



ILLINOIS VALLEY  
**WHEELM'N**  
*greater peoria's bicycle club*



# NEW LEADERSHIP

## RICH MORRIS

### PRESIDENT

Just a year and four months after joining the club I'm writing this as president. Call it destiny, stupidity, or maybe just wanting to get involved, I haven't decided yet. I will let you know in two years.

I started riding a bike regularly about seven years ago. I found I really enjoyed riding, seeing the countryside and listening to all the profanity from automobile drivers and motorcycle riders. Wanting to ride on organized rides and meet other riders, I joined the bike club.

I have to say, all of the people I have had the opportunity to meet while riding have been very easy to get along with. In this day and age, with everyone in a hurry, it seems to cause a lot of people to be on edge and stressed out. I believe those of us that ride seem to lose that stress on the bike.

Over the last year I have been trying to get my wife interested in riding with me. She has always enjoyed short slow rides on the trail or around the subdivisions but I wanted her to ride with me on club rides. She always said we ride too fast, too far, and the wind is blowing. After a lot of talking, the purchase of a used but nice tandem has gotten her going more. She only has one complaint now, can anyone suggest a comfortable seat?

Well now you know a little about me. I'm sure I will probably get to meet a lot more of you. I will give my best effort to guide the club the next two years and up to the big year 2000. This will probably be an interesting learning experience for me, hopefully an enjoyable one. Any ideas, suggestions, and complaints will gladly be listened to. All volunteer help, when needed, will be greatly appreciated. This club cannot exist without all the good members we have. Take care and keep in shape over the winter. Rich

## JIM EMMONS

### VICE PRESIDENT

Sarah and I have been members of the IVW for about 4 years. During that time we have ridden thousands of miles and met many new friends. For us bicycling is a family activity with our children, Janel and Matthew spinning away on the back of our two tandems.

I hope that the IVW membership will begin to grow in the coming year. I hope many new people are able to find out about our bicycle club and enjoy the same benefits that I enjoy.

I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity to serve as the vice-president of the IVW and I look forward to seeing you on the road.



### New Members

Jerry Allen.....Morton  
 Steve and Sue Mahoney\*.....Dunlap

### Renewing Members

Ken Luthy.....Pekin  
 Carl & Carol Hendricksen and family.....Peoria  
 Dick & Dottie Rhodes and family\*†.....Pekin

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images and/or humor, are welcomed.  
Deadline: 15th of the month

# NEWS ON IL8 UPGRADE

Eric Hutchison

IL8, East Peoria / Washington bicycle access-- The latest: IDOT sent me a letter stating they would provide a cut-through for cyclists/pedestrians when they cul-de-sac Farmdale Road. This will keep the connection between Farmdale Rd & Oakwood Rd intact across IL8 for cyclists. It's my understanding that construction on this phase of the IL8 project is underway. As for on-road cycling accommodations (wide outside lanes) for larger IL8 widening project, IDOT's current position is that it is not economically feasible. Also, the Fondulac & Washington Park Districts have apparently endorsed the idea of the curb-side sidewalks. My thoughts?-- This is round-1. We (IVW) have an education challenge. Most novice cyclists (and park districts who plan bike paths) do not understand the safety problems of sidewalk bikeways. IDOT is attempting to satisfy these groups while minimizing the proposed cost of the IL8 widening. I feel the "not economically feasible" argument is a bit curious.

Apparently it is economically feasible to build two additional motor traffic lanes but beyond reach

to provide even minimal accommodation for cyclists? Also, this argument is a bit of a loaded public-relations gun since it puts dollars ahead of safety. It's my understanding that no money has been located for the IL8 widening project (it's not in any IDOT 5-year plan), so on what basis are we judging the proposed cost?

Many thanks to IVW members who attended the October 22 public meeting about IL8. Special thanks to the following phone callers who helped bring out the cyclists: Franny Klees, Rich Morris, Dirk McGuire, Rob Alexander, Jim Degenhart. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) made a special effort to communicate with the IVW about this project. I very much wanted to be able to fully thank them for the bike plans proposed for IL8. While the goal is good - accommodate all levels of cyclists -- I felt that I could not endorse the proposed solution -- multi-use sidewalks located at curbside. On behalf of the IVW, I asked IDOT to provide on-road accommodations for cyclists (such as wide outside lanes) in addition to the sidewalks.

## IVW 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY

Karen Saltsman

So it's too cold to ride you say? I agree! Anyone who knows me realizes it has to be 50 degrees and sunny before my Trek comes off the trainer and hits the pavement.

So come out of hibernation and drop by Bowl-Mor-Lanes on Saturday, January 31, 1998 at 1 p.m. This will be a great time to catch up with friends and get acquainted with new members.

