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Monthly Meanders

Newsletter For The Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club, November, 1990

NOVEMBER MEETING

As is tradition with our club, the November meeting is actually our banquet! Food, folks, and a *darn* good time to be had by all! When? Where? November 9 at the Deerfield Hyatt Hotel. Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner served at 7 pm. Last minute questions? Call Al Berman 541-9248.

PRES SEZ

-by Hans Predel

The biking season is coming to an end, along with my last term as President of the Club. I want to acknowledge the support given to me over the two years I have served. As the more active members have found out, this is a great club because we have great members who put out the extra effort to make it happen. I'm proud to have been President and be involved in changes that will leave the Club on a good footing, both for it's members and the cycling community. Thanks to all of you. While the biking season is almost over, the Club continues to offer a potpourri of activities for its members: the annual awards banquet slated for November 9th, the December holiday party hosted by your new President, Al Berman, Show & Go bike rides as the weather gets noticeably colder and ski trips up North (to find snow!). Bob Browning has volunteered to put together a Ski/hike schedule in the Chicagoland area for the winter months, so please be ready to help out when he calls. Bob put out a good schedule last year, he just needed snow to get it going!! I know that Bob and Fran Green have already planned several trips back to the Minocqua/Rheinlander area this winter. Warm up the Jacuzzi, I'll be there!! Last, for those of you with 1991 calendars, two very important dates have already been set: ST PATRICK'S DAY RIDE--March 17, 1991 chaired by Jerry Rice and Larry Erman and the HARMON HUNDRED--September 8, 1991 chaired again by Al Dargiel (bless his heart!). See you in the audience (my new vantage point).



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SAFETY CORNER

By Jerry Rice

For my last column as your 1990 Safety chairman, it is time to get on the soapbox one more time. As I write, it's October 8th, and I just returned from the forum on issues facing bicyclists sponsored by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation and Illinois Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. From the candidates side, only one candidate attended in person. His opponent did send a fairly well informed representative.

About 60 cyclists braved the oppressive elements to exchange thoughts with these gentlemen. Of the 60, there were only four Wheeling Wheelmen that I knew. That's four (4) out of five hundred (500) registered members. Do less than one percent of you want wider shoulders on the roadways? Over 1800 paid to ride in the Harmon Hundred, but only three percent of that number turned out at a no cost event to try and influence the men who will be running the branch of state government that controls driver education. I guess I am one of a select few who doesn't like to eat gravel for lunch.

Several key issues were brought up including money appropriations, wider roadways, designated bike lanes, helmet laws, bottle and can legislation, and driver education. One view shared by both candidates was that they cannot do anything to help us if we do not let them know what we want. This can be done individually by writing to your legislators. Collectively we can work together by joining the L.A.W. and the C.B.F., and supporting those who

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have chosen to carry the torch for the rest of us. Keith Kingbay identified the heart of the problem by reminding us that bicyclists are individualists. It does not take a team of people to ride a bike but it does require a strong political voice to get what we want. Another important point that Keith brought up, was in order to get what we want, we will have to give up our negligent ways on the traffic laws.

Before I take up the whole newsletter, it's time to sign out. To those of you who joined the Wheelmen this year, I hope my columns were somewhat educational. To the veterans, I hope you learned something too, and if not, at least got a chuckle every once and a while. Thank you to those who supplied constructive criticism, and many thanks to the few who helped in one way or another with this year's programs.

CAREFUL!

by Peter Dolce

On Saturday Sept. 15, my wife Lotti and I were about 80 miles into the Wall to Wall century in Walworth when we collided with each other and suffered injuries to our bodies and our bicycles. We were both scraped up and I enjoyed my first separated shoulder. A few nice things happened as a result however. The marvelous people of Wisconsin stopped to inquire and offer help. One man gave us a ride back to our car, and a woman from across the street (whom I've promised to visit on next year's ride) watched our bikes 'till we returned for them. Every single person from WW expressed concern and offered their help in picking up the bikes, and taking me to the emergency room, while several people retraced the route to find other stragglers. We know that we're in good hands with the WW. Thanks a lot from both of us. The second thing I'd like to address is safety. You must be aware of yourself and everyone around you when riding at all times. I can't stress this enough. It's easy to ramble off during a long ride, but that's precisely when something unexpected and potentially dangerous could happen. Our mishap was stupid chance but that's all it takes. Without going into specifics we collided on the road. Why do you think they call them accidents? We're both thankful there were no cars involved and we escaped serious injury, but the whole thing could have been avoided if we had just been cautious and alert. So take heed and ride conscientiously. It's a lot less painful.

