



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



February, 2000

greater peoria's bicycle club

From the President

The weather for the New Year's Day Ride in Chillicothe was extremely cooperative. 35 riders showed up to get their New Year off to a good start. The food was fantastic (as usual) and at one point there was even a long chain of backrubs! Pictures will soon be appearing on the club web site. Thanks to everyone for the food and fun!

We had a great turnout for the January club meeting also. Blair Gorsuch gave a very informative presentation on fitness that included stretching, weight training and diet. At the meeting afterwards, there was

discussion about holding an invitational ride this summer. Decision was to hold one. The board will manage the ride and temporary committees will be formed to handle food, route, advertising, etc. Bill Clark discussed club T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. D&D Sports in Morton has our logo. Also, Phil Lockwood came to speak to the club about the Steamboat Classic race. The date will be changed from Steamboat weekend and will become part of the Classic festival which will include a number of athletic events as well as the Proctor Cycling Classic. This will be held the weekend of June 9-11. The IVW may offer a couple of bike tours that

weekend. Stay tuned for more details in coming months.

February is the time of year when gardeners start getting their seed catalogs and bikers get their ride brochures and tour catalogs. So, to compare notes and get ideas for summer vacation, we'll have a program on multi-day tours/cycling vacations on the 9th. And, don't forget the "Mystery Dinner" at Pearce Community Center in Chillicothe on the 19th. We're also planning a one-day road trip to the Midwest Consumer Bike Show on Saturday, February 26.

All-in-all, 2000 is shaping up to be a fun year. So, come out and join us.

Happy Cycling! - *Patty*

AFTERNOON WALK ON THE RAILS

1:00 P.M., Saturday, January 29, 2000

Recreational Trail Advocates in cooperation with the Peoria Park District and Illinois Valley Striders proudly presents AFTERNOON WALK ON THE RAILS to show support for the extension of the Rock Island Trail from Pioneer Parkway to the Peoria Riverfront replacing the 9-mile Kellar Branch Rail Line.

Join fellow walkers, runners, bicyclists, in-line skaters, and cross-country skiers at the west end of the new Peoria Park District Building (former IDOT facility) where Knoxville Avenue meets Northmoor Road at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 29, 2000.

Our third demonstration walk on the Kellar Branch Rail Line will march northwest along the rails to Pioneer Park and back (approximately 3 miles). Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable afternoon, while exercising your First Amendment Free Speech Rights! Complimentary refreshments will be served.

CABDA SHOW

(Chicago Area Bicycle Dealers Assoc)

The CABDA Midwest Consumer Bike show will be held February 25 - 27 at the Rosemont Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. The bike manufacturers have lots of booths and displays of their new bike lines. Exhibitions are held during the day, such as stunt riders, etc.

Several people have mentioned that they would like to carpool up to the show for the day on Saturday. Meet at 8:00am in the parking lot of the old Wal-Mart in East Peoria, near the Hardee's restaurant if you're interested in carpooling.

Show details are as follows:

Friday, February 25, 2000

5:00 pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, February 26, 2000

10:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday, February 27, 2000

10:00am - 5:00pm

Rosemont Convention Center

5555 N. River Road

Rosemont, IL

Parking is available across the street for about \$10, but also at the River Road

CTA parking lot for \$1.50 (in quarters). The CTA lot is directly across the offramp for River Road, 2 - 3 blocks from the convention center. Website: www.cabda.com/consumer.html

*Some of our local bike shops have coupons for reduced admission to the show.

Are you interested in sharing a rental van? Contact Rob 444-3297 or Patty 274-9145.

February Club Meeting

February 9, 7:00. Program on cycling vacations/multi-day tours including TRIRI, GRABAWR, Michigan Shoreline tour, Backroads tour of Nantucket & Marth's Vineyard, VBT tour of Vermont's Lake Champlain region, etc. Everyone is welcome to bring their own cycling vacation pics! Short business meeting afterwards. Meet at Safety Town, 6518 N. Sheridan Rd, Peoria. (Couple of miles north of Sheridan Village shopping center, just south of the IL 40 intersection.)

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

Deadline: 15th of the month

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enter the above as one line, no
spaces

A letter from your Secretary:

It was brought up at our transition meeting in December, to include a brief synopsis of our board meetings in the newsletter. Well, if your holidays were as hectic as mine were, you would forget also. So what if I missed January's Newsletter. I'll do two for next month. Anyhow, I thought the "secretary" just had to hang around and look beautiful. I didn't know I was going to have to take notes. So I thought I would make up some for December, and then publish what I remember from our last meeting, on January 10th.

In December we adopted a budget of 1 million dollars for the year. The entire board is going to a bicycle club board seminar in the Bahamas in mid February. We each get \$5,000 in spending money, and free use of a yacht for the month. Yes, we will be there for an entire month 'cause there is lots to learn bout this here bicycle stuff. We each will receive for our efforts at leading, and new Merlin bicycle, custom made of course. Private message therapists will be on hand to keep us in tiptop shape so in our off time we can blend in with the other beautiful people. Oh, wait a minute. I was reading the wrong minutes. Those were from my Cub Scout pack. Well, let's just start all over again.

