



# ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



*greater peoria's bicycle club*

November, 1999

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Wow! Has it really been another year? It sure doesn't seem like a year has passed since the annual banquet, but it has and it is time for another one. I hope a lot of you can make plans to attend this year. There is

more information about it in this newsletter.

Some things to think about before the banquet - awards: most improved male and female riders, and Hub of the Club. Officers to be elected this year include President, Vice President, and Social and Membership chairpersons. We will need someone to fill the mailing position, Sue DeDecker has decided to give it up. The club has been without a Ride Chair for the biggest part of two years. It would be nice to see someone finally take this position. This would help a lot to solve ride conflict problems.

I can't believe I have been President for two years already. It has been an experience that all members should try once. A person can learn a lot about what this club does for this area. It also gives you a very good lesson in dealing with other people. I really hope there are some others willing to give this position a try. The mailings position is needed for the newsletter. Sue did a great job for us for a number of years. She handled putting the labels on, folding, stapling, and making sure we all got a newsletter. I think most of us would miss the newsletter if no one wants to do this!

I want to thank all those that volunteered their time to lead our summer weekly rides. With most people's busy schedules it is good to have some willing to give so much time to help. Also to those that take the time to lead rides even once or twice throughout the year, it gives a lot more

variety to our riding. Hope to see you at the banquet. Come and enjoy the fun.  
*Rich*

## 1999 Interplanetary Bicycle Ride Wrap-up

This past July, 160 riders again went where "no bike had gone before", where previously only unmanned space probes had visited. The Interplanetary Bicycle Ride has developed a reputation for extremes; the first year was 96, the second 64, the third year it was 99 degrees, and this year was another "condition 90" day, at 94 degrees. (Outer space has that reputation too!) So it wasn't surprising that attendance dropped a bit from last year's record. Nevertheless, it was a great event despite the heat. Thanks to Ron Jetton, we even had some new routes, although we had to scrap the new route into Kewanee the morning of the ride because of some overnight roadwork.

How hot will it be August 12th and 13th for the last ride of the millennium? Tune in next year to find out. Even though I've set the date for August, I don't expect that it will be any cooler, although we can always hope. Rather, I'm moving the date because of a museum work related conflict next July. The August date will also have a bonus in the form of Celestial Fireworks that night. August 12th is the night of the famous Perseid Meteor Shower, which is the best of the annual meteor showers.

From the IVW, special thanks go out to Ron Jetton, who did the Saturday route marking; Lynn Anderson-Loy and Eric Hutchinson, who staffed the CILCO site for lunch and cleanup at the end; and Larry Paustian who (along with Eric) helped 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:

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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

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*enter the above as one line, no  
spaces*

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1993 Palomino MXL, main body has hard  
sides with glass windows, queen bunks  
vinyl coated canvas, 3-way refrigerator,  
A/C, and awning. Stove is inside or outside  
usable. It is in excellent condition. I'm  
wanting to move up to something different.  
This will sleep 4 adults and a couple of  
children easily. It opens up to around 20ft.  
\$4500.00 Give Rich a call at 309-694-4104

## Sunday Metamora Training Rides

Beginning Nov. 7, meet at 1:00 P.M.  
Sunday afternoon on the square in  
Metamora for a 1-3 hour ride. The length of  
time will depend on the weather and the  
group that shows up. This ride will be for  
building your base mileage for next season.  
The pace will be approximately 15 mph.  
average with minimal stopping. For more  
information call Jim or Sarah Emmons 246-  
2166.

## Evening Rides

Jim and Sarah are looking for people  
interested in evening rides, call for more  
information Jim or Sarah Emmons 246-  
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# Christmas

## Christmas Party

Friday, December 10 7:00 P.M.

10214 North Forrest Drive, Peoria

Bill and Marge Semmens invite you to come and see what your fellow cyclists look like wearing street clothes. Bring your own beverage and an hors-d'oeuvre or dessert to share. We will have holiday music and festivities. For more information, call Bill or Marge 693-9388.

### ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ please print clearly Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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An evening of food and friends!

## Annual Banquet Friday November 19

Social at 6:30 P.M. Dinner at 7 P.M.

### Kenyon's Place

Route 17, just east of Lacon

Order from Kenyon's reasonably priced menu

**Reservations due Nov. 15**

Call Mark and Vicki Padesky 692-1552

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