



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N

greater peoria's bicycle club



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Has anyone figured out how to stop the rain? It did stop long enough to get in a fantastic No Baloney Ride, June 6th. The day started out a little damp on the north end of the route, but by the time the first riders came through it was just

cloudy and cool. I worked the Princeville rest stop and heard compliments on almost everything. Most riders were happy we were able to do the ride again this year. It was nice to have people ask, "what had happened to last years ride?", and know how many people missed it.

A big thank you and job well done to Sara & Jim Emmons, and Michelle & Dirk McGuire, for all the work it took to do No Baloney, they did an excellent job. They received a lot of well deserved compliments from riders after lunch. All of the volunteers did a great job, special thanks to Tom Romanowski for his efforts at registration, and Ruth & Gene Rosine, Michelle's mother and father, for a tremendous effort serving lunch and cleaning up.

We can't forget to thank Jubilee College State Park, and Chillicothe, for the use of their facilities. React, CJ's Vitesse, Russell's, and Illinois Cycle all helped a lot with sag and bike repairs.

The homemade treats were very popular, as always. Thanks to all the people that donated them. Everything at Princeville was eaten so I guess the riders enjoyed all of it! Brian King needs the same kind of help for Diane's Ride in August, so everyone keep that in mind.

The yearly Elroy-Sparta camp out is coming on July 17-19, if you have never been on the Tunnel Trail, make plans to go. The trail is one you should

experience. The tunnels are amazing, especially when you read how they were built. The trail is easy riding, and you can't find a better group to go with.

Our club ride chairman resigned his position, anyone interested in taking the position can give me a call. Here is the chance for a member to get more involved with some of the club activities. I will be looking forward to receiving a few calls so the board can make a decision at the next meeting.

I hope all of the ride leaders are not getting to discouraged with all the rain. It will surely end sometime soon. I know on nights when the skies look bad, a lot of riders tend to stay home. So keep up the good work, everyone appreciates it.

I saved one thank you for the last few lines, it is for the guys that helped with the mountain bike riders at No Baloney, it is something they really enjoy doing anyway, but they were a big help. Phil Brashers, a Peoria Bicycle Club mountain biker, was one of the helpers. He sent me a list of rides he leads at McNaughton Park in Pekin, and Jubilee in Peoria, for the beginner and the experienced riders. Check it out in the newsletter, and if you like riding a mountain bike, go ride with him. He can probably give a lot of help to a beginning rider, and show you experienced riders a good time. *Rich*

Beginner's Bike Rides Every Tuesday Night

Beginning June 30 at 6 P.M. Meet in Mineral Springs Park Arena parking lot. Lasting about 1 hour. Rides will be in Pekin. **VERY EASY PACE!!** Rest stops at Dairy Queen, Double D's, or Our Inn. This is for those folks who "don't think I could ride 4 blocks, let along 4 miles" Bill 347-4841

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Submissions, including stories, news,
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Deadline: 15th of the month

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enter the above as one line, no
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Quad City trail ride goes without a hitch

The few of us, who believe the weatherman is a bad fiction writer, found blue cloudless sky stretching from Galesburg to the Quad Cities on Sunday morning. Sunday morning we made record time across the Twin Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport. Due to the local weather reports of isolated thunderstorms moving into the area after noon, we unanimously decided to bike while the sun shone and skipped lunch on the trail. The afternoon remained dry except for a brief shower and the 6:00 p.m. drive home was assisted by an incoming storm front. Seventeen miles out from Peoria the first storm warnings of the day were heard as a welcome to home. The day's legacy: Be adventurous, have fun, and don't trust weathermen. *Larry (more on the ride is available on the WEB page)*

WANTED: MOUNTAIN BIKERS

Peoria Bicycle Club summer/fall mountain bike ride schedule. For rides at McNaughton Park, we will meet at the circle drive on the south side of Route 98. For rides at Jubilee College State Park, we will meet at Red Fox Run picnic area. If it has been raining, consider the ride canceled. Beginner rides go from 4-5pm. Experienced riders 5-7pm.

July 26, Jubilee College State Park, Kickapoo

Aug. 23, McNaughton Park, Pekin

Sept. 20, Jubilee College State Park, Kickapoo

Sept. 27, Jubilee Jam Mountain Bike Race, at

Jubilee State Park, Prairie Lane picnic area.

Oct. 18, McNaughton Park, Pekin

Nov. 22, Jubilee College State Park, Kickapoo

For information, contact: Phil Brashers,
h) 694-1948, w) 675-0680

ANOTHER NO BALONEY HAS COME & GONE

We would like to thank everyone who helped at registration, set-up, and all rest stops. The baked goodies were well appreciated and received many compliments. A special thank you to Tom Romanowski for handling the registration so smoothly. The notes that Carol left us from the 1996 No Baloney proved invaluable to four rookie chairpersons.

Much appreciated was the sag service from Russell's, Illinois Cycle, and CJ's

Vitesse (at the mountain bike rest stop). REACT also patrolled the routes for us and helped a lot.

We couldn't leave out Mother Nature, although a little cool, the rain held off for the most part and the wind wasn't too bad. Something a little different from '96. Many of the out-of-towners expressed their pleasure with this ride, scenery, food, and gracious hospitality. The leftover spaghetti and fruit were donated to the South Side Mission. It was accepted with open arms!

