



ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



greater peoria's bicycle club

June, 1998

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The first weekend of May, the McGuire family, my wife, one of my daughters, and myself, traveled to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. The Parke County Covered Bridge Ride was held in Rockville just south of the park. The ride started in a small historic village on

the edge of Rockville called Billie Creek. It is a collection of old buildings with craft and souvenir shops. There are also two covered bridges in the village. There was a choice of three rides, a 13 mile route with a 10 mile added loop, if you wanted, a 36, and a 39 mile routes.

We chose the 13 and 10 mile loops, considering we were riding with our two teenage daughters on their single bikes, and Dirk's wife was on her single. The area is on the hilly side, but it is very scenic. The biggest complaint was the fact that there was only one covered bridge on our route. However it was still a very good ride, the kids didn't gripe too much, and the weather was beautiful.

We spent two nights at the Turkey Run Inn which is inside the Turkey Run State Park. The park itself is a very beautiful park, with a lot of hiking trails, horseback riding, and a very large pool. The Inn had a indoor pool which made the kids happy.

By now all of the week-night rides are in full swing. I hope everyone can find time to attend some of them. Beginner or experienced rider, there should be something for you to enjoy. Occasionally there will be some weekend rides, just watch the newsletter, most of them are listed.

Eric Hutchison and Sheldon Schafer are having an interesting series of rides on a few Wednesday nights, tours around the Peoria and East Peoria area. Eric is a very good ride leader, and is very knowledgeable about the areas

they will be covering. The ride should be good for all levels of riders.

I attended Larry Paustian's Lunch On The Rock Island Trail. We explored some back areas by the picnic grounds between Alta and Dunlap. I have not done much mountain bike riding, so it was a lot of fun being off the main trail. Thanks Larry for leading the ride.

There are a lot of good rides coming up in the next few months, I hope to do several of them, and I hope to see good support for all the rides. I will try to attend each weekly ride a few times over the summer, so I hope to see everyone on the road. *Rich*

The Ride from Hail

Washington, May 12. Six riders found themselves in the ride from hail on Tuesday. The ride left from Russell's in Washington at 6 P.M. Riders had been meeting on Tuesday nights until the beginning of the famous Wright Rides. "The first 6 miles were fine," said a rider who asked to remain anonymous, "then, we turned into the west."

At first a gentle rain fell on the riders as they rode the hills on School Street. A group of teenagers watching the storm from their porch yelled, "There's a tornado." Ignoring the warnings, the Dirty Half-Dozen rode on. Soon they were pelted by hail in a drenching downpour. Eventually the riders found shelter at one leader's house.

Riders on the Storm

Stretch (President Rich), and Dirk will be leading a **Breakfast Ride to Mackinaw** June 27th (rain date the 28th), leaving Pleasant Hill Grade School in East Peoria, at 8:00 am. We will eat breakfast in Mackinaw, ride out around Heritage Lake, and back to East Peoria. The ride will be approximately 40 miles, level II. There will be some hills in the Mackinaw area.

The Jerseys Have Arrived

The jerseys have arrived and almost everyone should have his/hers by now. They look great, if I do say so myself. The colors are bright and clear. These will be easily recognized out on the road. I would like to thank all of you who ordered. We made it to 50 jerseys and this saved \$8 per jersey. This would not have been possible without the generous orders from the local bike shops, namely CJ's Vittesse, Illinois Cycle, and Russell's. If you are kicking yourself for not getting a jersey, stop by one of these shops and get one. Thank them for supporting the club. *Dirk*

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Deadline: 15th of the month

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enter the above as one line, no
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3rd Annual Tunnel Trail Ride (Elroy-Sparta Trail)

Rob Alexander and I will be filling in for Bill Semmens as hosts for this year's trip to Wisconsin. The dates for the trip are July 17, 18, & 19. Over the last two years this has been one of IVW's most popular rides. For those who are familiar with the event, please pass your experiences on to others who may be contemplating attending this year. Arrival is anytime Friday July 17th. The trip takes 4½ to 5 hours via I-74 East to I-39 to I-90 or I-74 west to 61 North in Iowa and Wisconsin. The former route is nearly all interstate, for those of you camper-bound, the later is scenic and twisty up in Wisconsin for the adventurous.

