

ILLINOIS VALLEY

**WHEELMEN**

*greater peoria's bicycle club*



January 2003

## New Year's Ride

The annual IVW 1st event, ride with food and drink will be held January 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Ron and Paula Douglas.

RSVP to: 637-1748 or email: rkpjdouglas@insightbb.com

1:00 pm Arrive at Ron and Paula's if you choose to ride

2:30 pm Non-riders arrive and riders return for food and drink (return earlier if weather is too cold) .

This is a potluck. Bring whatever you would like. However, on your RSVP please indicate what you intend to bring. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be provided by Ron and Paula. This is a chance to meet with friends, enjoy food and drink together around the fire and talk about the upcoming cycling season and hear all about the party you attended last evening.

Address is: 1106 N. Parkside Drive  
Peoria, IL 61606

>From Main St., going west pass Bradley University. North Parkside is the street facing Bradley Park, just before the traffic signal of Main, Western and Farmington Road. Turn right, It is a large brick house with a fire hydrant in the front and alley beside the house.

>From the north of the city or from interstate 74, exit on south University St. continue to Main St., turn right and then follow the directions above.

## Swap meet!

When: Jan. 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hines Grade School Gymnasium,  
4603 N. Knoxville Ave. Peoria, IL  
Turn west into the school at the flashing light on Knoxville (Lynwood Ave.) between Lake & Glen. Enter the front doors and up the stairs to the gym.

Why: To buy, sell, swap or whatever all kinds of bike related stuff. Surely there will be something there for everyone. So bring all the things you no longer use or want and take home lots of new goodies!



### Renewing Members

Joe & Connie Camp & family  
..... Washington^  
Ron & Gwen Chandler & family  
..... E. Peoria  
Celeste Hansen ..... Peoria  
Linda & Samuel Kent ..... Morton  
Larry & Jackie Robbins & family  
..... Dunlap  
Patty & Todd Sage .....  
..... Chillicothe^\*

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Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

IVW On the Web

<http://www.geocities.com/ivw.geo>

*enter the above as one line; no spaces*

## The Latest RTA News

Just got back from our Christmas dinner at Peoria Castle Lodge. Not a lot of business but here is a little of what's up.

The Tri County Planning Commission is working with La Hood's office to open a discussion with Union Pacific regarding a trail from Farmington to Bellevue. The towns along the way are all on board. A CD presentation has already been developed by Professor Goldbaum of Bradley U. This would be a 24 mile trail.

The WINTAG group from MaComb has already received approval to railbank the old TP&W line from LaHarpe to Mapleton (distance 70 miles). Now comes the real work of gaining easements and such. <http://www.wintag.org>

THANKS Dirk McGuire

## A Show of Support from Peoria Police

Earlier this year, a group of IVW members were finishing up a ride, and returning to Bradley Park via Rt. 8. The group was passed by a car, and one of the car's occupants threw a can of beer at them. One of the cyclists, Ron Douglas, reported the incident and the car's license plate number to the police. While many of us would expect this incident to be ignored by the authorities, the results in this case were very encouraging. What follows is a message from the sheriff, along with Ron's comments:

"Following is quoted from an email I received today from Sheriff McCoy.

So, just so everyone knows....we have identified the owner of the vehicle and a Detective will investigate the incident. We have no identification of the people involved but we can sure advise the owner that they were seen. Charges will not be placed, unless the

person say they threw the can, unlikely.

But, they know....that we know... and that's important.

Ron, I hope that you advise all your fellow riders that the police do care and that the dispatchers do understand the importance of this incident.

Please apologize for the attitude of an uninformed police officer and remember that we work for you.

MD McCoy  
Sheriff

Sheriff McCoy and his staff have done a great job in following up on this incident and the owner of the van will likely think twice about endangering cyclists in the future. "

## Quiet Hero News

Thank you to IVW's Quiet Hero Blood Donors who donated faithfully during the seven months April through October. Donating were:

Rob Alexander (three donations)  
Ron Anderson (three)  
Joe Camp (four)  
Bill Clark (three)  
Marcia Grebner (two)  
Don Jacobs (three)  
Steve Kurt (three)  
Ron Matuska (three)  
Rich Morris (two)  
Bill Semmens (two)  
Brian White (three)  
Nancy White (four)

With the holiday season here and the need for blood donations greater than at any other time of year, it's a wonderful time to become a quiet hero (a regular blood donor). Please contact me if you need more info about donating - or call the Red Cross Blood Center at 674-7171. When you get there tell them that you wish to donate for IVW's Quiet Hero Club #217.

