



July 1996

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N

greater peoria's bicycle club



Charlie Klees debates the finer points of the Unified Field Theory (or maybe just riding a bike) with a visitor to the Kids Nowadays Festival, April 27.



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*Indicates advocate-level membership

**Kids
Now-
adays
...and
their
bikes**

If you're going to wear it, make sure it fits. IVW President Bill Clark provides a young customer with a properly fitted helmet. Members of the Peoria Medical Society raffled off helmets at the Kids Nowadays Festival.



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and/or humor, are welcomed.

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Here and there...

Northern Illinoisan Al Sturges passes along this Quote Of The Week from an op-ed by writer Russell Baker, published in the *New York Times*, May 24, 1996: "Clinton and Dole think I'm mad because gasoline prices are rising . . . what I'm really mad about is having to buy the stuff just to go to the grocery . . . (that's) relocated from just around the corner to three miles away in what used to be a cornfield out in the country . . . I'm mad about not having a bus or streetcar system left like the one that once enabled people to travel those miles for a little pocket change . . . I'm mad about people who can't drive being rendered immobile by the national drive-or-else policy . . ."

Jack Taylor (bikesrus@randomc.com) says Atlanta traffic officials are predicting extreme (and expensive) transportation and traffic conditions at this year's Olympics. Travel by private automobile will be essentially

impossible. Private autos will be expected to park in bus-shuttle lots located outside the city with traffic inside the city expected to be near gridlock. Jack recommends bringing a bike. "If the predictions are right, you will need it to get around the city, and if they are wrong, Atlanta and surrounding areas provide some great cycling any time."

Ohio Governor George Voinovich yesterday (June 11) signed House Bill 461 which will permit Ohio bicyclists to signal right turns with their right arms as well as their bent left arms. This bill was proposed and supported by the Ohio Bicycle Federation. With the governor's signature, the new law will go into effect on September 9 (unfortunately, just two months too late for the National LAB Rally at the University of Dayton).
—Chuck Smith, chair, Ohio Bicycle Federation (Chksmith@aol.com)

FOR SALE: Yakima bike rack outfit:

1-set SST Towers with key locks\$143.99

1- pair crossbars 48"38.98

1- set of 4 clips (Y-11)39.00

Complete Outfit NEW\$221.97

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Call Ken Kiley at 691-8433 after 5 p.m. Prodigy address: QEMH73A

FOR SALE: Computrainer by RacerMate, Inc. Includes: A) rear axle-mount system for your bicycle. This system consists of trainer, electronic load simulator, LCD handlebar control module with heart rate function, and RacerMate challenge software for use with the Nintendo Entertainment System and B) Commodore computer keyboard and disc drive. Purchase new in 1989 for \$1,250. Only used two winters. Sell for \$175. Call Jack Wiegand, 965-2856.

Maps include detail, discovery

I got a chance to test ride the newest Illinois Bicycle Map this week (Map 4—my home turf of west-central Illinois). I made a day trip in Knox County in the area between Williamsfield and Victoria. Got a chance to visit a conservation area which I never new existed before (Snakeden, near Victoria). The bike map is the first map on which I've seen this show up. I plan to go back there and hike some trails. The road ratings were right on the mark—paved was paved and gravel was gravel. My compliments to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Maps covering the western half of the state are now available (maps 2,4,6,8, and 9). To get your free copies, write to: Map Sales, Illinois Department of Transportation, Room 121, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764.

While your at it, ask for a copy of the booklet "Bicycle Resources, A Source Guide for Maps, Brochures, and Bicycle Groups in Illinois", Feb 1996. It's a great guide to cycling in our prairie state.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS MULTI-CLUB RIDE—TOUR DE SUCCESS. Many thanks go to the members of the Decatur Bicycle Club and the Springfield Bicycle Club for organizing the June 22 multi-club ride at Lincoln. Advertised as a "BYO" event, we ended up with quite a lot more than that. Cyclists could choose between two excellent routes with maps and route marks. I enjoyed meeting and riding with all the members of the various clubs who attended. Tipped helmets to Mark McClure for pulling the event together and Earl Burton for the excellent route work. Hope we can all do this again soon.

