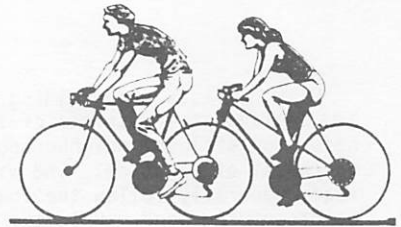




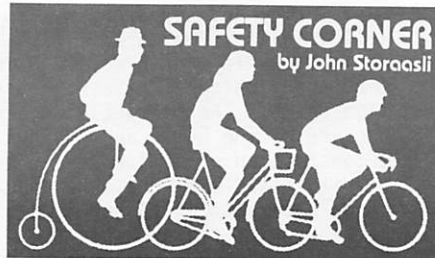
MONTHLY MEANDERS



NOVEMBER

BANQUET

SAT. NOV. 10, 1984
 HANS BAVARIAN LODGE
 931 N. Milwaukee Ave.
 Wheeling



Safety For All!

The annual rite of "officer change" is here and I still have a lot of subjects to discuss, but with obvious limitations of space, I must pick and choose.

First and most important, it's been a real pleasure to serve during the past year. The active support of the membership is a very real inspiration and I'll treasure the memory of that cooperation for a long time. Of course, I'm not really stepping away, just moving to another responsibility - namely, as the Invitational Chairman. (It's a part of my masochistic nature, I've been told, to accept for such a post). Between the St. Patrick's Day Ride and the Harmon Hundred, I suspect that I'll manage to stay busy.

Enough of that... on to the last article on safety. Helmets, maintenance, road courtesy and many other subjects have been covered in the past months - Now to try to wrap up! I would suggest that as the more experienced riders in our respective communities, we are in the unique position of being the resident "experts," as it were, regarding bicycling. This is both a privilege and a responsibility on our part.

We have all been totally amused, if not dismayed, at the antics(?) of the less experienced and/or knowledgeable riders as we go about our daily tasks. (And I'm not only speaking about youngsters - I've seen a few of the so-called "senior" riders taking just as many undue and unnecessary risks.)

The privilege of riding on public streets has been granted by the Secretary of State, with guidelines as published by that office. The responsibility rests upon us, as concerned citizens, to see that the sport of bicycling retains a positive image in the eyes of

the citizenry! Because of unfortunate press, as well as foolishness on the part of some riders, we are often accused of not caring, or of being oblivious to the rights of others.

My point is... Let's take it upon ourselves to do what we can to keep things on a very positive note. Please note that I'm not suggesting we become a militant group, or some sort of vigilante force. Rather, **I'm urgently requesting that we take it upon ourselves to be educators, wherever we are, informing our fellow riders of the rights, as well as the responsibilities, of bicycling.**

I firmly believe that in this way, we can most effectively improve upon and further an activity to which we are all committed.

May the wind be always at your back, and may your every slope run downhill!

New Members

Another month and we welcome into the Wheeling Wheelmen two families and six individuals. Watch for these people on our rides and welcome them:

Debra Blomstrann, Wilmette
 Ralph and Cindy Cochrane, Palatine
 Brad Davis, Barrington Hills
 Pete Fearing, Palatine
 Jack Grossman, Libertyville
 Ray LeJeune, Morton Grove
 Sue McPheron, Mt. Prospect
 Jim Snyder and Melissa, Glenview



Received this postal cancellation in the mail recently and wondered if it was a Post Office employe or a bicyclist that came up with this idea...but it's a good.

Wouldn't it be great if no dogs ran loose!

Our annual banquet is held in lieu of our November meeting.

Social Hour - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Hour - 7:30 p.m.

\$9.00 - reservations to Myra Baum
 Box 2539 RFD, Long Grove
 IL 60047 - 540-0369

Choice of: Bavarian Chicken or
 Schnitzel & Beef Roladen

This is the grand finale of our year of bicycling! Mileage awards, door prizes, lots of fun and socializing. We'll learn the results of our election and meet our officers for 1985.

Highlight of the evening will be a program by Doug Fager who will show us slides and relate his experiences by bicycle, train and car through Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg and France!


THE PREZ SEZ

As you have noticed in your election ballots, our officers, with one exception, will soon be replaced. Our thanks to all the club's officers for the excellent service rendered - also to all who have led rides, and especially those who have created new routes or improved portions of older ones. Our newsletter is mostly due to Phyllis' efforts but several willing assistants have eased that load and the result has been the finest publication of its type that I have seen.

