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## The Vehicle As It Is Goodly Named

"I find," said 'e, "things very much as 'ow l've always found, For mostly they goes up and down or else goes round and round."

-Patrick Reginald Chambers

hat is the real name of this single-user, humanpowered, land-based vehicle used by the average cyclist on club rides? For those of you who without hesitation answered "bicycle," think again.

In the 1880s, a bicycle was a device with a front wheel as tall as the rider and a rear wheel about the size of an extra-large pizza. The bicycle had no derailleurs, no brakes worth mentioning and, when bad roads and technique combined to

allow for a "header," no rider, either.



When models emerged that more closely represented our current-day mounts, they were called "safeties," probably by cyclists who were suspicious of small-wheeled bicycles and the large number of independent women who pedaled them around the countryside.

After the turn of the century, most Americans referred to the safety bicycle as "toy," a moniker that today's road-going

cyclists dislike, though they seem to have a lot of fun with their "serious transportation." (Incidentally, the bicycle-as-toy theory emerged long before any study of mega-tired Toyota 4x4s.)

Now, members of two cycling subsets are redefining the traditional road bike. In its inaugural summer 1994 issue, Tandem Magazine was peppered with references to "half bikes." And a few recumbent bicycle owners, often while communicating to others of their ilk by computer, refer to upright bikes as "wedgies."

Imagine the name extensions. To the tandemist, a singlerider recumbent becomes a "half-height half bike." Almost too small to bother about, really. And, for those who favor recumbents, an upright tandem must be a "double wedgie" and, therefore, twice as much a pain to ride.

Ready for a complication? I own a Paisley tricycle. It's built just like a regular road bike except that it has two rear wheels.

Recumbent owners could call it a "wedgie trike," considering that many of them also own three-wheeled vehicles. But what could a tandemist call it? A "half trike?" I've seen only one picture of a tandem tricycle—presumably what a

tandemist would call a real trike—and the riders were clearly insane. The next choice would be to name the Paisley after the big Chevy pickups used to haul either cattle or drunken urban cowboys—but tandemists might think that "doolie half bike" sounds too cool.

Never fear. I've given the matter a significant amount of thought during the past five minutes, and I've hit upon a solution for all those tounge-tied, name-seeking tandemists. They can call the Paisley what I call it.

"Tippy."

-Samuel Joslin

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### Here and there with Dudley...

HERE IN PEORIA No Baloney is going along at a great rate. The last of the foodstop locations on the all-new morning 50 has been secured. Routes are defined and we're going to lock up all the pea gravel in this part of the state 'til after the ride.

Your phone will ring for day-of-ride help for one or more of our rides this banner year. Our objective is to limit shifts to two hours, and meet your time slot choice. If you call Sheryl Hansen at

263-2870 right now, you probably can be guaranteed of the time you want.

Last night we had a good session on wheels, tires and tubes from Kevin, Bernie and Steve of Russell's Cycle fame, with counterpoint by Jack Welch. If you missed it, too bad. Next meeting will be a swap meet, so bring food, money and all that stuff you've been wondering what to do with.

SILVER SPRINGS 60 As many of you know, the Silver Springs 60 is the Aurora Bike Club's early spring invitational ride. It's run out of a community recreation center in Yorkville, and well run at that. They've had several years to get it together.

Several Wheelm'n were there, including Greg Benning and Bill Wright. It was Stoker Eileen's longest post-surgery ride, and great progress has been made.

It was an April day in Northern Illinois. Temperatures hovered around 48° and the 15 mph headwind started at the Newark turnaround and persisted through each subsequent turn. Is it possible to enjoy such a ride? Sure it is. In this case, attitude may not be everything—the right clothes help a whole bunch. I'll guarantee you I saw the Grand National of goose bumps on the few legs that were sticking out of shorts.

We blew the doors off a few riders in that headwind late in the ride—97-lb.

moms pulling trailers, for instance. We even had a Klingon or two latch on between food stops. Nothing a mountain bike rider on the road in a headwind needs more than a tandem to draft.

VOLUNTEER SCOUTS This ride has a high level of scout troup participation. They parked us in the morning, staffed the food stops and worked the chow hall cleaning tables and handling trash. Remember, 1,100 people start this ride. I

asked one of the scout leaders how that worked—was it a merit badge related thing or what? He said over the years it has sort of evolved into what it is today.

