



January
2012

AFFILIATED CLUB

www.ivwheelmn.org

THE GREATER PEORIA AREA'S BICYCLE CLUB

Attention!!

January IVW Board Meeting
will be on Thursday, January
12th, 2012 starting at 6 PM

We meet at the Peoria Panera
(2601 West Lake Avenue)

All are Welcome to Attend!!



*Happy
New Year
Fellow
IVWers!*

**Remembering
one of the club members
who started it all...
Les Siegrist**

See Page 4

First I would like to extend a giant THANK YOU to everyone who attended the annual end-of-year members meeting at Rhythm Kitchen Café in November. It was wonderful to see so many members come together and celebrate another fantastic year of cycling in Central Illinois. Unfortunately, the night left most of us with a not-so-wonderful feeling as the total cost of the meal was higher than any of us expected - including those involved in the event planning process.

Want to give back??

**IVW Club
Service Opportunities**

**See the article on
Page 5**

As board members, we wish to sincerely apologize to everyone who attended for this shock and inconvenience. We've been in contact with the owner of Rhythm Kitchen, and she is in full agreement of the miscommunication and confusion involving our event. In order to help correct the issue and maintain happy future customers, both parties are working out a plan to make restitution to our club and those members who attended. Once this plan has been agreed upon, a letter with further details will be sent out to members who came to the event.

ON THE INSIDE

Club Officers	Page 2
New/Renew Members	Page 2
Upcoming Renewals	Page 3
Local News	Page 4/5
Mileage Competition	Page 6
State & National News	Page 7
Classified Ads/For Sale	Page 8
Ride Schedule	Page 9
Membership Form	Page 9
Calendar of Events	Page 10

Again, we sincerely apologize, and pledge the 2012 event will be more reasonably priced, while still retaining the fun and welcoming atmosphere of the IVW. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and here's hoping for a short winter!

Sincerely,
Chris Salvador and the IVW Board

Welcome, New Members:

Carol Beatty... Chillicothe

Thanks to Renewing Members:

Richard & Janice Anderson... Morton
 Donna Goelz... Peoria
 Sam & Linda Kent... Morton
 Steve & Terry Meismer... Peoria
 Mike Pula... Dunlap *^
 Randy & Marsha Ray... Peoria
 Marvin Schmidt... Eureka ^

Lifetime Members:

Charlie & Jane SieckDunlap

(^ LIB/LAB Membership *Advocacy donation)

Familiar Scene?



Think Spring!

IVW CHAIRPERSONS**PRESIDENT:**

Mike Honnold 309-696-2591
cannondale_25@juno.com

VICE PRESIDENT:

Chris Salvador 309-229-1404
kidentropy818@yahoo.com

SECRETARY:

Chris Salvador 309-229-1404
kidentropy818@yahoo.com

TREASURER:

Lori Boland 309-231- 1723
lorib1723@gmail.com

RIDE CHAIRPERSON:

Liz Born 309-369-8657
cchristi52@comcast.net

2012 NO BALONEY RIDE CHAIR:

Morgan Clay Grigsby 309-363-3066
morganclaygrigsby@gmail.com

SOCIAL CHAIR:

OPEN

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Doug Eccles 309-699-0197
bullet3082@comcast.net

MAILING:

Val Lindner 309-241-0293
lindner4@comcast.net

DATABASE:

Chris Salvador 309-229-1404
kidentropy818@yahoo.com

ADVOCACY/GOV.REL.

