

ILLINOIS VALLEY **WHEELM'N**



greater peoria's bicycle club

November 2002



IVW Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be hosted this year by Bill & Marge Semmens. The festivities will commence at 7:00 P. M., Saturday, December 14th. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share, drinks etc will be provided by the club. Come enjoy your fellow cyclists and families. No bike shorts allowed but dress is casual as always. The address is 10214 N. Forrest Drive, Peoria, Illinois. Call Bill or Marge at 309-693-9388 if you have questions.



I.V.W. Annual Banquet

Date: Saturday, November 9th

Where: Kenyon's in Lacon. Please note that is a change from the last newsletter.

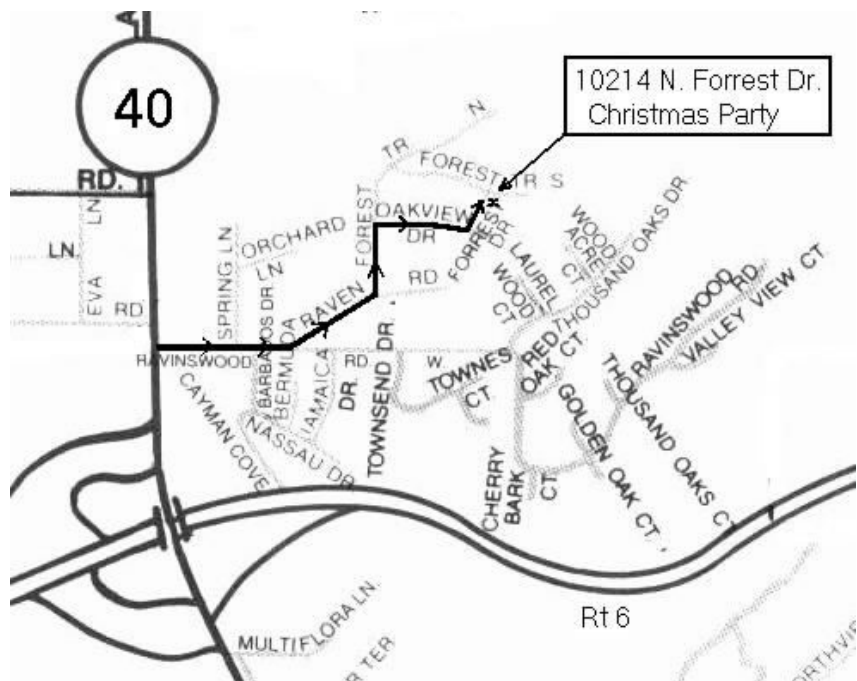
Time(s): Socializing can begin at 6pm, and dining will commence at 6:30.

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.

RSVP to Sarah Emmons by November 6th to make reservations, or for any questions. Sarah can be reached at 246-2166, or sarah.emmons@osfhealthcare.org.

New Years Day Host/Hostess Needed

The club needs a volunteer to host the New Year's Day ride and party. Generally people bring a dish to share and there always seems to be plenty. Ride length varies depending on weather. About 15 to 20 people have attended in the past. Please call Marge at 693-9388 if you are interested.



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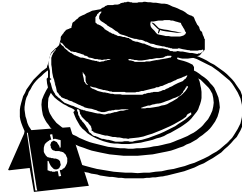
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Submissions, including stories, news,
images, and/or humor are welcomed.
Deadline: 15th of each month

IVW On the Web

<http://www.geocities.com/ivw.geo>

enter the above as one line; no spaces



Saturday Morning Finale Ride November 2, 2002

The traditional end of season ride for the Russell's Saturday morning group is a ride to Armington for a community sponsored pancake meal – donations accepted – all you can eat. We'll start from Tremont's swimming pool (on the main drag, north side, just across from downtown at 8:30am. 50 miles, level II & III. We'll be riding all winter, depending on road conditions, but the rides will not be scheduled, call to join in.

Questions? Contact Don Eberle 699-2790 or Larry Paustian 694-3947.



