



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



greater peoria's bicycle club

March, 1999

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Looks like winter is about to let go of us. That's great! I personally hate winter. I have not been on a bike since December. An injured back and a bad cold took the enthusiasm out of me. I hope to get it back

soon, otherwise this could be a long year.

The presentation at Godfathers, put on by Roger and Kathy John, was interesting. Looks like those Aussies really know how to put on a good ride and have a good time. It was a neat way for Roger and Kathy to get married and have their honeymoon all at once. Thanks for sharing it with us!

I'm very excited about the new location for No Baloney this year. Dirk and I decided that there were enough rides in the Jubilee College area, it's time to give a new area a chance. This No Baloney Ride will give everyone a change of pace. If you want a flat or hilly route, this year's ride will be a pretty good mix. Rather than one big circle we are going to try a four loop format. One short route, two mid size routes and a route of around 40 miles. There will be one rest stop at the beginning serving the three shorter routes and another about half way through the longer route. We decided this would help reduce the driving between rest stops with supplies and allow riders more of a selection of terrain and distances. All we can hope for now is good weather.

Diane's Ride is still not taken yet. Anyone interested can call me or Brian King. Brian will help get you started and give you all the tips he learned. It would be a shame to lose this ride; it seems to have a little more meaning than most other rides.

I would like to try and get a few volunteers, including myself, to help Sheldon at the Interplanetary Ride this July. If I can get some help, the Wheelm'n can serve the after-ride dinner he provides. The help would be greatly appreciated, as it would help cut down on some of the costs of running the ride. If anyone would be interested, give me a call or E-mail me.

Hope to see a lot of you at rides soon.
Rich

Club Outings

Bill and Marge Semmens

We have two rides planned for this season. The first one will be out of the Johnson-Sauk Trail park in Kewanee, IL the weekend of May 14 - 16. If you haven't been there, its a beautiful park located about 5 miles north of Kewanee and has new showers.

The general plan is to drive up there on Friday afternoon and set up camp. We'll try to camp in the pine tree area, but get there early because that's the popular location. We'll have a group meal Friday and / or Saturday (probably potluck) and a campfire later to swap lies around. We'll do rides Saturday and Sunday, probably stopping in small towns for lunch.

Kewanee is only about an hour's drive from Peoria, so if you don't want to camp out, you can drive up for the day and meet us. Be ready for a few hills. The park is located on a glacial drift line that runs from the northeast to the southwest and has a lot of hills.

Our second ride for the season will be our annual Elroy-Sparta Trail ride. For those of you who don't know about the Elroy-Sparta trail, it's an abandoned railroad track that Wisconsin has converted into a beautiful bike trail. It's about 70 miles long and passes through

some of SW Wisconsin's best hills (through tunnels, that is).

Our ride takes place on the weekend of July 9 - 11. The general plan is to drive up there Friday sometime. It takes about 5 - 6 hours. We'll camp in the town of Wilton at their city park. The park, which is located in the middle of the trail, has electricity and hot showers. We'll ride the trail one way on Sat. and the other way on Sun. We'll try to do a dinner or two together and definitely catch the Lions' Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. There may even be a wine & cheese party sometime.

If you are interested in participating in either one of these rides, please call us at 693-9388 so we can put your name on our list. Then as we get closer to the ride dates, we'll get more information out to you.

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..... Peoria
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Deadline: 15th of the month

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The "Bicycle Safety Restoration Bill," sponsored by Northfield Senator Kathleen Parker is moving forward in the Illinois legislature. Senate Bill 101 will restore the legal standing of bicyclists on Illinois roads that was taken away by a tragic

Illinois Supreme Court (Boub v. Wayne) decision. At stake are cyclists' rights and safety improvements like bike lanes and routes.

SB 101 - Bicycle Safety Restoration Bill:

1. Restores the Status Quo for bicyclists on Illinois roadways to that existing before Boub decision: Illinois law requiring local governments to give bicyclists the same—not more—duty of care as other road users will be reinstated. It is not the intent of this legislation to impose a greater duty of care on local government than exists in other states or in Illinois before the Boub decision. The bar associations are reviewing the proposed language to insure that this goal is met.

2. Brings Illinois law back in line with other states: Illinois is currently alone in declaring that bicyclists are not intended roadway users unless riding on a signed or marked bike route. The bill also brings local responsibility back in line with state responsibility. The Department of Transportation, covered by the Court of Claims, has a duty of care requirement for bicyclists.

3. Allows local government to provide (and keep) bike routes and bike lanes without incurring additional liability: Signed bike routes and marked bike lanes have been shown to be much safer for bicyclists than roadways in general. Risk-averse communities are now discouraged by Illinois law from installing these safer facilities. They are even discouraged from publishing a bike map of their town.

4. Moves the Grand Illinois Trail forward: This 475-mile Grand Illinois Trail, a state initiative to be completed by the year 2000 will be protected. Initially 185 miles of this trail is to be on Illinois roadways. Much of the route will likely be on-road long-term. Much of the trail is on hold because of the Boub decision.

5. Promotes Good Public Policy: Transportation policy at all levels has encouraged bicycling. The past two Federal

transportation bills — ISTEA in 1991 and TEA-21 last year were very bicycle-friendly. The state of Illinois has responded by instituting programs such as IDOT's 1995 policy to accommodate bicycles in state highway improvements and their 1997 policy on local bicycle facilities. Much of the 475-mile Grand Illinois Trail, initiated by the IDNR and IDOT, is on-road. Transportation money has funded bikeway plans in many parts of our state - to designate on-road bikeways as well as off-road trails. The unintended consequences of the Boub decision defeat good public policy. We ask you to support SB 101 and restore "intended user" status to bicyclists on Illinois roadways.

