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## FLATLANDERS FIX FLATS. OFTEN.

When Dutch cyclists Ivo Sweens and Tom Verhoeven started their transcontinental trip on Easter Sunday, they weren't worried about mountains or dogs or prevailing winds. They were worried about crossing the Queensboro Bridge in New York. Tom said to a newspaper reporter, "It was forbidden for bicycles, but we had no choice."

Ironically, they both later agreed that the state of New York offered the most beautiful scenery during the first part of their trip.

They also agreed that Ohio and Indiana had noticeably poorer roads than New York. "Roads are very bad," Tom said. "Repairs everywhere. Very bad for the wheels."

Both Ivo, the nephew of Rome, IL, resident Don Scranton, and Tom replaced several broken spokes before reaching the

Peoria area 1,140 miles and three weeks later. But repairs didn't slow the pair down. The pair cycled 146 miles in a one day to reach Rome from the Indiana border.

Their journey had been well planned. They knew before they started that the wind blew from west to east, yet they decided to travel against the prevailing wind. Tom, flipping through a Rand McNally atlas said, "If you start in San Francisco you see the national parks of California, the Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, but as you move east . . ." He waved his arm over the emptiness of the mid-continent.

By traveling east to west, they simply hoped to save the best for last.

The enthusiasm of



**Ivo Sweens, 28, (right) and Tom Verhoeven, 24,** of Tilburg, Holland installed somewhat wider tires and somewhat lower gears on their Dutch-made Gazelle racing bicycles and launched their transcontinental journey from New York on Easter morning. Three weeks later, on their way to San Francisco, they rested three days while visiting Ivo's uncle, Don Scranton, of Rome, IL.

Americans for their journey surprised the pair. It would be highly unusual in Holland for a couple of cyclists to be quizzed about their ride. Coming from a cycling nation, Tom was unused to answering questions that American cyclists take for granted, like "Where are you from?" "Where are you going?" and especially this year, "Rainy enough for you?"

Ivo said that many people in Holland plan transcontinental trips across the United States using bicycles, motorcycles or cars. In comparison, riding through Europe is a decidedly domestic and uneventful pursuit. Ivo's aunt, Dutch-born Corrie Scranton, agreed.

"There they go to Greece like we go to the grocery store."

—Samuel Joslin

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# Cycling for Change—It Pays!

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I often tell people how much money you can save by bicycling. I've never found a good data source to cite how much you can make, though, so I've started keeping track of the money I find on the side of the road.

In February and March, I netted \$1.62. It's not big bucks, but it buys a little chocolate now and then. Mostly, I pick up quarters and dimes, but sometimes I find singles or five-spots. I stop for pennies and nickels only when there's lots of 'em. It takes me 15 seconds to stop and pick up a dime, so I figure I'm making \$24 an hour. Quarters and bills raise that average. "Keep your eyes on the road" takes on a whole new

meaning—but please don't lose sight of that dictum's original message.

I've found lots more than cash, too. Drivers drop everything—tools, gloves, scarves, jewelry, wallets. Wallets with ID are a pain—reuniting them with their owners takes time. Everything that's unidentifiable and unreturnable compensates for times when the stuff's inattentive former owners offer their doors to me.

I'd like to hear from other roadside gleaners, to get a better idea of the full value of this largely hidden benefit of cycling. It may not be enough to get most people to shift to bicycling, but it's not chump change, either.

—Randy Neufeld, Executive Director,  
Chicagoland Bicycle Federation

**MEL PERRILL WINS IVW CONTEST #2.** Asked in the May newsletter to match club names with their logos, Mel got five answers right out of a possible nine. The prize: one loaf of ho' made bread, courtesy of the editor. How would you have done? Keep your eye out for the next IVW contest. (Mel, call me, Samuel, at 688-0922 to arrange for pick up of your prize.)

**FOR SALE.** Black 18-speed Cannondale ST600 in excellent condition. Includes rack, bags and light. \$450. Call Chris Wagner, 673-5762.

## Other People, Other Places

Members of the **Jacksonville Bicycle Club** don't merely curse contentious curs, they rate them on a 1-to-10 scale. In the club's spring newsletter, a local dalmatian and companion were rated 9.0 on speed ("These dogs can run"), and 10 on teamwork ("excellent use of buddy system"). The author contends that Jacksonville dogs are especially fond of cyclists and that "The prospect of a spinning cyclist anywhere near their little patch of Ipava has tails thumping the porch all over greater Morgan County."

