



WHEELING WHEELMEN

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MONTHLY MEANDERS



Chicagoland Bicycle Federation Annual Meeting



by Cathy Winslow

A standing-room-only crowd heard about the remarkable growth and achievement of CBF under the leadership of Exec. Director, Randy Neufeld, who submitted a "wish list" of future projects and committees, including Map, Government Relations, Road Conditions and Access, Mass Transit, Safety and Education, Publications, Membership and Finance.

Formation of the Century Club, comprised of members who contribute \$100 or more, was announced by outgoing Treasurer, Ken Licht. This is essential to the future of CBF, which is desperately in need of a good financial base with which to continue operating.

The annual election ballot presented an unopposed slate of Pres.-Ted Sanders, V.P.-N.E. Spirek, Treas.-Greg Dreyer and ten new board members. In accepting the Presidency, Ted Sanders called for members to think "We" when asked to participate because only together can "We" accomplish the goal of an improved bicycling climate for all.

An interesting look inside the Illinois Legislature was presented by Woody Powman, a legislator from Evanston, who gave us some ideas about how bills become law.

The featured program was a panel discussion by representatives from the State of Ill., Departments of Transportation and Commerce and Community Affairs, and the Secretary of State's Office, who spoke on the State's efforts on behalf of bicycling, including the nearby I & M Canal and Moraine Hills Park trails.

The Golden Sprocket Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Sue Ulrey, CBF Editor.

THE PREZ SEZ

Thanks to everybody for their vote in the election! The new Board members and I appreciate your support and enthusiasm. I am looking forward to doing everything I can to be sure the club continues to respond to the members cycling interests and desires.

A big club salute to Al Petty for two years of dynamic leadership! It is difficult to follow after a leader like Al. His hard work and effort did much to address the needs of the club.

I am confident that with the membership's help the Board and I can be very effective in seeing that the club is everything you want it to be and more! Please don't hesitate to call me or any Board member with your comments, ideas and suggestions. A club is only as good as the participation of its members.

Well, just because Winter is starting up doesn't mean that the club is going into hibernation. The Christmas party is coming up Dec. 10, our New Year's Day gathering is around the corner and (if there is snow) we'll be out cross country skiing!

Both cross country skiing and our 1989 ride schedule needs leaders. It isn't hard. I led one ride last year and revised another ride that I led later on. I felt a real sense of accomplishment when I was finished. Aaron Tanzer or I will be happy to help you get started. Urban congestion threatens a number of our rides. We may want to start out further and find new areas to ride.

Enjoy the holidays safely.

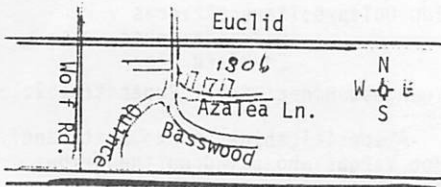
Hans Predel

Holiday Party

Sat. December 10, 10 a.m. Hike and/or Bike depending on the weather. Bring a grab bag gift. Pot luck. Hosts are Ron and Geri McPheron, 1806 Azalea Lane, Mount Prospect. 824-5091. Call to let Geri know you are coming and also ask what you can bring. This is a highlight of our club's social activities - lots of fun!



Go east on Euclid to first street east of Wolf Rd. Turn south (R) and Azalea Lane is first fork on your left.



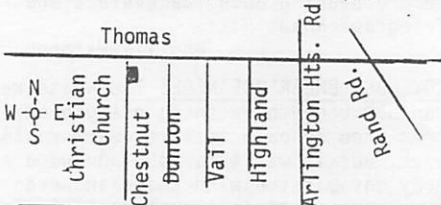
New Year's Day



Sunday, January 1 - 11 a.m. Bike and/or hike, depending upon the weather. Good roads for biking and hiking in the area. Brunch. RSVP by Dec. 22 for a "nose count".

