



MONTHLY MEANDERS

April 1982

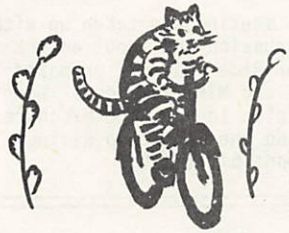
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April Meeting

Wednesday, April 7 - 8:00 p.m.
 Wolf Rd. 1 block North of Dundee
 Wheeling Community Center

Safety Officers' Corner

Mike Enwright



Spring! Cycling Season is here!

Nine Wheeling Wheelmen participated in the 16th Winter Rendezvous in Homestead, Florida. There were three of our presidents: Howard Paul, 1979, Elliott Kanner, 1980-81, and Roger Thauland, 1982. Also, Lois Paul, Mary Jensen, Marilyn Wilkerson, Glenn and Carol Schon and Phyllis Harmon. So, for our April meeting we will show slides of warm, sunny Florida and happy bicyclists from 24 states enjoying the camaraderie on the road.

Rosy Baum Died

Members attending our March meeting were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Rosy Baum, our newly elected Vice President and Ride Chairman. We all will miss her dedication and enthusiasm and will have fond memories of her riding the tandem with Jim on many of our rides as well as challenging ones like TOSRV.

Rosy had our 1982 ride schedule almost completed. It wasn't quite ready for the March issue. She had a few more leaders to slot into specific rides and additional details, so planned to have it ready for this issue.

Dick Ryan has kindly volunteered to complete Rosy's ride schedule and type it up for us. Howard Paul will carry on for Rosy as Vice President.

New Members

This month it's great to welcome one new family and 8 new individuals into the Wheeling Wheelmen:

- Charles Friedrich, Chicago
- Nicholas Good, Arlington Heights
- Phil Kahn, Wheeling
- Robert B. Klein, Des Plaines
- Dave Lutzow, Arlington Heights
- Pat Marshall, Northbrook
- Elida Ann Rech, Arlington Heights
- Alan D. Rubel, Vernon Hills
- Ray and Sally Wokhuk, Des Plaines

After the St. Patrick's Day, ride, my first organized ride of the year, I'm all hyped up and ready to ride at every opportunity I get. I'm sure most Wheeling Wheelmen feel the same way. My safety topic this week is recognizing hazards.

1. Unstable Surfaces - anything that reduces the amount of friction between the bicycle tire and road surface. Examples: wet road, wet leaves, sand, gravel, oil spots, railroad tracks, bridge expansions, grates and sewer covers with longitudinal grids. When these hazards are encountered, the bicyclist should keep a firm grip on the handlebars, steer a straight line, avoid braking and sharp turns and coast through or gently apply brakes.
2. Dogs - Usually a loud or firm "Stay" or "Go home!" is effective. A freon-powered horn will scare off most dogs. If you dismount, keep the bicycle between you and the dog. HALT! spray can is effective. Avoid areas where you know a bicycle-chasing dog lives. If a dog is overtaking you or suddenly appears in front of you, it is best to stop before the dog causes you to crash.
3. Night Riding - Most serious accidents between bicyclists and motor vehicles occur at night because the motorist cannot see the biker. Be sure you have a good light in front, reflector in rear or, better yet, taillight. Wear

light clothing. Ride defensively!

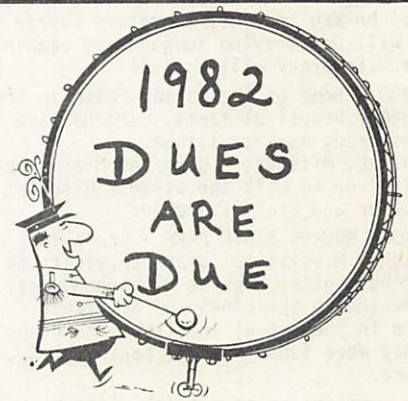
4. Potholes - Always scan the road ahead for potholes, glass or debris. Some times it is impossible to avoid a pothole. In that case, keep a firm grip on the handlebars, face it straight on. Try to lift the bike as you ride over the hole and stand up on your pedals.
5. Crosswinds - A strong, firm grip is required when bucking heavy crosswinds. Your bicycle can be blown off course or cause you to lose control. Be especially alert to fast moving trucks and trailers. They create a strong gust of wind that can also cause a cyclist to lose control.
6. Proper Clothing - Whatever you wear be comfortable! Shorts or slacks, T-shirt and well-fitting shoes and socks are fine. A helmet is strongly recommended. Be sure to carry some clothing that offers protection from chill or rain but light enough to pack away when weather warms or clears. It is better to dress in "layers" such as T-shirt, light sweater, wind breaker rather than one heavy jacket.
7. Parked Cars - Learn to scan the road head for passengers in parked cars. Motorists do not anticipate bicyclists riding by and usually open doors without looking back. Also, a car could pull out suddenly from the curb so be prepared: ride defensively!

Bicycle Exhibit

April 30 through May 14 in SAIC Gallery (The School of the Art Institute of Chicago) there will be a unique show of 1930s-'50s American-made bicycles collected by Bill Farrell of SAIC's faculty.

WHEELING WHEELMEN
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Individual \$8.00 - Family \$10.
 Your dues must be in by April 15 to make the 1982 Membership List for the May issue.

Coming Events

Apr. 3 **APPLE PIE RIDE**, Buffalo Grove



Saturday - 9:30 a.m. 35 miles
From Buffalo Grove H.S. parking lot, Dundee and Arlington Heights Rds. - perfect spring ride to Wauconda Apple Orchard for a snack and return.

