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Happy New Year, everybody!

By Chris Salvador



Special points of interest:

- January IVW Board Meeting will be held on January 10th, at the Peoria Heights Leaves and Beans.
- New IVW Board Members!
- IVW President Position is still open!

Hopefully your holidays were restful and filled with wonderful time spent with family and friends. My wife and I had the honor of hosting our first Christmas Day dinner this year. Despite the chaos it was a fantastic honor to serve our families as they had done for us for so many years. Looking forward, 2013 is looking to be an incredible year for the IVW. We have a lot of exciting events planned throughout the year, but in order to make them happen

we are going to need the support of our rock solid membership base. Operating without a president poses unique challenges as does the significant amount of turnover in other board member positions. We are still looking for members to fill the Volunteer Coordinator and Website Coordinator board positions as well as a formal president. All board member positions are whatever someone wishes to make of it so if you're interested feel free to contact me or any of the other board members.

The other area where we need help is with the No Baloney ride. We had a very successful ride last year and received a lot of great ideas from riders and volunteers for this year's ride. In order to implement these ideas we have decided to split the workload into several "subcommittees", all reporting up to Morgan Grigsby, the No Baloney chair. We're looking for people to take the lead in six distinct areas under Morgan's guidance. These are not full time board positions but rather as-needed help during the planning stages of the ride. Morgan has tons of experience with all the aspects of the ride so volunteers definitely wouldn't be in this alone! The areas where we need help along with contact information are inside on Page 2. We would like to fill these positions quickly because of the amount of time it takes to plan the entire ride. If the positions are not filled by the end of February the board will start discussing the possibility of cancelling No Baloney altogether.

One last thing – we've added a new section to the newsletter! Called "Hot Links", it is a collection of five links from around the Internet featuring new and unique stories, videos, and products in the cycling world. This month's links are all handpicked by me, but if you stumble across something interesting please send it our way!

That's all for now; enjoy the rest of this month's newsletter!

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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.

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IVW Hot Links

Check out the latest and greatest in cycling related news, products, and videos collected this month from around the web! The links have been shortened for easier navigation – just click on the link or copy and paste it into your web browser.

NOTE: Some of these links may require the installation of third-party software such as Adobe® Flash Player.

Bike courier takes his best feline friend on deliveries [video]

<http://bit.ly/XMuuSh>

How to properly ride a road bike in the dirt [video]

<http://bit.ly/SWbJPC>

“Cat ears” reduce wind noise for road cyclists

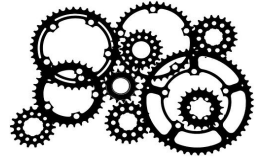
<http://bit.ly/WtXaEf>

London’s “Drive to Work Day” shows cycling impact on traffic congestion

<http://bit.ly/ZREC1u>

Dux Helm – Bicycle helmet with integrated retractable lenses

<http://bit.ly/Yn42nd>



*Hot Links courtesy of
Chris Salvador*

State of Illinois Bicycling Web Portal

By Chris Salvador

Late last year the State of Illinois launched a bicycling web portal to act as a “one safe source” for all State-released information on bicycling and sustainable transportation. The portal has a lot of useful information and links including maps, urban bikeway planning, events, government contacts, and safety guides. The State always had a lot of valuable information available but having everything consolidated and located in one place is a tremendous and critical step to advancing bicycling awareness and advocacy in Illinois. Click the link below or copy and paste it into your web browser to start exploring!

<http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/green/Pages/BikeContents.aspx>

How the Wheelm'n Got Its Name

By Barb Drake



How did the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n get its name? The answer is both more and less complicated than you might think.

Keith Bransky, who was 14 at the time, credits his dad, Peoria surgeon Ralph Bransky.

"Circa 1971 I rode with a group called the Tri-County Wheelers," Keith wrote in an e-mail to IVW President Mike Honnold. "After one of these rides, my father came to pick me (and my Schwinn Varsity 5-speed) up in the family station wagon. The post-ride discussion was changing the club name. My father suggested 'Illinois Valley Wheelmen' (after the League of American Wheelmen). The name got a nodding approval from the five or six of us standing there, and that's pretty much how the IVW name was adopted." Keith says the group that nodded approval included Joe Murgavero, Bob Keller, Les Siegrist, and Gene and Dixie Snyder.

