

MONTHLY MEANDERS

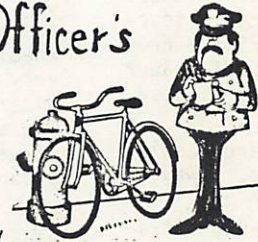
June, 1983



June Meeting

Wednesday, June 1 - 8 p.m.
Chamber Park Community Center
131 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling

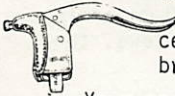
Safety Officer's Corner
by Don Derebey



PROGRAM

Conducted by Dick Ryan.

Discussion on equipment, pros and con. Bring your questions and opinions. What do you prefer - and why? Campi, Suntour, Shimano? Bell, MSR, Skid Lid helmets? Specialized Import, Le Tour, Michilin tires? Or do you prefer center pull or side pull brakes and, if so, why?



Your participation is requested for this semi-debate and to solve technical question.

Illinois Laws For Bicyclists -

On the Harmon Hundred last year a cyclist was given a ticket by a Wheeling policeman for riding double. Her front wheel was overlapping her husband's back wheel. I knew that Illinois had passed a "riding two abreast" law for bicyclists. If any of you run into this problem again, quote Illinois Section 11-1505.5:

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for their exclusive use. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane subject to the provisions of Section 11-1505.

Section 11-1505 says to ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb except when passing, making a left turn, or because of road conditions.

Nevertheless, on a two-lane road, we will still call "Car up" or "Car back" and pull into single file.

This month, with permission, I am using an article written by President Al Engberg of the Mt. Prospect Bike Club and featured in that club's May newsletter. It says what I would like to say, only better....

When was the last time you ran a red light? Went through a stop sign without first coming to a complete stop? Or made an illegal turn? Chances are that if you are an "average" cyclist, you commit one or more of these traffic violations every time you ride! It's so easy to do... everyone does, from 6 year old kids to grandpa out for a leisurely ride around the block. And, it seems as though the law enforcement officials couldn't care less! The root of the problem is that most people, including adult cyclists, do not consider the bicycle to be a vehicle with equal rights and responsibilities on the roadway.

Therefore, how can we as "enlightened" cyclists improve on this dismal track record? Should we launch a traffic safety campaign, or mount a

massive lobbying effort with our legislators? We could try these or many other worthy programs, but the truth is that our example as riders out on the road day after day is more powerful than any other program we would mount. If a child sees an adult (that all-wise and knowing figure) run a red light, he cannot be held responsible for simply following the example. "Do as I say, and not as I do" is not very effective!

Since we cyclists have been following our own rules of the road for so many years, becoming a model cyclist is not easy. Stopping at the stop sign when no traffic is visible is not a reflex action for someone on a bicycle. We (as I am one of the offenders) have to work at it, being constantly aware that others are watching our actions. But, it can be achieved! The racers participating in the Great American Bike Race observed all traffic regulations as they sped across country. As the cycling season is yet young, it's not too late to make this your last New Year's resolution. Good luck!


Speak Up...

This is your newsletter, don't hesitate to voice your opinions or send in your articles or comments. We'd be glad to hear from you....

For Sale

FOR SALE: SET OF WHEELS, brand new Fiamme rims, Ergal, DT spokes and Campi NRJF hubs. Paid \$145, asking \$115. Phil Kahn 367-6090

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

An  Affiliate

New Members

This month we welcome into the Wheeling Wheelmen 5 new individuals and four new families!

Alan and Ann Marie Erlich, Prospect Heights
Gary and Elaine Gustavson, Northbrook
Dennis Kappel
Robert and Nancy Pope McKay, Wheeling
Carole A. Riley, Palatine
Jim and Phyllis Shoemaker, Arl.Hts.
Louis Slavin, Northfield
Steve Smith, Palatine
Ken Zabielski, Ft. Sheridan

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Pool Rides:	Marilyn Mathison	825-5470
Editor:	Phyllis Harmon	537-1268

Schedule

Rides Re-riden



June 4 EDDIE BAUER FUN RIDE Palatine

Saturday - 8:30 A.M. from Harper College parking lot, Roselle Road and Algonquin Road. 23 miles. \$5.00 registration fee includes an Eddie Bauer hat, route map and refreshments. Drawing for prizes includes:

Grand Prize: Complete bicycle touring outfit, Fuji bike, Eclipse Front Pro bags, rear paniers, Eddie Bauer Wedge Tent, 4-way Ultralight goose down sleeping bag.

2nd Prize: Eclipse Standard Handle Bar Pack and rear paniers, 4-way Ultralight goose sleeping bag.

3rd Prize: Eddie Bauer 4-way Ultralight goose down sleeping bag.

4th Prize: \$15 Eddie Bauer Gift Bond

Entry form enclosed with this newsletter.

June 11/12 MS LE TOUR - Wheeling

Saturday-Sunday \$200 in pledges for all expense weekend. 150 miles (78 Sat. and 77 Sun.) from Wickes parking lot east of Elmhurst Road to the Wagon Wheel Resort in Rockton, Ill., and return. \$50 deposit by June 6 to MS Soc., 55 W. Jackson, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60604. See May newsletter for prizes, etc.

June 12 ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Long Grove

10 a.m. Sunday - 47 miles from Kildeer School, Long Grove. Sack lunch and dessert at ice cream parlor. Richard Figge - 541-2545.

June 18 STRAWBERRY RIDE

Saturday - Ride and pick strawberries. Leader Ruth Harlow Gaines is not back from her honeymoon in Hawaii so don't have details to fill in. Contact her at 541-8064.