In early April, the **Bloomington (IN) Bicycle Club** sent a survey to candidates in the primary elections for mayor and city council. The May newsletter was stuffed with responses to the club's survey; only two people didn't

respond. Several candidates responded to the club's yes and no questions with extended and thoughtful answers. Charlotte Zietlow, candidate for mayor, even added a story about her carless first four years of marriage as a graduate student in Ann Arbor, MI.

If the roads around the Davenport, IA are a little cleaner this year, it could be due to the efforts of the **Quad Cities Bicycle Club**. Each year, members clean up part of Old Highway 61 north of the city. The May newsletter points out an added benefit to trash pickup: "You can keep anything you find!"

Also noted in the QCBC newsletter: "The QCBC has 36 various activities listed in the ride schedule for May. May has 31 days. It should be longer!"

# IVW funds police education, fixes bikes

**IVW DONATES POB REGISTRATION TO PEORIA COUNTY.** On May 4-6,



two officers from Peoria County's Police on Bikes (POB) Patrol attended the National POB conference in Milwaukee. A private donor presented the registration fees to the Peoria County Sheriff's Department on behalf of the club.

Community benefits of Police on Bicycle patrols include:

- Cost effectiveness. Up to 15 bike officers can be outfitted for the cost of one patrol car.
- The "stealth" advantage. Because they are silent vehicles, officers on bikes can ride up to the scene of a crime before they are noticed.
- Recognition by the police of road & trail improvements needed to enhance safe bicycle use for all road/trail users.

After the Milwaukee conference, Captain Needham of the Sheriff's department, wrote the club. "Thanks again for giving two of the Sheriff's deputies the opportunity to attend the National Police on Bikes Conference . . . They would not have been able to attend if it was not for [the IVW's] help.

In addition to the two gentlemen from Peoria, the conference attracted over four hundred officers, some from as far away as Hawaii, Canada and Australia.

**IVW REPAIRS BIKES FOR KIDS.** On May 20, the IVW helped repair hundreds of bicycles donated to the Salvation Army

for needy children. Peorians who donated bikes received gift certificates from Sheridan Village merchants. Bike repairs were coordinated by Illinois Cycle and Fitness. Thanks to everyone who helped out (watch for your names to be mentioned in the next newsletter.)

**BETTER BIKE ACCESS COMING TO MAIN ST? THE IVW SUGGESTS TRAFFIC CALMING.** Peoria's West Main Street may be in for a facelift favorable to both cyclists and pedestrians in the next few years. According to Jim Martin, Peoria city planner, a more people-friendly transportation system is part of a neighborhood improvement plan being developed by business owners and homeowners in the West Main St./Bradley University area. Objectives of the plan include reducing motor traffic speed and

the IVW. The city's planning staff is exploring a "back-door" plan using low-traffic side streets to provide bike access to businesses while making Main Street five lanes wide. Blocking off intersecting streets to reduce motor traffic volume and create parking in neighborhoods is also under study.

At a recent meeting of the Peoria Traffic Commission, Peoria County Engineer Dale Page suggested making Main Street a 3-lane road (including center turn-lane) to create space for wide outside bicycle lanes and improved sidewalks for pedestrians. I seconded Mr. Page's comments and sent the city staff a design manual that describes "traffic calming" techniques. (Case study #19 from the National Cycling and Walking Study, Federal Highways Administration.)



**Club supports the cops.** (Left to right): Sheriff Chuck Schofield, Deputy Steve Miller, Deputy Charlie Rodgers and IVW Advocacy Chair Eric Hutchison. Deputies Miller and Rodgers, who attended the conference, are also IVW members.

improving non-motorized access to businesses on Main Street—somewhat like the Prospect Avenue shopping area in downtown Peoria Heights.

NOTE: Better bicycle/pedestrian access for Main Street was requested by business owners without prompting from

**IVW MEMBER FRANNY KLEES** did a debut bicycle commute to her job on National Bike to Work Day (May 16). She reported feeling great & found that the trip took about the same time as driving the car

**BIKERS TO GET STEAMED.** I have a few openings left for IVW members to help with the Steamboat Classic footrace (June 17). This is our part of a volunteer swap in which members of the Illinois Valley Striders running club return the favor and help with the No Baloney Ride. It's a great chance to meet some friendly folks and help both clubs (keep in mind that some runners

are rumored to be closet-cyclists).

Typical footrace jobs include passing out water & keeping cars/pedestrians off the race course. Please call me to join the fun.

