

# ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELMEN



*greater peoria's bicycle club*

March 2003

## March Club Meeting

Are you shopping for a new bike? Maybe just curious what is available? Well, the I.V.W. is going to help you out! Our March Club Meeting will take place at the Hines Grade School Gym. Wed. March 12th at 7:00. Joe Russell from Russell's Cycle & Fitness will be the speaker. Joe will be talking about all the different choices we have today in road bikes in an effort to help us choose the right bike for our different wants and needs. He will bring along a selection of bikes; touring, road, road racing, and flat-bar road bikes as well as a variety of different frame materials. The intent of the meeting is strictly for information and not sales. Hines Grade School is at 4603 N. Knoxville Ave. (between Lake & Glen at the flashing light). Drive across the parking lot to the open gate to the playground area and park there. Enter the double doors right into the gym. See you there!



## Spring Breakout Ride

Don Eberle (699-2790) will lead our annual breakout ride on April 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 6<sup>th</sup>). We will leave Russell's Cycling at 9:00 for breakfast in Metamora. The ride will be for all levels and cover about 20 miles. For those wanting a longer ride there will be a longer group breaking off after breakfast. Join us for what has been a great entry into the riding season.

## Sunday Winter Rides

The Sunday winter rides from Banner School will continue through March. Meet at 1:00. The leaders for March are Ron Douglas – 3/2, Greg Durst – 3/9, Mike Pula – 3/16, and Tim O'Hanlon – 3/23. The final weekend 3/30 will be replaced by Greg Durst's century ride covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

## Spring and Summer Ride Schedule

We are putting together our weekly and "special" ride schedule for the year. The newsletter and Web Site include a listing of what has been scheduled so far. The weekly rides are filling in and there are already a number of special rides for the year. We will update the list as rides are added. If anyone has an interest in leading or co-leading a ride please contact the ride chair Mike Pula (243-9394) or email him at [mrpula@hotmail.com](mailto:mrpula@hotmail.com). There are some rides that are in need of leaders if interested.

## Summer Century Series

Anyone interested in doing a Century a month through the season? Maybe more frequently with enough interest? Well, I will kick this off on Sat. March, 29 at 8:00 a.m. We will leave from the Banner Grade School parking lot. Corner of Cedar Hills Dr. and Allen Rd.

These will be totally self-supported rides; sometimes we'll have maps sometimes not. The intent is to get several people to lead on a ride they

know. Stay in a group and go through places with Casey's or something similar for snacks and drinks. I will do this one in March and the Tour Around The River on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. That will be the same ride as last year with two distance options again. So that means April and the rest of the season is open.

Anyone interested can call me Greg Durst (243-9694) or the ride leader Mike Pula at (243-9394). This is meant to be very little work for those wanting to do this so, think about your favorite long routes and call to get on the schedule.

## Greg Durst

### New Members

Steve Green ..... Goodfield\*

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Chris & Marguerite Everts & family^ ..... Peoria  
Steve & Carol Hallock ..... Peoria  
Sheila & Reid Hansen .... Peoria\*  
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..... Peoria  
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Larry & Marty Paustian & family  
..... E. Peoria  
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& family ..... Peoria  
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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Every once in awhile, I get this feeling, that I have been forgetting to do something really important. I have forgot to update the Web site, or forgot to mail out the minutes of the board meetings to the proper officials. ???

Oh well. Sooner than later it will pop up and I will get it done. After all, I've got the excuse now. I hit 50 last year. Whatever it was has not stopped the sun from rising or me to quit breathing, so it must not be really important.

Anyhow, the other night I was doing some housecleaning of my "office" and found a note from Lord only knows when, to put board-meeting minutes in the newsletter. I went back and looked at the last two years copies and found where I had started this in 2000, and kinda dropped the ball after the board quit meeting for the summer months. Couldn't find a thing after midyear. That was what I was supposed to be doing. NOW I REMEMBER!!

So, from now on, when ever I get a notice from our nice newsletter guy that articles are due, I will have one ready for him, from your duly elected Secretary. I promise! Here's something to bring you up to date.