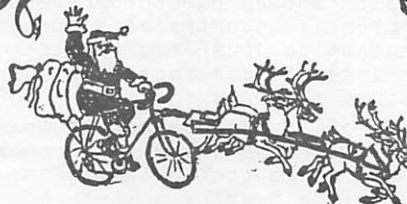
Hosts for the day are Hans and Diane Predel, 1435 N. Chestnut Ave., Arlington Heights. 255-4029

This has always been a popular event for the Wheeling Wheelmen. There'll be a brief meeting and much socializing. Start the New Year right!



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Seasons Greetings



Schedule

DECEMBER SKI SCHEDULE

Dec. 17 SKI - Moraine Hills

Park Sat. 10 a.m.
Cross country ski at
Moraine Hills Park on
River Road 3 miles south
of McHenry. Duane
Regenfuss - 878-2363

Dec. 24 SKI - Chain 'o Lakes

Sat. 10 a.m. Cross
country ski or hike if no
snow. Fran Green-Kelner
- 291-1461

This winter there will be
show 'n go bike rides every
Sunday except New Years Day at
12:00 from the Mt. Prospect
Train Station (State 83 and US
14). For more information
call Woyteck Morajko 392-0530

January Meeting

Generally we have no business
meeting in January as we can cover
minor business at our New Year's
Day bike or hike. But this year the
Board has decided to schedule a
membership meeting on Wednesday,
January 11 at Wheeling High School.

This is the time when our 1989
Ride Schedule is put together. Now
is the time to come to the meeting
to discuss what rides you'd like to
lead, what types of rides you prefer,
what suggestions or ideas you
have for the coming year.

So, mark your calendars now and
be sure to attend. It's important!

X-Country Ski Weekend

Anyone who might be interested in
going on a Cross-country Ski weekend
on Presidents' weekend, Feb. 18-20,
please call me ASAP. Aaron Tanzer
has "twisted my arm" and I am thinking
of a trip to Black River Falls,
Wisconsin, which many people consider
to be some of the finest and most
beautiful trails in Wisconsin. There
should be good snow in February.

There are trails for beginner to
expert trails. Let me know if you
are interested so that I can inquire
re room reservations and make reservations
to dine at one of those wonderful
Wisconsin supper clubs.

Work phone: 606-9004; home phone:
291-1461. THINK SNOW!

Fran Green-Kelner

Illinois Interagency Bikeway Council

Phyllis W. Harmon

Nov. 17, a work group representing
the Depts. of Transportation, Conservation,
Agriculture and Commerce and
Community Affairs, the Illinois Secretary
of State and State Board of
Education met as a result of the
growing interest in bicycling for
recreation and transportation to
determine the desires of the cycling
community and to articulate problems
associated in providing biking trails.

I provided material for the meeting
but, since I will be in Arizona,
Keith Kingbay, L.A.W. Illinois Director,
and Cathy Winslow, State Legislative
Representative, attended the meeting
for me. Here is Cathy's report:

History was made and bicycling
got a boost from the State of Illinois
when representatives from the Depts.
of Transportation, Conservation and
Agriculture and the Sec. of State's
Office comprising the Interagency
Bikeway Council Working Group met in
Chicago to hear concerns of area
bicyclists. The Chicagoland Bicycle
Federation and L.A.W. made a combined
presentation stressing the four E's:
Engineering, Education, Enforcement
and Encouragement. Priorities
included a state bike map, adoption
of the AASHTO standards and a full-time
bicycle coordinator.

James MacKay, from Illinois
Rails-to-Trails, suggested that the
group study economic benefits of
trails and anticipate future rail
abandonments.

Phil Elfstrom, founder of the
Prairie Trail Authority, stated that
trails are part of amenities that
make the state a place to come to
and stay in. He plans 700 miles
of new trails reaching to within
5-10 miles of everyone in the
six-county area.

Ed Augle of the Chicago Police
Department outlined an ambitious
program of education, implemented
with personnel, but no funding.

Suzan Pinsof of the Northeastern
Illinois Planning Commission showed
how our present system is becoming
so outmoded that we can't afford
not to include bicycle facilities in
future planning.

Council members were favorably
impressed with the presentations
and stated that after a similar
hearing downstate they would be
making recommendations.

