

Upcoming Events

(Note: Some events require RSVP while other require registration fee)

Local

Thursday, September 10th, 6pm – 7pm

IVW Board Meeting, Safety Town, Peoria

Monday, September 14th, 8:30am

Out of the Box Tour (ride #10: Morton Castles & Cathedrals) - Ken Pope will lead us past some of Morton's better-known castles (5 bedrooms, 10 baths, 25 acres) and cathedrals (seven and counting) on this 34-mile ride that goes partly on roads and partly on a paved trail. He promises a running commentary and lunch at Mel's Café. The ride begins at 8:30 at the start of the Morton-East Peoria trail at the corner of Detroit and Jefferson in East Peoria (entrance on Jefferson). Please RSVP Barb Drake (309-692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com) or Judy (692-7955, judybradford7955@msn.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Saturday, September 19th, 6pm – 9pm

Bike Peoria fundraiser – Bicycle advocacy group Bike Peoria will be hosting a fundraising event at Peoria Brewing Company on Sept. 19th from 6pm to 9pm. There will be live music playing by several bands, raffle drawing and possibly 'a treasure hunt on bike' through some local businesses around town. For more info, contact Erik Reader (readerareadevelopment@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.bikepeoria.org>.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 8am

Out of the Box Tour (ride #11: Jubilee Park & Winery) – We'll meet at the Quail Meadow shelter at Jubilee State Park at 8 a.m. To get to the shelter, take the Jubilee Park entrance off Rt. 150 and then the first right turn, about 1 mile total. From Jubilee we'll head south toward Hanna City. After an approximately 40-mile ride, we will have lunch at the Kickapoo Winery. This is a hilly, challenging ride in parts, but it offers some great rewards – extraordinary country and a little wine to help relieve any aches. Bonnie Martin and George Parsons are in charge of this one. Please RSVP Barb Drake (309-692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com) or Judy (692-7955, judybradford7955@msn.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Saturday, September 26th

Meet-in-the-Middle Ride – IVW and the Bloomington Bicycle Club will take part in this ride as participants will meet at the Village of Mackinaw on Sept 26. Mackinaw will have some form of festivities at the village square that day. Plan is to have multiple starting locations along the way with the group starting at the farthest point picking up riders along the route leading to Mackinaw. Will have more details by late next week. Contact Jim Coffey (309-231-5831, coffey4115@msn.com) with any questions you may have.

Saturday, October 3rd, 8am

Chicken Run – In the 1881, the Peoria Bicycle Club was founded by Fred Patee & Harry Rouse, whose father owned a bicycle store. One activity that the club members participated in back in the day was the annual "Chicken Run", in which bicyclists would ride to a popular restaurant in Mossville for a fried chicken dinner. IVW is resurrecting this "Chicken Run" Ride with a twist: We will be riding to Busy Corner in Goodfield for brunch. Tentative starting locations: Hickory

Grove Grade School, Junction City Shopping Center, Russell's. Will have more details on routes later on this month. Please RSVP Fai Mok (517-927-9425, faimok534@gmail.com) in order to give Busy Corner advanced notice.

Monday, October 5th, 9am

Out of the Box Tour (ride #12: Scenic Fulton County) – We'll start at Jacob's Park in Farmington at 9 a.m. and ride through the Fulton County countryside to Canton. To access the park from Rt. 116, turn south onto S. Elmwood Road and take it to Wilson. A left turn there will take you to the park. Once in Canton we'll ride a 3.5-mile trail through the city's newest park, consisting of strip-mined lakes and good fishing. From there we'll ride along historic Elm Street, where some of Canton's early captains of industry built their homes. We'll then ride along the scenic shore of Canton Lake. We will stop for lunch at Tracy's, a bar and grill in Norris, just six miles from the end of our 40-mile ride. There will be some short climbs in the Canton area and a couple of short hills north of Norris. If the weather cooperates, this should be a great ride. Bruce Starbuck is our planner and guide. Please RSVP Barb Drake (309-692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com) or Judy (692-7955, judybradford7955@msn.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Thursday, October 8th, 6pm – 7pm

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Saturday, October 17th, 9:30am

Out of the Box Tour (ride #13: Barb's Birthday Ride) – So the injured birthday girl can join the party, we are moving this ride to the Dunlap-Wyoming area, with the celebration, lunch and birthday cake at One Eleven, the fun and yummy bike-themed restaurant in Wyoming. We'll get underway at 9:30 at Dunlap Grade School. Bonnie Martin is our planner and guide. Please RSVP Judy (692-7955, judybradford7955@msn.com) or Barb Drake (309-692-1201, bdrake@mtco.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Thursday, November 12th, 6pm – 7pm

