



MONTHLY MEANDERS

November, 1981

President: Roger Thauland, 541-2294
 Vice-Pres: Rose Baum, 397-7270
 Treasurer: Richard Figge, 446-2945
 Safety: Mike Enwright, 537-8012
 Membership: Marie Liotine, 439-0452
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NOVEMBER

SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER

Howard Paul

It has been my observation that most "serious" adult cyclists, while riding singly, ride in a responsible manner. They ride defensively - alert to potential traffic dangers - and obey the rules of the road.

However, occasionally on a club ride, a group psychology appears to take over. It is as if the group is bigger than any automobile in the vicinity - and let the motorist beware. A perfect example of this was this year's first day of the Hilly Hundred in Bloomington, Indiana, where cyclists five and more abreast covered the whole width of the road - sometimes even on uphill blind curves! The group seemed to say "this is our road and forget the people who live here." Also, another type of riders in the group, pace line riders, roared through groups that were already spread out too far.

Fortunately, an impassioned plea on Saturday evening by Tom Revard, chairman of the event, brought the cyclists to their senses and Sunday's ride was infinitely better. Perhaps one of our guidelines should be, "Ride in a group with the same care we exercise as singles."

We welcome Mike Enwright in his new position as the club's Safety Officer for 1982. Mike is an excellent cyclist and concerned for the safety of all on our club rides.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1982

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At the October meeting, Rose Baum, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the above slate of officers for the coming year. Inasmuch as there were no additional nominations from the floor, a motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the whole slate for our 1982 officers.

We are glad to see new members accepting various club duties both as officers and on committees. That is the way a club grows and prospers. A number of members, who were unable to run for office, volunteered to work in various capacities as well as plan and lead rides. If you have any ideas or interests, please let them be known. For example, Don Derebey commented he likes to lead rides but no one had asked him to... you can be sure he will have the opportunity in the coming year.

All of our 1982 officers are active club members and high mileage riders. We look forward to a very active twelfth year for the Wheeling Wheelmen.



BANQUET

Nov. 6 -

Village Tavern
 Old McHenry Road
 Long Grove, Ill.

Social Hour 6:30 - Dinner 7:30 \$10.

Last call for reservations! Send them to Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 581-D, Wheeling, Illinois 60090.

Featured Guest: Lon Haldeman, Double Transcontinental record holder and numerous other records. Hear Lon's experiences first hand!

From the Outgoing "Pres."

It's been a real privilege to be in a position of leadership during the past two years when the Wheeling Wheelmen has become a widely recognized name. Our purpose, while still essentially the camaraderie of riding together, establishing new routes and perfecting old ones, has gone considerably beyond that. We're part of a national and civic movement and contribute noticeably through a serious schedule of meetings, an uninterrupted newsletter, and an annual rides schedule which equals or is better than most in the country.

We've accomplished that because the size of our group, while now grown to 139 members, still dictates that we *all* share the leadership, in principle and in action. This is the key goal to develop and, along with many other club members, I'm eager to work with our new President Roger Thauland and his officers to make our twelfth year the best yet.. thanks....See you at the banquet!

Elliott Kanner

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

KM KOUNT AS OF OCTOBER 18

The KMs, tallied on Wheeling Wheelmen club rides only, have just a few more rides to the season - but it's been a great year!

Members with over 1000 KMs

Dick Ryan	2099	Madeline Kanner	1778
Elliott Kanner	1730	Phyllis Harmon	1302
Roger Thauland	1609	Rita Moody	1120
Howard Paul	1415	Lonna Schwerin	1072
Terry Schwerin	1313	Marie Liotine	1037
Mike Enwright	1129		
Lloyd Moody	1123		
Bob Morrell	1073		
Richard Figge	1031		

All those with 1000 or more KMs have earned the club's special KM shirt. Congratulations!

Final Wednesday night KMs

Men

Dick Ryan	460
Roger Thauland	377
Elliott Kanner	269
Frank Pirok	252
Richard Figge	245

Women

Madeline Kanner	286
Phyllis Harmon	271
Margie Papajesk	196
Carolyn Kropp	142
Rita Moody	123



Coming Events

Nov. 1 - TIGER/PUSSYCAT, Deer Grove

Sunday - 8:30 A.M. - 50 KM
1:00 P.M. - 30 KM



From Deer Grove Forest Preserve on Quentin Rd. north of Dundee Rd. from parking area near the lake. Strenuous morning ride - easier afternoon ride. Bring lunch. A.M. leader: Brian Henderson - 537-3120. P.M. leader: Madeline Kanner - 541-9176. Halloween patch - \$1.25.

Nov. 7 - CHAIN OF LAKES PARK - Wauconda



Saturday - 10:00 A.M. 70 KM
From Lakewood Forest Preserve, Fairfield Rd. and Ivanhoe Rd. - (first road south of Rt. 176) Bring sack lunch. Leader: Dick Ryan - 381-1775.