GEARING UP

compiled by Craig Jorgensen

- ☞ Sue McPheron and Mark Biederwolf are engaged! Call Geri McPheron (824-5091) or Sue McPheron (858-0633) for the date.
- ☞ Boy, some guys will do anything to get out of a little work, even move to Texas. Remember when I told you last month that Bill Bergeron was going to handle the ride schedule? Guess what! He split! Something about finding a job. Can you imagine that? Doesn't he realize how work will cut down his riding time? Don't come back 'till you get your priorities straight! (Just kidding buddy--good luck from all of us).
- ☞ Did somebody lose a pair of sunglasses? Well, obviously somebody did because Linda Heeter's got 'em. They were left on a picnic table at the Wheelmen's picnic at the Lakewood forest preserve in Wauconda. Call her at: (708)945-0974.
- ☞ GIVE AWAY: Brand new pair of Duegi racing shoes. The catch--you'd better be a size 12 1/2! They say size 47, but no way! I'm a size 12 and they're at least half a size too big for me, so whoever wants 'em can have 'em, 'cause they can't be returned. (708)356-0692.
- ☞ BANQUET: The annual banquet is scheduled for the evening of November 9th. If you have not sent Al Berman a check and wish to attend, please call him at (708)541-9248 (leave message on machine) by November 2nd so a head count can be firmed up.
- ☞ XMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY: Our December holiday party will take place at Al Berman & Fran Green's townhouse on December 8th, starting at 12:30 PM. We will hike or bike, depending on conditions, with a buffet meal to follow. Al & Fran will provide the main course, you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert (please discuss with them when calling). If you wish to participate, a grab bag will be held. Bring a gift up to \$20.00 in value for the drawing. Call Al or Fran at (708)-541-9248 to let them know you are coming. They are located at 340 Redwing Drive, Deerfield. Take Milwaukee Rd to Inverrary, turn to go west, Redwing is the first street on the right.
- ☞ NEW YEAR'S DAY GATHERING: The Club needs somebody to host this event (Dick, Hans wants to know if you're listening--He says Ardie's chili was GREAT! How about it?).

Please consider opening up your place to about 20 or so members. You are requested to offer a main dish and members can bring all those delicious holiday treats to complement your table. Please call Al Berman (Whew, this guy Al is getting heavy traffic already!) at the number above if you wish to volunteer.

That's it for this month, send stuff to me at: 25625 Columbia Bay Drive, Lake Villa, Ill 60046

THANK YOU!!!

Sent in by Barbara Hansen, Senior Citizen Coordinator, Village of Wheeling, Pavillion Senior Citizen Center

The 8th Annual Wheeling BIKE-A-THON was another successful fundraiser for the Pavilion Senior Center program fund due to the support of many Wheelmen! We sincerely appreciate all the good will and promotion as well as the services of the 22 members who worked the check points and registration table. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you: Kurt Schoenhoff, Al Dargiel, Mike Milton, Larry Erman, Keith Kingbay, Michael Sachkeim, Mark Biederwolf, Sue McPherson, Geri McPheron, Fran Greene, Al Berman, Earl Horwitz, Bena Gerber, Peter Gianakakis, Aaron Tanzer, Lois and Howard Paul, Hans and Diane Predel, Phyllis Harmon and her daughter, Nancy Smith, and grandson, Matthew Hursthouse. Thanks also to Peter and Lotti Dolce and Ralph Cochrane for marking the route.

We raised approximately \$4,500 for special equipment for the senior program that serves all area 55+ citizens.

The Senior Citizen Commission and I thank you very much!

Spring Green Trip June 21-23

The 1991 Spring Green Bicycle Tour is already in the works. Because last year's trip filled up so quickly, we have reserved the entire Wildwood Lodge so that we can accommodate more people. This winter, we will re-check the route to see if we can find more hills for those of you who want a greater challenge. TEXTPlease call either Fran Green or Alan Berman and let them know if you plan to join them for this trip. Home phone: (708)541-9248, Fran's work (312)606-9004, or Al's work (708)948-0600.