Leader: Elliott Kanner - 541-9176

Apr. 10 **BARRINGTON BACK ROADS**



Saturday - 10 a.m. - 20 miles
From Barrington High School on Lake Cook Road, west side of Barrington.

Leader: Dick Ryan - 381-1775

Apr. 18 **ALGONQUIN THE LONG WAY**



Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - 50 miles
From Kildeer School on Old McHenry Road north of Long Grove Rd. Long Grove. Bring lunch or lunch in Algonquin.

Leader: Roger Thauland - 541-2294

Apr. 24 **AUDUBON RIDE - Hoffman Estates**



Saturday - 9 a.m. - 47 miles
From Eisenhower Jr. High - Jones and Hassel Rd. Hoffman Estates (one block west of Higgins (IL 72) intersection with Golf Rd. (IL 58). Go north on Jones to end at Hassel.

Bring sack lunch or lunch along way. This is a beautiful ride, don't miss it! Special club patch available. Leaders: George and Marilyn Mathison - 825-5470.

May 1 **KANE COUNTY RAMBLE**, Elgin



Saturday - 10 a.m. - 50 miles
From Tyler Creek Forest Preserve, Rt. 31 south of I-90 (across from Ramada Inn) Bring lunch. Leader: Terry Schwerin - 894-1325.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDES WILL START IN MAY.

Because the legislators did not move up the daylight savings date, our Wednesday night rides will begin with the May 5 meeting. Roger Thauland will lead the first one - 6:30 from the Community Center. Return in time for meeting.

COMING UP: **JULY JOURNEY '82** July 17-24

Don and Judy Stansfield will lead a bicycle camping trip from Freeport, Ill. Sat. July 17. Mileage about 65 miles a day. No sag service, therefore everyone will be carrying luggage and camping gear. Itinerary will include:

NAUVOO - home of the Mormon Faith in the 1840s..beautiful farms, gardens, and restored, quaint village.

HANNIBAL, Missouri - Down the Mississippi River to walk the streets with Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher.

DICKSON MOUNDS STATE PARK - Cross the Mighty Mississippi again to visit the archeological digs at Dickson Mounds. The Indian skeletons and artifacts are in the actual locations in which they were found. Then, back to Freeport.

This promises to be a great ride! Mark your calendar - more details to come.

Rides Re-ridden



ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIDE

Ninety seven riders participated in our St. Patrick's Day invitational to brave the cold air and occasional snowflakes on a cold, cloudy day. Most riders stopped at Kelsey's Roadhouse to warm their frigid bodies after pushing through a 16 mph headwind with a wind-chill temperature of 9°! The return trip was just as cold but with a tailwind it was much more pleasant. Many of us enjoyed riding Dick Spirek's recumbent around the parking lot. Bill Turner rode the route on his recumbent. Thank you, Dick Marr, for organizing this event and thanks, too, to the members who volunteered to work.

SHOW AND GO

Sixteen riders showed up for this early spring ride to enjoy a leisurely-paced ride. The sun was bright and warmed the cool air. Most of the riders stopped at McDonalds for a snack and something warm to drink before completing the 20-mile ride.

MARCH MEETING

Much of the meeting was taken up with review and discussion and input on the "Guidelines For Ride Leaders" prepared by Howard Paul and Mike Enwright. When completed, we plan to put into brochure form and then do one on "Group Riding Rules and Responsibilities".

APPLE CIDER CENTURY - SEPTEMBER 26 Three Oaks, Michigan

This popular event is limited to 3,500 participants this year. All the cider and apples you want...breakfast served by the fire dept...spaghetti dinner after the ride. If you want an application, write: A.C.C.'82, 303 W. Michigan, Three Oaks, Mich. 49128.

SENTINEL "CENTURY" SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

This is a new event sponsored by the Milwaukee Sentinel - famous for putting on the popular SAAGBRAW rides across Wisconsin. This new one-day event will start from the Bavarian Inn in Milwaukee. There will be a choice of 25, 50 or 100 miles. The Century will go to Sheboygan and return by way of the SAAGBRAW-East route to Milwaukee. The three groups will return to Bavarian Inn to enjoy a German band and dinner.

If you want to be on the mailing list, write: MILWAUKEE SENTINEL CENTURY P.O. Box 371, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

THANKS TO RICHARD REMIJAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR MAP COLLECTION.

SOUTHERN OHIO ODYSSEY - July 5-10.

Post Convention Tour 1982.

This 6-day bicycle camping trek will lead bicyclists from the University of Dayton east to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and back through some of the most scenic and historic areas of the Buckeye State. \$125.00 covers camping fees, all meals, tour leader, support vehicle and maps. Write: BIKE OHIO, P.O. Box 30, Elyria, Ohio 44036--0030. Phone 216/322-1318.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS EXPO AT O'HARE EXPO CENTER

All sports were represented but CABDA (Chicago Area Bicycle Dealers Association) had one huge section for all bicycle exhibits and rollers. The L.A.W. had a table in this area with literature and Chicagoland club info. Wheeling Wheelmen manning the booth were Mike Enwright, Elliott Kanner, and Phyllis Harmon. L.A.W. Pres. Jack Goertz and Susan and members of Elmhurst, St. Charles, Arlington Heights and Evanston served, too.



League of American Wheelmen
National Convention
July 1-5, 1982

DAYTON, OHIO

MARK THESE DATES...

June 4-6: GEAR '82
Shippensburg State
College, Pennsylvania

June 10-13: GEAR Down
University of North
Carolina at Charlotte.

Application forms in
Feb. *American Wheelmen*
or from Phyllis Harmon
on request.

Convention application in March '82
American Wheelmen.