



MONTHLY MEANDERS

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OCTOBER

MEETING

October 1, 1980 - 8:00 P.M.

Wheeling Community Center

This month our program will project us into another era - the beginning of modern cycling. Club member Jim Parsons, whose cycling interests are diverse, will share his enthusiasm about vintage cycles. He will show a few of his antique bicycles, describe their mechanical distinctions, and discuss the antique bicycle organization, The Wheelmen.

Meeting Feature

Jim Parsons
on Antique Bicycles



SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER - Howard Paul

During this time of year streets and roads frequently are covered with patches of wet leaves. These can be as treacherous as sand and gravel, so try to ride straight through them, without turning or braking.

Cycling in the rain causes another potential hazard: your brakes may function at only a small percentage of their normal efficiency. If caught in a drizzle, please do all of the following:

1. Ride slower than a normal pace.
2. Increase the distance between cyclists - don't tailgate.
3. If you brake, for whatever reason, give verbal warning - "Braking" or "Stopping" - to those behind you.
4. Start braking sooner than you normally would.
5. Occasionally operate your brakes lightly to wipe away the water from your rims.

Ride Leaders - wet or dry weather please adhere to our policy of appointing sweep riders for your tour. This responsibility should not be ignored; don't assume that everyone back there is OK.



ANNUAL BANQUET

The Wheeling Wheelmen Annual Banquet will be held November 7, the first Friday in November, at Hans' Bavarian Lodge in Wheeling - 931 N. Milwaukee Avenue just north of Lake Cook Road.

Every year this popular gala end of our scheduled cycling year brings Wheelmen together for good food, fun and fellowship.

Our speaker this year will be Keith Kingbay, the recipient of the League of American Wheelmen's Dr. Paul Dudley White Award for the person who has done the most to promote bicycling. Keith's lifetime involvement with cycling has taken him around the world and resulted in many cycling adventures. Imagine biking in Timbuktu, headwaters of the Amazon, India, and many more fantastic places! Keith has been a long-time friend of the Wheeling Wheelmen and we are fortunate to have "Mr. Bicycle" share the evening with us.

We will have the Bavarian Room all to ourselves. The cash bar will open at 6:30 P.M. and the 7:30 P.M. full course dinner will give you a choice between Rouladen and Boneless Roast Duck. Fill in the form below and return.

P. O. Box 581-D, Wheeling, Illinois 60090



MEMORIAL GIFT FROM RUBY CURTIS

Dear Wheeling Wheelmen -

I got a special day off from work to do the Harmon Hundred. What a disappointment that the weather wouldn't cooperate. I'm not much for riding in the rain at my age.

I'm sending you a donation in Willard Harmon's memory. He was one great guy and I will always miss him on occasions like today. He had a cheerful word for everyone.

I intend to retire next year and get on with the bicycling. Until then - so long and happy cycling.

Sincerely,
Ruby Curtis

Dear Ruby -

Your generous and thoughtful check came to us (on a very significant day!) as a genuine surprise. It had great meaning for all of us - not just the "old timers" in the club, but to many who never knew Willard personally. This, I think, is a true "example of someone leaving a real heritage." Willard's quiet leadership, as I recall it, is thoroughly contemporary now, and unquestionably has had much to do with perpetuating our club actively, even if we were to set aside Phyllis' immense contribution.

Needless to say, the contribution was not only welcome as a memorial but helps our considerably smaller finances this year due to the "Rain-out" last week.

From all the club members, once again, Thank you.

Elliott Kanner, Pres.
Wheeling Wheelmen

Annual Banquet - November 7

Hans' Bavarian Lodge - 931 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

Cash Bar - 6:30 Dinner - 7:30 Choice of: Rouladen Boneless Roast Duck

Includes soup, salad, dessert and beverage.



