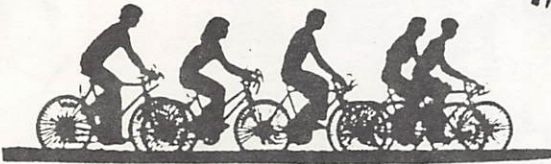


FEBRUARY, 1987



# MONTHLY MEANDERS



## MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 4  
7:30 p.m.

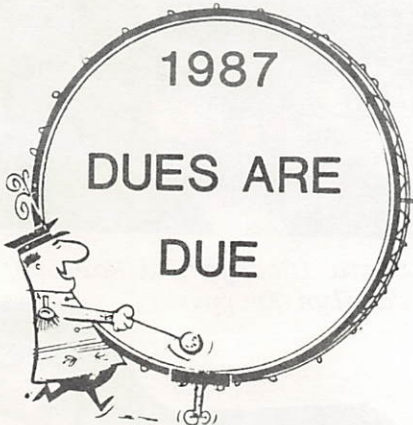
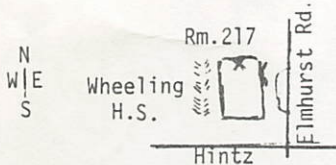
WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL  
Elmhurst Rd. & Hintz  
Room 217 2nd Floor N

PROGRAM: "A POTPOURRI ON  
THE JOYS OF CYCLING"

FEATURING: CARTER LEBEAU  
- "The Social Cyclist" -

Founder of TOGIR, LION, TIGER & BEAR

"Happy Time" after the meeting  
at Market Square Restaurant and  
Lounge, corner of Dundee Rd.  
(Rt.68) and Old McHenry Road.



\$8. Individual-\$10. Family. Club Membership cards, necessary for bike shop 10% discount, will be mailed. New memberships after Harmon Hundred Sept.7 valid through Dec. 1987

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

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## THE PREZ SEZ

Our February general meeting is fast approaching and I would like to encourage all our members to attend. We have a wonderful program planned for you.

The renowned Carter Le Beau, of TOGIR and RAGBRAI fame, will be here to speak to us on many facets of his cycling experiences. Carter has been active in bicycling for over 20 years. A 10-year member of the L.A.W., he has participated in the L.A.W. conventions and national rides all over the U.S. He has been the organizer of many successful charity bike-a-thons, century rides and has toured on thousands of miles of cycling trips. Carter has bicycled coast-to-coast and is one of only a handful to have ridden in all 14 RAGBRAI (Iowa) events. He founded TOGIR (The Other Great Iowa Ride) and continues to take on new challenges.

Some of his most recent trips have been the Ensenada-Tecate Experience and a ride from Iowa to New Orleans and back.

I have known Carter for several years and, whenever our paths have crossed, we have exchanged cycling tales. I am amazed at what he has accomplished as a "social cyclist". His bicycle philosophy is very interesting, and talking about tailwind rides is a must! Of course, Carter wouldn't be Carter unless he tells you of TOGIR, TIGER, LION and BEAR: all his creations and great rides they are, too!

I'm sure you will enjoy him immensely. So, plan to attend our February general meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at Wheeling High School, Room 217, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Also, after the meeting, all old and new members are cordially invited to a post-meeting "happy time" at the Market Square Restaurant and Lounge at the corner of Dundee Road (Rt.68) and Old McHenry Road.

At our meetings, I would especially like to meet our new members and get acquainted and, of course, talk cycling. So come for some fun and entertainment!

Al Petty, President

## Vice Activities

At this time of the season, when it is still cold and has been for some time, many people, including myself, get restless to begin riding in earnest again. Some resort to wind trainers or other indoor devices, but this does not (at least for me) give the same spirit of freedom that the actual riding does.

One way to have that freedom is to spend at least some of the winter designing some new rides which can still be fitted into this year's schedule, or certainly for next year.

Designing new rides is really quite simple. All one has to do is to sit down with a map and make a cue sheet without any of the distances between points marked in. Once this is done, it is a fairly simple matter to either ride the route in the spring to finalize it, or do the route by car during the winter.

The freedom of the ride can at least be sensed even when one sits in a living room with a map, but there is no need to imagine when out in the car.

I have been following the design-check pattern to create new rides for the last several years. If a dummy like me can do it, so can you!

Jim Grant

## BICYCLE USA 1987 RALLIES

1987 BICYCLE USA  
National Rally  
July 1-5, 1987

Michigan State  
University

'87 National Rally  
P.O.Box 25114  
Lansing, MI 48909

GEAR '87  
Long Island  
July 17-20, 1987

State University  
of New York  
at Stony Brook.