LOTS OF HELP, NO BALONEY. Here's a partial list of volunteers who made this year's No Baloney Ride possible. Look for a full accounting from ride chairperson Roger John soon: Route Marking—Darren and Sue DeDecker, Russ Goin; Sign Placement—Tom and Julie Coogan, Gary Hartzler, Charlie and Franny Klees; Mapping—Rob Alexander; and Publicity: Sheryl Hanson scored a big article in the Journal Star's "Cue" section.

BIKES FOR KIDS II. Tipped helmets to the following IVW members for helping with the bicycle repair day for the Salvation Army: Russ Goin, George Dudley, Darren, Dirk and Denise DeDecker, Steve Kurt, Drew Arnett, Steve Grube, Glen Thompson and Rob Alexander. Thanks go to Russ for not only repairing the bikes, but also contacting and organizing the IVW's volunteers. Also thanks to Samuel Joslin

for making up an ad for IVW map books on very short notice. The ad was printed in Sheridan Village's promotional flyer.

BIKE PLAN GETS WARM RECEPTION FROM PEKIN City Council. On May 28, the IVW presented its "Pekin Bicycle Action Plan" to the Pekin City Council. We gave council members an armchair bicycle ride through the city via a slide show. We stressed the good points about cycling in the city (including the Park Avenue historic district) as well as areas where improvement is needed (East Court Street, Parkway Drive and Route 98).

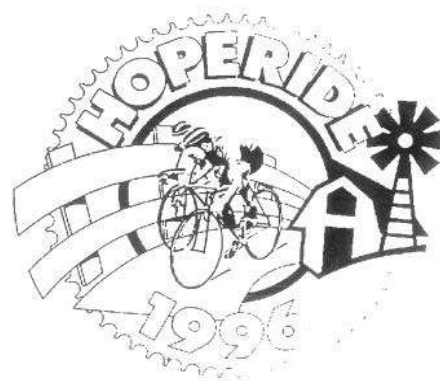
In response, Mayor Dave Tebben asked about the possibility of developing a Pekin bicycle map. The IVW offered to help with map development and pointed out that the new Illinois Bicycle Maps (IDOT) would tie in well with a detailed map of the city of Pekin.

Note: The outline and policy language of the IVW Pekin Bike Plan will work for any local city or town.

EAST PEORIA BICYCLE ACCOMMODATION at Route 8 and Centennial Drive. Washington Street (Route 8) from East Peoria High School to Route 24 near Washington will be upgraded from two to four lanes in the next few years. In response to IDOT's new policy (which requires the input of local bicycling groups in all state road projects), I completed a letter and response form (form language provided by the League of Illinois Bicyclists).

Due to the large number of important destinations served by this road, it appears likely that bicycling accommodations will be provided as part of plans.

CENTENNIAL DRIVE UPGRADE PLANNED from Illinois Central College east to Grange Road. This plan includes no specific bicycle accommodations, but driving lanes will be fairly wide, similar to the newer section of Centennial which drops down the bluff. The IVW is on the mailing list to be notified of upcoming public hearings.



1996 HOPE RIDE

Saturday, September 21
7:30 a.m.

Hope Elementary School
Hope, Indiana

Tours of 6, 15, 35, 54, 65, and 100 miles
\$12.00 until August 4
\$15.00 until August 21

REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 21

Sags, Maps, Snacks, Breakfast,
Gourmet-style lunch on 54, 65, & 100
Free coffee mug to first 1,027

INFO: SASE to:

Hope Ride, P.O.Box 115
Hope, IN 47246

Hotline: (812) 546-5708

Sanctioned by:

League of American Bicyclists

—Eric Hutchison

July 1996? What ever happened to May 1969?

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.

