



IVW Monthly Note *February Edition*

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Opening

I remember my first experience on a bicycle was when I was ten years old. It was a banana seat bike with low-rider handlebar my sister and I found in a shed behind the house we just moved in. I recalled how excited I was to discover it and yet scared since I didn't know how to ride it. Bicycle was considered a luxury item where I was from growing up. Thus, I never had the opportunity to learn to ride prior to my family immigrating to the United States. It took me nearly an entire summer to overcome the fear of falling accompanied with cuts and bruises from falls before I was able to keep the bike upright. I can imagine how an adult who haven't ridden a bicycle since childhood would feel.

This is the main reason why fellow member Heather Fitzanko decided to lead the 'I've Decided to Ride' program to help individuals who want to bike but also fear it. Through the support of 'I've Decided' motivational conference (www.ivedecided.org) which took place on Jan 23rd and Little Ade's sponsorship, Heather will coach participants with proper bike fit, safety, maintenance and the natural joy of cycling. The program will kick-off the first week of May and conclude on July 30th with an organized trail ride from Peoria to Morton and back to celebrate the group's accomplishment. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Heather (heather@confidentialecurity.com).



Heather being interviewed by TV 25.



One of the speaker presenting during the conference.

'Inspired To Ride' showing on January 30th

Inspired to Ride will premiere at the Apollo Theatre, 311 Main St., in Peoria, IL, on Saturday, January 30 at 7 p.m. Inspired to Ride, the latest cycling film from the makers of Ride the Divide, follows a handful of cyclists from around the world as they race unsupported in the inaugural year of The Trans Am Bike Race. It's the antithesis to events like Tour de France and Race Across America. There are no teams, no support vehicles, no special jerseys and not a dime in prize money. The event is sponsored by the Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association. Tickets are \$12 in advance which can be purchase on the website www.imathlete.com/events/inspiredtoride and \$15 at the door the day of the show. For more information, go to www.inspiredtoride.it.

