



MONTHLY MEANDERS



Safety Officer's
Corner
by Don
Derehey



ANNUAL BANQUET
Saturday, November 3, 1983
Hans' Bavarian Lodge
931 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling
Social Hour - 7:00 P.M.
Dinner - 8:00 P.M.

1984 Officers announced, Participa-
tion awards and door prizes!!

ENTERTAINMENT:

Phil Kahn and Sherry Mosky, club
members will show slides of their
many ups and downs through the Cana-
dian Rockies.

Members: \$8.75. Guests: \$11.75

2 Abreast Now Legal!

Here is a copy of HB 1213 pertain-
ing to bicycles and signed by Govern-
or Jim Thompson on September 17:

AN ACT to amend Section 11-1505
of "The Illinois Vehicle Code", ap-
proved September 29, 1969, as amend-
ed, and to add Section 11-1505.1
thereto.

Section 11-1505. Position of bi-
cycles and motorized pedal cycles on
roadways - (Riding on roadways and
bicycle paths.) (a) Any person oper-
ating a bicycle or motorized pedal
cycle upon a roadway at less than
the normal speed of traffic at the
time and place and under the condi-
tions then existing shall ride as
close as practicable to the right-
hand curb or edge of the roadway ex-
cept under the following situations:

1. When overtaking and passing
another bicycle, motorized pedal
cycle or vehicle proceeding in the
same direction; or
2. When preparing for a left
turn at an intersection or into a
private road or driveway; or
3. When reasonably necessary to
avoid conditions including, but not
limited to, fixed or moving objects,
parked or moving vehicles, bicycles,
motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians,
animals, surface hazards, or sub-
standard width lanes that make it un-
safe to continue along the right-
hand curb or edge. For purposes of
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Writing a column like this for a
year allows a person an opportunity
to vent a lot of personal feelings.
Thinking back over the ideas I have
discussed finds me looking for some
common thread that ties them all to-
gether. Personal survival is, of
course, the primary goal. Of the
various ways to accomplish this, how-
ever, I seem to lean toward treating
the motorist with as much courtesy
and respect as I can. I feel that
if he or she knows that I am doing
my best to be considerate then I am
less likely to be pushed around.

The bicycle rider does, indeed,
have rights. In no way do I propose
that we take a lesser position on
the road than is rightfully ours.
However, there are many minor conces-
sions that we can make, at appropri-
ate times, to indicate to the motor-
ists that we will do what we can to
make life easier for them. This is
particularly true around intersec-
tions where our actions can often
aid the motorist in making lights
and turns as quickly as possible.
Most of these moves have been cover-
ed in this column during the past
year.

Need Host for Christmas Ride/Party

December means the Holiday Season!
We traditionally have a Christmas
ride with a 10-30 mile ride depending
on the weather, pot luck refreshments
and a white elephant grab bag. We
need a host for this year. If your
home and hospitality are available,
contact Elliott Kanner -459-1300.
Also the L.A.W. Christmas patch will
be available for this event..\$1.50.

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

An  Affiliate

Of particular importance, I think,
is the matter of indecisiveness on
the part of the bicycle rider. Clear
and definite signals as to our inten-
tions will, almost always, result in
a courteous response on the part of
the driver.

Another role we can fill is that
of helping folks with directions.
Most of us carry maps, know the
roads well, and can usually provide
much appreciated aid to a lost motor-
ist. I like the image of the bicy-
cle rider as a person who can be
counted on for help. A willingness
to share our road savvy can pay big
dividends from the motoring public.

A friend once told me that bicy-
cling safety is just common sense.
Perhaps so, but I sincerely hope
that the things I've written about
have made safety sense a bit more
common than it was before.

One last thought, good friends,
wear a helmet.

*Don, we have enjoyed your year as
Safety Chairman and your sincere,
well thought out articles and appre-
ciate the time and effort that went
into them. Thank you very much! Ed.*

LAKE COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAIL

It is important that bicyclists
attend the November 10 meeting on
the development of a recreational
trail along the river in Lake County
from the Wisconsin line to Cook
County line. To be considered are
the recreational needs, trail sur-
face, and for whom. The snowmobilers
are putting in a strong bid and, if
we want a bicycling surface instead
of large gravel surface, it is im-
portant we appear en masse to voice
our needs.