June 25 ELK GROVE METRIC CENTURY

Saturday - 7:30 a.m. - 65 miles. From Lions Park Community Center. (Arl.Hts.Rd. south to Elk Grove Blvd. -High School on SW corner - east to Kennedy Blvd., south to Community Center, south of church) Bring or buy lunch. Dick Sorenson, 593-7945.

JUNE WEDNESDAY NIGHT RIDES

Rides start at 6:30 sharp and end at twilight. Leisurely riding, usually 10 to 12 miles.

- 1 From Wheeling Community Center, Chamber Park. Leader: Howard Paul 824-2941. Return in time for June meeting.
- 8 From Kildeer School, Long Grove. Leader: Dick Ryan, 381-1775.
- 15 From Lake Bluff train station, Rt. 176 and Sheridan Road. Park at north end parking lot. Leaders: Ted and Sherry Uhlemann.
- 22 From Carl Sandburg School, Wheeling. On Schoenbeck Road between Dundee and Hintz. Leader: Phyllis Harmon, 537-1268.
- 29 From Wheeling Community Center, Leader: Richard Figge, 541-2545

GRAYS LAKE RIDE - This joint ride of the Bicycle Club of Lake County and Wheeling Wheelmen started out with a very threatening day but about 30 riders turned out. And, surprise! It was a beautiful day for bicycling! It was clear, warm and sunny and the group pedaled 31 miles.

SHOE FACTORY EXPRESS - The first May ride set the pace for the rest of the month - rain! Beautiful mid-week weather and wet weekends! Five members and three visitors turned out for this ride led by Dick Ryan. It started out relatively dry with just occasional sprinkles. They lunched at Burger King in Elgin and, with bad weather threatening from the west, made it back in one hour. Two thirds of the way back the torrential rains caught up and riders were thoroughly soaked by the time they returned to Harper College.

PIZZA RIDE - Even though the Weatherman threatened rain, it was a good biking day - at least most of the time. Chuck Friedrich led eight rid-

ers on a great ride with only a light drizzle the last two miles. The real downpour came as bikers headed for home after the ride.

TRAINING WITH TED - President Ted Uhlemann led ten riders on this 45-mile fast-paced training ride. The weather was great early in the day--most were home before the heavy rain came.

WESTWARD HO! - In spite of the dire weather predictions, Jerry Goldman showed up at Wing Park in Elgin to lead this 65/24-mile ride. It was raining but twelve people turned out. After waiting around awhile, six headed home but the other six waited around and finally set out on the ride. Drizzle, rain, clear, sunny, drizzle, and two deluges but they did manage to roll up 46 miles!

MAY MEETING - Lee Hansen, Program Director of the Heller Nature Center in Highland Park held us entranced with slides of her 4,200-mile bicycle ride from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Fairbanks, Alaska.

Invitationals Coming Up-

June 4 THE UDDER CENTURY, McHenry County Bicycle Club invitationals. 63 miles and optional additional 40-mile loop for a full century. Ties in with Harvard Milk Day events and parade. From Fannie May Candies in Crystal Lake Plaza on Rt. 14 in Crystal Lake. \$3.00. 8-10 a.m. Info: Barb Scibetta 639-9228.

June 5 LIBERTY METRIC Invitational hosted by Mt. Prospect Bike Club. 38-62 miles. 6:30 to 10:30 A.M. from Dan Wright Jr. High, 1370 Riverwoods Road, north or Rt. 22. \$5.00 map, sag, patch, refreshments. Info from Herb Schlatter 296-5839.

June 5 DIAMOND RIDE Invitational of Kenosha Roadrunners. 25/50/75/100 miles. 7-9 a.m. from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin. (I-94 north to Hwy. 142, East to Wisc.32, north to college. \$5.50 patch, sag, map, refreshments. B. Manegre 414/657-5518

June 26-July 1 PALM II, (Pedal Across Lower Michigan) Patterned after RAGBRAI, starts on shores of Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Pedal 45 miles/day (optional additional loops) and reach Port Huron and across Blue Water Bridge on July 1. Campsites, indoor sleeping or stay at motels. Send stamped self-addressed envelope to P A L M, P.O. Box 7171, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

July 3 - FRONTIER DAYS BICYCLE RACE Sunday - Check-in time 7:30-8:45 a.m. at Pioneer Park, 500 S. Fernandez, Arlington Heights. Sponsored by Arlington Heights Bicycle Assoc. and The Bank & Trust Co. of Arlington Heights. Preregistration \$4.00 to Arlington Heights Bicycle Assoc., 1313 N. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, or \$5.00 day of the race. This is a citizens race. No U.S.C.F. riders are eligible. Mileage: Ages 8-11 one mile; 12-14 three miles, and all other age categories six miles. Write to above address for application form.

July 22-24 5th OHIO BICYCLE RALLY Cincinnati Cycle Club hosts invitationals at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Cost approx. \$50. Reception and square dancing Friday night, variety of rides Saturday-Sunday, variety of workshops. Registration deadline June 25 or additional late fee of \$20 until July 9. Brochure from O.B.R. '83, Alice Adams, 3941 Washington Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211 Phone: Gary Adams 513/661-5766

July 31-Aug. 7 - BAMMI - Chicago Lung Assoc. ride from Chicago to Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois. Forms from: BAMMI '83, Chicago Lung Assoc. 1440 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60607. Registration \$50. Meals \$55. Return by bus \$25. Awards and prizes for pledges.

