



MONTHLY MEANDERS

May, 1981

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May 6 - 8:00 P.M.
Wheeling Community Center
Small park Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd.



PROGRAM
COMMUTING - BICYCLE CAMPING
TANDEM TOURING
by
George and Marilyn Mathison

Fairly newcomers to bicycling, George and Marilyn have a world of information and tips to share. George commutes from Park Ridge to Roosevelt Road every day in all kinds of weather. They biked around Lake Michigan, rode SAAGBRAW-North last year and will do SAAGBRAW-East this year, and are planning to bicycle-camp to the League convention in Ames, Iowa, in July.

This couple's enthusiasm is contagious. More and more they are finding they can use their bicycles or tandem for all kinds of shopping, errands, and even biking to church.

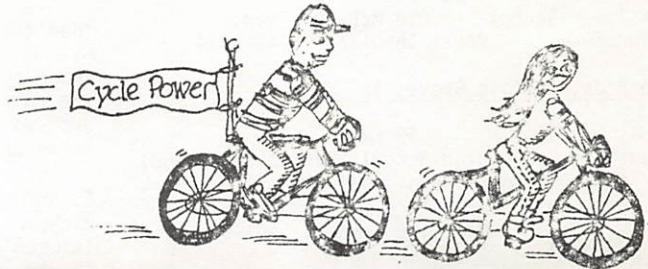
New Members

Larry and Linda Carlson, Cary, IL
Donald and Sue Handke, Wheeling, IL
Linda Czerepkowski, Chicago, IL
Al Miller, Arlington Heights, IL
Alan Zoller, Wheeling, IL
Michael and Laura Enwright, Wheeling, IL

We are glad to welcome these three individuals and three family groups into the Wheeling Wheelmen and look forward to riding with them in the months ahead.

Cancellation Stamp for 11th Harmon Hundred

Again this year we will have our own U.S. postal cancellation stamp for our Harmon Hundred. Each participant will receive one with registration. Additional can be ordered at \$1.00 each. Herb Liebsch and Phyllis Harmon have worked up a new design for this year.



NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chicago area's landscape is considered by many to be perfect bicycling terrain. This past winter has not daunted the hardier bicycle commuters, not the region's local governments and planners who would like to make bicycling an attractive transportation alternative. It is obvious that bicycling saves energy and improves air quality when substituted for automobile use. In fact, recent analyses have shown that the very trips most amenable to bicycle substitution are clearly the most inefficient auto trips. These include short trips made when the car's engine is cold. A car in "cold start" (the first few minutes of operation) produces more than twice the pollutants and gets only 20% of normal city gas mileage.

So, combine short trips into one longer trip - or take a bicycle which, considering traffic congestion and parking time, frequently are faster than cars.

Substituting a bicycle for a car in the summer time is especially beneficial to air quality in summer. Summer time--the primary bicycling season--is also the season of highest ozone pollution. Ozone forms in the atmosphere when hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides are exposed to sunlight. Both are produced by automobiles and summer's abundant sunlight increases ozone production.

Funds to Fight Pollution

Chicago Lung Assoc. is making funds up to \$1000 available to groups interested in reducing motor vehicle pollution within their communities..informational or promotional. By May 1 contact Nancy Kravitz, 243-2000 ext.70 or write Air Quality Planning Project, Chgo. Lung Assoc., 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

Communities and municipalities are actively involved in improving bicycling conditions. The DuPage County Board has recently accepted the goals and objectives of a county-wide bicycle plan. The highway department pave the shoulder of Winfield Road to create an important bike connection to the Prairie Path.

The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission has inventoried publicly administered bikeways in Chicago and the six surrounding counties.

"Bikeways in Northeastern Illinois"
\$3.00 to: Bike Map
NE Ill. Planning Comm.
400 W. Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60606



Our thanks to Jim Baum who contributed the cycling safety thoughts for this month. I believe it's important for many others to express opinions in this column also. Please - let us hear from you.
Howard Paul

One of the most important elements of bicycle safety is the observance of some special precautions and courtesies when riding as a group. Warning the rider ahead that you are either going to pass him, or that there is a car coming from behind, is a sign of an experienced rider. The Wheeling Wheelmen should all strive to exercise these precautions. It seems that over the past year or so we are not religiously calling out "car back" or "passing on the left" when appropriate. Adherence to this discipline will make us a more professional group and will provide good habits wherever we ride and contribute to the safety of the riders.

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



Coming Events

May 3 - WANDERING TO WOODSTOCK, Hoffman Estates or Algonquin



Sunday - Long ride 7:30 A.M. from Eisenhower Jr. High School, Jones and Hassel 82.5 miles
Short ride 10 A.M. from stoplight in downtown Algonquin (Rts. 31 and 62) 48.2 miles
Bring sack lunch. Judy Stansfield - 885-4270.

