



# MONTHLY MEANDERS



## Christmas Party

Dec. 4, 1982

Our hostess this year is

Marie Liotine  
658 Millers Road  
Des Plaines, Ill.

11:45 a.m. - 10 mile bike ride - then  
1:00 p.m. - Lunch, grab bag, fun fest.

Bring a gift for the grab bag - this has always been a high point in our Christmas festivities.

A delicious baked ham will be provided. This is a Pot Luck party so R.S.V.P. Marie at 439-0452 for a food assignment.

Millers Road is about 1/2 mile south of Golf Rd. (Rt. 58) and 658 is about half a block east of Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83)



## THE PREZ SEZ

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING NEXT YEAR?

Ted Uhlemann, President

The major portion of what we will be doing during the next year will be decided and scheduled during the next two months. This is the most important period for members to voice their opinions and desires. Our 1983 Ride Schedule takes a lot of planning and must be compiled by the end of February for mailing with the March newsletter. We will need volunteers with new routes to share in addition to leaders to lead rides over the favorite routes. However, in addition to new routes, it has been suggested to me by several enthusiastic members that we add some new kinds of rides. Other local clubs enjoy some of the following: moonlight rides with sunrise picnics, training rides, time trials, in addition to social events like BBQs, theatre events and volleyball. (Speaking of what our club does and does not do compared to other clubs, the 4th page of this newsletter is a flyer from the L.A.W. showing just what other clubs are involved in. I've added an extra column to indicate how our club compares.) If you would like to see our club get involved in any of these activities, make your opinions known; or better yet, call our Rides Chairman and volunteer to lead an activity. Also, our Program Chairman would appreciate any suggestions or offers to give a program.

Ted




## This Is Going To Be A Great Year!

by Phyllis W. Harmon

When I moved to Wheeling in 1970 and started the Wheeling Wheelmen in April it took awhile to get a nucleus of good workers for officers. Dick and Sue Dexheimer became president and secretary and 1971 had us really rolling! We had our first Century that fall. Dick and Sue moved to New York and Tom and Muriel Zahnle took office. In 1972 we had a Bike-A-Thon for the Wheeling Band and the 407 participants in our L.A.W. Century had us No. 1 in the country! For five years we had a Bike-A-Thon for the Heart Association - and always we have been fortunate to have a good group of dedicated workers always willing to pitch in to get a job done. But there comes a time when others sit back and expect the same workers to continue.

This year we have a number of new, enthusiastic members who have all joined eager to pitch in and help! Our president, vice president and membership chairman are all new. So is Ruth Harlow, Harmon Hundred Chairman, and our new official photographer. Don Handke will be the L.A.W. club delegate, Elida Rech will mail out the newsletters..and others offering to help...yep, it will be a great year!

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## Year-End Wrap-Up - by Alan Zoller

What a great year we've had for cycling! Who can forget Mike's Show and Go Ride in March with mild temperatures and bright sunshine? And wasn't it great to have 97 out on our St. Patrick's Day Ride? How about our April rides with phenomenal attendance, light breezes and temperatures in the sixties? We were all thrilled to do the club's first metric century in May, even if it was the 60 Hill Killer. The Hills won.

In June we joined the Arlington and Mt. Prospect clubs with a total of 62 riders for a ride to Brookfield Zoo and had a wonderful time touring the grounds. The high point of the following month was the Wheelmen's first annual July Journey, covering 472 miles in 7-1/2 days. In August we rode everywhere from Chicago's North Shore to good ol' Bull Valley to southern Wisconsin training for the National Century Month.

We kicked that off with the Members Only Century; many riders did their first 100-mile ride while others set personal records. The following week we hosted the Harmon Hundred with an incredible 566 cyclists completing 25, 50 or 100 miles.

