



MONTHLY MEANDERS

April, 1981

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Wednesday, April 1, 8 P.M.
Wheeling Community Center
Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd.



DUE\$ ARE DUE

If you haven't sent in your check for Individual (\$8.00) or Family (\$10) membership, do it now! Send your check to: Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 581-D, Wheeling, IL 60090.

The newsletter mailing list will be updated this month. The May issue will go only to current members so act now!

If you don't have the membership application form, be sure to indicate whether it's New or Renewal and an Individual or Family membership. If the latter, please include names of husband and wife and names and ages of children. That will keep our records right up to date!

PROGRAM: SAAGBRAW - by Phyllis W. Harmon

The Sentinel's Active American Great Bicycle Ride Across Wisconsin, sponsored by the Milwaukee Sentinel, League of Wisconsin Wheelmen and Milwaukee Wheelmen, features three 6-1/2-day tours across Wisconsin, with 1000 cyclists merging the final day in Milwaukee. Several Wheeling Wheelmen members participated in this event. Phyllis will show slides of the north and east routes.

New Members

Aaron and Heidie Aronson Family, Glenview, Illinois
Dick Marr, Des Plaines, Illinois
Herb Mosky, Glenview, Illinois
Martin E. and Nancy Rosenfeld Family, Deerfield, Ill.
Kurt R. Schoenhoff, Arlington Heights, Illinois
Vernon F. Schultz, Deerfield, Illinois
Thomas and Tomi Wade Family, Arlington Heights, Ill.



SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER by Howard Paul

I'm sure that every cyclist has a concept of what is safe and acceptable riding practice. However, I believe that what may be acceptable to a couple of friends riding together may not always be adequate for a club ride. As a club group, we are highly visible to the public and our club's reputation is dependent upon how we ride as individuals within the group.

For example, two persons riding side by side by themselves in an inappropriate area may cause a momentary problem to passing motorists. But when many such pairs of cyclists are part of a club group that is spread out over a quarter mile of road, they may become a major hindrance to auto traffic. A subsequent loss of goodwill is incurred and a safety hazard to cyclists and motorists is created. Obviously, the same can be said for the club as a group ignoring a 4-way stop, making a left turn in front of approaching traffic, riding on the left side of the road, etc.

There are many rewards associated with riding with the Wheeling Wheelmen, but there are also responsibilities with regard to our cycling behavior. Please keep this in mind as we begin cycling this year and we'll all enjoy a safer season.

STAN AND TRUDY DAVIS SEND GREETINGS FROM FLORIDA

Cyclists from 21 states merged in Homestead, Florida, for the 15th Winter Rendezvous hosted by the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bicycle Club. It was great to see Stan and Trudy there, former Wheeling Wheelmen members now living in Palm Harbor, Florida. PWH

GEO MAGAZINE FEATURES BICYCLING

The March '81 issue of GEO features a 22-page article on bicycle racing and includes many excellent photos, including one of Fred Knoller, 84, the oldest registered bicycle racer in the world. Also, on page 45 there's a scarecrow on an unbelievably old bicycle.

Fred Knoller was at the Winter Rendezvous, elated because he is to be the featured guest at the Coors Bicycle Classic (formerly Red Zinger Bicycle Classic) in Colorado June 27-July 5. Fred will ride a 25-mile time trial to break his 1979 record of 1:25:00.

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Coming Events

April 5 - EVANSTON/WHEELING COMBINED RIDE, Evanston, IL



Sunday - 9:00 A.M. 40 miles
From Cornelia Lunt Park in Evanston at
Church and Sheridan Roads.
Ride to Fort Sheridan. Leader: Herb Trace

April 12 - APRIL SHOWERS RIDE - BIKE TRAIL, Glenview, IL



Sunday - 1:00 P.M. - Distance optional
From Forest Preserve Parking Lot on Lake
Avenue west of Harms Road.
Leader: Howard Paul - 824-2941

April 18 - EASTER RIDE - BARRINGTON'S BACK ROADS



Saturday - 10:00 A.M. About 30 km.
From Barrington High School, Lake Cook Rd.
Leader: Dick Ryan - 381-1775 Patch \$1.25.

April 25 - AUDUBON RIDE - Hoffmann Estates, IL



Saturday - 9:00 A.M. 74 KM
From Eisenhower Jr. High - Jones and
Hassel Rd. Bring sack lunch. This is a
beautiful ride, don't miss it!
Leader: Judy Stansfield, 885-4270.

May 2-3 - SPRING BIKATION TO NORTH AURORA, Hoffman Est.



Saturday 60 miles to Aurora
Sunday 45 miles return to Hoffman Estates
From Hoffman Estates - overnight at motel
with indoor pool. Saturday dinner at motel.
Motel reservations to Judy Stansfield.
See May newsletter for further details.
Leader: Don Stansfield - 885-4270.



