



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN



greater peoria's bicycle club

December 2001

Annual Banquet Report

by Patty Sage

Well, my two year term as president has ended and I must say that I'm still glad I took on the role. It gave me an inside look into the club and also gave me a chance to work with a lot of fantastic people. Thanks to past and present IVW board members for all their hard work and enthusiasm the past two years - I really appreciated it!

Approximately 30 people attended the annual meeting at Kenyon's in Lacon. After the meal, ride leaders were recognized for their efforts in providing what we all like best - great bike rides! Elections were then held for the board positions open for the 2002-2003 term. We were fortunate to get some super volunteers to fill the open positions. The following people were nominated and elected:

- President - Marge Semmens (1 year, to be followed by Greg Durst)
- Vice President - Greg Durst
- Ride Chair - Mike Pula
- Social/Membership Chair - Carol Huggins
- Newsletter Editor - Steve Kurt
- Mailings - Mike Joslin (1 year, to be followed by Celeste Hansen)
- Bill Semmens will join Eric on the Government Relations Committee to work with the Tri-County Planning Commission

The next time you see these folks, please congratulate them and thank them for taking on these posts!

Officers remaining on the board through 2002 include:

- Treasurer - Sheila Gribble

- Secretary & Webmaster - Chris Hill
- Database - Larry Davis
- Advocacy/Government Relations - Eric Hutchison

After officer elections, we voted for the "Hub of the Club", "Most Improved Male Rider", "Most Improved Female Rider", "Flat Tire King" and "Road Rash Leader". The nominees and winners were:

- Nominees for Most Improved Female Rider: Celeste Hansen, Paula Douglas, and Sarah Emmons. Celeste was the winner!
- Nominees for Most Improved Male Rider: Jim Williams, Matt Emmons, and Jim Vaupel. Matt was the winner!
- Nominees for Hub of The Club: Marge Semmens, Bill Semmens, and Patty Sage. Marge was the winner!
- Nominee for Flat Tire King: Jim Vaupel. So, Jim was the winner!
- Nominees for Road Rash Leader: Chris Hill and Steve Kurt. Chris was the winner!

We then played the now traditional "Pass It On" gift exchange. Just how many times was that bicycle picture frame

swapped/stolen? :) Other exchange items included tubes, rubber duck-type bike horns, wine, bike lube, lights, etc.

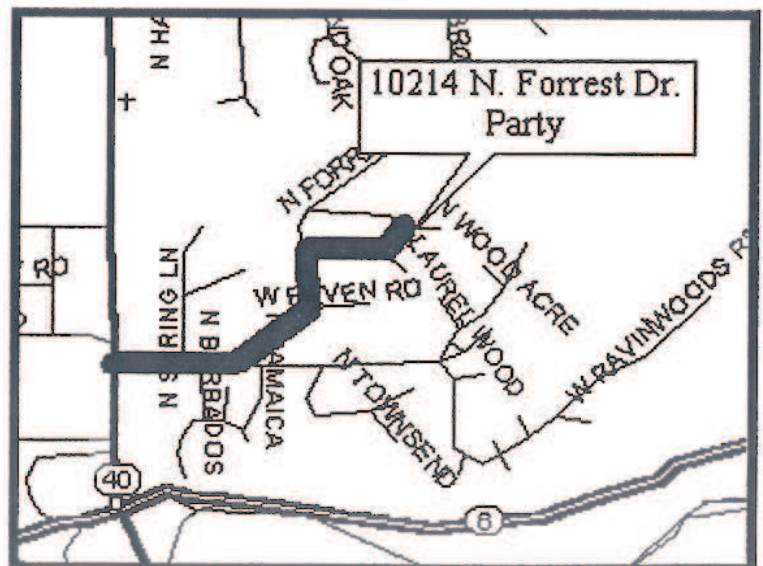
Congratulations to all, and thanks again to Sarah Emmons for organizing the dinner!

Happy Cycling!
Patty

News Year Party

The annual Christmas party will be hosted this year by Bill & Marge Semmens. The festivities will commence at 7:00 P.M., Friday, December 7. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share, drinks will be provided by the club. Come see what your cycling comrades look like in holiday wear (no bike shorts permitted).

Our address is 10214 N. Forrest Drive, Peoria, Illinois. Call Bill and Marge at 309693-9388 if you have questions.



