

MONTHLY MEANDERS

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1981

President: Elliott Kanner, 541-9176
 Vice-Pres: Dick Ryan, 381-1775
 Treasurer: Richard Figge, 446-2945
 Safety: Howard Paul, 824-2941
 Membership: Carolyn Kropp, 685-4508
 Program: Madeline Kanner, 541-9176

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS RIDE - BUFFET LUNCH

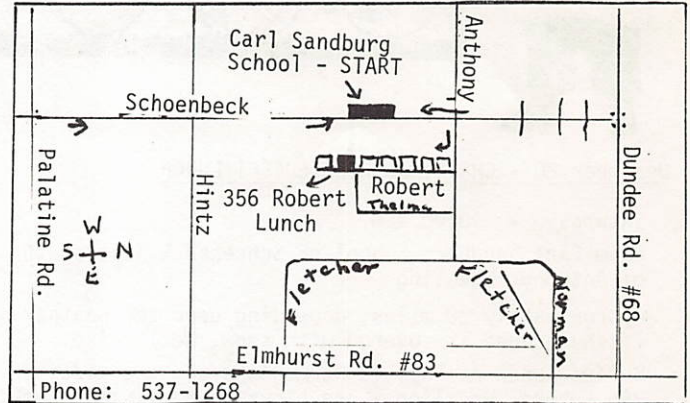
Saturday, December 20 - 10:00 A.M.

Ride from Carl Sandburg School
 Schoenbeck south of Anthony
 Wheeling

Lunch at Phyllis Harmon's
 356 Robert, Wheeling

Attractive L.A.W. Christmas
 patch available - \$1.00.

Bring a Christmas Grab Bag Gift.



NOTE: Santa Claus takes over our meeting headquarters each December, so there will be no meeting on December 3.

The Christmas and New Year's rides will take the place of our December and January meetings.



The Rides Committee, with Dick Ryan as Chairman will be busy planning our 1981 Schedule. If you have any special ride you would like to suggest and/or lead, please contact Dick.

Next Wheeling Wheelmen meeting: February 4, 1981 at the Community Center.

SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER - Howard Paul

99.44% of our 1980 club mileage is now complete and we incurred only one fairly serious accident. It appears that the Wheeling Wheelmen are very knowledgeable about cycling safety and practice it constantly - right? Not necessarily.

How many times during the season have we cycled 2 or 3 abreast on curvy, hilly roads, or failed to "single up" when road conditions warrant it and "Car back" or "Car up" is called? How many have ridden up-hill in the left lane, or made left turns without adequate checking to the rear, or ridden right through 4-way stops with autos present?

It could be that accidents were avoided because no cars were present during our safety lapses or because motorists were alert enough to avoid them. I believe we want our safety to depend mostly on our cycling practice and not on the skill of some unknown car driver.

Let's finish this year's .56% on the right track and 100% of next year's.



"Car back!" means get in single file *pronto!* This is especially important when there is a solid yellow line in our lane. Don't force a passing car way over into the oncoming lane illegally.



FINAL KMS THROUGH NOVEMBER 2

The following participants on Wheeling Wheelmen rides with top kms for the season were awarded club shirts with 2000, 1500, or 1000 KM KLUB on the back.

Women	KMS	Men	KMS
Judy Stansfield	2071	Dick Ryan	2310
Madeline Kanner	1715	Don Stansfield	2018
Phyllis Harmon	1348	Roger Thauland	1639

FINAL KMS ON WEDNESDAY-NIGHT RIDES

Judy Stansfield	413	Dick Ryan	420
Madeline Kanner	346	Roger Thauland	348

Top KM riders also very much appreciated gift certificates from Bikes Plus.



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



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!

WHEELING WHEELMEN END OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE



RIDES REMEMBERED



December 20 - CHRISTMAS RIDE/BUFFET LUNCH

Saturday - 10:00 A.M.

From Carl Sandburg School on Schoenbeck just south of Anthony, Wheeling

Approximately 20 miles, depending upon the weather. If the ground is covered with snow, we'll hike.