In October we closed the riding season (for club mileage) with our Trick or Treat Ride to qualify for the L.A.W. Halloween patches. In addition the year saw many Wheelmen ride the Wednesday night rides, the Arlington 500, Liberty Metric, MS ride to Rockford, Amishland and Lakes, Evanston-Elgin Century, Stars and Stripes, Apple Cider, Turning Leaves, Milwaukee Sentinel Octoberfest, Hilly Hundred and dozens of other invitationals. All in all we logged a lot of miles, met some new friends, had a great time and welcomed a good number of very active new members into the Wheeling Wheelmen! What else could a cyclist ask from a year?

## 1982 Wheeling Wheelmen Mileage/Attendance Awards

Howard Paul  
Rides Committee Chairman

The following 6 men and 6 women were given Bikes Plus gift certificates that ranged from \$30.00 to \$5.00 in each group in recognition of their active support of club activities. The standings were based upon a point system that included both miles ridden on Wheeling Wheelmen rides and club events attended. Club events included monthly meetings, weekend rides, Wednesday evening rides, and the club's summer tour. There were approximately 56 events between the February meeting and the last ride in October. Points were figured thus:

Miles x Events			
100			
Men	Miles	Events	Points
Howard Paul	1780	47	836
Alan Zoller	1275	40	510
Dick Ryan	1158	41	474
Mike Enwright	998	39	389
Roger Thauland	975	31	302
Don Handke	979	28	274
Women	Miles	Events	Points
Lois Paul	634	30	190
Ruth Harlow	701	23	161
Pat Marshall	557	27	150
Phyllis Harmon	657	21	138
Lonna Schwerin	623	17	105
Elida Rech	483	17	82

Thank you, Howard, for a job well done!

### Need Repairs?



Ted Uhlemann, 295-1783 and Glen Schon, 394-2028, have offered their services if you need assistance. Both are well qualified.



Wheeling Wheelmen broke into print last July in The Galva News, Galva, Ill., while riding the July Journey in Central Illinois. Riders are: Wayne Hamlin, Woodstock; Chuck Friedrich, Chicago; Don and Judy Stansfield, leaders from Freeport; Dick Marr and Howard Paul both of Des Plaines.

## Election Results 1983 Officers

President:	Ted Uhlemann	295-1783
Vice-Pres:	Sherrri Gjelstad	295-5877
Treasurer:	Dick Ryan	381-1775
Safety:	Don Derebey	255-3422
Membership:	Pat Marshall	564-0346
Editor:	Phyllis Harmon	537-1268
Pool Rides:	Marilyn Mathison	825-5470

## New Members

We neglected to welcome two new individual members who joined in September:

Jim Gehrke,	358-0706
571 Lake Cook Road, Palatine 60067	
William Smith	351-4530
1027 Charlela Lane #311,	
Elk Grove Village, 60007	

And in November we welcome two family groups:

Conrad E. Iungerich and his three sons,	298-2199
Peter, Tom and David	
Drs. Philip and Frankie Zand	272-9494
1247 Hillside, Northbrook 60062	

Our newly elected Vice President Sherrri Gjelsten has a new address: 857 N. Summit, Lake Forest 60045. Her phone is: 295-5877

Glen Schon, too, has a new address: 2401 Wilke, Rolling Meadows 60008 Phone: 394-2028.

## Club Photographer

On recent rides, as you pedaled around a curve or past a clump of bushes, or chatted with some club members at a scenic rest stop, have you noticed a young man with a camera apparently always "at ready"? That is Jim Gehrke, an enthusiastic photographer who does his own work. He has volunteered (and of course was immediately appointed) to be our official club photographer.

Jim had some attractive 8x10 photos on display at our annual banquet.

## Safety Officer's Corner

by  
Don Derebey



At the risk of encouraging the voters to ask for a recount, I hereby submit my first article as the newly elected Safety Officer. Inspired by the article "Seeing is Believing" by Glenn Kranzley (Bicycling, Dec. 1982) I decided to talk about mirrors. Glen neatly covers the good and bad of each type of mirror, so I will zero in on the various contributions they make toward the fine art of staying alive. After one year and 6000 miles of using one of these gadgets, I would like to share with you some of the things I have learned to appreciate about my rear-view mirror:

1. If a car behind is aiming at you, you have time to dive into the ditch in your own way.
2. Many cars race to turn in front of you at corners or cloverleaf entrances. You can spot this easily, tap the brake, and avoid scratching the car.
3. You can watch the riders behind you. As a ride leader this is an obvious must. Sometimes another rider may try to sneak up and "blow you out". Noticing this effort early gives you a chance to pick up speed quickly and maintain your position on the road.

