

Upcoming Events

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

Local

Early September, date and time TBD

Out of the Box Tour (ride #9: Tazewell Towns) – Detail to come. Contact Judy Bradford (309-360-3913, judybradford7955@msn.com).

Tuesday, September 6th, 6pm

Bike Peoria Meeting – Rhodell Brewery, 100 Walnut St #111, Downtown Peoria.

Thursday, September 8th, 6pm – 7pm

IVW Club Meeting - Peoria Public Library – North Branch, Seminar Room, 3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria.

Saturday, September 10th, 7:30am

Morton Pumpkin Bike Tour – In celebration of the Morton Pumpkin Festival's 50th Anniversary, we're excited to add a special 50-mile bike ride to our Festival events. The Pumpkin Tour will include areas of Morton, East Peoria, Tremont and Mackinaw for a total of 50 miles. All routes begin and end at the Morton Public Library, which will also serve as the Main Rest Stop. For registration or more info, go to <http://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-bike-tour>

Saturday, September 24th, 7:30am

Meet-in-the-Middle Ride – IVW and the McLean County Wheelers will take part in this ride as participants will meet at the Village of Mackinaw on Sept 24th. 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. More details to come by next week. If any questions regarding the ride, contact Jim Coffey (309-231-5831, coffey4115@msn.com).

Wednesday, September 28th, 9:30am

Out of the Box Tour (ride #10: Bureau County Back Roads) – A new ride brought to us by Tiskilwa native son, Randy Senneff. This will be a 30-40 mile moderately hilly ride through small towns including Tiskilwa, Buda, Wyanet, Lake Thunderbird and along the mostly empty back roads. Food stop in Princeton. Starting location will be in Bureau Junction at the Hennepin Canal parking lot. Bureau Junction is about an hour north of Peoria on Route 29. Please RSVP Randy Senneff (309-253-3052, rrsenneff@yahoo.com) or Rebecca Senneff (614-769-4770, sennrrr2008@att.net) in order to communicate any delay or cancellation due to weather.

Tuesday, October 4th, 6pm

Bike Peoria Meeting – Rhodell Brewery, 100 Walnut St #111, Downtown Peoria.

Early October, date and time TBD

Chicken Run - IVW resurrected the "Chicken Run" Ride last year with great turnout. So we are bring it back again in October. Once again, we will be riding to Busy Corner in Goodfield for brunch. Tentative starting locations: Hickory Grove Grade School in Dunlap, Junction City

Shopping Center in Peoria, Russell's and S. Main St. Shopping Plaza in Morton. We will have more details on routes later this month. Please RSVP Fai Mok in order to get a head count. (517-927-9425, faimok534@gmail.com)

Thursday, October 13th, 6pm – 7pm

IVW Club Meeting - Peoria Public Library – North Branch, Seminar Room, 3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria.

Outside Greater Peoria Area

Friday thru Monday, September 2nd – 5th

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. Ankeny, Iowa will be hosting this year's MTR sponsored by Chicago Area Tandem Society (CATS). Early registration discount has been extended until July 15. The price goes up to \$80 on July 15. Cut off for the MTR jersey orders has been extended until July 6. Registration includes: maps & cue sheets for all routes, Saturday & Sunday lunch stops on the route, rest stop refreshments & SAG service. If you want the full High Trestle Trail experience, you have to come out for the Ice Cream Ride on Friday and see the beautiful lit Trestle Trail Bridge at night! 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 the link below.

<http://www.mtr2016.com/index.html>

Saturday, September 3rd, 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 3rd 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 Emily Hutsell (574-936-8898 Ext 355, emily.hutsell@ancilla.edu). For registration, go to <https://www.ancilla.edu/events/blueberry-bicycle-cruise/>

Sunday, September 4th – 7am

31st 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://kewaneehogdays.com/schedule.htm>.

Saturday thru Sunday, September 10th–11th

Door County Century – DCC is a one day bike tour on the scenic back roads of the beautiful Door County Peninsula. The event takes place the Sunday after Labor Day each year. This takes

advantage of the motor vehicle traffic lull that occurs between summer and fall colors in October. Four courses are offered – 100 mile century, 70 mile, 50 mile(half century) and 28.5 miles. There are 6 scenic, mostly waterfront rest stops on the century ride. In 2015, nearly, 3000 riders participated in the DCC. In order to ensure the safety and the quality experience that our riders have come to expect from DCC, we are limiting capacity to 3000 participants in 2016. Saturday is the Bike Expo where riders will find great deals on bicycles, athletic apparel, casual wear, sunglasses, equipment, and accessories. The festivities include locally made chicken booyah (similar to chicken stew), New Belgium beer, and giant HD projection televisions playing college football games. Adding to the excitement is the Cross of the Century, our crazy race event passing through the Expo Hall from 10 am until 4 pm. Sunday is the ride followed by a post ride Italian Dinner Picnic at the Door County Fairgrounds with NFL games broadcast on giant HD projection screens. For more info or registration, go to <https://www.doorcountycentury.com/>

