



## IVW Monthly Note 2016 December Edition



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### Opening

It's hard to comprehend Thanksgiving had been over for almost 2 week. I spent this year's Thanksgiving Day riding outside before the dinner as I am still chasing my mileage goal I set back in April. It was an enjoyable ride not because of the temperature which was a bit chilly, but for the minimal traffic I encountered in the city for once on a weekday. As I rode around town, I began to think for the amount of time I spend riding, I am thankful for only been involved in one crash since I started road cycling in 2008, which happened to be this summer. I am thankful I wasn't seriously injured unlike some members during my tenure as president these last 3 years. I am thankful the City of Peoria, East Peoria, Pekin, Washington and the surrounding communities are finally realizing the need for more bicycle infrastructures and are actually turning words into action with future projects to take place starting next year. I am thankful we have a strong advocate group in Ride Illinois to support the local bike community in influencing change at the local government level to improve cyclist safety. Lastly, I am thankful for each one of you, for helping me to keep this great club going. Without your participation, IVW could not have continue when I took over the presidency 3 years ago or continue to exist as we head into 2017.



### December is membership drive month

Just a reminder to renew your membership as everybody's status get reset on December 31<sup>st</sup>. You can do so by clicking on this link. [http://ivwheelmn.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=297](http://ivwheelmn.org/wordpress/?page_id=297)

## **Another memorable End of the Year Dinner in the book**

The November 12<sup>th</sup> EOYD took place at Fox Pub & Café as 25 members attended the celebration with 4 additional members arrived later on in the evening. Hors d'oeuvres were served as members congregated and socialized prior to the serving of the main course of their choice: Fish & Chips, Bangars & Mash, Charbroiled Chicken Salad or Veggie Wrap w/Fries. After everyone finished their meal, a fabulous cake decorated with the IVW logo was served while a short meeting was conducted to take care of some club business before the end years. Next up was the raffling of prizes but with a twist. The person with the number drawn can steal any of the prizes that had been picked or choose a prize of his/her own. If there was an award for most prizes got stolen, I would have won as Jim Coffey pick-pocketed my White Lightning Wax Chain Lube and Marge Semmens snagged my \$20 Bushwhacker certificate. All in all, everyone had a blast. The evening concluded with the recognition of all the ride leaders. For all of their time and effort, each ride leader will received a gift card to Panera. I will get them mail out this week. Congratulation goes out of all the winners and award recipients. Sorry if I didn't list your name if you won a prize as I couldn't recall all the winners.

### **Most Improved Male Rider Nomination**

Mark Wilkinson  
Brian Cunningham  
Randy Anderson (recipient)

### **Most Improved Female Rider Nomination**

Heather Fitzanko  
Barb Drake  
Mary Ann Cordray (recipient)  
Charlotte Woodhouse

### **Hub of the Club**

Mark Wilkinson  
Fai Mok (recipient)  
Dirk McGuire

### **Prize Winners**

White Lightning Wax Lube	Jim Coffey
Cannondale rechargeable taillight	Don't remember
Bushwhacker certificate	Marge Semmens
Stem bag for smartphone	Sarah Gray
Nashbar LED rechargeable taillight	Steve Kurt
Cannondale toe warmers	Don't remember
Park Tool DIY Maintenance Book	Fai Mok
IL Cycle swag water bottle	Liz Born
Saddle bag	Randy Anderson
Little Ade's gift certificate	Don't remember
Blackburn Expedition Box	Sheila Hansen
IVW full kit	Phil Horstmann

### **Most Miles in the Saddle**

(winner)	Steve Kurt	7642 miles
(honorable mention)	Mary Lou Price	7403.8
	Denny Tresenriter	5817.0
	Al Covington	5273.2
	Fai Mok	5203.6
	Rebecca Senneff	4403.3
	Peggy Tresenriter	3467.3
	Randy Anderson	2399.7
	Tao Zhu	1441.1
	Jim Wittmer	1339.1
	Jim DeVore	885.9

The combined mileage of all the participants totaled to 45,276 miles. That is equivalent to 135 round-trips from downtown Peoria to downtown Chicago, or 18 round-trips from Minneapolis, Minnesota to New Orleans, Louisiana, or 7 round-trips from east coast(Bangor, Maine) to west coast(San Francisco, California), or going around the earth at the equator 5.7 times.