To sum it up: The mirror might be the best safety item next to the helmet (did I say that?). Why not toss one under the Christmas tree for someone you love.

## For Sale

GIOS TORINO SUPER RECORD. Campi Super record equipped. Cinelli Handlebars, Stem and Seat. Fiammi Rims, Clement Tires. 21" Frame. \$1100.

Rich Remijan - 825-6730.

TREK 950 (Top of Line) Size: 60 cm. (23.6 inches). Columbus tubing. Although the geometry of the frame would suggest that it is a road racing frame, it does have eyelets for races or fenders. Buy complete bike, frame, or frame with your selection of my components. I will custom build wheels for you. Call me for details.

Ted Uhlemann - 295-1783.

22-1/2" PEUGEOT Reynold 531 main triangle. \$150.00. Ted Uhlemann, 295-1783.

NEW PANASONIC SPORT - any size. Powder blue or red. \$175.00 or best offer. Brian Reilly - 537-1908.

## Ride Sharing -

Going to an invitational? Have room for another bike and rider? Need a ride to the event? Call Marilyn Mathison at 825-5470. She'll try to match you up.

## REASONS FOR A BICYCLIST TO RIDE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD

Phyllis W. Harmon

- A bicycle is a vehicle and must obey vehicular laws. That means riding on the right side of the road with traffic.
- Unlike a pedestrian, a bicyclist cannot step off the road onto the shoulder or over a curb. Biking on the shoulder can be extremely hazardous because of glass, debris, potholes, gravel, etc.
- When an automobile makes a right turn, the driver only screens traffic from the left. He does not anticipate a bicyclist coming from the right.
- In all statistics, when "wrong way" and "right way" bicyclists driving in traffic are compared, in every instance "wrong way" accidents are much higher.
- Biking toward oncoming traffic is extremely dangerous. When looking at an oncoming object, the tendency is to steer toward that object.
- When a good driver comes up behind a bicyclist at a place where passing him is unsafe or impossible, the automobile driver will slow down to the bicyclist's speed and pass when it is safe.

If the bicyclist is riding on the left side of the road, the automobile driver cannot do this no matter how courteous he is. Both the bike and the car have to slam on the brakes and squeak to a stop or else crash head-on.

- If a motor vehicle is travelling north at 40 mph and a bicyclist is pedaling at 15 mph in the same direction, the net approach speed is 40 minus 15 or 25 mph.

If the cyclist makes a movement toward the path of the vehicle when three car lengths in front of the vehicle, the driver has 1-2/3 seconds to recognize the danger and apply his brakes and steer away from the biker.

In the unhappy event of a collision, the biker could be hit from the rear at 25 mph or lower since brakes probably would have been applied. The blow would more likely be a glancing blow since the car, in most instances, would have started to swerve. Injury is probable but the chances of survival exist.

ON THE OTHER HAND - suppose the vehicle is moving at 40 mph and the bicycle is moving at 15 mph in the opposite direction. Then the approach speed would be 40 plus 15 or 55 mph!

If the cyclist makes a movement toward the path of the vehicle when three car lengths in front of the vehicle, the driver would have only 3/4 seconds to recognize the danger and apply his brakes and/or steer away from the rider.