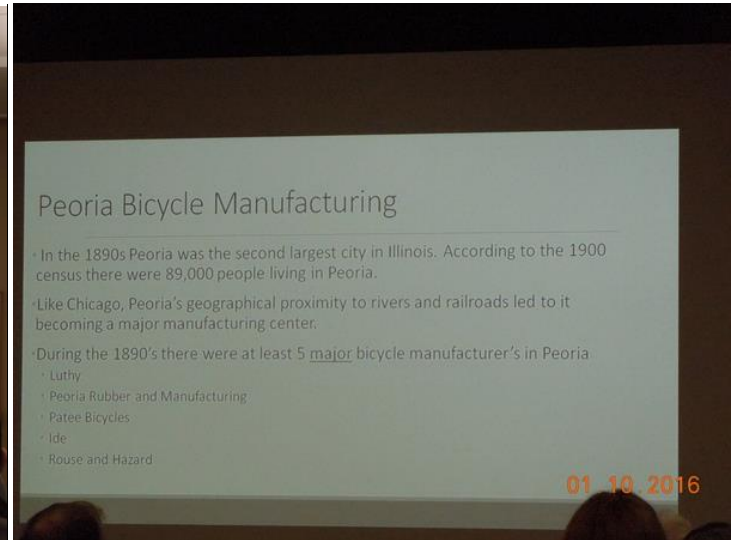


Great turnout at the 'Early History of Bicycling in Peoria' lecture

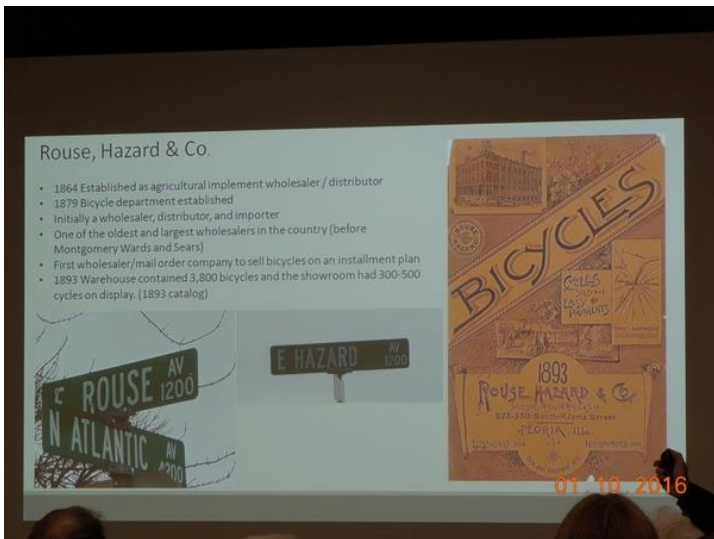
Chris Sweet's free lecture on historical significance of Peoria's early bicycle industry and bicycle culture attracted a full capacity crowd of around 150 people on January 10th at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Sweet, a professor, a librarian and a historian at Illinois Wesleyan University, discussed the numerous bicycle companies located in Peoria from the 1880s through the early 1900s when bicycle was at the height of its popularity worldwide. He also pointed out the craftsmanship were impeccable and filled with details since bicycles were considered as a luxury item during that era. Sweet went on to mention that some of the street names today were derived from the manufacturer's brand names. The museum had the original bicycles from that time period on display in the Street History Gallery prior to moving to museums elsewhere in Illinois. About 25 IVW members were on hand for the event.



Chris Sweet's quick intro before the presentation.



This slide indicate there were five major manufacturers in Peoria.



2 street names derived from Rouse-Hazard Bicycle Co.



Wood rim & fender demonstrated fine craftsmanship by Patee Bike.

It's a New Year: time to renew your membership

Just a reminder to renew your membership as everybody's status get reset as of December 31st 2015. Membership not current will be get drop off the email list regarding any event announcement as well as discount to local bike shops. You can do so by clicking on the link below.

http://ivwheelmn.org/wordpress/?page_id=297

Meet our new treasurer

IVW has finally got a treasurer for 2016. After the January club meeting, Jennifer Sandenaw contacted me regarding the position. With her past experience serving on the board as the newsletter editor during Mike Honnold and Chris Salvador's presidency, Jennifer is a great fit for treasurer and the board unanimously voted her into the position. The board and I are excited to have you!

Ride Chair position remains open

The club is still looking fill the Ride Chairperson for 2016. With Liz Born still taking courses, she fell the position can be better served by someone who can give more of his/her time. For the time being, Jim Coffey is handling all the ride coordination duties until the position is filled. In order for the club to continue to operate, we need our members to be active. So your help is crucial. If you know someone who you think is qualify for the position or you would like to volunteer, let any of the board members know. You can also email me at faimok534@gmail.com. Below is a description of the duty of the Ride Chairperson.

Duties of Rides Chairperson: Responsible for establishing and organizing a weekly ride schedule, and handle any special rides not included in the weekly rides.

Bike Peoria to host event to support bicyclist's world tour

On March 1, 2016 Jasmine Reese and her dog Fiji will embark on a 'round the world bicycle tour. Jasmine will be in Peoria to share stories of her previous cross country bicycle tour, tell about her upcoming adventure and also play some violin. Did I mention she is also a violinist? Part of her plan is to play with and learn from as many fellow musicians as she can meet along the way. Please join us at Ear in the Envelope for this special evening and check on Facebook for other chances (soon to be confirmed) to meet Jasmine. Below are a couple of Jasmine's links if you would like to follow her adventures. This event is free. However, donations are encouraged, greatly appreciated and will go completely towards helping Jasmine on her journey.

www.facebook.com/FiJaPAW.official

www.FiJaPAW.com/support-us

Bradley Basketball group ticket promotion

The Bradley University Athletic Department has reached out to IVW to offer a group rate pricing for a couple of basketball games. The remaining game is on Tuesday, February 23rd against Evansville. In order to get the group rate of \$4 per ticket, a minimum of 15 tickets need to be reserve. If you are interested in going to the games, please let me know ASAP. This offer is extended to your family and friends in order to help meet the minimum tickets. The earlier we can RSVP, the better the seats we can get.