Buffet lunch at Phyllis Harmon's after the ride: 356 Robert, Wheeling - one block east of Schoenbeck, second house end of the street from Anthony. Phone: 537-1268. Bring Christmas Grab Bag gift.

Optional: Christmas patch - \$1.00.

January 1 - NEW YEAR'S RIDE

Thursday - 10:00 A.M.

From Eisenhower Jr. High - Hoffman Estates (One block west of Higgins' (IL 72) intersection with Golf Road (IL 58), go north on Jones to Hassell at the end of the street.)

Hot cider and coffee at the Stansfields' after the ride. Mileage will depend on the weather. If too much snow or ice for biking, bring your hiking boots.

Optional: New Year's Day patch - \$1.00.

1981



RIDE SCHEDULE



One of the important objectives of the December 20 brief business meeting at Phyllis Harmons' will be to form the Rides Committee. If you want to share your ideas but can't come to this meeting, get in touch with Elliott Kanner or Dick Ryan.

The Rides Committee will meet sometime in January at Elliott's home - date will be set at the December meeting.

PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

Up for consideration by Wheeling Wheelmen members will be a proposed dues increase to \$8.00 for individuals and \$10.00 for family membership.

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE ELLIOTT BACK ON TWO WHEELS

Shortly after the Amishland and Lakes ride, Elliott Kanner, Wheeling Wheelmen President, entered the hospital for a replacement of a heart valve operation. Six weeks later he was riding the Wisconsin hills and bucking the cold wind on our New Glarus Weekend! We are all delighted with his rapid recovery and have enjoyed riding with him on a number of rides since then, including Hilly Hundred in Bloomington, Indiana!

We appreciate, too, that in spite of a busy schedule Elliott will serve again as president for 1981.

HILLY HUNDRED, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA - Exactly 40 of our 123 members attended the popular two day event and we found ourselves mighty close to the participation award (club participants x miles to event).

This Hilly Hundred was the coldest to date, and combined with a very strong wind, gave us much to talk about with teeth chattering.

TURN RIGHT AT THE RED BARN - Nineteen participants set out from Hoffman Estates for some lovely suburban and rural areas of Schaumburg and Barrington Hills. With perfect, sunny, fall weather, this was an ideal way to enjoy late autumn colors, robust temperatures, and the pleasures of physical activity outdoors.

THANKSGIVING RIDE - "We can't have many more days like this before the weather gets cold and miserable" must have been the thought which passed through the heads of 16 participants on this ride. Sunny skies, 50° temperatures and strong, gusty winds were the environmental accompaniments as we cycled north from Kildeer School, Long Grove, to a snack-cider stop at Wauconda Orchard Country Store. Twenty five miles seemed a challenge because of the winds, but the ride was so invigorating that no one minded. Those who ordered patches can claim them at the December meeting from Judy Stansfield.

ANNUAL BANQUET REMEMBERED - This gala event is always a happy ending to our cycling year: an opportunity to reward ourselves with a gourmet meal, distribute awards for participation in club activities, and enjoy an extraordinary speaker. This year, Keith Kingbay gave some interesting background to his 52 years of bicycling and related tantalizing tidbits of fascinating information. He has promised to return to a monthly meeting with more specific stories.



L.A.W. BOARD MEETING, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Most important business conducted by the Board of Directors was the motion passed to set up the Bicycling Educational and Legal Foundation. Donations to this foundation would be tax deductible and funds would be used for legal defense for unusual cases and educational information.

The 1981 L.A.W. Convention will be July 8-12 in Ames, Iowa. Pre- and Post-Convention tours will be from LaCrosse, Wisconsin to Ames and back, Ames to La Crosse - approximately 400 miles in 6 days, each way.

L.A.W. patch prices will go up to \$1.25 Feb. 1.

In regard to changing the name of the League of American Wheelmen, the Board voted 9 (including our Illinois V.P. Jack Coleman) to 5 not to put the decision before the League membership for a vote but to make the decision by the Board alone.

In membership promotion, there will be a membership campaign from February through July in which clubs will receive \$3 for each new individual L.A.W. member and \$4 for each family membership. This could be a great money maker for League affiliated clubs.

YOU CAN TELL WHEN YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.
IT'S USUALLY UPHILL.