GOOD NEWS!

by Phyllis Harmon

Illinois state officials awarded \$1.2 million for construction or expansion of suburban bicycle paths...this is part of a total \$3.25 million allocation for bicycle paths throughout the state. Grants are the first under a year-old state law that allocates motor vehicle title fees for bicycle paths. Secretary of State Jim Edgar proposed this law which was approved by lawmakers. As soon as the grants became available, 48 communities applied for more than \$4.3 million for their projects, even though only \$3.2 million was available. In our area, bicycle path grants include: ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT: 2.8-mile trail around Lake Arlington and McDonald Creek. BARTLETT: 1.25 miles of paved paths through the village. COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT: 2.4-mile extension of the Deer Grove Bicycle Trail. KANE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT: 1.25-mile paved trail connecting Tyler Creek Forest Preserve to the Fox River Trail East Branch, with a bicycle bridge suspended under the Northwest Tollway.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIPS

by Fran Green

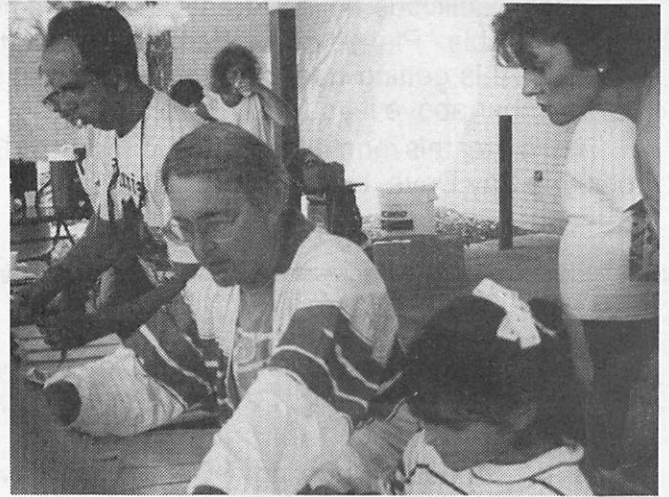
With the end of the biking season rapidly drawing to a close, your cross country ski "committee" has been busy finalizing plans for our two weekend trips of the season. This year we will be going to Minoqua on Martin Luther King Weekend, Jan. 18-21 and to Eagle River Feb. 15-18, President's Weekend. Please contact Bob Browning at home, (708)537-3391 or work, (708)831-4800 for info. regarding the February trip. We will be staying at the American Budget Inn in Eagle River (complete w/whirlpool) for this trip. Please send a deposit of \$45.00 payable to the American Budget Inn to Bob Browning's attention BY THE END OF DECEMBER. Contact ME at (708)541-9248 (res.) or (312)606-9004 (days) NOW, if you are planning to go on the Minoqua trip. I would like a "guesstimate" as to how many will be joining us so that we can reserve more rooms, if necessary. I also need a deposit of \$60.00 payable to the Lakeview Motor Lodge BY THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER for the room. Rooms range from \$55.00 to \$73.00/night. Sorry, the place with the whirlpool was completely booked with snowmobilers a year ahead of time. Call either Bob or me if you have any questions.

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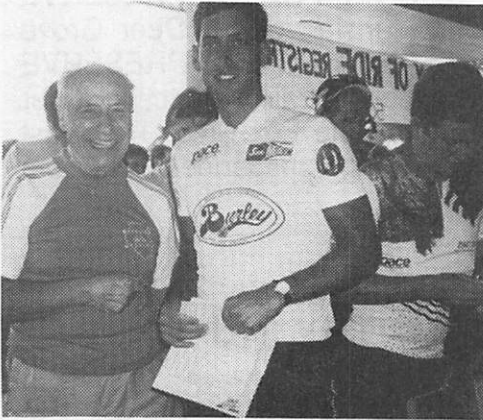
SPECIAL HARMON 100 PULL-OUT SECTION!



Participants are ready to ride!



Mike Milton and daughter Lauren worked registration while son Jason helped with parking.



Joe Tobias with Lon Halderman, Race Across America record holder from Harvard, IL



Harmon 100 romance! Sharon Niedballa & Tom Letzse first rode the Harmon together in '89. This year Tom proposed at the Wauconda stop and Sharon accepted! Best wishes to you both!



Spaghetti dinner workers: Al Berman, Fran Greene, Joyce Lewis, Diane Predel and Geri McPheron



Kitchen workers: Joe Tobias, Sue McPheron, Mark Biedewolf and Ron McPheron

REGISTRATION HARMON HUNDRED/WORKERS -- THANK YOU!

