Mark Wenneborg, Bicycle Resource Specialist with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), discussed the state's bicycle map program with the

Technical Committee of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC). Craig reported to the area transportation engineers that the state maps give a bicycle-suitability rating to all regional and county roads in the state. This will allow central Illinois bicyclists to find, for example, a bicycle route between Peoria and Galesburg. The state maps do not give great detail in larger urban areas such as Peoria, which emphasizes the need for a detailed Peoria-area map to complement the state publication. Jim Baumann, Peoria Traffic Engineering, asked Craig for contacts at Northern Illinois University—where cartography work on the state maps is ongoing—to assist in preparation of Peoria's map.

Tazewell County Engineer Norm Johansen reported at the meeting that a number of roads in his district, such as the Washington/Metamora blacktop, had recently been reconstructed with paved shoulders. Norm said this serves a dual use—more load-carrying capability for trucks and more space for bicycles. Craig Williams pointed out that state and federal funding is available for on-road bicycle projects including paved shoulders, but that few local governments have thus far requested funding; instead, most requests are focused on trails.

Thanks to Steve Grube for joining me at the March 15 meeting at TCRPC.

NOTE: The first of a series of Illinois Bicycle Maps covers the southernmost region of the state. To request your free copy, write to: Map Sales, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764.

**ILLINOIS BICYCLE RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE.** At the same time you're requesting a state bicycle map for IDOT, I'd also suggest you request the booklet *Bicycle Resources—A Source*

*Guide for Maps, Brochures and Bicycle Groups in Illinois.* This IDOT publication is a great guide to printed and on-line bicycle information in Illinois and nationwide.

**NATIONAL POLICE ON BIKES CONFERENCE COMES TO MIDWEST**—IVW offers to sponsor local officers. The first Midwestern Police on Bikes conference in three years will be held May 4-6 in Milwaukee, WI. In preparation, I send conference brochures to local officers in charge of POB programs, Lieutenant Jeff Konvalinka (Peoria County Sheriff's Department) and Lieutenant Jim Graham (Peoria Police Department). Furthermore, I extended an offer to pay the registration costs for one officer from each group on behalf of the IVW (this comes from a private donation, not the club treasury). A POB program is good for cyclists in at least three ways:

1. It helps local government recognize the bicycle as a serious vehicle.
2. Bicycle-mounted police, like cyclists in general, require good roads and trails.
3. Abusive motorists are likely to think twice when they realize that some bicyclists are also police officers.

**LIB/LAB MEMBERSHIP OFFER TO IVW MEMBERS.** So is that a long-enough acronym for you? Inside this newsletter, you'll find a membership flyer from the League of Illinois Bicyclists. When you join LIB, you also automatically become a member of the League of American Bicyclists—two memberships for the price of one. I urge you to join LIB/LAB. Effective advocacy means communication at all levels of government. LIB gives us a vital voice with state officials. LAB does the same thing at the federal level. The need for such wide-ranging advocacy was underlined during the Forrest Hill/Gale avenues debate—it was state transportation officials who opened the ears of local government to Peoria-area bicyclists on this critical project.

—Eric Hutchison

**Congratulations, Eric Hutchison,  
League of Illinois Bicyclists President!**



# Seen at the Midwest Bicycle Show...

**TANDEM MAN.** When Greg Shepherd isn't involved in the production, distribution or promotion of *Tandem Magazine*, he runs a 23-site network of 5,000 computers for the Springfield (OR) public schools.

He rides to and from work, at lunch, and often, with his son. It's undeniably a busy life. "I come home from work—if I ride home with my son, great, if I don't I spend the evening playing with him 'til he's in bed—then I'm off to the barn until 12, 2 in the morning working on the magazine."

Greg's not kidding about the barn. "Most people look at this four-color slick and think we're some big publishing conglomerate. We've got a barn converted to an office upstairs—kick the pig out of the way on the way up—a pretty laid-back environment."

Despite its humble abode, the magazine is growing rapidly. When the first issue was published in the summer of 1994, *Tandem* had 1,000 subscribers on board. Two issues later, Greg printed 40,000 copies of the spring '95 issue. (In contrast, *Bicycling* prints about 125,000 copies each issue.) In addition, *Tandem* has gathered national exposure in publications like *Newsweek*.

Greg credits yesterday's die-hard single-bike riders for today's burgeoning tandem market.

"They say the tandem is the great equalizer in that couples of different abilities can ride together," says

Greg. "The same thing is true for families. My four-year-old son Arnie pulls his weight back there. Before, when he was in the trailer, it was, in the summer, 'Ah, this is goin' on too long, Dad—I want to head back.'