Your new board took over at the December 2002 meeting. Greg (Durst not LeMond) sat in the captain's saddle and took off. (Big shoes to fill) Other old and new board members present were; Ron Douglas, Mike Pula, Steve Kurt, Celeste Hansen, Bonnie Johnson, Sheila Gribble, Eric Hutchison, Bill Clark, and Maggie. We discussed ideas for upcoming "cold weather" month's meetings. Several activities are planned. Watch the newsletter for details. Sheila gave the treasurer's report. We have money! Eric gave a report on material received from LAB.

At the January meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, your full board was present. We discussed the upcoming swap meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>. February's general club meeting will be at Fiesta Ranchera on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Ron

Douglas will line up March's speaker. This will be a very interesting topic, so watch your newsletters for details. We nailed down plans for the progressive dinner. Information is to be put in the next newsletter. Sheila gave the treasurer's report. It was noted that the Club took in less than it spent for FY 2002. A new system of tracking expenses will be put in place, and the treasurer will report back to the board periodically. Mike is going to check to see what ride leaders intend on returning and leading rides for the 2003 season. Eric read a letter from LIB, thanking the club for our donation to them, and passed a letter around explaining what LIB is all about. A letter from Adventure Cycling was received, asking for the club to become a member. It was decided that the club would not participate in this. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

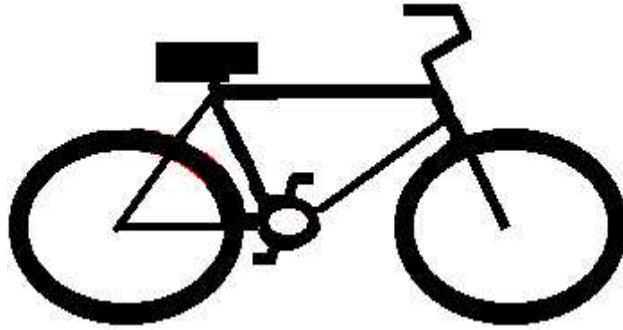
As you can see, your board is very active. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make this a great club for all members. Don't forget to thank your officers for all their hard work. Until next time.  
Bill Clark - Secretary

## Illinois Cycle - Bigger & Better

Illinois Cycle & Fitness has expanded their store. They have expanded into the store that was behind them and moved all the fitness equipment in. As a part of that expansion, they now have a room with a T.V. and video tapes that is open to the public to use to ride your trainers during the inclement weather. They provide the room, T.V. and tapes you bring your bike and trainer. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 till 7:00. They will even store your bike and trainer there for free if you don't want to haul it every time. Hopefully spring is just around the corner, but until then this is another option to stay in shape during the winter months.

# Pedal Peoria 2003

Explore the Peoria Area by Bicycle



**Sponsored by the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n  
Selected Rides co-sponsored by the Peoria Historical Society<sup>†</sup>,  
& Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences<sup>¥</sup>**

All rides are designed for the casual rider, 13 - 15 miles  
Approximately 2 hours starting at 6 PM (Except June 7 & August 10)  
**All are welcome! No fee or registration**

- May 22**      **Grandview Ride**      Start at Lakeview Museum east parking lot.  
Highlights: Views from Grandview Drive & Prospect Rd., High Point Dr., Lindbergh's airmail flight plaque
- June 5**      **East Peoria Trail Ride**      Start at Illinois Antique Center parking lot  
Highlights: Robert Michel Bridge, East Peoria Trail
- June 7**      **History Ride** <sup>†</sup>      Start at the Riverfront Visitor Center Parking Lot **10:00 AM**  
Highlights: River front, Springdale Cemetery, Randolph-Roanoke-High Street homes, Giant Oak Park, Moss Ave Homes, Frank Lloyd Wright, Frank Lloyd Wrong Homes.
- June 26**      **Eric's West Peoria Deli Ride**      Start at Loucks School parking lot  
Highlights: Pettengill-Morrison House, West Peoria, Glen Oak Park Fedora's Deli
- July 10**      **History Ride** <sup>†</sup>      Start at the Riverfront Visitor Center Parking Lot  
Highlights: River front, Springdale Cemetery, Randolph-Roanoke-High Street homes, Giant Oak Park, Moss Ave Homes, Frank Lloyd Wright, Frank Lloyd Wrong Homes.
- July 24**      **Sculpture Ride**<sup>¥</sup>      Start at Bradley University      Highlights: Public Sculptures around Peoria, including Sonar Tide, Peace & Harvest, Mother Theresa, Ingersoll, various Riverfront Park sculptures by Preston Jackson.
- July 31**      **East Peoria Fon du Lac Ride**      Start at Illinois Antique Center parking lot  
Highlights: Robert Michel Bridge, views from Fon du Lac Dr.
- August 10**      **Tour of the Solar System**<sup>¥†</sup> plus highlights from the **History Ride** (See July 11)      Start at Lakeview Museum main entrance at **7:00 AM**. This 3 hour, **24 mile** ride will tour the planets from Mercury to Saturn in Peoria's Community Solar System.
- August 14**      **Garden Ride**      Start at Botanical Gardens, Glen Oak Park  
Highlights: Luthy Botanical Gardens, selected city gardens

