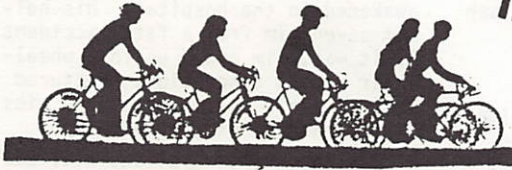


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MONTHLY MEANDERS



Wednesday, May 7 - 7:30 p.m.

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PROGRAM: David Blustein's Video of our HARMON HUNDRED.

The Prez Sez

Now that spring has sprung, we anticipate an eventful and successful cycling season in the months ahead.

We need to be reminded of proper behavior when riding alone, or on a club ride. Please observe the Rules of the Road. Use proper hand signals. Watch out for cars, trucks, buses, pedestrians and kids. (Dogs always seem to be present, don't they!)

When our club rides, let's help newcomers to become seasoned riders. Encourage them up the hills and compliment them when they get to the top.

Cars, trucks, buses, etc. do not own the streets and highways. But we don't own them either. If cars approach from behind, we must ride single file. *It is the law!*

I can write about safe riding procedures on and on. I won't bore you with that. My major concern as president is for each member to enjoy cycling by remaining in one piece.

I commute from Park Ridge to Oak Park many times on my bike. So I am keenly aware of the need to concentrate on traffic and to anticipate what is happening hundreds of feet ahead.

I strongly urge each member to buy a helmet. Your brains are worth the cost. *Then, use it.*

So, please enjoy the season. Our sport is poetry on wheels.

Bob Meute

Illinois Highway Law On Our Side

by Joseph Tobias

A way has now been opened by the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois to get at all those motorists who, with a blast of their horns, send the cyclist wobbling off onto a soft shoulder, or spit or swear at him, or cut him off, or bedevil him and threaten his life by assorted other devices.

A couple of years ago I proposed in writing that Wheeling Wheelmen and other cycling clubs in the area engage in a concerted campaign for the arrest of these fine souls. Don Dereby, who then was Safety Chairman, was kind enough to see the proposal printed. But nothing came of it. Not a single rise.

Now, however, the dark night has ended. In an opinion published on January 29 of this year and written by Justice Thomas J. Moran, of Waukegan, and in which all six other justices concur, the Supreme Court holds that Section 11-1003.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1983, ch. 95 and 1/2, par. 11-1003.1) is valid and not rendered unconstitutional in requiring the motorist to "exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian, or any person operating a bicycle or other device propelled by human power...", but not imposing a paralleling requirement on the pedestrian, cyclist, et cetera.

The case is People v. Wawczak, 486 N.E. 2d 911, 93 Ill. Decns. 378, an appeal from a holding of unconstitutionality by the DuPage County Circuit Court.

Justice Moran states:

The defendant...argues that the statute...is vague because it encourages discriminatory enforcement. Since a bicyclist may not be cited under the statute for causing a collision with an automobile, defendant argues that the statute encourages discrimination against motorists. However, we do not find any constitutional defect. There is no ambiguity as to what type of vehicles owe a duty of "due care", and no ambiguity as to whom the duty is

owed. The scope of penal statutes is for the legislature to decide, and a statute is not vague merely because it reaches certain types of conduct but not to others.

There are other aspects of this decision which are perhaps of even more transcending importance to the law, but, from the viewpoint of the cyclist, grand vistas open up.

You borrow a friend's bike and go to it--naturally informing him that you're "going cycling". Or if your friend selfishly refuses to make the loan you might consider waiting for a police auction. Certain accoutrements might also be considered, for example, a super-strong helmet, knee pads, and a back and neck brace.

One other essential is PRUDENCE. The careful legal practitioner is bound to advise his client that the decision is limited to "due care". IT DOES NOT GIVE WARRANT TO A WILFULLY AND DELIBERATE WHEELED CHARGE INTO THE MOTOR VEHICLE. Any culpability by the cyclist must be no more than lack of due care. A deliberate assault and impact by the cyclist surely--and justly--invites the full wrath of the law. On the other hand, it would seem that the facts that the cyclist was not then using his own bicycle, or was astraddle a heap, or was wearing knee pads which he had just purchased, none of these factors would be treated as evidence of deliberation.