The first printed evidence of that decision takes the form of a 1973 newsletter bearing the name and logo (reprinted here) that Keith attached to his e-mail. The newsletter also mentions another decision -- to charge club dues for the first time. Singles would pay two dollars and families three. Money from the dues would be used for such purchases as a bike trailer, club patches, a flashing light for the sag wagon and "a large water cooler." The newsletter refers to "an excellent rider from Grenoble, France" on a ride from Princeville to Toulon and says his address would be in IVW files.

All of this makes it clear that the club was founded before the 1974 date mentioned in "Routes & Recipes" -- in 1971, assuming Keith's memory is correct -- but sometime before that under a different name and likely with a less formal structure. It also creates another mystery: How did the "Wheelmen" become the "Wheelm'n"?

Here's what Sam Joslin, a former newsletter editor, says:

"As I recall, the club wasted at least one (very possibly more) good meeting debating the apostrophe, which was introduced in the attempt to remove gender bias from the name while still retaining a link to the Wheelmen name, which was still part of the League of American Wheelmen."

Also discussed was changing the name to the Peoria Bicycle Club. Proponents argued that such a name would have historical significance, in that one of the first bike clubs in the nation was the Peoria Bicycle Club. It had been established in 1881 but was dormant a century later, when the discussion about a name change took place. (The Peoria Bicycle Club was revived in 1989.) Opponents argued that members from the suburbs would think they weren't represented by a club calling itself "Peoria" anything.

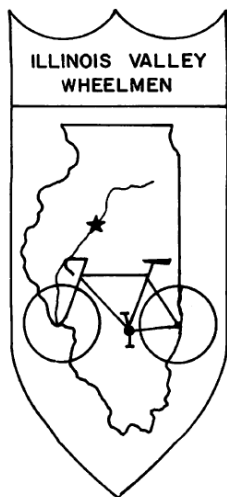
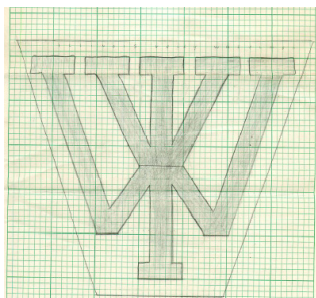
Does that solve the mystery?

Not entirely.

Ron Anderson's collection of old newsletters shows the "Wheelm'n" spelling first appearing in 1981 and used consistently throughout 1982. Then, says Ron, "Wheelmen" reappeared and "Wheelm'n" disappeared until May of 1989.

Those who might shed further light on the mystery are invited to e-mail me (bdrake@mtco.com) or newsletter editor Jennifer Sandenaw (trisandi00@gmail.com).

As for the Branskys, Ralph lives now in Santa Fe, N. Mex. Keith lives in Peachtree City, Ga., a planned community with 98 miles of paved bike paths and rides regularly on them. But he spends more time on a higher-tech mode of transportation -- as captain of a Boeing 777 for Delta Air Lines.



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Letter from the Editor

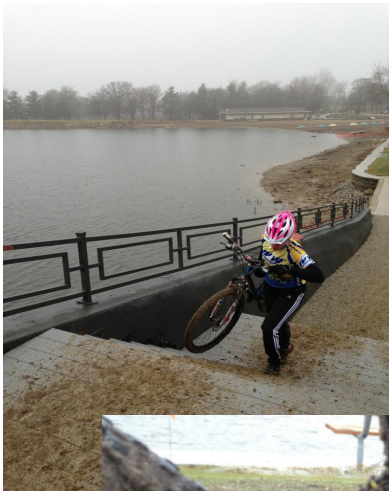
Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2013! Along with the New Year and New Beginnings, I am happy to announce a new newsletter layout. This has been fun for me. I have had the chance to learn a new Microsoft Office application (Publisher). I have to say, the ease of use of this application and the convenience of the "Whole Page" view feature has been really great. But of course, this is the IVW Club Newsletter, it is OUR newsletter, if there is something you want to comment or provide feedback/suggestions, please e-mail me at: trisandi00@gmail.com.

My 2012 end-of-the-year outdoor cycling ended with the Miller Chill CycloCross first annual event in Bloomington. It was my first CycloCross event and WOW! Was that different! It was 30-minutes of mud, barriers, hills, a fun flyover, and competitors that push you to go fast... Well, as fast as you can go in those conditions!

The pro's were cool to watch also... they had a "back-up" bike for when their first bike actually got too muddy to continue to use. It's the little (or maybe big) things like that that amaze me. Only because I know how much bicycles can cost for good bikes!