For more information on the IVW ride program, or to volunteer to lead a ride, call Tom Parr at 274-4290 (7 a.m.—3:30 p.m.),

THURSDAY, JULY 4. Fourth of July Ride. Morton Field Shopping Center. 8:30 a.m. 40–50 miles. Ride leader: Jack Welch, 387-6117.

FRIDAY, JULY 5. Lincoln Grade School at Jefferson and Nebraska, Morton. 5:30 p.m. Slow to medium pace (pulling trailer). Ride leader: Steve Hueser, 263-3544.

SATURDAY, JULY 6. Banner Breakfast Ride. Leaves Banner Grade School, corner of Allen Road and Cedar Hills Drive at 7:30 a.m. Ride to breakfast and return. 30–40 miles. Ride leaders: Gregg Benning, 243-5206, and Bill Semmens, 693-9388.

SUNDAY, JULY 7. Lincoln Grade School, Morton. 7 a.m. Fast pace. 30–40 miles with a stop. Ride leader: Steve Hueser, 263-3544.

FRIDAY, JULY 12. Lincoln Grade School at Jefferson and Nebraska, Morton. 5:30 p.m. Slow to medium pace (pulling trailer). Ride leader: Steve Hueser, 263-3544.

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, JULY 12–14—Elroy-Sparta Trail Ride. Ask Bill Semmens about this road trip and trail ride through west-central Wisconsin. The plan: Drive up Friday, ride Saturday and Sunday, and drive back on Sunday. Call 693-9388 for more details.

SATURDAY, JULY 13. Banner Breakfast Ride. Leaves Banner Grade School, corner of Allen Road and Cedar Hills Drive at 7:30 a.m. Ride to breakfast and return. 30–40 miles. Ride leaders: Gregg Benning, 243-5206, and Bill Semmens, 693-9388.

SUNDAY, JULY 14—Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria (across from Wendy’s). 8:30 a.m. Ride leader: Dalton Larson, 694-2272.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 20 & 21. Interplanetary Bicycle Ride—It’s out of this world. Contact Sheldon Schafer at 682-1876.

SATURDAY, JULY 27. Pearce Community Center, Chillicothe. 8 a.m. Ride leader: Dave Schaufelberger, 579-2311.

SUNDAY, JULY 28—Fondulac Park District Building, East Peoria. 8:30 a.m. Ride leader: Steve Grube, 699-6956.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3—Staggered Start Ride & Picnic. Wenger Park, Washington. 1 block south

of swimming pool. 15/35/60 mile routes. Bring your own food for after-ride picnic. Swimming after the ride. Start times: 60 miles—3 p.m.; 35 miles—4 p.m.; 15 miles—5 p.m. Ride leaders: Jim Raney, 444-7658, and Rob Alexander, 444-3299.



—TIME AFTER TIME—

EVERY MONDAY IN JULY. Dunlap High School parking lot. 6 p.m. Ride leader: Gary Hartzler, 674-3061.

EVERY TUESDAY—Wright Road Wride. 6 p.m., Dunlap Grade School (next to picnic shelter in the park). Slow, medium and fast rides—a ride for everyone! Bill Wright, 685-8549.

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY—Morton Show 'n Go. Field Shopping Center, Morton. 5 p.m. Show 'n Go rides are recommended for experienced riders only. No leader.

EVERY WEDNESDAY—Thrills, Skills & Speed II. Huck’s at Willow Knolls and Allen roads in Peoria. Experienced riders only! 5:30 p.m. Ride leaders: Steve Shaffer, 685-4726 and Sharree Tate, 692-2316.

EVERY THURSDAY—Wright Trail and Off-Road Wride. 6 p.m., Wilder Waite School (across from the Rock Island Trail in Alta). Bring your mountain or hybrid bike and discover some new ways to get on and off the Rock Island Trail via gravel roads and dirt paths. Great ride for newcomers or friends of the club. Bill Wright, 685-8549.