Gregg Bittner 309 - 258-1463
cmbittner@comcast.net

WEBMASTER:

Justin McWhirter 309- 694-3736
justin.mcwhirter@gmail.com
 IVW Website: <http://www.ivwheelmn.org>

EDITOR:

Jennifer Sandenaw 309-360-2560
trisandi00@gmail.com

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE:www.signmeup.com/67269Visit our website, www.ivwheelmn.org for a link to signmeup.com

Current info as of: 12/16/2011 10:31pm

Last Name	First Name	Renewal Date
ALCARAZ	DAN	01/21/2012
ALEXANDER	ROB	11/02/2011
BECKER	JIM	03/05/2012
BILLON	JEAN-MARIE	02/04/2012
BOSWELL	CHERYLL	01/09/2012
BREJC	JACK	03/17/2012
CARTER	TERRY	01/29/2012
COFFEY	JENNEFER	11/11/2011
DAGGS	STEVE	11/09/2011
DEVORE	JAMES	03/28/2012
DRAKE	BARB	03/30/2012
EMMONS	JIM	12/11/2011
EVANS	AMBER	03/27/2012
GREEN	CORA LYNN	12/04/2011
GRIBBLE	SHEILA	01/01/2012
GROSS	THOMAS	01/09/2012
HANSEN	SHEILA	01/09/2012
HOLMES	BILL	01/20/2012
HOUSE	DAVID	03/02/2012
HUGGINS	JACK	03/10/2012
HUTCHISON	ERIC	01/03/2012
JOSLIN	MIKE	02/28/2012
KLOKKENGA	MARK E	11/01/2011
KOLLAR	TODD	03/22/2012
LAGODA	AL	02/28/2012
LANGFORD	RUSS	11/02/2011

This is a list of members whose membership is either two months past due, or have a membership needing renewed within the next two months.

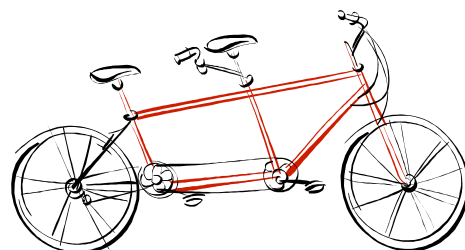
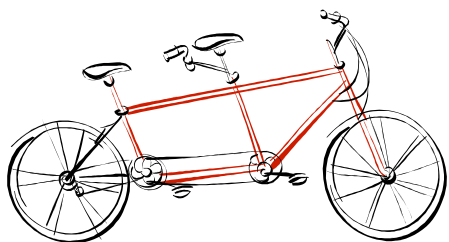
There is a two month grace period on expiring membership, but once that is up, you will no longer get the newsletter.

Now that the electronic edition is released, this list will serve as your reminder to renew.

The IVW does not send out bills or notices, but requests that members keep track of the expiration of their annual memberships, and submit their payments accordingly.

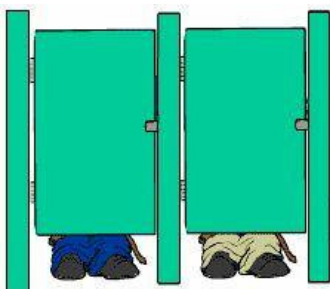
Please check your paper mailing label or this spot in the e-newsletter, for the expiration date of your membership
Thank you.

LEWIS	TERESA	03/27/2012
MC GARVEY	KEN	03/05/2012
MC GRATH	TIM	03/17/2012
MC MURRAY	LOU	02/10/2012
MOORE	RICHARD	02/16/2012
PARSONS	GEORGE	02/25/2012
PORTER	JERRY	03/05/2012
PUTMAN	CLAIRE	03/22/2012
READING	JIM	12/12/2011
ROBERTSON	SUE	11/06/2011
SAGE	PATTY	01/09/2012
SALVADOR	CHRIS	03/09/2012
SAMP	MICHAEL	03/11/2012
SEMMENS	BILL	03/09/2012
SIMKINS	LINDA	12/26/2011
SMISER	FRED B	02/14/2012
SMITH	QUINTON	01/28/2012
STASH	FRANK	01/25/2012
SWANSON	TERRY	11/08/2011
TERRY	RACHEL	02/24/2012
THERRY	MICHAEL	01/29/2012
VOEGELI	TOM	03/21/2012
WETTSTEIN	MAGGI	03/15/2012
WIEBURG	DONALD	02/03/2012
WILLIAMS	KRISTI	02/27/2012
WONG	SHAI M	02/24/2012
WOODHOUSE	CHARLOTTE	01/30/2012



AROUND THE PEORIA AREA

Pssst!!
“HAVE YOU
HEARD THE NEWS?”