It might be noted that the statute does not deal with civil liability.

My suggestion and recommendation of two years ago died on the vine. Let's see what comes of this one.



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by AL PETTY

Saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" may be a cliché, but it's still sound advice for cyclists riding in traffic. According to Gary Brustin, a Beverly Hills attorney who specializes in bicycle accident claims, the 6 most common auto/bicycle traffic mishaps are as follows:

1. A motorist makes a left-hand turn in front of a cyclist coming from the opposite direction.
2. A motorist at a stop sign on a side street pulls out in front of a cyclist entering the intersection.
3. A motorist making a right-hand turn cuts off a cyclist riding parallel to the vehicle.
4. A cyclist is hit from behind by an overtaking motorist. (Common at night and in rural areas.)
5. A motorist pulls out from a driveway in front of a cyclist.
6. A motorist, parked along the road, opens the door into an approaching cyclist.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that 80% of cycling accidents could be avoided. The aforementioned Gary Brustin says visibility of the cyclist is the key. John Kukoda of Bicycling Magazine suggests three things: Be seen; Be predictable; Be paranoid!

Let's briefly look at these areas to see how we, as cyclists, can benefit.

BE SEEN AND NOTICED

1. Wear bright colored clothing; use lights and reflectors after sundown, and wear a bright or light colored helmet.
2. Slow down at intersections and use hand signals well in advance.
3. Don't antagonize motorists with obscene gestures or shouts.
4. Become a part of the traffic instead of just riding beside it. Use the special designated traffic lanes to make turns. Assert your right to move out of bike lanes whenever necessary.
5. While waiting for a red light behind a line of traffic, don't pass on the right between cars and curb. It's illegal and you can get "doored" as well. Wait your turn in the lane, taking your turn like a car.
6. Of course, if possible, avoid

congested public roads and peak rush hour traffic situations.

BE PREDICTABLE

1. Ride in a straight line along the edge of the road, and be sure not to swerve to the right or left to confuse motorists. If you see a pothole or other possible problem, check over your shoulder or in your mirror for possible traffic behind you. Then signal to let traffic know your intention. You can steer to the left gradually to avoid the obstruction and back to the right again.

2. Don't swerve in and out of the spaces between parked cars. Steer a straight course.

3. Use the legally correct hand signals to signal your intent.

BE PARANOID

1. Scrutinize each side street and driveway for cars, kids on bikes, dogs, runaway shopping carts, or whatever. Also, look through the rear windows of parked cars for someone who might throw open a door, or a pedestrian about to step out from between cars.

2. Make eye contact with drivers stopped at intersections, and even watch the front wheels of the car. If you see them move, you can get ready to brake, swerve or shout.

3. Forget horns, bells, etc. A loud scream is just as loud, quicker to execute and requires no hands.

4. Motorists coming from the rear frequently overtake the cyclist and immediately make a right turn with no consideration for the fate of the rider. When this happens, it's time for hard braking and a loud shout. When it happens before the rear fender has passed you, you've got no choice but to turn with it.

While riding in heavy traffic, be extra cautious and alert because "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Here is a little true story related to the bicycle/dog confrontation. The following freak accident can happen to a careful, conservative rider who practices good safety habits.

There were six riders strung out 20 to 30 feet apart, traveling about 10 mph in a residential area on a divided road with a grass median. Tim Styles remembers nothing, but another rider, who was behind him, said that a large cat suddenly raced across the opposite lane, the median, and smashed directly into Tim's bicycle.

Tim went down, the cat ran off, and riders coming from behind thought Tim was dead. He was unconscious for 20 to 30 minutes and

awakened in the hospital. His helmet saved him from a fatal accident. As it was, Tim ended up in a wheelchair with a concussion, fractured left clavicle, seven fractured ribs and a fracture of the left hip.

Tim hopes that cyclists will add cats to their danger list. Apparently they can lose all fear of a bike and crash into you. (Maybe this cat was on "drugs".)

Yours truly was almost hit by a charging raccoon on last year's Udder Century. It came out of the weeds on the right side of the road and crossed my path about one foot in front of my moving front wheel.

Guess these animals are not afraid of cyclists!

Well, that's enough for this month. Have a great month of safe cycling and I hope you don't get hit by a skunk! If you do, raise a big stink and let me know!