As you can see, many members have been involved. There is much satisfaction in serving the club, but not if too much is required. So please continue to be involved during the coming year and when candidates are again required a year from now.

Howard Paul

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INVERNESS

By Jenny Bruns

Many cyclists enjoy riding on the New England style streets of Inverness, the affluent neighborhood northwest of Palatine. The winding roads generally follow the lowest points of the land, while the homes are set up high along the ridge lines. I consistently lose my sense of direction in the area but I enjoy being lost in the peaceful atmosphere conducive to daydreaming.

Most of us are captured by the unique and elaborate architecture of the homes as well as their sheer size. I have always been curious about the history of the area. An article by Ron Grossman in the Aug. 26, 1984 edition of the Chicago Tribune answered many of my questions.

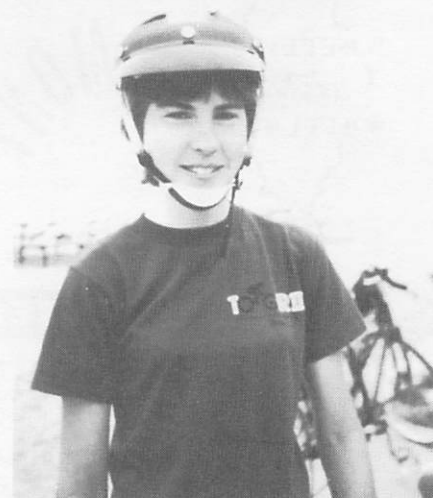
Ezekial Cady, Inverness' first settler, put his family in a horse-drawn wagon and came to Chicago from Utica, New York, in 1837. Instead of settling near Fort Dearborn, he pushed on to the northwest where he carved out a homestead near the present-day intersection of Elgin and Dundee Roads, within a little series of hills. Inverness' pioneers bought their land at \$1.25 per acre.

Arthur McIntosh, Sr., the father of modern Inverness, bought a local farm so he could raise his family in a country-setting. McIntosh had grown up in Winnetka and, even in the 20's could see that the North Shore was filling in. Eventually, he bought up farm after farm until he had assembled 1500 acres. At first, McIntosh worked the land. He had a herd of 400-500 Holsteins and the same number of hogs. But, from the beginning, McIntosh's intention was to develop the land. Slowly but surely people were brought in and livestock phased out. Starting a housing development in the dark days of the 1930's took a lot of guts. When his first subdivision was opened, houses went for \$10,000 to \$20,000. Today, according to the Inverness Real Estate Office, those homes are worth more than \$225,000.

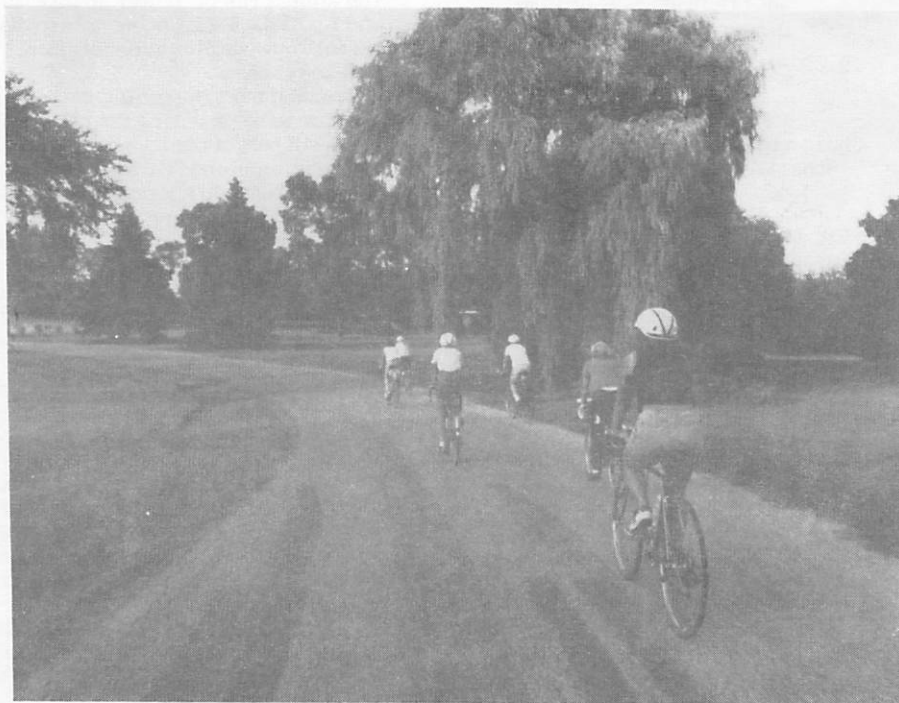
McIntosh developed a code of land use standards. Inverness homes sit on lots no smaller than one acre and their architectural character is subject to the McIntosh Company's prior approval. Generally, the company prefers steeply pitched roofs, because their look complements the contours of the land. Also, fences are outlawed, allowing the village's skyline to run off in all directions in uniform sweeps. In short, newcomers are drawn by the same qualities that attracted their predecessors: the chance to live on a landscape that has been exempt from suburban sprawl

and still recalls the way the land first appeared on the American frontier.