PRAIRIE SPRING CENTURY - 50 KM, 100 KM or Miles,
Sunday, April 26 from Thornburn Center, Urbana, Ill.
Located on Springfield at McCullough. Sponsored by the
Prairie Cycle Club. \$2.00 for 50 KM incl. 1 meal and
patch. \$4.00 for 100 km or miles incl. 2 meals and
patch. Registration from 6:30 A.M. Phyllis Harmon has
some registration forms or write to: Prairie Cycle Club,
Prairie Spring Century, c/o Urbana Park District, 101 N.
McCullough, Urbana, IL 61801.

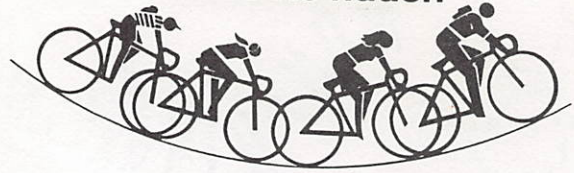
1981 L.A.W. CONVENTION - AMES, IOWA JULY 9-12, 1981

Hdq. Iowa State University. Registration form in March
American Wheelmen or contact Phyllis Harmon. Registra-
tion fee \$20; Meals \$20; Housing \$20. Special rates
for children. Addl. \$5 if not L.A.W. member.

TANDEM FOR SALE

Gitane Super Sport tandem for sale. Double men's
24-1/2-22-1/2" frame, all 531 tubing, TA cranks, and
Phil Wood hub. Optional 15-speed. Available with or
without attached child conversion and upgrading equip-
ment changes. Child conversion works very well. Used
4 times for TOSRV and for a 1500-mile tour. Adjusts
for a child from age 4 or 5 to 10. Price \$600 to \$700,
depending on equipment. Call Fred or Jean Kennerly,
Rockford, IL (815) 398-6861.

Rides Re-ridden



ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIDE - Traditionally this is the
first Wheelmen invitational each year. This year, by
far, was the greatest ever! On this windy, but beauti-
ful, Sunday morning we expected to host about 100
riders. That was an optimistic figure until about
10:30 A.M. when we reached the *two hundred* mark and
still riders rolled in until we had two hundred twenty
five. We even had to run off more maps!

Lunch at Kelsey Roadhouse gave many of us a chance to
meet riders from clubs as far as Joliet and beyond and
we were glad to welcome new club members, too. It's our
opinion that nice weather and fewer competitive events
were only secondary factors in this great attendance.
Primarily, the growth of bicycling in general appears
to have had the most effect.

We're indebted to Dick and Ruth Ryan for taking on the
job of mailing the L.A.W. St. Patrick's Day patches
which didn't arrive in time for distribution at the
ride.
Elliott Kanner

TERRY'S TRIP - Fourteen riders turned out on this beau-
tiful spring day for Terry's 26-mile ride through
lovely northwest suburbs to Bartlett for lunch and a
circle ride back over Shoemaker Road. George and
Marilyn Mathison had their small dog riding the back of
their tandem. She perched on her small platform and
obviously enjoyed her ride immensely.

TOURING GREAT PARKS at March meeting. Wheeling Wheel-
men readers of "American Wheelmen" (the L.A.W. monthly)
who experienced that yearning feeling over color photos
of Glacier Park and the Continental Divide in the March
issue, had a pleasant surprise when Peter Sherer, author
of the lead article "Great Parks Reflections", presented
a program on touring. His talk, enhanced with excellent
slides, was based on extensive cycle touring experience
ranging from Shenandoah National Park to Banff, Alberta,
Canada, and provided down-to-earth advice for those con-
templating longer tours, or shorter ones on rural
trails.

Many thanks to Mike Lackey, a colleague of Peter's
at Harper College, for providing the program when George
Mathison came down with the flu and was unable to talk
on Tandem Touring. We look forward to George's talk
some time in the future.

COMPANIONS WANTED

Nashville, TN to Chicago, IL: I am planning or organiz-
ing or joining a bicycle trip from Nashville, (GEAR'81)
to Chicago (460 miles) starting Monday morning May 25
and averaging 100 plus miles per day. I'm planning
overnight stays at motels or homes along the way.
Contact me immediately if interested so I can plan
ahead, or if you plan to lead such a trip, I'd like to
join you. ED ABRAMIC, 2124 Eye St., NW, #405,
Washington D.C. 20037. Phone: 202/466-3763.

Possible Baseball Tour - 1981: I am thinking of tak-
ing a very leisurely bicycle-baseball tour of Iowa on
my way to and from the L.A.W. convention at Ames,
July 9-12. My objective will probably be to see the
Quad-Cities Cubs and Iowa Oaks (Cubs AAA team at Des
Moines) play as often as possible. The Quad-Cities
Cubs play at Davenport, Clinton, Burlington, Waterloo
and Cedar Rapids. I am working on routes and camp-
ground information. Dick Marr, 1113 Holiday Lane,
Apt. 2, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Home: 312/593-2639.