GEAR '87  
P.O.Box 7159  
Hicksville NY  
11802



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| Vice-Pres: Jim Grant      | 506-1269 |
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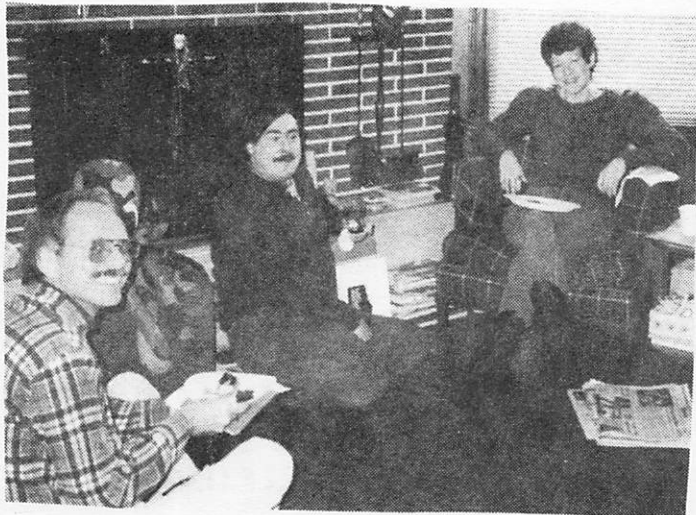
# Christmas Party



*Lois Paul showing Betty Vargas her Mr. and Mrs. Santa on a bike.*



*President Al Petty admiring hosts Lilian and Jack Russell's Polynesian wood carving.*



*Duane Regenfuss, Aaron Tanzer and Susan Slove enjoying the delicious goodies.*



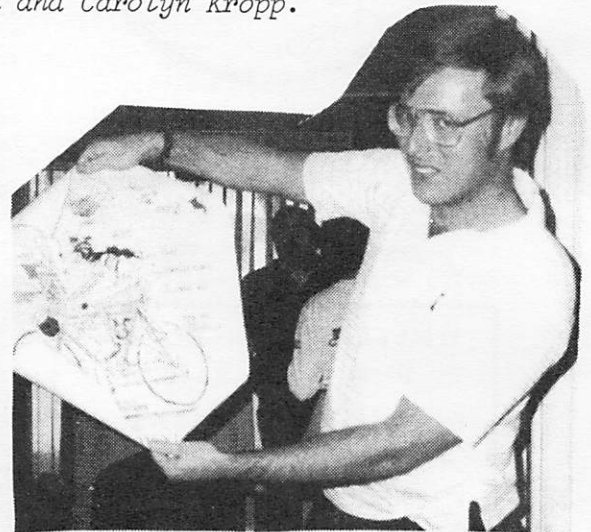
*Mr. and Mrs. Santa (George and Marilyn Mathison and Carolyn Kropp).*



*Terry Kay*



*Lynn Petty, Ruth Ryan, Phyllis Harmon*



*Jim Grant with his bicyclist character received as a grab bag gift.*



# Schedule

## Dear Bike Club Member:

**FEB.1 KETTLE MORaine STATE PARK, Wis.**

Sun. 10 a.m. Call 381-1775 for information and car-pooling info. to avoid heavy parking fees. 2 miles north of Hwy. 12 on County H in Town of LaGrange north of Elkhorn. Skiing for everyone! Dick Ryan.

**FEB.7 DAN WRIGHT WOODS**

Sat. 10 a.m. St. Mary's Road just south of Everett. Pat Marshall 564-0346

**FEB.15 RYERSON WOODS, Deerfield**

Sun. 10 a.m. Entrance is on the west side of Riverwoods Road, west of the intersection with Portwine Rd. Bike or Ski. Bill and Eileen Butcher - 541-7411.

**FEB.21 MORaine HILLS STATE PARK**

Sat. 10 a.m. Last parking lot beyond park office. Park entrance is on River Road between Rts. 176 and 120, just south of McHenry Dam State Park. Al and Lynn Petty - 948-7288.

**Feb.28: CHAIN OF LAKES STATE PARK**

Sat. 10 a.m. NOT FOR BEGINNERS! Must be able to maneuver sharp downhill curves at fast speeds! Rt.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. Mike Goldberg - 506-1778.