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Submissions, including stories, news,
images, and/or humor are welcomed.
Deadline: 15th of each month

IVW On the Web

<http://www.geocities.com/ivw.geo>
enter the above as one line; no spaces

Wednesday Hikes

Looking for some outdoor winter
activity? Join us on Wednesdays at
4:30 PM at Forest Park Nature
Center. We will hike on December
5, 12, and 19.

Bring a flashlight and sturdy shoes.
After the hike, we will select a
restaurant for dinner. In the event of
snow, we will meet at the same
time at Donovan Golf Course for cross
country skiing.
Happy Trails,
Sheila Gribble

New Year's Day Ride

Start the New Year right... join us for
the first club ride the year!

When: 10 a.m. January 1, 2002

Where: 1202 S. 6th St, Pekin (The
Hill's)

Refreshments: Bring a covered dish to
share. (Beverages, plates and
utensils provided.)

Ride Length: Adjusted for the weather.

Level: All levels welcome. (It will be an
easy course.)

(In case of snow or ice, we can go
hiking.)

Directions to New Year's Ride:

Take Route 29 South to Pekin. Route
29 becomes 5th Street. Take 5th
Street all the way to beautiful
downtown Pekin, until you come to a
T. Turn left for one block. Turn right
at Post Office. Take 6th Street
several (about 4) blocks to Charles
Street. Turn left. Park in driveway on
left behind the brown house. Note:
There will be bike wheels in the front
yard.

For more info or directions, call Chris
Hill at 353-4194 or
e-mail dchill@bwsys.net.

Electronic version of the newsletter

As a service to the club members, the
board is looking into making the
newsletter available on the club
website in the pdf format. If you are
interested in this, think it's a good
idea, or maybe would be interested in
receiving a pdf copy via e-mail,
please let myself, Steve Kurt, or our
webmaster, Chris Hill, know. We
hope it can serve as a convenient
source of info.



IVW Meeting/Swap Meet

January 9 at 7 p.m.

Safety Town, Sheridan Road, Peoria

Bring your new or gently used bike
parts and accessories to the IVW
"Let's Make A Deal" Swap Meet.

From the League of Illinois Bicyclists:

In November 2001, the politics that
maintain cyclists as second class
citizens in Illinois are ripe for change.
The state's Supreme Court sports
new faces since it ruled in 1998 on
Boub vs. Wayne, and state legislative
districts will be redrawn in 2002.
For these reasons, the Chicagoland
Bicycle Federation and the League of
Illinois Bicyclists have decided to
forego pursuing legislation during this
fall's veto session. Instead, we'll start
to develop a strategy around the
changing districts. We think the
current court is likely to overturn Boub
if presented with the right case. But
we believe a legislative fix is more
attainable with our resources.
You can help us prepare for the battle
ahead. Know somebody injured
possibly by negligent street conditions
and unable to collect for
damages? Fill out the form at
www.biketraffic.org/crash, or call and
we can fax you one. Also, if you know
of bike facilities that have been halted
or cancelled, e-mail us at
ed@bikelib.org or call 630-978-0583.
And we'll work to restore bicyclists'
safety in 2002.

For more info, go to
<http://www.bikeLIB.org>

Day	Location	Start Time	Distance	Ride Level	Leader	Phone	Extras
Mon.	none						
Tues	Dunlap Grade school	5:30pm	20 to 25 miles	level 2 and up	Steve Kurt	243-7684	lights required
Wed	none						
Thur	none						
Fri	none						
Sat.	Washington Square	8:30am	30 - 40 miles	level 2 and up	Show and go	699-2790	
	Washington Square	8:30am	30 - 40 miles	beginner and up	Don Eberle		
Sun.	Metamora Square	1pm	varies	level 2 and up.	Jim and Sarah Emmons	246-2166	

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____
please print clearly

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 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

IVW Members Only!

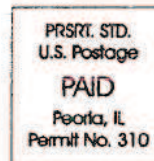
Free Introductory Spinning Class-December 11,2001, at 6:30pm

Spinning class will take you on flat roads, over hills, and through valleys, all set to motivating music, as easy or as intense as you desire. This is not your ordinary exercise cycle.

A free introductory class will be offered to IVW members on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30PM at Landmark Health Club. Wear summer riding clothes and bring water bottles and towel. Most of the cycles have toe cages..wear appropriate shoes (SPD shoes will fit in the cages).Just let the people at the front desk know you are with the IVW and you will be directed to the cycle room. If we have a large turn out we will be doing two 30 minute sessions instead of the normal 45 minute one. No showers are available for non-members of the club.

Call Kristi if you have questions. (685-9546)

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SHARE THE ROAD..MEMBER TIL:11/27/2001

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