In December, we discussed the finances of the club. We are in pretty good shape going into the New Year. Marge Semmens is going to gather information on insurance for our events. It was recommended to have the board meeting before the monthly general meeting of the club, with a business meeting to follow. Please feel free to attend either, to gain more insight on how your club is being run. Marge is also going to head up a "Promotional" committee, to work on ideas for getting our club advertised and more into the public eye. A report from the Social Committee was given, with upcoming events being discussed. Bill Semmens discussed the ride schedule for the upcoming season. Goals for our club in the new year were discussed, and a more in depth look at this item will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

On January 10th, the board met at 6:00 P.M. at Safety Town. Minutes were read from the December meeting. Reports from the standing committee were given as follows: Patty opened the discussion with

an agenda and general format for our meetings. Bill Clark gave a treasurer's report. Bill Semmens discussed the season's upcoming ride schedule. A "ride classification" was discussed, and will be instituted for the rides throughout the year. The club owns a bicycle trailer for hauling bicycles, which has not been in use for many years. Rich Morris is going to track down our trailer, and begin efforts to restore it for use. Sarah Emmons gave the report for the social committee. Upcoming events were discussed. Watch for announcements in the newsletter.

Marge Semmens has headed up a Promotional Committee. Their first meeting was held, and ideas were discussed on how to promote our club within the community. Sample posters were presented and the board voted to print some for distribution. A member of the committee, Chris Hill, is getting a press release ready for publication. A membership drive will be instituted in upcoming months. Because of the efforts spent on the promotional committee, Marge has not had time to investigate the insurance information for the club. This item will be tabled until the February meeting.

Philip Lockwood, the director of the Steamboat Classic, made a presentation to the board. The "Classic" will be moved to another weekend, and a new event, the "Classic Sports Festival" will be introduced. The Festival will include racing events from various sports. Mr. Lockwood expressed his desire to include the Wheelm'n in this event. We would provide a short "tour" around Peoria, on Saturday and a longer out of town ride on Sunday. There would not be any cost to the club for this event. Because of time limitations, the board decided to discuss this matter at a later date, and get back together with Philip. That's pretty much it. Not bad for a half blind, mentally challenged guy, who can't spell huh! See ya next month. *Mr. Bill*

Kellar Branch Trail

The Kellar Branch will come before the Peoria City Council again on Feb. 14, the more people that show up and show support for the extension of the Rock Island Trail, the better our chances will be of the city going ahead of the project.

Bowling Action Report

The 2nd annual bowling and pizza party was held on Saturday January 15th. There were about 25 bowlers. Here are some of the highlights - Joe Raney, 4 years old, was bowling for his first time without bumper guards and he was awesome. He bowled a strike and a spare. Michelle McGuire was having so much fun that she was giving away strikes. She bowled a strike on Steve Kurt's frame. Of course, Steve didn't mind at all. Dirk DeDecker and Matt Emmons were in competition— Dirk beat Matt's score in Game 1 and Matt beat Dirk's score in Game 2. We also had 4 girls-Mallory Morris, Katie & Carrie McGuire, and Janel Emmons who were bowling strikes & spares. I don't think any of us are ready to trade in our bicycles for a new bowling ball. After bowling it was off to Monical's for pizza. Everyone had a great time. We will try to continue this as an annual January event. Thanks to all who came out and joined in the fun. - Sarah Emmons, Social Chair

Stay fit and get paid!!

The Bicycle Bus is looking for riders to operate pedicabs in downtown Peoria (and other places if you are up to it). The cab service will begin April 1, 2000. Help (sales, mechanics, service, bike school help, etc.) is also needed at the new store location (2022 N. Wisconsin

Ave). Please come down to Deep Elem Brews 619 A SW Water St. to fill out an application. Call (309)676-4677 for more information.

Tour Your Neighborhood

The next "Average Jo Biker Club Tour Your Neighborhood" ride is Saturday April 8, 2000 4pm to 1am. The cost is the same as last year: \$15.00 save \$5 if you sign two people up. Includes limited edition tee-shirt and coupon book. Destinations to be announced.

Farmdale Mountainbike Weekend

The Farmdale Mountainbike Weekend will be 8/19-20/00. Volunteers sought....more info soon to come. Thanks, *Tim Beeny*

From the LAB

Please write a letter to the Federal Highway Administrator urging them to conduct research on a design standard for rumble strips that is bicycle-friendly and to limit installation to interstate highways until a bicycle-friendly design is developed.

Kenneth R. Wykle
Administrator, FHWA
400 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Saturday Morning

The Washington Square Ride leaves the parking lot behind the Amoco station just west of the Square at 8:30 each Sat. morning. We generally ride into the wind to a local restaurant for breakfast. Routes are about 25-40 miles. This ride geared towards more experienced riders (2's & 3's) during the winter.

Sunday Afternoon

Jim & Sarah Emmons are still leading the Sunday afternoon ride from Metamora at 1pm. Call to check, 246-2166.

Club Calendar

- February 9** 6:00 - IVW board meeting. 7:00 program - cycling vacations, club meeting afterwards. Held at Safety Town, 6518 North Sheridan Rd, Peoria.
- February 19** Mystery Dinner - Pearce Community Center in Chillicothe.
- February 26** Road trip to CABDA in Rosemont, IL To carpool, meet at 8:00am at old Wal-Mart location in East Peoria, near Hardees restaurant. Visit www.cabda.com for more info.
- March 8** 6:00 - IVW board meeting. 7:00 program, club meeting afterwards. Held at Safety Town, 6518 North Sheridan Rd, Peoria.
- March 17** St. Pat's Day ride. More details to come...

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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

THE MYSTERY!!!!
16th, 246-2166 (home) or 683-6587 (work) HOPE EVERYONE CAN COME AND SOLVE
with payment enclosed to Sarah Emmons, RR 1 Box 176, Lacon, IL 61540, by February
FUN time. I do need a RSVP to make certain that I have enough FOOD. Please RSVP
I can't give any more details because it is a mystery. I can guarantee that you will have a

COST: \$7.50 per person

WHAT TO BRING: Your Appetite

WHERE: Pearce Community Center, 610 W Cedar, Chillicothe

WHEN: Saturday February 19th TIME: 6PM

PLAN TO ATTEND THE IWM MYSTERY DINNER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



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