—Eric Hutchison, 685-3921

# Catching up on rides of recent past

Sunday, March 26 From East Peoria, ride leader Steve Grube led seven cyclists—including Ken Luthy and Conrad Grembowicz—along the frontage road to Tremont. Despite threatening conditions, “looked like it would rain any minute,” everybody made it back without getting wet.

Sunday, April 2 The Annual Spring Breakout Ride, led by Dave Schafelberger, attracted 20 people. The DeDecker clan was among the happy troops.

Sunday, April 2 Steve Grube led an afternoon ride of 22 miles. Among the seven riders who enjoyed the trip up the trail and then south of East Peoria were Bob and Mary Scroggs, and Laura Hughes. Good to see you on the bike, Mary.

Wednesday, April 5, Jeff Tate stepped in for Steve Shaffer and encouraged his riders to “do some hill work . . . several times up Detweiller south.”

Wednesday, April 12 No outrageous hills—just lots of wind for Steve Shaffer, Jeff Tate, Charlie Klees and Evertt Lyons on this 23.4-mile trip along Grange Hall and Evans Mill to Dunlap and back. Low 40s.

Sunday, April 16 Rob Alexander and 15 cyclists—including Gregg Benning, Bill Stevenson and Sheryl Hansen—headed to Morton for ice cream. 60°.

Wednesday, April 19 Steve Shaffer led nine people on a fast ride to Princeville. Well, almost to Princeville. The group, learning to work a revolving pace line, encountered mechanical problems three miles short of the Emerald Village. Upper 50s.

Sunday, April 23 Don Eberle led seven people—including Denny and Peggy Tresenriter—on a 25-mile ride around Morton with a coffee break at the Burger King. 50°.

Wednesday, April 26 Steve Shaffer’s “take no prisoners” training ride lasted 4.3 miles. The five in attendance called it a night on account of rain. Low 60s.

Sunday, April 30 With Eric Hutchison and Jack Welch along for the ride, Steve Grube led nine riders on a windy and cool 29.6-mile jaunt from East Peoria to Washington and Morton.

Tuesday, May 2 The Bill Wright Wride has to win the award for most faithful attendance; 23 cyclists—Sue

Weast and Drew Arnett among them—followed Bill on a 13-mile ride around Dunlap. Could Bill’s secret be his motto: “We like to ride and then go eat”? 60° N-wind @ 10 mph.

Saturday, May 6 The Woodford County Tour, a joint production of the IVW and the McLean County Wheelers attracted 40 riders on a perfectly comfortable day (68°). Everybody stopped by Metamora’s Family Fountain. The chief co-conspirators behind the day’s outing were Karen Saltzman, Rob Alexander and Russ Goin. Congrats; same time next year? 30 miles.

Sunday, May ?? We’re not sure which of two Sunday morning breakfast rides this report covers, but we do know that sometime in May, Tom led 10 club members—including Robert and Nancy Neumann—on a pleasant trip from Mossville Grade School to the Track Inn in Chillicothe. Reports Tom: “Great ride. No problem. No flats. No dead skunks.” We’re all breathing a sigh of relief, Tom. 65°, SW-wind @ 10 mph.

Tuesday, May 9 Okay, so Bill gets a little worried about some flimsy excuse of a tornado warning and calls off the ride. Just this once, Bill.

Thursday, May 11 The Wright Off-Wrode Wride attracted six erstwhile cyclists—two of them being Charlie Klees and Mike Pula—for a 19-mile ride despite rain the day before. Though the sky was overcast at the start, it turned blue in time for a spectacular sunset. 60° N-wind @ 10 mph.

Sunday, May 14 Three fine folks, Dave Schafelberger, Tom Parr and Don Eberle stared into the brisk 21-mph wind between Mossville Grade and the Track Inn, said to themselves, “Heck, at least it’s not raining,” and had a fine ride. 61°.



**Karen keeps clubs in contact.** Most instrumental to the success of the May 6 IVW/McLean County Wheelers ride was Karen Saltzman, a rider with joint membership in the two clubs. Three cheers for the Peoria-turned-Bloomington resident.



**Two Toms tapped for tire duty.** IVW member Tom Coogan (right) and Wheeler Tom Piazza (left) mend the evils of deflation while with Dan Shanks of Bloomington looks on.