Hit and Run

Diane Ziegler Matuska, past president of the Illinois Valley Wheelmen in Peoria, was killed by a hit and run driver April 7 while commuting home from work. Diane was an exceptionally strong rider, well experienced. In fact, Channel 25 cable TV had had a special interview with her as a perfect example of what a bicyclist should be.

The police estimated from the paint chips that the van was either a Ford or Chevy - 30 years old! The police picked up the 1950 van and driver several days later. The driver was a tavern owner from Peoria.

In 1977 Diane bicycled alone back from the L.A.W. Denver Rally to Peoria and two years she bicycled across the U.S. She married Ron Matuska, also a past president of the Illinois Valley Wheelmen, two years ago. This lovely girl will be sorely missed by her many, many friends and family.

The Enwrights

Chatted with Mike and Laura on the phone---they are in their new home. Have planted ice plants on the hill below their home as a fire deterrent, put in succulent plants in front, a cactus garden and put up a fence on one side. Now are putting in decorative rock...You're right...they haven't done too much bicycling lately...but they look forward to seeing Wheeling Wheelmen at the BICYCLE USA National Rally in St. Louis, July 105. And for those of you who won't be there, Mike and Laura say the welcome mat is always out for any Wheeling Wheelmen who get out to San Diego.

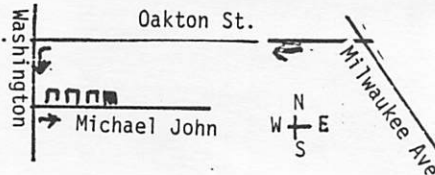
Schedule

May 3 COLLEGE CAMPUS CRUISE Wheeling

Sat. 10 A.M. - 35 miles from Chamber Park, Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd. Tour 3 college campuses. \$3 for lunch at Lake Forest College. Don Derebey - 255-3422.

May 4 BREAKFAST RIDE, Park Ridge

Sun. 7:30 a.m. - 20 miles from Bob Meute's home, 232 Michael John. Bob Meute - 823-2592.



May 10 LAKE COUNTY COLLEGE CLASSIC

Sat. 9 a.m. - 45 miles from Kildeer School, Long Grove. Lunch at Gullivers at Lake County College. Don Derebey - 255-3422.

May 10-11 TOFRV, Arlington Heights

Sat-Sun. Tour of the Fox River Valley. 100 miles each day. 6 a.m. from Frontier Park, 1933 N. Kenecott and Palatine Rd. Joint Wheeling/Evanston Ride. Overnight \$25-\$35. Jim & Jenny Grant - 506-1269.

May 11 BREAKFAST RIDE, Wheeling

Sun. 7 a.m. - 20 miles from Carl Sandburg School, Schoenbeck south of Anthony. Breakfast at Bill Knapp's. Phyllis Harmon - 537-1268.

May 17 BREAKFAST RIDE, Chicago

Sat. Parking lot on Milwaukee Ave. just north of Devon. 7:30 a.m. - 20 miles. George and Marilyn Mathison - 825-5470.

also

May 17 WESTWARD HO, Elgin

Sat. 9 a.m. for 20 or 60 miles; 11 a.m. for 40 miles from Wing Park, one mile south of NW Tollway on Rt. 31 to Wing; 1/2 mile west to Wing Park. Bring or buy lunch in St. Charles. Joint ride with McHenry County Bike Club. Jerry Goldman - 695-7964

May 31 MCHENRY DAM RIDE, Long Grove

Sat. 10 a.m. - 40 miles from Kildeer School, Bring sack lunch for McHenry Dam State Park. Wheeling/Evanston joint ride. Howard Paul - 824-2941

June 8 DEKALB RIDE, DeKalb

Sun. DeKalb/Wheeling club ride from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. 9 a.m. - 62 miles. Further details in June newsletter. Joe Tobias - 835-2547.



Vice Activities

By the time you read this article, the riding season will be well upon us and many of you will have begun to accumulate more than a few miles of riding. In the course of those miles, some have it easier than others. Why?

Two people can ride on the same road for the same distance on identical bicycles and yet one is tired while the other is not. A good explanation for this is that the one rider is thinking enough about his mode of transport to use the gears properly while the other rider is lazily ambling along shiftlessly.