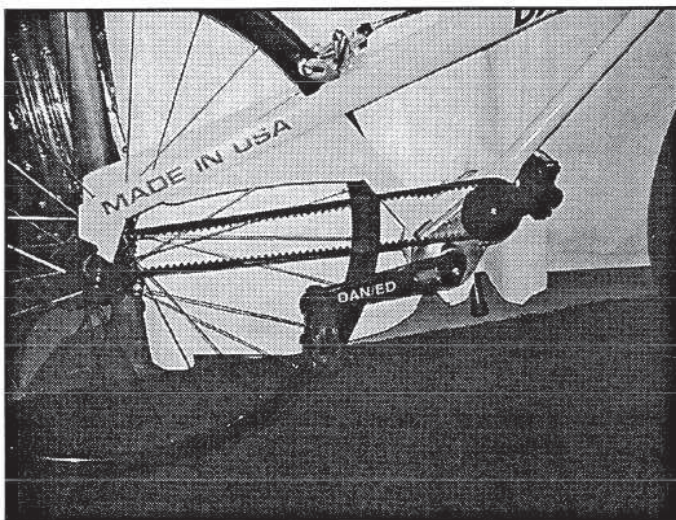
Now it's 'Where's that road go?'"

A year's subscription (four issues) is \$11.95; two years, \$24.95. *Tandem Magazine*, P.O. Box 2939, Eugene, OR 97402.



**NOW, WHERE SHOULD I POINT THE CAMERA?** Last year at the bicycle show, East Coast aerospace manufacturer Dan/Ed displayed a lightweight bicycle crank. One item, one picture. This year, Dan/Ed was back, packing more innovation into one, still tiny, booth than anyone else at the show.

The guide to exhibitors only gave a hint of what



show-goers would see: "Belt Drive Bicycles." And this product, by itself, was worth an entire display. Kevlar-reinforced, the slim timing belt—not unlike that found in a car engine—weighed just 65 grams.

Besides the toothed belt, new headset, and single-sided chainstay and fork designs, the Dan/Ed road-going beam bike (left) was especially striking. At the heart of the machine is an internal transmission featuring 16 evenly spaced gears ranging from a low roughly equivalent to a 39x27 to a high just above a 53x11. Dan/Ed claims the company could easily create 20- and 25-speed units based on the same design. Already in production, the transmission is being offered in steel or aluminum housings to framebuilders.

Dan/Ed's mountain bike features a unique elastomer rear suspension. The pivot is concentric with the crank spindle, creating—as far as the derailleurs are concerned—a clean unified suspension, without the additional complexity—or royalty considerations—of other unified designs. The company claims nearly six inches of travel at the rear wheel.

Small wonder that people at the earlier Philadelphia Interbike show were saying, "Wow, too many new ideas." What a time to run out of film.

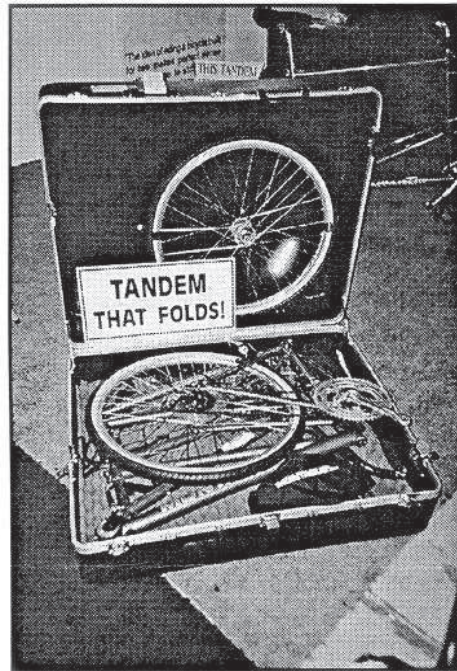


**FOLD, UNFOLD. FOLD, UNFOLD.** Kate Stockwell (left) demonstrated Montague folding bicycles to thousands of Midwest Bike Show visitors. Montague bicycles rely on a concentric seat tube design (one tube inside the other) for its quick, "look-ma-no-tools" folding act. Mountain bike versions fold to approximately 3'x3'x1'.

The tandem (shown in case) takes up only a little more space, and Kate was quick to mention that the double had recently won Popular Mechanic's Design and Engineering Award. (PM said that while some

new bicycles are interesting from an evolutionary perspective, Montague Corporation was creating "truly revolutionary" products.)

Montague bicycles range in price from about \$460 to \$2,500. For more information: Montague Corporation, P.O. Box 1118, Cambridge, MA 02238. Call 800-736-5348.