Speaker: Keith Kingbay, Mr. Bicycle, himself - the recipient of the L.A.W.'s first Dr. Paul Dudley White Award. Keith has been biking over fifty years and his bicycling and promotional activities have taken him all over the United States and around the world. Imagine bicycling in Timbuktu, the headwaters of the Amazon, Cannibal country, India. . . . Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to hear him!

Yes, register me/us for the Annual Banquet:

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Return to: Wheeling Wheelmen
P. O. Box 581-D
Wheeling, IL 60090

\$12.50

WHEELING WHEELMEN OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - WHEELING/EVANSTON CLUB RIDE



Sunday - 10 A.M. 35 miles.
From Community Center,

Lunch at Kelsey Road House. Leader: Jim Parsons.

Oct. 11/12 NEW GLARUS (WIS.) WEEKEND



Fri. night - Sat. A.M. and P.M. and/or Sunday A.M.

Get your last minute reservations to Judy Stansfield immediately. Rides of all lengths in beautiful Wisconsin Swiss area. Accommodations for motellers at Swiss Aire Motel and for campers at New Glarus Wood State Park. Saturday night dinner at the New Glarus Hotel at 7:00 P.M.

Besides excellent cycling, New Glarus features Swiss foods, architecture, a Swiss museum and a working embroidery factory.

Rides at 8:00 A.M. and noon Saturday and 9:00 A.M. Sunday so come up for any part of weekend you can.

Contact Judy Stansfield, 885-4270.

Oct. 12 TURNING LEAVES CENTURY



Sunday 7:30 to noon depending on length of ride. 20, 40, 62 or 100 miles.
From Edwardsburg, Michigan

Invitational ride sponsored by the Michiana Bicycle Association. Registration \$4.00. Contact Marv Scher, 50657 Blackhawk Ct., Granger, IN 46530. 219/272-8700.

Oct. 18 TIGER/PUSSYCAT RIDE



Saturday 8:30 to Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M.
From Deer Grove Forest Preserve - area by lake.

Ride hard in the morning and have an easy afternoon ride - or ride just the long or short ride. 50 KM for A.M. ride and 30 KM for afternoon. Bring sack lunch.

Oct. 26/26 HILLY HUNDRED, INDIANA.



Sat/Sun. 50 miles/day
Bloomington North High School, Bloomington, Ind.

11:00 A.M. Sat. and 7:45 A.M. Sun.
Contact Tom Revard, 5535 Central Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46220. Central Indiana Bicycling Assoc. invitational.



Because of the shorter daylight hours there will be no Wednesday night rides after September 25.

KMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20

Women		Men	
Judy Stansfield	1815	Dick Ryan	1911
Madeline Kanner	1286	Don Stansfield	1697
Phyllis Harmon	1108	Roger Thauland	1332
Rita Moody	1076	Howard Paul	1170

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KMS

Judy Stansfield	392	Dick Ryan	410
Madeline Kanner	325	Roger Thauland	338
Barbara Doyle	135	Richard Figge	329
Phyllis Harmon	134	Don Stansfield	326

RIDES REMEMBERED

Chop Suey Ride - The food at the Chopstick House in Barrington was just as tasty and the portions as large as we enjoyed on previous rides. The scenic rural route took us from Long Grove to Barrington and back with only a little rain to dampen our enthusiasm.

Mike's Surprise Ride - Although Mike Lakey assured us that his ambitious new route was only 75

miles, many of us suspected at the end that the true surprise was that we had done a century; it only felt that way. This fast-paced "training ride for the Harmon Hundred" took us over many familiar roads but from different directions and different combinations. Perfect cycling conditions!

Members' Harmon 100 - Rain! The dozen or so brave souls that turned out August 31 in a downpour decided to try again on September 13. We all worked on the invitational Harmon 100 Sept. 7 and turned out, again in the rain, on Sept. 13. Some of us gained a certain insensitivity to the pain of arising at 4:30 A.M. three successive weekend mornings and set out in spite of the weather. We were rewarded for our bravery with one of the most perfect bicycling days anyone could ask for.