It takes a lot of time, volunteers, and donations, to make a ride successful. This ride had a great combination of all three, also no one was injured or lost for too long. We even made a couple of bucks. As a club, let's help Brian and Debbie King make Diane's Ride '98 as big of a success. Keep those cookies coming, and again, thanks. *Sara, Jim, Michelle, & Dirk*

THE FIRST ANNUAL IVW "Mini Invi"

Tired of sitting at home while others are out riding. Can't make the usual "invitational" rides everyone else is going to. A little too much for your budget. Routes too long or too hilly. Watch for the new IVW "Mini Invi" coming in Sept. Routes will be marked and mapped with sag support. There will be no mass start, just small groups until everyone is gone. Registration times will be listed. Points of interest will be pointed out, with area festivals the center of attention.

Accurate route maps will be provided to all riders so that they know where they are and where they're going. Route length will vary from 25 to 50 miles. Cost will be kept to an absolute minimum, usually about \$7.00 per person, \$1.00 per child. IVW members receive a discount. This is something new for the club. We will be expanding on this in "99" with some overnight rides scheduled. Watch for more details in the next newsletter or in your local bike shops.

For Sale

Kiddie Stoker Kit Fits 1 1/4 seat tube. Sealed bearing bottom bracket with 36 tooth chain ring. We've out grown it!!! \$60.00 (negotiable) Bill Clark 347-4841

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

July 11, RAIN 1998

Ride Across INdiana, 162 miles border to border. Terre Haute 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 25-26, The interplanetary Bicycle Ride

Follow the orbits of planetary explorers through the "Worlds Largest Model of the Solar System". Peoria, Illinois sponsored by, Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences, Peoria Astronomical Society, Peoria Academy of

Sciences, and Friends of the Rock Island Trail. Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, 1125 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614 - 5985 ,sls@bradley.bradley.edu 309-686-7000

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. 1-4, Across Illinois Bike Ride

A fully supported four day leisurely tour of northern Illinois. Larry (815) 744-7015, www.justnet.com/jbc/index.htm

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.)

Aug. 14-17, GEAR North & National Rally

Wellesley, MA. Postcard-perfect New England towns nestled in the hills of apple country; views of Mt. Wachusetts and Mt. Monadnock; the beautiful Charles River. LAB, 1612 K Street, NW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20006. bikevent@aol.com

Sept. 5-6, Wheeling Around Corn Country

This is the second year the Wheelers will bring you the new 2 day version of this ride without the newspaper. McLean County Wheelers, P.O. Box 947, Bloomington, IL 61702-0947

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

Sept. 19-20, The Great Spring Green Bicycle Adventure

Experience incredible cycling through Frank Lloyd Wright country. Both days of cycling start and end at the luxurious Springs Resort. Bike Wisconsin, P.O. Box 310, Spring Green, WI 53588. www.grabaawr.com

Sept 27, Apple Cider Century

Three Oaks, MI. Register on or before July 31, 25, 50, 75, or 100 mile routes, \$25 till 7/31, includes spaghetti dinner, T-shirt extra. ACC - 98, One Oak Street, Three Oaks, MI., 49128. ACC - 98 Hotline (616) 756-3361

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

The Club now has Beginner's rides - Monday @ Dunlap, Tuesday @ Pekin, and Thursday @ Washington Call any officer for more information.

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

The trip to Wilton, WI on July 17-19 is coming up fast! Rob will be smoking turkey breast again this year, we are collecting \$1 per person to help defray the cost. If you want to participate in the pot-luck dinner with smoked turkey breast, if you want more information, or if you want help in arranging a car pool contact Larry Paustian - 694-3947 or Rob Alexander - 444-3297

ELROY-SPARTA TRAIL RIDE

For registration or more information: Interplanetary Bicycle Ride, Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, 1125 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614 - 5985. sis@bradley.bradley.edu 309-686-7000

garlic bread
aging process. Premium package Breakfast, outstanding food and drink at each stop and end of ride pasta & What's included in your registration: Bragging Rights - who else can say they've cycled to Pluto Reversal of the Way Ride From Pluto". This year we have two busses to take riders to Kewanee for the ride back!! A great way to see the whole route if you aren't ready for the full loop.
RIDES FOR EVERY LEVEL Depending on your planetary destination, there are options for every member of your family, for riders of all ages and abilities. Road routes and trail routes are available. Don't forget the "One Way Ride From Pluto". This year we have two busses to take riders to Kewanee for the ride back!! A great way to see the whole route if you aren't ready for the full loop.
1998 Tour the inner solar system, from Mercury to Jupiter or Saturn.
Saturday July 25, 1998 - A "Century" ride to Pluto or shorter routes to selected Jovian Planets. Sunday, July 26, 1998, Peoria, Illinois sponsored by, Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences, Peoria Astronomical Society, Peoria Academy of Sciences, and Friends of the Rock Island Trail. What's included: Follow the orbits of planetary explorers through the "Worlds Largest Model of the Solar System". JULY 25 & 26,

The INTERPLANETARY BICYCLE RIDE

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Wright Ride, Tues. 6 P.M. at Dunlap Grade School
East Peoria Ride, Wed. 6 P.M. at Pleasant Hill School
Washington Ride, Thurs. 6 P.M. at Russell's Cycle