

SEPTEMBER 1995



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



greater peoria's bicycle club

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: "If we ever have the chance to ride there again, we'll do it," we said to each other after GEAR '91. That ride was headquartered at the College of William and Mary, adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg, Va. So when we learned of the MATE's rally, just before the Independence Day



holiday, the check went in the mail. The main event was really a joint weekend by the Baltimore Bicycle Club and the Potomac Pedalers, sited at William & Mary. MATE'S is a fictitious organization created by Bob Friedman as a means of bringing a number of tandems to the party. (MATE'S = Mid Atlantic Tandem Enthusiasts.) We attended a meeting of the tandem people as they deliberated formation of enough of an association to have an annual tandem rally, which they'll

do at least next year. To the host couple for next year's Prairie State Tandem Rally, this organizational stuff was of more than academic interest.

But what about rides? There were 29 routes offered each day, all with a written overview, map and a cue sheet. Imagine trying to route mark all of those?! They don't. There are no route marks, so the navigator better be alert! These are rides in tidelands Virginia. They're on very nice snake tracks whose alignment may have preceded the Jamestown Colony. These routes are actually the ones set for GEAR '91. Not only were there no marks, but there was evidence that some weren't checked out prior to the rally. We had to turn around midway out on the Friday ice cream ride due to a washed-out bridge, gone since early spring!

Food stops were wherever we wanted them. Lunch makings, including frozen juice containers, are set up in the cafeteria at breakfast time. The lunch you make is what you take to eat at the spot of your choosing. Usually the lunch stop is in a designated park or marina. Those who rode the 122 miles to Richmond probably didn't haul all they ate for that day.

So what was our noteworthy ride? I'd have to say it was the short one. We got to go on a test ride with the owner of Mt. Airy Tandems and Bicycles, Larry Black, on Santana's first ever "production" aluminum triplet. That was quite a bike! It should be, for seven grand. Larry came in a big motor home that was set up as the mobile bike shop for the event. Between what he hauled on the motor home, and a few bikes shipped to William & Mary, he had 18 bikes there for trial. He had a Montague folding tandem, a Bike Friday, titanium and aluminum Santana tandems, short and long wheelbase recumbents—quite a variety!

Evenings included Marriott-catered food in the cafeteria, plus music, dancing and a bar set up. Saturday and Sunday music was live and Monday was a sock hop.

Sunday morning it rained some and the forecast was for a dry afternoon. So we went to Williamsburg and watched activities in the encampment of British redcoats reenacting life and times as rebels were about the area. It was all great fun and we were glad we made the trip.

One of the big surprises was that there were only about 190 participants in the rally, about 80 of those on tandems. A good opportunity to make some new friends. Who wants to join us next year? —George Dudley

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Boudreau	Peoria
David Fleming	Peoria
Rick Hammel*	Peoria
Dianne Holmes	Peoria
Jared, Jim, Jordon & Judy Martin	Washington
Abraham Nasser	Peoria
Janet Kay Neuswanger*	Chillicothe
Laura Schmidgall	East Peoria
Mary Vosberg	Peoria
Anthony, Bethenie, Leslie, Stephanie & Tiffanie & Tracie York	Delavan

RENEWING MEMBERS

Darren, Denise, Dirk & Sue DeDecker	Peoria
Eileen & George Dudley*	Peoria
David Hansen	Peoria
Hana, Marla & Steve Hueser	Morton
Don Johnson	Peoria
Charlie & Franny Klees*	East Peoria
Connie, David & Steve Klein	Morton
Jeryl Riebling*	Peoria
Carol & Tom Romanowski & Family	Peoria
Mary & Robert Scroggs	Morton

*Advocate-level membership

The Peoria Bicycle Club is pleased to announce the first Jubilee Jam on Saturday, September 23, at Jubilee State Park. The course will combine creek crossings, single track and wide open flats. Races will be held for all categories, from unlicensed to NORBA Expert. Call Ken Beckler for more information at 673-8647. —Kevin Lantz, President, Peoria Bicycle Club