May 10 - ALGONQUIN THE LONG WAY, Long Grove, IL



Sunday - 8:30 A.M. - 85 km.
From Kildeer School on Old McHenry Road
Sack lunch Roger Thauland - 541-2294

May 16 - Apple Pie Ride, Buffalo Grove, IL



Saturday - 9:30 A.M. - 50 km.
From Buffalo Grove High School, Dundee Rd (Rt.68) and Arlington Heights Road. Bring lunch or buy it at Wauconda Apple Orchard.
Madeline Kanner - 541-9176

May 24 60 HILL KILLER, Long Grove, IL



Sunday - 9 A.M. - 100 km.
Killer Hill in reverse - from Kildeer School.
Bring sack lunch Richard Figge - 446-2945

May 30 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL, Buffalo Grove, IL



Saturday - 10 A.M. - 75 km
Mmmmm - popular annual ride. From Buffalo Grove High School.
Roger Thauland - 541-2294



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS HERE - SO ARE WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDES!
Wednesday night rides start promptly at 6:30 P.M. and end before dark. Short rides at a leisurely pace.

May 6 From Wheeling Community Center, Small park on Wolf Road just north of Dundee Road. Return in time for Wheeling Wheelmen monthly meeting.

May 13 From Kildeer School, Old McHenry Road north of Long Grove Road, Long Grove, IL

May 20 From Buffalo Grove High School, Arlington Heights Road and Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, IL

May 27 From Kildeer School, Long Grove.



Rides Re-ridden



SPRING AROUND THE CORNER It was cloudy and overcast but not raining, so Phyllis Harmon, Donald Campbell and John Shipley turned up at Kildeer School for the ride to Wauconda Apple Orchard. Leaders Don and Judy Stansfield came to hand out the maps but not ride because they "don't like to ride in the rain." We had hardly gone half a mile before it was sprinkling and at three miles stopped under the overhang of a garage roof and chatted and watched the rain for half an hour before we decided the weather man just wasn't going to cooperate and splashed back to Long Grove and home to dry out.

EVANSTON/WHEELING COMBINED RIDE TO FORT SHERIDAN. Evanston Bicycle Club hosted this ride and Herb Trace was the leader. It wasn't a very promising day...overcast and threatening to rain but 22 turned out for the 42 mile ride. There was a stop for ice cream at the Sweet Shop in Winnetka on the way north and lunch at McDonalds across from Fort Sheridan before heading back.

APRIL SHOWERS RIDE almost was...it rained in the morning but cleared by 1:00 P.M. so ten cyclists turned out for the ride led by Howard Paul down the bike path in Glenview.

EASTER RIDE -BARRINGTON'S BACK ROADS The Weatherman more than compensated for the early April rains by giving us a perfect cycling day, bright sunshine, and comfortable winds. Dick Ryan led us from Barrington over some outstandingly scenic, rolling hills. He didn't know it, but the route over charming Donlea Road and several private roads were part of the original Harmon Hundred.

SAAGBRAW NORTH AND SAAGBRAW EAST If this well established name (Sentinel's Active American Great Bicycle Ride Across Wisconsin) was still unfamiliar to any of us before April 1st, it will be well remembered by those lucky enough to attend our monthly meeting that evening. Phyllis Harmon explained in detail and through colorful slides this series of simultaneous rides across Wisconsin merging in Milwaukee. EK.

NO NEWSLETTER? SEND IN YOUR DUES

If you hear any Wheeling Wheelmen protest that they have not received a current Newsletter, it is probably that they have not sent in their 1981 dues. The mailing list has now been adjusted for current members only.

Remind members, when sending in renewals, to indicate New or Renew - Individual (\$8) or Family (\$10) - and, in case of the latter, include husband and wife's name as well as names and ages of children. In a couple of months we will include with your Newsletter a current membership list.

GEAR DOWN

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
May 22-25, 1981



Headquarters at Middle Tennessee State University near Nashville. Rides range from 3 to 103 miles. The whole family can enjoy a variety of afternoon and evening workshops and entertainment. Registration \$25. 7 Meals \$25; Housing \$22.50 plus \$6 if you want a pillow and blanket. Send check or money order to GEAR DOWN '81, P.O. Box 23006, Nashville, TN 37202. Pre-GEAR bus trip to Jack Daniel Distillery, oldest in U.S. Post-GEAR visit to Opryland USA.

L.A.W. CONVENTION

Ames, Iowa
July 9-12-1981

Headquarters at Iowa State University in the Scheman Continuing Education Building. Dormitory rooms, nearby motels and camping available. Registration \$20. (Non-L.A.W. addl. \$5.) Meals Thurs. dinner through Sun. lunch \$36.00. Housing, incl. linens, \$20.00. Excellent country roads, varied cycling both in length and terrain, workshops, entertainment. Application from L.A.W., P.O. Box 988, Baltimore, MD 21203. Pre- and Post tours LaCrosse-Ames-LaCrosse.

Arlington Adventure

20-40-62 miles
Sunday, May 17

Registration 7-10 A.M. \$1.50 at Recreation Park, 500 E. Miner Street, Arlington Heights. Patches optional. Arlington Heights Bicycle Assoc.

ALSO Bicycle Swap, May 16-17 at Recreation Park. Turn unwanted bicycles and accessories to "cash". Bring saleable items May 16 between 8:30-10:30 A.M. Swap hours: Sat. 11-4; Sun. Noon-4. Cash only. Further info. from Jeanie at 392-1547 or Dave at 398-1309.