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## Opening

Happy November and Fall everyone. Can't believe the "season" is almost over. I don't know about you but I have cherished the warm weather we have had.

Last month several members of the club went to Hilly Hundred. I know what many of you are thinking. It says hilly in its name so it must be hilly. This year was one of the best years to be a newbie. I personally was not but I was amazed at how many there were.

This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. My goal was to get 50 club members to go and of course that didn't happen, but I will say we were well represented. For some of you that have completed this ride before this years route finally went back to Bean Blossom hill and we actually got out of climbing Mt. Tabor. The scenery was gorgeous. I was skeptical that the leaves would be turned but to my surprise they were.

We had a great time and met many new people as well as old along the way. We also lucked out and didn't get rained on except for in the car. See the photos here ----> [link 1](#), [link 2](#), [link 3](#)

This month marks the start of planning for next year's season. I hope that everyone will participate in some way next year. We cannot have a club without help and volunteers! Look forward to seeing you all on Saturday night at the end of year banquet. Please don't forget to RSVP to Bev Ketel and send your nominations to Pam for most improved rider (male and female), most miles, and hub of club awards.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Rebecca Senneff  
IVW President

## Taking nominations for 2018 club officers

As this year's riding season ends, we look towards to planning for next year. The club is always searching for members who are enthusiastic about biking and club activities to serve on IVW's Board. Put your name in the nomination hat if you like to make improvements to the club. Email all nomination to vice president Pam Hoehne([pshuckhoehne@gmail.com](mailto:pshuckhoehne@gmail.com)). *If you know someone whom you think would be a great board member, please encourage them to volunteer and let us know! Below is the description of all the Board's position from the IVW Constitution.*

- President of the BOARD: Shall coordinate and supervise the operation of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, and preside at all club meetings.
- Vice-President of the BOARD: Shall assist the President in carrying out the club business and functions and serve as interim president in the absence of the president, and serve as historian.
- Secretary of the BOARD: Shall take minutes at club and BOARD meetings, issue minutes and general notices.
- 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.
- Committee Liaison Person(s): Shall act as a communication link between the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the appointed committees.

## Looking for a new No Baloney Ride Coordinator for 2018

IVW is looking for a new NBR Coordinator for 2018. Mark Wilkinson is stepping down since his job has him travel more this year and spend less time with his family. He is creating a guidebook for the next NBR Coordinator to aide with next year's effort. Without a coordinator, it is likely there will not be a No Baloney Ride for 2018. If you would like to be the next NBR Coordinator, email Pam Hoehne([pshuckhoehne@gmail.com](mailto:pshuckhoehne@gmail.com)).



## Get your mileage in for 'Most Miles in the Saddle' award recognition

How was your riding this year? Been to many scenic places and logged in lots of miles? Why not get recognized for your outstanding effort and participate in this year's 'Most Miles in the Saddle' award? For those of you who did not use the **NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE** to track your mileage, you still can submit it to vice president Pam Hoehne([pshuckhoehne@gmail.com](mailto:pshuckhoehne@gmail.com)). All mileage count regardless if it's from commuting, trip to the store or just plain old recreation as long as it was log in between **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. We will announce the winner at the End of the Year Dinner so submit those mileages now.

## Submit your 2017 Awards nominations

Please take a few minutes to think of someone to nominate for the Most Improved Male Rider, Female Rider and Hub of the Club. If you noticed someone from your weekly riding group improved as this year' progress, go ahead and submit his/her name to vice president Pam Hoehne([pshuckhoehne@gmail.com](mailto:pshuckhoehne@gmail.com)) along with a short paragraph explaining why you nominate this person. The same goes toward the Hub of the Club. Historically, HOC had been awarded to a member who went out of his or her way to represent the IVW and/or make sure some aspect of the club is extra special. We will have the voting of the awards at the End of the Year Club Dinner.

