

NOVEMBER, 1985



MONTHLY MEANDERS



NOVEMBER

BANQUET

SAT. NOV. 9, 1984
HANS BAVARIAN LODGE
931 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Wheeling

SOCIAL HOUR 6:30, DINNER 7:30.

PROGRAM: IRELAND - THROUGH SYNCHRONIZED SLIDES AND MUSIC..PRESENTED BY NEW CLUB MEMBER PAT Mc GLEAM.

\$11.00 - choice of rouladen or white fish. Special price of \$5.00 for workers and cookie makers on Harmon Hundred. Checks payable to Wheeling Wheelmen and send to Dick Ryan, 22053 Countryside Lane, Barrington, IL 60010. Info: 381-1775.

MOOSE HUNTERS BIKE TO THEIR PREY

Don and Judy Stansfield sent in a newspaper clipping from Anchorage, Alaska. Sixty-nine hunters in Petersburg, near where the southeastern panhandle of Alaska disappears into Canada, had picked up permits for the two-week moose hunting season. They will slip on backpacks, sling rifles over their shoulders and mount their 10-speed bicycles.

Seems it's against the law to use motor vehicles to hunt moose. The all-terrain vehicles and three wheelers preferred by hunters elsewhere in Alaska are prohibited in the Thomas Bay hunt, so hunters use pedal power - easier than walking!

With 30 miles of deserted logging roads and many hunters on foot, no traffic jams are anticipated.

While vehicles may not be used for the hunt, they may be used to recover the meat and get it back to camp. Game officers monitoring the hunt will help by using their vehicles to pack the meat out.

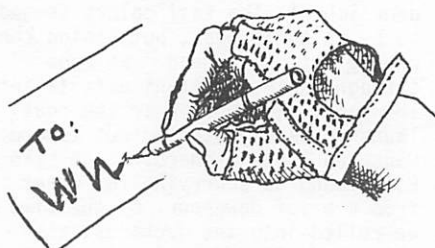
THE PREZ SEZ

Gee Whiz! Where did the cycling season go? Not much riding season left.

Which brings up the subject of winter. Now's the time to think about over-hauling your bike, or upgrading it. Perhaps Santa Claus will bring you a shiny new machine!

Winter sports beckon to some club members. Others detest the very thought of winter. Whatever - let's exercise this winter!

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Banquet November 9 and the Christmas party December 8. See you then!



Thank you!

The third annual Wheeling Bike-A-Thon "Cycling for Seniors" on October 6th was a success due to friends like you! Thanks for co-sponsoring this major fund-raiser to benefit the programs at Pavilion - the Wheeling Senior Center. We appreciate all your support - from advertising, road marking, pledging riders, handing out tokens, manning the registration table, and cycling the route yourselves!

This beautiful new facility at 199 N. First Street serves the social and recreational needs of area citizens 55 years and up. You are welcome to visit our unique multi-purpose center on Pavilion Pond, adjacent to Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center and The Wheeling Tower Housing Building. Just give me a call - 459-2670 - I'll be happy to show you around! Or, you may wish to share your talents or skills by presenting a class or one-time program at Pavilion, open to all suggestions.

Many thanks!

Barbara Hansen
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Houseguests

by Phyllis W. Harmon

Having an L.A.W. Hospitality home listed in BICYCLE USA Almanac brings the most interesting people to my doorstep. Bernard Imbleau of Quebec, Canada, doing the outline of the U.S. was here in August, the George Davis family of Clinton, Iowa, camped in my backyard for the Harmon Hundred, and Robin Radtke will have been with me a delightful month before she flies back to San Diego Oct. 28. Also, for a week during this time, Bernard Magnouloux was with us. Odd that Robin, raising funds for La Fayette statue in Metz, France, should be here at the same time Bernard was...as the Countryside Reminder put it (with a full page picture of Robin and Bernard): "An adventurous Frenchman and a California homemaker cross spokes in Wheeling on their separate tours of the U.S. by bicycle."