EVERY THURSDAY—Show & Slow. Russell’s Cycle, Washington. 20 miles or so. 6 p.m. Leaders: Rob Alexander, 444-3297 and Jim Raney, 444-7658.

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. 8:30 a.m. No leader.

The Peoria Bicycle Club would like to thank all of the IVW members who volunteered to help with the ninth annual Proctor Cycling Classic. We especially appreciated those

volunteers who persevered through the rain. The weather may have limited spectators and participants, but your spirit and dedication to cycling made our event a success!

We're talking dirty again at the PBC. No, we haven't started a "900" number, it's the JUBILEE JAM MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE to be held Sunday, July 14, 1996, at

Jubilee College State Park. The course is open from 8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. for practice, and the first race starts at 10 a.m..

Come out and watch the dirt fly,

or better yet, bring bike and

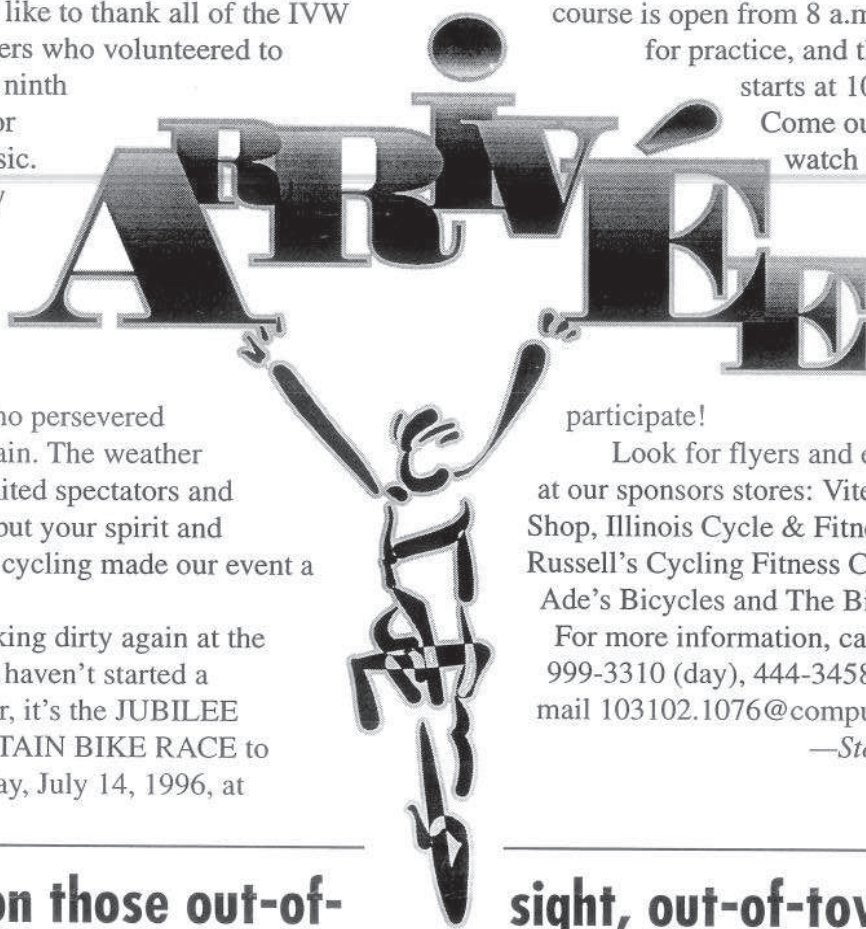
participate!

Look for flyers and entry forms at our sponsors stores: Vitesse Cycle Shop, Illinois Cycle & Fitness, Russell's Cycling Fitness Center, Little Ade's Bicycles and The Bicycle Bus.

For more information, call me at 999-3310 (day), 444-3458 (eve) or e-mail 103102.1076@compuserve.com.

—Steve Daggis

“We’re talking dirty again at the PBC.”