Thanks! Ron Anderson, Club  
Coordinator (raanders@bwsys.net)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a summary of the club's financial status as of late November 2002, compiled by our treasurer, Sheila Gribble:

## INCOME

ADVOCATE	354.00
CLOTHING SALES	2,095.00
INTEREST INCOME	42.50
INTERPLANETARY	132.68
MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,542.00
PEDAL-IN INCOME	5,865.00
SOCIAL INCOME	75.70
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TOTAL INCOME	10,106.88

## EXPENSES

ADVOCACY EXPENSE	55.00
AWARDS-TROPHIES	290.61
CLOTHING PURCHASE	1,984.50
DONATIONS	334.04
INSURANCE	305.00
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	8.00
NEWSLETTER PRINTING	935.00
PEDAL-IN EXPENSE	4,180.74
POSTAGE	891.16
SOCIAL	133.48
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TOTAL EXPENSES	9,117.53

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OVERALL TOTAL 989.35

BALANCE IN CHECKING \$ 4786.78

BALANCE IN SAVINGS \$ 5476.97



1999 Raleigh M7000, full suspension, 16" frame, Manitou Spyder fork, low mileage. I am asking \$350 for it.

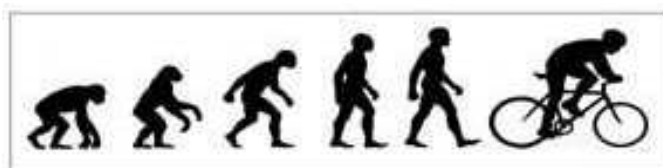
Marlie Gaddie  
home phone: 309-382-2191.  
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email is the preferable way to contact me.

Specialized Sirrus road bike. Excellent condition and well maintained. Seattube size is 60cm center to top. 14 speeds. Chrome-moly frame. Great as a spare bike or a travel bike. \$300.

Pictures can be viewed on the web:  
<http://photos.yahoo.com/kurtsj00>  
Steve Kurt 243-7684 or [kurtsj@mtco.com](mailto:kurtsj@mtco.com)

Members are welcome to list bicycles, parts, assorted clothing, accessories, and general "stuff" which they'd like to offer for sale.

*(especially Campy parts from the 70's and early 80's!*  
..... S. Kurt)



Trying to fill that annoying blank spot on your bumper? Well, you can find some clever bicycle related stickers like the one shown above (and buttons, mugs, etc) from a mailorder house named "Northern Sun". They can be found on the web at :

[www.northernsun.com](http://www.northernsun.com)  
or give them a call at 800-258-8579

## IVW 2002 Ride Information

Thanks to the efforts of several club members the ride schedule for the year already includes a variety of weekly and special rides. There are rides for all levels of ability, and more will be added as the season grows closer. If you have any ride suggestions, please call Mike Pula 243-9394.

### **Weekly Rides**

Monday through Friday: rides are suspended till things warm up a bit and the sun decides to come back.

Saturday Washington (on the square); no leader; 8:30; levels 2 & up; currently riding  
Saturday Russell's (Washington); Larry Paustian 694-3947; 8:30 departure; levels 2 & up.  
Sunday A ride will leave from Banner School at 1pm. See details and schedule below.

### Sunday Winter Ride:

All riders welcome. Ride leaders may split the group into two groups. Ride will leave Banner School (north of Peoria, near Dunlap: Cedar Hills Drive and Allen Road) at 1:00pm each Sunday. Ride distance will be 20-30 miles, depending on the weather. Call the ride leader for information each week.

Please contact the Ride Chair, Mike Pula, if you are interested in leading one of these rides!

December 29	Mike Pula	243-9394
January 5	Tim O'Hanlin	692-2090
January 12	Ron Douglas	637-1748
January 19	Steve Kurt	243-7684

### Rating Legend:

Level 1: Beginner, less than 20 miles, less than 15mph, not self-sufficient.

Level 2: Intermediate, 20 - 50 miles, 15 to 18 mph, partially self-sufficient.

Level 3: Experienced, 50+ miles, 18+ mph, totally self-sufficient.

### **Special Rides:**

New Year's Ride. January 1, 2003. Contact Ron or Paula Douglas 637-1748. Details elsewhere in this issue.

## Progressive Dinner

There will be a progressive dinner on Saturday, March 1st, 2003. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the main course. We will meet at Celeste Hansen's at 5:30 for drinks and appetizers, then go to Greg & Lori Durst's for the main course, then on to Sheila Gribble's for dessert. Please make your reservation by completing the attached sign up form. Please remember to indicate whether you will be bringing a drink/appetizer or dessert. The deadline to sign up is February 21st.

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Please make a reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ the Wheelm'n progressive dinner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring something to share in the following category:

\_\_\_\_\_ Drinks or appetizer

\_\_\_\_\_ Dessert

Send a check for \$5.00 by Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, payable to Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, to:

Bonnie Johnson  
1215 W Crestwood  
Peoria IL 61614  
309-682-7771  
bonjon@ix.netcom.com

### ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
please print clearly

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Name #1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(parent or guardian if registrant is under 18)

Are you renewing, or is this a new membership? (check one)

Renewing     New

If new, how did you find out about the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an LAB member (check one)

Yes     No

Basic membership:

Individual (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household (\$12) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary advocacy contribution:

(\$5, \$10, \$15, other) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DISCLAIMER: In signing this form, I understand and agree to absolve the officers and members of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n bicycle of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in any activity sponsored or advertised by said organization.

Make check payable to: ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N, 6518 North Sheridan Rd., Ste 2, Peoria IL 61614-2933

## Summary of upcoming events:



Jan 1	New Year's Ride (of course)
Jan 15	Swap Meet (an opportunity to either empty or fill your closets and garage!)
March 1	Progressive Dinner

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