

ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



greater peoria's bicycle club

October 2002



I.V.W. Annual Banquet

Date: Saturday, November 9th

Where: Jonathan's in Sunnyland.
2466 Washington Road.

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.

The meal will be buffet style, and is reasonably priced. Further details will be forthcoming. Contact Sarah Emmons for any questions at 246-2166.

(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.

2003 Board Members

Marge Semmens, current president, will be resigning from the board; Greg Durst, current vice president will fill that position for 2003. Ron Douglas has agreed to fill the vice president vacancy created by Greg. Both of these positions were filled by appointment by the Board of Directors according to the by laws. A majority vote by our membership at our annual meeting will be required to ratify these appointments.

Celeste Hanson will fill the vacancy of mailings for 2003; Bonnie Johnson has agreed to fill the social vacancy. These two positions require only Board appointment.

The Board has created a new position for next year to handle the monthly membership meetings. This is a well defined position and would be a great opportunity to get involved with the club. We are seeking a volunteer for this position; call Marge Semmens if you require additional information or if you are interested.

Rails to Trails Liaison

Dirk McGuire has agreed to be the IVW liaison to the RTA. Article II of the IVW constitution states that one of the club's purposes is "to encourage public facilities for bicycling including bicycling paths, trails, and roads." Dirk is currently on the RTA Board and will be responsible for updating the IVW Board on issues as well as keeping the general membership informed by submitting articles for publication in our newsletter.

Volunteers Needed

As always we are in need of volunteers to work on the 2003 "No Baloney Ride" including a Ride Chair plus other ride committee people. Call Mike Pula to volunteer.

We are also looking for an individual to work with the Tri County Regional Planning Commission to give input regarding cyclists needs when planning roads in our area. Contact Greg Durst if you are interested.

New Members

Steve Conway Morton
Christopher Maushard..... Peoria
Sandy & Branden Velde .. Peoria

Renewing Members

Jerry Allen..... Morton
Terry & John Bierre
..... Washington
Brian & Sarah Egeberg ... Morton
Mike Joslin Peoria^
Dirk & Michelle McGuire &
family E. Peoria
Ken & Noreen Mettelmann.....
..... Groveland^
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Tim & Stella O'Hanlon ... Peoria^
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Mary Reiter Peoria
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Larry Wegman Pekin
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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

40+ at Annual Poker Ride

This year's ride was a great success despite the high winds and threatening rain. Most everyone was able to complete the 10 mile route without getting wet. The highest poker hands were held by Kim White, Jackie Robbins, and Mary Reiter who all received great prizes. Most other attendees also received door prizes thanks to our local bike shops: Bushwhacker, Illinois Cycle, Lil Ades, and Russells.

A special thanks to our route planner and sweep, Steve Kurt and to our corners; Tom & Edith Albright, Jim Williams, Jim Vaupel, and Janelle Emmons.

Interplanetary Ride Report

This was the 8th year for the Interplanetary Bicycle Ride, and for the third straight year in August we avoided 90 degree temperatures, although this year was close, topping out at 89 degrees. Luckily, the day started in the 60's, capping a week of very pleasant temperatures. A light preregistration was more than doubled on the day of the ride, with a final total of 141, including families, and 14 new riders showed up for Sunday's city ride through the inner solar system, bringing the total to 155 (identical to last year's).

As in past years, riders enjoyed great premiums, fine food in generous amounts, interesting routes, timely sag service and personal attention to their problems, fascinating displays & sunspot viewing, well organized rest areas, and a perfect facility for registration and end-of-ride pasta. Virtually every aspect of the ride was special.

Riders came from 5 states, and 43% came from outside the tri-county area, 34% more than 50 miles away, and 63% were on the ride for the first time. Our survey of riders also showed a clear preference for

our August date, so next year we will keep the ride the 2nd weekend in August, the 9/10th of August 2003.

Every year we have so many people and groups to thank. This year the full list includes:

Sponsor

Midtown Imports

Partners

Peoria Academy of Sciences
Peoria Astronomical Society
Illinois Valley Wheelm'n
Recreational Trail
Advocates/Friends of the Rock
Island Trail

Volunteers

From the Wheelm'n:

Eric Hutchison
Marge & Bill Semmens
Larry Paustian
Ron Jetton
Lynne Anderson-Loy
Alan Carr
Mike Pula
Bill Clark

Mary Ann Schafer
Bert & Greet Princen
Carol Kozlevcar
Scott Hay
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The Tushtuli
Kewanee YMCA
Rock Island Trail State Park
Village of Dunlap
Village of Princeville

RTA NEWS

The Recreational Trail Advocates had their monthly meeting on 9-10-02. Topics discussed included the Kickapoo Creek Greenway Project. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission got \$15,000 to go toward a study of streambank stabilization. This is for the canoe trail from Wildlife Prairie Park to Bartonville.

The Kellar Branch Trail has been one of the hot topics in the editorial page. The big hold-up is the need of an easement across CILCO property as many of you know. George Burrier has been in contact with Ameren Corp. of St. Louis and they seem to be very agreeable. Unfortunately they cannot commit to anything until the sale of CILCO is approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Justice, the Securities & Exchange Commission, and the Illinois Commerce Commission. We are sending them some maps and additional info to bring their Manager of Economic Development up to speed on this and hopefully sway him to our way of thinking.