Les Siegrist

By Mike Honnold

We recently lost Les Siegrist, one of our long-time IVW members. While I did not know Les personally, I've heard his name come up a few times in connection with the early days of the club & starting rides that eventually became the No Baloney. I think we owe Les a debt of gratitude for his work with the club, and starting events we still enjoy to this very day!

WASHINGTON - Lester E. Siegrist, 75, of Washington was pronounced dead at his residence on Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at 9:50 p.m. He was born May 4, 1936, in Peoria to Robert A. and Evelyn Mary Linebaugh Siegrist. Lester is survived by his three children, Andrew (Tina) Siegrist of Bartonville, David (Sarah) Siegrist of Kankakee and Beckie Coovert of Oswego; six grandchildren, Bethany Coovert, Heather (Ben) Arnold, Drew Siegrist, Jeremy Siegrist, Megan Siegrist and Logan Siegrist; and one great-granddaughter, Scarlett Arnold. He is also survived by his brother, John (Linda) Siegrist of East Peoria, and his sister, Susan (Bruce) Evans of Princeville. He was preceded in death by his parents. Lester was raised working in the family furniture business in Peoria, Siegrist Furniture and Appliance. He then worked 35 years for Montgomery Ward in Peoria in service repair. He retired from there in 2001. After retirement he worked for Uftring Auto Group as a courtesy driver.

He had a passion for fast cars and bicycling and loved to square dance.

He was a member of Illinois Valley Wheelm'n and B&B square dance club in Creve Coeur.

IVW Membership Directory By Mike Honnold

Many people join the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n simply for any opportunity to meet new cyclists who can be pulled into their pool of social contacts. Many times these new contacts are made at rides, or they may even formulate over a meal at one of our IVW social events. Regardless, who doesn't hate coming home from these events only to find you've forgotten or lost a slip of paper with your new contact's email written on it? Arggh!! This very event has happened to me many times in the past, and I know it will happen again in the future.

At least for your IVW social contacts, a plan is being put into place to eliminate the possibility of losing any member's contact information. Many years ago, the IVW released a yearly paper copy of the membership directly in booklet form. This membership directory was usually released in a spring newsletter, and contained most current record of our club members' contact information. We have not released one of these directories in 2-3 years due to changes in board members, and too many other important things going on. Beginning in spring 2012, we would like to release a copy of the IVW membership directory once again to **CLUB MEMBERS ONLY** via security-enhanced PDF file. Our directory would be released 1-2 times a year to club members only, and it would never be placed on our website to eliminate the possibility of identity theft. Members also have the option to remove their information from the directory entirely or selectively by item. Entries will appear as follows. If you would NOT like your information contained in this directory, please contact me at 309-696-2591 OR cannondale_25@juno.com. Thank you!

Michael & Katrina Honnold
1822 West Bel Aire Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61614
309-696-2591 cannondale_25@juno.com

From the Editor

by Jennifer Sandenaw

Hi everybody! I am very excited to become the new Newsletter Editor for the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n Club.

Before I introduce myself I want to say, please be sure to give a huge THANK YOU to Bill Clark for being the Newsletter Editor for the past three years. Our first meeting to transition the newsletter was on the evening of his birthday. Now that is dedicated! I hope he made it out for beers afterwards!

As your new Newsletter Editor and somewhat new to the club, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself.

I have only been cycling since spring of 2010. In fact, I started cycling for a triathlon going only 10 miles each ride. At the time, I had a Specialized Sirrus – a hybrid bicycle. By the end of 2010, I completed three triathlons and the No Baloney 50-miler.

At the beginning of 2011, I knew the year was going to go up in mileage on the bicycle so I needed to find a bicycle that would fit my events. Honestly, I didn't search too hard because I knew that I wanted to stay in the Specialized "family" and I decided on the Specialized Amira. This year alone it has gotten me through two Half Ironman events, TOMRV (Tour of the Mississippi River Valley), No Baloney 100-miler, and Ironman Cozumel.