Roger on those out-of-

sight, out-of-town rides

Wanted to tell you about a few good rides that Janis, Sandy and I have been on this spring.

We rode about 40 miles at the Silver Springs 60 in Yorkville, IL, on April 28. It was windy and cool with a forecast of rain, so only about 800 of the 980 preregistered showed up. We finished just before the rain, so we had a nice day. Met quite a few other IVW members up there.

On June 1 we rode 45 miles at the Laracol—ALDA ride from Huntley, IL. It was a very good ride for over 200 people but most people got a little wet or got rained on hard for five to 20 miles. This ride started comfortably at 8:30 a.m. and got windier, colder and wetter as everyone stopped by 1 or 2 p.m. They sure had a lot of good food and nice routes.

Then on Sunday, June 2, we rode in the Udder Century, which started in Union, IL, at the Antique Museum and Village. This ride

was also very nice, and we rode over 40 miles until the wind started shifting, and almost all of it was into a head wind or nearly. This ride had some beautiful scenery and very few hills, but it is a little too early in the year to have a perpetual headwind. When we finished, they had a beautiful, all-you-can-eat buffet, with hot pasta, spaghetti, three sauces, garlic bread, salad, cookies, soda and iced tea for a treat. Then we all toured the museum, which was included in the cost of the ride—so we had a great day. The McHenry County Bicycle Club sponsored this ride.

There are some good rides coming up: The Melon Metric from Sandwich, IL, on July 21, put on by the Naperville Bicycle Club; and The Wizard of Oswego on July 28, from Oswego (IL) High School, put on by the Elmhurst Bicycle Club.

I'm getting back to riding now, but am supposed to ride with someone. Have a good summer.

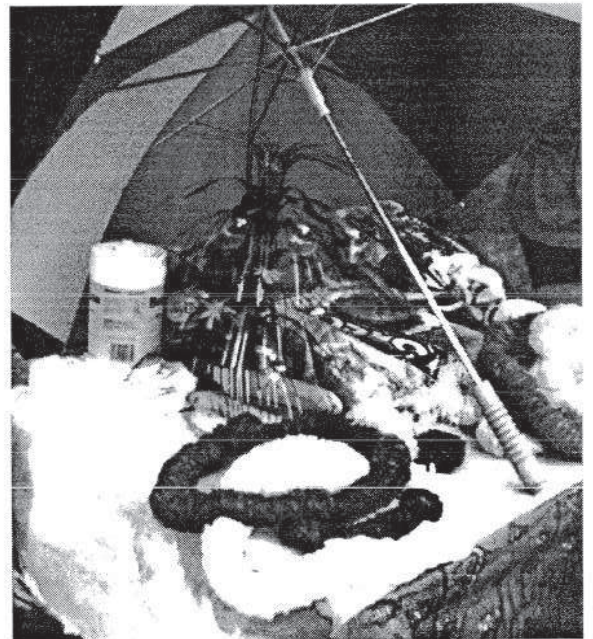
—Roger Jensen

“It is a little too early in the year to have a perpetual headwind.”

June 1,
1996.
It was a
dark and
stormy
ride...