Late-breaking news on Rails-to-Trails

Hopefully by the time the newsletter gets to us we will have heard an announcement from Bonnie Noble about the Kellar Branch. The right of way issue with Cilco should be resolved.

There is an RTA media event at the Intersection of the Rock Island Trail and Allen Road at 1:00 p.m., November 9th. The purpose is to get Peoria to raise elevation of Allen Road over the Trail. Please show up on your bikes. Thanks.

Dirk McGuire

There Ought'a Be a Law!

by Chuck Oestreich, League of Illinois Bicyclists

Well there is -- many of them, pertaining exclusively to biking in Illinois. Do you know them? Well, sure you do, but wouldn't it be great to have them on hand in print when something comes up that demands a knowledge of the law?

To the rescue: the LIB, with the help of the SRAM Corporation, the makers of Gripshift. Together, they have printed 10,000 bike law cards, small enough to be carried in a wallet, containing selected Illinois bike laws. The cards will be distributed to bike clubs, shops, events, and other bicycling outlets. You can download it at www.bikelib.org/boubcase/bikelaws.pdf

The purpose of this card is for bicyclists' safety. Many bicyclists, motorists and law enforcement officers don't know the traffic law as it pertains to bicyclists. This card will help bicyclists:

1. understand their rights and responsibilities
2. explain the law to motorists who question bicyclists' right to ride on streets and roads, and
3. resolve minor disputes with law enforcement officials.

Major laws printed on the handy cards include the following:
bicyclist's status,

- lane positioning,
- left turns,
- riding two abreast,
- hand signals,
- use of sidewalks,
- lights and other equipment
- two or more on a bike, and
- parental responsibility.

Also available from LIB is our "Recommended Bicycle Safety Education Materials", briefly listing our suggestions on bike safety books, videos, websites, classes, and bike rodeos. It's on-line at www.bikelib.org/Education/education2002.html

NO BALONEY RIDE

No Baloney Rides Again

Like I've said for the many years that I've been chairman of the Peoria Pedal-in, now affectionately called the No Baloney Ride, we had a record number of people and no one was killed. Thanks to the help of a great number of volunteers, the ride was a success. Let's see if I can remember some of the statistics. We had 276 riders this year. Most from central Illinois, but we also had riders from Champaign, Decatur, the Chicago area as well as Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan and Oklahoma. We even had an inquiry from The Netherlands.

The ride was profitable and should keep us in the black for a while longer. There are a lot of the people that worked very hard to make this ride a great success. It would take most of the newsletter just to list all those people. And, since I don't have a complete list in front of me and I don't want to forget anyone, I'm just going to list the committee chairs for now. Most of these people have worked on the ride since June. We all met every Thursday night at our house to plan and review the many details that needed to be addressed to make it happen at all.

Mike Pula and his crew ran the registration. That's one of the behind the scenes job that take a lot of time and doesn't usually get much credit. Paula Douglas and her food stop people saw to it that we were all fed with some very tasty foods and treats. Steve Kurt and his route crew gave us some very interesting, if not challenging, routes this year. Brad Niemcek handled publicity and put the word out to some 20+ newspapers in the area. Larry Davis designed the shirts. Tom Parr, from Parr's Silkscreen Graphics said he really enjoyed doing the shirts. So, next time you run into these people or any of the other "day-of-the-ride" workers, take a few minutes to thank them for all they did. You know, no one gets paid to provide this type of service or to do any of the other activities that the club offers. That's why your "Thank-You" means so much in keeping this club going.

Finally I'd like to offer a big thank you to the sag drivers. This year the service was provided by Russell's Cycle & Fitness Center in Washington, Illinois Cycle and Bushwhackers in Peoria and Little Ade's in Pekin. Please stop by to let them know we appreciate their support and buy a new bike while you're there (your spouse will understand)

Each food stop had its own chairman this year. That was Paula's idea and may carry on to next year. Lynn Anderson-Loy and crew ran the French food stop in Elmwood, Bill & Brenda Clark and crew ran the Hawaiian stop in Hanna City, the Peoria Bike Club manned the Chillicothe Italian stop and Jim and Sarah Emmons and crew were the Germans in Princeville.

