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Note from the Prez

Happy holidays everyone. Seems like time has flown by! It is time to start planning for next season. If you have any ideas, please let myself or one of the other board members know. Have a gr-ate holiday season and see you all next year!

- Becca

Great turnout at last month's IVW End of the Year Dinner

Although it wasn't crazy warm like last year's dinner weekend, we still had 37 members attend the 2018 EOTY Dinner on November 10th at Bernardi's. We had a family style meal with pretzel bread, bruschetta, spaghetti, tortellini, garden salad and fried chicken. After the dinner, nominations and awards were giving out for Most Improved Male Rider, Most Improved Female Rider, Hub of the Club and Most Miles in the Saddle. A special recognition award was given to Isaac and Andrea Grimm for their beyond expectation coordination of this year's No Baloney Ride. (See below for results) Members also elected officers for 2019 as well. (See results in this Monthly Note)

Most Improved Male Rider Nomination

Dick McDonnell (Recipient)
Andy Crosman

Most Improved Female Rider Nomination

Christy Wagner (Recipient)

Hub of the Club

Bill Semmens
Suzanne Wheeler (Recipient)
Heather Fitzanko

Appreciation for No Baloney

Isaac Grimm and Andrea Grimm

Most Miles in the Saddle

(Winner)	Steve Kurt	9294.0 miles
(Honorable mention)	Lou Prince	7250.6
	Al Covington	6047.0
	Denny Tresenriter	5520.7
	Randy Anderson	3704.9
	Fai Mok	3242.6
	Peggy Tresenriter	2578.4
	Larry Trollope	2426.5

December is membership drive month

Just a reminder to renew your membership as everybody's status get reset on December 31st. You can do so by clicking on this link. http://ivwheelmn.org/wordpress/?page_id=297

Cycliq Videos of the Month

It isn't uncommon to encounter a stray animal or two on a ride. While we do wonder what some of these creatures are doing on the road, we have one much bigger question - should they pay road taxes? – [video](#)

2019 club officer election results

Election for 2019 club officer positions took place during the End of the Year Dinner. Rebecca Senneff is the President for 2019 while Pam Hoehne will be the Vice President for next year. Dick McDonnell will remain as Treasurer. We do have a change for Secretary as Randy Senneff is stepping down. Andrea Grimm was elected to take over his position. The rest of the board position are staying the same.

Organized Bike Tours in Spain, Greece

Ever thought about doing a bike tour in Europe? If the answer is yes, here is your chance. First up, Saddle Skedaddle is offering a 7 day guided tour in Southern Spain the first week in April of 2019. The leisurely paced tour takes you through exquisite countryside, Moorish history and fantastic food with lashings of Andaluz character. This rural corner of Andalucia is world's apart from the busy Costas of the Mediterranean. Other highlights on the tour include exploring beautiful Ronda, perched on its magnificent gorge, reaching the dramatic Puerto de las Palomas, seeing Grazalema which nestles below the atmospheric limestone mountains. Saddle Skedaddle do offer bike rental option if you decide to leave your ride at home. For details, please contact Jack Welch (Jack_welch_34@comcast.net).



Second tour is offer by Cycle Greece during May 19-30 of 2019 cycling through Ancient Olympia. This guided tour will take you to the 3rd century BC Epidavros Theatre and Mycenae home of King Agamemnon who launched the Trojan War. All routes are on primarily rural paved roads. They also offer self-guided tours if you want to take your time at each site. The 11 days/12 night tour begin at Athens. From there, the group will ride to Corinth, Nafplio, Dimitsana, Olympia, Lampeia, Kalavrita and finish the last day at Pireaus. The use of bike is included in the tour package. Right now, Cycle Greece is offering a 10% discount to any club member. Contact Collen McGuire (info@cyclegreece.com) for detail.



IVW & Bike Peoria in 2018 the Santa Claus Parade

The 131st Annual Santa Claus Parade was a bit nippy compare to the last two years. This year 10 cyclists were in the parade hosted by the Peoria Area Community Events (PACE). Hundreds of spectators who made the event a family tradition lined the streets as we need passed out candies to the kids along the 2.5 mile parade route. This was the fifth year IVW and Bike Peoria have participated as a group in the parade. Most people fell it was fun way to get some exercise after a big meal the day before. A big thank you goes out to Tim Beeney of Bike Peoria for organizing and coordinating the group for the parade.



Share your bike adventures

Participate in a memorable bike tour recently? Planning to partake one soon? Send us your stories and photos of your adventures and share it with the club for next edition of the IVW Monthly Note.

Ideas for 2019

We want to hear any ideas you may have for any club activities for this year. It can be themed rides, picnic, happy hours, bowling or whatever your heart desires, the club wants your input. Let us know.

Where have you taken your jersey?

Did a recent bike tour with your IVW jersey some place warm? Send us a photo of you sporting the club kit or any jersey and a brief description of where it took place. We will include in the Monthly Note.



Thanks for reading the December Monthly Note. If you have any rides, events or announcements you want to share with the club, please email it and have it added in the January Monthly Note. Keep the rubber side down. See you all out on the road.

Rebecca Sennett - Illinois Valley Wheelm'n President

Classified Ads

Classified Ads from club members are welcome. If you have some bicycle related items you want to sell or you are looking for a bike related item, email your ad to faimok534@gmail.com. **If the item is sold, please send update so your ad can be remove from the posting.**

- **For Sale**, pre-owned Saris trunk rack \$35. Contact Julie – skidurd@sbcglobal.net



- **For Sale**, Sigma bike computer (Model BC 16.12). It does all the usual stuff like distance and speed. But it also gives you cadence and the air temperature reading. I'd like to get \$60 for it. It's brand new and still in the original shipping box. Contact Bill Semmens. BSemmens5@comcast.com

- **Wanted**, Pam Hoehne is looking to buy a quality good used hybrid bike to fit a person about 5'10" to 6'. The one she shared with her son was stolen. Contact Pam@309-339-9777.

- **For Sale**, Men's Castelli full zip short sleeve jersey, size 3XL. Nice bright yellow color. It did not fit me. \$44 or best offer. Contact Tom Moses (bassplayer974@gmail.com)



- **For Sale**, 700 X 23 Vuelta alloy wheels. 10 speed hub, Shimano Ultegra set up (cassette not included). Come complete with tubes and tires. \$60. Contact Dan Weakley @309-681-0968, wilyecoyote@att.net.

