



# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



greater peoria's bicycle club

November, 1998

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**RICH**  
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September 26, 1998, somewhere between Manito and Havana, wind in your face 15 to 20 mph, gusting to 90. Just kidding! It was a little windy, but Eric's Goofy Ridge Ramble was an excellent ride as always. We could only think about the great tail wind we would have on the way home and enjoy the ride. I really liked the comment made by Don Eberle when we stopped for a break. Someone was talking about drafting behind another bike with this head wind, Don's comment was, "who are you going to draft when you are by yourself". Excellent job on the ride Eric, keep it up.

I think Bill Clark has a good idea on mini invitational. His Punkin Festival Ride on September 19th was very well planned, the route was well marked, and he could not have asked for better weather. The route he chose gave the riders a good combination of challenges, a few rollers, a couple good climbs to keep it interesting, and nice countryside to look at. I hope Bill has time to do a few more of these next year, it was a very enjoyable ride. Thanks for the time and effort Bill and Brenda.

The club received a very nice thank you from the Board of Trustees of Pedals For Progress. For those that didn't know, we donated \$200 to the organization that ships used bicycles overseas. The letter follows, for everyone to read. It is nice that we as a club can help provide this service for those people who really need it.

The annual club banquet is this month. I hope to see a lot of members present, I'm sure it will be a good time, it always is. We have a couple of officers to elect,

and a few awards to vote on, so don't miss it. This will be the first banquet for me as President, I'm not one for talking in front of large groups, but I'll give it my best shot. That could be entertainment in it's own way.

I want to thank everyone who supported Dirk and myself on the Wednesday night ride in East Peoria. It was a pretty good season, we seemed to have good weather almost every week. The most memorable will probably be the week of September 30th, it was nice and sunny when we left, awfully wet when we got back. Those that were there know, but it was fun anyway. At least it wasn't cold. See you on Wednesdays next year. Rich

Dear Friends,

*On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Pedals for Progress, I wish to express our sincere thanks for your generous contribution of \$200 to support our ongoing efforts.*

*Gifts like yours have made possible the remarkable growth of PFP since its inception just seven years ago. Last year we were able to ship more than 5400 used bicycles, together with innumerable new bicycle parts and accessories. These bicycles are reconditioned overseas and supplied at low cost primarily to adults, who need them to commute to work. Some are used to transport students to school or good to market.*

*The result is that economies are stimulated in developing countries, young men and women are trained in bicycle repair, and repair shops become self-sustaining — in short, progress without pollution! At home thousands of Americans, young and old, participate in bicycle collections, and thousands of*

*bicycles and unsold parts and accessories stay out of our landfills.*

*Our goal for 1998 is to collect and ship 8000 bicycles. We hope that you are proud of the part you play in providing low income workers overseas with reliable, environmentally sound transportation, which will allow them to help themselves through greater mobility. We invite you to inform your friends about our work.*

*It is through the generosity of churches, foundations, individuals, and organizations such as yours that Pedals for Progress exists.*

*Once again, thank you very much!  
Sincerely yours,  
George H. Kurz  
Treasurer,  
Pedals for Progress*

## New Members

John Grice ..... Kewanee  
Lorraine & Win Phillips Family .....  
..... Dunlap  
Gene Short..... Peoria

## Renewing Members

Chris & Annette Collison Family\*^ ..... Peoria  
Carl Hendricksen ..... Peoria  
Don Johnson ..... Peoria  
Jim Kamp ..... Tremont  
Ken & Noreen Mettelmann^ .....  
..... Groveland  
Roberta Parks ..... Peoria  
Sheila Putney^ ..... Hanna City  
Denise & Mike Reeves Family .....  
..... Peoria  
Linda Reinholtz ..... Peoria Hts.  
Kevin Thornberry ..... Peoria

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# Illinois Valley Wheelm'n

Greater Peoria's bicycle club

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Illinois Bicyclists

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Submissions, including stories, news,  
images and/or humor are welcomed.

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

## IVW On The WEB

[http://www.geocities.com/  
Colosseum/Field/6055/](http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Field/6055/)  
enter the above as one line, no  
spaces

## 1998 Interplanetary Bicycle Ride Wrap-up.

This past July, 200 riders went where "no bike had gone before", where previously only unmanned space probes had visited.

Clearly, the Interplanetary Bicycle Ride has developed a reputation for extremes; the first year was 96, the second 64, and last year it was 99 degrees. (Outer space has that reputation too!) However, after three years of extremes, it finally was our turn for perfect weather, 80 degrees and partly cloudy. With that came the riders, as walk-in registration doubled the ride. All told, nearly 200 rode Saturday, and 40 rode Sunday on our Fourth Annual "Interplanetary Bicycle Ride."

How hot will it be July 24th and 25 for the 1999 Interplanetary Bicycle Ride? Tune in next year to find out.

From the IVW, special thanks go out to Ron Jetton, who did the Saturday route marking (with help from Chris Meydam); Lynn Anderson-Loy, who did the Sunday route marking and led a group on Sunday; and Eric Hutchinson, Larry Paustian, and Rob Alexander, who led groups on the Sunday ride. Thanks also to all IVW members who participated.

The ride was a collaborative venture of the Wheelm'n, Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, the Peoria Astronomical Society, and the Peoria Academy of Sciences, and so credit needs to be given to the numerous volunteers from each of these other groups. And we shouldn't forget all of our supporters who deserve one more mention:

Kinko's  
Beachler's Amoco  
Peoria Area State Farm Insurance  
Agents  
Laidlaw Transit  
Greater Peoria Mass Transit  
Saturn of Peoria  
CILCO  
Goods Furniture  
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Illinois Central College  
Bradley University.  
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Little Ade's  
The Bicycle Bus,  
Chillicothe Bicycle Shop  
CJ's Vitesse Cycle Shop  
Illinois Cycle & Fitness  
Russell's Cycling & Fitness  
REACT  
*Sheldon Schafer*

## Weekend Rides 15-25 miles

Interested in a slow (but not snail's) pace ride on the weekend in the 20-mile range? Contact Lorraine and Win Phillips (243-7163) to make some arrangements. Lorraine and Win are new IVW members who are also new to the Peoria area. They were active cycle club members at their former home in Pennsylvania. They ride with daughter Katie in-tow (bike trailer).

## 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-2 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).



**Top Left** - IVW Pedals Peoria - gathering for a Wednesday night jaunt past Peoria's finest sights lead by Sheldon Schafer (4th from left) and Eric Hutchison (photographer).

**Lower Left** - Ride from Ranch Emmons - gathering for a summer jaunt from Jim & Sara Emmons home in Lacon. Buster's Smorgasbord was outstanding.

**Right** - Leading the way - No Baloney Ride Committee (L to R): Sara and Jim Emmons (Jim is IVW Vice President), Michelle and Dirk McGuire, Rhonda and Rich Morris (Rich is IVW President), Genna (on four feet).

## 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**

An evening of friends and food!

For reservations call Mark and Vicki Padesky 692-1552  
Email skycam40@aol.com

⚙ Reservations due Nov. 10 ⚙  
Dinner choices: Orange Roughy, Pork Chops,  
Fried Chicken, or Top Sirloin

Located on Glen Avenue in Peoria

Lariat Club

Saturday, November 14 6 PM

# Annual Banquet

**ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N**  
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**PEORIA IL 61614-2933**

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 310  
Peoria, IL

Your IVW membership EXPIRED: 10/03/1998

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