



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N



November 2006

greater peoria's bicycle club

Email @ iwwheelmn@yahoo.com



PREZ SEZ:

As members of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n, we get a bargain for the cost of membership. Currently, the fees are \$10 for individual and \$12 for a family. The IVW board has had discussions of raising those rates to \$12 and \$15 respectively and I still see it as a bargain. One of the reasons for increasing the membership fees is that we've

incurred more costs lately. For a long time, the newsletter was printed at no cost to the club. Since April we now have to pay for the printing. Another cost we incurred in October is for a storage rental. The IVW has equipment stored at various members' homes and it has become a burden for some to move several crates and boxes around just to get to their own household goods. That's asking too much of any member, so the board has decided to rent a storage site that'll cost around \$400 per year starting last month. Additionally, our only fund raising event is the "No Baloney Ride." We've had inclement weather last year and the threat of inclement weather this year. The exact figures aren't in yet for this year, but it looks like we made a slight profit of around \$900, but we took a loss the year prior.

Even if the rate goes up to \$12 per year for individual (\$1 per mo) membership with IVW is still a bargain. There is an organized ride available weekly somewhere within driving distance. During the middle of the summer, I counted 15 different organized/ride leader events per week. Some summer days we have 3 rides in a day. For instance, back on Thursday, August 17, there was an IVW ride in Pekin, one in Washington and one in Peoria.

Additionally, your membership includes a monthly newsletter that informs the members of our club rides as well as local club rides and other long-distance biking events.

Then there are the club socials that allow you the opportunity to get with friends that share the same interests. We had socials at Apples Bakery in January; German American Society in March; breakout rides in Washington & Metamora in the spring; campout rides in Kewanee in May; poker/spaghetti ride in August; Tanner's Orchard Ride in October; etc...

Then we had informational/educational type club meetings/programs during the year: January's program was about the Tri-Peoria club, February was Antique Bikes plus a bike maintenance class at Bushwhackers; March was "Tour de France;" April was "Biking Across America;" May was a swap meet; and this month we had a program on "Competitive Cycling."

Additionally, your club dollars help sponsor bike-related programs and charities such as: Bikes for Kids, League of Illinois Bicyclists, the new Peoria Riverfront Museum (for bike racks); and other related charities.

So please vote "yes" to increase the dues by \$2 per year for individual and \$3 per year for family at this month's annual meeting. The money is a good investment for you and the biking community.

Tanner's Orchard Ride

The sun was shining, but the thermometer was struggling to stay above freezing. This didn't stop the dozen or so riders from showing up with the goal of sampling the delicacies found at the bakery of Tanner's Orchard. The highlights of the route included the peaceful Illinois River south of Chillicothe and the wonderful wooded bluffs near North Hampton and on Santa Fe road. The west winds gave everyone a chance to work off the Tanner's donuts on the route home.Steve Kurt, Ride Leader

Mike Haedicke, Larry Paustian, Steve Kurt, Jeff Beatty, Charley Klees, Sheila Hansen, Jim McIntyre, Rich Giebelhausen, & Tim O'Hanlon, at the Oct. 14 ride.



Mike Haedicke, Tim O'Hanlon, Jim McIntyre, Rich Giebelhausen, Charlie Klees, Jeff Beatty, Sheila Hansen, Steve Kurt, & Jim Vaupel at the Tanner's Orchard Ride.



New Members:

THOMAS, DALE (SR.) & KATEY & family.....PEKIN^

Renewing Members:

ALEXANDER, ROB & CINDY.....WASHINGTON

DONOHUE, TOM.....WASHINGTON**

GREEN, CORALYNN.....PEORIA**

MATUSKA, RON.....MACKINAW*

RAWLINGS, PAULA & ARTHUR.....WASHINGTON

LIB Member * Advocacy^

IV Wheelm'n Annual Banquet



Pg 2

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2006

Place: Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave., Peoria

Time: Cocktails at 6:00 P.M., Dinner at 6:30 P.M

It's time once again to get together with other club members for the annual club banquet. We will visit, enjoy the meal and last, but not least, elect new board members. We will have a choice among steak, chicken, or fish. Bonnie Johnson will need a head count no later than November 4th, so please call Bonnie at 682-7771.

Illinois Valley Wheelm'n Board & Committee Vacancies

IVW Board (one new member):

- President: Kathy John
- Vice President - Bill Clark
- Treasurer: Marge Semmens (new member)
- Secretary: Pam Hoehne

Committees (two new members & 3 vacancies)

- Advocacy: Eric Hutchison
- Ride Chair: Laurie Wilbur
- Webmaster: Bill Clark
- Social Chair: VACANT
- Mailing Chair: Patty Isit (new member)
- Editor: Liliana Wong (new member)
- "No Baloney" Ride" chair - VACANT
- Data Base: Larry Davis
- Data Base assistant: VACANT

Slate of board members will be voted on at the annual meeting. If you would like to volunteer for any of the vacancies, please contact a current board member or volunteer at the annual meeting.