We made tapes of Robin's songs and Bernard taught her French words so she could sing them to the French cyclists when she joins them next April to bicycle wherever LaFayette fought in Virginia and North Carolina. Robin rode our Quarter Century and the Harmon Hundred and both participated in the Bike-A-Thon... switching bicycles for 30 miles... she rode his 120 lb. bike and he enjoyed her light racing bicycle.

Robin went to Door County, La Crosse, Minneapolis, and talked and sang in LaFayette, Indiana. We were sorry when it was time for Bernard to continue his trip. Robin and I bicycled with him to a most perfect restaurant for both of them to enjoy lunch...the 94th Aero Squadron on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. With the French flag flying overhead and the French chateau of World War I period, both were enchanted and we took several photos.

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P. O. Box 581-D,

Wheeling, Illinois 60090



Schedule

Nov. 2 LIBERTYVILLE LUNCH, Wheeling
Sat. 10 a.m. - 32 miles from Chamber Park, Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd. Family ride. Lunch in Libertyville. Elliott Kanner - 541-9176 or days 459-1300.

Nov. 9 - WHEELING WHEELMEN BANQUET
Sat. See page 1 and separate registration form.

If November weather good - impromptu rides...check with Ride Chairman.

Dec. 8 CHRISTMAS RIDE AND SOCIAL

Sun. 10 a.m. - bike or hike depend upon the weather. Hosts Jack and Lillian Russell, 923 Wayne Ave. in Deerfield. Deerfield Rd. to 2 blocks east of Tri-State (stop light) Wilmot... North on Wilmot 1 block to Hazel. R (E) on Hazel 5 blocks to R (S) on Wayne.. 1/2 block to 923. Pot luck. Phone for suggestions from Lillian - 940-0633. Also a Christmas grab bag has always been a big feature of our Christmas party.

Invitational

20TH WHEELMEN'S WINTER RENDEZVOUS
March 1-6, 1986 - Homestead, Florida
Hosts: Bicycle Club of Homestead
Hdq: The First Presbyterian Church
Special rates in area motels or camping available.

Registration fee of \$35.00 covers all events including Banquet and Century Day: 25, metric, century, night century and/or double century.

Deadline for registrations if Feb.15.

This is the first of the rally-type invitational events. The first one was March, 1967 and Dr. Paul Dudley White was guest of honor.

This is an ideal time of year for this event: weather is great in Florida, flowers, fruit, fresh pick-your-own vegetables and huge strawberries; balmy breezes swaying tall palm trees; georgous sunsets. Also, we northerners have had just enough cold, ice and snow that we can really appreciate the warm sun and going back to six weeks more of winter doesn't seem so bad.

Rides include Castellow Hammock, Alabama Jacks, picnic ride to Turkey Point, 20-miles to Botanical Gardens or 50-mile Wilderness Ride, Century Day, Bayfront Park or Metro Zoo ride.

Evenings include a fashion show, beer bust party, Race Across America slides, movies, and Banquet.

Contact Phyllis Harmon for further details or write for registration form to: Wheelmen's Winter Rendezvous, c/o World Bicycles, Inc., Rick Roush, 10678 S.W. 186 Street, Miami, FL 33157.

Rides Re-ridden



SHOE FACTORY EXPRESS - It was cool and overcast but a good day for bicycling. Terry Schwerin led seven riders over a new 34-mile route out to Elgin. The group lunched on chili and hot soup in a little old gas station near Lord's Park.

WHEELING BIKE-A-THON - It was uncomfortably cold in the early morning but workers were out setting up. Robin Radtke, "Lady LaFayette" and around the world bicyclist Bernard Magnouloux (ManYOUloo), were with us all day, pedaled 50 miles. Many thanks to the many volunteers. We didn't have a big turnout but will net close to \$2,000.

CHAIN O' LAKES - In what had to be the smallest turnout for a scheduled ride, two riders, led by Al Dargiel, set out in threatening weather for Chain O' Lakes State Park from Kildeer School. The fall colors seemed to be at their peak, outshining the dreary skies overhead. We rode through an intermittent drizzle into the park, ate lunch near the boat launch area and started out toward Wauconda Apple Orchard. Fish Lake Road found us scurrying for cover from a brief downpour. By the time we rolled into the Orchards, the skies had cleared partially, leaving us with balmy Indian Summer weather and making the final 10 miles back to Long Grove very pleasant.