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Saturday, November 14th, 6pm – 8pm

IVW's Holiday Dinner – Following the club's long standing tradition, we will celebrate the 2015 riding season with a club dinner. This year venue will take place at Sazani's in Peoria. Menu will be a buffet serving short ribs, penne pasta, fried chicken, eggplant parmesan, baked cod, green beans, salad and soft drink. Cost is \$16/person. Please mail check payable to Illinois Valley Wheelm'n and mail it to Marsha Ray, 6446 N. Oakbrook Ct, Peoria, IL 61614. Since Sazani's require a head count, we ask you RSVP by November 7th.

Outside Peoria Area

Friday thru Monday, September 4th – 7th

Midwest Tandem Rally – The MTR is a weekend-long tandem bicycle set of rides, based somewhere in the larger Midwest city on Labor Day weekend. Rockford, IL will be hosting this

year's MTR sponsored by Chicago Area Tandem Society (CATS). Registration starts on Friday (you can pre-register online) from 12pm-9pm and Saturday from 7am-10am. Friday is the Ice Cream Ride, Saturday at 9am is the Mass Start (wear your club jersey), Sunday at 9am is the Mass Start (wear your rally jersey). The MTR will conclude on Monday with a Breakfast Ride. For more info or registration, go to <http://www.mtr2015.org/>

Saturday, September 5th, 7am

Blueberry Bicycle Cruise – The Ancilla Alumni Association, in association with the annual Marshall County Blueberry Festival, will host the Blueberry Bicycle Cruise on Sept 5th in Plymouth, Indiana. Routes will be 31, 41 or 62 miles and a special family tour of 16 miles to the Menominee Monument. The cruise has won wide acclaim for being well organized and scenic with outstanding SAGs. For more information please contact Todd Zeltwanger(574-936-8898 Ext 345, todd.zeltwanger@ancilla.edu). For registration, go to <https://www.ancilla.edu/events/blueberry-bicycle-cruise/>

Saturday, September 5th, 7am

C-U Across the Prairie Ride – Prairie Cycle Club's Annual Cycling Extravaganza will take place on Sept 5th at Parasol Records, 303 W Griggs, Urbana, IL. Ride choices include a 10mi leisurely in-town loop (great for families), 15mi loop, 25mi loop, 38mi loop and 63mi (25+38mi loops) over flat to gently rolling terrain. Bagel breakfast, prizes and SAG support will last until 2pm. There will be 2 leisurely in-town rides, 1st one start at 9am and 2nd one start at 11am. All pre-registrants will be entered in a drawing to win bicycling gear for Durst Cycle & Fitness or Champagne Cycle. The drawing will occur the day before the ride with winners able to pick up their prizes at the check in on Saturday. For more info or registration, go to <http://www.prairiecycleclub.org>

Sunday, September 6th – 7am

30th Tour of Hog Haven Bike Ride – The Kewanee YMCA believes many things. Among them: Biking is a fun and healthy activity for you. Friendly competition is always good. Hog Days is a heavenly thing. So over 25 years ago they brought those beliefs together and created "The Tour of Hog Heaven Bike Ride!" It's an event that has been going strong ever since and usually attracts over a hundred participants annually. Held on Sunday morning of Labor Day weekend, you can participate in the 28, 53 or 64 mile bike ride just for fun or in competition to win; plaques go to the winners. And either way, you get to see close-up a lot of the beauty of our Kewanee/Henry County area while staying healthy and fit!

For info, go to <http://www.kewaneehogdays.com/>

For registration, go to <http://kewaneehogdays.com/pdfs/2015%20TOHH%20flyer.pdf>

Friday thru Sunday, September 11-13th

Stop the Cycle of Abuse – Stop the Cycle of Abuse is a three day cycling tour and camping event. With our base camp located the beautiful Chain of Lakes State Park, Spring Grove, IL. The tour consists of three 60-mile loops through beautiful Lake, Kenosha and McHenry Counties. Options are available for 1, 2 or 3 days. The ride is fully supported with SAG wagons, meals and friends along the way. STC is not a race. It is an awareness and fundraising event. Awesome jersey incentive program will be offered. Children's Home + Aid will be the STC 2015 Beneficiary. For more info, go to <http://www.cyclingforkids.net/#!stop-the-cycle-of-abuse-2015/c21kz>

Saturday, September 12th, 10am

Best Rides of Illinois – Ride #10: Charleston Cruise. Getting there: The starting point is Sister City Park on the southeastern edge of Charleston. Coming south on I-57, exit at SR16 heading east(exit 190A). In Charleston, turn right on SR130. Sister City Park is on the right.

