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### **Opening**

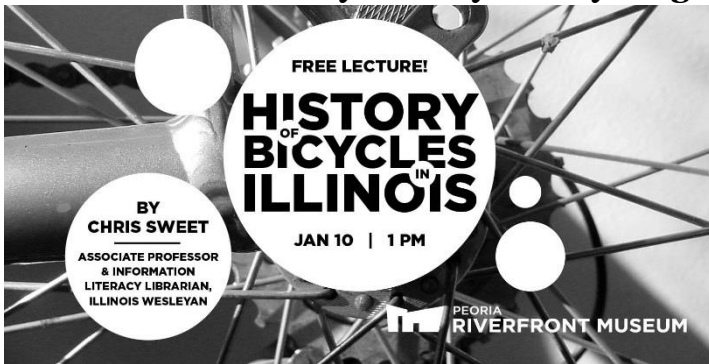
December is one of my favorite month not just because of Christmas, but also because of all the college bowl games and the beginning of ski season (not so much thus far with the abnormal weather). My holiday break was spent in Michigan visiting family and friends. It felt like a whirlwind as I drove all over the state to see them. Thanks to the nice weather and light traffic, my drive was pleasant and stress free. That was until the return trip on New Year's Eve. The weather finally felt like winter as I made my way back home as other travelers were likely doing the same. I shouldn't complain since 2015 did offer lots of riding days, allowing me to reach my cycling goals after the abundant spring rain. But on the club goals, we weren't as lucky since we did have a handful of canceled events due to weather and quite a few injuries. So for 2016, let's pray for zero event cancellation and zero accident, bike related or non-bike related.

## **Public hearing on concept plan for Riverfront Park Extension**

A public hearing to discuss the proposed Concept Site Plan for the Riverfront Park Extension will take place at Peoria City Hall Council Chambers (Room 400) on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Details about the plan can be found by clicking [here](#). The plan was crafted based on feedback received through public meetings and an online survey.

Individuals wishing to express opposition, support or concern about the overall River Trail project and associated open space conversion request should attend this public hearing on and/or submit written comments to [riverfront@peoriagov.org](mailto:riverfront@peoriagov.org). You can also contact Assistant City Manager Chris Setti ([csetti@peoriagov.org](mailto:csetti@peoriagov.org), 309-494-8618) for any questions regarding this project.

## **Free lecture on ‘Early History of Bicycling in Peoria’**



Chris Sweet, a professor, a librarian and a historian at Illinois Wesleyan University will discuss the historical significance of Peoria's early bicycle industry and bicycle culture this Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. The museum has the original bicycles from this time period on display in the Street History Gallery. They have been on display there since the museum opened in late 2012, but will be leaving soon (mid-January). Now is a great time

to come see them one last time and learn about their history! For more info, call 309-686-7000 or go to <http://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/posts/698>.

## **Update on Heather Fitzanko**

I know some of you has been inquiring on Heather Fitzanko's condition since the bike accident last month. Heather had surgery to have two plates and nine pins on her clavicle bone. As for her fracture pelvic bones, she just need rest to let them heal, which she is currently doing at home. If you wish to send some get well wishes to Heather, you can send your cards to: 1720 St. Clair, Pekin, IL 61554. We wish you a speedy recovery Heather.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://ivwheelmn.org/wordpress/?page_id=297)

## **Treasurer and Rides Chair position needed**

The club is still looking for a volunteer to fill the Treasury position for 2016. For the time being, I am serving as Interim Treasurer until the position is filled. Also, Liz Born has stepped down as the Ride Chairperson. Thus we are looking for a volunteer for this position as well. 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 either positions or you would like to volunteer, let any of the board members know. You can also email me at [faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com). Below is a description of the duty of the Treasurer and Rides Chair.

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.

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

### **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 highlighted games include: Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> match-up against Illinois St, Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> versus Northern Iowa and Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 any of the games, please let me know ASAP. The earlier we can RSVP, the better the seats we can get.



### **HOI BikeConnect Survey**

Nick Hayward from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is working on gathering public input regarding the current bike connectivity in the area. He is seeking input from the bicycling community of IVW, Bike Peoria and FRIT on criteria and issues relating to current bicycling condition that needs to be added to the final report to be presented to the local cities, counties and state officials in June. This is your chance to voice any issues you feel TCRPC need to examine before they make the recommendation to the state and local government. So far I only received 3 responses. Please take 5 minutes of your time to answer 6 questions. The questionnaire is attached to the email. Send your responses back to me by end of the week. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:rrsenneff@yahoo.com).

### **Bowling in January**

I am organizing a bowling outing in conjunction with one of my social group I am a member of on meetup.com. It will be cosmic bowling night at Mt. Hawley on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com)).

## Club jersey Survey

As I mentioned in December's Monthly Note, there are enough interest on offering a club jersey. This survey will help me determine if you, the member, wants the last jersey design or go with something different. Click on the link below to submit your response. Please take the survey regardless if you are interested in a jersey or not. 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, go to <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 12<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rideillinois.org/events/gitap).

## 'Inspired To Ride' showing on January 30<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.imathlete.com/events/inspiredtoride) and \$15 at the door the day of the show. For more information, go to [www.inspiredtoride.it](http://www.inspiredtoride.it).

### **Recumbent that will power your home for a day**

This new innovative bicycle puts power literally in the hands of the people. With half of the world either having no electricity or very little access to electricity, this invention will give those in need the opportunity to meet their energy demands. <http://expandedconsciousness.com/2015/11/30/1-hour-bicycle-will-power-house-24-hours/>

Thanks for reading the January Monthly Note. Keep doing your workout or indoor bicycle training. Spring is only 4 months away. See you at the next event.

### ***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)).