Al Dargiel, Ride Leader
(and occasional Sweep!)

KANE COUNTY RAMBLE - After all the days of rain October 13 was 70° and sunny. Terry Schwerin led twelve riders on this 50-mile ride from Elgin to a picnic lunch in Hampshire and back.

GREEN BAY TRAIL - No rain! But after all the heavy rain recently there were puddles everywhere. Deb Blomstrann improvised and re-routed the 12 riders through suburbs to Northwestern University for lunch. Bill Vargas' pedal fell off, so he rode Betty's bicycle back to their car while she stayed with his bike at Evanston Hospital. Joe Tobias improvised his own route on the way back, which caused Elliott Kanner and Carolyn Wells, visitor from Milwaukee, to lose the group.

TIGER AND PUSSY CAT - Jim Grant led both rides on a great bicycling day. 51° in the morning, up to a 60° high. Skies were overcast but there was only a light wind and colored leaves were beautiful! The morning route of 32 miles covered a well-known

rugged bicycling area criss-crossed by a number of Wheeling Wheelmen routes. The afternoon 20 miles were south and west in easier, but beautiful, bicycling country. As more and more developments go up with homes on one or more acres, invading our rural bicycling areas, the one advantage is that more scenic roads are put through, giving us an ever-widening choice of roads to ride.

OCTOBER MEETING - What a delightful meeting! The post-Harmon Hundred reports and thank yous were quickly disposed of, leaving well over an hour to Robin Radtke's story of her three years of bicycling - 3700 miles in Europe in 1983 and riding in Germany, France and a grim visit to East Germany in 1984. She rode with Dr. Alexander Maas, a famous French heart specialist and bicyclist, and 10 other Frenchmen on a 757-mile eight-day tour, which resulted in Dr. Maas' request that she be "Lady LaFayette" in the U.S. in a joint movement between French and American bicyclists to raise money to replace LaFayette's statue in Metz, France. Robin has a beautiful soprano voice and sang several songs for us, two which she composed while bicycling in Europe.

BERNARD MAGNOULOUX - This red-headed 31-year old Frenchman from near Lyon, France, has been on the road since May, 1981. Everyone enjoyed his talk/slide show at Wheeling High School. He has a delightful sense of humor and his stories of experiences with "Rossinante", his bicycle, his sole companion through 36 countries and 36,000 miles so far on his trip around the world were entertaining, rib-tickling and, in some instances, horrifying. Half of Africa speaks French and the other half English, so communication was no problem, but water was. Arabs and natives shared their meagre water supplies--muddy, bug infested--but missionaries found him and cured the resulting amoebic dysentery. There were 1200 miles of desert sand to be covered...400 of them wheeling his bicycle on a railroad track while he trod the railroad ties! One year off to recover from injuries from attack in Acapulco and on to Quebec and Wheeling. Robin Radtke ended the program with talk and song and both answered many questions before time ran out.

Bernard's souvenir-laden bicycle sparked much interest and many questions

HARMON HUNDRED

Photos by Phyllis W. Harmon and Jim Gehrke



It's still dark outside, but Judy Doi and Joe Tobias are waiting to register early arrivals.



As the skies lighten, more and more participants turn out in spite of the sauna-like weather...1,008 in all!



Lillian and Jack Russell, Deb Blomstrann and our President Bob Meute caught on film before heading out to various sag stops.

Including those ride the Members' Harmon Hundred, altogether there were:

- 521 Century Riders
- 391 Half-Century
- 147 Quarter Century
- 1059 Total !

Also, there were 27 pre-registered that did not show up - apparently due to the excessive heat and humidity.



Right: Jenny Bruns heading for her sag stop.

Photo J.Gehrke



Busy Pat Marshall loading up for the Cuba Road Sag stop. All 3 routes stopped there!



