



MONTHLY MEANDERS

MARCH, 1984



March Meeting



Wed. March 7 - 8 p.m.
Chamber Park
131 N. Wolf Road

PROGRAM Wheel Truing

Phil Kahn and Glen Schon will show you how to get that wobble out of your wheel. Bring a wobbly wheel or, better yet, one with a broken spoke and a spoke wrench. They'll show you how to correct the problem. Please, "no disasters or antiques".

Phil says, if anyone has a wheel truing stand, give him a call at 520-3114. You're welcome to participate in the program.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome three individuals and one family into Wheeling Wheelmen membership;

Gene Pilch, Wheeling. Welcome back!
Alan S. Berman, Wheeling
Cindy and Anthony Manson, Palatine
Jo Ann Nieman, Lake Forest.

Over the years we notice a definite trend in memberships. There are more and more family memberships - wives are learning there is "togetherness" in bicycling. Also, as more wives come out to ride with us, there is definitely a switch from single bikes to tandems. They are able to participate in more of the long distance invitationals pedaling together.

Renewals are coming in steadily. If you haven't renewed yet...hurry! We soon will be typing up our 1984 membership list...don't miss the list that will go to all members. Also, members belonging to the League of American Wheelmen will be checked. If you join the League or are a member and we haven't checked your name, be sure to let us know.

As of February 6 membership is:

Individual	43	Family	42	=	85
New	20	Renew	65	=	85
L.A.W. Members	38			=	45%

The Prez Sez

Phyllis Harmon, Lois and I are currently getting a head start on suntans and cycling fitness by attending the 18th annual Winter Rendezvous in Homestead, Florida. Scheduled daily rides there should put us in shape for a great biking season, starting with St. Pat's Ride. We hope to see many of you soon after that, and all of you during the year. Our expanded rides schedule will offer opportunities for participation by all members. Don't miss out on the fun.

Howard Paul

Phyllis Harmon has a few extra application forms for this March 3-8 event. Early bird rides, morning and afternoon rides, evening activities. Mar. 7 choice of Double Century, Century, Metric and Quarter Century. Banquet at Air Force Base. 537-1268.

From Alan Zoller in Sunny California

Now that the riding season is over, I'll bet you're planning next year's rides already. I've started riding with the Los Angeles Wheelmen. They are a really great group. There is a beginner's group and an intermediate group which I have been riding with on Sundays.

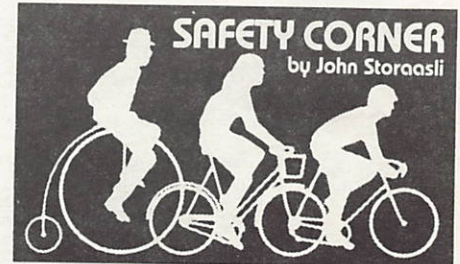
If anybody in the club is interested in coming out to ride with us this winter, please contact me. Maybe we can work out an exchange program for some of our riders to visit next summer when the Olympics and heat hit Los Angeles. Every biker likes to try new places, right?

Happy New Year to you all, keep warm and try to stay in shape. Spring is just around the corner.

Your pal, The L.A. Kid,
Alan

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SECURITY !

How we would like to believe that everyone is just as honest and righteous as we are ... but, of course, we know that it just ain't so (or at least, we find that it's a lot smarter to work on that assumption).

In case you weren't aware of it, automobile and homeowner's insurance policies probably do not cover your cycling equipment, unless you've added a special rider to the policy. (BikeCentennial offers a good, inexpensive policy just for that purpose, if you're interested.)

So, for the most part, you're on your own to make sure you have a bike to ride and the necessary equipment to go along with your riding. Actually, it's not as bad as it sounds, if you use your God-given common sense. Leaving a bike outside, unattended and unlocked is an open invitation to someone who covets your good choice in equipment.

There are several good bicycle locks on the market (like Citadel and Kryptonite) which are relatively lightweight and offer good protection. (A dog chain and a \$1.98 kid's lock can hardly compare!) And these good locks even offer a \$250 or \$300 replacement guarantee, to boot.