If you haven't come out to an IVW event, I strongly urge you to attend! It's much easier to meet everyone at a social event than to hold a conversation with a fellow rider while you're huffing and puffing up a hill in the spring! (I'm speaking for myself of course.)

For those of you with kids, bring them along. The bowling alley can set up 2-3 lanes with gutter bumpers if we give them advanced notice. And no, they will not set up gutter bumpers for adults. (I already asked!)

Following the bowling extravaganza, we'll head to Godfather's Pizza in Peoria. They are expecting us around 3:30 p.m. I have reserved the "party room" so we can all sit together. They will also take orders in advance so your pizza can be done when you get there!

To help this event be a success, I do request that you RSVP me at (309) 693-2762 no later than January 20. This will give me time to reserve lanes at the bowling alley. Hope to see you there!!!

## JUST THE FACTS. . .

BOWL-MOR-LANES  
3416 N. University, Peoria  
Date - January 31, 1998  
Arrival - 1:00 p.m.  
\$2 per game per person  
\$1 shoe rental

GODFATHER'S PIZZA  
618 W. Glen, Peoria  
Date - January 31, 1998  
Arrival - 3:30 p.m.  
Seating in "party room"  
Order ahead for faster service

RSVP no later than January 20 to Karen Saltsman at 693-2762





# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N 1998 MILEAGE LOG

APRIL							MAY							JUNE							NOTES											
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Week	98 YTD	97 YTD	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Week	98 YTD	97 YTD	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Week	98 YTD	97 YTD			
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# BILL'S YER MAN

Eric Hutchison

I'd like to say thanks to our outgoing President, Bill Clark, for his hard work and dedication to the IVW during the past few years. Bill's contributions to the club include:

- Diane's Ride Chair (extrodinare) '93-'95. Bill not only ran this ride three consecutive years, he literally wrote the book on running a well-organized invitational ride -- his notes proved invaluable to his successors. Bill was also a major volunteer on Diane's Ride in recent years including mapping and marking new routes for '97.

- Bikes For Kids. Bill was our point man the last few years lining up IVW wrench twirlers to help the Salvation Army repair donated bicycles for needy children.

- IVW Officer Recruitment. Most of us can trace our active involvement in the IVW to a single significant event -- someone took the time to ask us personally to become involved. Bill provided this vital

function and has left the IVW board and key committees in secure hands.

With all this behind him, Bill is still planning more help for the IVW next year. At the annual dinner, he announced plans to lead a series of rides next summer in Pekin - to get more people cycling in his community and help recruit more IVW members. I especially appreciate this pledge for continued involvement in the club. Sometimes volunteers get burned out and feel "I've done my time". When these folks drop by the wayside, the club not only loses vital enthusiasm and experience, but also a good cycling friend (great company is the core reason most of us choose to ride with a cycling club). Bill has proven his long-term commitment to helping others enjoy the world of cycling. Tipped helmets. I'm looking forward to exploring the dragon city next summer with Brenda and Bill. - Eric

## JERSEYS HERE, GET YOUR JERSEYS!

This is your chance to get a fantastic looking IVW club jersey. VOMax team apparel is the brand. Fieldsensor material, 15" zipper and alow cut collar are the extras. The fieldsensor is guaranteed not to pill like some of the old jerseys did. Colors are extra sharp with no bleeding. Don't miss a chance to pick up a jersey. In an effort to get an early production date please contact Dirk McGuire (699-8482) or Rich Morris (694-4104) before February 1.

## No Baloney

Be the first on your block to volunteer to chair the comittee for the 1998 No Baloney Ride. This year the club will offer free membership in both the LAW and the IVW to the lucky volunteer that is chosen by the board to organize the ride. The ride will be held at Jubilee College on June 6 and is an important part of the club's fund raising effort.

The ride chairman organizes and coordinates the event to make sure that all of the parts get done at the right time. Past leaders of the event are eager to help you to make this an enjoyable opportunity. Call for more information.

**SUNDAY RIDES Meet at the Peoria courthouse at 11 a.m. Steve Grube is the leader (699-6956)**

## ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
please print clearly

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Name #1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian 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 an LAB member? (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 payable to: **ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N, 6518 NORTH SHERIDAN RD. STE 2, PEORIA IL 61614-2933**

# Bowling & Pizza Party Jan. 31

Dust off those bicycling photographs and bring them along to share with your IVW friends. See ya

Mark your calendar!  
IVW January Meeting  
Thursday, January 22  
Weaver's Ranchouse  
6 PM  
5720 N. Knoxville Av., Peoria  
(south of The Junction)

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