This ride takes you south of Charleston along quiet roads winding through the beautiful hilly woodlands that accompany the scenic Embarras River. After a bit of Linconia on the first leg of the ride, you'll zigzag through gently rolling farmland, cross a handful of creeks and encounter prairie, bottomland and plenty of hills. The final part of this tour explores Charleston, a pleasant historic town that hosts the campus of Eastern Illinois University. Distance of the ride will be 38mi. Please RSVP Terry Hunt (309-310-7527, thunt@mchsi.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Sunday, September 13th, 6am

46th Annual Harmon 100 – One of Chicago's oldest cycling invitational, The Wheeling Wheelmen have been hosting the Harmon Hundred since September 1970. At the first ride, then called the Wheeling 100, 198 people came out. The next year, the number had grown to almost 300, and in the third year they had more than 400 participants. The Harmon Hundred is still one of the largest bike rides in the Chicagoland area. It has grown a reputation for its rest stops which feature a variety of refreshments including sushi, turkey wraps, pasta salads and sub sandwiches. The scenic ride of 25, 50, 75 & 100 miles are well marked through the quiet country roads surrounding Wilmore near the border of Illinois-Wisconsin. For registration or more info, go to http://wheelmen.com/harmon_hundred.asp

Sunday, September 13th, 7am

Capital City Century – Hosted by Springfield Bicycle Club, the CCC is one of the oldest cycling events in central Illinois, attracting hundreds of riders from multiple states. The CCC is a recreational ride attracting riders of all ages and ability levels. Route options vary from 10 to 125mi over flat to slightly rolling terrain. There will be organized food stops, SAG & a post ride party with a nice dinner. Discount available for registration before August 23rd! For more info, go to <http://www.spfldcycling.org/index.php/capital-city-century>

Sunday, September 20th, 9am

31st Annual North Shore Century – The North Shore Century offers incredibly scenic biking. You'll experience luxurious neighborhoods, view unique architectural treasures, pedal down tranquil tree-lined streets and feel the refreshing breezes of Lake Michigan. Open it up in the flat to rolling countryside between Chicago and Wisconsin. Join us on Sunday, September 20th when the Evanston Bicycle Club sponsors one of Chicagoland's premiere invitational rides - the 31st annual North Shore Century. Hundreds of riders make the North Shore Century their last - maybe their best - ride of summer. You can, too. Route options include quarter, half, metric and classic century. There will be music and homemade goodies at every rest stop. Online registration ends on Sept 16. In person registration begins at 6am on the day of ride. Century riders must on the road no later than 9am. All others may register until 11am, at which time registration closes. For registration or more info, go to:

http://evanstonbikeclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=690768&module_id=177315

Sunday, September 27th, 7am

42nd Apple Cider Century – The Apple Cider Century in Three Oaks, Michigan is a bicycle tour of over 5,000 cyclists annually riding through the countryside and towns of Southwest Michigan. Casual to expert riders enjoy the food, sights and sounds and camaraderie of fall cycling. Early arrivals may pick up their rider packets on Saturday between 10am-10pm EST. Afterward, you can tour our Bicycle Museum which now display the 1860's Boneshaker, 1890's Tally-Ho Tandem, Side-by-Side Tandem and many other unique bicycle & historic plaques. Ice Cream Social will also be held from 4pm-8pm EST as we will provide refreshments while you enjoy conversation and camaraderie at the Dewey Cannon Park. For registration or more info, go to <http://applecidercentury.com>

Sunday, September 27th, 7am

Prairie Pedal Fundraiser – Prairie Pedal is an annual fundraising event for the Macon County Conservation Foundation held in the fall. All proceeds support the conservation of natural areas and wildlife in Macon County, IL. Check out the projects Prairie Pedal **made possible in 2014**. Enjoy a 62, 40 or 20 mile bike ride through the quiet roads of Macon County countryside. You'll have a chance to discover the vibrant prairie grasses, wildflowers and diverse wildlife as we ride for restoration! After the ride, enjoy a tasty chili lunch with vegetarian option and an assortment of refreshments. All routes begin and end at Rock Springs Conservation Area, 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL. Discount available if register by September 10th. For registration or more info, go to <http://maconcountyconservationfoundation.org/prairie-pedal/>