Phyllis W. Harmon

Many thanks to the twenty-five Wheeling Wheelmen and five volunteers who manned the registration tables for the Harmon Hundred. Workers were kept extremely busy from 6 a.m. through most of the morning and then again as riders checked in later in the day. Estimated totals show that 810 rode the

century, 225 did 75 miles, 525 pedaled 50 miles, and 300 did 25 miles. There were 1,860 registered but 50 pre-registered did not show up, so 1,810 riders pedaled the beautiful Harmon Hundred routes... that's 575 more registrants than last year!

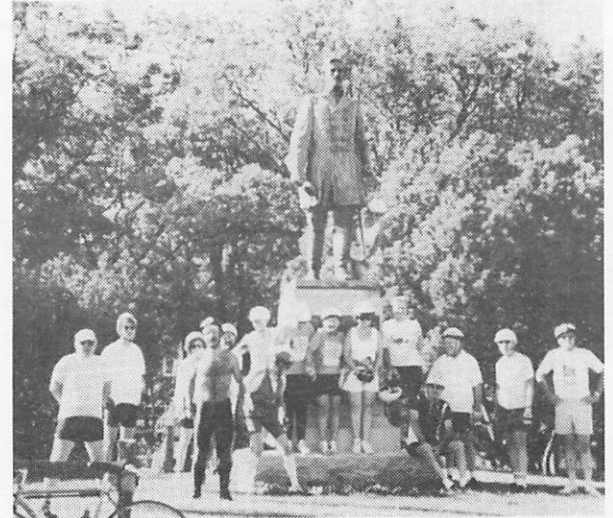
RACINE COUNTY RIDE

Photos by Phyllis W. Harmon



Beautiful Fall day in Wisconsin - Leaves just beginning to turn! Lunch at Val-Wyn Drive-in and yummy custard in Burlington.

Right: We pose at Col. Heg statue (Civil War) at Heg Park south of Wind Lake.

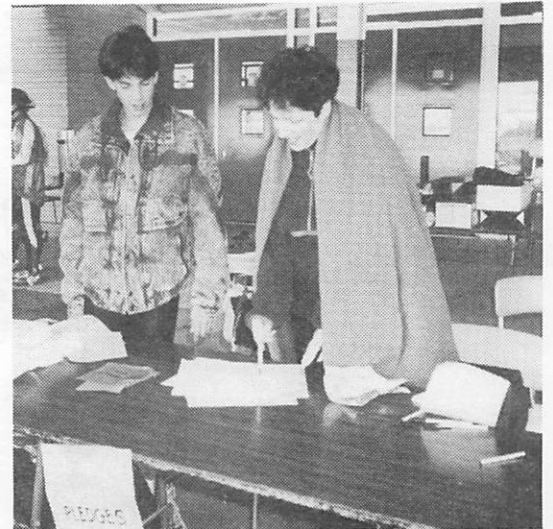


WHEELING BIKE-A-THON

Left: Two presidents: Hans Predel, Wheeling Wheelmen President and Sheila Schultz, President of Village of Wheeling who rode the Bike-A-Thon route.

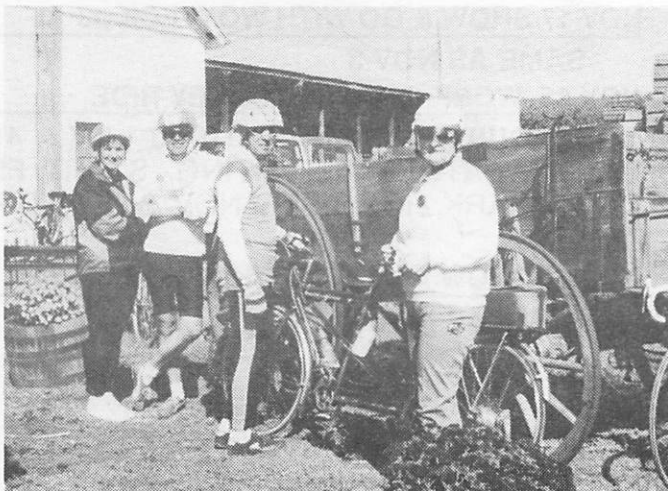
Right: Matthew Hursthouse and Diane Predel at registration table. It was bitter cold in the morning!

Twenty three Wheeling Wheelmen worked on the Bike-A-Thon as listed in the November newsletter. All together \$4,500. was raised for the Pavilion Senior Center programs and equipment.



