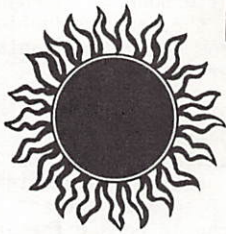




MONTHLY MEANDERS

AUGUST, 1981

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AUGUST

Meeting
 Aug. 5 - 8 P.M.
 Wheeling Community
 Center
 On Wolf Rd. 1 block
 north of Dundee Rd.

Safety Officer's Corner



By
Howard
Paul

This is our big work night of the year; time to finalize all plans for our big invitational, the Harmon Hundred and Harmon Fifty. It's mailing night for literature to go out and members can pick up batches of applications to drop off at various bike shops or for various clubs in the area. We'll have new patches this year and our P. O. cancellation stamp is in the works. Now if the weatherman will only cooperate..!

So come on out..roll up your sleeves and join in the fun...there's always a lot of chit chat and fun at this particular meeting.

New Members

We're going to have to get name badges again because, with all the new members coming in this year, it's much easier to match up names and faces.

This month we are glad to welcome these new members:

Bob Baldwin, Cicero, Illinois
 Cindy Laureys, Wheeling
 Paul J. McClendon, Wheeling
 Glenn and Carol Schon, Rolling Meadows

New address for Don and Judy Stansfield is 1508 W. Lincoln Blvd., Freeport, IL 61032. 815/235-0075.

JIM ANDRESEN BUCKED THE WEATHERMAN

Jim Andresen of the ABC Cyclery in Arlington Heights didn't have much cooperation from the weatherman when he tried for the mileage record. He started July 11, Saturday afternoon, riding the Northbrook track, attempting to do 450 miles in 24 hours. But, if you remember the weather on Sunday, July 12, you'll remember the 3 inches of down-pour in 3 hours that flooded much of the city that morning. Jim's tent was in 4 inches of water. The electronic equipment went out and timers were trying to time his 44-second laps by hand. Along with the thunder and lightning and 1-1/2 hour delays, it was obvious there was no way to break the record. Even so, Jim did 255 miles in 16 hours and raised over \$1000.00 for the American Diabetes society.

Our Huff 'n Puff ride to Union deserves an A for route and weather, however, our cycling curtesy and safety must rate a C. Despite several requests to stay out of the opposing traffic lane, some bikers were frequently riding there. I observed this on up-hills and on one sharp right turn where visibility around the bend was very limited, as well as straight flat sections where we must have appeared to be less than mature.

Many of our members know the recommendations for group riding but they bear repeating:

1. Ride single file on all roads with moderate auto traffic.
2. Ride single file whenever the solid yellow line is in your lane. Don't force passing motorists into the opposite lane.
3. If opposing auto traffic is present, go to single file when you hear "Car back!"
4. If you hear "Car back!" those ahead may not hear it, pass the call along.
5. If you pass a pothole, glass or similar hazard, call it out and point to location.

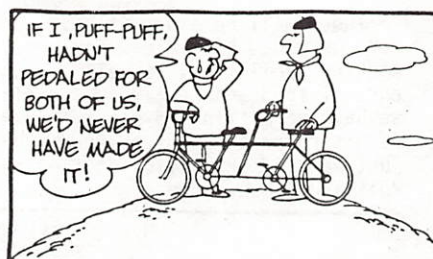
6. Use arm signals for turns, slowing, or stopping. The verbal call "Braking" is also useful.
7. Call out "On your left" if you are about to pass another cyclist who is unaware of your approach. (Do NOT pass on the right.)
8. When taking a group roadside break, move off onto the shoulder. Please read this one again, as it's broken frequently.
9. Stop at 4-way stops if cross traffic is present. Our whole tour group is not entitled to breeze through unless waved on by waiting motorists. This also applies to left turns.
10. Don't tailgate (draft) unless you are experienced and are drafting the biker ahead with his or her knowledge.

One last thought - If you ride with the club, you lose the freedom to ride as you please. It's a small loss in comparison to the advantages gained.

Editor's Note: As a vehicle driver you have no freedom to ride as you please. You are obligated to observe vehicular laws just as you do when driving an automobile.

THE BORN LOSER

by Art Samson



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Coming Events

August 1/2 - AMISHLAND AND LAKES This is the excellent weekend based at Howe Military Academy sponsored by the Michiana Bicycle Association patterned after the Hilly Hundred but without the hills! Last minute info: 219/272-8700.

50 miles Sat. in Amish country
50 miles Sun. in Cass County, Michigan.

Aug. 2 ELMHURST METRO METRIC, Elmhurst

Sun. 8 A.M. 50/100 miles from Elmhurst Community Center. Invitational hosted by Elmhurst Bicycle Club. \$5 or \$6 after July 28. Betty Mix, 383-5146.

Aug. 9 - COVERED BRIDGE RIDE - Long Grove

Sunday - 10:30 A.M. 70 KM, 44 mi. from Kildeer School on Old McHenry Rd. north of Long Grove Rd. We are hosts to Evanston Bike Club on this ride. At least two bridges to enjoy. Dick Ryan - 381-1775.

Aug. 16 - RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Sunday - 8 A.M. 50 mi. or a 35-mile short cut. This is my favorite area in Wisconsin - gently rolling, no big hills, delightful tiny towns and rural scenery. Lunch in Tichigan and an hour to browse in Burlington. Start from Eagle Lake Park parking lot on Church Rd. (north of Rt. 11) and west of Rt. 75. Take Rt. 45 to Wis. 11, West to Rt. 75 and north to Church Rd., west to Eagle Lake. About an hour drive. Phyllis Harmon 537-1268.