BIKE-A-THON

Our 6th Bike-A-Thon to benefit
the Pavilion Senior Center went off
smoothly. Wheeling Wheelmen is a
co-sponsor with the Wheeling Senior
Citizen Commission. Barbara Hansen
and Phyllis Harmon are co-chairmen.

Senior citizens made dozens of
calls gathering door prizes and cash
donations from many area businesses.
The donor list gets bigger and bigger
each year!

Wheeling Wheelmen pitched in the
day of the Bike-A-Thon. 30 worked
at Registration, at check points or
guided riders through intersections.
Eighteen members rode and most of
them filled a work post, too.

At the Award ceremony November 5
Trophies went to:

Top Mileage: Larry Schimka, 130 mi.
Debby Dick, 100 miles

Top Dollars: Frances Voris
Patricia Aukee
Ed Block

Youngest Rider: Scott Proebstle, 7.

A special thank you to Betty and
Bob Vargas who put down the arrows
for the route, working around a
lingering drizzle to finish.

Over \$5,000 was raised for the
services, programs and supplies for
the Pavilion Senior Center.

Many, many thanks to you all!

Photos on pages 4 and 5.

Rides Re-ridden

LIBERTYVILLE RIDE: The thermometer
read 28° at 7 a.m. but Elliott Kanner
had to attend a Memorial Service and
I said I'd lead his ride - so I headed
over to Chamber Park at 9:45 to
find 9 riders ready to roll. By
then the temperature had climbed and
it was a beautiful day for riding!
We had a social lunch in Libertyville
before heading back via Everett and
Telegraph Road.

Phyllis Harmon

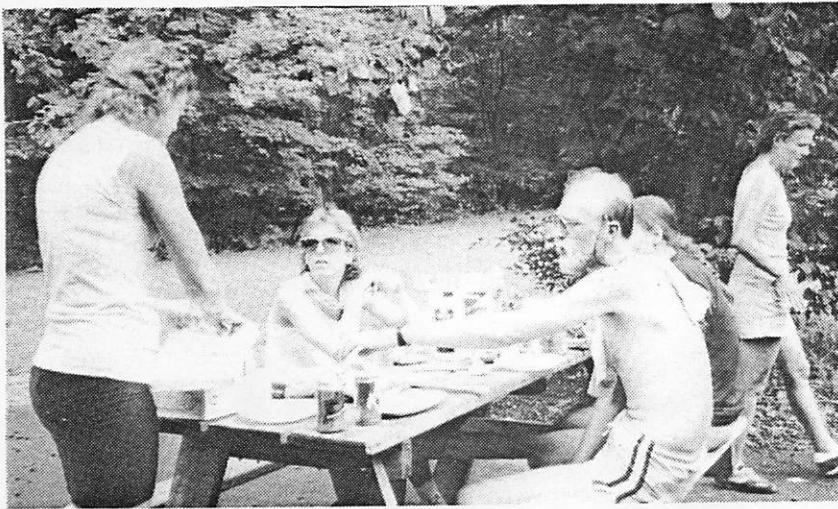
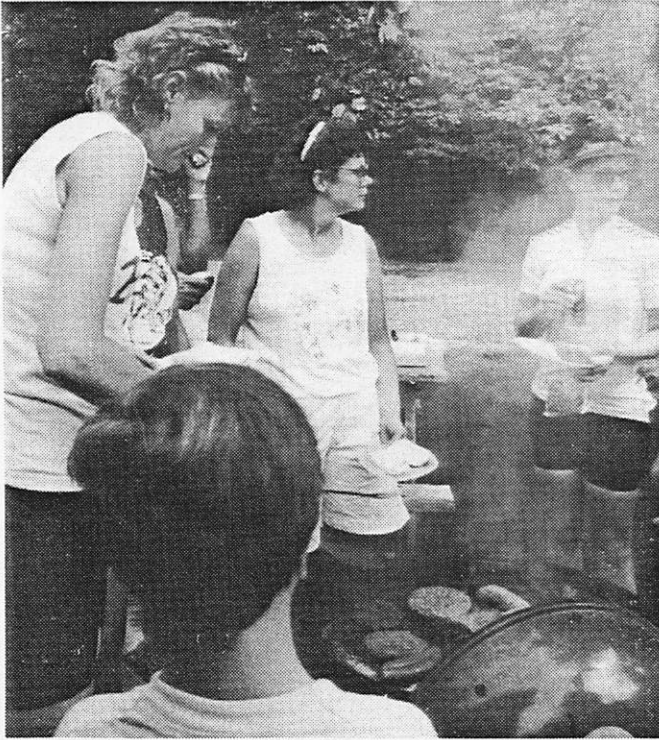
NOVEMBER BREAKFAST RIDE: The
Weatherman had been threatening
everything from snow or rain to
warm weather all week. But it was
45°, no wind and a gray day but
the wind and rain were to arrive
in the afternoon. So 8 of us
pedaled 18 miles before we reached
Walker Brothers for a huge
breakfast. It's a good thing we
did because when we were ready
to ride, the wind had risen and
the temperature dropped. At least
we had the wind to blow us back
to Schoenbeck Road.