Classified ads:

Classified ads for club members are welcome. Please e-mail your advertisements to thesans@insightbb.com as an attachment. The ad **MUST** be formally key-boarded as a "Word" or "Word Perfect" document.

Commercial ads are also welcome at a charge of \$25 for ½ page ad \$50 for a full-page ad. Please send an electronic document compatible with Windows to: thesans@insightbb.com plus a hard copy to: Dennis Sans, 2238 Autumn Drive, Pekin, IL 61554. All materials (including payment) must be received no later than the 15TH of the month preceding the appearance of the ad.

Christmas Party



The IVW Christmas Party will once again be hosted by J.D. & Dena Keenan. The festivities will begin at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 2nd. Please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share.

The Kennans live at 1107 West Bennet Ct., Dunlap, in the Bennington Park subdivision. To get there, take Knoxville north to Hickory Grove Road. Turn right on Hickory Grove and turn right again at the 2nd right onto Bennett Ct. The Keenan house is the 2nd house on the left.

Please RSVP no later than November 30th. Call 309-243-5507 to let the Keenan's know you are coming.....*Santa (and the Kennans)*



Thank You..... 2006 Ride Leaders!

A special thank you to our daily ride leaders, beginner ride helpers, and to those of you who have organized special rides this season. We truly appreciate the planning and the time commitment you put into leading a ride. The IVW was able to offer at least one ride every day of the week this riding season. There were times when you could choose from three different rides, at various levels, in one given day. This was only possible because you volunteered to help with a ride. Each ride leader plays a critical role in the success and growth of our club.
.....Thank you!

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N CHAIRPERSONS

PRESIDENT:
Kathy John 243-9191
runners2@npoint.net

VICE PRESIDENT:
Bill Clark 347-4841
wdclark@insightbb.com

SECRETARY:
Pam Hoehne 681-0206
pamela.shuckhoehne@sbcglobal.net

TREASURER:
Sheila Gribble 243-7822
sgribble4@juno.com

RIDE CHAIRPERSON:
Laurie Wilbur 446-9367
rcwilbur@att.net

SOCIAL CHAIR AND MAILING:
Bonnie Johnson 682-7771
bon1jon2@sbcglobal.net

DATABASE:
Larry Davis 691-3060
davis.lar@insightbb.com

**ADVOCACY/GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**
Eric Hutchison 688-7038

EDITOR:
Dennis Sans 347-8740
thesans@insightbb.com

WEBMASTER:
Bill Clark 347-4841
wdclark@insightbb.com

IVW Website:
<http://www.ivwheelmn.org>

HILLY HUNDRED BIKE RIDE , Ellettsville, Indiana

Pictured right:
Mike Therry, Bill Semmens, Laurie Wilbur, Rob Schaller (former IVWmember), Fred Smiser, and Dale Cook taking a break on the second day of the ride.

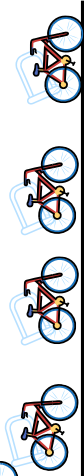


Public information meeting at Expo Garden

A public information meeting will be held November 2 from 4-7 p.m. about the design study of the Northmoor and Sheridan Roads reconstruction project. All bicyclists need to come out and show their support for bicycle lanes on these roads. Please also pass the word on to other clubs/organizations who will also show their support for this endeavor.

Bike trip planned for Spain & France in May

Jack Welch is planning a two-week biking vacation in May of 2007. The plan is to fly into southern France drive to Mt. Ventoux region and cycle for one week. The second week, drive into northeast Spain and ride for an additional week. Then the group will fly back to the U.S. out of Barcelona. IVW members are welcome to do all or part of it. Non-riders are also welcomed. For more information about this trip, please contact Jack at (309) 387-6117. An informational meeting will be held at Safety Town with more details (and pictures from previous trips) at 7 p.m. on February 7, 2007.



ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N – November, 2006 Rides Schedule

Saturday Show and Go Level III: Ride meets at Washington Square at 8:30 a.m. all year.
Distance varies from 25-60 miles.

Saturday Show and Go From Russell's All Levels: Meet at Russell's in Washington at 8:30 a.m.
Distance ranges from 25-40 miles and includes a meal stop.