It's a big fundraiser for the scout troup that frees bike club members of the day-of-ride things that interfere with riding. I finally became courageous enough to about the rate of return—it remains a non-guaranteed

"freewill offering" on the order of 50¢ per rider.

Now good people, here's the reason why I hope you're still reading this. This could be another innovative way to get more of our people on the road for our own rides. But remember, ride income is our lifeblood, so we can't donate too much of it without causing financial anemia. Should we see how our labor swap with the Striders goes this year before we try something else? IVW members derive considerable benefit from cycling and club membership. In my opinion, the financial dues are only part of the requirements. A few hours a year back into the club are the rest of the dues we all owe

Do we have some scout leaders among us? Do we have some opinions on this general topic? Please make your thoughts known to any board member or ride organizer. There are some debatable issues here, let us reason together.

See you on the road.

-George Dudley

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Last month's article on DANED bicycles neglected to include the company's address. For more information on these unique mountain and road bikes, write: DANED, 205 S. 2nd Ave., W. Reading, PA 19611, or phone 215-374-0344.

## Cycling Loses Kingbay, 81

FROM THE CHICAGOLAND BICYCLE FEDERATION: "Longtime Chicago-area bicycle advocate, Keith Kingbay, 81, died in January. A manager

for Schwinn from 1949 to 1982, he was active in promoting bicycle racing and in lobbying for bike paths both nationally and locally. In the late 1950s, he was the driving force behind Chicago Park District and Chicago Bicycle Dealers Association efforts to design and designate the Lakefront Bicycle Path. In 1971, he and Mayor Richard J. Daley rode a tandem

bike to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the pilot phase of a 34-mile Chicago bicycle route system. He lived in Buffalo Grove and was a member of the Wheeling Wheelmen."

Michigan League of American Bicyclists member June Thaden recently passed along this article to BikeMidwest, one of the many bicycle-related electronic "bulletin boards" available to computer users.

THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF CYCLING The March 1995 issue of American Demographics has a very interesting report on the demographics of bicycling in the U.S. Titled "The Bicycle Market," by Jan Larson, this article starts off with the commuting habits of Velonet's founder Patrick Goebel. Congrats Pat!

The "pull quotes" from the article are:
"Nearly 80 percent of bicycle
commuters are men, and roughly 70
percent are aged 15 to 34."

"The largest share of recreational riders lives in the Midwest."

"The industry can grow by promoting bicycling as a sport and transportation."

"Industry leaders must develop strategies to keep cyclists riding as they age."

The article also has a great deal of statistical analysis and charts prepared using information from Jim Williams at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The surprise to me is that Sacramento, CA, where I live, is listed in the top ten "college town" metro areas where commuters are most likely to ride a bike.

Puzzling that our neighboring college town, Davis, CA, "the city of bikes," didn't even make the list! Could it be that for discussion purposes, Davis, a mere 17

miles from Sacramento, is lumped into the Sacramento metro area?

I found the article, nonetheless, to be very good reading, and highly recommend it for all bicycle transporation advocates.

—Ed Cox, Chair, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates/Treasurer, California Bicycle Coalition/CaBikeCoal@aol.com

READY FOR 160 MILES, 57 hours start to finish, and a real temperature low of 25°? Paul Black was ready, and he reported his Alaskan Iditabike adventure in the April issue of *Draftlines*, the Des Moines Cycle Club newsletter. It could have been worse; Paul said wind chills in past events have dropped to -80°. And he did manage a total of 13 hours of rest along the way. Still, the intrepid cyclist took six hours just to reach the first checkpoint at 27 miles. Pleased with his performance, Paul said he planned to face this "unique challenge" again, perhaps as soon as next year.

THE NEWS WAS SCARY in the April newsletter of the Driftwood Valley Wheelers (Columbus, IN). After several page one headlines including "CHAIRPERSON IN TEARS," "CLUB IN ARREARS," "NO 20th ANNIVERSARY TOUR" were two simple words in very small type: "April Fool's."

SPEAKING OF APRIL, the Quad Cities Bicycle Club published a spoof of its newsletter. Instead of the usual title, Pedalwheeling, a newsletter insert was named, Caterwauling, and contained news of "The Three Month Challenge, Across Siberia on a bike without stopping—not even for Sleep," and a mention of "Scooters, the new restaurant featuring waitresses in biker's lycra." Another note reported that because of hills and gravel, the 1995 RAGBRAI had been rerouted to

Missouri. If they send it through Branson, it might be remembered as, "The Night The Circus Camped At The Zoo."