TOMRV was my first big cycling event. We started on Saturday and rode a very hilly 107 miles. On Sunday morning, I am most certain that I yelled out loud "Ohmigosh!!! That hurts!!!" as soon as I sat back in the saddle. The more experienced cyclists laughed at me, while I prayed it would numb soon. Finally, after mile 1, it did numb and we rode another 99 miles.

Through the past two years, I have really enjoyed cycling as my triathlon training and I look forward to more. We will be doing TOMRV again in 2012. Let me know if you will be there!

Stay warm!

Jennifer

IVW Club Service Opportunities

By Mike Honnold

Recently, two opportunities have come up for our IVW members who may be wanting to give something back to the club.

First of all, due to work and other family commitments, Amber Marcu has elected to retire from her social chair position after one year of service. We will certainly miss Amber's warm personality and ability to make everybody feel welcome at our social events! Because to Amber's retirement, we are now looking for another IVW member to step into her "party planning" shoes, and become our new club social coordinator. This position involves planning any social event the IVW may have during the year. For example, in the past we've had spring supper socials, Christmas parties, New Year's parties, winter socials, etc.. Not to say we'd need to have ALL these events, but I do know our members like to get together and party down! Please contact me at cannondale_25@juno.com OR 309-696-2591 if you are interested in this responsibility.

Secondly, Cora Lynn Green has decided to give up her adopted trash pickup coordinator position. For those of you who may not know, in 2008 our IVW club president at the time (Kathy John), took it upon herself to adopt a section of Parks School Road in Peoria County for the club to help pick up trash 2-4 times a year. Since this time, Cora Lynn assumed coordination responsibilities of this volunteering opportunity, but unfortunately no longer has the availability to help out. To complicate matters, the same IVW members assisted each time with helping pickup the trash, and are now also suffering from a case of burnout. We are now looking for another IVW member who may be interested in coordinating our trash pickup of Parks School Road twice a year (spring/fall). Your responsibilities would include determining what date/time for the pickup, coordinating all volunteers, and then assisting with the pickup. I coordinate the Peoria Bicycle Club trash pickup of Grange Hall Road, and I'd estimate that I spend approximately 6 hours of my time per year. If nobody steps forward before spring, we will be required to give up our adopted section of highway, due to the fact we are currently between contract years. Picking up the trash along this highway is a great way for our members to give back to the community, so please step forward!!

IVW Customized Clothing Opportunity

By Mike Honnold

You may have recently seen the IVW polo shirts your board members have been wearing to various club events w/ our new IVW logo. Now YOU have the opportunity to own one of these sharp-looking shirts – in addition to many other clothing items. The IVW is partnering with Embroid Me of Peoria to offer the IVW logo on many different articles of clothing & outerwear. Keep in mind – this is NOT a mass clothing order similar to the bike jerseys/shorts of a few years ago. If you are interested in IVW apparel, visit Embroid Me located at 4700 North University Street (Suite #61) in Peoria and they will help you out! Embroid Me is located a few storefronts directly SOUTH of Bushwhacker's parking lot. If you have any questions about the items or ordering process, please give me a call; 696-2591. Thank you!

2011/2012 IVW Club Mileage Competition (below)

Join the ranks of those individuals keeping tabs on their club mileage. This is a friendly competition aimed at promoting cycling. Anyone can join in. Just email your information to cannondale_25@juno.com. Accolades are given at the Annual Dinner in November of each year. Mileage totals run November thru October of each year.

Want to know how electronic newsletters are saving the club money? Below is a breakdown of paper copies of the newsletter cost and ideas on how we could better use the money from your memberships. So, when you renew your membership, think about how your money could be better spent.

Cost to print newsletter = \$1.00 each.

Cost to mail newsletter = \$.44 each.