Mary Ellen Spirek of Bikes Plus setting up shop display. We very much appreciate Dick and M-E's generous donation of their time helping maintain bicycles and supplying much needed tires or equipment.

HARMON HUNDRED PHOTOS *continued*

Beautiful sag stop at Wauconda Apple Orchard. The flowers, antique barn and rustic setting plus availability of water and facilities made it a perfect stop



President Bob Meute and Jerry Goldman, who has volunteered to be Harmon Hundred Chairman next year. Marilyn Mathison is next to them.



Barbara and Jim Hansen and Howard and Lois Paul at Sag #2 at Glacial Park south of Richmond. Pump, facilities and refreshment table made a colorful setting for a stop.



Barbara and Jim Hansen replenishing the water supply. So much water was needed because of the heat and humidity..great to have it so nearby.



Lunch stop in City Park in Woodstock. Plenty of food, and riders welcomed all the beverages. Humidity was down but the heat was excessive. These were riders near the front and they were setting a fast pace.



Here, too, Jim and Joan Andresen and their two little boys were set up for ABC Cyclery for maintenance and repairs where needed. Many thanks for your generous offer.

Wheeling Wheelmen Ballot

Check or fill in choice. Mail to:
URGENT: MAIL NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 3

BALLOT
 Wheeling Wheelmen
 P.O. Box 581-D
 Wheeling, IL 60090

Two ballots are enclosed if you
 have a family membership.

PRESIDENT:

ROBERT MEUTE _____

VICE-PRESIDENT:

JIM GRANT _____

TREASURER:

DICK SORENSON _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

PAT MARSHALL _____

SECRETARY:

PHYLLIS HARMON _____

SAFETY CHAIRMAN:

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Wheeling Wheelmen Annual Banquet

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1985

Social Hour 6:30 - Dinner 7:30

HANS' BAVARIAN LODGE
 931 N. Milwaukee Ave.
 Wheeling

\$11.00 per person. Special \$5.00 for Harmon Hundred workers.

PROGRAM: PAT Mc GLEAM - IRELAND. THROUGH SYNCHRONIZED SLIDES AND MUSIC AND TRAVEL WITH HIM BY BICYCLE THROUGH IRELAND.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR TOP MILEAGE, SERVICE RECOGNITION, AND MEET YOUR 1986 OFFICERS.
 Reservations by Nov. 5 to Dick Ryan, 22053 N. Countryside Lane, Barrington IL 60090.

Cut along line and fill in Banquet reservations - mail before November 5.



ANNUAL BANQUET PICTURESQUE IRELAND



HANS' BAVARIAN LODGE, 931 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, Illinois
 Saturday, November 9, 1985 - Social Hour 6:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Choice _____ Rouladen (Beef) # _____ @ \$11.00 = \$ _____
 _____ White Fish # _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
 for Harmon Hundred workers
 Names: (Print please) Total \$ _____

Check payable to:
 Wheeling Wheelmen
 Send to: Dick Ryan
 22053 Countryside Lane
 Barrington, IL 60010

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Information: 381-1775
 RESERVATIONS BY NOVEMBER 5.

HARMON HUNDRED *continued*



Phil Badame, Vicki Greenlees and Herb Liebsch man the #4 Sag Stop at Hickory Nut Grove near Rawson Bridge.



Cuba Road Sag for all three routes. No facilities and water had to be brought in..but Jim Gehrke provided the tarps for shade and protection from the sun and extreme heat and, later, from the heavy rain.



Don Derebey rode sag for the Century. At the Cuba Road Sag - 88.2-miles - riders came in perspiring and uncomfortably hot. For those would appreciate the cool water, Pat Marshall sprayed them with water from water bottles!

Photo by Jim Gehrke

Right: Pat Marshall made this sign on which first-time Century riders could sign

LOST and FOUND

- 2 tan metal chairs
- 3 water bottles
- pair cycling gloves
- 1 T-shirt
- plastic salad fork
- sun glasses

MISSING

- 1 McDonald's beverage container.



