



# MONTHLY MEANDERS

March 1983



**March Meeting**

March 2 - 8 p.m.  
Chamber Park Community Center,  
131 N. Wolf Road.



*Ted returns.*  
This is a special collectors edition of the Monthly Meanders. Our editor, Phyllis Harmon, has escaped to Florida, leaving production of this issue in inexperienced hands. We have tried to generate enough filler material to cover the pages (notice the use of tables ???). If you have any complaints, please save them until Phyllis returns.

## Weather Or Not

by Alan Zoller

Now that we are into the snow-riding season you might be wondering what to do with a few extra hours. I've discovered an entertaining and educational item that is nearly indispensable for the dedicated cyclist, the Chicago Weather Calendar. If you need something to look forward to, remember the record temperature is 75° and that was only in 1976. We have already made it through December, Chicago's cloudiest month, and the one with the most hours of darkness. January averages the most snowfall and the coldest temperatures, so from here on it's all downhill, so to speak.

We'll be getting warmer through February and by March the highs will average 45°. In April we can ride wearing shorts again even if it does snow a bit. May features 14-1/2 hours of daylight and temperatures between 47° and 70°.

In June we will have the longest days of the year and in July the warmest and sunniest days. August is almost as warm and much drier, and September is, of course, perfect for cycling (that's why it's National Century Month). Although things start cooling off in October, we'll be getting more dry, sunny weather. And, even if

And, even if winter weather seems to start in November, many days do still reach 50° or 60°. This brings us back to December, the month in which we were all too busy to ride anyway.

As I see it, this calendar is handy for the cyclist who hopes to expand his riding season, enjoy his current riding more, or simply likes to be well-prepared. Of course it also contains times for sunrise and sunset and full moons, with explanation of weather terminology, lake-effect snow, tornadoes, thunderstorms, wind-chill and all the other things that make Chicago famous. Very handy indeed.

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### THE BIKE CENTENNIAL ROUTE: WASHINGTON to DENVER

Bill & Jody Baty will show slides of this section of the Bikecentennial route. They rode this route a few years ago. Since her employer would not give enough time off for the trip, Jody quit her job to take this trip. I know this was a wise choice since it was the same company that I worked for! I have seen their slides, and they are both beautiful and very high quality.

### GREETINGS FELLOW BIKERS

#### New Members

Matilee Christman  
631 E. Golf Road  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
296-8249

Welcome to the group!

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE PRES! (We won't mention how many this is - it's too depressing!) Happy biking to you and many, many more -- Uhlemann!!*



### Safety Officer's

#### Corner

by  
Don  
Derebey



The 1983 Ride Schedule - which is really dynamite - will be distributed next month. We still need LEADERS .... for fall rides, Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July weekend, and a few quick rides. Have fun, get involved .... please call me. Sherry (Work: 948-7130) THANKS MUCH!

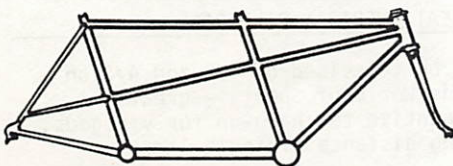
SAFETY ARTICLE IS MISSING THIS MONTH. SORRY DON! (X) (it's @ Phyllis').

### ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*TANDEM RIDERS

#### TANDEM SEMINAR:

"Why a tandem? How to ride, maintain, and enjoy one" by

BILL McCREADY,  
a tandem rider for 18 years and nationally-recognized expert



Mr. McCready has been associated with Bud's Bike Shop, Claremont, California (the world's largest tandem store) since 1969 and with Santana Cycles since 1975. He has served as an associate editor of Bicycling magazine and designed the famous Santana tandem frame.

Tuesday, March 8, 7-9pm in the Evanston Public Library, 2nd flr. 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, IL

Lecture, questions, and reception  
Info: Garth, George (312)864-7660

### S.O.S.....

#### HELP FOR ST. PATRICK'S INVITATIONAL:

Need someone, anyone, to help at the registration desk for only one hour (10:15-11:15). Need three bodies!!!

Need bakers....just 1 dozen cookies so we can put them at the registration desk!

Need one large fold-up table to put the registration info on and to set-up a place to sell our T-Shirts

PLEASE CALL SHERRY (W:948-7130)

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# Schedule

## MARCH SCHEDULE

MARCH 6 - Sunday @ 1:00 p.m.

"Show & Go". Wheeling Com. Center. Pick a route and leader!

MARCH 12 - Saturday @ 8:00 a.m.

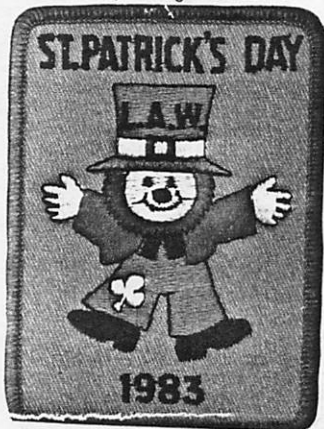
Lake Avenue Woods - off East Lake Avenue, after Harms Rd., before pedestrian bridge. Meet the Mathieson's for a Brisk Breakfast Ride - bring \$\$ for eats! 10 miles.