Sunday thru Wednesday, September 27th – 30th

Climate Ride Midwest – Climate Ride Midwest spans three states and connects two vibrant cities, while exploring some of the best cycling in the country. From the exciting trip start in Grand Rapids, MI – one of Bicycling Magazine's Top 50 Bike-Friendly Cities, home to the world's largest art competition, and known as the "Beer City" due to its many craft breweries – to the triumphant arrival in Chicago, the new Climate Ride Midwest will challenge, inspire, and surprise you as you pedal and connect with 100 other interesting climate and bicycle heroes. On Climate Ride Midwest you'll spend four days cycling through Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois on a scenic journey that explores the back roads of Lake Michigan. You'll discover amazing scenery, stay at comfortable retreats and classic summer camps, and experience the thrill of touring by bicycle with a community united by their passion for sustainability, renewable energy, and bicycles - the ultimate carbon-free form of transportation. For registration or more info, go to <http://www.climateride.org/events/midwest>

Monday, September 28th, 11am

Best Rides of Illinois - Ride #11: Allerton Park – Monticello Cruise. Getting there: We will begin at the main parking area at Robert Allerton Park, located about 25mi west of Champagne at 515 Old Timber Rd, Monticello.

Allerton Park is designated as one of the seven wonders of Illinois. You might want to arrive early to visit the formal gardens before the ride. We will pass through river valleys Monticello, White Heath, Centerville and Lodge Park County Forest Reserve before returning to the start. Expect a nice mix of forest, cropland, minor river bluffs and valleys. Please RSVP Terry Hunt (309-310-7527, thunt@mchsi.com) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather or road construction.

Sunday, October 4th – 7am

Pumpkin Pie Ride – Hosted by the Starved Rock Cycling Club, the 26th Annual Pumpkin Pie Ride takes you through light traffic roads with rolling hills surrounding Ottawa, up to Sheridan and west of Yorkville. Choose from route distance of 28, 42, 63 & 103 miles. After the ride, enjoy some pumpkin pie and other bake goods. For more info & registration, go to <http://www.starvedrockcycling.com/pprpage.htm>. For additional questions, contact Starved Rock Cycling Club (StarvedRockCycling@yahoo.com).

Saturday thru Sunday, October 10th-11th

G.I.T.y Up! Bike Tour – Inspired by the 450 mile Grand Illinois Trail, GITY Up! is a single overnight, supported bike tour for beginning bike campers, families and experts with restless legs but only have free time on the weekend. You bring your tent, your sleeping bag, your family, your guitar for campfire songs and leave the freeze dried meatloaf at home. Dinner & breakfast are prepared by local caterers. We schlep your overnight gear. (Note: limited area hotel rooms are available.) It's crazy healthy happy fun! **Check out what bike campers got into on past GITY Ups!** How much adventure you have is up to you! Registration is limited to 150 spots. GITY Up! gets goin' rain or shine. Sorry, no refunds on registration fees. Riding in GITY Up! Helps Trails for Illinois make every home a trailhead. For registration, go to <http://www.trailsforillinois.org/gityup>

Friday thru Sunday, October 9th-11th

48th Annual Hilly Hundred Weekend – Perennial winner of Bicycling Magazine and the League of American Bicyclists Best Biking in America Awards. The Central Indiana Bicycling Association, Inc. (CIBA) is proud to sponsor the 48th Annual Hilly Hundred Weekend, a classic bicycling event designed for the touring cyclists. If you like a bicycling challenge that includes entertainment and fellowship with more than 4,000 cyclists from over 40 states and several foreign countries, the Hilly is for you. This three day event (with two days of riding approximately 50 miles each day) is held in the **scenic hills** of southern Indiana. The challenging terrain is a wonderful mix of gently rolling country roads and breathtaking hills (literally). New this year: we will have a 33 mile short route on Saturday and a 31 mile short route on Sunday. If you or your riding friends aren't up for the entire 50 plus mile route, come and join the fun anyway. We think you'll like the alternative to the full distance. Register before September 2nd and save \$10! For registration or more info, go to <http://www.hillyhundred.org>