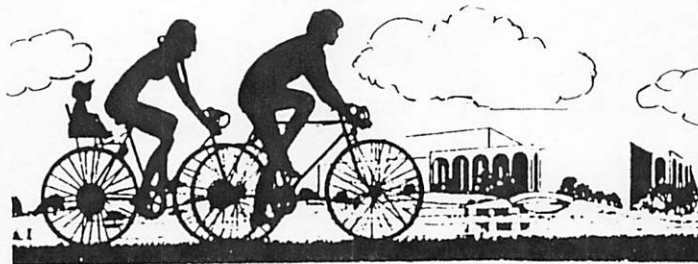
The biker opposing traffic will be hit face on, be more likely to be swept to the center of the vehicle instead of being pitched to the side, and the impact at 55 mph is almost five times as severe as at 25 mph and would result in almost certain death.

- A biker pedaling up a hill on the left side of the road would find himself head-on with a car cresting the hill. The motorist would not be anticipating a "wrong way" cyclist.
- Riding on the left brings the bicyclist into the intersection at a position where neither motorists, pedestrians or other cyclists expect to find him.
- A cyclist moving with the flow of traffic takes little space and is less likely to panic a driver than one coming straight towards the moving vehicle.
- At night it is hazardous riding into the glare of oncoming headlights.
- On the left side of the road, all the road signs are "backwards".
- COMPARE TWO STREETS - WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO RIDE ON?

Street A: Cars approach you at 15 mph and 10 cars pass you per minute.

Street B: Cars approach you at 45 mph and 30 cars pass you per minute.

Both A and B are the same streets. The biker is riding on the right on street A and on the left on street B. Wrong siders will find automobiles going by at a constant zoom-zoom-zoom. Right siders will find them cruising by.





## Rides Re-riden



### Dec. 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY/RIDE, Des Plaines

Saturday - Ride 11:45 - 10 miles  
Lunch - 1:00 p.m. At Marie Liotine's, 658 Miller Road. See page 1. Pot luck - Be sure to phone 439-0452 for suggestion.

### Dec. 11 - ROLLER SKATING, Niles

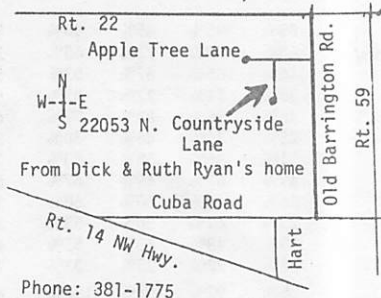
Saturday - 7:30 p.m. at Axle Roller Rink on Milwaukee Avenue north of Golf Rd. (Rt. 58). Admission \$3.50 plus \$1.00 skate rental. Fox trot, fast/slow skating for novices and experts. Afterwards, Bennigan's for Irish coffees. Call Sherry for details if needed...295-5877.

### Dec. 19 - CHRISTMAS RIDE - Wheeling

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. from Phyllis Harmon's, 356 Robert (1 block east of Schoenbeck, 1 block south of Anthony). Earn your L.A.W. Christmas patch. Wear your booties and bells for a jingle of a ride. Distance depends upon the weather. In case of snow we'll hike. Warm up afterwards with cookies and hot chocolate at Phyllis'. 537-1268. (Christmas patch is \$1.25)

### Jan. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE/SOCIAL

## New Year's Day Ride



10 a.m. - Bike or Hike. Weather and temperature will determine the distance. Start from Dick and Ruth Ryan's home. Return for refreshments and socializing. Start the New Year right!

### Jan. 13 - RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. from Sherry's 857 N. Summit, Lake Forest.

I'm hoping to get a terrific activity schedule together for 1983 but I need your help. So, if you can come, call me at work: 948-7130 or home: 295-5877. You will be bribed with a Mexican Fiesta while we put our minds to work!

Sherry Gjelsten

### JANUARY 3 TRIAL DATE, GENEVA, ILL.

The trial against John Romano, drag racer who killed 11-year-old Brett Motisi while bicycle riding west of Elgin has been set for January 3 in the Court House in Geneva, Illinois. Come if you can.

**BOTANIC GARDENS RIDE** - Thirty seven riders enjoyed a leisurely 18 mile ride through the North Shore to the Botanic Gardens. Our rest stop in a Glencoe park offered a beautiful view of Lake Michigan. We also enjoyed the wonderful fall colors along Sheridan Road. We strolled through the Botanic Gardens and especially enjoyed the new Japanese Garden. My thanks to Dick Ryan for riding sweep.  
Don Handke.