With the heavy rain and a 25° drop in temperature, rain gear was welcome. Dale and Alberta Youssi put on their gear while Pat Marshall, donned her raincape. After the first wild blast of wind, the riders found the rain a relief from the heat. They splashed back to Wheeling High School, leaving puddles of water everywhere.

Photo by Jim Gehrke

Right: "Doctor" Peter Gianakakis competently treats the skinned knee of a rider who skidded on the wet pavement.

Fortunately, this was the only treatment needed for the 1,008 riders...a first aid kit was sufficient.

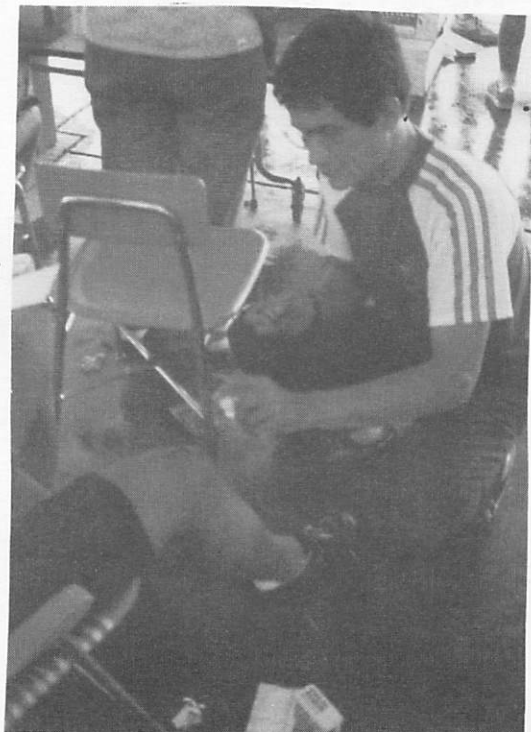


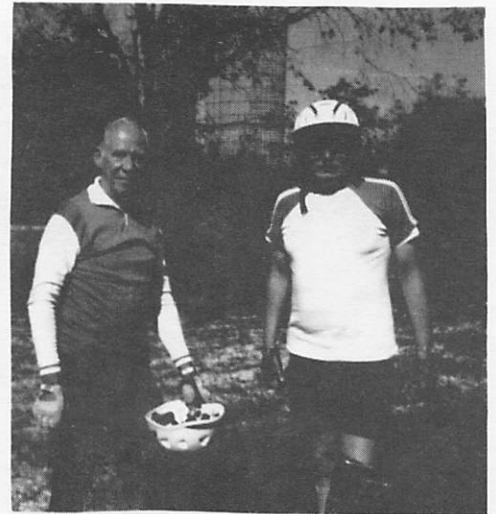
Photo by Jim Gehrke

MEMBERS' HARMON HUNDRED, SEPT. 15

Photos by Phyllis Harmon



David Blustein on the Members' Harmon Hundred with a background of beautiful rural scenery. David filmed the HH on video.



Two past presidents, Howard Paul and Roger Thauland



Betty and Bob Vargas on the Members' Harmon Hundred. Bob was chairman responsible for the arrows on the road. A big job well done. Also we appreciate the arrows for the Wheeling Bike-A-Thon!



Lunch at Wauconda Apple Orchard on the Apple Pie Ride. Can you find Al Dargiel, Elliott Kanner, Deb Blomstrann, Al and Lynn Petty, Ted and Sherry Uhlemann, Joe Tobias...?

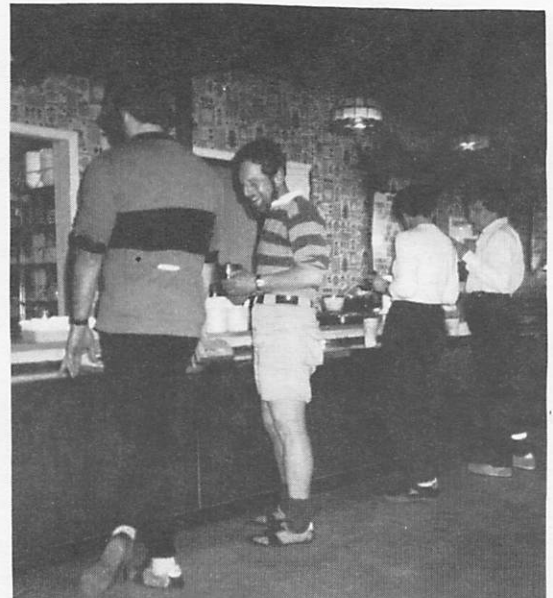


Beautiful bicycling on the way to Wauconda Apple Orchard.

