



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



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greater peoria's bicycle club

No Baloney

Bill Semmens

If you missed the No Baloney Ride this year, you missed one of the biggest club invitational rides that I can remember. The preliminary numbers show that we had at least 239 riders on the route. I think that doubles the riders we had last year. But that large number is one of those good news - bad news deal. The bad news is that we planned for about 150. (Typically we expect to double the number of people that pre-register for the ride and we had 78 people pre-registered.) So, everyone had to scramble to meet the demands of the crowd. Marge and her food stop people had to buy more food. Mike Pula made a rush trip back into Peoria to copy more maps. Parking at the park became an issue.

But you don't want to hear about the problems we had to resolve. You want to hear the good stuff. First of all I want to try to thank everyone that was involved. I know I'll miss a name or two, so I apologize in advance for anyone that gets left out. Thanks to the ride committee for all your hard work. These are the people that really pulled this ride together this year. Marge Semmens was the food chairman. She planned each food stop, bought most of the food and coordinated all of the food stop workers.

Mike Pula was the registration chairman. He took in all of the pre-registrations and then dealt with the onslaught of people that came rolling in on ride day. Steve Kurt and Greg Durst developed and marked the route. They did a great job, didn't they? Brad Niemcek and Chris Hill provided publicity for us. We had great coverage guys. Patty Sage and Larry Davis got the shirts ready. We sold out the first order and are waiting for more to be

printed. Thanks also to Ron Jetton, Dick Rhodes and Larry Robins for your help marking the route, preparing and purchasing the food. Great job on the peppers, Dick! Another behind the scenes guy is Dirk McGuire who stores all of the ride equipment in his attic each year.

How about those food stops? Weren't they great again this year? In my opinion, they help differentiate our ride from all the others. We offer some of the best food on any ride in the area. Thanks to the food stop managers: Pam Shuck-Hoehne (Hawaiian in Hanna City), Sheldon Schafer & Lynn Anderson-Loy (French in Elmwood), Larry & Jackie Robins (Western at Jubilee), Carol Huggins (American in Chillicothe) and Sarah and Janelle Emmons (German in Princeville).

Now here's the list of the people that really made this ride click. These are our members that volunteered food and/or their time the day of the ride. Edith Albright, Cindy & Rob Alexander, Liz & Rick Boudreau, Ron & Gwen Chandler, Bill Clark, Paula Douglas, Lori Durst, Sarah Egeberg, Jim & Sarah Emmons, Mike Ferguson, Sheila Gribble, Celeste Hansen, Terry Havy, Angie Hickam, Eric Hutchison, Mike Joslin, Melanie Martin, Pat McGovern, Tim O'Hanlon, Larry Paustian, Mel & Judy Perrill, Jane Sieck, Sharree Tate, Lavern Wilson.

Thanks also to our non-members that helped us. That would be Kevin Theime at Russell's Cycle & Fitness Center and Kyle at Bushwhackers for providing SAG service. The Peoria County Sheriff deputies made sure everyone made the turn at Rt. 8 and Cottonwood Rd. safely.

And now on to next year. Can we double this year's numbers? We can with your help. To start with, let the board or ride committee know what you thought of the ride this year. We need

your input to keep improving the ride. Then we need you to volunteer to help plan next year's ride. It will be the same weekend as this year, if we can secure the park again. But it won't happen without your support and hard work. We need your comments now and we'll start the committee meetings early next year, so volunteer now and avoid the spring rush. Send you comments to Bill Semmens at Semmens@MTCO.com or call me at 309-693-9388.

New Members

Tom Voegeli^ Peoria
Jane & Joe Warrick Mackinaw

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Bruce Bartling^ Peoria
Joe & Connie Camp Family^
..... Washington
Steve Daggs^ Washington
Larry Davis* Peoria
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Deadline: 15th of the month

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Riding in Italy

This is an awkward time to talk about this given the current international situation, but plans have to be made. The Three Amigo Trip for next year is to Italy. Northern Italy, to be exact, 40 miles northwest of Venice in the Dolomites. For information about the place, go to their Web site at www.italiancycling.com. It looks very interesting. The dates are from May 28 to June 7. If you are interested, let me know and give me your e-mail address; ours is jmwelch@ocslink.com. Like I said before, this is an awkward time, but hopefully by then those #\$\$%&* will have been dealt with and people can get on with their lives.