Nov. 15 - LAST CHANCE RIDE - Barrington



Sunday - 10:30 A.M. - 60 KM
From Barrington High School, Lake Cook Rd. west of town. Leader: Dick Ryan - 381-1775. (It's close to snow time! (Actual mileage will depend on wind and weather.)

Nov. 28 - THANKSGIVING RIDE - Wheeling



Saturday - 9 A.M. 10 to 35 miles depending on wind and weather. From Wheeling Community Center, Wolf Road north of Dundee Rd. Leader: Dick Ryan - 381-1775. Thanksgiving patch - \$1.25



Halloween and Thanksgiving patches



WHEELMEN'S WINTER RENDEZVOUS

Howard Paul, Elliott Kanner and Phyllis Harmon will be attending this March 14-18, 1982 event in Homestead, Florida. Excellent biking in warm, sunny weather! Write for brochure to: H. R. Strandberg, 14175 S.W. 87th St. - C-309, Miami, FL 33183.

Rides Re-ridden



ST. CHARLES RIDE - Fifteen riders started out under gray skies and made it two miles to our favorite 7-11 where they waited under shelter for the weather to improve. Eventually it was obvious the weather was not going to clear up so they pedaled the two miles back for a grand total of four miles for the day!

APPLE CIDER CENTURY - There were over 2900 cyclists gathered in Three Oaks, Michigan for this excellently organized, popular event. The weather was beautiful, warm and sunny but by mid-morning an extremely strong west wind came up which had everyone struggling against the mighty gusts.

McHENRY DAM RIDE - Early rain and dark skies discouraged a number of would-be participants but, just in time for the ride to start the skies cleared and a combined group of Evanston and Wheeling members pedaled the beautiful route to McHenry Dam. Most had sack lunches so the rest picked up hamburgers at Island Lake to eat at the Dam's picnic area.

HILLY HUNDRED - Over 2500 cyclists gathered in Bloomington, Indiana, for beautiful biking over the rolling hills of Brown County. There were 32 Wheeling Wheelmen participating. Again everyone enjoyed the slide show - the dozens of pictures taken of the riders Saturday morning, rushed to Indianapolis for processing, and shown on three projectors to the appreciative audience. All enjoyed the lively Blue Grass music, too. George and Marilyn Mathison with their little dog, Muffin, on the back of their tandem should have gotten an award for "Most Photographed."

LIPPIZAN HORSE SHOW - This has been one crazy month for biking! Again heavy gray skies and the weatherman's dire predictions of heavy rain kept all but 7 hardy cyclists at home. We literally sailed up to Wadsworth Road and the Tempel Farm where we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful horses and the effortless way they gaits in perfect time with the music. We headed east on Wadsworth Road for lunch at Rt. 41 and then the weatherman's predictions came true and we struggled head-on into terrific wind and heavy rain all the way back!

BOTANIC GARDENS - The wild winds of Saturday continued through Sunday and only Dick Ryan and George Tobias turned out to battle the elements. It rained a bit and there even was a bit of sleet and they sought shelter at a church until the rain stopped enough so they could finish the ride.

New Members

Dick Hunt of Park Ridge

Dick and Ardie Sorenson of Elk Grove Village.

Both Dick and Ardie are past presidents of the Elk Grove Bicycle Club. We are delighted to welcome them into the Wheeling Wheelmen.

SAFETY CONSCIOUS BIKERS UPSET BY IRRESPONSIBLE BIKERS

There were over 2500 bikers at this year's Hilly Hundred and the majority rode sanely and sensibly. But, as usual, about 15% broke about every cycling rule in the book - much to the dismay of the good riders. As Howard Paul wrote in his safety column, they rode on the left side of the road, blocked the whole road at the tops of hills making it impossible for cars to get through, spread across the road and only moved for a car at the very last minute.

The sheriff received a number of angry complaints from local motorists and the climax came when a cyclist blocked the sheriff's car and gave him a rude comment with accompanying gesture. The sheriff was furious and hauled the cyclist in. Tom Revard was called into the Sheriff's office and for 45 minutes heard the complaints against the cyclists..with the future of the Hilly Hundred at stake. And who was the rude cyclist? We find it hard

to believe that it was a *seventy year old man!*

All along the route on Saturday we heard indignant comments from the safety conscious cyclists in regard to the dangerous riding habits of some of the riders. Unfortunately, as usually is the case, the bad riders stand out like sore thumbs and observers don't notice that the majority of the bikers are safe riders. Also, irresponsible biking does nothing to improve the public impression of cyclists and cycling.

Perhaps it would be a good idea, when attending invitational rides, to remind offenders that they are guests of the host club and the community.

We who are members of the Wheeling Wheelmen and League of American Wheelmen, by riding responsibly, can set a good example for other cyclists in our area.
Phyllis Harmon