



# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN

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# OCTOBER

**OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING:** 10/23/80 7:30 p.m. C.O.R.D. Building 6518 N. Sheridan Rd, Peoria, Illinois.  
**Program:** "North Carolina - Mountain to the Sea" slide presentation by Elaine Roth. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES:** Everyone I have talked to has agreed that we should have an event during Steamboat Days Weekend. The options have been discussed at several meetings and on most of the rides I have been on. They are: (1) A two day tour along the Illinois River Valley with 50 and 100 mile loops and several short rides in town taking in some of the local attractions. We would use Bradley Univ. for some meals and for overnight accommodations. (2) A one day ride featuring a century and shorter options. This ride could also take in some of the Illinois River Valley. (3) A competitive event, similar to the Illinois Valley Striders Road Race which has become nationally known. with emphasis on attracting local bike riders. It is no secret that I favor #1. I believe it has the most chance for success if properly promoted and organized. I think more riders from Chicago, St. Louis, Quad-Cities and other areas would be willing to come to Peoria for a two-day event. But those who favor #1 should be prepared for a lot of work and realize the risk to our meager club treasury. Come to the October meeting and be prepared to give your opinions and to vote on what we should do. Ron Matuska

**OPINION:** Let's change our name and image. Illinois Valley Wheelmen no longer shows what the club is. It should be Illinois Valley Bicyclers or Illinois Valley Bicycling Club. At one point Wheelmen might have signified bicycling, but it no longer does. Many of us have been asked what the Wheelmen is. What kind of club? A motorcycle club? Putting the term bicycle in the club name will clarify our purpose, provide a better image, and encourage those interested in joining, which is what we want. Finally, it removes sexism, which should be important to all of us--women and men. Joanne Fought

**ANNUAL IVW DINNER:** Make reservation now for the annual IVW dinner Saturday November 22, 1980 7:30 p.m. at Waple Shade Restaurant in Dunlap, 6:30 p.m. cocktails individual bar. Family style chicken & country fried steak. \$7.00 per Adult \$5.00 per child. Slide show, awards and election of officers starting at 8:30 p.m. Please plan to attend this year's gala event. Deadline for reservation Saturday November 1st. Send your check to IVW P.O. Box 1523 Peoria, Illinois 61655.

### ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN 1981 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Bicycling Interests: Short, slow-pace \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday rides \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday rides \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_  
Local rides \_\_\_\_\_ K-Country Tours \_\_\_\_\_

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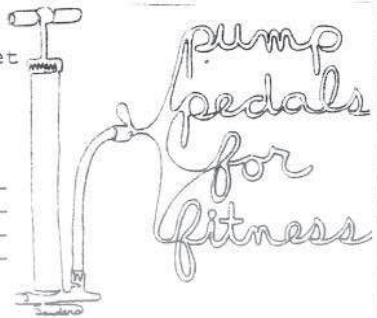
#### IVW JACKETS FOR SALE:

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RIDE REPORTS

Apple Cider Century: IVW was well represented and a large group from Bloomington-Normal was also there. Dave & Marilyn Gottwald, Bob & Valerie Jones, Steve Meisner, Rod Myers, Ron & Grace Matuska, and Diane Ziegler enjoyed good weather, cider, cookies and fruit and meeting a lot (2000) of other bikers. We saw a parking lot full of hand gliders at Warren Dunes State Park but the wind was wrong so no one was up. Seven-year old Grace had her first 50 mile day.

RACER II Galesburg: 8 of us rode from Peoria to Galesburg on a very frosty morning. A hot beverage stop at Oak Hill got us going again and Rod 'Space Invader' Myers showed us the latest fashions for keeping warm. The Ruthedges had about 75 bikers over for Chilli after a ride to Knoxville and parts of the Knox County Scenic Drive. The Gardnes's were there on a pretty red tandem. We also saw Jack & Joanne Fought, Cynthia Matthias and Bill Semmens.

Tanner Orchard ride: Eight riders rode to Tanner Orchard for apple cider, popcorn, carmel apples and some apples. The weather was very cool at the start but it turned out to be a beautiful day. We had three new riders Bruce Horn, Phil Oekers and Dave Patterson. Dave Wenzel stretched the ride to about 50 miles.