Saturday thru Sunday, September 10th-11th, 7am

Old Kentucky Home Tour – The 39th Annual Old Kentucky Home Bicycle Tour, (aka OKHT), is a two-day ride departing from Baptist Eastpoint, 2400 Eastpoint Parkway, 40223, in Louisville. On Saturday, September 10th, with 3 mileage routes to historic Bardstown, Ky. A 55-mile, 72-mile, and a very challenging 102-mile century, which includes the legendary Pottershop Hill! It is the winner of the League of American Bicyclists Best Century award. On Sunday, September 11th, there are two routes from Louisville. The 25 mile short route goes out to the Fern Creek Fire Station and back to Baptist Eastpoint. The 50-mile, single-day loop goes out to our FAMOUS "Homemade Cookie Stop" sag stop and joins up with the 2-day riders coming back from Bardstown for the return ride back to Baptist Eastpoint via a gorgeous scenic route. The Old Kentucky Home Tour is a beautiful bike tour through scenic, rolling hills in rural Kentucky, fully supported with fixed and roving sags. Price of [registration](#) includes Nancy's Bagels and Heine Brothers' Coffee on Saturday morning, and Saturday lunch. Sunday morning breakfast by Chris Cakes, plus ample food and drink. The tour is also famous for our "Homemade Cookie Stop" on Sunday, where sampling the cookies, of all kinds, is an endurance sport in itself. All riders are invited and encouraged to bring cookies for the cookie stop. Sunday's ride also features a post-ride ALL YOU CAN EAT pizza party at Baptist Eastpoint. Cost for 2 day ride is \$65; cost for Sunday only ride is \$35. For more info or registration, click on the link below. <http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org/OKHT>

Saturday, September 10th, 7am

Crop Cycle Bicycle Tour of Farms – The Illinois Organic Growers Association is hosting our 2nd annual bike-to-farm tour event this fall in Champaign County. Take a 40 mile ride through the county to visit 5 local farms, experience our beautiful countryside, enjoy fresh food and meet the farmers who produce some of the organic and sustainable food served and sold right here in Champaign County! Our route is flexible, so you can adjust your pace and distance to match your cycling preference. Your registration fee includes a farm fresh luncheon, snacks and water breaks and a t-shirt. Registration cost is \$45 through 5pm on Sept. 2; after Sept. 2 the cost is \$55. Registrations must be received by 5pm on Thursday, Sept. 8. To register, click on the link below. <https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=H92VGH7>

Sunday, September 11th, 6am

47th 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 Wilmot near the border of Illinois-Wisconsin. For registration or more info, go to http://wheelmen.com/harmon_hundred.asp.

Sunday, September 11th, 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 September 2nd! For more info, go to <http://spfldcycling.org/index.php/ccc/>.

Friday thru Sunday, September 16-18th

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/#!stc-2016/c21kz>.

Saturday, September 17th, 9am

32nd Amish Country Tour – A bicycle tour through the Amish countryside around Arthur, Illinois. This is a family friendly bicycle tour through the Amish countryside around Arthur. Riding the flat back country roads and passing many of the Amish businesses. All routes (20 mi, 42 mi & 60 mi) are clearly identified with colored arrows on the roadway. Come and plan to stay for the day! A family friendly bicycle tour through the Amish country. There are lots of shops both along the routes and in the village of Arthur to stop and look over the treasures of the area crafts. For late registration riders. We cannot guarantee that your shirt size and/or sleeve style will be on hand from extra stock, however we will gladly order you a shirt and mail it to your address at an extra cost for mailing. Registration is \$25, day of registration open at 6:30 am. This ride event is held rain or shine so please come prepared for the day. For more info and registration, go to <http://www.decaturbicycleclub.org/arthur.html>

Saturday, September 17th, 7am

Peninsula Century Fall Challenge - Starting and ending at Waterfront Park in Sister Bay, Wisconsin on September 17, the Fall Challenge will venture inland and feature more demanding 25, 50, 62, and 100-mile routes. The hundred miler will be highlighted by three optional hill climbing challenges, with the day's best male and female climbers awarded the Door County Brewing Co. Polka Dot "King of the Hills" jersey. And naturally, at the end of the day, you'll be treated to a post-ride party featuring a buffet of local food from Sister Bay's best restaurants and beer from Door County Brewing Co. and Tapuat Brewing Company. For registration or more info, go to <http://peninsulacenturyfallchallenge.com/register/>

Sunday, September 18th, 8am

32nd 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. Registration begins at 6am on the day of ride (discount available for early registration before Aug 1st). 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/nsc>.

Monday, September 19th, 8am – 4pm

2016 Ride Illinois Bike Summit – The fifth annual Illinois Bike Summit will take place at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Come for a day of learning and networking with hundreds of advocates, planners, civil engineers, public health researchers, business leaders, and elected officials from all corners of the state. Leave inspired and better equipped to improve bicycling in your community and beyond as we focus on *Better Biking for All*. For more information, click [here](#).

Saturday, September 24th, 7:30am

River to Rail Ride – The Champaign County Forest Preserve District is planning its third annual River to Rail Ride on September 24, 2016 at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve in Penfield. The ride includes three routes, with distances of approximately 15, 32, and 67 miles. All three routes begin and end at the forest preserve. Maps of the routes will be available online at www.kickapoorailtrail.com by September 15. The ride costs \$35 for any distance and includes lunch. Register by September 9 to receive a t-shirt. Registration fee benefits the soon-to-be constructed Kickapoo Rail Trail. Go to <http://www.kickapoorailtrail.org/events.html> to sign up.

Sunday, September 25th, 7am

43rd 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 25th, 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 2015](#). 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, October 2ⁿ – 7am

Pumpkin Pie Ride – Hosted by the Starved Rock Cycling Club, the 27th 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, click on the link below.

<http://www.starvedrockcycling.com/#nil>

For additional questions, contact Starved Rock Cycling Club (StarvedRockCycling@yahoo.com).

Saturday thru Sunday, October 8th-9th

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, click on the link.

<http://www.trailsforillinois.org/gityup>

Friday thru Sunday, October 21st-23rd

49th 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>.