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Peoria New-Moon Bike Ride

Jus' the facts, man:

- Discover Peoria (city) Bike Ride
- Sunday, Sep 24, 9 a.m., 15 & 20 miles
- Start at Eric's house, 209 W. Crestwood Dr., Peoria
- Post-ride brunch do-dads to be consumed in mass quantities

SOME DETAILS: The great "adventure-in-your-own-backyard" returns. Leave the elephant gun at home, but don't forget the camera. We'll cycle Peoria's finest including Grand View Dr., Springdale Cemetery, and West Bluff/Moss Ave. historic neighborhoods. Afterwards, there'll be bagels/juice/coffee at Jennifer and Eric's (other food items welcome but not required). If your image of travel through Peoria is grumbling in motor traffic on busy 4-laners, I urge you give this ride a try. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

SOME NUTS & BOLTS: Traffic is minimal on Sunday morning in Peoria, but expect stop and go riding. Traffic safety will be stressed. The pace will be easy, but there are a few hills, such as those in Glen Oak Park. Well suited for mountain bikes (geared low) but OK for road bikes, too. Basic route is 20 miles, a shortcut 15 miles in length is also available. I regroup periodically during the ride. And of course, all riders are welcome.

So what's with the "New Moon" bit? (your reward for reading this far) Could

be just a calendar coincidence or then again . . . maybe something to do with tight bike shorts & too many bagels. The plot thickens. See you on Sunday. —Eric Hutchison

SUPER BILL DOES IT AGAIN: From a guy who leads two IVW evening rides every week you might ask could there possibly be more? As a season finale to the Tuesday-night Dunlap ride, Bill and Beverly Wright hosted a poker ride on August 22, complete with door prizes and a spaghetti dinner. Top prize (a new helmet) went to Russ Goin for the pair-of-aces drawn during the 10-mile ride. Lots of smiles, great weather and ice-cold watermelon. Thanks to Bill & Beverly for all their work and to Vitesse & Russell's bike shops for the door-prize donations.

BIKE ACTION 2000 IS HERE: On September 16 and 17 a first-rate bicycle advocacy training workshop rolls into bike-friendly Madison, WI. There's still time to sign up—give me, Eric Hutchison, a call at 684-3921.

IVW ADVOCACY WAR CHEST GROWS: New this year, we put an option on our membership form allowing IVW members to put some extra dollars to work for better roads and trails. To date, we've accumulated \$176 in this fund. I extend my personal thanks to all contributors. Talk is cheap but printing & postage is not—the bucks help keep the good-news presses rolling. Tipped helmets, gang. —Eric Hutchison

THE APICIS AND THE METTELMANNs, both IVW families, recently called on the services of travel agency Uniquely Europe. Here's their report: Biking down the Danube from Salzburg to Vienna was like a dream come true. Austria is such a bike-friendly country that many people are touring. We had two female Austrian guides, one to drive the sag van and one to accompany our tour group. They were expert cyclists and tour guides., very congenial and thoughtful. Two couples were Germans in their 60s and two were Swiss singles. From the evening we met at the hotel in Salzburg we knew we were in for a great opportunity for a cultural exchange. Two hundred forty miles and a week later, we were sorry to part company.

Each evening's inn or hotel was a beautiful sight as well as the European hospitality. We drank radlers, ate snitzel and lots of cheese, and great desserts. Along the Danube we stopped at castles, monasteries, a concentration camp, cathedrals and quaint villages loaded with flowers. By bike you can explore and get a feel for the country that is impossible by car. Ferries shuttled us across the Danube as swans watched us go by on the beautiful bike paths. Austria Radreisen provided us with a unique vacation. Just wished it could have lasted longer.