S.I.R.R. '90

Southwestern Illinois Regional Rally, Belleville, Illinois. Eleven Wheeling Wheelmen joined in the fun with fantastic rural scenery, traffic-free roads, dinner and Ice Cream Ball and also a dinner and dancing on a Mississippi River boat. What a beautiful way to celebrate my birthday! Mark your calendars for this promises to be an annual event!

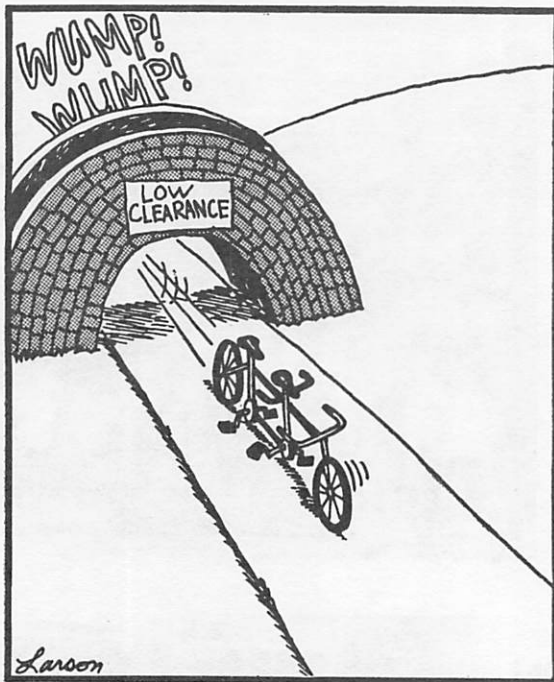


Diane and Hans Predel and Howard and Lois Paul at Eckert's Farm - food, crafts, petting zoo, pumpkins, pumpkins and more pumpkins!



Witches, ghosts and other characters enticing visitors to take photos. Phyllis Harmon with one of them.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



*"Doing 40 miles an hour
in a 25-mile-an-hour zone—going through
a red light. Where's the fire?"*

JIM BERRY, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Ride Codes

LEISURE: 8-10 miles per hour. Group stays together. Leader stops frequently to regroup. Cue sheets provided. Recommended for beginners.

TOURING: 10-15 miles per hour. Group stays together. Leader stops periodically to regroup. Cue sheets provided.

EXPRESS: 15+ miles per hour. Ride at your own quick pace. Group is not obligated to stay together or stop to regroup. Cue sheets provided.

NOVEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE

NOV 3 SHOW & GO WITH WOYTECK #1

TOURING/LEISURE 11:00 AM. 30-50 MILES. START FROM DAVID PARK IN ZION. TAKE TRI-STAE N. TO 173. EAST ON 173 TO KENOSHA ROAD. SOUTH ON KENOSHA ROAD TO 21ST. EAST ON 21ST. PARK ON RIGHT. WOYTECK MORAJKO 392-0530

NOV 10 SHOW AND GO WITH WOYTECK #2

TOURING/LEISURE 11:00 AM. 30-50 MILES. START FROM McHENERY COUNTY COLLEGE. TAKE HWY 14 (NORTHWEST HIGHWAY) THROUGH CYRSTAL LAKE, CONTINUE ON 14 PAST INTERSECTION OF 14 & 176. COLLEGE ON RIGHT APPROX 1 MILE NORTHWEST OF 176. WOYTECK MORAJKO 392-0530

NOV 11 HIKE/BIKE/EAT

TOURING/LEISURE/EXPRESS. 10:00 AM. 9 MILE HIKE OR (OPTIONAL) MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE. START AT WATERFALL GLEN FOREST PRESERVE. I-55 SOUTH TO CASS AVE. ON CASS AVE. TO NORTHGATE DRIVE. (2ND RIGHT). CONTINUE 300 FEET TO PARK ENTRANCE. THE ATB RIDE WILL BE ON THE TRAILS. NO LEADER, NO CUE SHEET. CHINESE FEAST AT RESTAURANT AFTER THE HIKE/RIDE. AARON TANZER 323-3204

NOV 17 SHOW & GO WITH WOYTECK #3

SAME AS NOV 3

NOV 23 WORK OFF THE TURKEY RIDE

TOURING/LEISURE 10:00 AM. 40-50 MILES, WEATHER PERMITTING. START FROM DAVID PARK, ZION. (SEE NOV 3 FOR DIRECTIONS)

NOV 25 SHOW AND GO WITH WOYTECK #4

SAME AS NOV 10