**AUTHOR, AUTHOR.** "I'm primarily a road biker, not a competitive cyclist, definitely a touring cyclist," says Karen Gentry, author of *Cycling Michigan, 25 of the Best Routes in Western Michigan*.

About 6,500 copies of her book have been distributed through Midwest bike shops and outdoor stores; she was at the Midwest Bicycle Show promoting her newest book—on cycling in eastern Michigan—which is due to be published this month.

Off the bike, Karen works as an information specialist for Kent County (Grand Rapids), and fills whatever spare time she has left as a freelance writer. Her books are filled with detail, whether commentary on the best places to eat, or tidbits of local history.

For more information on Karen's Michigan books and other bicycle travel books, write Cycle Tour & Travel Books, 1643 Fuller Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, or call 616-364-9152.



# APRIL RIDE SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2** Spring Breakout Ride. 10 a.m., Mossville Grade School, Old Galena Road. 20–30 miles. Call Dave Schafelberger at 579-2311.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2** Grube Ride. 1 p.m., Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. Call Steve Grube at 699-6956.

**WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING APRIL 5** Thrills, Skills and Speed Ride. 5 p.m., Hucks gas station at Allen & Willow Knolls. 18+ mph. Stragglers will be dropped. Call Steve Shaffer at 685-4726.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9** Grube Ride. 11 a.m., Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. Call Steve Grube at 699-6956.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15** Road Riding 101. 1 p.m., Washington Grade School, Washington. Call Rob Alexander at 444-3273.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23** Grube Ride. 11 a.m., Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. Call Steve Grube at 699-6956.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** Grube Ride. 11 a.m., Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. Call Steve Grube at 699-6956.

**ALL SATURDAYS** Washington 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.

## COMING MAY 6: WOODFORD COUNTY TOUR

In a joint effort to bring area cyclists together, members of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n and the McLean County Wheelers will host a ride May 6 leaving from Eureka. The event gets underway from Eureka High School at 10 a.m. More information and directions to the high school will be published in the May newsletter. Interested? Contact Rob Alexander at 444-3297 (Washington), Russ Goin at 693-1686 (Peoria), or Karen Saltsman at 664-6452 (Bloomington).

## 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.*

**WRIGHT ROAD WRIDE**, Tuesdays beginning May 2, 6 p.m., Dunlap High School parking lot

This is NOT a training or time trial ride. The weekly Tuesday evening ride is a social ride. This ride is for newcomers to the club or members who have not become involved in many activities. We will have ride leaders for beginner and intermediate groups so you can ask questions and have a good time socializing as you ride with people who have the same abilities. Bring a friend and come out and give us a try!

Our motto is: **NOBODY GETS LEFT BEHIND!**

Please note the change from last year's parking arrangement. This year we will meet in the Dunlap High School parking lot—enter off Cedar Hills Drive. If you have any questions, call Bill Wright at 685-8549. See you Tuesday, May 2. —B.W.

**WRIGHT TRAIL AND OFF-ROAD WRIDE**, Thursdays, beginning May 4, 6 p.m., Wilder Waite School (across from the Rock Island Trail in Alta)

We have a lot of fun on this one. This weekly ride is designed for people who like a change of pace from road riding. Bring your mountain or hybrid bike and discover some new ways to get off and on the Rock Island Trail via gravel roads and dirt paths. We all ride together so we can help each other get out of the mud. Fun—Fun—Fun.

If you have any questions, call Bill Wright at 685-8549. See you on Thursday, May 4. —B.W.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT THRILLS, SKILLS & SPEED**

Did someone say they wanted to ride on Wednesday nights? Does anyone want to try some skill drills? Is there interest in increasing the average speed to, say 18+ mph? Is there a particular hill in the area that intimidates you? Have you ever wanted to ride in a paceline but didn't feel confident enough to ride so close to someone else?

Well, if you answered “yes” to one or more of the above questions, then I invite you to join me for some fast-paced road riding on Wednesday nights this season. My goal for these rides is to improve endurance, speed and bike handling skills by practicing techniques I learned at Walden's School of Cycling last winter.

This ride—recommended for experienced cyclists only—starts behind the Huck's at Willow Knolls and Allen roads at 5 p.m. Make sure your equipment is in good repair, and bring lots of water or your favorite go-juice. It wouldn't surprise me if we all ended up at Avanti's for some recovery grub and comraderie.

Call Steve Shaffer at 685-4726.

## No Baloney has it all!

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- Sag service for bob or bike.
- Food, food, glorious food! And....
- Gravity (drat!)