Apple Pie Ride

Photos by Jim Gerhke

Right: Al Dargiel, Elliott Kanner, Deb Blomstrann and Barbara Hansen making their lunch selections.





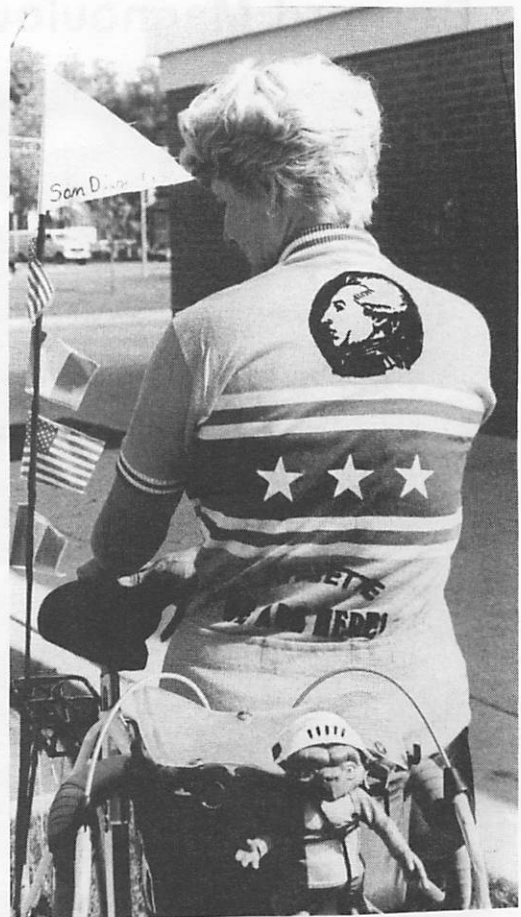
Robin Radtke, P.O. Box 87187,
San Diego, CA 92138

Robin Radtke "Lady Lafayette"

Gilbert, Marquis de La Fayette, was 18 when he learned of our struggle for freedom. He bought a ship, hired and outfitted soldiers and sailed to America to offer his services to George Washington. He induced France to join us in our Revolutionary War. Without his help we probably would not be America today.

We put his statue in Metz, France, in 1920, which Germany melted down for ammunition in WW II.

Now a Franco-American movement is under way to replace the statue.



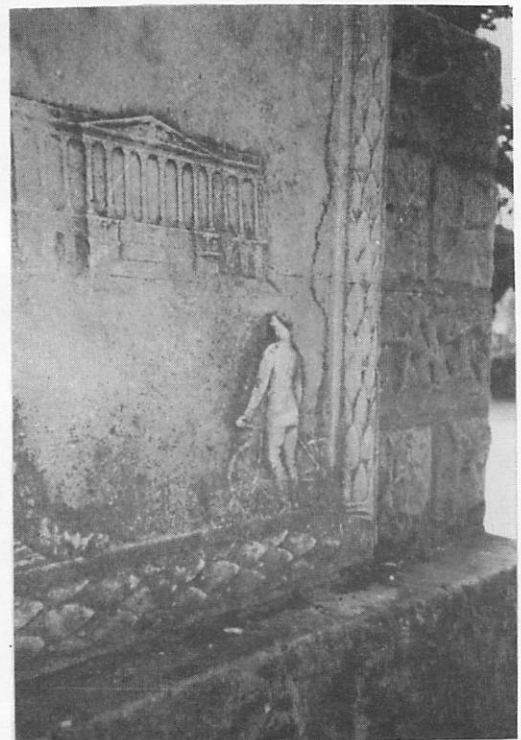
Robin Radtke has been bicycling several times in Europe, in France and Germany. The French cyclists asked her to be "Lady LaFayette" in the movement to raise funds to replace the statue. She speaks on the life of LaFayette, sings beautifully and sells lovely Paris-made jerseys and bronze and gold medallions.