**WESTWARD HO** - Jerry Goldman's ride was rained out but we'll ride it in 1983.

**TRICK OR TREAT** - Twelve riders set out on a cold, overcast morning that soon became a great day for biking. Those who stayed home because of the weather missed one of Mike Enwright's great rides.

**CHICAGO LAKE SHORE** - Howard and Lois Paul led over 20 riders on a sunny, sparkling day over the Chicago lake front bike path. It was tough bucking a strong south wind all the way to McCormick Place but what a delight it was sailing back north with the wind! We parked our bikes in Grant Park and lunched at Burger King on Michigan Ave. We were glad that Carlos Torres brought his whole family along...do it again.

**DAN WRIGHT WOODS** - Temperature was in the upper 20°, the humidity was high and, with the wind, the wind/chill factor was 9° but eleven brave club members and one guest braved the cold and even some snow flakes for a 24-mile ride! Mike Enwright included a ride into Old School Road forest preserve - a new and enjoyable section.

**NED BROWN BICYCLE TRAIL** - What a gorgeous day for a bicycle ride! 60°, the sun was shining, hardly any wind and an outstandingly beautiful ride! Dick and Ardie Sorenson led about twenty members and a number of guests over the new Ned Brown bicycle trail....beautiful black top path that winds through one scenic area after another out to Woodfield, and heads back just south of Golf Road. Eventually the path will extend beyond Golf Road. Also there is a beautiful lake along the route. Plans are to circle the lake, too. We thoroughly enjoyed Dick and Ardie's hospitality, hot cider and Sloppy Joes. Ted Uhlemann and Sherry Gjelsten, our new president and vice president, got to meet more of the members and Sherry worked out the December ride schedule. Also Jerry Goldman's two boys, Bob and Ken, discovered that Sloppy Joes are mighty good!

## Club T-Shirts Arrive

Last year's top mileage riders were the first to receive our new T-shirts that arrived in time for our annual banquet at Hackney's. They are an attractive yellow, top quality, with the small club logo in green on the front and the larger logo on the back. Small, medium and large - \$7.00. They'll make great Christmas gifts! Contact Ted 295-1783.

## It's A Boy!

Don and Sue Handke presented the club with a brand new member - Danny was born November 7 - and already Don and Sue are considering buggers, baby seats, tandem adapted for Danny and they wonder if he, too, would qualify for the mileage count on club rides!

## Wedding Bells

Rich Figge has also added a new member to the club - he married Sally! Congratulations and many happy years ahead! We look forward to riding with them next year. Also we are glad to note that until the wedding we could never find Rich home when we called. Now we reach him every time!

## RON PALAZZO WON MASTER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

In July at the Veterans and Masters Track Championships at Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, Ron Palazzo won the 15 km Masters race for his age group and has a gold medal and jersey to prove it. He also came in third in the 3-lap matched sprints. Congratulations, Ron!

## Banquet At Hackney's

It was a great evening! Everyone decked out in dresses, suits and ties and chatting non-stop. It was a real pleasure to visit with Don and Judy Stansfield, who came in all the way from Freeport. The "Happy Hour" passed much too quickly and we all settled down to enjoy a delicious dinner.

Roger Thauland had the new club T-shirts with him. They look great! Howard Paul announced the 6 top men and 6 top women in points on club participation and the results of the annual election were announced and new officers introduced.

Dick and Mary Ellen Spirek entertained us with slides and narration on their bicycle tour in Luxemburg and Germany. Their travel tips were valuable for travel plans and, when you see them, ask them to show you the Chicken Dance! Thank you, Dick and M-E - we enjoyed it!

L.A.W. CHRISTMAS  
PATCH AVAILABLE ON  
OUR DECEMBER 19 RIDE  
\$1.25



Happy  
Holidays!