We set up camp as a group in Wilton's public park. (\$6.00 per night) The park is located in the Southeast corner of Wilton behind the swimming pool. We get to use the pool and showers. There are no reservations or marked spots in the campground. Saturday morning at 9:00am we will head East as a group to the end of the trail at Elroy and then turn North to Camp Douglas on the Omaha Trail, a county trail which is asphalt.

The Elroy-Sparta trail is crushed limestone, not very dusty but does get muddy in the rain. Fees for the State trail are \$3:00 per day, the county trail \$1:00. There is a tunnel on both these trails; lights of some type are required. Lunch is at a smorgasbord at the end of the trail on highway 12/16 which parallels I90 (bring cash). Wilton to Elroy is 15 miles, Elroy to Camp Douglas 12 miles for a 54 mile day. Those who do not wish to go the distance can find food and fun anywhere along the route.

Saturday night we will have a pot-luck in the park shelter. If you want to participate in the meal bring a dish, if you want a share of Rob's smoked turkey breast, call to confirm and contribute \$1 per person to help defray the cost. Sunday morning the Wilton Lions supply a pancake breakfast at the pool for about \$4:00. Sunday everyone can take on whatever distance they have left. Some will go West to Sparta (two tunnels) others may want to explore the adjacent trails; LaCrosse River State Trail West out of Sparta or the 400 Trail South out of Elroy. Breaking camp to return to Peoria is whenever you like.

These trails are suitable for all types of bicycles. The old railroad bed rises gradually to tunnels so climbs are long but not steep. The biggest hill is up to the Western tunnel coming out of Sparta. Wilton to Sparta is 17 miles (34 round trip). If you go through the last tunnel, which is a mile long, and then avoid the hill by turning around and going back, the round trip is 19 miles. The adjacent trails can add as many miles as you can stand on the Sunday ride.

If you have any questions, want to confirm for the turkey, or want to caravan or carpool, call Rob or me. We'll try to keep a list of those seeking assistance and put you together with others. Check with us at the weekly rides for updates. New developments and information will be published in the July newsletter. Rob Alexander - 444-3297 Larry Paustian - 694-3947

Weekend Pancake Crusades

If you're looking for a longer ride on the weekend, give us a phone call. We generally meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and/or Sunday morning and ride 40-50 miles. Starting locations vary within about a half hour drive of Peoria. This helps keep the routes variable and interesting. We generally have a food stop (the table top sized pancakes at Edelstein win the prize thus far), but you may want to bring some snacks along. I'd call these level-II rides — you'll enjoy them more if you're already comfortable riding 30-40 miles on your own. Also, please bring a pump and spare tube. Call Don Eberle (699-2790) or Eric Hutchison (585-3921).

Mark Your Calendars No Baloney Ride

Sat. June 6th - Jubilee State Park - The No Baloney Ride is coming upon us and again we need some help from you. As some of you are aware it takes a lot of work to make a ride successful. If we all work together as a team and just volunteer for just one task, the ride will be a huge success.

We need donations of baked goods for the rest stops. Everyone who has attended other rides knows that the food provided during the ride is memorable. We also need volunteers to help set up, clean up after the ride and also to help man the rest stops.

If you can help in any way, please contact Jim & Sarah Emmons 246-2166 or Sarah at work 683-6587, or Dirk McGuire 699-8482. Please call soon.

For Sale

Bianchi titanium frame made by Litespeed, 57cm. Campy Record components, Ergo levers 12-21 8 speed cassette, Delta Brakes, tubular tires, less pedals. Light and fast \$1600 - Don Eberle 699-2790

Raleigh Super Course Mixtee frame, 55 cm. 10 speed Huret Derailleurs, Weinmann center pull brakes. My wife's bike, never ridden out of East Peoria \$100 - Don Eberle 699-2790

Nike cycling shoes, Look cleats, covers, hardware \$35 - Gary Hartzler 674-3061

June 3, History Ride

Start at Illinois Antique Center/Crooked Waters parking lot Highlights: River front, Springdale Cemetery, Randolph-Roanoke-High Street homes, Giant Oak Park.

June 13, Hoosier Hills Bike Tour.

Indiana's Hilliest Bicycle Ride. Four Routes, beginning with a 12 mile family ride including lunch, 35 & 40 mile midrange routes with HILLS and lunch, and a killer 65 miler. HHT, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington IN 47402. Kent MacPherson (812) 988-8720 9 am. to 9 pm.