There is one more group of people to thank. They are the cooks. You are the people that made this ride what it has become. The No Baloney is known far and wide for its food. This is the only ride I know about that has as much home made food to offer. That's the reason I chair the ride each year, so I can have first shot at sampling all of the goodies. Thanks gang, you did a great job.

I wish the club well with this ride. Its always a lot of fun chairing it. However, I think its time for new leadership and will be stepping down as chair. All the club members have been very supportive and I thank everyone that was ever involved in the ride for all your help. I think I've chaired about 12 years worth of rides, so that's a lot of volunteers. I'm leaving the ride in good hands, however. As I understand it, several people that worked this year have already volunteered for chairmanships for next year. Keep your eyes and ears open the learn more about it as we start the 2003 season.

Bill Semmens
No Baloney Chairman (Retired)

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. Lights are definitely required! This ride usually dwindles away to nothing midway through November, but call or e-mail if you are interested.
Wednesday none.
Thursday none.
Friday none
Saturday Washington (on the square); no leader; 8:30; levels 2 & up;
Saturday Russell's (Washington); Don Eberle 699-2790; 8:30 departure; 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

None scheduled. Club members are encouraged to organize short or long rides, either local or distant. Please contact the ride chair or club officers if you have questions about how to do this.

Invitational Rides

None scheduled. Info on invitational rides can be found at Mike Bentley's web site:
<http://mikebentley.com/bike/>

Interested in having a copy of the Illinois Bicycle laws summarized by the League of Illinois Bicyclists, but don't have web access? Just cut out the copy below, fold it over, and keep it handy in your wallet or on your bike!

These excerpts from the Illinois Vehicle Code are brought to you by the League of Illinois Bicyclists, the state-wide advocacy voice for all Illinois bicyclists, promoting bicycle access, education, and safety.

For your safety, we urge you to observe the Illinois bicycle laws when you ride. We also encourage you to protect your head by wearing a helmet.



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Illinois Bicycle Laws

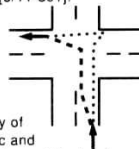
[Bracketed numbers are Vehicle Code 625 ILCS]

Bicyclist's Status-Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with certain exceptions. [5/11-1502]

Lane Positioning-When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at less than normal traffic speed, ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway except:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or
2. When preparing for a left turn; or
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
4. When riding on a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes. Here, bicyclists may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable. [5/11-1505]

Left Turns- Bicyclists may choose between a vehicular-style left turn or a pedestrian-style left turn [5/11-1510]. For vehicular-style left turns, proceed as if driving a vehicle, moving to the left lane or the left side of a single lane prior to the intersection. [5/11-801]. For pedestrian-style left-turns, riding near the right side of the roadway, cross the intersecting roadway, stop (as much as practicable out of the way of traffic), yield to any traffic and proceed in the new direction, while obeying any official traffic control device or police officer. [5/11-1510]



Riding 2 Abreast- Riding 2 abreast is permitted as long as the normal and reasonable movement of traffic is not impeded. Riding more than 2 abreast is prohibited except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. [5/11-1505.1]

Hand Signals- Bicyclists are required to give the same turn signals as motorists. [5/11-804]. Signal not less than the last 100 feet before the turn, and while the bicycle stopped waiting to turn. Signals need not be given continuously if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle. [5/11-1511]

Use of Sidewalks- Local ordinance may prohibit bicyclists from using sidewalks. Where permitted, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and give audible signals before passing pedestrians. Bicyclists using sidewalks have all the rights and duties of pedestrians. [5/11-1512]

Lights and Other Equipment on Bicycles- For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector. Equipment required on new bicycles sold includes pedal reflectors, side reflectors and an essentially colorless front facing reflector. [5/11-1507]

Two or More on a Bike- Bicycles shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a back pack or sling. [5/11-1503]

Parental Responsibility- The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this Code. [5/11-1501]

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:



Oct 30	ASME dinner and presentation on Bike Technology
Nov 2	Pancake ride to Armington
Nov 9	Annual IVW Banquet

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