However, probably the best thing you can do to safeguard your bike is to use some good sense and put your bike back in the garage or inside at work, lock it to a strong power-line pole, or leave it where you can see it! It's rather sad to see what some folks do or don't do (none of you, certainly), when leaving their bike. Bike Computers open for the taking, helmets available, bikes not even in the line of sight or in open view to the public, etc., etc.

Happy St. Patrick's Day (don't forget our first invitational ride of the year is on the 18th!), and remember, the luck of the Irish is quite often a case of the *luck of prevention*, rather than the *lack of prevention*.

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OUR PAT MARSHALL!?

- by Phyllis W. Harmon



HALL OF FAME

Amateur Skating Union of the United States

Patricia Gibson Marshall

Because of achievements gained in the Sport of Speedskating has been elected to the

Hall of Fame of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States

May 17, 1969



Pat and Bill Marshall scuba diving off Grand Cayman, British West Indies. Bill's underwater photography hobby has produced numerous beautiful color photographs.

Patricia "Pat" Gerber was born in Madison, Wisconsin. She lived in a home on the shore of Lake Winona. Directly across the lake the dome of the State Capitol rises above the trees.

Pat doesn't remember when she *didn't* swim or ice skate.. and later water ski and snow ski. She also competed in golf and won several trophies.

She was an honor student in high school and graduated with Senior Honors from University of Wisconsin - majoring in physical therapy.

Pat married Bill Marshall, a high school classmate, in 1957. He was in the navy so they lived awhile on the East Coast, in Portland, Oregon, Cincinnati, Ohio and they have lived in Northbrook for the last seven years. They have a married daughter in Texas, a son in college and another son in high school.

For the last 15 years Pat has been scuba diving with Bill in exotic places like Hawaii, British Virgin Islands, Bon Aire, and Cayman Islands as well as off the U.S. shores. Her description of a huge octopus in Puget Sound sounds horrible but she insists they are harmless!

Two years ago Pat took up bicycling and Wheeling Wheelmen member Joan Liss referred her to our club because she would learn more with a group rather than biking alone. So Pat, and more recently, Bill have been biking with us ever since!

Pat's speedskating is what has brought her most fame - see adjoining column! She did do some cycling in the summers as training for skating.

Pat received her Physical Training degree when polio was a national problem. She had a March of Dimes Scholarship and worked in physical therapy with polio patients.

Currently this busy lady teaches ice skating. She is in the Hospice Program at Highland Park Hospital and visits her assigned hospice (terminally ill) patient 2 or 3 times a week. And often, when schedule permits, drops in to help mail out the club newsletter.

Pat is very proud of her Harmon Hundred Century patch which she earned last year!



Pat Gerber Marshall

1951-52 won Great Lakes Open, Intermediate Class.

1953-4-5-6 won Great Lakes Open as Senior. Also, same years won Wisconsin open and Western open.

1953 and 1956 Winnipeg Open

1953-4-6 won Tri State Open

1955 won St. Louis Silver Skates.

1951 was National Intermediate Outdoor Champ

1953-4-5-6 was National Outdoor Senior Champ.

1955-56 North American Outdoor Champ.

Skated in 52 sanctioned meets and won 149 of the 191 races.

Set 35 meet records and won 50 championships.

Retired in 1956 as undefeated National and North American Outdoor Champion.

In her final year she won every race she entered.

She was coached by Fred Milverstedt.

Madison City Council awarded her a special achievement certificate in 1955. "One of Wisconsin's finest woman athletes" by the State of Wisconsin Legislature.

Madison Capital Times presented her a commemorative plaque.

She received West High School athletic letter.

The University of Wisconsin Lettermen's Club gave her a "W" blanket.

This is Pat's second year as Membership Chairman. She designed our blue membership brochure and busily promotes club

In spite of her busy schedule, Pat is always willing to volunteer wherever needed--at the Cycling For Seniors registration--making cookies...

Pat, we are very proud to know you and cycle with you on WW rides.