Robin, of San Diego, is an enthusiastic bicyclist. She rides with Southern California cyclists, did RAGBRAI, Harmon Hundred, and is bicycling the country, especially to towns named LaFayette. It is a pleasure to listen to her relate her experiences and adventures!



Left: Original statue on still-standing pedestal. Below: Proposed more active statue. Right: On the pedestal, bicyclist looking at our Capitol



Jersey \$45.00; Medallion, Bronze \$40.00, Silver \$50.00.

Check payable to: La Fayette Statue Committee

Bernard Magnouloux - Around The World Bicyclist

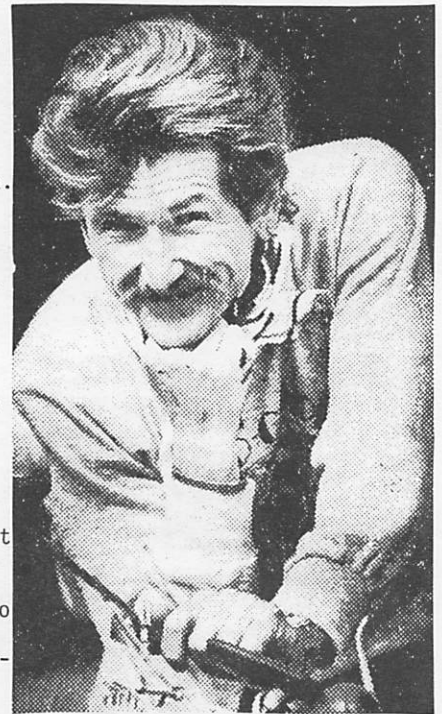
36 COUNTRIES - 36,000 MILES FROM LYON, FRANCE TO WHEELING, ILLINOIS



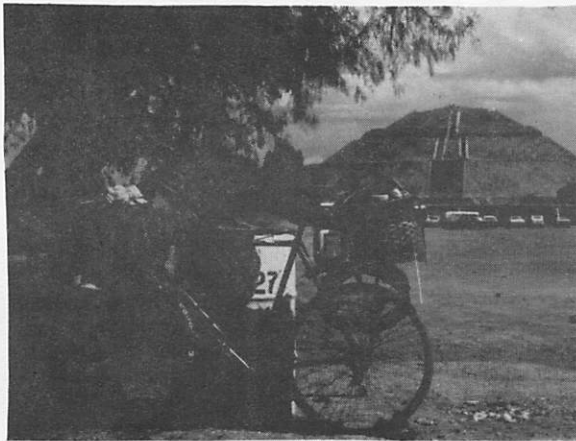
"Rossinante" - weighs 120 lbs. with gear and souvenirs.

France, Spain, Morocco, Algeria. (Libya border closed) ferry to Italy, Greece, Crete, Egypt, Sudan, Kenya and down to So Africa. Hung paper in Johannesburg for fare to Buenos Aires. Across So. America, bike up to Machu Pichu. Central America, Mexico, around Gulf of Mexico to Florida, up to Quebec, Canada, back to New York and to Wheeling.

Now on way to Salt Lake City, San Francisco, down coast to San Diego and to Orient, Nepal, India. Communist borders closed so fly to Turkey and back to France by May of 1987!



Bernard Magnouloux is a red headed Frenchman - good natured, excellent and humorous speaker; great slides!



Pyramid of the Moon, Mexico City. Bernard was mugged and seriously injured in Acapulco.



Egyptian pyramids near Cairo. Miles of sand meant walk railroad ties and wheel bike on one track!



High in Peru - 13,000 ft. - very windy and cold.



Two days later - Peruvian desert and extreme heat!