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greater peoria's bicycle club



Hennepin Bridge in the Balance - Oct 27

Ever crossed the Illinois River on your bike (without waterwings)? You've probably noticed that bicycle-friendly bridges across our namesake waterway are few and far between. The old IL26 bridge at Hennepin is one of these rare gems. You may recall, the IVW used this bridge on last year's Hennepin-Princeton ride. The state is now considering demolition of this bridge — public input will be sought on October 27.

The old IL26 bridge was closed to motor

traffic when the new I-180 bridge was built nearby. The problem is, the I-180 bridge is classified as interstate highway which makes it off-limits for bicycles. If the I-180 classification remains and the old IL26 bridge is removed, a cyclist wishing to make a simple 5-mile trip across the bridge between Hennepin and Bureau Junction faces a 30-mile detour to find a 'legal' bridge. Also, the removal of bike/pedestrian crossing at Hennepin will leave Hennepin an isolated island from the extensions of the I&M Canal Trail and the Grand Illinois Trail which have been proposed for that area.

The state needs to get the message loud and clear that bike/pedestrian access is needed across the river at Hennepin. The Oct. 27 public hearing is informal open-house format — no formal presentations — just sign in and leave a written request for bike access across the river at Hennepin. It's at Putnam County Elementary School, 5th St., Hennepin, 4-7 p.m. Give me a call if you'd like a ride. I'll get a van if we get a group together. Afterwards, we can bask in political success over a legendary pizza from Lou's Grotto. Eric Hutchison, 685-3921.

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Diane's Ride Wrap Up

Another Diane's Ride is past us. Attendance was down a little with 104 registered riders. The weather was great, just a little hot. I'd like to thank all my helpers. Sheila Putney was a real trooper. She got there at 6 A.M. and stayed until 3:30. She helped with registration, lunch and clean up. Bill Clark and his nephew, Matt Franz marked the routes. All of my rest stop help, Sheldon Schafer, Sara Emmons, Dirk & Michelle McGuire, Rich & Rhonda Morris and the Ladies from MADD. Most of all, thanks to my wife and kids for putting up with me the weeks before the ride and for all the help they were forced...umm...asked to give. I'd also like to thank all the riders that showed up and made this ride a success.

Now the bad news, due to increased family obligations I won't be able to run the ride next year. If you are interested give me a call and I'll let you know what all is involved. I'll be available for advice before the ride and will help on the day of the ride. One person can do this but if you have a few friends to help it would be a breeze.
Brian King

Fall Bike Ride & Wiener Roast Sat., Oct. 24 3:30 P.M.

Jim and Sarah Emmons will be the hosts and will provide the hot-dogs and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass. Sarah and Matthew will lead a 20 mile Level I ride while Jim and Janel lead a 30 mile Level II loop. The Ride will begin at 3:30 P.M. with the wiener roast following around 6 P.M. RSVP by calling (309) 246-2166 or call Sarah at work (309) 683-6587.

New Year's Day Ride

The first club ride of the new year will be held at Bill and Brenda Clark's home. Time and other details will be announced later.

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. 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 (685-3921).

Wednesday Night Ride

Pleasant Hill School, East Peoria Ride start time will be 5:00 PM due to shorter daylight hours. We will continue to ride till we lose Daylight Savings Time. The last Wednesday night ride of this year will be October 21st. Questions; Dirk McGuire 699-8482, Rich Morris 694-4104

IVW Annual Banquet Sat., Nov. 14 6:00PM

Lariat Club, Glen Avenue, Peoria. More details will come next month. Make plans now to join us for the annual banquet and award ceremony. Call Mark and Vicki Padesky 692-1552 or e-mail skycam40@aol.com

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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

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Oct. 4 The Pumpkin Pie Ride

Peru, IL Sponsored by the Starved Rock Cycling Ass'n; Peru YMCA, Walnut St.; Registration: starts at 7:00 am.; Ride 25/50/75/100 on road or mountain bike rides available on the I & M canal. Sag, food, maps, goodies, and pumpkin pie after the ride.

Oct. 4. Ride To The Depot

White Heath, IL 25,35,40,65 and 100 miles; flat to slightly rolling with light traffic only; Starts at the White Heath Community Center, White Heath, IL. (take I-72 west from Champaign (or east from Decatur) to the White Heath exit (#169). Champaign Touring Society; Depot Century, 506 S. Country Fair Dr., Champaign, IL 61821

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

Oct. 18, Mountain Bike Race

Jubilee State Park. NORBA race with Expert, Sport, and Beginner classes. For more information, you can call the shop. Theresa Harms, Race Coordinator