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AFFILIATED CLUB

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THE GREATER PEORIA AREA'S BICYCLE CLUB

Attention!!

**The next IVW Board Meeting
will be in JANUARY.
Thursday, January 10th, 2012
starting at 6 PM**

**We meet at the Leaves and
Beans (Peoria Heights Location)**

All are Welcome to Attend!!

**Membership renewal
switching to 1/1 in 2013 for
all IVW members**

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**IVW Christmas Party!
December 28th**



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Tailwinds

By Mike Honnold

Wow, it's amazing how quickly the last 4 years of my IVW presidency have passed! Just seems like yesterday I was talking the subject of becoming our next IVW president over with Kathy John during one of many "Routes and Recipes" meetings. Luckily for myself, I didn't hesitate on becoming the president, because despite all the struggles, late nights, and stress, I truly believe the experience has made me grow into a better person. I guess I probably have my parents to thank for wanting to selflessly give part of myself back to the community I live in. Growing up, my both my parents served many positions on the local Farm Bureau board, library board, parent-teacher boards, town councils, and church groups.

At one point, my dad even served as mayor of our 800 resident town for 4 years. Living with the typical teenager mind, I doubt I paid much attention to their service at the time, but I'm sure simply being around them subconsciously developed the same traits in my developing personality & work-ethic. So - thanks, Mom and Dad, for developing the drive and work ethic in me to look for new and different ways to serve in the community! The bicycling world of Greater Peoria, Illinois owes you a debt of gratitude!

Over the past four years, I have managed to write a total of 42 "Tailwinds" articles - to entertain and enlighten those who have been IVW members during that time. Wouldn't quite considering my material worthy of a Stephen King novel, but for someone who despises writing for a purpose, 42 pages is quite an accomplishment! When things slowdown in the early part of next year, I plan to sit down with those newsletters, and see what my mind was thinking about over the course of four years. I'm sure I'll get a few laughs, a few embarrassing moments, as well as a few surprises! Off the top of my head, I can think of a few things that have changed about me in the past four years. Some as a result of being the club president - some not. Here are a few highlights in the popular "Top Ten" format →

- 10. I've become quite the connoisseur of coffee beverages
- 9. World travel is something I can now say I've done
- 8. Managed to survive a fairly major cycling incident (all my fault)
- 7. Started growing facial hair as a result of this cycling incident
- 6. Became knowledgeable about lasers (of all things) due to work
- 5 -> 1. Became a father to the greatest little guy in the whole world!

With those comments, I'll sign off for my last time and hand things over to Mr. Chris Salvador. While Chris isn't "officially" taking over the president position, he has volunteered to help guide the club and keep us progressing on our path of making Peoria a better place for cyclists. I first met Chris a few years ago when he blindly volunteered to take over the secretary position from Vicky Padesky. I'd received a huge plastic tote of stuff from Vicky required for the secretary position, and was very eager to pass it off to the next person. Chris came over to my house on a very rainy Sunday afternoon to pick up the tote, and we talked for awhile about cycling, our hobbies (which is when I found out he was a drummer), and our jobs at Caterpillar. Chris is a very intense, dedicated, and determined person who I am sure will lead our club in the right direction over the next year! Thanks, Chris - I've truly enjoyed working with you over the past couple of years, and look forward to serving with you on the board in 2013!

Welcome, New Members:

Jeff Huizenga ... Mackinaw

Thanks to Renewing Members:

Teresa Angot-Lewis ... Peoria
 Celeste Hansen ... Peoria
 Roger & Laverne Wilson ... Washington

Lifetime Members:

Charlie & Jane SieckDunlap

(^ LIB/LAB Membership *Advocacy donation)

2013 is going to be an interesting and challenging year for the IVW leadership. Operating without a president is not our long-term solution so the position will still remain open to anyone who is interested. Mike left enormous shoes to fill and we will do our best as a board to collaboratively fill them where possible, but we also recognize that Mike went considerably above and beyond the role of the president. In light of that we intend to focus our efforts on the events and activities we all love the most. We will keep as many of the social and advocacy events as we possibly can but things may fall off the list as we assess the volunteer commitments that we have. Our club is in a unique and fortunate position to be one of the strongest voices of bicycling advocacy in the central Illinois area and we will do everything we can to continue being that voice. Above all we will be as open and communicative about these happenings, so definitely watch this space for more information.