Given a wide range of gears properly spaced apart, most riders should be able to conquer just about any terrain. The gear to ride in is the one which affords the least work. By spinning the pedals fast enough so that there is minimal pressure needed to turn them around, and by changing the gears to meet each change in hills or wind, a rider can go farther and faster with much less work.

Jim Grant, Vice President

True Heirs of LaFayette

This was the title of a newspaper clipping received from Washington D.C. The French cyclists--and Robin Radtke--were holding a ceremony in LaFayette Park opposite the White House. A car struck a pedestrian on Pennsylvania Avenue. Commuters remained in their cars, but the French cyclists came to the aid of the young woman. "The group's leader, French cardiologist Andre Mas, was the first to her side, quickly assessing her injuries, reassuring her and kneeling in the street with her. Other members of the group, highly visible in their bright orange cycling jerseys, formed a cordon around the two to provide protection until the D.C. police and ambulance arrived to take over."

Wednesday Night Rides

6:30 p.m. until twilight. 10 to 20 miles depending upon length of day.

May 7 - No ride - monthly meeting

May 14- From Wood Oaks School in Northbrook. 1/4-mile south of Dundee Rd. on Sanders Rd. Pat Marshall - 564-0346.

May 21- From Bob Meute's home, 232 Michael John, Park Ridge - 823-2592.

May 28- From Jim and Jenny Grant's, 1216 S. New Wilke Rd. Arlington Heights. Meet in parking lot in front of the apt. bldg. 15-20 miles on Busse Woods Bike Path. 506-1269.

Rides Re-ridden



ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIDE - What a great day for our first ride of the year! 390 riders gathered in Long Grove on a bright, sunny, cool day to register and snack on a delicious assortment of homemade cookies contributed by our culinary experts. Chairman Jerry Goldman appreciatively says "Thank you" to all of you. Many riders enjoyed a snack at Kelseys Road House that displayed a wide assortment of Irish decorations for the special occasion. The temperature dropped in the afternoon which made the ride back a bit nippy.

SPRING RIDE - It was a very blustery day but 26 riders turned out to buck the wind over the bike path and surrounding area of Busse Woods. George and Marilyn led the group and Dick Sorenson came up with a short cut to combat the wind. The group breakfasted at the Seven Stars Restaurant after the ride.

RURAL RUSTIC ROUTE - Cindy Cochrane led 38 enthusiastic riders through Prairie View, lunch in Long Grove and back to Wheeling. Here it was March and a beautiful, bright, sunny day - and warm!

APPLE PIE RIDE - Another perfect day for bicycling! Elliott Kanner led 32 riders from Buffalo Grove High School out to Wauconda Apple Orchard for lunch and back. We couldn't believe our good luck in having such warm weather so early in the season!

BOTANIC GARDEN RIDE - Al Dargiel led this ride that began with two unintentional starting points - one group starting at Carl Sandburg School and the other at Potawatomie Woods. The two groups merged at Lake-Cook and Portwine Roads and continued on to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. On the way back we did a few laps around the Northbrook Velodrome. The cool, crisp, sunny weather enticed some of us to remove our jackets and soak up a bit of the sun's rays as we neared the end of the ride.

AUDUBON RIDE The Weather Man kept threatening us with a rainy Saturday morning, instead George and Marilyn--and Muffin--led about 25 of us into a gale wind that kept us hunched over the handlebars and hanging on keep the bikes on the road. My Cateye Solar Computer varied from 3 mph to 38 mph depending upon which direction we were going and whether we were riding hills with or into the wind! The 38 mph was reached on swooping down Hampshire Road into East Dundee where we regrouped for ice cream before heading for Elgin and a delightful sweep with the wind down Shoe Factory Road!

WANTED

WANTED: Used, 10-12 speed light-weight bicycle with quick release wheels. 21 inch frame. Call Pat Marshall - 564-0346.

Dick Marr Biking To Alaska

Kurt Schoenhoff received a postcard from Dick Marr mailed from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He started from Florida, apparently is heading across the U.S. and then will head north to Alaska. That's a long way to pedal! We hope he keeps us informed of his progress.