Aug. 23 - TWIN LAKES - Long Grove

Sun. 8 A.M. - 72 miles from Kildeer School. Bring lunch. Richard Figge - 446-2945.

Aug. 29 - PIZZA RIDE - Buffalo Grove

Sat. - 10 A.M. - 50 miles - from Buffalo Grove H.S., Dundee and Buffalo Grove Rd. Bring hearty appetites. Brian Henderson - 537-3120.

Sept. 6 - CLUB MEMBERS RIDE HARMON 100

This is the day we all ride the Harmon 100/50 together so that we will be free to work on our invitational day, Sept. 13. Be at Wheeling Community Center at 6 A.M. Sunday.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDES

Short rides - 6:30 P.M. to twilight.
August

- 5 From Wheeling Community Center Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd. Ride followed by club meeting.
- 12 From former Carl Sandburg School on Schoenbeck, south of Anthony in Wheeling. (S. of new library.)
- 19 From Kildeer School, Old McHenry Road, Long Grove.
- 26 From Wheeling Community Center.

Rides Re-ridden



FAREWELL TO DON AND JUDY STANSFIELD -

On June 20 the Ryans hosted a thoroughly delightful (though somewhat sad) occasion at their home in Barrington to say "Bon Voyage" to Don and Judy Stansfield, who will always be best remembered wheeling along with the club, usually leading, or meticulously planning for most of the rides now in our map inventory. Most of all, they contributed immensely to the bicycling movement in this area, as they no doubt will be doing in and around Freeport, Ill., where Don will be curriculum coordinator for the school district. The club presented them with a Swiss army knife and a toast for continued adventure on the road.

CANTIGNY RIDE - Jim and Rose Baum led us from Elk Grove Village through new suburban areas for our club: Warrenville, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, past Argonne Laboratories and Morton Arboretum. Our lunch stop at beautiful Cantigny was just long enough to lunch leisurely and stroll through the lovely gardens and Robert McCormick's war museum.

HUFF 'N' PUFF - It was a beautiful day for our annual ride to Union, Illinois, the air was crisp and cool in the morning and we pedaled through delightfully beautiful rural areas. For once a gale wind wasn't blowing as we pedaled into or out of Union! We lunched in Union

and circled back to Algonquin. It was quite warm in the afternoon so we enjoyed a prolonged stop at the park in Huntley take long drinks from the water fountain and refill our water bottles.

ZION RIDE - At last! Our often weather man jinxed annual jaunt to Zion was blessed with a beautiful Saturday morning and biking was great all day! Eighteen riders ambled up to our northern outpost on the Wisconsin border for an early lunch at Illinois Beach State Park. Madeline Kanner and Dick Ryan followed a club route, revised over several years to include an inland stop at the Dan Wright Woods enroute to and from the shore. E.K.

LAMBS FARM RIDE - Fifteen riders gathered for this leisurely ride. This was the day of the big rain and floods in Chicagoland but Howard Paul knew just when and where to lead the riders! They were north when it rained in the south and south when it rained in the north! Nice going, Howard! D.R.

JULY MEETING - We are glad to see so many new members at the meeting! John Shipley gave us an interesting review of his cycling activities in Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and to TOSRV in Ohio. He stressed the pleasure of biking in nearby areas and adjoining states and commented on the interest and friendliness of people he met along the way.

HARMON HUNDRED/FIFTY PLANS PROGRESSING

Our 11th Annual Harmon Hundred/Fifty is our big invitational ride of the year. We will need volunteers to fill all kinds of jobs for the day...split shifts available for refreshment points, sag stops (stationary), registration, etc. If you have not signed up for a time period, please contact Dick Ryan at 381-1775.

We will have new patches this year-- of course all of you who ride with the club on Sept. 6 will get a patch as well as our 11th post office cancellation stamp on club envelopes.

There will be a new starting point for our ride this year. For better parking facilities, as well as convenience of food and rest room facilities, we have permission to start from Wickes Furniture parking lot on Dundee Road just west of the police station between Wolf and Elmhurst Road.

LON HALDEMAN BREAKS THREE CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS

Lon Haldeman of Harvard, Illinois, set out from New York on June 20 at 3 a.m. and reached Santa Monica on July 2 at 7:46 p.m. - that's 12 days 18 hours, 49 minutes, breaking the previous 15 day record.

On the next morning, July 3 at 3 a.m. he headed back to New York, arriving at 5:35 p.m. on July 14...that's 10 days, 23 hours, 29 minutes, breaking John Marino's record of 12 days, 3 hours, 41 minutes!

Lon's total Double Cross time was 24 days, 2 hours, 34 minutes, breaking Victor Vincenti's 1974 record of 36 days 8 hours.

Lon finished his ride in a blaze of energy - pedaling 665 miles in the last two days! His shortest day was 215 miles against 30-40 mile an hour headwinds!

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Here's the latest - on club rides only.

Top KM riders as of July 22:

Dick Ryan	1291	Madeline Kanner	1061
Roger Thauland	1043	Phyllis Harmon	787
Elliott Kanner	947	Rita Moody	713
Howard Paul	827	Lana Schwerin	607
Lloyd Moody	713	Marie Liotine	598

Wednesday night KMs

Dick Ryan	301
Roger Thauland	296
Elliott Kanner	196
Frank Pirok	172
Richard Figge	132
Madeline Kanner	207
Phyllis Harmon	170
Margie Papajesk	147
Rita Moody	98
Carolyn Kropp	86