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IVW president & volunteer coordinator positions left open for 2013 term

Basic/suggested presidential responsibilities

1. Develop agenda for monthly board meetings & request input for agenda from other board members and/or IVW club members
2. Act as main contact person for club, and respond in a timely manner to all reasonable requests coming from inside and outside the club. These requests can come in the form of e-mail, phone calls, letters, or personal requests. Some requests may be better answered by other IVW board members, or other cyclists within the community.
3. There are few speaking engagements required by the club president (I've done two) , but should a speaking engagement present itself, the club president would be the first likely option. If the club president is not comfortable with doing this, it would be their responsibility to find another appropriate speaker, or decline the request.
4. Keep eyes/ears open to cycling/advocacy opportunities within the community that might be a good thing for the IVW to become involved in.
5. Do your best to fill any vacant IVW board member spots that should come up throughout the year - and/or - act as the vacant spot until another person is found.
6. Make yourself available for any IVW volunteering opportunities that might come up during the year, and help out when possible.
7. Not 100% required but good if the acting president can contribute some sort of an article to the monthly newsletter on a semi-regular basis
8. Develop agenda for and act as MC at year-end IVW meeting in November.

IVW Year-End Meeting Kwik Klips

By Mike Honnold

Year End IVW Gathering Report

On Saturday, November 17th, approximately 40 IVW members gathered in the friendly confines of Bernardi's North near Dunlap for our annual year end social & business meeting. After a fun social hour kicked off by a free round of drinks from the IVW, the wait staff began to bring out the food for everybody to enjoy family-style. While everyone was enjoying their meal of pasta, chicken, and vegetables, president Mike Honnold ran through the high-level summary of what the club accomplished during the year - including a record setting No Baloney! Once the necessary details were taken care of, all members participated in voting for our annual awards including: most improved male/female, HUB of the club, and most miles ridden. When the award voting was over, voting continued for the 2013 IVW board members. A large number of the current board members elected to stay in their positions for another year, but a few decided to move on to bigger and better pastures! Due to nobody stepping up for the open president position, current vice-president Chris Salvador briefly discussed how the club would be ran next year without a leader. The evening ended with a surprise cake and coffee bicycle jersey for 4-year retiring veteran president, Mike Honnold! Thanks again to Bernardi's for such a GREAT evening, and thanks to all the IVW members who took the time to show up and make our event a success!

2013 IVW Board Members

president = **position open**
 vice president = Chris Salvador
 secretary = Randy Senneff
 treasurer = Michael Honnold
 membership database = Chris Salvador
 ride chairperson = Liz Born
 social chairperson = Marsha Ray
 advocacy = Doug Eccles
 newsletter & website = Jennifer Sandenaw
 mailing = Val Lindner
 No Baloney = Morgan Grigsby
 volunteer coordinator = **position open**

2012 Outgoing IVW Board Members

Lori Boland = Treasurer
 Gregg Bittner = Advocacy

Thanks for your service to the club!!

2012 Award Winners & Nominees

HUB of the Club = Michael Honnold

HUB of the Club nominees = Barb Drake & Cora

Lynn Green, Dennis & Peggy Tresenriter, Tom Dorigatti & Fred Smiser, Edith Albright, & Steve Kurt

Most Improved Female = Bonnie Windsor

Most Improved Male = Fai Mok

Most Miles Ridden Award

1st Place = Mary Lou Price (7003.93)

2nd Place = Edith Albright (6771)

3rd Place = Steve Kurt (6736)

4th Place = Steve Berger (6539)

36,757 = Cumulative distance ridden by participants

5,350 = Top monthly miles for riding (August)

673 = Low monthly miles for riding (December)

Treasurer Report

Income = Memberships (\$2,170)
 No Baloney (\$14,068)

Expenses = Insurance (\$941)
 Donations/Advocacy (\$4,270)
 No Baloney (\$7,857)
 Miscellaneous (\$2,845)

Balances = Savings (\$5,698)
 Checking (\$12,917)

Donations = PAMBA (\$500)
 (major) Riverfront Museum (\$500)
 Safety Town (\$1800)
 Rock Island Trail (\$200)

Planned 2012 Donations = Easter Seals, LIB, LAB, & Friends of the Rock Island Trail

IVW Christmas Party

By Mike Honnold

On Friday, December 28th, the IVW will be holding our annual Christmas party at the home of club members, Randy and Marsha Ray from 6 PM to 8 PM. Randy and Marsha's house is located at 6446 North Oakbrook Court in Peoria - just a few blocks off Northmoor Road. The IVW will be providing the main dish of homemade lasagna, drinks (wine, beer, soda, water, etc..), and table service. We are asking members to bring a complementary salad/side dish if your last name ends in A-M, and a complementary dessert/appetizer if your last name ends in N-Z. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marsha ASAP at 309-691-4947! Should be a good time!!!