Schedule

March 3 - SKI OR BIKE, Busse Woods
 Sat. 9 a.m. at Busse Woods parking on Arlington Heights Road just north of Higgins Road (across from Chevy dealer)
 Don Debebey - 255-3422

March 10 - SHOW AND GO, Wheeling
 Sat. 10 a.m. from Chamber Park, Wolf Rd. north of Dundee. Mileage depending on weather conditions. 25 miles maximum.
 John Storaasli -934-0039

March 18 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY INVITATIONAL - Long Grove
 Sun. 10:30 to noon Registration at Kildeer School, Old McHenry Rd. Members \$1.50 including L.A.W. St. Patrick's Day patch; Non-members \$2.00. Snacks and maps. 25 miles. Bob Klein - 299-2888.

With shamrock's a 'bloomin',
 Endin' winter's cold gloomin',
 And saddles a' covered with dust,
 St. Patrick's Day ride's a must!

A. Puffer; (c. unknown)

March 24 - SHOW AND GO, Wheeling
 Sat. 7:30 a.m. breakfast ride.
 25 miles maximum from Chamber Park. Roger Thauland 541-2294.

April 1 - SHOW AND GO, Long Grove
 Sun. 1 p.m. from Kildeer School, Old McHenry Rd., 30 miles max.
 Roger Thauland - 541-2294



PLEASE HELP!!

Please, we need your help. Last year many people brought delicious cookies and/or volunteered a short amount of their time to help with the St. Patrick's Day ride. This year, again, we need your help. We are asking those who can to bring cookies or snacks for refreshments, and also some people to volunteer to help at the registration desk.

Working time will be short so we all can ride. Thank you.
 Call: Bob Klein - 299-2888

Thank you, John

It's obvious my printing leaves much to be desired. John Storaasli has kindly made titles for this issue, which helps a lot!

This issue had to be done early--right on the heels of the February issue. I'll be at the CABDA Bike Show, then a week in Phoenix, 5 days in DeLand, then Homestead and a few days in Seminole, Fla. See you on the St. Pat's ride.. Ed.

WHEELING HISTORY

At our February meeting, Wheeling Historian Marshall Balling, who has lived in Wheeling since 1914, had us all fascinated with his anecdotes and early history of life in a small early American Midwest town.

We all have heard that "Chicago" means "strong smell" or was named after the wild onions growing so abundantly in the area. Mr. Balling had his historical explanation: The first explorers to reach the area were looking for a waterway to the Mississippi. They sent the Indians along the north branch from Wolf Point. They returned--"Cago" meaning "nothing". Then they followed the south branch..."Chi-cago" meaning "absolutely nothing".

We asked if Wheeling got its name because of the annual Wheeling-Chicago bicycle race. No, Wheeling is a Winnebago word meaning "town by the river."

The Potawatomie Indians in the area were not friendly to the white man. In the Wheeling area Indians found ready water and good water from a spring in the woods. Every year they burned the land west of the Des Plaines River for open land, which is why the first trees are at Deer Grove. East of the river was not burned. Half Day is the site of a big burying ground; there are many artifacts there.

The first settler arrived in the Wheeling area in 1833 and built a cabin near the shore of the Des Plaines River near where the Crab House is now.

In 1834 there was a territorial council held in Detroit with area Indians. An important treaty was made. For \$10,000, 50 barrels of salt and a blacksmith shop, (which the Indians never received) the Indians left Wisconsin, Illinois and northern Indiana and went to Council Bluffs.

In 1835-36 the first buildings were built: a tavern and a store. A post office opened in 1836. Chicago was growing and agriculture and dairy products were in demand. After the Indian treaty, word was sent to Germany and Alsace-Lorraine that Wheeling had 120 and 240-acre farms available to provide food for Chicago. Immigrants came by way of the Erie Canal and later the B & O Railroad to stake claims. This created a land rush and a special court had to be set up in Chicago to settle the claims.

A road from Chicago to Green Bay, a fur trading center, was surveyed through Wheeling. There were 4 or 5 hostellers here. Anyone leaving Chicago at 7 a.m. could reach Wheeling →

Rides Reridden



SKIING - MORAIN HILLS This was a beautiful day for skiing and, since it also was Super Bowl day, the four skiers practically had the whole park to themselves! Dick Ryan led Terry Schwerin, Jim Gehrke and Pete Gianakakis over two trails for a total of seven miles.