Riding through Inverness yields a smorgasbord of scenic views. Winding, rolling roads challenge our maneuvering and cornering skills as well as hill-climbing abilities. On a clear day it's even possible to see Lake Michigan from a high vantage point. The overwhelming architecture of the homes and obvious demonstration of affluence may leave us with mixed emotions. The majority of us return to every day suburbia after a brief sojourn into the utopia created by a man with a vision in the Depression years of the 1930's.



*Photo by Phyllis Harmon
We all enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Jenny Bruns at Illinois Beach State Park on the Zion Ride.*



Beautiful bicycling in Inverness - photos by Chuck Brenmark

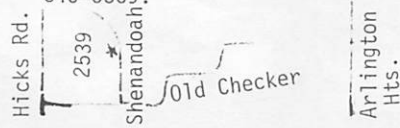


Schedule

- Nov. 3 CHICAGO LAKE FRONT, Chicago
 Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 25 miles from Foster Avenue parking on the lake. Beautiful ride along bike path on Chicago's famous lake front. We'll bike to the Adler Planetarium and lunch on the moon (Planetarium lunch room.) Howard Paul - 824-2941.
- Nov. 4 BIKE-A-THON AWARDS CEREMONY
 Sun. 1 p.m. at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E.Strong at Milwaukee Ave. north of Dundee. Awards for bicyclists riding for pledges raising \$100 or more dollars.
- Nov. 10 ANNUAL BANQUET, Wheeling
 Sat. Hans Bavarian Lodge - see page one for details.
- Nov. 17 THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST RIDE
 Sat. 8:30 a.m. from Carl Sandburg School, Schoenbeck south of Dundee Rd., Wheeling. L.A.W. Thanksgiving patch available Phyllis Harmon - 537-1268



- Dec. 8 HOLIDAY PARTY, Long Grove
 Sat. 10 a.m. - Bike/Hike/Swim/Cross Country Ski - depending upon the weather. Hosts are Myra and Jim Baum, 2539 Shenandoah, Long Grove - Enter off of Old Checker east of Hicks..they are the sixth house on the west side of the street. Bring Christmas grab bag gift. Club will provide entree...members bring pot luck. You could call Myra for menu suggestions - 540-0369.



The Baums have a lovely INDOOR swimming pool...bring your suit.

- Jan.1 -- NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE
 Tues. 10 a.m. from Dick and Ruth Ryan's in Barrington. Bike or hike...refreshments, brief meeting, socializing. Start the New Year right! 22053 N. Countryside Lane, Barrington - 381-1775.

Rides Re-ridden



MEMBERS' HARMON HUNDRED - At 6 a.m. it was bitter cold - we started out with cold fingers and toes and finally warmed up by the time we reached Algonquin where, just as last year, the fast riders merged with the slow riders before leaving us behind. The rest of the day was perfect for bicycling!

ZION RIDE - Gene Pilch was unable to lead his ride because of illness in his family. This was a route established back in 1971-72 and varied a bit to include Hunt Club Road and a ride past Tempel Smith's Lippizan horse farm. It was a perfect day for bicycling - comfortably cool and sunny...also Jenny Brun's birthday! At a railroad crossing on Wadsworth I saw several people standing around so asked if anything had happened. No, but a steam engine was coming..! We could see the headlight down the tracks. About eight of us waited to see the train - luckily I had my camera. It turned out to be a railroad excursion Chicago to Milwaukee and back for \$35.00. There were over 15 passenger cars, including three real old ones. The passengers could look out at the scenery...we got to see the train go by!

NORTHSHORE FRONT & BACKYARDS - Using the Green Bay Trail and 22 other miles, 16 riders started out in 34° temperature from Lake Bluff for a 43-mile ride to and from the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston. The Cone Zone (ice cream parlor) featured a Fritz Mondale Special..."2 scoops of rocky road ice cream and 2 squirts of anything that you think might help!" Suggested was rum or brandy!