IVW'S NOTES AND COMMENTS: T-shirts are available at meetings or by calling Ron M. We are also taking jacket orders now.\*\*\*It's not too late for you to go to the Hilly 100, Oct 25 & 26 in Bloomington Ind. Call Ron M. or Les S. and we'll do our best to help find you a ride or accomodations. \*\*\* IVW member Dr. Paul Hutinger was 4th in the Tin-Man Tri-athelon and 4th in the 25 mile time trial at the U.S.C.F. Nationals in Brisbee Arizona. He competed in the Grand Masters class for riders 55-59.\*\*\* Tourist Time Trial, Saturday October 18 2 p.m. Mossville.\*\*\* The Executive Council has recommended a dues increase to \$6.00. Discussion at the October meeting and vote at annual dinner. \*\*\* If you would like to be a club officer next year please contact Dave Gottwald.\*\*\* Rick & Elaine Roth had their first son in August. Congratulations.

IVW VITESSE RACING TEAM NEWS: Next meeting is for Friday November 7 at the C.O.R.D. Bldg at 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers.

OPINION: Recently I have heard of some great ideas from members of the club for our winter season and next years activities. I think it is very important that we all express our ideas however important it might seem to us at the time, because in order for our club to grow in popularity and size we need memberships input. The clubs success belongs to all the membership not just a few who are holding office. So please express your ideas among your friends in the club and to the President or through the IVW Newsletter. NEW IDEAS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP I. During the winter season when there is less biking activity have more social get together where we can meet on an informal basis apart from our regular meetings. A number of SKI clubs do this during their OFF season in the summer months. 2. Print a ride schedule a year in advance, similar to what other bike clubs do, in booklet form including a membership list, mileage chart, constitution and by laws, touring info, properly setting up your bicycle for your particular needs, maps of bike routes in central Illinois, racing info and schedule, etc. This booklet among other benefits would help members plan their biking activities in advance and hopefully have more participation on our in town and out of town rides. 3. We could even sell such a book at book stores, bicycle shops etc. which would give us additional profit and also give us more exposure for new membership. 4. A new advertising P.R man to help promote the club and its activities through the local news media. Also some members could appear on various T.V and Radio talk shows promoting I.V.W. 5. Promoting bicycle safety through the local Peoria area schools. There are many bicycle safety films and handouts to help us with this kind of venture. 6. A large type of one or two day ride for the Peoria area similar to TOMRV in Iowa. 7. Less formal meeting time and more social time together at the monthly meetings. 8. More participation in coordinating the out of town rides. 9. For the ride schedule booklet every one could send in their favorite ride in and around Peoria area with a map and some details of the ride. 10. Scheduling the IVW booth at more event and places around the Peoria area to increase our awareness and membership. 11. Have more bike shops and other area business buy ad space in our monthly newsletter and purposed ride booklet. This would help offset some of our operating cost and also help the advertisers. 12. A monthly ideas column so members could express their ideas on bicycling and the clubs activities. 13. IVW name change? Why not change the name to one that the community can easily identify what we are all about. 14. Roller training this winter to help us keep up our conditioning. \*\*\* I wish we could see the other 95% of the membership on our weekly rides. It seems about the same 5% show up on the weekly rides although we had 3 new members on Dave Wenzel's Tanner's orchard ride. Please let someone know if we are doing something wrong on our rides. Again we need your input to make our club a success. Rod H. Myers

Next 10 mile time trials: At Caterpillar Mossville Plant on Mossville Road  
 Saturday Oct 18th 2:00 p.m.  
 Saturday Nov 15th 2:00 p.m.  
 Saturday Dec 13th 2:00 p.m.

RIDE SCHEDULE

Sunday Meet at Mr Donut on Sterling  
 Nov 2 Halloween ride Unusual  
 1:30 p.m. dress encouraged

Sunday Detweiller Park  
 Nov 9 Rock Island trail ride  
 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Meet at Holiday Inn in  
 Nov 16 East Peoria  
 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Meet at Mr Donut on  
 Nov 23 Sterling  
 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Meet at Holiday Inn in  
 Nov 30 East Peoria  
 1:30 p.m.

Meet every Saturday morning at 8:30  
 at the Washington Square.