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**Sign up today. Free Power Bar**  
to first 50 riders to sign up.

### We said NO BALONEY, right? Remember:

- Wear a helmet (the IVW strongly recommends it).
- Wear appropriate clothing for early June. Despite our best efforts, the weather could go to heck.
- Bring a bicycle in good mechanical condition.
- Bring pedals (don't ask about this one).
- Observe all traffic rules and . . .

### REGISTER EARLY.

**FINE PRINT:** Sorry, no refunds on registration fees. T-shirts and caps available day of ride, limited to stock on hand. Late fees *will be collected* for walk-ins or registrations postmarked after May 26.

## NO BALONEY RIDE

Saturday, June 3, 1995

**PLACE** Jubilee College State Historical Site (10 miles west of Peoria off I-74). Registration just inside main gate.

**TIME** Register from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Century riders should start by 9 a.m.

**FEE** \$12 if postmarked by May 26; \$15 thereafter. Includes breakfast, lunch and rest stops.

**FOOD** Home-baked cookies, bagels, breads, coffee, juice, lemonade, pasta, Avanti's sandwiches, fruit and ice cream.

**T-SHIRTS & CAPS** Go for the real bargain—genuine No Baloney shirts and caps. Please order before May 26 to guarantee your stuff. A limited number of items will be available ride day.

### Feel like a slice of baloney at ride's end?

Good news! The Teamwork massage folks are back again this year, providing Grade-A post-ride rubdowns (for a mere \$7 fee, payable day of ride).



**Not a rider? Check out:** • Rock Island Trail • Forest Park Nature Center • Lakeview Museum and Waterslide • Par-A-Dice Riverboat Casino • And much more! Contact the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (309) 676-0303.

## NO BALONEY REGISTRATION FORM

**Fee:** \$12 per individual before May 26; \$15 thereafter. **Special family rate:** \$12 for first name, \$8 each for second and third names, free registration for fourth or more names before May 26; \$15/\$11/\$3 thereafter.

Rider name(s)	before		after	
	5/26	5/26	5/26	5/26
#1	\$12	\$15		TOTAL
#2	\$8	\$11		
#3	\$8	\$11		
#4	<b>free</b>	\$3		

List additional names on separate sheet

### No Baloney T-shirt:

Small	(#)	x \$10
Medium	(#)	x \$10
Large	(#)	x \$10
X-Large	(#)	x \$10

### No Baloney cap (one size)

(#)	x \$8
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**YES!** Please send me a free, no-obligation IVW newsletter and membership form.

#1 signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian must sign if rider is under 18

**DISCLAIMER:** In signing this form for myself or the named participant(s) (if he or she is under 18 years of age), I understand and agree to absolve all organizations, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in Pedal-In NO BALONEY 1995, or any of the activities associated with said event.

Send check, payable to **Illinois Valley Wheelm'n**, and this form to: Sheryl Hansen, Water's Edge Apts., #6E, Morton, IL 61550.

QUESTIONS? Call Sheryl Hansen @ (309) 263-2870 or Elizabeth Heuermann @ (309) 673-0098.

No BALONEY (Tour de Prairie)—  
 Listed in *The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest*,  
 by rider/writer Phil Van Valkenberg.



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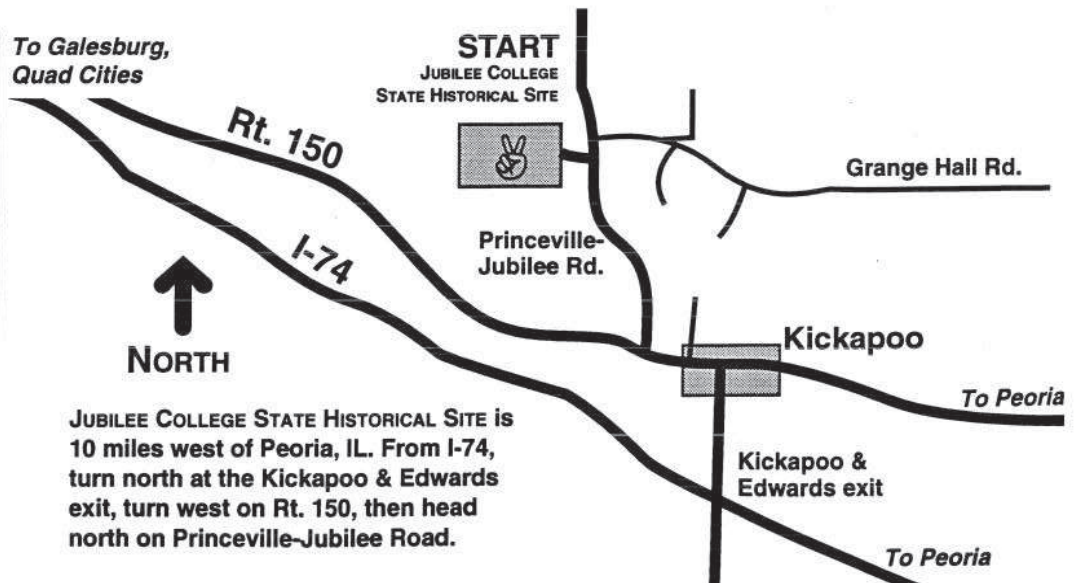
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 21st Annual Pedal-In  
**NO BALONEY**  
**RIDE**  
 Saturday, June 3, 1995