Hope your 2012 was a great year and sending WARM wishes going into 2013...



*Pictures from the first annual Miller Chill CycloCross event in Bloomington, Illinois.
Top left: Up the flyover.
Center: Down the flyover.
Top right: Muddy but smiling.
Left: You will get muddy!*

IVW Registration



The Mayans were incorrect in their prediction that the world would end on December 21, 2012.

Well, maybe they didn't actually make the prediction... maybe they just ran out of "rock space" for the rest of their calendar.

While moving forward into 2013, that means we are moving forward with the new membership registration.

What that means is, ALL memberships (with exception of the lifetime memberships) will need to be renewed January 1, 2013. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please visit <http://www.ivwheelmn.org> to renew online or print and mail the form below.

Hopefully, this should make time of membership renewal easier for everybody.

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 \$ _____

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Illinois Valley Wheelm'n - Spring/Summer/Fall 2013 Local Rides Schedule

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



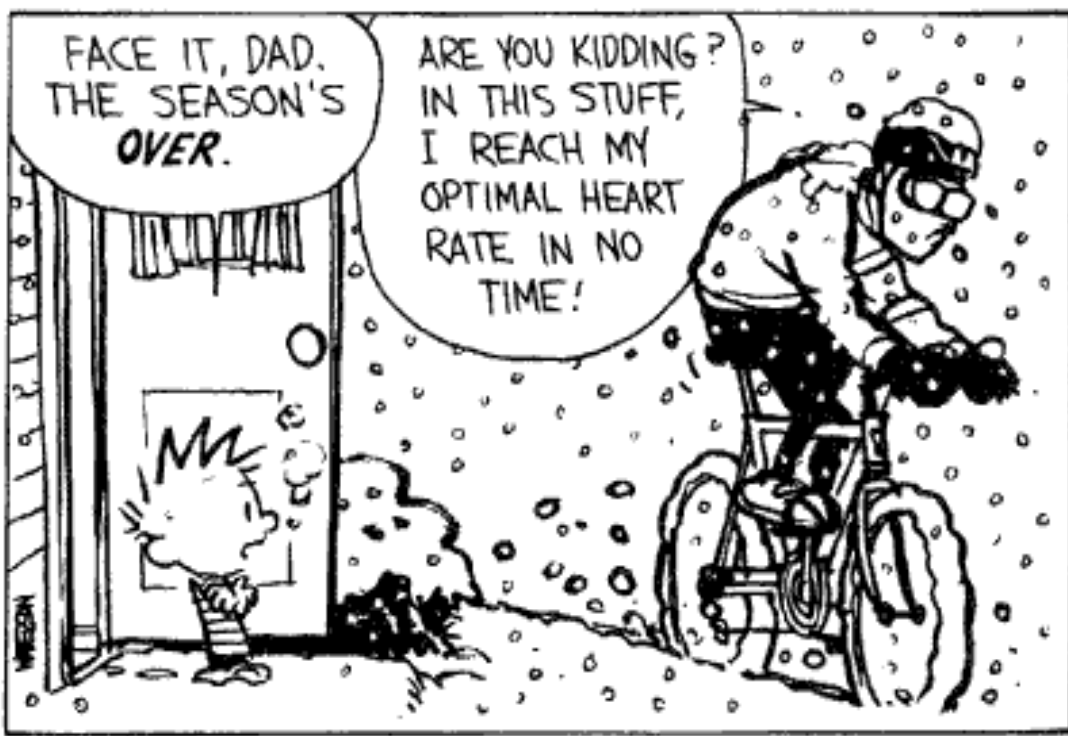
Saturday Show and Go All Levels: Leader(s): SHOW & GO

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

Anybody Ride on December 20th?? 😊



On December 20th, 2012...
A snow blizzard came through the Peoria area. We hope everybody was safe during the storm.

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Date/Time	Event Name	Location
January 1, 2013 2pm	New Year's Day Ride	Russell's in Washington, IL
January 5-6, 2013	New Year's Resolution CycloCross	Hilton Indian Lakes Resort Bloomingdale, IL Flyer: http://www.usacycling.org/events/getflyer.php?permit=2013-101
February 23, 2013 Time, TBD	Illini Chill "A Red Flannel Affair"	St Joseph, IL Registration: http://www.stjoechamber.org/doc/IlliniChill%20Registration%20page%201.pdf