The meeting will be at the Laura
Sprague School, 2425 Riverwoods Rd.,
Lincolnshire. If you have any ques-
tions or further information, phone
Sue Uray, 367-8669, of the Lake
County Bicycle Club.

WVs Model Fashion Show - - -

Photos by Phyllis W. Harmon



M-E Spirek of Bikes Plus provided the attractive clothing and descriptions. Howard Paul and Don Derebey model cycle apparel and rain gear.

Elida Rech was charming in pink and gray.

Our members did the modeling. Here Peter Gianakakis displayed the new "skin tight" style of bike wear.

Progressive Dinner -



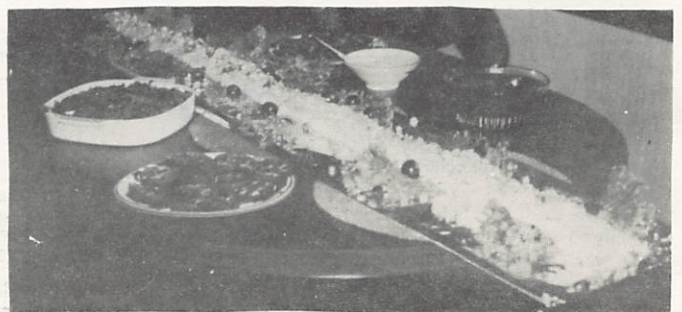
Carolyn Kropp, Don Derebey, George Mathison, Mary Jensen, Elliott Kanner, Herb Jensen. Foreground: Matthew Hursthouse.

Elliott Kanner, Mary Jensen, Phyllis Harmon, salad hostess

Right: Dick and Ardie Sorenson put final touches on preparation of the six-foot burrito! Mmm!



We all wondered how one made a six-foot burrito. Here Carolyn Kropp, Howard and Lois Paul watch the step-by-step assembly before we ate it all up! More on p.4



Schedule

Nov. 5 CHICAGO LAKEFRONT, Chicago

Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 25 miles from Foster Avenue parking lot at Lake Michigan. Lunch at the Planetarium. Beautiful ride along the lake. Howard Paul, 824-2941.

Nov. 13 NORTH SHORE GREENERY, Fort Sheridan

Sun. 10 a.m. - 30 miles from Fort Sheridan train station. Joe Tobias - 835-2547.

Nov. 19 COLLEGE CAMPUS CRUISE

Sat. 10 a.m. - 35 miles. From Chamber Park Community Center, Wheeling. Bring \$3 for all-you-can-eat lunch. This 3-college ride was rained out in October and it's too beautiful to miss. Don Derebey - 255-3422.

Nov. 27 THANKSGIVING RIDE, Wheeling

Sun. 9 a.m. breakfast ride from Carl Sandburg School, Schoenbeck just south of Anthony. 20 miles, depending on weather. L.A.W. Thanksgiving patch \$1.50. Phyllis Harmon 537-1268

Paris-Brest-Paris

Congratulations George Cheslock!

Wheeling Wheelmen member George Cheslock was one of 75 Americans and 2,500 other riders from around the world to compete in the 750-mile (1,215 km) Paris-Brest-Paris Marathon race in France.

This rugged 4-day maximum 90-hour event is a tough challenge for every cyclist. Not everyone finishes, but George did in 1 hour and 45 minutes short of the deadline. There were staging areas where riders were fed and could catch a few hours of sleep. The terrain is mountainous, especially for a cyclist from the Midwestern prairies.

George starting biking in Niles, then at the University of Illinois-Urbana. He biked and camped around Lake Michigan, rode from Minnesota to Chicago and rode Wheeling Wheelmen rides, including the Harmon Hundred. George rode his 13-year-old Peugeot. There was rain, flat tires, swollen knees - but George finished!

Afterwards there were medals, speeches, and a dinner...and memories! This was the 10th Paris-Brest-Paris. The first was in 1904. And George plans to participate in the next in 1987.

And now the challenging question.. how many of you plan to be there, too?

Schwinn

by Phyllis W. Harmon

It was with sadness and dismay that I read the Chicago Tribune's Business section, Oct. 26, and read: "Schwinn's bicycle production in Chicago pedals into sunset."

Hard hit by foreign competition in the late 1970s, Schwinn decided it would be cheaper to assemble its bicycles elsewhere or buy them overseas than to update its obsolete Chicago plants. Also, an expensive six-month strike in 1980, when their independent union affiliated with the United Auto Workers, didn't help.

