



MONTHLY MEANDERS

MAY 1983

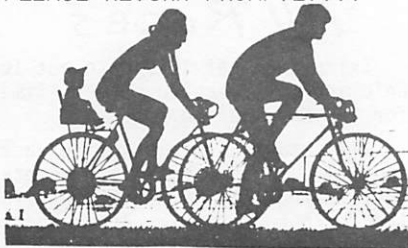


Wednesday, May 6 - 8 p.m.
Chamber Park Community Center
131 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling

Lee Hansen, Program Director of the Heller Nature Center in Highland Park, will come to show slides of her bicycle trip from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Fairbanks, Alaska. Her trip was a short 4,200 miles (1,000 mi. of gravel and mud) and lasted 75 days. Mosquitoes and other bugs are reported to be a lot of fun. Lee will bring the same HUGE screen that she provided for the Baty's show in March.

IMPORTANT!!-READ CAREFULLY!!!

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL FIND A NEW RELEASE/WAIVER FORM, TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP, ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES REQUESTED. THIS FORM WAS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE APRIL MEETING BY JOE TOBIAS (MEMBER/LAWYER). JOE DESIGNED THE NEW RELEASE/WAIVER TO REPLACE THE THEN-CURRENT ONE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MEMBER, THE NEW RELEASE WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT. IT IS FELT THAT THE NEW FORM WILL PROVIDE A GREATER PROTECTION AGAINST LIABILITY FOR THE CLUB'S OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY!!!



Stephanie, Debbie and Keith Hardman

Little Stephanie arrived April 4, weighing in at 9 pounds! She has the honor of being the second baby born in the Wheeling Wheelmen and the first girl!

Debbie already has bicycle outfits for Stephanie and can't wait to get her out on a bike!

More Cycling News - by Alan Zoller

As predicted last month, CBS-TV covered the inaugural Tour of America bike race on Sunday, April 10. The race followed a 284-mile route from Virginia Beach to Washington D.C. in four stages over three days. The first stage, run Friday for 114 miles, was led by American John Eustice until late in the race. After 90 miles Eustice, riding one month after a horrible accident, was overtaken by Francis Castainy and the rest of the pack. At the end in Williamsburg, Castainy, 1982 French Sprint Champion, won by six inches over the rest of the pack.

In the second stage of 83 miles on Saturday, Paul Pearson and Patrick Moerlin led until the end in Richmond. At that point they were overtaken by the pack led by Leo Van Vliet. France's Van Vliet held off Holland's Le Bigaut to win stage two.

Stage three, also run Saturday, was a 9.3-mile time trial with riders leaving at one minute intervals. This very fast short race really changed the overall standings. At the end of the day they were: Holland's Bert Oosterbosch in 1st, Australia's Phil Anderson in 2nd, and Norway's D. Pedersen in 3rd.

The final lap of stage four was telecast live Sunday. After 76 miles from Fredricksburg to D.C., we were shown the last three miles in five minutes, with Italy's Riccardo Magrini passed in the final stretch by Fritz Pirard of Holland. Neither man was able to overcome the points of the previous day's leaders. The overall Standings stayed with Oosterbosch, Anderson, and Pedersen.

Although it was great seeing more bicycle racing on TV, the time given to our favorite sport was minimal. The first three stages were covered in fifteen minutes and the final stage was shown in five minutes of the worst live coverage I have ever seen. The last stage looked more

like home movies than national television, with the picture bouncing around like a drunken flamenco dancer. Boxing and golf took up the remaining hundred minutes of the two-hour program.

We should, however, write to CBS Sports to thank them for their support of cycling and to request more complete coverage in the future. Their address is: CBS-TV Sports, 51 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019.