Reid Hansen commenting on his Fish & Chips to Kathy Jones while Sheila Hansen digs into her Charbroiled Chicken Salad.



(left to right) Wally Born, Jennifer & Phil Horstmann, Christy and Randy Senneff.

Click on the link to see more photos. <https://flic.kr/s/aHskJ5qHD1>

### Results from the club officer election

Election for the 2016 club officer positions took place during the End of the Year Dinner. Rebecca Senneff is the President for 2017 while Pam Hoehne will be the Vice President for next year. Randy Senneff and Jennifer Horstmann will remain as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Jennifer also will consolidate the membership data keeper duty with the treasury role to streamline renewal and new signup notification. With Pam stepping down as the Social Chairperson to be as Vice President, Bev Ketel will take over her position. Mark Wilkinson is the new No Baloney Coordinator as Morgan Grigsby step down. I will be the Rides Coordinator for next year. Jim DeVore and Neil Terry will remain as webmaster and trash pick-up coordinator respectively.

**Share your bike adventures** – Participate in a memorable bike tour recently or planning to partake one soon? Send me your stories or photos of your adventures and share it with the club for next edition of the IVW Monthly Note.

### Great weather for the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Parade

The 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Parade couldn't had taken place on a nicer fall day as the temperature was in the mid 40's with no wind. This year, Bike Peoria sponsored the parade. There were 16 cyclists in the parade hosted by the Peoria Area Community Events (PACE). Hundreds of spectators who made the event a family tradition lined the streets as we need passed out candies to the kids along the 2.5 mile parade route. This was the fourth year IVW and Bike Peoria have participated as a group in the parade. Most people fell it was fun way to get some exercise after a big meal the day before. A big thank you goes out to Brent Baker of Bike Peoria for organizing and coordinating the group for the parade.



Doing some fancy riding in front of the parade TV commentators.



Everybody enjoyed to warm November weather & had a great time.

Click on the link to see more photos. <https://flic.kr/s/aHskN8NUyQ>

### Where have you taken your IVW jersey?

Did a recent bike tour with your IVW jersey some place warm? Send me a photo of you sporting the club kit (old or new) and a brief description of where it took place. I will included in the January Monthly Note.

Thanks for reading the November Monthly Note. If you have any rides, events or announcements you want to share with the club, please email it to me to be posted in the December Monthly Note. Be aware of your surrounding when riding. See you all out on the road.

*Fai Mok - Illinois Valley Wheelm'n President*

### Classified Ads

- **Wanted**, Pam Hoehne is looking to buy a quality good used hybrid bike to fit a person about 5'10" to 6'. The one she shared with her son was stolen. Contact Pam@309-339-9777.
- **Wanted**, Bill Semmens is looking for a kid's stoker kit for his Santana tandem. If you have one that is no longer in use, contact Bill@309-693-9388 or [BSemmen5@comcast.net](mailto:BSemmen5@comcast.net)
- **For Sale**, Blue(1) and Green(1) Bike Fridays American made in Eugene, Oregon. Purchased in 2003 for \$862.30 each. Bikes were used on about 5 airplane vacations. Bikes were ridden about 30 to 40 days. Sale includes all accessories which were all part of the original sales price: 1 air pump, 2 travel hard plastic cases, and 2 under seat accessory bags. Asking price: \$550. Each. One owner and well maintained. Contact Sandi or George Burrier@309-266-5085.
- **Free** pair of pre-owned 26x1.25-1.5" Schrader valve inner tubes. Also free pair of new 26x2.4" presta valve tubes. Contact Fai if interested. [faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com)
- **For Sale**, brand new Sram chain catcher. Install on front derailleur to prevent chain drop between crank and bottom bracket. Price-\$10 Contact Fai if interested. [faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com)

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