Pat Marshall
SHOE FACTORY EXPRESS - No one should listen to a weather report on a Friday night...they are always wrong. This particular Friday night they predicted heavy rain from 10 p.m. through Sunday noon. Although it was overcast Saturday morning, you all missed a beautiful ride to Elgin. Jenny Bruns led us out to Elgin to Lord's Park and back with a pizza stop on the way back. It was a perfectly grand day for bicycling with bright sunshine and comfortably cool.

BREAKFAST RIDE - Still part of that rainy weather report, Sunday morning was very gray and looked like rain any minute. I went to Heritage Park just in case someone showed up and Al and Eva Dargiel did! So we head-

ed up to Libertyville for breakfast for a total of 29 miles. Whatever rain there was was more like liquid air, for the drops were very tiny and we didn't seem to get wet at all. Phyllis Harmon

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING - Last month Elliott Kanner presided at the meeting because Howard and Lois were bicycling in Vermont. This month Howard and Lois were back, but Elliott was biking in Vermont! Andy Tudor spoke on wheels...what an involved subject! I had no idea putting spokes into a bicycle wheel was that complicated. We all were fascinated! Unfortunately 10 p.m. rolled around too soon. We hope Andy will come back another time to finish his talk!

TIGER AND PUSSY CAT Dick Sorenson was out of town so Elliott kindly took over as leader. In spite of bad weather report, day was great for riding but because of later than usual scheduled start (32 miles in 2 hours to return by noon?) and a number of breakdowns for broken chain, stubborn pedal, collision that bent Pat Marshall's wheel, the Tigers didn't return until 2 p.m. Meanwhile- 4 Pussy cats found the maps Elliott had left on his car and took off on their own. Frustrating!

WHEELING BIKE-A-THON Horrible weather prediction and was for the Bike-A-Thon! Heavy overcast and heavy fog as workers gathered at 6:30 a.m. First riders almost invisible as they headed out. REACT vehicles found their way to various intersections. Then, wouldn't you know, it began to sprinkle and then pour! The registration table was moved up to the deep doorway and registration and mile marking people huddled out of the rain with umbrellas over the table! Several sopping wet people kept right on riding..it was 69° but because of the humidity, felt colder. Finally about 2 p.m. the rain stopped and several more people turned out for a total of 33 riders who brought in approximately \$1500. dollars!

A number of riders indicated interest in joining the Wheelmen and two turned in membership forms. President Sheila Schultz and Thomas Markus, President and Village Manager, rode 20 miles in the worst rain! Many, many thanks to the numerous members who turned out to work under very uncomfortable working conditions. Only two of you didn't show up...out of 26 of us...that's great! Thankyou!



MEMBER'S HARMON HUNDRED



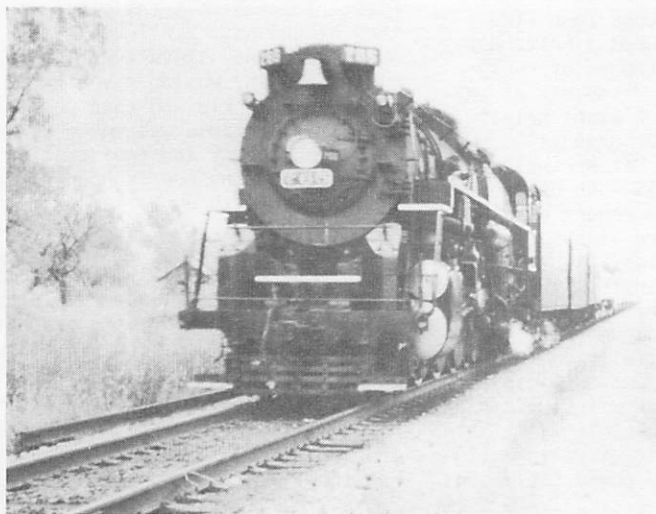
Above, Left: Bundled up against the cool morning air, Ken Smith, Joe Tobias and William Wilson, Jr. stop to enjoy the bright orange and green pumpkins in a field.

Above: By the time our riders reached Woodstock and enjoyed a snack on the square, the sun had brought up the temperature and we had beautiful riding the rest of the day. Lynn Masters, Al Petty and Lee Arnold compare stories before heading on to Greenwood.

Photos by Phyllis W. Harmon

NORTHSHORE FRONT & BACKYARDS

Group photo on Northwestern University campus after lunch.



ZION RIDE

Right: Pat Marshall, Lois Ryan, Elliott Kanner and Howard Paul watching down the train tracks for the old time steam engine and cars headed for Milwaukee.

