



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



greater peoria's bicycle club

GEORGE WISHES HIS SUCCESSOR WELL

IT SEEMS ONLY APPROPRIATE that I should wish Bill Clark, new grand poobah, every success in his continued efforts on behalf of all of the rest of us in IVW. Not that he's going to do everything himself—far from it. What I should really wish him is a continuation of the combined efforts of all those IVW people who DO do everything. Without our volunteers, the club would be nothing.



There is ample evidence of the start of a good new year already. On December 19, Roger John led a steering committee meeting to make No Baloney '96 bigger and better than ever before. Tom and Carol Romanowski will head up registration, Dave Hanson will be in charge of the all important food, Eric Hutchison will work on route planning, chairperson emeritus Sheryl Hansen will be on board to minimize toe stubbing as we go along, and there will be lots of others added to the leadership group. It's not too late for you to join in on the fun.

As an IVW board member for another year, I'll be attempting a continuing contribution. But most of all, I'm hoping to see you on the road. And, if Samuel can find space for a few words now and then, I'll see you in print. Thanks to all who made the

job as pleasurable as it was.

G'DAY, MATE. That's how 1,500 Aussies will greet you on the Great Australian Bike ride next April if you join Dudleys and Kleeses on the hoot of a lifetime. This is eight days of massively supported, pretty easy riding in New South Wales. We'll camp most nights under the Southern Cross.

Will it be cheap? Well not compared to the No Baloney Ride, but when did you last see a kangaroo in a corn field? I'm guessing it can be done for \$2,500 a person. I've downloaded a ton of info from my Internet pen pal and will be glad to show or discuss the ride with you. Just give me a call. Since it's all on line I can transmit most of what I have to your computer. No worries, mate. — *George Dudley*

MORE QUIET HERO NEWS...

Blood donors at the Red Cross Blood Center were treated to homemade cookies from IVW members Michelle Astle, Bill Clark and Sue DeDecker Thursday, December 14. Cookie donations to the blood center's canteen from various Quiet Hero groups has been a tradition at holiday time. This was the first year for the IVW. Thanks Michelle, Bill and Sue!

P.S. When I called Michelle to request a cookie donation, she asked if I

would recognize her IVW member friends Deb Bryan and Maria Hietter for the blood donations which they made on Michelle's behalf. Michelle underwent surgery in November 1994. Prior to this firsthand experience, however, Michelle already knew the importance of blood donations. She works at St. Francis where she says "tons of blood are used every day." Michelle missed a lot of cycling in '95 while recuperating but is expecting to be back on the road in '96.

—*Ron Anderson*

ACCORDING TO GIRL SCOUT LEADER, magazine, transcontinental cyclist Susan Notorangelo was recently inducted into the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame. In 1989, she rode from California to New York City in nine days, nine hours and nine minutes. Today, when not leading big mileage bicycle tours with her husband, Lon, Susan is a leader of two girl scout troops in Beloit, WI. No simple overachiever, Susan is also a registered nurse.

—*clipping from Ron Anderson*

NEW MEMBERS

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Susan RiesenbergGalesburg

RENEWING MEMBERS

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John & Judy ApiciGroveland
Mary Jane ConnerWashington
Dean ParkerMorton
Georgia &
Kenneth PedigoChillicothe

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news and/or humor, are welcomed.

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DEADLINE: 15TH OF THE MONTH.

IVW newsletter published monthly

PEORIA MAKES PROGRESS ON MAP, "INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS" A MISNOMER?

PEORIA BICYCLE MAP ROLLS ON.

Graphic arts work is underway on the
Tri-County's first bicycle map.

Peoria's Traffic Engineering
Department selected a local company,

Simpson Technologies, to
produce the map (from four

candidates). The new bike
routes will be overlaid on a

existing city road map via
computer. Bike safety text

and graphics will be given
on the map's flip-side—

patterned after the Madison,
WI bicycle map. The city

has also said "yes" to including a list
of fun destinations on the map (parks,

historic sites, shopping areas). I know
of no other city bicycle maps which

offer this combined
transportation/recreation feature.

HIGHWAYS TOO INTELLIGENT? Lots
of federal bucks these days are going

towards a high-tech answers to our
transportation woes—collectively

dubbed Intelligent Transportation
Systems (ITS). As described in the

September issue of *Machine Design*
magazine, in-car navigation systems

which help motorists find their
destinations are one component.

Since most folks agree they'd rather
not share the road with drivers whose

eyes are glued to computer screens,
audio commands have been tried (for

example, a computer voice tells you
when to turn). One small side effect

discovered by researchers— if the
computer's voice is too

"commanding," people will follow its
commands independent of what's

really happening in the driving world.
"They'll turn through traffic lights,

down one-way streets . . . because the
car told them to," says Paul Green, a

research scientist at the University of
Michigan.

