



ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



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greater peoria's bicycle club

Mark and Vicki Padesky

Co-Social Directors

I had never heard of a bicycle widow until my husband, Mark, joined that other bike club (The Peoria Bicycle Club) and I became one. After a few years of bicycle widowhood, it was either dump him or join him. I joined him, but not the racing club. Two years ago, I joined the Wheelm'n. Now we load our bikes on top of the station wagon and head off to the various rides.

Mark goes off with level three riders and I fall into line with the social group, level one. Oh well, at least we are together more than before. Sometimes our sons, Greg and Christopher join us.

When I'm not biking, I'm doing my best to teach 10 boys to be good cub scouts or involved in activities with the Peoria Color Camera Club or the schools' activities. Mark

bikes, skis, cuts wood, and finances all this by working at Caterpillar.
Vicki

Rumors are Flying

Some are true. Like the one about Charlie and Frannie Kleese. They're moving to the land of year 'round cycling and endless buffets. It's name is Las Vegas, Nevada, and their address will be 10120 Jacob Place #101 Las Vegas NV 89134. The phone number and E-mail address will follow. IVW visitors are expected to take advantage of boundless cycling and hiking opportunities. Yes, this is a retirement move!

Watch this spot for further news about IVW members on the move.

Rob Alexander

Editor

I used to ride a little in the late 70's but got distracted and quit. About 5 years ago I was working in a company that became non-smoking and thought it was time for me to quit. As my weight climbed I decided to drag the old bike out. While on a BAILINOIS ride I met Jim Raney who is also from Washington, he talked about joining the IVW so I joined too. Since that time I have lead a few rides and have encouraged other new riders to be more involved.

In addition to riding, I have

helped with the maps for our invitational rides, and now I am trying to learn how to print the newsletter. I hope everyone will bear with me, and tolerate some of my more glaring mistakes as I try to put out a usable newsletter.

To finance my cycling habit I work at a machine shop repairing the machines, or at least try to. This year I plan to attend another week-long ride and hope some club members will join me on TRIRI in June.

Rob

New Members

Michael Gibbs Peoria Heights
Tricia Hunt Washington

Renewing Members

Edith Albright Chillicothe
Gregg Benning Dunlap
Eric Hutchison Peoria
Barb Johnson Denver, CO
Stephen Meismer Peoria
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Submissions, including stories, news,
images and/or humor are welcomed.

Deadline: 15th of the month



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday, and may 1998 be a good year for all. I recently found out that Charlie and Franny Klees are moving to the Las Vegas area in the southwest. Do you think the weather might have something to do with it? This couple did a lot for the club in the past years, Charlie has been our Effective Cycling Instructor, and Franny handled our Social and Membership areas. They will be greatly missed. We wish them the best of luck, and hope they will continue to keep in touch.

We also need to thank Charlie and Franny for their New Years Day ride and potluck. I think it was a good time for everyone in attendance, and the food was excellent. I'm sure if they would like to continue leading the yearly ride, a host house would not be hard to find.

It is good to know that our club jersey order is going well. There is still time to get your name on the list. Deadlines have to be met to ensure our production date, and they are approaching quickly. I think these will be very nice jerseys, and are priced as good as any with artwork on them. They will also help get our club name out

in the public to be seen. Possibly, as suggested, some of us could get together at a few of the organized rides wearing our club name. Lets let people know who we are. Special thanks to Dirk McGuire for all his efforts. He has done a great job.

There is still a need for someone to step forward and chair the No Baloney Ride. This is usually the best fund raiser for the club. It was missed last year and it would sure be nice to see it go this time. If you are interested please give me a call at 694-4104, or Email at RPMIVW@aol.com, we are giving anyone who does this a one year membership in both the LAB and IVW. There are plenty of people to help, they just need a leader.

One more person I can not forget is Rob Alexander. I think he did an excellent job on his first newsletter and will probably get better with each one. It takes a lot of work to produce one and I for one really enjoy it, thanks Rob.

Just recently we put a club home page on the Internet. It looks good, and gives all of our club information, including access to the newsletter. Thanks to Patty Sage for all the work she put into this.

-Rich-

7th Annual Midwest Bicycle Show

The Midwest Bicycle Show will be at Rosemont Convention Center February 20, 21 & 22, Friday-Sunday.

This is your chance to see what's coming for 1998 at the Chicagoland Bicycle Dealers Association consumer bike show. Show hours are 5-9 p.m.

Friday, feb. 20; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 12 and children under 6 are free.

Call (847) 202-0795 to receive a \$2 discount on admission price.

The IVW Jersey Order is a Go!!!

I will have sizing samples at the bowling party on Jan. 31st. If you are unable to attend I will be in touch. February 6th is the deadline for quantity, size, and artwork. February 14th they will need half deposit on the order. The jerseys should be here by April 1st, no fooling, just in time for the riding season.

The total price will be between \$58

and \$65, depending on setup fees. This is still a great price for any good jersey, let alone an original IVW, one of a kind jersey. If you are hesitating for any reason, get off your duff and call Dirk McGuire at 699-8482 or Rich Morris at 694-4104 by February 3rd. Thanks to all who have already ordered.

Dirk

REPAIR CLINIC / SWAP MEET

On March 15 at 1:00 p.m. I am going to have a repair clinic & swap meet at my house. This is not intended to be a major overhaul opportunity, but if you need something installed, adjusted, or repaired, this might be the place to do it. Also, if you have some parts you no longer need, it might be a

chance to trade or sell them. I have enough tools on hand, but only have one repair stand. If someone could supply an extra stand or two, give me a call. There will be chili and swedish cornbread on hand too. For directions or questions call me at 387-6117.

Jack Welch

IVW jerseys spotted in far away places with strange sounding names

Intrepid riders were seen on a green Borthwick tandem riding between Amado and Tumacacori today. Their identifying jerseys from the IVW gave a clue to their ability to withstand the coldest winter in the area in eighteen years. At the time of the sighting, the temperature was 72 deg. F and the wind was 5 to 8 mph from the south. Unsubstantiated reports claim these senior appearing riders will be repeating their weather defying feat several more times in the coming weeks.

The Interplanetary Bicycle Ride

Mark your calendar to ride the "World's Largest Model of the Solar System." The ride will be held on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, more details to come in future issues.

FOR SALE

52 cm. Cannondale Aluminum Touring - Road Bicycle
\$400 tax included
Liz & Rick Boudreau
691-1348

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 _____ please print clearly Birthdate _____
 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

Patty

The IVW now has it's own home page! You can find us at <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Field/6055>
In exchange for a little advertising, GeoCities gives us 3 million bytes FREE on their server to use for a home page. Our pages currently contain basic club information, a copy of the newsletter, and some cycling links.
This is difinitely a work-in-progress, so if you've got ideas, pictures, etc. that you think would be appropriate for the IVW home page - just drop me a line at sage@ocslink.com

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