And one final note: ticket applications for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics are scheduled for national distribution in May, 1983. If you hope to attend, I would urge you to start planning ahead as the crowds are expected to be gigantic and the best seats will go on a first-applied, first-served basis at around \$18 each. Many hotels are already booked-up, but housing should be available with the thousands of Southern California cyclists who belong to dozens of clubs in that area. It might be a good idea for interested members to start contacting L.A. clubs over the summer, to make cheap travel arrangements before the rush, and to guarantee good seats for the bike racing (among other events).

Good luck to all in '83 and beyond

Alan Zoller is moving to California. We all will miss this quiet, cheerful cycling companion. Keep in touch, Alan!
Ed.

New Members

Welcome this month to five families and three individuals!
Gary and Vicki Bauer, Palatine
Terry Bradley, Schaumburg
William and Sally Dahlgren, Glenview
Mark A. Doepke, Hawthorn Woods
Richard and Jeane Legutki, Gurnee
Bernadine and Dave Miller, Wheeling
Ethan and Eric Tralmer, Wheeling
Doug Uding, Des Plaines

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Schedule

MAY 7, SATURDAY 10:00 a.m.

"Shoe Factory Express". Ride to Elgin and Fox River Valley on back country roads. Bring a sack lunch. Glen Schon, Leader. Meet at Harper College in Palatine in the back lot.

MAY 14, SATURDAY 9:30 a.m.

"Pizza Ride". Ride through Barrington on nice rolling hills, stop and eat pizza. Chuck Friedrich, Leader. Meet at Buffalo Grove High School.

MAY 15, SUNDAY 7-10 a.m.

Arlington 500. Meet at Frontier Park at Kennicott and Palatine in Arlington Heights. Fee \$4.00. Choice of 3 routes: 65-35-15 miles. Fee includes patch, cue sheet, sag stops, lunch. Add'l info call: Marilyn 439-4496 or Jeanie 392-1547

MAY 21, SATURDAY 10:00 a.m.

"Training with Ted". This is a training ride, fast pace! All riders welcome, but be willing to give it your all! Ted will boogie to Wisconsin on beautiful country roads. Bring a sack lunch for after the ride. Ted Uhlemann, Leader. Meet at Captain Daniel Wright Woods, off of St. Mary's and Everett Roads.

MAY 22, SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Westward Ho! Johnson Mound Forest Preserve, bring or buy lunch. Jerry Goldman, Leader. (65/24 mi) Meet at Wing Park in Elgin. Can call Jerry for directions.

MAY 28, SATURDAY 10:00 a.m.

Botanic Garden. See the spring flowers and birds. Hope for nice warm weather! Elida Reich, Leader. (20 miles) Meet at Tower Road in parking lot, near Edens at the Skokie Lagoons.

JUNE 4, SATURDAY

Eddie Bauer and Wheeling Wheelmen sponsored ride. Anyone interested in riding, call or write Ted by May 11, 1983. Bob Raisins of Eddie Bauer needs a firm headcount so that a list can be circulated to all participating stores of Wheeling members participating in this event. Anyones name listed will then not be charged the entry fee for the ride. However, pre-registration is required which can be done at any of the Eddie Bauer stores. (Hope all that made sense!)

JUNE 5, SUNDAY

"Diamond Ride". 25-50-75-100 miles. Pre-registration \$4.50; late \$5.50. Start: Carthage College, Kenosha, WI. further info: 414/857-2802 or 414/694-1724. Mail registration fee into: Kenosha Roadrunners, 8423-198th Ave, #103, Bristol, WI 53104

WEDNESDAY NITE RIDES

Starting May 11, will be our 1st Wednesday nite ride of the season.

Schedule:

MAY 11 6:00 p.m.

Show & Go. Wheeling Community Center. Whoever shows, pick route & leader.

MAY 18 6:00 p.m.

Show & Go. Kildeer School in Long Grove. Whoever shows, pick route & leader.

MAY 25 6:00 p.m.

Show & Go. Kildeer School in Long Grove. Whoever shows, pick route & leader.

NEXT MONTH WILL BE ORGANIZED RIDES WITH LEADERS!! WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!!!
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ATTENTION!!!!!! S.O.S.