**WHERE IT'S AT:**







# Early Reports

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19** Rob Alexander reports that 35 cyclists, among them Simon Grimm, Don Eberle and Mary Jane Conner, made this the biggest Road Riding 101 event to date. The crew enjoyed 50° conditions on a 15.5-mile tour northeast of Washington. Wind NW-8.

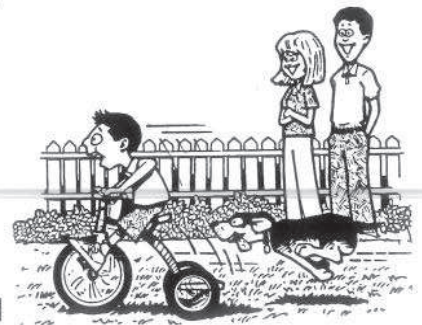
**SUNDAY MARCH 12** Thirteen riders, including Merle Millard, Peggy and Denny Tresenriter, and Ken Beckler, left Fondulac Park Building for a trip up Pekin Avenue to Creve Coeur. The group decided not to fight gale force winds into Tremont, returning instead through Morton and Bloomington Road for a 32-mile spring ride.

(Photo by Steve Grube)

## WINNER IN THE IVW CAPTION CONTEST:

*"Oh, Harry—they grow up so fast! Pretty soon he'll be chasing road bikes!"*

—Jo Hammel



## AND THE RUNNERS-UP:

*"Since we got Buzz that carbon monocoque trike, ol' Spot hasn't caught him before the clothesline."*

—Larry Davis

*"Y'know honey, I'll bet the guy who invented the tricycle had a hyperactive kid, too."*

—John Cage

*"Oh boy—ice cream truck is coming!"*

—Tom Parr



**JUDGING:** All entries were submitted anonymously to an impartial judge. Jo Hammel takes home the loaf of bread (contact the editor to collect your prize, Jo), and all other entrants are encouraged to stay tuned for a future contest where the odds may be altered in their favor (or, maybe not).

## ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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

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)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY (\$12)    \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTARY ADVOCACY CONTRIBUTION

(\$5, 10, 15, OTHER)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## APRIL CLUB MEETING Wednesday, April 19

The April 19 club meeting will be at Avanti's Restaurant, 2320 E. Washington Road in East Peoria. Come early (6 p.m.) and join us for dinner and an opportunity to catch up on each other's cycling activities. The club meeting will start at 7 p.m., followed by a program on "Gears, Wheels and Tires." Kevin Thieme, Steve Grube, Bernie Camp and Jack Welch will form a panel of "show 'n tell" speakers, with something for everyone—from novice to experienced cyclist. This will be an informal program to share the collective knowledge of these speakers, from "The Easiest Way To Fix A Flat" to suggestions on the why and how-to of upgrading your bicycle.

Show your support and be there, ask questions and, most importantly, participate. If you like or don't like a meeting, ride or other club activity, provide some constructive criticism and offer your suggestions. We are not running this club for us—we are running it for you. I look forward to seeing many new faces among the club regulars! —Roger John

**NO BALONEY NEEDS YOU.** Many small efforts equal a BIG EVENT. That's why we've provided this concise, yet brief, checklist. Take a moment to check the item you can help with, then call 263-2870 and volunteer your services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Route marking | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie baking     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rest stop    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch stop    | <input type="checkbox"/> Food distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Route safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up      |  |

Remember, on June 3, you'll have enough time to help on No Baloney and ride it, too. In addition, all volunteers will receive their choice of T-shirt or cap. And, if you call 263-2870 to volunteer before April 14, we'll put your name in an extra-special prize drawing. It just doesn't get any better than this!

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**7 p.m., April 19 at East Peoria Avanti's!**