BACK IN FEBRUARY QCBC reported that it had been awarded an \$1,100 grant from the Bureau of Disability and Injury Prevention, Iowa Department of Public Health, to fund its second annual "Safety Billboard" and the distribution of bicycle safety videotapes to school districts, police departments, libraries and "even the truck driving school at Scott Community College."

BRIAN HANNON, son of Dubuque (IA) Bicycle Club members Ed and Sharon Hannon, just completed a 24,000-mile, 19-month journey from Iowa City to North Pole, Alaska, and then to the tip of South America at Ushuaia, Argentina.

THE BLACKHAWK BICYCLE AND SKI CLUB (Rockford) awards an "Around The World" patch to each member who racks up a total of 24,905 miles on the club's computer. Since the patches were unveiled in 1989, the club has awarded 33 of them. And no, roller and windtrainer "mileage" doesn't count.

STRAY NOTES from the March issue of BikeBurlington's (Burlington, IA) newsletter, Spoke Of A Wheel:

- "Hey, I know what that is," said a guy spying my Easy Racer. "It's one of those incumbents!"
- The little boy crawled up on his dad's lap and asked, "Daddy, where do pessimists come from?" "Well, son, the stoic brings 'em."
- Can't do any of those "you might be a redneck" jokes down here [St. Louis, MO] 'cause folks don't know when to laugh or say "I got a brother like that."

Some folks like to say that editor Cindy Owsley doesn't make the news; she makes the news more interesting.

## Grandview/Route 150 Notes & More...

MARCH MEETING SPELLS SUCCESS Tipped helmets to CJ Harms and all the crew at Vitesse Cycle Shop for hosting the IVW membership meeting on March 22. Over 30 IVW members itching for the new season enjoyed fine food, hospitality and preseason on-the-road stories. We met some new folks, including Travis Portis and Steve Kurt, and saw some faces we haven't seen in a while: Bill Semmens, Cindy Matthias, Gregg and Liz Benning,

and Dave and Alberta Gehrt. Thanks to social chair Roger John for organizing another fine

IVW event.

#### HEALTHY/WEALTHY BICYCLE COMMUTERS

According to the 1990 census (as reported in the Chicago Tribune) 500,000 Americans are regular bicycle commuters.

About 75% of these riders are young men, but the older bike commuters (age 45+) tend to be wealthier than commuters in general. (Could it be that bank accounts tend to rise when transportation costs fall?) Thanks to IVW member Franny Klees for sending me this news item.

#### BIKE-TO-WORK DAY-MAY 16

Modest temperature, no bugs; May is a great time to try riding to work. Not surprisingly, May 16 is National Bike-to-Work Day. I've found the bicycle commutting's benefits to be large (feeling great and low cost) and the preconceived problems to be manageable (traffic, cleanup, parking). I'd be glad to pass on encouragement/tips; I also have some flyers. Plus, Sheila Hansen is another IVW bike commuter you can call for advice.

IT WAS A GOOD FRIDAY, WASN'T IT? When the unspringlike weather finally broke around Easter weekend, I took a little roll on my favorite local route-Grandview Drive. Much to my delight, I discovered that the crumbly curbs and sidewalks are being reconstructed. When I rounded the hill top I found another happy feature-a pile of bicycle-friendly drainage grates awaiting

installation. When I called Peoria Park District Planner Mike Baietto

for some details, he told me that Grandview resurfacing is also in the works starting this summer. The roughest segment, near Prospect Avenue, will be completed around July/August. The park district's plan is to upgrade Grandview Drive in half-mile segments as funding becomes available.

Here's a prime opportunity for bicyclists to have a positive, long-term impact on future road and trail access for

> very little effort. Write a short note to Bonnie Noble, Park District Director, thanking the District for improvements on Grandview Drive. Mention your bicycle use of Grandview and compliment the planned road resurfacing and bicycle-safe drainage grates. Three or four sentences will do it: communication counts, Pulitzer-

Prize winning English isn't required.

Here's what your simple letter will help accomplish:

- · Increase park district knowledge that bicyclists use and appreciate improved roads as well as trails. This advances our efforts to create a well-integrated road/trail system (so you can ride your bike to the trail, as well as on it).
- · Build the "real stuff" of which better roads and trails are made-positive public input to road/trail planners. It's vital that bicyclists applaud when the government mountain moves.
- · Upgrade Grandview Drive quickly and completely. In the competition for scarce tax dollars, public interest often tips the scales in favor of one project over another. The park district can use your letter to persuade others of the importance of Grandview Drive improvements.

