



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



greater peoria's bicycle club

September, 1999

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I received a phone call from a gentleman in Chillicothe, Ohio a short time ago. He is in the process of gathering information for a possible bike ride from Chillicothe, Illinois to Chillicothe, Ohio.

He would almost have to set it up like RAGBRAI, as it would be around 500 miles and several days. He mentioned the possibility of routes that utilize state parks for camping. He said he has also been in contact with The Lance Armstrong Foundation for possible support. Anyone with an interest to help with something like this can let me know and I will send information to him. He needs route ideas out of Chillicothe, IL., across the river and heading east, any assistance will be appreciated. He also wants to know if it is interesting enough of a route to attract riders.

My friends and family visited the Fox River Trail in northern Illinois earlier in the summer. If you like riding trails this is a beautiful one to ride. The surface is mostly paved, however there are some packed limestone areas along the river's edge that are still very easy for a road bike. We enjoyed the trail a lot even though parts of it were under water from rain the weekend before we went.

The trip was pretty much uneventful, except for a little oversight on our part and an almost catastrophic run in with another rider wearing, you can guess, HEADPHONES, and looking up batting tree limbs. Some very heads up riding, and a very loud yell, saved Dirk and his daughter from a head-on collision. I'm quite sure there would have been some injuries, as that rider would have been hit by not one, but two tandems, as my wife and I were following closely behind.

If anyone ever told you that you could

go to the Chicago area and leave the side door on your van open all day and not lose a thing, would you believe them? Well, maybe not all the time, but we did it and survived. Much to our surprise, as Dirk and I rode back up to where we left my van, we noticed the side door had been left open.

After the initial shock, we looked and nothing was missing. Pretty good considering the area, and the fact it is a conversion van, TV, VCR, even a purse containing the keys was all still there. It even started after the interior light was on all day. I guess if anyone goes up there to ride, remember to shut your doors, and by all means watch for other people, it is a very heavily used trail.

A little information for the tandem owners in the club before I close. The Midwest Tandem Rally is going to be held in St. Charles, IL. at the Pheasant Run Resort, Labor Day Weekend, September 1-4, 2000. This is one of the towns on the Fox River Trail, and it is a very nice resort.

I've heard these rallies are a lot of fun and this a good chance to go since it is close to home. This is also the 25th Anniversary Rally. They are taking reservations now. You can call 630-584-6300 to make reservations, be sure to ask for the MTR rate. This rally will probably draw a lot of people so don't wait too long to call. *Rich*

Commuting News

Tim Beene

Just a note for those who are commuters. After being asked to leave the Campustown Thompson's grocery store because I brought my bike in with me, I decided to call their main office and ask about their "NO BIKE POLICY". I spoke with Ted Duke and he did confirm that they do not allow bicycles in the store - even though they do not

have bike racks at some locations. We had a nice conversation and by the end of our discussion he told me that people will be allowed to bring in their bikes while they shop.

He also told me that in ten years I am the first person to question their policy and ask for a bike rack. I have been commuting by bike for almost 20 years and I have run into numerous cyclists who have been frustrated by many stores' anti bike policies. After today I realize that many places might work to accommodate cyclists if they feel that there is a need to do so.

Please encourage the IVW membership to tell the management/owners of any business that a bike rack or permission to bring a bike inside would be greatly appreciated. It took one phone call to change a policy that has been in effect for 15 years and (possibly) get one more bike rack in this city. Perhaps if more bikers asked for bike racks and educated business owners to be more bike friendly we might just see more riders. Sincerely, Tim Beene

New Members

Lori Boland Peoria
Chole & Glen Currie^ Peoria
Linda & Samuel Kent Morton
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Tom & Julie Coogan Family^
..... Hanna City
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Don Johnson Peoria
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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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Race Photos

The Cycling Photo Gallery web site is up and running. It currently has over 200 photos from the Heartland Criterium Series and there are more racing photos to come. There are also stories on several of the events in the series. If you raced in any of the Heartland races, your picture may be in the gallery. So go ahead, have a look. Feel free to forward this message to anyone you think may be interested in the web site. Sorry, I wasn't able to be at the Famous Footwear race.

You can order professional quality, full color prints of any photo in the gallery. They are made from 35mm negatives on Kodak Professional paper. Digital scans in most file formats are also available. Check it out at: www.heart.net/~cyclingphotos/index.htm

Please give me your feed back and feel free to share any ideas you may have on how to make the site more user friendly and what content you would like to see. Steve Daggs

Weekday Rides

Tuesday night rides from Dunlap Grade School

The rides will continue, but the start time is being moved to 5:30pm. As always, riders of all speeds and skills are encouraged to join. We meet at the Dunlap Grade School (just south of the water tower). The starting

time will probably move to 5pm near the end of September. I plan to ride all fall and winter, and encourage others to buy lights and come along! Steve Kurt 243-7684

Wednesday Night Bike Ride

The start time will move back to 5:00 PM beginning September 1st. I will leave it this way through the end of daylight savings time. If you are interested in some Hilly Hundred practice come on out and let me know. I'm sure we can find hills here in town. Keep spinning. Dirk

Thursday Night Bike Rides

Steve Daggs and Ron Hunt will continue to lead experienced and beginning road riders from Russell's. Ride times may change due to early darkness, call first. For faster riders call Steve at 444-3458, beginners call Ron at 444-5160.