**Julie Coogan and Denise DeDecker** check out Denise's new bike shoes. Cool!

# June Ride Schedule

- Every Tuesday Wright Road Ride from Dunlap High School. 6 p.m. Easy pace.
- Every Wednesday Steve Shaffer Fast Ride from Huck's on Allen Road. Pace line, 18 mph+. 5:30 p.m. Steve Shaffer, 685-4726.
- Every Thursday Wright Rock Island Trail Ride from Wilder Waite Grade School in Alta. 6 p.m. Easy pace. Bring your mountain bike.
- Saturday, June 3 **NO BALONEY RIDE.** Jubilee State Historic Site. Entrance just off Princeville-Jubilee blacktop.
- Sunday, June 4 Tremont swimming pool to Delavan. 30-35 miles. 7:30 a.m. Don Eberle, 699-2790.
- Saturday, June 10 Tour de Chicken, Jubilee College.
- Sunday, June 11 From Wilder Waite G.S. in Alta. 30 miles. 8 a.m. Call Sheila Hanson, 693-9807.
- Sunday, June 11 Proctor Cycling Classic. Central Illinois' biggest race. Downtown Peoria.
- Wednesday, June 14 Show-n-go from Fondulac Park District Building in East Peoria. 9 a.m. Call Don Eberle for info: 699-2790.
- Wednesday, June 14 Annual Junk Food Ride from Lake of the Woods Plaza (Route 88 between Mossville Road and Cedar Hills Drive). Bring a snack for post-ride chowdown. Drinks provided. Casual pace. 6 p.m. for riders, 7:15 p.m. for hangers-on. Call Gregg & Liz Benning, 243-5206.
- Wednesday, June 21 Show-n-go from Fondulac Park District Building in East Peoria. 9 a.m. Call Don Eberle for info: 699-2790.
- Sunday, June 25 We be organized! Choose 35- or 55-mile routes from Washington Grade School. Marked course, SAG wagon. 8:30 a.m. Call Jim Raney, 444-7658.
- Wednesday, June 28 Show-n-go from Fondulac Park District Building in East Peoria. 9 a.m. Call Don Eberle for info: 699-2790.

# Get yer red-hot events right here!

- 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, JUNE 10** CU Across The Prairie. 15, 35, 65 and 100 miles. Starts and ends at Hessel Park, Champaign, IL. Ride includes post-ride BBQ dinner. Late registration, \$13. Call Harold Allston at 217-359-4073.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 10** 20th Annual Honeysuckle Hundred. 20, 36, 62, 100 miles. Includes food stops, lunch, sag service. Late registration: \$9. Camping and t-shirt available at additional cost. Sponsored by Driftwood Valley Wheelers. Honeysuckle Hundred, P.O. Box 1552, Columbus, IN 47202.
- 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 11** 14th Annual Bicycle Club of Lake County Ramble. 31, 62, 80, 100 miles. Full support, free water bottles to first 500 participants. \$15 late fee. Bicycle Club of Lake County, P.O. Box 521, Libertyville, IL 60048.
- SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 17,18** Mississippi River Ride. 45- and 75-mile daily options. Includes baggage transport, Sunday morning breakfast. \$15 before June 2; \$20 thereafter. Camping \$5. Sponsored by Bike Burlington. Call 800-82-RIVER or (319)-752-6365.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 18** Seventh Annual Boulevard Lakefront Tour, Chicago. 35 miles. Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. Registration limited to 6,000 riders. Complete services include T-shirt (for those who preregistered) and post-ride party with lunch and music. \$20 before May 31; \$17 for CBF members. Call 312-42-PEDAL.
- 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.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 24** Georgetown Chicken Century Bicycle Tour. 35, 65, 100 miles. From flat prairies of Illinois to sizeable hills of western Indiana. Fully supported ride includes post-ride BBQ chicken dinner. Registration \$15. Georgetown, IL. Sponsored by Champaign Touring Society, 506 S. Country Fair Dr., Champaign, IL 61821.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 24** Flat Fifty Plus Bicycle Tour. 15, 30, 50, 62, 100 miles. Fully supported ride includes post-ride showers (bring your own soap and towel). Registration before June 13: \$6 for kids under 15, \$9 for adults. After June 13: \$9/\$12. Sponsored by Blazing Saddles Bicycle Club, Decatur, IN. For more info, call Rick's Bike Shop, 219-724-2705.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 25** 26th Annual Swedish Days Ride. 15, 25, 50, 75, 100 miles. Preregistration by June 20 only: \$12 single rider/\$26 family (2 adults, children under 16). Fully supported ride includes post-ride watermelon and ice cream. For more info, call the club hotline, 708-584-SELF.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 25** Bike & Brew Picnic. 10 a.m.-? "Featuring the most informal beer competition in brewing history! No entry fee—prizes will be awarded. Mark your calendar—call for details." Sponsored by Deep Elem Brews and The Bicycle Bus. Call (309) 676-4677.
- 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, SUNDAY, JULY 15,16** Interplanetary Bicycle Ride. 10, 14, 25, 27, 45, 90 and 100 miles. Follow the orbits of planetary explorers through the "World's Largest Model of the Solar System" right here in Peoria. Includes mapped and marked course, food stops, post-ride pasta meal, sag service and evening star party. Scaled-up ride speeds to be in excess of the speed of light; some riders may return younger than when they started. Registration for two-day event before June 15: \$14 per rider; \$35 for family of 2 adults and 2 children 15 or under—\$17/\$38 thereafter. \$5 per rider for Sunday-only ride. For more info, write Interplanetary Bicycle Ride, Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, 1125 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614.
- SATURDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 8-15** Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Across the Wisconsin River (GRABAARW). Limited to 1,000 riders. GRABAARW, 608-256-2686.
- SUNDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 23-29** Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). Deadline: April 1; \$180. RAGBRAI, 515-284-8282.
- SUNDAY, JULY 16** Poker Ride. 25, 35 miles. \$10 before July 9; \$12 thereafter. Includes full meal, and if you're lucky at cards—prizes! Sponsored by Quincy (IL) Bicycle Club. Call Deb at 217-224-8977 (night), 217-228-1956 (day).
- SUNDAY, JULY 16** Melon Metric 30, 62, 100 miles. Registration before June 20 \$10; \$13 thereafter. Sponsored by CABDA, The Midwest Bicycle Dealer's Association. Call 708-357-9000, ext. 191 or ext. 616.
- 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.
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 6** Bike Psychos Century. 35, 70 and 100 miles. Showers available. \$12 before July 29; \$15 day of ride. Sponsored by Oak Lawn (IL) Bike Psychos. Call Mike Rossiter, 312-239-8772.
- 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** PACRACC. 220 miles (COMPAC-RACC option, 100 miles, 2 days). Includes camping, breakfast and supper, showers and full support. This year, returning to Lincoln. Registration before July 21 \$55 (\$35 COMPAC-RACC); \$65/\$45 before August 18; \$85/\$65 thereafter. (Families of 3 or more from same address may deduct \$5 from each entry.) Sponsored by The Pantagraph newspaper (Bloomington, IL) Call Terri Stelte at 309-829-9411 or 1-800-747-7323, ext. 354.