Santa Claus Parade

By Mike Honnold

On the morning of Friday, November 23rd, 18 hearty souls from the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, Peoria Bicycle Club, and Average Jo Biker Club braved 30 degree temperatures and 20-25 MPH winds to participate in the 125th annual Peoria Santa Claus Parade. Everyone came decorated in their most festive Christmas attire and/or decorated their bikes to reflect the holiday-themed purpose for the event. Judging from the various costumes & decorations observed while waiting an hour for the parade to start, most had fun determining how they wanted to look at the event! When the parade finally started, our group rolled out, but quickly found due to the slow pace of the other floats, it was easier to propel your bike by foot rather than pedal. Regardless, children and adults along the route were surprised to see our group of cyclists, and many remarked how much they liked our bikes! By the time the parade was over, all who participated had cold fingers & toes, but a lasting memory for years to come....

Those judging entries at the parade enjoyed our group so much that we walked away with not one, but TWO AWARDS!

1. Best New Entry (the Elf award)
2. Best Novelty Entry

Due to the popularity of this event, be on the lookout next year for information on how to participate in the 126th annual Peoria Santa Claus Parade with the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n!

No Baloney Sub-Committees

After another fantastic No Baloney ride in 2012 we received great feedback from riders and volunteers as to how to improve for next year. We have tons of great ideas and are excited to run with them, but we can't do it alone. In order to really make our ride great we need volunteers to lead sub-committees in the following (6) areas: **food, route/rest stops, marketing/promotion, SAG/volunteers, ride day logistics, and registration**. Leaders of these sub-committees would be responsible for planning and executing everything in their specific areas but still receive guidance and support from Morgan Grigsby, the No Baloney chair. These are only temporary volunteer spots (not board member spots) so your commitment is only required up to and during the ride, not the entire year.

If you are interested in leading a sub-committee or want more information please email: NoBaloneyBicycleRide@gmail.com. Because of the amount of time required to plan the ride we need all the leader spots filled by **February 1st, 2013** or the board will have to consider cancelling the ride.

2013 IVW Membership Renewal Change

Last_Name	First_Name		
ANGOT-LEWIS	TERESA		
BOLAND	LORI		
BOSWELL	CHERYLL		
COOKSEY	DENISE		
CUNNINGHAM	BRIAN		
HANSEN	CELESTE		
HONNOLD	MIKE		
HUIZAUGA	JEFF		
KETELSEN	KEN		
KLOKKENGA	MARK E		
MACGREGOR	DONALD		
MCCORMACK	MICHAEL		
O'HANLON	TIM		
SANDENAW	JENNIFER		
SEMMENS	BILL		
SHUCK HOEHNE	PAMELA		
SPONHOLTZ	BETH		
WILSON	LAVERNE		
ZABOROWSKI	JASON		
KENDALL	KAREN	*LIFE MEMBER	
ECCLES	DOUG	*LIFE MEMBER	
SIECK	CHARLIE	*LIFE MEMBER	
HEINE	STEVE	*LIFE MEMBER	
WEGMAN	LARRY	*LIFE MEMBER	

As we have been mentioning over the past few months - in 2013 we are changing the renewal process for the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n so all members' renewal dates fall on January 1st of any given year. We hope this will create less work on a monthly basis for our database administrator, and give you one less thing to remember during the year!

What this basically means is that regardless of what time you join/renew during the year, your renewal date will always be January 1st. For those who happen to join/renew after June 30th - the membership price will be pro-rated at 1/2 a full price membership. A few of our members are already paid through the end of 2013 - we have posted this list in the newsletter to the left. If you see your name on this list, you are fine - and have nothing else to do for 2013! If you did not see your name on this list, you will need to renew your membership to stay current in 2013.

To renew using our updated paper form, please fill the conveniently attached form out below, and send to our Sheridan Road address. To renew using our easy online membership renewal, please visit www.signmeup.com/G22V3K7

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give Chris Salvador (kidentropy818@yahoo.com) a nudge. Thank you!