Bike Shops Growing

Bike shops are doing OK. Last month our newsletter announced the grand opening of a 3,500 foot addition at BIKES PLUS. Then we received newspaper clipping about Alberto Bustamente of Alberto's Bike Shop and his move to 1075 Gage St. in Winnetka, three times larger than his old shop and fronted by huge display windows. The shop is on the street north of the Hubbard Woods shop.

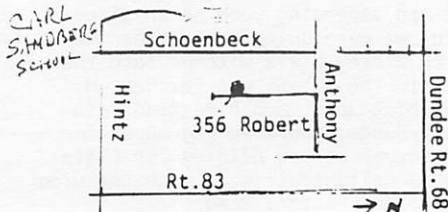
David Schindler of C C Cycles in Buffalo Grove has doubled the size of his shop on Dundee Road by expanding into the adjoining shop. Now he had plenty of room for additional merchandise and display.

New Zealand?

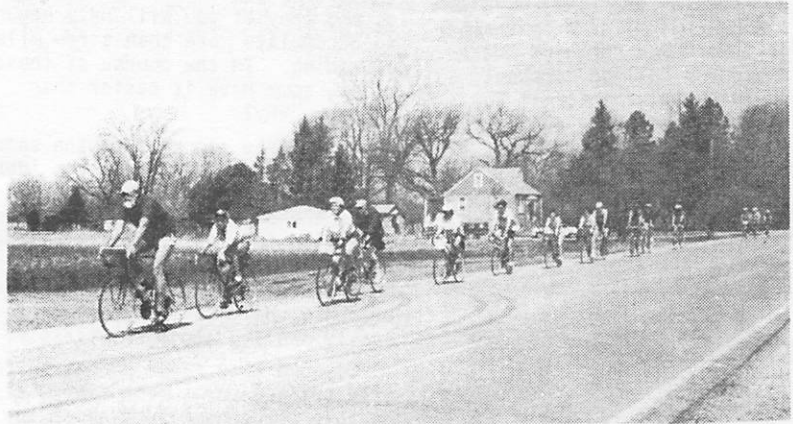
Friday, May 16, - 8 p.m.
at Phyllis Harmon's, 356 Robert Wheeling. Phone: 537-1268

A number of you have expressed interest in a New Zealand tour - probably last week of January and first two weeks of February (summer down there!)

I'll show my slides of the 1980 tour. 1986 tour will cover approximately the same route - highlights of both islands: Christchurch, Ashburton, Tekapu, Mt. Cook, Queenstown, Haast Pass, Fox Glacier, Hari Hari, Murchison, Nelson, Blenheim, Picton, Wellington, Lake Taupo, Rotarua, Auckland...We'll have our luggage transported and we'll hopscotch in the bus to cover the best of both islands.



Rural Rustic Route - Photos by Phyllis Harmon



Mary Jensen, Peter Gianakakis and William Wilson, Jr. ready to ride.



Now a real cycling family: Lois, David and Pres. Bob Meute!



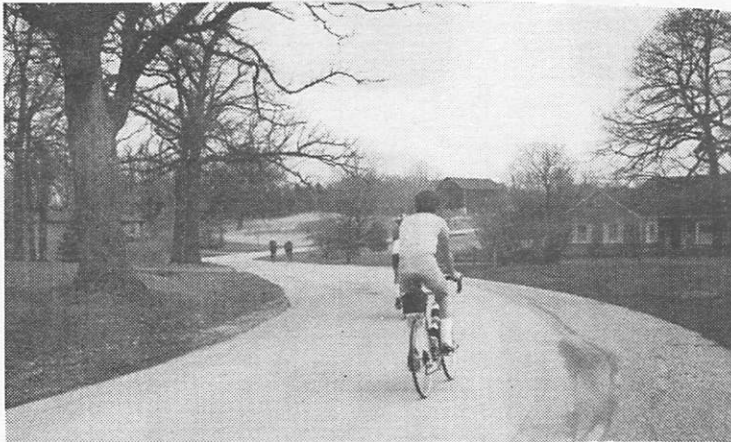
Pat Murphy, Canadian racer and 1956 Olympic racer in Australia had much to tell us of his career at our April meeting. He brought many photos plus a 1903 Century Road Club program for Wheeling-Libertyville-Maukegan Century race.

Alberta and Dale Youssi spend each winter at a KOA camp in St. Pete. After the Winter Rendezvous, Dale led Phyllis Harmon over 15 miles through the Veterans Hospital grounds and adjoining park - beautiful biking!