After 87 years in Chicago, the company has not produced any finished bicycles in Chicago since 1981. Currently over half of Schwinn's bicycles are imported from National Bicycle of Japan and Giant Cycle or Taiwan...however, "It's not where the bike is made, it's how it's designed that matters. And Schwinn still designs all their bikes."

Over one third, or 300,000 per year, are now made by Murray Ohio, Manufacturing, Inc. of Brentwood, Tenn. These are the Varsity, Continental and several lines for children.

Schwinn now manufactures only a small portion of its bicycles: the LeTour produced in Greenville, Miss., and specialized bikes in Waterford, Wisconsin.

Also, Schwinn makes component parts for other companies, X-ray machine, automotive, exercise equipment, and elevator equipment.

The sad part of all this is that no company has done more to promote bicycling than Schwinn! Originally it was Chicago Cycle Supply Company that helped reorganize the League of American Wheelmen. Bicycle Day at the Chicago World's Fair, bike trains, and encouragement and help when the League started up again in 1937-1955.

Then Schwinn bought Chicago Cycle and when we reorganized in 1965, it was Schwinn that provided meeting space, xeroxed our newsletters until we could print them ourselves, gave us, no charge, all kinds of literature. They bought memberships for top officers, sent letters to all dealers in U.S. encouraging League membership, and often bought bulk copies of L.A.W. Bulletin to mail to dealers. They were the first to add an L.A.W. brochure to all new bike packets.

Also, certainly the League could not have grown nationally so rapidly if President Frank Schwinn hadn't assigned Keith Kingbay to be "Mr. Bicycle" to travel all over the United States and Europe to promote - not Schwinn - but bicycling and the League of American Wheelmen. Mr. Schwinn wisely knew that what was

good for bicycling would also be good for Schwinn. So Keith spread the word to Senators, Congressmen, Parks and Recreation Departments, Colleges, High Schools, and bike clubs all over the country.

So, at this time, I'd like to say a heartfelt "Thank you" to Schwinn Bicycle Company for the literally millions of dollars they spent in the promotion of bicycling and the League. Without their early assistance, the bicycle probably would be a toy for children instead of a delightful vehicle for transportation for bicyclists all over the country!



2 Abreast Now Legal - continued.

this subsection, a "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(b) Any person operating a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle upon a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.

(Ch. 95 1/2, new par. 11-1505.1)

Sec. 11-1505.1 Persons riding bicycles or motorized pedal cycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for their exclusive use. Persons riding 2 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.

This is the legislation that was sent to Springfield by the Secretary of State Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. As a member of this committee I especially stressed the need for changing the law from riding single file to two abreast. Obviously this makes our usual club riding legal and, of course, our "Car back!" or "Car up!" calls will continue as we swing into single file so as not to impede traffic.



Progressive Dinner - Cont.



A very happy Ruth Ryan who was delighted she rode the whole thing! In the background is new member Ed Addison.

Right: Safety Chairman Don Derebey and Elida Rech, our dessert hostess. She had a most delicious array of desserts for our pleasure.

A flat on Howard and Lois' tandem had everyone pitching in to get them back on the road.



We had a spell of rain on the way to the Sorensons in Elk Grove Village and arrived a muddy mess but Ardie provided us with towels and covered chairs and sofa.



Incidentally, Elida Rech is the volunteer who keeps the labels up to date, stamps the envelopes so all I have to do when I pick up the newsletters from the printer is to fold and stuff. Thank you, Elida!



Photo by Elliott Kanner
Eight members enjoyed biking in New Glarus and the Sugar River Trail. Here Lanna and Terry Schwerin, Elliott Kanner and Don and Judy Stansfield are all set to ride. This is the fourth year Don and Judy have organized this event.

New Members

This month we welcome five new families and three individuals into WW:

Martin and Bonnie Brozosky
Highland Park

George M. Karpen
Des Plaines

Joseph and Karen Kabbes,
Elk Grove Village

Jerry Peterson, Schaumburg
Fredric and Beverly Lind,
Park Ridge

Fred and Alice Stewart,
Palatine

Floyd Bowen, Vernon Hills
Barry Buzan Family,
Barrington

New Addresses:

Charles Schmitz, 11 W.
Hawthorne, Arl. Hts.

