



# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



*greater peoria's bicycle club*

October, 2000

**President  
Patty**

### Thanks!

At press time, the No Baloney ride has not yet taken place. However, I know we have over 40 volunteers from our club that have offered their expertise, leadership, time, ideas, baking skills, and smiling faces to this effort. Many thanks to Bill Semmens, Duane & Deirdre Parker and the other 40 people that have pulled together to make this event happen. We have some fantastic people in this club. Did you know that we had one club member donate 33 loaves of banana bread to the cause?! (Thanks Terry!) Thanks also to Tom Parr and his mom for the great looking T-shirts and for staying late at work (several times) so I could meet with them.

Also, I want to thank Marge Semmons, Sarah Emmons and the rest of the crew for the traditional end-of-season Poker Ride. Over 50 members attended this popular event.

Thanks too to the members that assisted Sheldon Schafer with the Interplanetary Ride in August. Because of the efforts of Ron Jetton, Lynne Anderson-Loy, Allan Carr, Larry Paustian, and others (sorry if I missed someone) as well as those club members that rode, our club received \$350.

I don't know how you all find the time to do it, but your efforts keep this club going! Happy Cycling! *Patty*

### Elections November 4

It's only a couple of months until our annual meeting and elections. Bill and Brenda Clark have decided to step down from the board after many years of service, so the treasurer and secretary positions will be open. All the other board members are willing to stay

on unless someone else would like to give them a break. These include newsletter editor, advocacy/government relations, and database. We'd also like to have someone join us in a PR role. Chris Hill and Brad Niemcek have been a great help with that this summer.

Also be thinking about the awards: most improved male rider, most improved female rider, and Hub of the Club. We have lots of people qualified to win these awards, so please give it some thoughtful consideration.

As usual, Sarah has some fun plans in place for this dinner. Hope to see you all there!

### Interplanetary Wrap-up

For the 6th annual ride, we experienced what has been lacking for practically every ride to date - perfect weather! That meant record attendance, up 30% from our previous best. 250 showed up to ride Saturday and 50 on Sunday. Riders traveled quite some distances to participate - 40% were from outside Central Illinois, and 5 states were represented.

The Sunday ride was accompanied by a film crew from San Francisco working on a 6-part documentary series about astronomy, funded in part by the National Science Foundation. They followed the pack of riders in a convertible, interviewed several families, and got some great shots of club member John Cage and his unusual homebuilt bicycles.

When completed, "What's Up In The Universe?" will be broadcast on PBS and distributed to educational institutions around the country. "What's Up" looks at the size and shape of the universe and how we humans orient ourselves within it. The series explores the cosmos via a road trip from the Earth to the edge of the universe and back. The documentary is scheduled to be broadcast late in 2001.

## October Club Meeting

October 11, 7:00 P.M. Still working on a speaker at press time. Tentative topic is "making the transition from touring cyclist to competitive cyclist". Meet at Safety Town, 6518 N. Sheridan Rd, Peoria. This is a couple of miles north of the Sheridan Village shopping center.

### New Members

Judy Bradford ..... Peoria  
Mike & Karen Dvorsky Family .....  
..... Peoria  
Melanie & John Martin . Chillicothe  
Jim McIntyre ..... East Peoria  
Craig Mitchell Family^ ..... Peoria  
Patti Staton ..... Peoria  
Randy Teel^ ..... Morton  
Bill Webster ..... Chillicothe  
Nancy Westphal^ ..... Dunlap

### Renewing Members

Lynne Anderson-Loy ..... Peoria  
David & Margaret Cover Family ....  
..... Peoria Heights  
Larry Davis\* ..... Peoria  
Darren & Sue DeDecker Family .....  
..... Peoria  
John & Jan Galbreath Family\*^ .....  
..... Peoria  
Sheila Gribble^ ..... Dunlap  
Daniel & Christine Hill^ ..... Pekin  
Mike Joslin^ ..... Peoria  
Ken & Noreen Mettelmann^ .....  
..... Groveland  
Dan O'Brien ..... Peoria  
Tim & Stella O'Hanlon^ ..... Peoria  
Larry & Jackie Robbins ..... Dunlap

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images and/or humor are welcomed.