Recuperating. Michael Hawkins was riding his motor scooter to work on Lawrence Ave. in Chicago when a car went through a red light. Mike has a broken leg and is on crutches, so will not lead the College Campus Cruise - sorry Mike.

Apple Pie Ride

- Photos by Phyllis Harmon



Beautiful bicycling meandering on Shiloh in Long Grove.



Elida Rech, Jim and Jenny Grant and others at start-point, Buffalo Grove High School.



Bicycles and riders at Wauconda Apple Orchards. Elida Rech chatting with Herb and Mary Jensen.



Elliott Kanner, Keith Kingbay and Pat Marshall in animated discussion during lunch at Wauconda Apple Orchards. Subject? bicycling, of course!

INVITATIONALS

May 18, ARLINGTON 500

7-9 a.m. from Frontier Park, Kennicott & Palatine, Arlington Hts. Choice of 2 route: 65 or 35 miles. \$5.00 includes patch, cuesheet, sag stops and lunch. More info: phone Don - 255-3422.

May 18 McLEAN COUNTY SPRING METRIC

7-10 a.m. from Ash Park, Normal, Ill. 33, 65, 100 miles. \$5. incl. sag, snack stops and lunch. Sponsored by McLean County Wheelers. Info: 309/454-7547.

May 24/25 BLACKHAWK METRIC CENTURY

7-10 a.m. from Atwood Homestead Forest Preserve, 8900 Old River Rd - just north of Rockford. 62 or 3] miles. \$5.50/Day or \$6.50/Day after May 17. Ride either day (or both). Beautiful bicycling, marked route. Blackhawk Bicycle Club, Attn. Metric Century Registration, P.O. Box 6443, Rockford IL 61125. Contact: Patrick and Margaret Donnelly 815-332-4195.

June 1 LIBERTY METRIC RIDE

6:30 a.m. 38 or 62 miles. Mt. Prospect Bike Club invitational from Dan Wright Jr. High School, 1370 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire. \$5 fee incl. maps, patches, sag. Barbara Koehler - 827-4071

June 7 UDDER CENTURY,

7:30-10 from McHenry County College on U.S. 14. \$8 by May 15 or \$10 Includes marked route, map, sag, all food, patch and spaghetti dinner. First 500 riders receive Udder Century water bottle. MCBC UC, P.O. Box 97, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Choice of distance: 32, 49, 63 100 miles.

June 8 CHAIN OF LAKES RAMBLE

7-10 a.m. from David Park in Zion. Bicycle Club of Lake County invitational. \$5. incl. 3 rest stops with refreshments, sag, patch, marked route and maps. Lightly traveled back roads of Lake County and Southeastern Wisconsin. 312-566-9534. 64 or 34 miles.

June 22 THE SWEDISH DAYS RIDE

Invitational of the Self Propelled Club begins at Le Roy Oaks Forest Preserve, just west of St. Charles, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 20-40-60 and 100 mile routes. \$4 fee includes maps, rest stops, refreshments, patch and sag. This is the 17th year for this event and coincides with nearby Geneva's celebration of their Swedish heritage with festivities all weekend. Ann Teeling - 312-355-0789.



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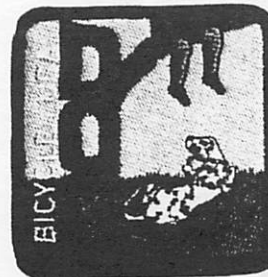
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Kodak Liberty Ride Festival largest bicycle event ever

On Sunday, May 18, the biggest event ever staged during American Bicycle Month—or any other month in history—will see thousands of bicyclists, from beginners to veterans, gathering in more than 100 cities across the country for the 1986 Kodak Liberty Ride Festival.

BICYCLE USA, the national bicyclists membership organization, has been selected by the Eastman Kodak Company to serve as official National Ride Organizer for the giant nation-wide ride. In turn, BICYCLE USA has enlisted the participation of a hundred affiliated clubs to serve as official Local Ride Organizers.

