



ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



greater peoria's bicycle club

September 2002

NO BALONEY

RIDE

Sept. 21st

Jubilee State Historic Site

Plans have begun for our Annual "No Baloney Ride" to be held - Saturday, September 21. In order to have a successful organized Pedal-In -- like it has been in the past, we need your assistance. Paula Douglas will be contacting you -- if she hasn't already - to ask for your continued support to make this year's ride another fun / big success. It was voted unanimously to keep the past great traditional 'themes' for our food stops.

Those being:

"German" at Princeville - Volunteers on-site - 4-two hour intervals -- 6-8 volunteers needed (7 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

"Hawaiian" at Hanna City - Volunteers - on-site - 2-2hour intervals - 4 volunteers needed (7:30 - 12 noon)

"French" at Elmwood - Volunteers on-site - 2- two hours intervals - 4 volunteers needed (9a.m. - 1 p.m.)

"American" at Chillicothe. Volunteers on-site - 2- 2 hour intervals - 4 Volunteers needed -- (9a.m. - 2 p.m.)

"Western" at Jubilee - Registration / Food Stop. Volunteers needed on-site all day at the "Western" Jubilee - 6 a.m. -- 6 p.m.

If you are unable to work on-site - but could volunteer food items please let us know! Chili, cookies, Hawaiian Cake, bread, muffins, veggies, are just some of the goodies that will be consumed by our hungry bikers.

Please call Paula Douglas, 637-1748 (home) or 675-5347 (work) / or Marge Semmens, 693-9388 to volunteer your time and talent for September 21.

Annual Poker Ride & Spaghetti Dinner At Dunlap Park Sept. 10, 2002

Our annual poker ride and spaghetti dinner will be on Tuesday September 10th. The ride will be about 10 miles. All levels of riders are welcome. Those less experienced riders should get started about 5:30 PM with the remainder of the riders starting about 6:00 PM. You will receive a map and will be picking up 4 cards in-route. The fifth card will be picked up on your return to Dunlap. The 5th card will also be your raffle ticket, so hold on to it.

When you return to the park you may begin the buffet line, which will consist of salad, Avanti's spaghetti, bread & butter. We should also have watermelon, cookies & drinks.

There will be prizes for winning the best poker hand as well as various door prizes. This ride is always great fun for all. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.50 for kids under 13 years old. This is "rain or shine", and non-refundable. If it rains, we'll skip the biking portion of the event.

You may sign-up with any of the club's week night ride leaders or send your check to :

Marge Semmens at 10214 N. Forrest Dr., Peoria, IL. 61615. We need to have a final head count Sept. 5th, so sign up early! Call Marge at 309-693-9388 for more information or to volunteer to help

I.V.W. Annual Banquet

Date: Saturday, November 9th

Where: Jonathan's in Sunnyland.

Time(s): Socializing can begin at 6pm, and dining will commence at 6:30.

Agenda: In addition to food, drink, and chatting with friends, there will be awards presented to outstanding club members. This also the time of year when board members are nominated and elected, so attendance is encouraged.

Further details will be forthcoming. Contact Sarah Emmons for any questions at 246-2166.

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..... Washington
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images, and/or humor are welcomed.
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IVW On the Web

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



Bureau County Ride

August 25, we will meet at the Pearce Center in Chillicothe at 8:00am to car pool / caravan up to Bureau Junction for the start of the ride. The ride will be for 40 - 50 miles through the small towns of Bureau County over some really nice back roads. There will be an optional 20 -30 miles at the end for those that want to ride farther. The route includes at least two Casey's, and if the group chooses to, we can plan on a meal in Princeton. Near the end of the route, those interested can make a stop at Hornbaker Gardens, one of the largest Hosta/Perennial Nurseries in the midwest.

If you have questions or need directions please call Mike Pula @ 243-9394.



Annual Fall Ride and Wiener Roast

where: Saturday September 28th at Jim & Sarah Emmons in Lacon.
when: Rides will leave at 4pm. Wiener Roast will begin around 6:30pm
who: All level of riders welcome.

There will be two rides. Jim will lead a level 2 and above ride with some hills to prepare for Hilly Hundred 30-35 miles. Sarah will lead a beginner/level 1 ride with only 1 or 2 hills 20-25 miles.

Hotdogs, drink and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or desert to share.