Judy Klem, 728 Bel Aire,
Palatine 60067 359-3153

Ann Olson, 2 Kane Court
Clarendon Hills 60514

Lynn Leander and Charles
Moen, 1320 Brewster Ct.,
Bloomington 60108

Memberships of all new members, September on, go through December, 1984

Fredric, Fred and Floyd all belong to the L.A.W.

John Marino Open -

For all you would-be cross country Race Across America riders - next May 19, in Southern California, you can test your endurance skills on an 800 miles marathon ride. The five fastest men, five fastest women and next five qualifying people will be accepted on the Ride Across America '84 marathon race.

The ride starts in Riverside County, California (90 miles SE of Los Angeles) and goes through chaparral country, up the back side of Mt. San Jacinto to Mountain Center and down again to Lake Hemet. The 100-mile loop continues through Anza Valley and Rancho California, back through the town of Hemet and up to the base of the mountain again. This loop is ridden 8 times to complete the race. The time limit is 81 hours.

Food, sleeping quarters, shower facilities and technical support are available and included in the \$150 entry fee. There are 8 checkpoints, fully staffed; mechanics available.

Information from Race Across America, Ste. 152, 358 S. Main St., Orange, CA 92668...714/836-7856. Phyllis Harmon has a copy of the application form. Sponsors are John Marino, Lon Haldeman and Michael Shermer.



BALLOT



..... WELL, IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN.....!!!!!!!

MARK BELOW WITH AN "X", "Y", OR "Z" TO CHOOSE YOUR 1984 OFFICERS FOR THE WHEELING WHEELMEN!!!!

		<u>HUSBAND</u>	<u>WIFE</u>
<u>OFFICE:</u>	P R E S I D E N T		
	HOWARD PAUL	_____	_____
<u>OFFICE:</u>	VICE PRESIDENT		
	ROGER THAULAND	_____	_____
	<u>OR</u>		
	ELLIOT KANNER	_____	_____
<u>OFFICE:</u>	TREASURER		
	DICK RYAN	_____	_____
	<u>OR</u>		
	CAROLYN KROPP	_____	_____
<u>OFFICE:</u>	SAFETY		
	JOHN STORAASLI	_____	_____
<u>OFFICE:</u>	MEMBERSHIP		
	PAT MARSHALL	_____	_____

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***** RETURN TO: TED UHLEMANN, 105 SUNSET PL., LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044

THIS CAN BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BANQUET INFORMATION!!

(11-83)

THE 1983

WHEELING WHEELMEN ANNUAL BANQUET

AT

Hans' Bavarian Lodge

931 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling

NOVEMBER 5, 1983

• SOCIAL HOUR AT 7:00PM

Come "shoot the breeze" with your biking buddies! This is a great opportunity to converse DOUBLE FILE or more without the fear of getting nailed by a car!!!! CASH BAR....Reservations post-marked by October 29th will receive a certificate good for \$2.00 at the social hour (non-alcohol drinks available, of course!)

• DINNER AT 8:00PM

We have selected dinners from a GREAT menu. They will include: appetizers, salad, german rye, entree, two vegetables, dessert and beverage....yum, yum!!

• NEW OFFICERS

Congratulate (or console) the new officers -- witness the transfer of power as Edward Waldemar Uhlemann III (generally known as "Ted", "The Prez", or "Sherry's husband") presents the WW Post Office Box Key to the newly elected President!!

• AWARDS, HONORARIA AND DOOR PRIZES!!!

• ENTERTAINMENT

Slide show by Phil Kahn and Sherry Mosky. These WW members traveled many verticle miles in the Canadian Rockies. Phil says he's edited the slides, thrown out the duds, and will inspire you with a fine show!?!?!?!?

• PROPER ATTIRE

Black tie - OK; casual - OK; BUT...No shirt, no shoes, NO SERVICE!

• COST AND RESERVATIONS

You get a GREAT evening for the low, low price of \$8.75, for WW members and \$11.75 for non-member guests. This includes EVERYTHING, even your tip! AND if your reply is post-marked by October 29th, you will receive a \$2.00 certificate for the social hour and will be eligible for a door prize!!!

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 31st - NO LATE RESERVATIONS!!

• This is how you do it:

- Send check payable to: WHEELING WHEELMEN
- List names of persons attending
- MAIL TO: TED UHLEMANN
105 Sunset Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