George next got in touch with Steve Van Winkle. He is working on the rail spur enhancement despite these holdups. Steve said that CILCO wants \$210,000 for the easement across their property. Poles have to be moved and lost parking spaces have to be made up for. The City of Peoria, we believe has accepted this price as reasonable, to get this project rolling. The Park District has the grant to do the trail but this money cannot be spent on land acquisition. Now would be a great time for our members to write editorials to PJS and help sway the general public on the good of this RECREATIONAL TRAIL. The strange misconception by the public is that the average person isn't going to use this trail. They also can see no economic benefit to the area. We, as cyclists, know how these trails benefit the communities we live in. We also know how much cash we spend for

meals and boarding when we travel to other trails.

HIKEMABIKA, On Sunday, October 13, the Friends of the Hennepin Canal are having a special event. It all takes place at Geneseo Campgrounds, 11:30 to 5:00. Hike, bike or canoe, at your own pace. When this trail is finished it will be 105 miles long.

October 25, 2002 a Greenways and Trail conference is scheduled at Wildlife Prairie. Many exceptional panelists will be speaking. Public welcome.

A new group, Western Illinois Network for Trails and Greenways, WINTAG, has just formed and are cutting their teeth on a 71 mile long recently abandoned TPW track from LaHarpe east to Mapleton. This could be a great future tie in to the Peoria area. If you are interested in more info they have can be reached at [HTTP://www.wintag.org](http://www.wintag.org)

If anyone has questions on any of these projects, give me a call. Thanks Dirk McGuire

Blaze the trail on a brand new, grand new ride

A new seven-day bicycle tour is coming to America -- put on by the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The ride will boost bicycling as a health and fitness incentive to ride the trails and roads of northern Illinois - and to visit and experience some very unique natural resources - Illinois State Parks.

Much of the route will be on the Grand Illinois Trail and riders will camp in Illinois State Parks along the way (with motel or cabin opportunities close to every one of the overnight sites.)

The ride is called the Grand Illinois Trail And Parks ride, or GITAP. And although the ride is still in the planning stage, both the LIB and the IDNR have agreed that it will take place next year from Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21. So after getting in shape with spring and early summer

rides, you'll be set for a relatively leisurely week exploring the grand concept of the Grand Illinois Trail.

This will be the first ride sponsored cooperatively by the LIB and The IDNR; consequently ridership will be kept within limits. If you're interested at this early date, mail or call and your name will be put in our reserved file. You will be sent a registration brochure as soon as it is printed.

As of now, these are the features of this unique trail and parks ride:

- A seven day, six nights, ride of about 60-70 miles a day.
- Starting on Sunday, June 15, 2003, and ending on Saturday, June 21.
- The route follows the Grand Illinois Trail for much of its length.
- Overnight camping in Illinois' State Parks, for the most part.
- Each overnight is also close to a town with motel accommodations.
- Breakfasts and dinners provided - lunch on your own.
- Evening meetings sometimes with entertainment and discussion.
- The ride starts close to Chicago, in the western suburbs (Oswego).

The route includes the following overnights:

- Starved Rock State Park
- Geneseo
- Morrison/Rockwood S. P.
- White Pines S. P.
- Rock Cut S. P.
- Chain O' Lakes S. P.

We would love to have you blaze the trail on this brand new, grand new ride.

GITAP
Chuck Oestreich
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Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 788-1845
oestreich@qconline.com

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 none.
- Tuesday Dunlap Grade School; Steve Kurt 243-7684; levels 2 & up; 5:30pm. Get your bike lights ready for October! While we'll start in daylight, I plan to get back to Dunlap before sunset, and then perhaps do some more riding in the dark. After the return to Standard Time, the ride will be completely in the dark (you always suspected it, didn't you?).
- Wednesday Pleasant Hill Grade School; Larry Paustian 694-3947 & Dirk McGuire 699-8482; levels 2 & up; 5:30.
- Thursday none.
- Friday none
- 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

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. RSVP by calling (309) 246-2166.

Invitational Rides

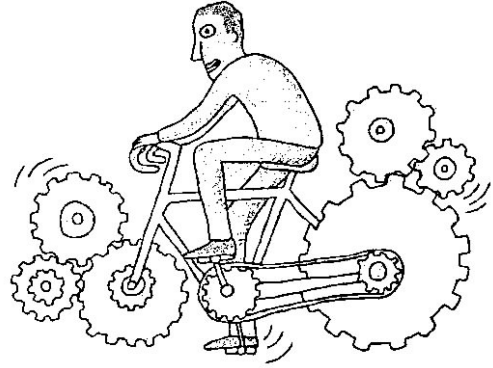
Here are some invitational rides in the area or those club members have highly recommended. Info on these and many other invitational rides can be found at Mike Bentley's web site: <http://mikebentley.com/bike/>

Ride to the Depot - Sept 29th, White Heath, IL (near Champaign). (217) 352-7600, or <http://www.champaigncycle.com/>

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

Interested in the state of bicycle technology?

There will be a joint meeting of the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) and SWE (Society of Women Engineers) on October 30th discussing this very topic!



Details:

Topic: Modern Bicycle Technology

Speaker: Joe Russell

Time: Social 5:30pm

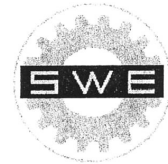
Dinner 6:00pm

Tech Session 7:00pm

Location: Lariat Club in Peoria

Cost: \$15.00 (students \$5.00)

Dinner choices: Chopped Sirloin, Chicken Breast, or Jumbo Shrimp



RSVP to Tonya Garrett by October 23rd. garrett_tonya@cat.com or 266-0472

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:



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| Sept 28 | Fall Ride and Weiner Roast
(Sarah says "bring a lawn chair") |
| Sept 29 | Ride to the Depot |
| Oct 4, 5 & 6 | Hilly Hundred |
| Oct 20 | Tanner's Orchard Ride |
| Oct 30 | ASME dinner and presentation on Bike Technology |
| Nov 9 | Annual IVW Banquet |

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