Gee, maybe we could teach
these new motormouths some useful
vocabulary such as "Cyclist ahead.

Move over and share the road."

Or better yet: "It's a great day.

Leave me parked and go ride
your bike."

HAD A GREAT RIDE THIS PAST
FALL in the Starved Rock State

Park area. Started at the lodge
and rode east on Route 71 to

Ottawa. Great fall scenery on
the river bluffs and lots of waterbirds

on the river—practically at arms'
reach. I highly recommend the ride.

Heading north, I crossed the river at
Ottawa and poked around in town for

a while—nice riverfront parks and an
historic downtown. From Ottawa to

Marseilles, I rode combined road
riding with the I&M Canal trail which

parallels the river's north bank. Now
heading south, I crossed the river

again at Marseilles and ate my lunch
at Illini Park on the riverfront. The

Marseilles bridge is narrow, but
carried little traffic—I got along fine

by riding at mid-lane. After lunch, I
climbed the riverbluff and used

county roads to loop back to Starved
Rock. Most of the crops were down,

but the harvest was in progress—I
enjoyed both waving farmers and

horizon-to-horizon views. This has to
be one of the great cycling areas in

the prairie state. Ride ended up at
about 45 miles.

One traffic note: Starved Rock
attracts lots of weekend visitors,

especially in the fall. A weekday is
great time for bicycle exploration (if

you can talk your boss into it)

—Eric Hutchison



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UPCOMING RIDES & SUCH...

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Don't forget the Polar Bear or "Frostie the Cold Feet" Ride, January 1, 1996. An easy-paced, 10-mile ride starts at 11 a.m. (Course depends on road conditions.) Non-riders as well as New Year's riders are welcome to attend the club's annual potluck get-together. Call Charlie and Franny Klees at 694-3674 for more information.

EVERY SATURDAY. Washington Show 'n Go. Leaves from Washington Square. Please park away from square. Show 'n Go rides are recommended for experienced riders only. Leaves 8:30 a.m. No leader.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST MEETINGS. Get together for armchair cycling over a leisurely breakfast. Past breakfast meetings were a gas, baby!

January 7.....Newell's, E. Peoria
 January 14.....Oogies, Peoria
 January 21.....Bob Evans, E. Peoria
 January 28.....Oogies, Peoria

EVERY SUNDAY (JANUARY & FEBRUARY). Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. Leaves 11 a.m., weather permitting. Call Steve Grube, 699-6956 or Jack Welch, 387-6117. —Tom Parr

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.

THE JANUARY MEETING will be held January 24 at 7 p.m. at Avanti's in East Peoria. IVW member and local TV nutritionist Margie LaFont will speak on the nutritional needs of the cyclist. For those of you who don't want to cook on the 24th, meet us for dinner at 6 p.m.

FOR THE BEER CONNOISSEUR. The Bicycle Bus is sponsoring a "Bike & Brew" trip to Chicago, January 20. (Not to be confused with the IVW's bus trip in February.) Participants will leave Peoria at 7:30 a.m., headed for the Bicycle Museum of America, the Chicago Brewing Company (maker of Big Shoulders Porter) and finally, dinner at the Rock Bottom Brew Pub. Cost of the trip is \$25 per person. Send check payable to The Bicycle Bus/Deep Elem Brews, 712 W. Main St., Peoria, IL 61606 no later than January 7. For more information, call 676-4678.

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(please print)

NAME #1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #2 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #3 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #4 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #5 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

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.

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

IVW BUS TRIP. Our second annual bus trip to the Midwest Bicycle show at the Rosemont Horizon takes place February 24. We will leave Northpoint Shopping Center (8700 N. Knoxville) at 7 a.m. sharp. Cost is \$22 per person. This includes transportation, entry to the show and the Bicycle Museum of America at NorthPier. NorthPier is a short distance from Navy Pier on Michigan Avenue if you feel you need some more shopping. NorthPier attractions include a restaurants, a bike shop and other shopping opportunities. Bus will leave NorthPier at 7:30 p.m. to return to Peoria.

The bus holds 58 people. If we have a good response, we *may* add a second bus. We have notified the Bloomington and Springfield clubs of this event, so news of the trip will appear in their newsletters. Your check is your reservation—send it in ASAP.

A mere \$22 per person ensures a bargain-priced fun-filled day. Send your check payable to the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n to: Charlie and Franny Klees, 515 S. Pleasant Hill Road, East Peoria, IL 61611. —*Charlie & Franny Klees*



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January Meeting

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