XC Skiing at the former Donovan Golf Course

Club Secretary Randy Senneff would like to schedule some cross-country skiing (if it ever snow) for IVW. Donovan Park is one suggestion since a post ski stop to 30/30 Coffee or Sweet CeCe's is just across Knoxville Ave in Junction City. If interested, you can contact Randy at rrsenneff@yahoo.com.

Bowling in February

I am organizing another bowling outing this month (Saturday, Feb 6th) in addition to the one with my social group I am a member of on meetup.com. I am thinking 7pm at Mt. Hawley but am open to suggestion. As to the outing with my social meetup group, it will be cosmic bowling at Mt. Hawley (Saturday, Feb 20th) from 9:15 to midnight. Bring some Washingtons (dollar bills) if you want to participate in bowling poker. If you have nothing to do that Saturday evening, come on out. You can RSVP by contacting me (faimok534@gmail.com).

Still need input on club jersey Survey

As I mentioned in the December Monthly Note, there are enough interest on offering a club jersey. However, I have not receive many responses to the survey regarding what the design on the next jersey should be. Please take a short survey regardless if you are interested in a jersey or not. I would like to have a jersey ready for you all by April/May. Thank you. <http://goo.gl/forms/2cp8YjRwoc>

Pedal Across Wisconsin registration open

Pedal Across Wisconsin has been making memories and helping cyclists explore Wisconsin's extensive back roads with our amazing Wisconsin bike rides for 32 years. As a small organization giving Wisconsin bike tours, and Florida Keys Bike Rides there are no icy showers or long lines for porta-potties. We provide an opportunity to cycle Wisconsin's paved back roads while providing Q-sheets, maps and easy to follow road markings as well as fully supported SAG service. Enjoy planned rest stops offering a buffet of snacks and goodies. Experience great off-bike sightseeing opportunities while indulging in terrific buffet dinners with a friendly, family atmosphere. Whether coming alone or with friends you will feel at home among our friendly crew and riders. 5 day hotel tours are \$645, 7 day hotel tours are 745. For more information on the list of tours, check out the link below. <http://www.pedalacrosswisconsin.com/index.html>

2016 GITAP registration open

The 2016 Grand Illinois Trail and Parks Bike Tour (GITAP) will take place from June 12th through June 17th. This will be the 14th GITAP organized by Ride Illinois (formerly League of Illinois Bicyclists). Join the fun of friendly, comfortably-sized supported bike tour. Ride at your own pace as this year's GITAP will cover new ground, highlighting some of the best sections and attractions of Illinois' Rout 66 Trail – aka the 'Mother Trail', an international draw for bike tourists. Also featured: the I&M Canal Trail, Mackinaw Valley Trail, and more.

This unforgettable 6 day tour will make a loop starting and ending in Coal City, with stops in Oglesby, Washington, Bloomington-Normal area (2 nights) and Pontiac. Enjoy days filled with bike touring,

good food and good fellowship, all in support of Ride Illinois. Cost for weeklong event is \$475 (\$460 if pay by check) and current Ride Illinois members is \$440 (\$425 if pay by check). For more info, go to www.rideillinois.org/events/gitap.

Rides are being formalize this month

Jim Coffey is working hard to help finalize the potential rides for 2016. If you have a ride idea you want to turn it into reality, now is the time to reach out to Jim so he can included in the club's tri-fold to be printed. You can contact Jim at coffey4415@msn.com.

Thanks for reading the February Monthly Note. If you any events or announcements you want the club to be aware of, please email it to me to be posted in the March Monthly Note. Keep doing your workout or indoor bicycle training. Spring is only 3 months away. See you at the next event.

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- **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).

- **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).