Please RSVP by calling (309) 246-2166. Directions: From Lacon Go east Rt 17 -turn Right on Washburn Rd go about 1/2 mile turn right 1300E (by cemetery) go 1.3 mile. You will go up and down a couple of hills. Gray two story house on right.



Tanner's Orchard Ride September 7th

Don Eberle's ride for Saturday, September 7th, will meet at Mossville Grade School @ 8:30 am and ride to Tanner's Orchard and back. The distance is approximately 40 miles. Ride leaders will be Don Eberle and Tom Parr

IVW meetings

There will not be any formal general meetings for the remainder of the year due to a large amount of biking and social activities that are planned (see the calendar of events). We will conduct a brief meeting at our September Fall Wiener Roast and at the annual banquet in November.

Marge Semmens, president

(another) Tanner's Orchard Ride October 20th

Greg Durst and Mike Pula will lead a 40 - 50 mile ride to Tanners Orchard on October 20. We will leave Pearce Center in Chilli at 9:00 Sunday morning. For anyone interested in more miles there will be a longer route option. Call Greg 243-9694 or Mike 243-9394 with any questions.

Update on Alfred

Sunday, September 8th, is the BIKE FOR St. JUDE --- meeting and riding with our German friend, Alfred Gunthor. The route is still not certain, due to Alfred's changing his route. He is ahead of schedule - and has decided to bike now from Minnesota (as of today) and return to St. Jude's in Memphis - and then return to Peoria. He will be biking from the South. We will plan a route South - South East (?); meeting him in the morning --- Time: TBA; and riding on then to Peoria / Jumer's...

5:00 p.m. Reception at Jumer's - Mozart Room followed by a 5:30 Buffet Dinner will be held. Please let Paula Douglas know if you / spouse / friend / will be attending this nice buffet dinner on Sunday evening, September 8. Paula's number at home: 637-1748; work: 675-5347. For those of you who were not able to make his departure dinner - please feel welcome to attend this event. You will have a great evening.

Reception / Dinner will be at no cost to you. I would like for you to consider making a personal donation to St. Jude / for Alfred / if you can. However, no obligation..

Also, please let Steve Kurt or Ron Douglas know if you are able to do the Sunday morning Bike for St. Jude. Meeting place / time / route / to be announced in the very near future. We don't want to miss anyone!

Paula Douglas



Bike Trail Debate Continues

The August 11th edition of the Journal Star contained letters to the editor debating the value of the proposed Rock Island bike trail extension. The argument against the trail contended that extension is not an economic stimulus, as claimed by George Burrier Jr, the author of an earlier piece that appeared in the Journal Star. The argument for the trail backs up Mr. Burrier's claim that the trail extension will enhance the quality of life for Peorians, thus justifying the funding of the extension.

With the current funding shortages both locally, and nationally, finding the funds for an extension will be difficult. This will provide even more time for people to debate the merit of bike trails.



News from the League of Illinois Bicyclists

Road Rage Motorist Found Guilty of Murdering Bicyclist

Carnell Fitzpatrick was found guilty of first-degree murder in killing Chicago bike messenger Tom McBride on April 26, 1999. Fitzpatrick reportedly ran over McBride with his truck after the two had exchanged angry remarks and gestures. Fitzpatrick fled the scene, but the license plate of his truck was found under McBride's body. Fitzpatrick now faces 20 to 60 years in prison. Details are at: http://www.chicagocriticalmass.org/mcbride_main.html

LIB Announces the First "GITAP" Bike Tour

LIB is teaming up with the IL Department of Natural Resources to hold the first Grand Illinois Trail and Parks (GITAP) ride from June 15-21, 2003. The ride will feature the Grand Illinois Trail and Illinois' state park system, with overnight stops at Starved Rock, Geneseo, Morrison-Rockwood, White Pines, Rock Cut, and Chain O' Lakes. Send a message to oestreich@qconline.com to be added to our mailing list. More details later.

IVW 2002 Ride Information

Thanks to the efforts of several club members the ride schedule for the year already includes a variety of weekly and special rides. There are rides for all levels of ability, and more will be added as the season grows closer. If you have any ride suggestions, please call Mike Pula 243-9394.