Oh yes, another pleeeeaad for help! Sorry to bug you guys, however I would really appreciate volunteers for our Wednesday nite rides. They are to start at 6:00 and be brief so you can ride before nightfall! We usually have starts from the Community Center, Harper College or Kildeer School. Please give me a call at work (948-7130) or home (295-1783) to volunteer! THANKS A BUNCH!!!! Sherry ☺

Harmon Hundred Planning Time

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at Ruth Gaines home, 130 Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, for those who seriously want to help in any capacity on the Harmon Hundred - our big annual invitational.

Some areas to be covered are:

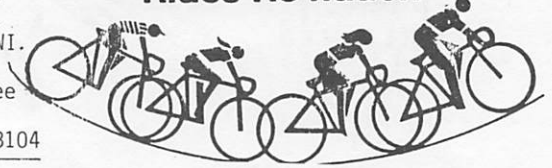
Food	Road Safety
Route	Registration
P. R.	Sag Stops/Supplies

Please give Ruth a call: 541-8064 if you are coming, and also if you are interested in working but unable to attend the meeting.

Write ABC Wide World of Sports to tell them to do more coverage of bike races, using the following address:

ABC Wide World of Sports
Larry Kamm
1338 Ave of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Rides Re-ridden



Activities of the past month, I'm afraid to admit, but I'm not sure exactly what happened!! Since Phyllis was so kind to do the majority of this newsletter and I'm picking up the remainder... I must say I can only do a mediocre job.

Unfortunately, "College Campus Cruise" was rained/slashed out! To be rescheduled... watch your newsletter carefully!!

"Beer Can Clean-up" from what I understand, Mike Enwright took over for the all too busy Dick Ryan. It was too soggy out to pick up litter, so some good steady riding was done.

"Apple Pie Ride" was a large turnout, with crazzzzy weather. Nice scenery out to the orchard for a quick lunch break of apple turnovers and cider! THANKS MUCH ELLIOTT!

"Audubon" must have been a success since the weather was so nice. I understand we had a few new people join the club. THANKS FOR LEADING IT, JERRY!

AUDUBON PATCHES

For those who rode on our "Audubon Ride" with Jerry Goldman, patches are available either at the May 4th Meeting for \$1.00 or by mail order by calling Sherry for \$1.25.

Antique Bikes

Cathy Winslow phoned about a display of antique bicycles and cars on May 14-15 at Hawthorn Mall (Rt. 60 and Milwaukee Ave.) There will be literature on bicycling and area clubs including Wheeling Wheelmen.

7-11 Races

Skimpy info at this date but Ted Uhlemann will receive more in time for the May meeting:

7-11 stores are sponsoring races in twelve cities around the country. Just learned May 14 is the date for the Northbrook track. About \$5 registration at 8 a.m. Races start at 9 a.m. and finals at 4 p.m.

MAY 14, SATURDAY RACES!

7-Eleven Grand Prix Races. They start at 9:00 a.m. and finals are at 4:00 p.m. Being held at Northbrook Meadowhill Park Bike Track at Waukegan and Maple Aves in Northbrook. Call 291-2960 for details. (\$1.00 fee)



Wedding Bells

TED UHLEMANN - SHERRY GJELSTEN

Friday, May 6 is the big date for Ted and Sherry. Surely the Wheeling Wheelmen is unique - have you ever heard of the President and Vice President of a bicycle club getting married?

Ted and Sherry we send you all our best wishes for many happy years together!

RICK GAINES - RUTH HARLOW

May 14 Ruth and Rick will walk down the aisle. They have been so busy moving into their new home and Ruth, in whatever spare moments she can find, is making plans as Chairman of the Harmon Hundred.

As you celebrate anniversary after anniversary through the years be sure to accumulate many happy memories by bicycle, too.