Harmon Hundred - At 5:30 A.M. there were a number of would-be riders ready to sign up in spite of the slight drizzle but, instead of easing up, it just rained harder and harder. Even so, in spite of cloudbursts, thunder, lightning and even hail, 134 brave souls set forth. Eighty seven completed the Century and 47 did the Half-Century. Many thanks to the club members who manned the sag stops, lunch stop and registration under these adverse conditions.

BIKE RALLY AND RODEO - Jim Parsons organized this event for a handful of gung-ho participants who turned out despite cool temperatures and drizzle. We learned that we were not as skillful as we would have hoped to be in such tortuous tests of riding ability as the "Penny Drop," the "Turtle," the "Serpentine," and the "Figure 8." Our navigational and direction-following ability was tested on a short route around Wheeling and environs. Some did better than others but it seems no one rode exactly the same route or even the route envisioned by the planner. This event was a real change of pace for us, provided sport on many levels and was a real challenge. Jim, we appreciated your good-humored inventiveness though, by the end of the afternoon, some of us might have suspected that it was the product of a serpentine mind!

ELECTION TIME

Election time again means work for the nominating committee: Chairman Dick Ryan, Terry Schwerin, Gene Pilch, Howard Paul and Richard Figge. They will present the slate of nominees at our October meeting, with an opportunity for nominations from the floor as required by the club constitution. Ballots will go out with the November newsletter to be mailed in immediately so that results can be announced at our Annual Banquet November 7.

THANK YOU FROM ELLIOTT

Now that heart surgery and hospitals are behind me (permanently, I trust!), I'd like to thank the entire club for thoughtful messages of cheer and encouragement during this interruption from cycling. I'm down from counting weeks to *days* until wheeling along with everyone again!

Elliott Kanner
President

FOR SALE:

New (worn 1 time) Bata biking shoes black, man's size 13. \$9.00. Call Robbin - 232-4749.

FROM OUR FLYING BIKER

Thank you for the personal invitation to the Harmon Hundred. I'm sorry I can't make it. All my bicycles were stolen from my garage a couple months ago and I haven't put another together yet. I had two Cinellis stolen and a Raphael Gemini-Tandem. My replica of the 1870 Ordinary was also stolen, but it was recovered within an hour after I reported the burglary.

Dennis Barrett
Ingleside, Calif.

Bicycling Can Be Dangerous -

Phyllis W. Harmon

Bicyclists are told to ride defensively for safety but equally important is consideration for others and following vehicular rules.

Recently, in Elk Grove Village, a 24-year-old man was riding his bicycle on the wrong side of the road against traffic and without lights. Riding towards him was a 16-year-old on the right side of the road but also without lights. The two collided head on. Two days later the 24 year old died.

The Central Indiana Bicycling Assoc. newsletter reports from an article in the New York Times about a 31-year-old woman who was crossing

the street when she was hit by a hit-and-run bicyclist traveling south on a northbound thoroughfare. The woman was near death.

In a previous bicycle/pedestrian accident another woman was hit by a bicycle as she crossed Fifth Avenue. She died five days later.

The Bicycle Commuters of New York is one of several organizations of cyclists that blame the police and traffic authorities for not enforcing existing laws and regulations.

Bicycle Commuters do not lobby for greater freedom for their members, but for increased regulation of cycling. For years they have been af-

ter the police to ticket speeders, wrong way cyclists and those who go through red lights.

Last week, when stopped for a red light, I watched in amazement as a cyclist, about 30 years old, pedaled in rush hour west on Dundee Road against traffic. At Wheeling Road he dipped in front of a westbound car, swerved in front of a southbound car and then pedaled west between three lines of eastbound cars stopped for the light. He disappeared into an alley behind the stores on Dundee and as I turned south on Elmhurst Road he cut in front of my car and into the shopping center. How can bikers get away with that kind of cycling?