

DECEMBER, 1985



MONTHLY MEANDERS



DECEMBER

Holiday Party



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
10:00 A.M. DEERFIELD

Bike or hike - distance will depend upon the weather. Hosts this year are Jack and Lillian Russell, 923 Wayne Ave. Deerfield Road to two blocks east of the Tri-State Tollway to stop light at Wilmot. North on Wilmot 1 block to Hazel. R (E) on Hazel 5 blocks to R (S) on Wayne. 1/2 block to 923.

This is a pot luck. Call Lillian 940-0633 for menu ideas and also for a "nose count" so she'll know how many to plan for. Club buys the entree.

Bring a grab bag gift, too!


Annual Banquet

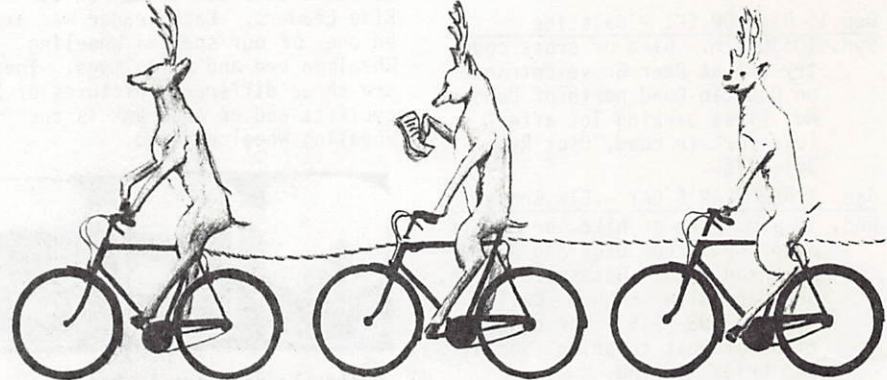
There may have been a cloudburst outside, but sixty two Wheeling Wheelmen were snug, warm and having a wonderful time at our Wheeling Wheelmen's annual banquet at Hans Bavarian Lodge. The social hour had the customary animated conversations that occur whenever bicyclists get together. It is always fun to recognize that fellow or gal all dressed up in suit or dress as the same cyclist you usually see in cycling shorts and T-shirts.

Bob Meute, President, thanked the many volunteers for a very successful year and especially named all the many Harmon Hundred workers. We all enjoyed his witty comments as well as from members. Dick Ryan was praised for the excellent work done on the Harmon Hundred routes and Elliott Kanner was commended for all the time devoted to being Ride Chairman as well as almost daily trips to the P.O. box and distribution of mail!

See page two.

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

An  Affiliate



Wishing You A Merry Christmas

And A Pleasant Ride Thru '86

Phil Hursthouse

THE PREZ SEZ

Now is the time to consider what has happened over the past year. I believe that we had a very successful cycling season. However, I'm sure that not everyone was satisfied with the events over the riding year.

So, I'm appealing to you to contribute your ideas and time for the next year. We always have support from the "seasoned veterans" of the club. Still others contribute in many ways. You "newer" members out there may bring new insights into our organization. We want your input just as much as the input of the more experienced members.

You may want to be ride leaders next year. If you have any special talent, please talk to us about how you may put your talent to use in our active group. Maybe you want to talk to some of the officers concerning any particular insights you may have regarding club activities.

Now that I'm embarking on my second year as club president, I know from experience that everyone working together will make the club continue to be successful in the coming year. With this in mind, please continue to give me your support and ideas.

Again, many thanks to all for your help during the past year. I wish to everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous, Healthy, and Safe New Year!

Bob Meute

Outgoing Officers

With a very busy work and travel schedule with the North Suburban Library District (largest in the US) Elliott Kanner has made time to serve two years as Wheeling Wheelmen president and two terms as vice-president/ride chairman. He topped that off by also picking up the club mail from the P.O. box and distributing it to the president, treasurer, editor, membership chairman, ride participant lists to Dick Schaller! In addition Elliott had top club mileage last year and, in spite of a heavy work-travel schedule, still came in fourth in mileage this year!

Elliott, I think you'll find you have some spare time in 1986! We very much appreciate your dedication!

Dana Elsesser handled memberships expertly and kept Dick Schaller up to date on changes and new members.

Pat Marshall as Program Chairman tracked down a wide variety of subjects and speakers for our pleasure. Thank you Pat and Dana.

President:	Bob Meute	823-2592
Vice-Pres:	Jim Grant	506-1269
Treasurer:	Dick Sorenson	593-7945
Membership:	Pat Marshall	564-0346
Safety:	Al Petty	948-7288
Secretary:	Phyllis Harmon	537-1268
Editor:	Phyllis Harmon	537-1268
Program:	Volunteer needed	
Rec.Secy:	Volunteer needed	
For Check-Out:		
Bike Tools:	Bill Butcher	541-7411
Library:	Dick Ryan	381-1775

Schedule

Dec. 7 HOLIDAY PARTY, Deerfield

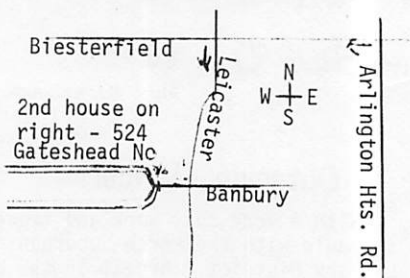
Sat. Bike or Hike - depending on the weather. 10 a.m. at Jack and Lillian Russell's (see page 1 for details).

Dec.15 BIKE OR SKI - Palatine

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Bike or cross country ski at Deer Grove entrance on Quentin Road north of Dundee Rd. First parking lot after left fork in road. Dick Ryan - 381-1775.

Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Elk Grove

Wed. 10 a.m. Bike or hike..or ski if deep snow. From Dick and Ardie Sorenson's, 524 Gateshead North, See map below. Brunch. Call Ardie - 593-7945 - for suggestions of what to bring. Social and brief meeting.
Start the New Year off right!



Jan. 4 SKI CHAIN OF LAKES STATE PARK

Sat. 10 a.m. NOT FOR BEGINNERS! Must be able to maneuver sharp down hill curves at fast speeds! Route 12 through town of Fox Lake to State Park Road. Follow road all the way to parking lot by park office near warming house and concession stand. Ted Uhlemann - 790-1312.

Jan.12 SKI, Ryerson Woods, Deerfield

Sun. 10 a.m. Entrance to Ryerson Woods is on the west side of Riverwoods Road, west of the intersection with Portwine Rd. Al and Lynn Petty - 948-7288.

Jan.18 BIKE OR SKI - Deer Grove

Sat. 10 a.m. Howard Paul - 824-2941
SHOW AND GO.....

Any unscheduled Saturday in December and January...10 a.m. Bike or Ski from Deer Grove. Entrance on Quentin Road, south of Dundee Rd. in Palatine. Left fork in road to first parking lot.

1986 RIDE PLANNING MEETING

Mark your calendar NOW for Friday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. for meeting at Jim and Jenny Grant's at 1216 S. New Wilkie Rd. #204 (just south of Central) in Arlington Heights.. 506-1269.

Here's your chance to select the ride you want to lead next year - either a new route of your own or select one of your favorite rides from our large map library!

ANNUAL BANQUET - CONTINUED

1985

Ride Leaders Recognized

Elliott Kanner, Vice President and Ride Chairman, recognized the valuable services of all of our 1985 Ride Leaders. Each leader was awarded one of our special Wheeling Wheelmen red and white mugs. There are three different pictures of bicyclists and on the back is the Wheeling Wheelmen logo.



Ride leaders are listed below. If you were not at the Banquet, Howard Paul will have them available at the Holiday Party and New Year's Day bike or hike events.

Elliott Kanner	Howard Paul
Phyllis Harmon	Don Derebey
Jenny Bruns Grant	Jim Grant
Pat Marshall	Bob Vargas
Ted Uhlemann	Betty Vargas
Dick Sorenson	Dick Ryan
Terry Schwerin	Joe Tobias
Deb Blomstrann	Elida Rech
Chuck Friedrich	Chuck Moen
Jim Shoemaker	Bob Morrell
Jerry Goldman	Al Dargiel
George and Marilyn Mathison	

If you didn't earn your mug this year you can start your mug collection by signing up to lead a ride in 1986. Come to the Ride Planning meeting January 17 or phone Jim Grant - 506-1269.

Two other members were awarded club mugs: Lillian Russell has the distinction of making the most progress in bicycling in 1985 and a close runner-up was Betty Vargas. Congratulations!

Top Mileage

The five men and five women with the most 1985 bicycle miles pedaled on club rides were awarded \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$15. with which to purchase needed bicycle accessories.

Joseph Tobias	1,092
Howard Paul	889
Richard Wemstrom	847
Elliott Kanner	843
Jim Grant	839

Pat Marshall	1,053
Deb Blomstrann	927
Phyllis Harmon	781
Gerry McPheron	714
Jenny Bruns Grant	685

Rob Schaller, with part time job and college, pedaled 10,000 miles and Jim Grant did over 35 centuries!

Thank You!

There have been so many volunteers this year - not only long time members but a number of new ones. No wonder this has been such a great year!

Our two invitationals - the first ride of the season, The St.Patrick's Day Ride and our Harmon Hundred held in September, during National Century month, could never have grown to the present size without the excellent cooperation of all you volunteers. All of you have been thanked in the newsletter, by Bob Meute, the club president, and others. However, there are others who have kept the club moving smoothly and effectively. This is the time to gratefully say "Thank you!!!"

Judy Doi - Working behind the scenes, Judy volunteered to mail out the newsletter. She puts labels and stamps on the envelopes. We mail them out together, or if I am out of town, Judy mails them alone. Once in awhile Pat Marshall pitches in, too. So the next time you get your newsletter - think "Thank you, Judy."

Dick Schaller - What a tremendous difference this man has made in sending out club mailings and keeping the membership list current. He volunteered to put the membership list on his computer and provide labels for our mailings. He also keeps records of ride participants for club mileage - this alone saved Elliott hours of work! Now he has put the Harmon Hundred participants - all 1,008 of them - on the computer so we will have ready made labels next year! Thank you, Dick!

Bob and Betty Vargas This couple always volunteers when needed! This year they became Refreshment Chairmen so that we could munch on the goodies at meetings. They found members each month to provide snacks!

Jenny Bruns Grant - Here is another willing volunteer wherever needed. Besides writing interesting articles for our newsletters, Jenny volunteered to take minutes at our meetings

Marilyn Mathison - Rather than have a number of automobiles drive to out of town invitationals, Marilyn tries to match drivers with extra space with bikers needing a ride. Be sure to contact her if you have space. She also has handled orders for our attractive club jerseys-

1986 Officers.

Bob Meute continues as president for another year. Jim Grant will work with Elliott Kanner and wife Jenny as Rides Committee. Dick Sorenson efficiently continues as treasurer. Pat Marshall will promote membership which she loves to do! Al Petty has plenty to say on safety and Phyllis Harmon is secretary doing the work she has been doing right along.