**For Information Call Ride Leader Sheldon Schafer (682-1876)**

## IVW 2003 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**

Saturday Washington (on the square); no leader; 8:30; levels 2 & up; currently riding

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. The dates and leaders are:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| March 3:  | Ron Douglas  |
| March 9:  | Greg Durst   |
| March 16: | Mike Pula    |
| March 23: | Tim O'Hanlon |

### 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:**

Spring Breakout Ride: April 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 6<sup>th</sup>). Led by Don Eberle (699-2790). It will leave Russell's Cycling at 9:00 for breakfast in Metamora. The ride will be for all levels and cover about 20 miles.

Pedal Peoria series of rides will begin in May. Details are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

>>> Riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets when cycling! <<<

**A Note from the Secretary's Desk!**

As most of the "old timers" know, the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n has a set of By-Laws and a Constitution, which govern the operation of the Club. These were adapted by our founding fathers to address issues that may arise in the administration of duties of members of the club, and elected Board Officers. Many newer members probably are not aware that these documents exist, as it has become routine to not include these in the "new member" packets that are mailed out. This has been an oversight on my part, as well as part laziness. I have been aware that these exist, and have made no attempt to obtain copies to include in the packets. This was due in part to my feelings that these By-Laws and Constitution Articles needed to be Up Dated. I wanted to wait until this task was completed before making new copies. For this lack of action, I owe the membership an apology. I finally have gotten around to making the changes. This issue was brought before the Officers of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n at the February 2003 Board meeting. It was unanimously agreed to present these to the general membership for ratification (see the separate sheet with these changes). The documents that you see here are the

By-Laws and Constitution as they are currently written, and an updated document with the changes. As is noted in the amendment sections of both, this is written notice that your elected Board would like to make the changes shown. These changes will not affect any operation or duties, but will for the most part just bring these up to date for the club as it has evolved into today.

**Please, read through these, note the changes, and consider them. As per the amendment requirements, these will be voted on at the May general club meeting. Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at [wdclark@mtco.com](mailto:wdclark@mtco.com)**

Thank you. Bill Clark

**Missing Shirts??**

Has anyone who worked with the No Baloney Ride last year not received their free t-shirt? It seems we have a few leftover and want to be sure everyone got theirs before deciding what to do with them. Please give me a call at 243-9694 if you did not get one.

Thanks, Greg Durst

**Kellar Branch Clean-Up**

On April 26 the RTA and Peoria Heights will be cleaning the Kellar Branch that runs thru Peoria Heights. This event is being held in conjunction with Earth Day Weekend, Rain or Shine. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., at the Peoria Heights Public Library. Clean-up runs from 10:00-3:00. Lunch will be served at noon. Waivers will be required at registration. Please contact Dirk McGuire (699-8482) or George Burrier (698-5512) if you plan to attend or need more info.

Our Trolley Car bike rack prototype is done and Dave Braun from Citilink has expressed much interest in placing a couple around the new terminal and out on a couple routes. We also have an old locomotive rack that we hope to see some interest in at some point.

IDNR has approved plan from IDOT on building up Allen Road over a box culvert at the Rock Island Trail. This should help eliminate a very hazardous condition for all trail users.

Keep Spinning !! Dirk

**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:



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|-------------|--|
| March 1     | Progressive Dinner   |
| March 21    | 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Spring!! Get the sunblock and shorts out!   |
| March 21-23 | Chicago Bike Show at the Navy Pier. Find details on-line at <a href="http://www.chicagobikeshow.com/">http://www.chicagobikeshow.com/</a> or phone 847-675-0200. |
| April 5     | Spring Breakout Ride.  |

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