MARCH 16 - Wednesday evening

5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. An "MS" invite to W.W. for "free" hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Rib Exchange - 911 W. Higgins - Schaumburg -- door prizes too! This is a Reunion and kickoff party for the LeTour-MS 150 Bike Tour.

MARCH 20 - Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

St. Pat's Invitational - volunteer to help & then ride! 25miles - Kildeer School, Long Grove.



MARCH 26 - Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.

Spring Tune-up with Mike Enwright. Get ready to ride! Meet at Wheeling Community Center - 25miles.



EARLY Warning: Seeking small group to do Vermont, summer '83, 60 miles per day max., 16 days. Possible tour and/or Vermont Cycling Co. As yet nothing solid. Contact Glenn Turner 695-7133 after 4 p.m. or write: 538 James Drive, Bartlett, IL 60103.

## THE PREZ SAYS .....

OUR MEMBERS: FUN FACTS TO KNOW & TELL

At last count, although new memberships and renewals are still trickling in, we have approximately 110 memberships. Nearly 1/2 of these are family memberships and nearly 1/4 are new memberships. Approximately 55% of our members completed the questionnaire indicating ride and activity preference. Briefly and generally the responses can be summarized as follows: Most members preferred rides of 40-75 miles in rolling terrain with early starting times. The percent in favor of each category was as follows:

%	Category
59	Early start time
31	Mid-morning start time
10	Afternoon start time
50	Saturday Rides
50	Sunday Rides
12	20 Mile Category
36	40 Mile Category
37	60 Mile Category
15	75 Mile Category
13	Slow Pace
65	Moderate Pace
22	Fast Pace
17	Flat Terrain
61	Rolling Terrain
22	Hilly Terrain
71	Rides w/local clubs
56	Training Rides
34	Time Trials
58	Breakfast Rides
41	Moonlight Rides
68	Weekend Rides
56	BBQ's
34	Volleyball
36	Dinner
90	Willing to pay for guest
10	Not willing to pay

There will of course, be some rides in all categories; however, the bulk of rides for this year will fall within the preferred categories. We will have rides with other clubs, training rides, time trials, breakfast rides, a moonlight ride preceded by a BBQ, a weekend ride and a dinner ride. If someone will help, we will also squeeze some volleyball in at lunch someday.

Some answers to questionnaires were rather curious, occasionally seeming somewhat contradictory. Take Rick Gaines for example. Since he likes moderate pace rides in the 75-100 mile category, I found it odd that he wanted to start such a long moderate-paced ride in the afternoon, but since he is getting married shortly, I guess I understand that his powers of reasoning must be impaired.

It also seemed incongruous that the persons indicating interest in training rides often did not indicate an interest in fast-paced rides. Perhaps the term "training ride" was a misnomer on the questionnaire. We will offer "training rides" this year. They will not be the single event for a weekend and will possibly not draw many riders. They are meant to provide very strenuous rides for persons who like to push themselves to their limit.

## Rides Re-riden



Valentine's Day Ride - 11 W.W. and 3 visitors dusted off their bikes and tandems for a brisk ride out west in the country at Deer Grove--terrific ride and beautiful weather.

Thank you, Dick.

Cross Country Ski - Capt. Daniel Wright Woods. This was our first.... and probably our last, cross country ski. 8 hardy W.W.'s and two visitors (one all the way from Minneapolis, word must get around) skied their way through the woods and along the Des Plaines --- it was really nice! Thanks to Ted.

All other W.W. events were cancelled due to the uncooperation of the weather service...Oh well, there's always March!

Lon Haldeman - February 9. This was great! Large turnout for an informative talk and slide presentation. Lon made himself available for one-on-one conversation and helpful hints after his presentation. The W.W. cake that was donated was a big hit too---someone walked off with it! Oh well!



## GREAT AMERICAN BIKE RACE

To be televised on 4/2 and 4/3 on Wide World of Sports - great incentive to shape-up for virogous, long distance riding!

LON HALDEMAN AGAIN --- March 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Michael Shermer, Lon Haldeman, John Marino and Susan Notorangelo will show the Great American Bike Race and marathon riding-- Tickets \$3.00 @ McHenry High School - West Campus. Call: McHenry County Bike Club, 381-6296 or 639-9228 for tickets.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY INVITATIONAL RIDE

Come ride with the *Wheeling Wheelmen* on their first invitational of the biking season.

Date: March 20, 1983                      Time: 11:00 a.m.                      Distance: 25 miles

Place: Kildeer School, Long Grove, Illinois

Cost: \$2.00 which includes the L.A.W. St. Patrick's Day patch, map, cookies and coffee at the registration desk. Official *Wheeling Wheelmen* T-Shirts will also be available for \$4.00 and \$7.00.

Registration will be from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

*HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE 20th*

For further information, write or call:

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Ted Uhlemann 295-1783