Weekly Rides

- Monday Dunlap Grade School; Marge Semmens 693-9388; beginners and anyone else who wants to ride a nice leisurely pace. Start time changes to 5:30pm on Sept 2nd. Last ride is Sept 30th.
- Tuesday Dunlap Grade School; Steve Kurt 243-7684; levels 2 & up; 6pm. As of Sept 3rd, start time is 5:30. Get your bike lights ready for October!
- Wednesday Pleasant Hill Grade School; Larry Paustian 694-3947 & Dirk McGuire 699-8482; levels 2 & up; 5:30.
- Thursday Coal Miners Park (Pekin); Jim Vaupel 353-6104; levels 2 & up; 6pm. Start time is expected to change to 5:30 on Sept 5th. The last ride of the season will be Sept 19th.
- Friday Pearce Center (Chillicothe); Jim & Sarah Emmons 246-2166; beginners and families; all levels; The start time will change to 5:30pm in September. The contact person for September will be Edith Albright 274-4849. The last ride of the season will be Sept 27th.
- Saturday Washington (on the square); no leader; 8:30; levels 2 & up; currently riding
- Saturday Russell's (Washington); Don Eberle 699-2790; 8:30 departure, starting in September; levels 2 & up.
- Sunday Evan Jones of Illinois Cycle will lead a training ride of 20 - 30 miles starting from the store at 8:00 am. The ride speed and distance will adjust to the group, however, it is generally for level 2 & up. Evan Jones 682-9346.

Rating Legend:

- Level 1: Beginner, less than 20 miles, less than 15mph, not self-sufficient.
Level 2: Intermediate, 20 - 50 miles, 15 to 18 mph, partially self-sufficient.
Level 3: Experienced, 50+ miles, 18+ mph, totally self-sufficient.

Special Rides

- Family Poker Ride; September 10, 6pm. This will replace the regular Tuesday night ride. Distance is approximately 10 miles. Dunlap Grade School; Marge Semmens 693-9388
- Road Apple Century September 15th, 8am. It is going to start at Lake Argyle (at the concession stand across from the boat docks) and meander around to plymouth, industry and other points of interest to get the 100 miles.
- Fall wiener roast ride; September 28 Jim and Sarah Emmons will once again lead a ride for all levels to be followed by a wiener roast at their home in Lacon. Details elsewhere in newsletter.

Invitational Rides

Here are some invitational rides in the area or those club members have highly recommended. Info on these and many other invitational rides can be found at Mike Bentley's web site: <http://mikebentley.com/bike/>

Capital City Century; September 9 Springfield Bicycle Club

Amish Country Bicycle Tour in Arthur; Sept 14th, Arthur, IL. Decatur Bicycle Club.

Mark McClure 217 454-9896. Info at www.decaturbicycleclub.org

No Baloney Ride - September 21. Bill Semmens 693-9388

Hilly Hundred - October 4,5 & 6 Bloomington, IN Billie Lane 317-255-6856

For Sale

Two wheelsets for sale:

- 2002 Zip 404 clincher wheelset. Aero, light and fast! \$700.
- 2000 Spinergy Spox clincher wheelset. \$200.

Call Pat at (309)-897-2801, ext. 112

No Baloney entry form

Need another entry form for the No Baloney ride on September 21st?

<p>Name #1 _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, ST, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>E-Mail _____</p> <p>Name #2 _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Minor Children:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Adults \$15 each before Sept. 9 -or- \$20 each late registration \$ _____</p> <p>Family rate \$40 before Sept. 9 -or- \$45 late registration \$ _____</p> <p>T-Shirts \$13 each</p> <p>S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL \$ _____</p> <p>Send to: Mike Pula 1404 Featherwood Dunlap, IL. 61525</p> <p><small>Disclaimer: In signing this form for myself and all minor named participants, I understand and agree to absolve all sponsoring organizations, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience as a result of participating in the No Baloney Ride, or any of the activities associated with said event. (Signatures are required of all adults, and parents or guardians of all minors on this registration form.)</small></p> <p>We (I) plan on riding the 25 50 75 100 mile route. (Circle one)</p>
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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

Summary of upcoming events:



Sept 9	Capital City Century
Sept 10	Family Poker Ride
Sept 14	Amish Country Bicycle Tour
Sept 21	No Baloney Ride
Sept 28	Fall wiener roast ride
Oct 4, 5 & 6	Hilly Hundred

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