Sunday Show and Go Metamora Levels I and II: Meet at Metamora Town Square at 1:00 p.m.
Distance is 20-30 miles North route to Washburn or south route to Roanoke. Contact person is Pam Hoehne (681-0206) or pamela.schuckhoehne@sbcglobal.net

Ride Levels:

(Ride leaders can be contacted for specific details concerning their rides)

Beginner/Family: These rides are at a casual pace averaging less than 12 miles per hour and ride as a group.

Level 1: Rides average 12-14 miles per hour and regroup on a regular basis.

Level 2: Rides average 13-17 miles per hour and regroup occasionally.

Level 3: Rides average 17 miles per hour and over. Riders may regroup periodically but should be prepared to ride in pace lines to keep from being dropped.

Show and Go: Rides have NO leaders. The distance and speed is decided upon by the group, but governed by the ride level designated.

Ride Rules:

1. Riders must obey all Illinois Traffic Laws.
2. Ride no more than two abreast.
3. When riding in a large group, create space to help motorists.
4. Use hand signals and obey all traffic signals.
5. Check all intersections for traffic.
6. Warn riders of potholes, dogs, cars, and other obstacles.
7. Riders are strongly encouraged to wear approved helmets.
8. Riders should make certain that their bikes are in good working order.
9. Riders should carry water and a spare tube for their wheel size.
10. Riders should be prepared for weather conditions. Most rides take place in any weather.
11. Riders should arrive in time to be ready to ride at the start time.

Member Profile:

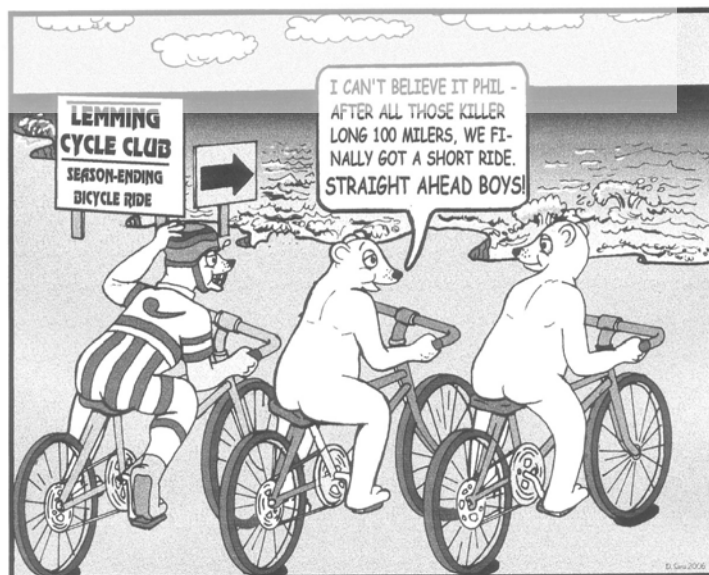
Sheldon Schafer

Sheldon has been in the club 12-13 years, and organizes the "Interplanetary Ride" as well as the "Pedal Peoria Rides". His private work is Director of the Lakeview Planetarium in Peoria. He favors dining (featured in the "No Baloney Ride) on escargot because he's traveled to 40 countries and was in India while in the Peace Corps and has been exposed to food most of the rest of us would find as very suspicious.

On the riding side, he enjoys jaunts along Grandview Drive and the Rock Island Trail on weekends or holidays. He usually finishes his workday later than most of the rest of us, and can't make some of the club's regularly scheduled rides. He (like your editor) would like to see more themed/novelty rides like the "Poker Ride." He has also enjoyed the bowling outings because they are just fun.

In regards to his pet ride project, the Interplanetary Ride, this last year 167 riders participated, and the weather (this past August) was quite ideal. Unfortunately, there was a fair amount of vandalism where road markers were remarked by vandals.

Sheldon also asks all club members that if you see anything weird or unusual in the sky to please give him a call, especially if you have felt danger of abduction.



2007 Club Meetings at Safety Town

February 7 -IVW May 2007 Spain/France Bike Trip
by Jack Welch

March 14 - "Trek Bike Mechanic in France"
& tire-changing demo. by Al Enslow

April 11 - "Group trip to 2007 RAGBRAI?"
by Roger/Kathy John

Nominations for IVW 2006 Awards



[Laurie Wilbur (446-9367) rcwilbur@att.net is seeking nominations for the following positions.]

Past Award recipients for 2003-2005:

Most Improved Male Bicyclist – 2003 Leo Chuzhoy, 2004 Matt Durst, 2005 Fred Smiser

Most Improved Female Bicyclist – 2003 Lori Durst, 2004 Laurie Wilbur, 2005 Kathy John

Hub of the Club – This award is presented to the person in the club who takes on many responsibilities, & he/she greatly enhances the effectiveness of the club.: 2003 Mike Pula, 2004 Bonnie Johnson, 2005 Laurie Wilbur.