## An exceptional warm day for Chicken Run Ride

17 people showed up this year's Chicken Run Ride on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Temperature was in the upper 50's/lower 60's when the 3 groups left their respective starting point. The group separated into small pelotons as the faster riders went ahead while the casual riders hanged back. Everybody took a few short breaks along the way and eventually regrouped thanks to the windy condition! The Peoria group met up with the East Peoria and Washington group at Jack's Café in Tremont. Everyone enjoyed their meals at Jack's Café as we didn't have to deal with a crowd. For photos from the ride, click [here](#).



## The venue is set. Put in your reservation for End of the Year Dinner!

If you haven't mark your calendar, it is time to do so now for the End of the Year Dinner. The location will be at One World Cafe on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will have a short meeting, board member nominations and club election after dinner. Club awards and raffle prizes will be presented after the election. Below is the info from social chairperson Bev Ketel.

### End of the Year Dinner Celebration

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

One World CAFÉ

1245 W. Main Street, Peoria, IL

#### Buffet dinner include:

1. 2 meat entrees
2. 1 vegetarian entrees
3. Cooked vegetables
4. 2 salads
5. Rolls & garlic bread



The cost for all the above is \$20 per person. This includes tax & gratuity. The club will gratuitously provide one drink ticket (beer, wine or soft drink) as well as appetizers. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY, BANQUET ROOM SEATS 40 PEOPLE MAXIMUM. **RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED to November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please reply by email to Bev Ketel([b.ketel434@comcastl.net](mailto:b.ketel434@comcastl.net)) with number attending. \$\$ will be taken at the event in the form of cash or check made out to IVW.

### **Bike Peoria's First Friday Nite Ride**

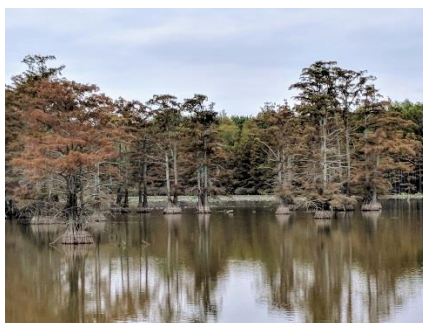
Get Lit and Art Up Your Ride! Bike Peoria will be hosting the First Friday Nite Ride on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @9pm. This is a casual ride between 10 – 14 mph that start and end at the [Bike Peoria Co-op](#). The idea of First Friday Nite Ride is to explore Peoria's older neighborhood – the Bike Peoria Co-op area, West Peoria and Bradley campus area. For question, contact Per Ellington – [pellington86@hotmail.com](mailto:pellington86@hotmail.com).

**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.

I have ridden in Southern Illinois twice – August of 2015 with Terry Hunt through his Best Rides of Illinois series(Piney Creek Ravine State Natural Area, Giant City State Park, Garden of the God in Shawnee National Forest) and this past April in the Beautiful Southern Ride out in Carbondale and Giant City State Park. The sceneries are some of the best Mother Nature have to offer. It was like flipping through the pages of National Geographic magazine. Instead of reading about it, I got to see it. So when I read about the Tour de Shawnee, I didn't hesitate to register for the ride. Even though the weather was cold and windy on the last Saturday of October, it was worth. Not only was I rewarded by the beauty of Cache River Wetlands, but I also got to see what Bald Cypress trees at Horseshoe Lake look like. These trees thrive in the swamp with the base of the tree resembling a tepee, very odd looking indeed.



Monarch Butterflies at the Cache Wetlands



Bald Cypress trees at Horseshoe Lake.



Lotus plants covering the swamp area of Horseshoe Lake.

### **Bike Peoria to enter the Santa Claus Parade once again**



IVW will once again team up with Bike Peoria in the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Claus Parade on November 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Peoria Area Community Events (PACE). This will be the fourth year we have participated. We won 1st place 3 years as the "Best Novelty Entry" – Elf Award! Like last year, we'll be riding our decorated bikes and we ourselves have to be in some kind of holiday colors or costume as well (It **CANNOT** be Santa Claus - there is one Santa and he is on the last float). We must be ready and staged at 10am at the corner of NE Madison and Hancock and will start rolling about 10:30am as we are in the middle. The parade start time is at 10:15am on Monroe St. in front of Peoria Central Firehouse. If you would like to participate, please contact Brent Baker of Bike Peoria. ([brentthevolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:brentthevolunteer@gmail.com)).