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

## IVW On The WEB

[http://www.geocities.com/  
ivw.geo](http://www.geocities.com/ivw.geo)

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spaces

## Club Calendar

**Sept 30, Tanner's Orchard Ride.** Sarah Emmons will lead this ride. See elsewhere in newsletter for details.

### Oct 1 - Two Choices:

Ride to the Depot, White Heath, IL. For more info: (217) 352-7600

Pumpkin Pie Ride, Peru, IL, Starved Rock Cycling Assn. For more info:  
[http://www.geocities.com/colosseum/  
2947/pump2.htm](http://www.geocities.com/colosseum/2947/pump2.htm)

**Oct 8, Jim & Sarah's Fall ride and cookout**  
Jim and Sarah will lead rides from their home in Lacon with a cookout/potluck after. See elsewhere in newsletter for details.

**Oct 11, IVW meeting 7:00** Held at Safety Town, 6518 North Sheridan Rd, Peoria. Speaker TBA.

**Oct 13-15, Hilly Hundred Weekend, Bloomington, IN**

Be sure to check out LIB's website [www.bikeLIB.org](http://www.bikeLIB.org) or Mike's Mega Bike Links [http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/  
ilrides.htm](http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/ilrides.htm) to learn about rides hosted by other clubs in and around Illinois.

## Apple's Bakery Harvest Ride

**October 14** — Fund raiser for the RTA. Come out to Apple's Bakery on North Knoxville, 11:30 A.M., ride the Rock Island Trail. Return to Apple's for a 1:00 P.M. lunch. Costs are not final yet. Price will be under \$12 for adults, 1/2 adult price for kids 10 and under. Call 694-4104 or e-mail [rpmivw@home.com](mailto:rpmivw@home.com) for further info.

## IVW Tandem Rally October 22

**Where:** Field Shopping Center on the south end of Morton

**When:** Sunday, October 22, 12 Noon

**How Long:** 30 - 40 miles

May gather for pizza afterwards (buy your own). Please send me an e-mail if you are coming. If the weather is bad, I can then respond to all who were going to attend and reschedule. Let's see how many tandems are in the club. Please bring friends who have tandems. Thanks, Jim Kamp, Home: (309) 925-5672, Work: (309) 578-1792 e-mail: [kampje@mtco.com](mailto:kampje@mtco.com)

## Smoke 'em if ya got 'em

Sunday, October 15, 1:00 P.M., Sterling Plaza Shopping Center, Peoria (Sterling & Reservoir, across from Holy Family Church), ~35 miles with some hills. I've discovered some new and scenic routes right in our own backyard. Mostly county roads (not a city ride). Afterward, we'll eat — my goal is to fire up my new smoker. Hope to see you there. Eric Hutchison, 688-7038.

## For Sale:

Yakima Car Top Bike Rack — Includes rack locks and faring. Like New \$325. Call Mike Gibbs 309/686-4067.  
Burley Duet Tandem — med. frame, \$850, Jim Emmons, 246-2166.

## Trail Access Legislation

The League of American Bicyclists urges cyclists to contact your United States Senators to ask that they support the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). Call (202) 225-3121 and ask to speak to your Senators or go to <http://www.congress.org/> for contact information. On September 20, 63 senators who favor CARA appealed for a vote on this landmark conservation bill, approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on July 24. However, they face a fight with powerful opponents. If it passes the Senate, a conference committee on CARA will likely result. If the House and Senate approve the conference agreement, President Clinton would quickly sign the legislation into law.

CARA would earmark \$2.8 billion from offshore drilling rights for conservation and recreation efforts, over a \$1 billion of which could potentially be used for mountain bike access and trails. Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, called CARA "the most significant commitment of resources ever made to conservation by Congress." Your support will make a difference if you reach to your Senators on this issue

## Olympic Update

Great news came from Sydney's velodrome. Marty Nothstein of Trexlertown, PA, became the first American to win a gold medal in Olympic cycling since 1984 by winning the matched sprint competition. Check out <http://www.usacycling.org> for the details.

# Weekly Rides

**Monday:** Meets at The Bicycle Bus at 2022 N Wisconsin beginning Oct. 2. Ride leaves at 9:15 A.M. Call Tim Beeney 282-0400 with questions. All levels.