# ODDITY!



**SATURDAY, JUNE 10** A Bicycle Bus Production: The Main Street Drum Circle, every Saturday at the corner of Main and Douglas. 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Tonight's featured performers: Saji Thomas and Josh Fox. Call 309-676-4678 for more info.



*Yes! I know it's darned late,  
But at least it's still hot.*

## IVW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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PHONE (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

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*(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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes     No

**BASIC MEMBERSHIP:**

INDIVIDUAL (\$10)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY (\$12)    \_\_\_\_\_

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(\$5, 10, 15, OTHER)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Club Meeting... & Bike Extravaganza

Wednesday, June 21

We will meet at the Jubilee Park picnic shelter at 6:30 p.m. Use the Jubilee College entrance to the park off the Princeville blacktop. (This is the same picnic shelter that'll be used for No Baloney ride registration.) If you don't know how to get there, call me.

After a short business meeting, members will have the opportunity to "try out" bicycles that area bike

shops have agreed to bring out for the evening. We will have over 20 bikes, including road, mountain and tandem models. Exotics like the Trek Y-22 mountain bike can be ridden on the park's off-road trails or tested on the park's smooth roads along with roadie bikes from Trek, Schwinn and Cannondale. We may even have a fixed-gear bike for those who want to challenge another member for king-of-the-hill status on one of the area's steepest hills. The Bicycle Bus, Illinois Cycle, Little Ade's, Russell's and Vitesse are all putting a lot of effort into this. It's definitely worth your time.

Even if you're not interested in riding one of the test bikes, bring your own and join us for the camaraderie and a casual tour of the park. The scenic paved roads and off-road trails provide a great place to ride. This is a rain-or-shine event.

For those who want to take nourishment prior to the meeting, you can join me for one of the best burgers in Peoria County. We're talking real meat, not fast-food stuff. Yes, I know it's not health food, but once in a while . . .

Anyway, I'm planning on stopping at Lindy's Kickapoo Saloon (first of two saloons as you enter Kickapoo from the east on Route 150; also, the newest). It will be on your right just past the Standard station. I'll be there at 5:15 p.m. to eat before going to the meeting. —Roger John

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**JUNE MEETING...**

**...6:30 p.m. at Jubilee for test rides!**