**TOUR OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY**

May 9-10 the Wheeling Wheelmen's Tour of the Fox River Valley will depart promptly at 6 a.m. Saturday, May 9 from Frontier Park (Palatine & Kennicott) in Arlington Heights. We will follow a varied and scenic route via Long Grove, Algonquin, Union, Belvedere and Shoppiere, Wis. (who can forget the general store there!) and on to our overnight at the Super 8 Motel in Janesville. Single rooms are \$25; double rooms are \$35. A sag wagon will carry water, pump, tools and baggage as well as be available for any emergencies. \$2 or \$3 charge for this depending upon how many people ride.

Sunday we return via Elkhorn, Lake Geneva and McHenry to Arlington Heights. This 100 miles per day ride will be led as an A ride.

For reservation, send your check for \$25 or \$35 before April 15 to Jim Grant, 1216 South New Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. If you have any questions, phone 506-1269.

**CORRECTION: WINTER RENDEZVOUS DATES FEB.28-JAN. 5. HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA**

We appreciate your business and want to support your club and continue a good relationship with all of you, however, we have all been in situations that have been uncomfortable to us, bike club members and other customers that have been in our store.

We feel we need to define the proper way for a bike club member to receive the 10% discount we all offer.

We all offer this discount as a courtesy on bicycle accessories and clothing - not bicycles. Other merchandise, unrelated to bicycling does not qualify a bicycle club member for a 10% discount such as skateboards, x-c ski equipment, etc.

When a club member is about to purchase bicycle accessories or clothing, please present a membership card before the merchandise is rung on the register. Please do not ask for the discount loudly in front of other customers. This presents an awkward situation for bicycle shop personnel. Bicycle shop personnel should not have to delete what has been rung into the register and then refigure everything with the

10% discount. Please have the courtesy to advise of your membership before the merchandise is rung up.

Merchandise that is "on sale" does not qualify for a 10% discount - it is already discounted.

Merchants need to pay a percentage on Visa/MasterCard or Discover Card. As you are receiving a 10% discount please have the courtesy to pay for your purchase with a check or cash. This would be appreciated by the merchant.

We hope to support you as a bicycle club member by working your invitational rides should you ask us. We want to support you by being guest speakers at your meetings. We want to keep your cycling expenditures at a minimum by offering you the discount. We want to keep you as good customers by keeping you advised as to what is new in the bicycle market. We want to keep you interested by running or sponsoring bicycle rides. If we can be of any specific service, let us know.

We hope to see you in the near future.

JIM ANDRESEN  
ABC CYCLERY

JOHN AMLING  
WINKLEMANS

DICK SPIREK  
BIKES PLUS

JOE EBERHARDT  
VILLAGE CYCLE



George Mathison and Muffin were called to play Santa for the Horizon Children's Center in Wheeling. Since Marilyn could not ride because of surgery on her hand, her daughter, Kathy McLean, was Santa's elf. You can imagine the children's excitement when they rode in on the tandem!



**NOTE:** Any unscheduled Saturday in February, weather permitting, 10 a.m., bike from Chamber Park, Wolf Road north of Dundee Road, Wheeling.



### X-COUNTRY SKI REPORT

This has been a crazy winter for our winter schedule. Unseasonably warm and practically no snow hopefully means an early spring. In fact I saw a flock of over 800 assorted black birds that had just returned from the south! That was Jan. 4 and now the mourning doves and cardinals are singing in my back yard!

Howard Paul reported on two ski dates:

Bill Butcher showed up at Ryerson Woods with his skis; Howard turned out with his bike. There was no snow and it was too foggy to bike, so they hiked the trail instead.

Finally the weatherman cooperated the next week with about five inches of snow that lasted long enough for Pat Marshall, Elliott Kanner and Howard Paul to ski and they were joined by Joe Tobias with his walking stick. Pat skied the whole

Skokie Lagoons trail, the rest did part of it and rounded out the morning with hot coffee at Hackneys.

# New Year's Hike—Social



*(Pres. Al Petty and wife, Lynn, were skiing in Montana!)*

*Hosts Kurt and Kaete Schoenhoff*



*We start our hike in a slight drizzle.*



*Dick Ryan, Jane Newell, George Mathison, Mary Jensen and Kurt Schoenhoff....*



*Joe Tobias, Ardie and Dick Sorenson.*



*Left: Jane Newell pedaled out to Hawthorn Woods from Libertyville and*

*Right: Herb Liebsch pedaled all the way from Niles.*

*Both Jane and Herb had a light coating of ice on their jackets!*

*After the hike we all enjoyed delicious goodies and socialized as only real bicyclists do.*