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 _____

E-Mail Address (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ (home/cell)

Signature #1 _____ Signature #2 _____

Signature #3 _____ Signature #4 _____

Date signature lines were filled out _____

Disclaimer The IVW assumes no responsibility for personal injury, damaged equipment, theft or loss taking place on any club rides or other activities which it sponsors. All cyclists ride at their own risk. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A parent or guardian must sign for all applicants under age 18. All applications must be signed, and in signing the liability release, the applicant agrees to the above conditions. By signing form, all IVW members also agree their pictures can be used in club electronic media.

**IVW newsletters/communications will be sent electronically unless other arrangements have been made
**Effective 1/1/2013, all IVW memberships will renew January 1st – all new/current members must renew at this time to stay current in database

**Save time & be green by registering online at www.signmeup.com/G22V3K7

Are you a new or renewing member?

New _____ Renewing _____

If you are a new member, how did you find out about our club?

Are you a member of the:

League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

Yes _____ No _____

League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB)

Yes _____ No _____

12 month membership effective 1/1

Individual (\$15.00) \$ _____
Household (\$20.00) \$ _____

6 month membership if joining after 6/30

Individual (\$7.50) \$ _____
Household (\$10.00) \$ _____

Lifetime (\$250) \$ _____
Voluntary advocacy contribution \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Pictures from the IVW Banquet on November 17th



**Winners of the Most Improved Riders Award!
Fai Mok and Bonnie Windsor**

Santa Claus Parade on November 23rd



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N – Spring/Summer/Fall - 2012 Local Rides Schedule

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

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

****Be on the lookout for our 2013 Spring Ride Schedule soon****

IVW Scheduled Ride Wrap-up & Thank you

By Mike Honnold

As fast as time goes, it is hard to believe we are at the end of the "regular" riding season and quickly approaching the cold winter months! Pretty soon, we'll be dragging those trainers out of storage, and hooking up the trusty steed for 3-4 months of basement TV miles. Below is a list of the IVW-sponsored rides we had in 2012, and those members who helped lead them. Without these rides and their leaders, our club would likely not be the best local source for bicycling and advocacy in the greater Peoria area! Thanks again to all, and we hope to have you back as leaders again in 2013!

Ride Leaders:

Sheldon Schafer	Bill Clark	Steve Kurt	Edith Albright	Bonnie Martin
Eric Hutchinson	Dennis Tresenriter	Dirk McGuire	Suzanne Wheeler	Dale Cook
Cora Lynn Green	Peggy Tresenriter	Doug Eccles	Gregg Bittner	Liz Born
Barb Drake	Phil Burroughs	Jennifer Sandenaw	Mike Pula	Sandy Brown
Tom Dorigatti	Jim Coffey	Ken Pope	Steve Alfred	
Fred Smiser	Pam Hoehne	Herb Unkrich	Jim King	

List of Rides:

Spring Breakout Ride	Wednesday Rides (2)	Sunday Rides (1)
Ride of Silence	Thursday Rides (2)	Out of the Box Rides (14)
Monday Rides (2)	Friday Rides (1)	Pedal Peoria Rides (10)
Tuesday Rides (3)	Saturday Rides (1)	Tom & Fred Rides (25)

Mileage Competition October & YTD Results

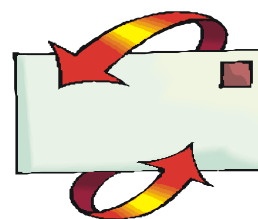
Rider Name	October 2012 Mileage	2011/2012 Total Miles
Mary Lou Price	518.97	7003.93
Edith Albright	327.53	6771.51
Steve Kurt	547.1	6736.67
Steve Berger	520	6539
Tom Dorigatti	198.6	4721.08
Chris Salvador	302.37	1633.02
Bill Semmens	155	1346
Fai Mok	93.1	1224.3
Chris Gibson	0	781.63

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**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
Friday, December 28th 6 PM to 8 PM	IVW Christmas Party	Marsha & Randy Ray's House 6446 North Oakbrook Court; Peoria
Tuesday, January 1st 1 PM	IVW New Year's Day City of Peoria Ride & coffee shop crawl (weather permitting)	1822 West Bel Aire Avenue Peoria, IL 61614 Please RSVP 309-696-2591 if you want to ride!!!
March - 2013	IVW Ride Leader Training	TBD - Keep watching newsletter for more details to come!