June 14, Second Annual Quad City Trail Ride

Devil's Glen Park, Bettendorf, IA. Larry Paustain 694-3947.

June 20-21, Mississippi River Ride.

Loop ride starting from SCC, West Burlington, IA. 45/75 mile options on Saturday. 45 miles on Sunday. \$20 fee until 6/3 included camping at historic Nauvoo, IL. Sag, map, rest stops. Call 217/659-7818, Cindy Owsley, BikeBurlington bicycle club.

June 27 (rain date June 28), Breakfast Ride

Leaving from Pleasant Hill Grade School, East Peoria, 8:00 A.M. Breakfast in Mackinaw, loop around Heritage Lake, approx. 40 miles, Level-II, there will be some hills in the Mackinaw area. Rich 694-4104, Dirk 699-8482

July 1, Eric's Deli Ride

Start at Loucks School parking lot Highlights: Pettengill-Morrison House, West Peoria, Glen Oak Park, Fedora's Deli

July 11

N.I.T.E. Navigate Indy This Evening. Start with a ride on the velodrome, continuing with

a dinner ride, 11 P.M. ride through downtown Indy, ending with a party until 2 A.M. NITE RIDE, 234 E. Loretta Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227 www.spitfire.net/CIBA

RAIN 1998 Ride Across INdiana, 162 miles border to border. Terre Hauet to Richmond in a single day in any weather, once a year, on U.S. Route 40, on a BICYCLE! RAIN 1998, Bloomington Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 463, Bloomington, IN 47402-0463

July 15, East Peoria Trail Ride

Start at Illinois Antique Center/Crooked Waters parking lot Highlights: Robert Michel Bridge, East Peoria Trail

July 17-19, Elroy-Sparta Trail Ride

Wilton WI, arrive Friday evening, camp in the city park, ride the gravel rail beds Sat. and Sun., pot-luck meal Saturday evening. Sunday pancake breakfast prepared by Wilton Lions Club in park. Larry Paustian 694-3947, Rob Alexander 444-3297

July 29, East Peoria Fon du Lac Ride

Start at Illinois Antique Center/Crooked Waters parking lot Highlights: Robert Michel Bridge, views from Fon du Lac Dr.

Aug. 12, Garden Ride

Start at Botanical Gardens, Glen Oak Park Highlights: Luthy Botanical Gardens, Springdale Prairie, selected city gardens (Please let the ride leaders know of any gardens which you think should be included on this ride's route.)

Sept. 12, Crane Strain.

A 12 Hour Challenge. A personal challenge - a ride for cyclists of all levels of skill and experience. "The Safest Ultra-Marathon Cycling Event in the Country". Phillip Cooper (812) 339-1722

Oct. 9-11, HILLY

Hilly Hundred Weekend Bicycle Tour. The Hilly Hundred is a two-day event held in the scenic hills of southern Indiana. The routes cover challenging terrain with many short but steep hills. The route will seem very difficult if you are not used to riding in hills. (317) 327-BIKE www.spitfire.net/CIBA

Beginner's Rides

Monday and Thursday

Every Monday and Thursday there will be beginner's rides. The Monday ride will begin at 6 p.m. in Dunlap Bill 685-8549 The Thursday ride will begin at Russell's in Washington, 6 p.m. The Thursday ride is presently lasting about 1 hour and traveling approximately 10 miles Marty 444-9362

Tuesday Wright Ride

Tuesday 6 p.m. Dunlap Bill 685-8549

Wednesday

East Peoria Ride

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m. All riders welcome. Dirk 699-8482 Rich 694-4104

Thursday Washington Ride

There will be a ride on every Thursday evening during the summer leaving from Russell's in Washington. The ride will begin at 6 p.m. Rob 444-3297 Jim 444-7658

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 IAB member? (check one)

Yes No

Basic membership:

Individual (\$10) \$ _____
Household (\$12) \$ _____

Voluntary advocacy contribution:

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

Total enclosed \$ _____

Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____
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Signature (Name #1) _____ Date _____
(parent or guardian 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.

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Baked Goods Needed

If you have not been contacted about working the No Baloney Ride on June 6, please contact Dirk 699-8482 or Sarah 246-2166 (home) 683-6587 (work) to find out where and when to drop off your baked contribution to the ride.