ABC-TV DID IT

ABC-TV did it! They finally showed their special on the Great American Bicycle Race - the first half was Sunday, April 17 and the second half is scheduled for Saturday April 23. Unfortunately, I'll be flying to Phoenix when the second half is scheduled - but what a beautiful job they did with the first part! I'm not at all surprised that ABC-TV is up for two Emmys for the film!

The ABC-TV crews that covered the four riders really got the *feel* of the ride. You could *feel* the heat, the cold, the tough going up hill and the exhilaration of coasting down. You got to feel that you *knew* each rider - his hopes, his problems.

I hope those of you who were fortunate enough to enjoy this special will write to ABC-TV and congratulate them for an excellent job and that we hope to see more bicycling specials.

Exec. Director For L.A.W.

Don J. Trantow was the unanimous choice for the new Executive Director position in the League of American Wheelmen. In addition to having all the qualifications required, he has been an active member in the Southern Bicycle League in Atlanta, Georgia.

For Sale

FOR SALE: LANGHY FRAME - 21-1/2" custom made. Black. All Reynolds. \$225.00. Rich Spitzer 459-6197.

LE TOUR . . .

Great progress is being made on the MS Le Tour 150-mile ride from Wheeling to the Wagon Wheel Resort in Rockton, Illinois, and return - June 11-12.

The Wheeling Wheelmen is responsible for the route - which Dick Ryan has beautifully done - and serve as ride leaders. Howard Paul will ride sweep as he did last year and Elliott Kanner and Phyllis Harmon are volunteers, too. Ariel Adams of the MS Society will be at the May meeting to fill you all in on plans and to sign up additional volunteers. Riders are to be sent out in "clusters" so each cluster will have a leader.

Those riding for pledges to raise dollars will need \$200 minimum. \$50 of that is due in advance, June 6. The balance of \$150 is due after the ride - on June 30.

Several companies already are forming teams (suggestion to your boss?). The company pays \$300 for six employees to participate. Then the employee only needs a balance of \$150 in pledges.

John Vande Velde and Carlos Sintes who were on the Italian team in Breaking Away will ride with us - also maybe Robin Douglas, the charming coed in the film.

Those who want to try for top dollars will have a great selection of prizes, Eddie Bauer gift bond, Round trip for two anywhere serviced by Midway Airlines, 3 weekends for two at Americana Resort at Lake Geneva, bicycles and flight bags from Swiss Air and Continental.

A video tape will be made of the riders on Saturday and shown at the spaghetti dinner that night. Also we will be able to enjoy the movie Six Day Bicycle Race featuring Joe E. Brown (funny!)

If you plan to ride, for a small fee your wife or husband can join you at the Wagon Wheel.

There will be box lunches and refreshments along the route and at the end of the ride, at Wickes parking lot, Breslers again will provide gallons of ice cream and lots of toppings for an ice cream social!

TRIATHLON

Aug. 14 - Glencoe

The Wheeling Wheelmen will be handling the bicycling segment of the Triathlon August 14 from Glencoe Beach. Sponsored by Illinois Parks and Recreation, there will be a 1-1/2 mile swim in Lake Michigan, a 56-mile bike ride and 12-1/2 mile run. More details later.

Safety Officer's Corner

by Don Derebey



Bikers spend more time along the right side of the road than anywhere else. In the view of most motorists we are an unpredictable obstacle in traffic and a disruption to smooth flow. Consideration for the motorist improves this situation and pays big dividends in terms of biker safety. Let me share with you some of my ideas on this important topic:

1. Ride single file anytime automobiles are present.
2. Occupy no more than three feet of the road. If the surface is poor move out more but do so gradually. Avoid swerving back and forth.
3. When approaching an intersection, ride in the lane you would use as a motorist. Stay out of the right turn lane unless you intend to turn. Watch rear traffic in your mirror. If a turning motorist seems uncertain, put your left hand out and indicate your intention to stay in the through lane.
4. If there is no turn lane, check your mirror for motorists signaling a right turn. If the light is red, why not pull to the curb two or three car lengths before the light? This will encourage the motorist to make the turn on red if no other car blocks his way.
5. When passing an entrance ramp to an expressway, stay in the through lane and signal the motorist behind of your intention. Uncertainty on your part may cause them to rush ahead and cut you off. At exit ramps it is best to hold back until traffic clears and then move across to the right shoulder to be out of the way of additional traffic.
6. When waiting at a light, be ready to move quickly when the light changes. Right turning traffic cannot move until you are out of the way.
7. If there are only a few cars going through the intersection with you, why not move to the right and hold back just enough to let them by? The motorist will appreciate it and you will have the road to yourself.
8. Try to resist the usual balancing act when you meet a car at a four-way stop. Touch one foot to the pavement and watch how quickly the car moves across and out of your way. Try it!

Remember, folks, we are motorists as well as bikers - let's give one another a break.



Club Jerseys

Some of the members are now wearing the new club jerseys. They are yellow with a wide green diagonal slash across both front and back. A small logo like the one at the top of our newsletter is on the front and a large logo such as we have on our jackets is on the back. If you need an order/price form, contact Marilyn Mathison, 825-5470.

Name Badges



We'll be placing another order for the Wheeling Wheelmen membership badges soon. If you want one, they are \$4.00 and can be ordered through Phyllis Harmon - 537-1268.

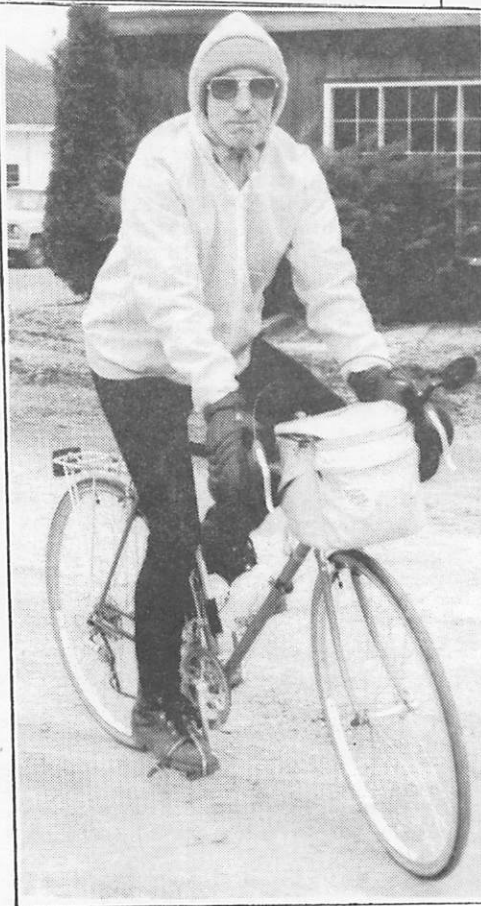
The badges are green in the shape of Illinois. At the top is *Wheeling Wheelmen*, the center has your name in large letters and the L.A.W. logo is at the bottom. The badges are easily read and are convenient because they can quickly be changed from T-shirt to jersey to jacket.

Ride Sharing

Going to an invitational? GEAR-Up? GEAR-Down? GEAR-West? Have room for another bike and rider? Or need a ride to the event? Call Marilyn Mathison, 825-5470. She'll try to match you up.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO OUR EDITOR!

Phyllis, I've been meaning to do this but couldn't quite figure out how to get it in the newsletter without you knowing! Now is my perfect opportunity since you're out of town. On behalf of all of us "Wheelmen", I want to thank you for all your great efforts in putting the newsletter together (no matter how much erroneous information gets in it! just kidding) I now know just how time consuming it is to get this thing out, a NEVER ending battle! THANKS VERY MUCH FOR ALWAYS DOING A NICE JOB. Ted & Sherry, et al.



All of these wonderful photos have been generously donated by our talented club photographer, JIM GEHRKE!!!

HAPPY, HAPPY, SAFE, DRY, 1983 CYCLING!