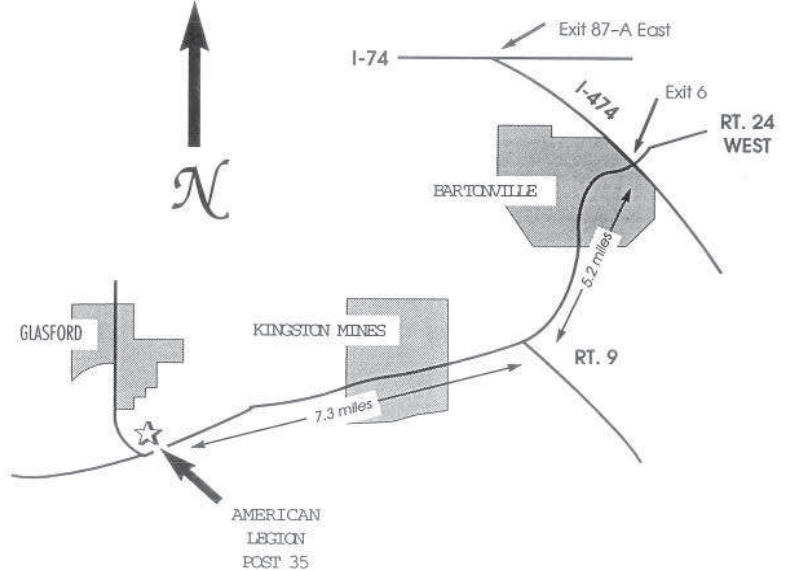
There were more tandems than usual on this year's edition of No Baloney. Eileen and George Dudley saw to that when they brought the Prairie State Tandem Rally to Peoria and the IVW. And despite a spring more tropical than temperate, those in attendance truly seemed to enjoy themselves. At least when they weren't trying to figure out which clouds threatened lightning and which promised only silver linings...



Photos by Sheryl Hansen

Help is still needed for Diane's Ride, August 24—expect a call soon. If you can donate cookies, help with registration, serve food at noon, or work at a rest stop, please call 387-6761 before July 5 or after July 28. We are moving to Singapore in August and will still coordinate the ride with help! Also need folks for Friday evening before ride to organize supplies in Glasford. Thanks for your cooperation.

—John Apici



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 needed if registrant is under 18)

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) \$ _____

Household (\$12) _____

Voluntary advocacy contribution:

(\$5, 10, 15, other) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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 NORTH SHERIDAN RD STE 2, PEORIA IL 61614-2933

DIANE'S RIDE...COMING SOON!

The best ride of (fall is right around the corner. Send in your application for Diane's Ride today. No application form? Call John and Judy Apici at 387-6761 or e-mail JApici@aol.com. You'll be glad you helped yourself to all the fun. And don't forget: John and Judy can always use another volunteer, too.



JULY 1975. Jack Welch's ride to

Glasford from Mapleton comes with a warning label: "Bring snack as Glasford may be closed."

Other 8 a.m. Sunday rides this month: Carolyn Herget leads a 20 mile ride from Limestone High School; Jim Ellington commands a 25-miler leaving from Mineral Springs Park in Pekin; and Les Stegrist plans a 30-mile jaunt from the Belscot parking lot in Sunnyland to Eureka Lake.



JULY 1986. The club's annual picnic is moved to coincide with the first

Diane's Ride, to be held

August 17 at Lake Camelot.

July's ride of the month is the "near-famous Morton to Normal and Back for

Breakfast Ride." The club's

breakfast destination is the

Falcon restaurant. The Fourth

of July ride begins and ends

at Rosanne and Ted

Gambogi's house in Morton,

with a free cookout courtesy

of the club. Dave Glackin is

JULY 1981. Ron Douglas organizes the

club's annual picnic, this year at

Jubilee Park. President Ron Matuska

says the club has been asked to submit

a proposal for hosting either the

League of American Wheelmen

Convention or a Great Eastern Rally

(GEAR). A 100-mile round trip ride

from the Tazewell County Courthouse

to Havana is planned for Sunday, July

19. Times for the club's 10-mile time

trials in May range from 31:57 (Rod

Myers, May 26) to 26:22 (Chuck

Huntingger, June 2). Club dues are \$6

for an individual membership, \$8 for a

family.

JULY 1991. Eric Hutchison's bicycle

skills seminars in May and June

attracts 19 people. Despite repeated

blows from hammer and nail, the

demo tire refuses to go flat. "I may not

have convinced anyone that they will

ever actually get a flat tire, but I did

show them how to fix one." The Fig

Newton passed the 100-year-old mark

in May "and it's still remarkably

fresh!" The oldest U.S. bicycle

manufacturer, Columbia, files for

Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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No meeting this month

...just ride after breakfast after ride after lunch.

Illinois