2006 Nominations received to date:

Most Improved Male- Matt Dvorsky, Kevin Thornberry, & Al Covington

Most Improved Female- Barb Drake, Stacy Hanna, & Liliana Wong

Hub of the Club- Kathy John

Please submit your nominations to Laurie Wilbur with a few sentences about this person's accomplishments.

The nominees will be presented at the IVW Annual Banquet on November 11, 2006. The club members attending the banquet will vote on the nominees. The three recipients will each be awarded an engraved plaque at the dinner.

“Reminiscences of the History of the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n Bicycle Club by Uncle Larry Davis, Club Archivist”

I've got a tub full of old newsletters from Sam Joslin. The earliest newsletter (that I have) is from May-June 1971. It identifies the club as the "Peoria Tri-County Wheelers", Central Illinois bicyclists from Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. This also involved Wednesday night rides from McClure Library at 7:00 p.m. to Sheridan Village and back. Sunday morning rides from Lakeview via Big Hollow Road to Koerner Road and the new Peoria Youth Hostel. Alternate Sunday morning rides from the Peoria Courthouse Square (near the fountain) to Morton, or from Mossville Grade School thru Chillicothe and Rome. Contact names for the rides were John Bakke and Joe Mugavero. Twenty Peorians attended the New Salem/Springfield ride. Sue Garmer and her husband conceived of this event.

A statewide rally was scheduled to be held in Springfield in June in support of the Illinois Bikeway Act. A joint ride with the Bloomington Roundabouts (Indiana) was being planned for a fall ride thru the covered bridge trail. The Peoria Tri-County Wheelers were affiliated with the League of American Wheelmen and encouraged individual memberships in the L.A.W.

Looks like the club became the Illinois Valley Wheelmen (note the spelling) in 1972, and identified themselves in the newsletter as "formerly Tri-County Wheelers".

A "racing section" was having its first meeting May 2, 1974, with Terry Jones identified in the article, and a reference to Competition Cycle (a shop on West Main when I first came to town.)

That same newsletter had a couple of other groups: "Town & Country Riders" and "Le Tour Riders".

Jack Welch's new Blue Schwinn LE Tour was described, as well as the Yellow Super Sport he wanted to sell.

(Ed. Note: This is the same Jack Welch, I assume, that is planning the Spain/France Bike Ride in May, 2007) Ron Anderson had a new Raleigh Super Course, and wanted to sell his old Murray 10 speed. A club membership cost \$3 single, \$5 family. Contact was to be made to Rita Fishman.

I've got the racing section stats for 1974 with names, times and points, as well as what appears to be a club roster from that year with phone numbers. Looks like 60 individuals and families. Familiar names are: Ron Anderson, Alan Harkrader, Steve Meismer, Les Siegrist, and Jack Welch. The 1975 Hilly Hundred had several Wheelmen attending, including Judi and Ross Farris, Bill Perry & wife, Les, Jim, Rich, and Steve, and the article's author (John Wineke.)

February 1975's newsletter identifies officers elected in January as: President - John Wineke, Pekin; Vice-President - Jim Ellington, Pekin; Secretary - Pam Anderson (**Ed Note: I would've loved being in the club at the same time as Pamela Anderson**) and Treasurer - Ron Anderson, Washington. The racing group elected Steve Meismer as President and Rich Miller as Treasurer - so they could "operate independently - as will be necessary for progress."

Membership costs were reduced (!) to just \$3 for either individual or family. As for the important name change - I see the Illinois Valley Wheelm'n name first used in the April 1975 newsletter, but the membership form still used the old spelling. It appears that the revised spelling wasn't official until 1989 when the Constitution and Bylaws were proposed in the spring for a vote later that year.

As early as 1976 they were talking about the Rock Island Trail, Morton Pedal-In, Trailer, Beginner's Rides, Commuters Clinic, and Maintenance Clinics, as well as the twelve Rally Racks installed at Peoria City Hall behind the dragon that had front wheel cables already installed (lock to be provided by the user).Larry Davis

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 + 4 _____

Zip +4 look-up website: www.usps.com/zip4

Phone() _____

Signature (Name #1) _____ Date _____

(Parent or guardian, if registrant is under 18)

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 WHEELM'N, 6518 North Sheridan Rd. Ste. 2, Peoria IL, 61614 -2933

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 a LAB member?(check one)

Yes No

Basic membership:

Individual (\$10) \$ _____
household (\$12) \$ _____

Voluntary advocacy contribution:
(\$5, \$10, \$15, other) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

ILLINOIS VALLEY WHEELM'N
6518 SHERIDAN RD. STE. 2
PEORIA, IL 61614-2933

PRSR. STD.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Peoria IL
Permit No. 310