Al Berman said the only thing
that got him out of bed that morning
was the thought of a Walker Brothers
breakfast!

Phyllis Harmon

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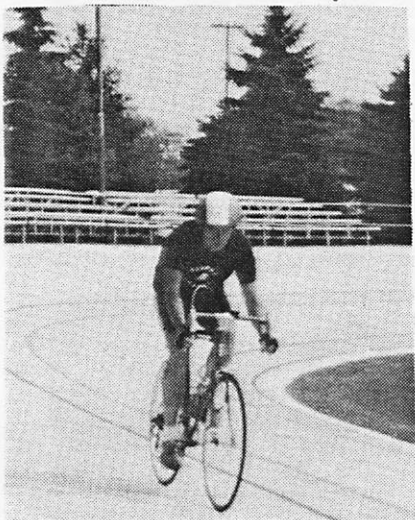
Botanic Bicycle Blast and Barbeque with Beer and Brats



Top left: Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings!
 Above: Parking bikes at Botanic Gardens. Ron McPheron lead the group.
 Left: Lynn Petty, Lisa Gerhold, Woyteck and Carol Passowic with Pat Marshall in background.

Below: Bill Lorenzen, Jenny and Jim Grant.

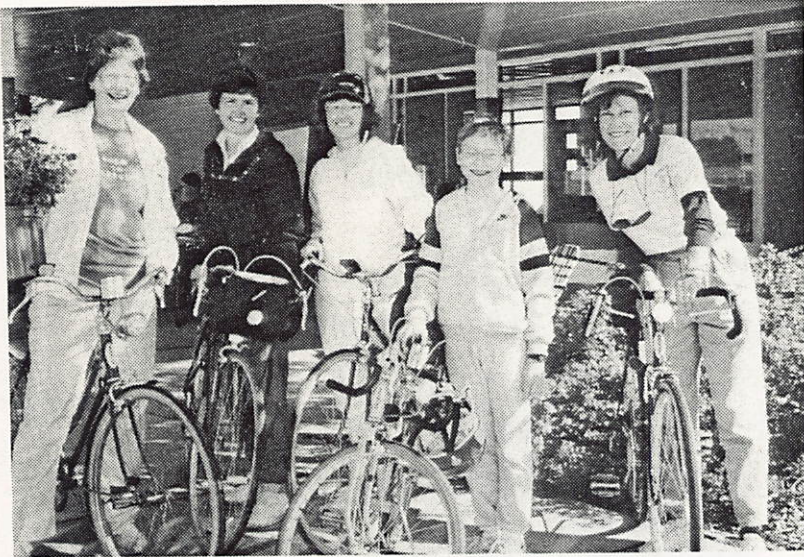
There was heavy rain which delayed the start of the ride, the bright, sunny skies over a revised route suggested by Gee Cunningham, which was excellent. Then good eating and soon after, another cloudburst!



The return route went past the Northbrook bike track. Hans Predel doing a lap.



Wheeling Bike-A-Thon



Frances Voris, Principal of Walt Whitman School, with members of staff and family.