Besides joining in for recreational rides of 10, 20, or 30 miles, Kodak Liberty Riders will be treated to a picnic lunch, local entertainment, a distinctive T-shirt commemorating the history-making event, and a certificate (valued at \$10) entitling participants to submit one photo to Kodak's "America's Family Album". They'll also receive admission to an exclusive "America Rocks" concert featuring top-name contemporary stars performing live at the Superdome in New Orleans and, via satellite technology, in more than 100 arenas, auditoriums, and amphitheatres around the USA.

Advance registration (before April 26) for the Kodak Liberty Ride Festival is \$20 (except in New Orleans, where it's \$25). There is a \$1 per registration charge for postage and handling. Within three weeks after registering, advance registrants will be mailed a confirmation packet containing Festival information and event schedules. Early registration is encouraged because seating will be limited in most cities. Registrations received after April 25, including the day of the event, will be \$23.

Proceeds go to assist Kodak's commitment to aid in the restoration of The Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monument.

For more information about the Kodak Liberty Ride Festival, call toll-free 1 (800) 235-5005.

Club volunteers preparing

Members of BICYCLE USA-affiliated organizations have been preparing for the Kodak Liberty Ride Festival since late last year. More than 150 volunteers travelled to one of six training sites around the USA in January for day-long sessions to review the process and study the operations manual developed by BICYCLE USA for the Festival.

The volunteers, who are serving as Local Ride Coordinators, contributed important suggestions and ideas for insuring the best-organized events possible.

"Kodak representatives have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and competence already demonstrated by local volunteers," said Don J. Trantow, Executive Director of BICYCLE USA. "We're very pleased that Kodak recognized the expertise and commitment of BICYCLE USA members, especially those who are the key club workers who make things happen at the local level."

Peggy Skonecki, BICYCLE USA's Coordinator of Government Relations, is serving as National Operations Director for the Festival. Opening ceremonies for the rides are being developed to include participation of local government officials as a way to increase the visibility of bicyclists in the eyes of important legislators and government administrators.


"We feel the Kodak event will promote bicycling in the Festival communities and significantly increase the visibility of local clubs," said Skonecki. "Most clubs serving as official Local Ride Organizers for the Kodak Liberty Rides will probably bring in many new



LIBERTY RIDE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 18
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club members as a result of this record-setting ride. Plus, we all have the satisfaction of knowing that our efforts—as participants and organizers—are going to help restore the Statue of Liberty."

BICYCLE USA members in cities near Festival locations are encouraged to get groups together for car-pooling trips or bicycle journeys to the Festival cities so they can enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of the largest bicycling event ever. 

America's Family Album

Kodak's "America's Family Album" is the nation's largest single collection of photos of individual Americans, their families, ancestors, and friends. The "Album" is Kodak's unique program to help raise additional funds to support restoration efforts. Kodak has already transferred thousands of the submitted photos onto video discs. They will be electronically displayed for decades for everyone to enjoy beginning July 5 at the Statue of Liberty Monument.

A personal identification code will be assigned to each photo submitted, enabling anyone who visits the Statue to quickly call the photo up on a screen. Visitors will also be able to call up other photos by family name and country of origin.



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Official Observers needed for RAAM

Again this year, Race Across America director John Marino has asked BICYCLE USA to provide volunteers to work as Official Observers, staffing the time stations for the 1986 RAAM. This year's event will again begin on the west coast and end in the east, following a route almost identical to the one used last year. It begins July 6th.

Last year, more than 200 BICYCLE USA members volunteered to work the time stations, and their help added greatly to the race and

was welcomed by the competitors.

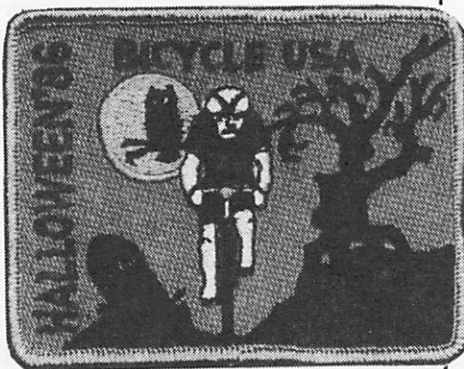
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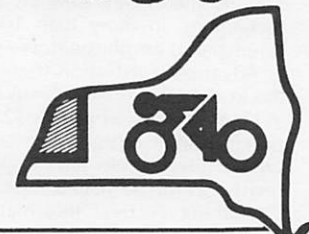


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