#### Mail your letter to:

- · Ms. Bonnie Noble, Director, Peoria Park District, 2218 N. Prospect Rd, Peoria, IL
- · Eric Hutchison, Government Relations Rep., IVW, 209 W. Crestwood Dr., Peoria 61614.

For added impact, send a "cc" of your letter to:

- · Mr. Steven VanWinkle, Director of Public Works, Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton, Peoria 61602.
- · Peoria Journal Star (editorial dept), 1 News Plaza, Peoria 61643.

#### Eric's Action Box

Make a difference-get involved in advocacy!

- Send thank-you note to Peoria Park District for Grandview Drive improvements.
- Call Woodford County and ask that paved shoulders be added to its section of the Washington/Metamora blacktop
- Ride-To-Work Day, May 16
- Help out with "bikes for kids" at Sheridan Village, May 20.
- Meet some Striders on June 17.

For more info, call Eric Hutchison at 685-3921

ROUTE 150 REBUILD—PAVED SHOULDERS ON THE WAY? Familiar with the abrupt end of paved shouldersthe "bicycle bottleneck"-between Charter Oak Village and Koerner/Trigger Road? Help and more may be on the way.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is beginning future survey work for reconstruction/expansion of Route 150 (War Memorial Drive) between Route 6 and Princeville-Jubilee Road. In the last five years, Peoria's northwest side has exploded with new business and shopping areas. Wouldn't it be great to be able to bicycle to Peoria's new areas?

According to IDOT engineer George Ryan, this is a strong possibility. "Both Maureen [Addis] and I realize this is an important section [of road] for bicyclists—for access to Jubilee Park and otherwise," George said during a recent phone call.

George also said that paved shoulders have become an IDOT standard for reconstruction—10-foot paved shoulders for four-lane highways and three-foot paved shoulders for two-lane roads. The need for bicycle accommodations will determine the exact design. For example, if enough bicyclists express an interest, that three-foot shoulder could become wider. Also, that 10-foot shoulder would be installed with no rumble strips.

An upgraded Route 150 would comprise four lanes near Peoria and two lanes in the more rural area near Kickapoo. This project is in the very early stages, an ideal time to affect design decisions which ultimately determine the level of bicycle access. Look for publicinput opportunities soon. I can tell you from experience that if bicyclists speak out, IDOT will listen.

Thanks to IVW member Darren DeDecker for bringing this project to my attention.

WASHINGTON/METAMORA
ROAD—PAVED SHOULDERS?
Thanks to the Tazewell County Highway

Thanks to the Tazewell County Highway Department, portions of this road now feature paved shoulders. The remaining segment to Metamora will be redone in the near future. This later project will be designed and funded by a different unit of government—the Woodford County Highway Department. I'm not sure if those paved shoulders will be added to this part of the road—remember, there is a cost involved.

Here's my simple challenge to Washington/Metamora-area IVW members—call Woodford County Engineer Mark Volden at (309) 923-2891 and ask him about the project. This call is a simple, non-confrontational request for information. Tell him you're a bicyclist who regularly uses Woodford County roads and would like to know the plans for improvements to the Washington/Metamora Road. Let me know what you find out, and I'll share it with other IVW members in the next newsletter. Thanks.

BIKE VACATION?—RALLY 'ROUND DA BIKE Looking for a great way to spend some summer vacation time? Try a League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

Rally. Jennifer and I are planning on going to the National Rally (July 5-9) this year at Asheville, North Carolina, I understand that Charlie and Franny Klees will also be there. Jennifer visited Asheville recently (on business) and will attest to it's beauty and appeal to bicyclists. Its 2000-foot elevation keeps Asheville cool, even in July. Our experience at the National Rally in Wisconsin two years ago was excellentlots of great food and rides. Remember, this event is planned by bicyclists. Also, it's not a "gearhead-only" event. Jennifer (more runner than rider) initiated our plans for the Asheville Rally.

If June out-east fits your plans better, the other LAB Rally, GEAR, will be June 16-19 in Amherst, Massachusetts. George and Eileen Dudley have attended past GEARs and can tell you all about it.

Call me for more details about either of the LAB events.