## Where have you taken your IVW jersey?

Did a recent bike tour with your IVW jersey? 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 December Monthly Note.



Right to left - Steve Kurt at Hilly 100 with Jack Brejc and Fai Mok.



President Rebecca enjoying an ice cream sandwich at Hilly 100.



Right to left - Jim DeVore, Dennis Riehl and Terry Hunt at Jack's

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.

*Rebecca Senneff* - Illinois Valley Wheelm'n President

## Classified Ads

**Classified Ads** from club members are welcome. If you have something bicycle related items you want to sell or you are looking for a bike related item, email your ad to [faimok534@gmail.com](mailto:faimok534@gmail.com). If the item is sold, please let me know so your ad can be remove from the posting.

- **For Sale**, Sigma bike computer (Model BC 16.12). It does all the usual stuff like distance and speed. But it also gives you cadence and the air temperature reading. I'd like to get \$60 for it. It's brand new and still in the original shipping box. Contact Bill Semmens. [BSemmens5@comcast.com](mailto:BSemmens5@comcast.com)

- **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](mailto:Bill@309-693-9388) or [BSemmen5@comcast.net](mailto:BSemmen5@comcast.net)

- **For Sale**, Shimano SH-SD 66 ladies bicycle sandals. Brand new EU size 37-38 USA 6.5-7.0, \$25. Contact [Michelle@309-253-8482](mailto:Michelle@309-253-8482)



- **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**, Bicycle trailer to hold two grandkids. Contact Jack Brejc@309-264-3175, [jbrejc@hotmail.com](mailto:jbrejc@hotmail.com)

- **For Sale**, 2016 Specialized Roubaix SL4 Comp 56. Red on Black Carbon Fact 8r frame. Purchased new March 2016. Excellent condition. With Shimano Ultegra F/R Derailleurs, Rear Cassette 11spd-32, Shift Levers, Shimano 105 F/R Brakes, Praxis Compact Chain Ring 50/34, Fulcrum S-19 Light Wheels, 12 miles on New 28" Continental Gatorskins with Giant inner tubes. New Specialized body geometry 143 saddle. TSB on bottom bracket: repacked, torqued to specs, all bearings greased. F/R Derailleurs adjusted. Brakes set. Never been in crash. Last serviced by LBS in Oct, 2016. Asking \$1700. Contact Mark Wilkinson@309-634-6043.



- **For Sale**, Litespeed Handlebar Tape. I had tape custom made for my significant other's bike and had to buy a minimum of 10 rolls. I'll keep two rolls, so I have 8 for sale. It's black w/white Litespeed approved logo lettering. 2.0 mm thick for a cushy and wide for an easy gap-free wrap. I'm selling for what I have in it. \$21 per roll. Jack Brejc(309-264-3175, [jbrejc@hotmail.com](mailto:jbrejc@hotmail.com)



- **For Sale**, hitch mount Xport folding bicycle rack. Holds 2 upright bicycles. Fits either 1-1/4" or 2" trailer hitches. Easily adjustable for any size bicycle and safe for carbon framed bikes. Either remove or fold hitch when not in use. Slotted locking pins hold things in place. Excellent condition. Asking \$50. Email Tom Dorigatti ([dorigat@comcast.net](mailto:dorigat@comcast.net)) or call (309-347-2844).



- **For Sale**, gently used WIKE bicycle trailer designed especially for children and persons with special needs with a capacity of up to 130 lbs. Trailer comes with a third wheel option that allows it to be used as a jogger or stroller as well. Specifications and additional photos can be seen online at [www.wicycle.com](http://www.wicycle.com). Purchase price w/o shipping was \$800. Contact Rick Gentry (309-678-4622) or Judi Gentry (309-678-6373).



- **For Sale**, Men's Castelli full zip short sleeve jersey, size 3XL. Nice bright yellow color. It did not fit me. \$44 or best offer. Contact Tom Moses ([bassplayer974@gmail.com](mailto:bassplayer974@gmail.com))