AUGUST RIDE SCHEDULE

Both of Bill Wright's rides end August 31.
 Bill wants to thank everyone for a great year.
 Next year: fewer rainouts. Promise!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Jubilee College Park to Elmwood (same start as the No Baloney Ride). 35-45 miles. Tom Romanowski, 692-2897.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Field Shopping Center, Morton, to Deer Creek American Legion for breakfast. 8 a.m. Don Eberle, 699-2790.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Campus Town (Main & University in Peoria). 8 a.m. 20 miles. Gary Hartzler, 674-3061.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 Morton Women's Ride. Morton High School. Easy pace. 6 p.m. Sheryl Hansen, 263-2870.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 Morton Women's Ride. Morton High School. Moderate pace. 6 p.m. Sheryl Hansen, 263-2870.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Pearce Community Center, Chillicothe (from Peoria, turn left at Dairy Queen, then go two blocks west) to Princeville. 30-35 miles. Dave Schaufelburger, 579-2311.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 Road Riding 101. 1 p.m. Lincoln Grade School, Washington. Rob Alexander, 444-3297.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 Campus Town (Main & University in Peoria). 8 a.m. 20 miles. Gary Hartzler, 674-3061.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Morton Women's Ride. Morton High School. Easy pace. 6 p.m. Sheryl Hansen, 263-2870.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 Mossville Grade School to Track Inn, Chillicothe. 9 a.m. Tom Parr, 274-6101.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 Discover Peoria Ride. 9 a.m. Eric Hutchison, 685-3921.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 Morton Women's Ride. Morton High School. Moderate pace. 6 p.m. Sheryl Hansen, 263-2870.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 Mossville Grade School to Track Inn, Chillicothe. 9 a.m. Tom Parr, 274-6101.

Club meeting

"Kodak Moments"

**Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.
 Leonardo's Pizza**

After a brief business meeting we'll show you how cyclists sometimes spend their summer vacation. Anyone take a bicycling vacation? Bring along your slides or prints to share. I spent July 23-24 with approximately 15,000 other cyclists finding out that the state of Iowa is not flat. While you eat and drink in the air-conditioned comfort of Leonardo's, I'll try to show you what RAGBRAI XXIII was like, with Kodak moments (slides) and my experiences over six days and 506 miles. —Roger John

Franny Klees has two tickets for the Apple Cider Century to be held September 24. Tickets are \$22 each. Call Franny at 694-3674.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME #1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #2 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #3 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #4 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #5 _____ 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, 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) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Here's your chance! You can replace an incumbent, either by yourself, or with a nominee of your choosing. Of course we hope you choose to personally give back to our sport a little of what it has given you.

In case you've been reluctant to look at your calendar, be reminded that PACCRAC, MTR and the annual meeting are fast approaching. Dread, horrors—the sun is going down sooner too. So it really is time to give some thought to who should carry on as IVW officers for the new term.

These are the vacancies that will need to be filled at the annual meeting:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Membership Chair
Ride Coordinator
No Baloney Ride Chair
Diane's Ride Chair

There's something for each and every talent and inclination. Current board members are listed in this newsletter. It's easy to call any one and say, "I'd like your job," or "I think Joe Beans would be a good person for whatever job." In my opinion we've had a good year, thanks to those active members who make it happen. Let's keep it up by bringing a full slate of candidates to the annual meeting.

SELL OUT!



Turn your trash into
someone's treasure with a free
IVW want ad. Call Samuel
Joslin today at 688-0922.

CALL FOR BOARD MEETING: As you board members realize, we haven't met formally for a few months, and it's time for some business. So the next meeting will be at chez Dudley, 5808 Old Orchard Dr., Peoria. It will be at 7 pm, and may last a while as there's lots to cover. We need to discuss replacements for most of us, the year's rides and financial results, the annual meeting, and our course for the next year. There will be reports from each area of our club required. Any items you want to have included on the agenda will be welcomed by myself or Ken Beckler, so give either of us a call. Any interested member will be welcome, as always. Those of you with an interest in a leadership role in your club are especially welcome.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING...

7 p.m., September 27, Leonardo's Pizza
Roger & RAGBRAI—the untold story