WHEELM'N & STRIDERS TO SWAP VOLUNTEERS Jennifer and I are arranging a little cooperative venture between the IVW and the Illinois Valley Striders (Peoria's running club). The Striders are planning to help work the No-Baloney Ride (June 3) in exchange for some IVW members to help with the Steamboat Classic footrace (June 17). Typical footrace jobs include passing out water and keeping cars/pedestrians off the race course. This is a great way to meet some new friends and help both clubs. Please contact me to get involved. Thanks.

BIKES For KIDS—IVW MECHANICS NEEDED The Salvation Army will be distributing donated bicycles to needy youngsters this month. On Saturday, May 20, Peorians who bring used bicycles to Sheridan Village shopping center (Peoria) will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Bergner's department store. Illinois Cycle and Fitness will be on-site to perform needed bike repairs, and the IVW has been invited to help out, too. Here's a chance to display your "wrench flair" and also help some kids discover the joy of bicycling. Call me today to get involved.

-Eric Hutchison

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 682-9346 (work) or 688-2842 (home).

For SALE: Men's 25-Inch, 12speed Fuji touring bike. Real good condition. \$150. Call Chuck Gullette at 266-3144 (home) or 745-8470 (work).

For SALE: Black 18-speed Cannondale \$7600 in excellent condition with rack, bags and light. \$450. Chris Wagner, 673-5762.

WANTED: Volunteers for the Proctor Cycling Classic—Central Illinois' premier bicycle race. Volunteers will enjoy the prerace picnic and a free commemorative t-shirt. Contact Jeff Tate at 692-2316.

### **Quiet Hero Club**

During the first three months of '95 the following IVW members supported the Quiet Hero Program with their donations of whole blood or platelets:

Ron Anderson (2 donations)
Ralph Behrens (2 donations)
Gregg Benning
Ken Pedigo (6 pheresis
donations!)
Dave Ringland
Bill Semmens
Jack Welch (2 pheresis donations)
Brian White (2 donations)

All of the above are veteran blood donors—and are appreciated. But, come on IVW members, let's see some "new blood." Just mention our Quiet Hero Club number, 000560, when you register to donate. (NOTE: Effective May 30, the Red Cross Donor Room will be located in a new facility at 405 West Third Street in Peorla.)

-Ron Anderson

#### MAY RIDE SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY, MAY 6 Woodford County Tour. 10 a.m., Eureka High School, Eureka. Come join the fun and meet some new friends as members of the IVW and McLean County Wheelers meet in Eureka, Saturday, May 6. The ride, weather permitting, will be approximately 30 miles with a stop for lunch and good conversation. (Average speed will be about 15 m.p.h.) Directions: Take I-74 to the Goodfield Exit. Head north on Route 117 to Eureka. Turn left onto Cruger. Eureka High School will be on your left. Park, in the high school parking lot. We will leave at 10 a.m. For more information, call Rob Alexander at 444-3297 (Washington), Russ Goin at 693-1686 (Peoria), or Karen Saltsman at 664-6452 (Bloomington).
- Sunday, May 7 Breakfast Ride. 8 a.m., Mossville Grade School to Track Inn (Chillicothe). 20 miles. Easy pace\*. Tom Parr, 274-6101.
- Sunday, May 14 Breakfast Ride. 8 a.m., Mossville Grade School to Track Inn (Chillicothe). 20 miles. Easy pace\*. Tom Parr, 274-6101.
- Sunday, May 21 Breakfast Ride. 8 a.m., Mossville Grade School to Track Inn (Chillicothe). 20 miles. Easy pace\*. Tom Parr, 274-6101.
- FRIDAY, MAY 26 LATE FEE DEADLINE for No Baloney.
- FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 26–28 Horsey Hundred, Georgetown, KY. This ride is so popular with IVW riders that we've declared it a club ride. That's right, now you can rack up club mileage on an out-of-town ride. Call George Dudley at 692-7076 for more information.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 3 No Baloney Ride. Jubilee State Historical Site. The club's spring invitational ride. Fee includes full ride support as well as breakfast and lunch. Call Sheryl Hansen at (309) 263-2870 for more information.
- SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JULY 15,16 The Interplanetary Ride. Joint venture between the club and Lakeview Planetarium. Ride 10 to 100 miles on your choice of local roads and/or the Rock Island Trail to Wyoming, then by road to Kewanee, home of the planet Pluto. Where else can you ride your bicycle to the outer planets? Call George Dudley at 692-7076.
- SATURDAY, August 12 LATE FEE DEADLINE for Diane's Ride.