PS I haven't done a great deal of international travel, but from what I have done it has made me appreciate the U.S. that much more. Even though I like to travel and think it is a very rewarding experience, I also feel that every day every American should get down, kiss the ground and thank which ever deity they wish that they live in the United States.

Wednesday Ride

Ron Jetton has offered to do a beginner's ride out of the Pearce Center in Chillicothe each Wednesday until the time changes. This ride is an easy pace and open to level one riders and anyone else that wants a relaxed paced ride. It will leave the Center at 5:30 P.M. sharp! So plan on arriving early to get your bike set up for the evening. It should return about 7:00 P.M. or before sunset. Call Ron at 243-7561 for more information.

Poker Run

A big thanks goes to the following shops who donated merchandise for our annual Poker Run held last month: Bushwacker, Illinois Cycle, Little Ade's, and Russell's Cycling and Fitness. Over 40 riders attended this year's ride. Larry Davis had the top hand followed by Jim Emmons and Barb Smith. Great food, prizes and companionship were enjoyed by all.

Dirt Dual Duathlon

Oct. 13, 8:00 A.M. at Farmdale Park, East Peoria. This will be a 3 mile run and 8 mile bike ride over moderate to challenging terrain with some long climbs, creek crossings and singletrack. For more information, contact Troy's Trailside Velo, 266-8033.

IVW Annual Banquet

The annual IVW banquet will be held on Saturday, November 3 at Kenyon's Place in Lacon.

Please join us for cocktails at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:30 P.M. We will be ordering from the menu. Kenyon's Place is located on Rt. 17 at the east edge of Lacon. Please RSVP by calling Sarah Emmons at (309) 246-2166 or e-mail me, tandemx2@joysta.com on or before Oct. 31.

We will be playing the *Take One and Pass It On* game. If you would like to participate, please bring a \$5.00 or less gift to exchange. The gift doesn't necessary have to be new and does not have to be bike related, so use your imagination. Hope to hear from all of you soon! Remember deadline to RSVP is Halloween Day!

Monday Ride

The Monday night ride will be a show and go for the remainder of the season—same level of riders at 5:30 P.M. Lights are a must—we will be finishing the ride in the dusk.

Wanted: Trunk mount bike rack. Call Mel Perrill 347-6971.

Day	Location	Start Time	Distance	Ride Level	Leader	Phone	Extras
Mon.	Dunlap Grade School	5:30 p.m.	Depends on group	Beginners and above	Show & Go	696-9388	Lights Required
Tues.	Dunlap Grade School	6:00 p.m.	Depends on daylight	All levels	Steve Kurt	243-7684	
Wed.	Pleasant Hill School, East Peoria	5:00 p.m.	Depends on daylight	All levels	Dirk McGuire Larry Paustian	699-8482 694-3947	Until Time Change
Sat.	Washington Square	8:30 a.m.	25-35 miles	Level 2 & 3	Show 'n Go	699-2790	
	Russell's, Washington	8:00 a.m.	Varies	Level 2& up	Don Eberle		
	Pearce Center, Chillicothe	8:30 a.m.	20-25 miles	Level 1& up	Show 'n Go		
Sun.	Various places call for details	8:00 a.m.	50 miles	Level 2& up	Show 'n Go	693-9388	Call for details
	Various places call for details	8:00 a.m.		Level 2& up	Larry Paustian Don Eberle Jim Williams	694-3947 699-2790 444-9457	

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

Bring your bicycle and your family for a day of riding, lunch, apple bobbing, and fun! Meet at the Alta parking lot on the Rock Island Trail. Bicycle to the picnic area, approximately 2.5 miles toward Dunlap. Hot dogs, chips, and soft drink provided. \$5/person, \$8/family for early sign-up or \$7/person, \$10/family day of the event. Register by mail by Oct. 17, make check payable to the RTA (Recreational Trail Advocates). Send to Mark Luthy, 5716 N. Woodlawn Ct., Peoria, IL 61614

Rock Island Trail, Alta Parking Lot

Saturday, October 20, 2001

Bicycle Ride and Roast

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