CROSS COUNTRY - DEER GROVE Four souls braved howling winds and morning snow to take a tour around Deer Grove. Much to their surprise they found the condition of the trail to be excellent, so they had a good-puff-run around the park. And, yes, Peter Gianakakis must have practiced, because he did ski quite well.
 Bob Klein

SKIING AT OLD WISCONSIN was cancelled at the last minute. Howard Paul phoned Old Wisconsin and was told there was insufficient snow...

by noon. Wheeling became famous for good food and famous people came from all directions to enjoy the excellent restaurants - and still do!

The 1865 church in which we hold our monthly meetings originally was on Dundee Road where Dunkin' Doughnuts is now. They were going to tear it down but the Chamber of Commerce owned the land on Wolf Road and sold the land to Wheeling for a park so the church could be moved there. That's why it's called Chamber park.

Wheeling was important because of its agriculture but the railroads passed it by, so population did not grow like it did along the North Shore and towns to the west. In 1925 there were 300 people and 16 liquor licenses (prohibition!) and stills abounded. The Cubs, movie stars, gangsters, the wealthy from the North Shore--all flocked to Wheeling.

The headwaters of the Des Plaines are just over the Wisconsin line. In summer the river was dry..so the dams were built. This meant boating and swimming and drew more people until the water was tested and found to be polluted! That ended the swimming but, by that time, Whalen Pool at Devon and Milwaukee was built.

In 1924 the first Wheeling man went off to college! High School students had to go to Des Plaines!

These are just a few of the many interesting topics touched upon by Mr. Balling and we hope that soon he will get to work on the History of Wheeling book he has spoken of.. it will be interesting reading!

November Annual Banquet



President Howard and Lois Paul, Ruth and Dick Ryan, Treasurer

Cycling For Seniors Awards



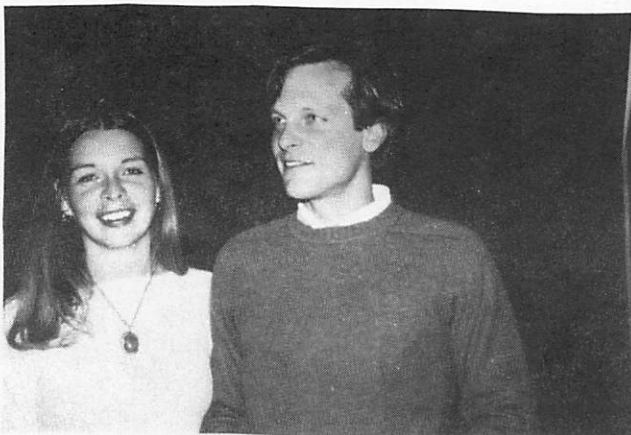
Jim Shoemaker and youngest rider Matthew Hursthouse both raised \$100 in pledges. Matthew's dad, Phillip, chose to ride for the \$10 registration fee.



Helen, Mikkel and John Storaasli, Safety Chairman. John has signed up for the Effective Cyclist Instructor's Course. We have him to thank for the much improved headings this month.



President of the Senior Commission in Wheeling Marion Krogdahl, Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, who raised top money through pledges, \$330.65, and George Kringstad, member of the Senior Commission, who raised \$200 in pledges.



Many thanks to this busy couple - Past President Ted and Vice President Sherry Uhlemann. They both served outstandingly in spite of their wedding, changing jobs and family obligations. The rides last year were well planned and Ted and Sherry came up with a couple of new rides over roads we had not ridden on before!

RIDE PLANNING TIME - IDEAS? SUGGESTIONS?

Now is the time to contact Ride Chairman Roger Thauland if you have an idea for a new bicycle route-- or if you would like to lead one or more rides... Roger Thauland - 541-2294, 306 Inverrary Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015.

DOOR COUNTY AND/OR DEVIL'S LAKE, WISCONSIN

Bicycle beautiful New Englandish Door County and/or Devil's Lake, Wis. We would cycle Door County over the Memorial Day weekend and Devil's Lake (more hilly) the weekend of July 13-15.

If interested, must know before April 10 in order to make necessary reservations.

Door County
Devil's Lake

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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