  SATURDAY, August 26 Diane's Ride. Thirty-five, 67 or 100 miles—you decide. It's the club's fall invitational ride, fully supported including breakfast, post-ride "Pasta Fest" and more! Call Bill Clark at 347-4841 for all the details.

ALL SATURDAYS (except June 3, July 15 and August 26) 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.

\*THE TOM PARR GUARANTEE— "No one will ever be dropped on a Breakfast Ride from Mossville. And I mean no one."

**RIDE VOLUNTEERS**—To place your ride on the IVW calendar, get your information to Tom Parr by the 15th of each month.

#### **Keep In Touch With Tom**

Call me any time for more information on IVW rides.

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,
Call me at Parr Graphics: 274-4290
7 p.m.-10 p.m.,
Call me at home: 274-6101
—Tom Parr, IVW Ride Chair

### **Annual Junk Food Ride (JFR)**

The 1995 JFR will be held Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m., starting from Lake of the Woods Plaza on Route 88 between Mossville Road and Cedar Hills Drive. Please bring a high-calorie snack (cookies, cake, chips, etc.) to share at Bennings after the ride. Drinks will be provided. The ride will be at a casual pace, and probably less than 100 miles. Everyone is welcome; if you cannot make the ride, show up around 7:15 p.m. to sample the goodies (and carbo-load for the season). Call Gregg/Liz Benning at 243-5206 with any questions.

—Gregg Benning

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

NOT a training or time trial ride—a social ride. This ride is for newcomers to the club or members who have not become involved in many activities. Bring a friend and come out and give us a try! Our motto is: NOBODY GETS LEFT BEHIND!

Enter Dunlap High School from Cedar Hills Drive. Questions? Call Bill Wright at 685-8549.

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

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. Fun—Fun—Fun. Call Bill Wright at 685-8549.

#### RULES OF THE RIDE

- Ride no more than two abreast—single file in traffic and at intersections.
- 2) Pass only on the left—and announce your intentions.
- 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.

## Select the logos—Win the dough!

# **IVW Contest #2:** Match the logos (text has been removed from some logos) with the club names at right. Mail your entry to Samuel Joslin, 1318 W. MacQueen, Peoria, IL 61604. Most correct response wins a free loaf of homemade bread. (Winner must arrange pick-up.)

LETTER	CLUB NAME	
	Springfield Blcycle Club	
	League of American Bicyclists	
	Aurora Bicycle Club	
	Indiana Bicycle Coalition	
	League of Illinois Bicyclists	
	Quad Citles Bicycle Club	
	Folks On Spokes	
	Quincy Bicycle Club	
	Bloomington (IN) Bicycle Club	
ENTRY NAME		
PHONE #		

#### ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print)

DATE

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #3 \_\_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #4 \_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #5 \_\_\_\_\_\_BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ Address CITY \_\_\_\_\_STATE \_\_\_ZIP PHONE (

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

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

SIGNATURE (NAME #1)\_

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)

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(\$5, 10, 15, OTHER)

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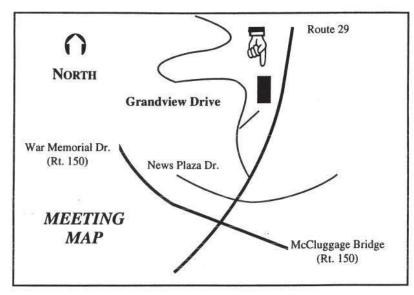
MEETING AND SWAP MEET THURSDAY, MAY 18 Ah yes—springtime! The sound of a cyclist rummaging for forgotten bicycle parts... you know they are there, somewhere, those bicycle things you had left over when you upgraded last year, or maybe those parts you bought in the frenzy at last year's swap meet that didn't fit when you got them home. Visions of cash have you intoxicated—encouraged, you keep looking.

Well, it's time to dig out all those unused and unwanted bicycle parts and/or accessories, dust them off, polish them up and bring them to the May 18 club meeting and swap meet.

We will meet at the lower Grandview Drive picnic shelter (see map) to eat, conduct some club business and hopefully, go home home with cash and not the bicycle parts we came with. Bring a covered dish to share, along with your table service (plate, etc.). The club will provide the lemonade. We'll start eating at 6:30 and then have a brief business meeting. The swap meet will begin around 7:30. This is a rain-or-shine event since we have protection from the weather.

Bicycle shops and friends from other clubs are invited to participate and make this annual event a great success. —Roger John

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