Contact your state senator and state representative. Letters are the most effective.

For more information contact the following: League of Illinois Bicyclists, Al Sturges, Executive Director, (708) 481-3429. Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Randy Neufeld, Executive Director, (312) 427-3325

Want A Job?

Rails-To-Trails Seeks Manager for Clearinghouse. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a trail building organization, is seeking a manager to launch the Trails and Greenways Clearinghouse and manage its day-to-day operations. The Clearinghouse will serve the information resource needs of community activists and other trail and greenway practitioners. For more information on this position, visit <http://www.railstrails.org>.

A Record Year for IVW's Quiet Heroes

With the Red Cross' Quiet Hero Blood Donor Program back in business following a year of recovery from problems associated with a new computer system, comes news that IVW's Quiet Hero Group made 80 whole blood and pheresis donations during '98. That's a new record for our group. Congratulations! I've sent a letter of thanks to our 19 individual donors.

If you are already a regular blood donor but not part of a Quiet Hero group, or, if you have not donated previously and are a healthy cyclist who is willing to do so, please call me. Now is a good time to donate. As of 1/15/99, blood supplies were low! *Ron Anderson*

April 9, Tour Your Neighborhood
Evening ride around Peoria. Get out your lights and call Bicycle Bus for more information.

April 18, Folks on Spokes Easter Ride
University Park, IL \$12 up to 4/5, \$17 day of ride. Features hoe baked cookies, appearances by the Easter Bunny, and EasterEgg salad sandwiches at the end of the ride. Contact Folks on Spokes, (708)730-5179. Glass550@aol.com, www.lincolnet.net/users.lrfsbo

May 2, Sudden Century
Joliet, IL \$12 up to 4/24, then \$15, family rates available. Joliet Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 2758, Joliet, IL 60436. Roger Stoub (708)614-8958.

May 15-16, Spring Amana Bicycle Ride
TOGIR Tours (319) 344-1379, bike@togir.com

June 3-6, BEAR VIII
Bicycling Early Agricultural Roads. TOGIR Tours (319) 344-1379, bike@togir.com

June 4-7, Bourbon, Barns, & Bluegrass Rally
Louisville, KY. League of American Bicyclists, www.bikeleague.org

June 5, No Baloney Ride
Peoria IL. Illinois Valley Wheelm'n

June 12, TOMRV 22
Bettendorf, IA. Tour Of the Mississippi River Valley, Quad Cities Bicycle Club, Susie LaForce (319) 355-5530, helios.augustana.edu:80/qcbc/

June 18-21, Springs, Spokes, & Saddles Rally
Louisville, KY. League of American Bicyclists, www.bikeleague.org

June 20-26, The Other Great Iowa Ride
Northeast IA. TOGIR Tours, (319) 344-1379

June 27, 30th Annual Swedish Days Ride
Geneva, IL. Fox Valley Bicycle and Ski Club, (630)584-7353, www.geocities.com/colosseum/3073

July 4, 4th of July Ride
Plainfield, IL. Joliet Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 2758, Joliet, IL 60436. Calvin Jordan (815)355-1857.

NO BALONEY 99 June 5, 1999

As you can see by the fliers, the date and place for No Baloney is set. We will be looking for volunteers and the much loved baked goods. If you feel extra generous with your time and/or baked goods please contact Rich or Dirk. If we don't hear from you we will be calling, *we know who you are.*

Lets make this event a real success and something to remember. With our new area and format we can have a good time and show how much we Wheelm'n are dedicated to good rides.
Rich & Dirk

INTERPLANETARY BICYCLE RIDE

Follow the orbits of planetary explorers through the "Worlds Largest Model of the Solar System".

Saturday July 24, 1999 - A "Century" ride to Pluto or shorter routes to selected Jovian Planets.

Sunday, July 25, 1999 Tour the inner solar system, from the Sun to Saturn, plus Historic Peoria

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.

IVW racks 'em up — IVW member Ron Anderson was successful at getting a bicycle rack installed at his local Wal-Mart. As Ron tells it, "A couple of months ago I wrote to the manager of the Washington Wal-Mart suggesting that a bike rack would be an appreciated addition. Now it's there - not the nice non-litter grabbing rack that I suggested she might prefer, but a rack nonetheless. I can't take full credit because it was apparently already being considered but I'm certain that my letter helped. (She had had a concern with bikes being parked in the way of folks entering and exiting the store.) Cherry Tree Shopping Center is next on my list."

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 IAB member? (check one)

Yes No

Basic membership:

Individual (\$10) \$ _____

Household (\$12) \$ _____

Voluntary advocacy contribution:

(\$6, 10, 15, other) \$ _____

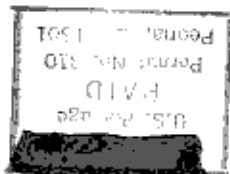
Total enclosed \$ _____

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.

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SHARE THE ROAD...MEMBER TIL: 6/21/1999



PEORIA, IL



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Dinner Plus Show-and-Tell

March 18, 1999

6:00 PM

Monical's Pizza
212 Veterans Dr.
East Peoria

You show me yours, I'll show you mine - Bike bags that is.
What we carry as well as what we don't tells much about how we ride, as
well as our personalities. You are all invited, so pull your bag off your bike
and show us what ya got.