Total Cost to print/mail newsletters for a year = \$17.28

Price of a single IVW Club membership = \$15.00

Price of a family IVW Club membership = \$20.00

Ways your membership dollar can be better utilized by the IVW:

Sponsoring Bike to Work Week events (Ride of Silence)

Sponsoring Peoria Area Bicycle Map printing

Assisting with Bikes for Kids expenses/parts

Better marketing of No Baloney Ride

More features of No Baloney Ride

Rider Name	November 2011 Mileage	2011/2012 Total Miles
Dennis Tresenriter	385	385
Steve Kurt	318.08	318.08
Steve Berger	293	293
Mary Lou Price	175.12	175.12
Suzanne Wheeler	141.75	141.75
Tom Dorigatti	81.34	81.34
Edith Albright	30.2	30.2
David Gehrt	0	0
Chris Gibson	0	0
Maggi Wettstein	0	0
Chris Salvador	0	0
Fai Mok	0	0

LIB Extra - from the League of Illinois Bicyclists

Advocacy, rides, and more - for further stories, see www.bikelib.org and our current newsletter

“Share the Road” License Plate Sign-Up Has Reached 1,500!!



Thank you to everyone who has reserved the new permanent specialty “Share the Road” license plate! On Dec. 1, we reached the 1,500 plate reservations needed to begin production of the license plates.

We would love to be able to say that new license plates will arrive in time for the holidays; but, unfortunately, government does not move that quickly. Due to a lengthy design approval and production process, we are likely still looking at five to six months until plates are on cars. Why does it take so long? While the Secretary of State’s office has already reviewed the plate design, officials will have to review the production sample as well. We do not expect there to be an issue; but, the review will take some time. Once the sample is approved, the state will begin producing the plates.

People who have already reserved plates will be contacted by the Secretary of State’s office when the producing process is close to being completed, likely in about five months from now. Everyone who has submitted a reservation form will be notified by the Secretary of State on finishing your specialty plate order. The state will either send out a form to be completed and mailed back or will direct people to finish the process online (which is still being determined by the Secretary of State’s office).

There will be an additional fee of \$34 for the switch over fee and the state’s share of the first year’s fee. Each year afterwards, the Secretary of State will send a renewal form that will have a fee for \$22 above the cost of standard plates. The majority of the additional fee, \$20, goes to the new Share the Road fund for LIB’s bicyclist and motorist education efforts.

Those interested in receiving a personalized or vanity plate, will be able to request it on the form the Secretary of State’s office will send. There would be an additional fee in addition to the specialty plate switch over fee.

In about five months, the Secretary of State’s office will also add the “Share the Road” design as an option to the specialty plates section of its website. At that point, people can order the plate simply by going online. Until then, people who have not yet reserved a plate but are interested in ordering one, can still fill out the reservation form and mail the form and a check for \$17 to LIB, 2550 Cheshire Dr., Aurora, IL 60504.

We will be updating our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page as soon as we receive some more details from the Secretary of State’s office. Additionally, we will send out a postcard to everyone who sent their reservation forms in to LIB. We are also looking into a license plate frame that will not cover up the “Share the Road” license plate’s design and will post information as soon as it is available.

Article From <http://www.bikelib.org/2011/12/weve-reached-1500/>

Classified Ads

Classified ads for club members are welcome. Let me know if you want to post a bike/item for sale or a wanted ad. Commercial ads are also welcome at a charge of \$25 for a half page and \$50 for a full page. To submit any kind of ad, send an electronic document compatible with Windows to trisandi00@gmail.com.

All materials (including payment) must be received no later than the 15TH of the month preceding the appearance of the advertisement.

FOR SALE !

For sale. A swagman hitch mounted 3 bike carrier
Excellent condition. \$80 or best offer. Please
call or text Derek Sans at 309-472-3405 or you
can email at d.sans@comcast.net. Thanks.

WANTED:

Information on self contained,
touring. Picking camping spots, food, cooking gear,
Etc. Call Bill at (309)241-0949

FOR SALE: PUT YOUR AD HERE FOR FREE!