The Michael Proebstle family: Rear: Janis and Michael (Wheeling Fireman), Matt, 5, Scott, 7; and Sarah, 11. Scott received the award for youngest rider. Michael said Matt will be riding next year.



Left: Janet D'Argo, Wheeling Village Clerk, and Sheila Schultz, Village of Wheeling President. They rode 20 miles.



Left: C C Cycle was set up to keep riders on the road by adjusting seats, repairing punctures, and other repairs.

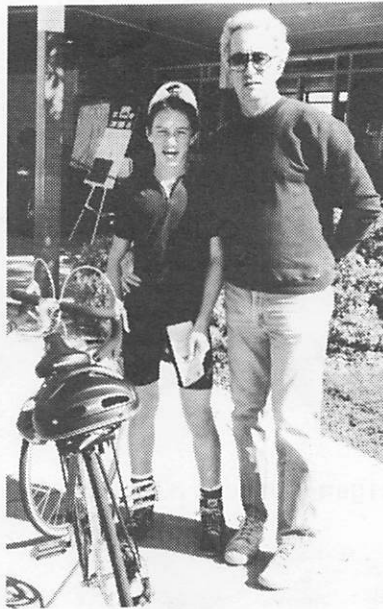


Janet and Peter Grudins rode 20 miles with 2 daughters and he did 20 more with Erica, 2-1/2 years old.

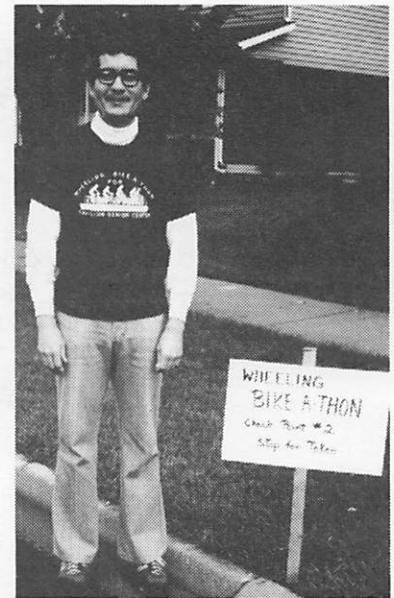
WHEELING-BIKE-A-THON CONTINUED



Wheeling Wheelmen member, Barbara Hansen, is Senior Coordinator of the Pavilian Senior Center. She organized all the workers on advance preparations, sponsors, T-shirts, etc.



Wheeling Police Sergeant Jack Kimsey with son, Matthew, 14, who earned his Half Century patch.



Peter Gianakakis manned Check point 2 the first period. There were three time periods. Volunteers handed tokens to riders as they rode by.



On hand before daylight, in a cold drizzle, were Gee Cunningham, Jane Newell and Catherine Zoch, all ready to set up registration and greet riders who rode for pledges or \$10 registration fee. Fortunately the weather cleared and the sun came out to make it a good day for riding.



Above: Matthew Hursthouse at Check Point 3. He is wearing one of the T-shirts given to riders.



Brenda and Phillip Hursthouse keeping warm in the early morning hours! They worked first shift and came back for the third shift and help pack up.



Overall view of Registration at Wheeling High School.



Patricia Aukee, Village Community Development Secretary, rode 10 miles with her son, Daniel.



Lunch at Val-Wyn Drive-in in Tichigan Corners, Wisconsin.

Racine County Ride

Photos by Phyllis

This is a popular route from Eagle Lake Park in Racine County. It overlaps quite a bit of the 100-mile bicycle route. We go through Waterford, around Wind Lake, back through Waterford, Rochester, past Honey Lake to Burlington and back.



Above left: Everyone couldn't wait to get to Burlington for the excellent custard at Adrian's.

Above: Riders either ate inside Val-Wyn's or picnicked outside.

Left: Howard Paul chose Burlington for his flat tire which he repaired at Adrian's while we enjoyed our custard. He was willing to forgo his custard but time wasn't that important and we all insisted that he couldn't miss that treat and we'd wait!

This was a perfect bicycling day. It was bright, sunny, comfortably cool and practically no wind.