**Tuesday:** Meets at Dunlap Grade School. Ride leaves at 5 P.M. beginning October 3 through October 24. The remainder of the year the ride will leave at 5:30 P.M. and will be considered a night ride. Proper lighting & reflective clothing will be required. Call or e-mail Steve Kurt with questions. 309-2437684. Level two and up.

**Wednesday:** Meets at Pleasant Hill Grade School in East Peoria. Ride leaves at 5 P.M. Last ride of the season is October 25. Call Rich 694-4104 or Dirk 699-8482 with questions. Level one and up.

**Saturday:** Meets behind Washington Square all year long. Ride leaves at 8:30 A.M. Show & go breakfast ride. Level one & up.

**Sunday:** Meets at Metamora Square beginning November 5. Ride leaves at 1:00 P.M. Distance will vary depending on weather. Call Emmons 246-2166 or Semmens 693-9388 with questions. Winter riding requires proper clothing. Level one & up.

**Thursday Weekday Ride:** Meets at Dunlap Park next to the Grade School

(use the adjacent church parking lot) on Thursdays beginning October 5. Ride leaves at 9:30 A.M.. The length will vary with weather. Call Marge 693-9388 with questions. This ride will be effective through October & will continue if there is sufficient interest. Level one & up.

Following the rides, the IVW will provide the hot-dogs, buns, drinks and place settings. Please bring a covered dish to pass.

Please RSVP by calling (309) 246-2166 or e-mail at [tandemx2@joysta.com](mailto:tandemx2@joysta.com) by Thursday October 5.

## RIDE TO TANNERS ORCHARD

Saturday, September 30, 8 A.M. Meet at Pearce Community Center in Chillicothe. All levels are welcome. Mileage will be 30 - 32 miles. Ride Leader: Sarah Emmons (309) 246-2166

## Hilly Hundred Training Ride

Sunday, October 8 - Jim & Sarah Emmons in Lacon. Rides begin 1 P.M. for the 40 mile and 2:30 P.M. for the 20 mile route.

The 20 mile route will be primarily flat with 1-2 hills and have an average of 10-12 mph. The 40 mile route will be hilly and have an average 15 mph. OK, we won't climb that one REALLY BAD HILL this year. Unless, of course, you really want to.

## METAMORA WINTER TRAINING RIDE

Beginning Sunday, November 5 at 1:00 P.M. at the square in Metamora. This will be a regular weekly ride until spring. The purpose of this ride is to build an aerobic base and to sustain fitness levels acquired over the previous season. THIS IS NOT A HAMMER RIDE! Distance will vary (depending on weather and group) but will generally stay between 20-40 miles. For more info. call Jim or Sarah Emmons at (309) 246-2166 or email [tandemx2@joysta.com](mailto:tandemx2@joysta.com)

## Help Wanted

Members for leadership role in fun club! Openings exist in treasury department, secretarial pool, communications, and other areas. Contact Patty Sage at 274-9145 or [sage@mtco.com](mailto:sage@mtco.com)

# 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 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.

Make check payable to: ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N, 6518 NORTH SHERIDAN RD. STE 2, PEORIA IL 61614-2933

at the banquet!  
Please bring some of your biking photos taken this year to share. Hope to see everyone  
game. So there will definitely be a lot of gift exchanging!  
a gift worth \$5.00 or less - new or used biking item. We are going to play the white elephant  
GIFT: This is optional, but if you would like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring  
payment. The IVW club will be writing one check for the entire bill.  
Farms no longer gives separate checks for large groups. That is why we need advance  
Fairview Farms is located off Maxwell Road between Plank Rd & Peoria Airport. Fairview  
The deadline for reservations is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.  
Sarah Emmons, 529 Country Road 1300E, Lacon, IL 61540.  
RSVP: To reserve your spot at the banquet, please send a check payable to IVW to  
or Soda.  
Menu will be Family-Style Chicken and Roast Beef, Potato, Tossed Salad, Green Beans,  
Corn Fritters, Rolls & Butter. Above price includes tax, tip, and your choice of Coffee, Tea,  
or Soda.

Cost: Adults \$15.00 per person, Children 3-10 \$6.00

(309) 697-4111

Where: Fairview Farms Restaurant, 5911 Heuermann Road, Peoria

When: Saturday, November 4, 6:00 P.M.

## IVW Banquet

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**PEORIA IL 61614-2933**

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U.S. Postage  
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