Jim, Cindy, and Rob will be leading mountain bike rides in the Farmdale Dam area. The Farmdale area contains some fire road and singletrack. There will be creek crossings, hills, sand, dirt, bugs, weeds, rocks, and trees. We will ride for about 1 1/2 hours, finding different trails in the area.

The Farmdale ride will start in the parking lot at 6:00 P.M. Those not sure how to get there should call for directions. Bring bug spray, lots of water, bike tubes and good sense. Call Rob Alexander 444-3297.

Quiet Hero News

Once again, thanks to the following IVW members who, as very dependable Quiet Hero donors, have made either whole blood or pheresis donations during the months of April, May, and June:

Rob Alexander - two donations
Ron Anderson - two donations
Nancy Buzan - two donations
Joe Camp - two donations
Marcia Grebner - three donations
Don Jacobs
Steve Kurt - two donations
Rich Morris - two donations
Bill Semmens
Larry Wegman - two donations
Brian White

New donors are always needed and appreciated. Please contact me for information about joining our Quiet Hero group. Thanks!

Ron Anderson, IVW's Quiet Hero Coordinator 444-2018 or raanders@bwsys.net

September 5, Tour of Hog Heaven
Kewanee, IL (309) 852-3735

September 12, 27th Capital City Century
Springfield. Includes sag, maps, marked routes, food, post-ride party. Contact Springfield Bicycle Club, Jerry Ihnen (217) 498-8877.

September 12, Tour of Scenic Ogle County Stillman Valley. Extras include sag, food, cue sheets, rest stops, T-shirts, homemade cookies. Blackhawk Bicycle & Ski Club, Jillian Trojnar (815) 489-1120.

September 18, Amish Ride.
Great homemade Mennonite meal, (217) 876-0700

September 19, 15th Annual North Shore Century
Routes through scenic and historic North Shore north to Kinosh, WI. Evanston Bicycle Club, (847) 866-7743 djp@suba.com

September 19, Quincy Bicycle Century
Quincy, IL. 25/62/100 mile routes. Quincy Bicycle Club, Dale Allenbaugh (217) 223-3261 www.riverbnd.com/org/bicycle

September 25, Tanner's Orchard Ride
Start at the McDonald's in Chillicothe at 9:00am. About 30 miles round trip. We'll encounter a few rollers. Map (probably with an extra loop) for those wanting to ride a little farther/faster than the rest of the group. In case of rain, I'll hold the ride the next day on Sunday. For info call Patty Sage, 274-9145.

October 2-3, Jumer's Ride
Leave from Brimfield Grade School, spend

the night at Jumer's in Galesburg, return on Sunday. Relax at Jumer's for swimming and supper. If you would like to join in this getaway fall ride, call Rick or Liz Boudreau at 682-6563.

October 2, Jubilee Mountain Bike Scramble
Jubilee College State Park, Brimfield, IL. NORBA races for Expert, Sport, and Beginners. For more information or to register, call CJ's Vitesse Cycle Shop 692-8780 mtbnkr1111@aol.com

October 3, Ride to the Depot
White Heath, IL. Start with breakfast 7:00 to 10:00 A.M. at the start, routes from 16 to 100 miles, most travel through Lake of the Woods Park and/or Allerton Park (217) 352-7600.

October 3, Pumpkin Pie Ride
Peru. Includes sag, marked routes, shower, homemade cookies & pumpkin pie. Preregistrants eligible to win a mountain bike. Starved Rock Cycling Association, Dixie DeVry (815) 434-7823.

October 9, Chillicothe Classic - 1999 Ride for Life
Chillicothe, IL. 20, 26, or 50 mile interlocking loop. Begins and ends at City Park. Hosted by the Chillicothe Volunteer Fire Department and the Chillicothe Bicycle Club. Proceeds go towards purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera that locates fire victims in dark or smoke-filled rooms.
6:00 am registration and light breakfast.
7:00 am 50 miles take off

7:15 am 26 Milers take off
7:30 am 20 milers take off
8:00 am Family 5 mile ride takes off
Includes BBQ lunch and food at rest stops. Fee - \$15 before 9/9/99, \$20 after. Reduced fees for over age 60 and families. For more info contact the Chillicothe Independent (309) 274-6800.

October 23, Henry Hybrid/Mtn. Bike Ride
9:00am in Henry. About 30 miles round trip. This is a repeat of a ride I did a couple of years ago. The ride is based on one that the city of Henry drew up in 1976 to highlight some of the historical areas around the area. Mostly flat paved roads, but we'll encounter some gravel and dirt roads too - so bring your hybrid or mountain bike! Directions: We'll start at the Waterworks park near the route 18 bridge in Henry. From route 29 north, turn right/east at the stop light onto route 18 (Western Ave.). Follow route 18 until you reach downtown Henry and take a right onto Edwards St. Follow Edwards to the riverfront. In case of rain, I'll hold the ride the next day on Sunday. For info call Patty Sage, 274-9145.

LIB QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The city blames the pedestrians for being hit, rather than spending the money to make it a safer community," Madison Elementary School Principal Marty Baker, who for 10 years has unsuccessfully lobbied the City of Santa Ana to install a stoplight in front of his school where two fatal accidents occurred. (LA Times, 8/3)

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____
please print clearly

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Name #3 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #4 _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail address (print clearly) _____

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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:

(\$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.

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