Contact Jennifer Sandenaw
309-360-2560



IVW "Routes & Recipes"

Available for purchase at the following locations.

Bushwhacker Ltd.

4700 N. University, Peoria
692-4812

Illinois Cycle & Fitness

9016 Allen Road, Peoria
693-2691

Lakeview Museum

1125 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria
686-7000

Little Ade's Bicycles & Repairs

305 N. 5th St. Pekin
346-3900

Often Running

206 South Linden St., Normal
454-1541

Running Central

700 Main Street, Peoria
676-6378

Russell's Cycle & Fitness

10 Valley Forge Plaza, Washington
444-2098

Tanner's Orchard

740 State Route 40, Speer
493-5442

Vitesse Cycle Shop

206 South Linden, Normal
454-1541

Mike Honnold

President IVW

696-2591

Cannondale_25@juno.com

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N -Fall/Winter - 2012 Local Rides Schedule

****NOTE:** If you have any doubt about the times/dates, please check our ride calendar at www.ivwheelmn.org – it is considered the “safe source”

Saturday Show and Go Level III: Leader(s): SHOW & GO

Location: [Washington Square; Washington, IL; East side, behind Amoco Gas Station](#)

Start Time: 8:30 a.m. **Start Date:** All year long depending on weather

Ride Info: Show and go **Distance:** 20-60 miles **Food:** Possible breakfast / gas station stop

Saturday Show and Go All Levels: Leader(s): SHOW & GO

Location: [Russell's Cycle and Fitness; Valley Forge Plaza; Washington, IL](#)

Start Time: 8:30 a.m. **Start Date:** All year long depending on weather

Ride Info: Show and go. **Distance:** 30-60 miles **Food:** Possible meal / gas station stop

Most of the evening rides are over for the season. An occasional ride may be organized on a moment's notice, so please keep an eye on the website for announcements.

Take time to thank the ride leaders for their dedication through out the season, for helping make the club what it has become known for: great rides, great riders, good company, and lots and lots of food.

See you in the spring!

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 _____ Birthdate _____
(Please print clearly This must be an Adult)

Name #2 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #3 _____ Birthdate _____

Name #4 _____ Birthdate _____

Unless otherwise requested, as of 1-1-11 all newsletters will be email only.

Email address (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ (cell) _____

Signature (Adult #1) _____ Date _____

Are you renewing or is this a new membership? (Check One)

Renewing _____ New _____

Electronic Newsletter _____

Paper Newsletter _____

(check one)

If new, how did you find out about the club?

Member of:

League of American Bicyclist

Yes _____ No _____

League of Illinois Bicyclist

Yes _____ No _____

Yearly Membership

Individual (\$15) \$ _____

Household (\$20) \$ _____

Lifetime (\$250) \$ _____

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 (IVW) 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 club.

REGISTER ON LINE AT: www.signmeup.com

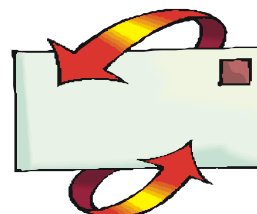
Make check payable to: Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, 6518 N. Sheridan Rd., Ste. 2, Peoria, IL 61614-2933

**ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N
6518 N. SHERIDAN RD. STE 2
PEORIA, IL 61614-2933**

1st class
Postage
Required

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**When does your annual
membership expire?
Check your mailing label or
the list on page two of the newsletter.**



EVENT PLANNER

Date/Time	Event Name	Location
January 21 st , 2012	Peoria Family Fest Volunteering Opportunity	Peoria Civic Center Downtown Peoria, IL
February 25 th , 2012	Illini Chill Bicycle Ride	St. Joseph, IL
June 23 rd , 2012	Multisport Extravaganza Volunteering Opportunity	Wildlife Prairie State Park Edwards, IL
July 14 th , 2012	Lake Evergreen Tri Volunteering Opportunity	Evergreen Lake Hudson, IL
August 25 th , 2012	No Baloney Bicycle Ride	Chillicothe Christian Church Chillicothe, IL