



## **IVW Monthly Note** *December Edition*

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### **Opening**

It's hard for me to believe 2015 is coming to an end as I remember so vividly the board and I were finalizing all of the rides back in February/March with some of the ride leaders. Even though Thanksgiving came and gone with a snap of the fingers and the Christmas spirit is upon us, I wanted to take this moment to express my thankfulness with what I have been giving. I really feel it's something I don't truly appreciate since I am the type of person who always see a glass as half full. With that said, I am thankful for my family immigrating to the United States to give my sister and I a better opportunity in life. I am thankful I am employ as I see many people lost their jobs. I am thankful for my health which allow me to continue with my passion of cycling and skiing. And lastly, I am thankful I met you members through different rides and events. You all made me feel welcome when I joined the club back in the summer of 2011 as I moved to an unfamiliar city not knowing a single person. With that said, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Festivus if I don't see if until next year.

### **Fine turnout for this year's End of the Year Dinner**

Thirty-one members were present at Sazani's for the November 14<sup>th</sup> EOYD. The evening started out with social hour as everybody shared stories of rides they had done this year and catching up what has been going on with their lives. After a fabulous dinner, a short slideshow was shown and a moment of

silence was observed in memory of fellow IVW member Mark Klokkenga, who unexpectedly passed away from heart surgery this past March. A short meeting to take care of some club business was next on the evening agenda followed by award nominations and representations. The night concluded with raffling of prizes and recognition of all the ride leaders. For all of their time and effort, each ride leader received a gift card to Panera. Congratulation goes out of all the winners and award recipients which are listed below.

**Most Improved Male Rider**

Randy Anderson (tie)  
Tao Zhu (tie)

**Most Improved Female Rider**

Karen Thomas  
Bonnie Windsor (recipient)

**Hub of the Club**

Dirk McGuire  
Barb Drake/Cora Lynn Green/Judy Bradford (recipient)  
Mark Wilkinson/Jim Coffey

**Prize Winners**

Movie/concession vouchers	Reid Hansen
Movie/concession vouchers	Michelle McGuire
Cannondale Toe Covers	Sorry I forgot who won
Cateye Hybrid Solar Headlight	Denny Tresenriter
Thermal Skull Cap	Cindy DeVore
Arm Warmers	Randy Senneff
Arm Warmers	Jim DeVore
Arm Warmers	Dan Rainey

**Most Dedicated Commuter Award**

For winning this award, Steve Kurt received a set of disco spoke lights to aid him being seem during his daily trip to work in style. Way to be sustainable Steve!

**Most Likely to Get Injured Award**

Dan Rainey was the recipient of this award since he had fallen over his bike from hitting pot holes, rail road tracks and unable to unclip his shoes. Dan received a first aid kit to ease his pain. Hope 2016 bring you better luck Dan.

**Most Miles in the Saddle**

(winner)	Denny Tresenriter	8027 miles
(honorable mention)	Steve Kurt	6897
	Fai Mok	5461.83
	Peggy Tresenriter	5453
	Dirk McGuire	4313.1
	Rebecca Senneff	4146.7
	Tom Dorigatti	4007.73
	Marsha Ray	3950
	Andy Stow	3394
	Steve Berger	3392.6
	Bill Semmens	2480
	Rand Anderson	2031.7
	Mark Wilkinson	1545

The combined mileage of all the participants totaled to 55,099.66 miles. That is equivalent to 162 round-trips from downtown Peoria to downtown Chicago, or going from east coast(Maine) to west coast(California) 19 times, or going around the earth at the equator twice, or about 2 round-trips from the earth to the moon.



(L to R) Sheila Hansen, LaVerne Wilson, Reid Hansen & Judy Bradford.



(L to R) Denny, Steve, Randy & Peggy with Dirk & Adriana in the background.



The IVW cake brought to you by Hanssen's Le Bakery.



(L to R) Liliana Wong & her husband Shai with LaVerne.



Our new IVW flag for future club events.



(L to R) Cindy DeVore, Webmaster Jim DeVore & Randy Anderson.



(L to R) Michelle McGuire, Barb Drake, Peggy Tresenriter & Cindy Fleming.



(L to R) Tao Zhu, Secretary Randy Senneff, Jennefer Coffey & Vice President Jim Coffey.



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Most Improved Female Rider – Bonnie Windsor.



Hub of the Club – Judy Bradford, Barb Drake & Cora Lynn Green.



### **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)

### **Results from the club officer election**

Election for the 2016 club officer positions took place after the End of the Year Dinner. Jim Coffey, Randy Senneff and myself ran uncontested and were elected as the 2016 Vice President, Secretary and President respectively. With Marsha Ray stepping down as the Social Chairperson, Pam Hoehne had step up as volunteer and I appointed her to take over Marsha's role. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers for the Treasurer position since Mike Brown is stepping down at the end of the month. Thus, I will serve as Interim Treasurer while the board continue to search for a volunteer to fill the position. Below is a description of the duty of the Treasurer. If you know someone who you think is quality for the position or you would like to volunteer, send me an email. ([faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com))

Duties of Treasurer of the BOARD: Shall keep and preserve all club financial records and transactions, and make reports to the BOARD and club as necessary or called for.

### **IVW Constitution amended**

During the End of the Year Dinner, the members who were present voted on the approval of the amended constitution to reflect how the club currently is being operated. The past bylaws stated staggered terms for officers(president, vice president, treasurer & secretary) with a two year limit. Due to the lack of nominations for each position the past several years, the club is forced to operate outside the bylaws of the constitution. Hence the reason for the amendment of the constitution. You can review the changes by clicking here. [Amended IVW Constitution](#)

## 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Parade in the book

The 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Parade was a damp one as the morning after Thanksgiving was overcast with light drizzle. But that did not stop a small group of cyclists to participate in the parade hosted by the Peoria Area Community Events (PACE) and the hundreds of spectators who made the event a family tradition. This was the third year IVW and Bike Peoria have participated as a group in the parade. Most people felt it was fun way to get some exercise after a big meal the day before. The group handed out candies to the children along the 3 miles route. A big thank you goes out to Mark Wilkinson and Jim Coffey for organizing and coordinating the group for the parade.



Group photo before the start of the parade.



That's fake snow & candy cane lights if you are wondering what's on the hike.



Jim DeVore and his daughter enjoying the crowd on the tandem.



Mark Wilkinson & Dan Rainey handing out candies to the kids.



Spectators interacting with the group.



Mark's family look on as us riders continue on the parade route.

### **Club jersey interest update**

After going over the survey responses from last month, there are enough people interested in a club jersey to justify looking into. I will be sending out another survey soon to get an idea of what you members want in terms of look of it. Stay tune.



Thanks for reading the December Monthly Note. See you all out on the road. As always, be aware of your surroundings. Happy Festivus and Merry Christmas!

***Fai Mok - Illinois Valley Wheelm'n President***



### **Classified**

- **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. Contact me 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-\$15 Contact me if interested ([faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com)).