

Monthly Meanders

Newsletter For The Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club, December, 1990

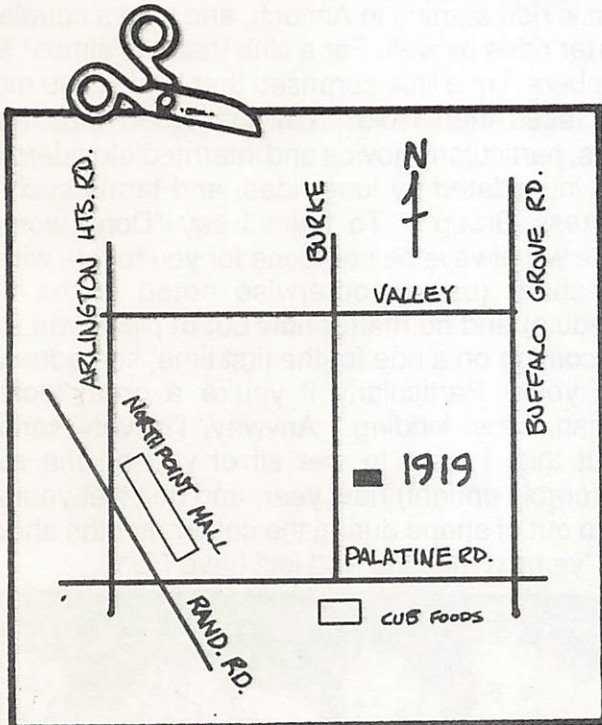
HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY With the Prez!



When? December 8, 1990 at Al and Fran's house, 340 Redwing in Deerfield. Turn onto Inverrary from Milwaukee Ave., just North of Lake Cook Rd., go west to Redwing, and it's the first street on the right. PLEASE NOTE the change in time for the hike: 11:00am at

Daniel Wright woods, St. Mary's and Everett roads, Weather permitting (forget the biking unless it's 60 degrees!) The party will start at 12:30. Don't forget to call Fran to RSVP, and let her know what you'd like to bring. Her work # is (312)606-9004, home is (708)541-9248.

HEY MAN! PARTY AT JERRY'S!



It's wild, It's crazy! It's the Wheeling Wheelmen New Year's day party, and it's going to be at Jerry and Ester Rices' house! Guess what day? That's right, New Year's day from 11am 'till 4pm. We will hike or X-country ski around Lake Arlington, or maybe not depending on what we did the night before--don't forget the Tylenol. Call them at (708)870-8127 and tell them what side dish you would like to bring. Their address is: 1919 N.Burke Dr. in Arlington Heights--cut out the map, and paste it on your steering wheel.

PREZ SEZ

-by Alan S. Berman

The Wheeling Wheelmen is one of the outstanding bicycle clubs in the state, and I assume the Presidency with a great sense of responsibility to lead this club in a positive direction for the next year. I follow such outstanding presidents as Hans Predel and Al Petty, who have worked so hard to bring this club to where it is today. Over the last year, we have seen many new rides added to our club inventory, thanks to the outstanding job done by Woytec and Carol as our ride chairpersons. Many of the new rides were led by them because there weren't enough people volunteering to lead rides last year. The success of any club is based on dedicated volunteers who actively participate in club activities. That does not mean just paying dues or showing up for rides. It means making a positive contribution to club activities. You only get out of your club membership what you put into it. Let's make Carol and Woytec's

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Wheeling Wheelmen (NEW!) Board Of Directors

President	Al Berman	541-9248
Vice Prez	Carol/Woyteck	392-0530
Treasurer	Justin Himel	—
Membership	Lisa Gerhold	803-3998
Safety	Dick Sorenson	—
Newsletter	Craig Jorgensen	356-0692
Bike Books	Roy Erickson	381-5128

Club Ride & Information Line (312) 989-7373

*(312) Area Code; All others are (708)

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job a little easier this year by volunteering to lead more rides. One of my goals this year is to encourage newer riders to come out and enjoy club rides. In this regard, Hans and Diane have agreed to lead a number of shorter rides at a leisure-to-slow touring pace, which hopefully will attract riders who are still intimidated at the thought of riding fifty miles, or at the touring pace, which seems to get a little faster each year. Finally, I look forward to working with the other members of the Board: Dick Sorenson, Justin Himel, Carol Passowic, Woytec Morajko, and Lisa Gerhold. Together, I hope that we can provide the leadership, which, along with a spirit of cooperation among the members as a whole, should result in another great year.

ST. PAT'S INVITATIONAL

The St. Pat's Invitational is already underway. Notices have gone out to the magazines and our new route has been ridden and re-ridden. It's not too early



to volunteer for the various jobs that always need to be done: parking, registration, sag wagon and possibly a new one--automobile mud wrestling! So call now before all the good spots are

taken! --Jerry Rice and Larry Erman

LET'S GO X-COUNTRY SKIING!

If you'll be joining us to go on weekend ski trips, please remember that we need your deposits soon! FOR JANUARY TRIP 1-18 TO 1-21: (to Minoqua), please send \$60.00 payable to Lakeview Motor Lodge by 12/15/90 to: Fran Green, 340 Redwing, Deerfield, Il 60015. Phone: (708)541-9248 hm. or (312)606-9004 wk. FOR FEBRUARY TRIP 2-15 TO 2-18: (to Eagle River), please send \$45.00 payable to American Budget Inn by 12/30/90 to: Bob Brown-ing, 18 Linden Ave., Wheeling, Il 60090. Phone: (708)537-3391 hm. or (708)831-4800 wk. -- Fran Green

WAS IT GOOD FOR YOU?

-By Craig Jorgensen

So there I was, working on the last club news letter for the year 1990 (putting this baby to bed, as we call it in the newsletter business), and I started thinking about the past year. I thought about the things I accomplished, the fun I had, the places I saw, the things I learned and the people I met (keep reading, this gets better). I realized what a big part of my life cycling has become, and the how much the Wheeling Wheelmen played in that. I did a lot of riding this year, about 5000 miles, including club rides and invitationals. I also got a taste of fairly serious off-road riding, and entered my first (but not my last) on-road race. I also met a whole new group of friends that have turned out to be some pretty darn good people. We travelled, we partied, we goofed around, we partied some more, and sometimes we even rode hard (did I mention eating?). I even became editor of this newsletter--with a little help from Igor. Okay, by now you're saying "That's great Craig, but what's the point here?". Well here's the point--that I wouldn't have been able to accomplish half of the things that I did this year if I hadn't belonged to this club. What I'm trying to say is that being in a club like the Wheeling Wheelmen is about the best thing that a cyclist can do for themselves, and anyone who doesn't take advantage of what this club has to offer is denying themselves a great deal of things on many different levels. Of course, we have to remember to put back what we take, and one of the best ways to do that is through volunteer work, and leading rides. Next year I'm planning to create a new 75 mile ride starting in Antioch, and lead a couple of shorter rides as well. For a club that has almost 500 members, I'm a little surprised that I didn't see more new faces than I did. I'm concerned that many riders, particularly novice and intermediate riders felt a bit intimidated by long rides, and terms such as "Express Group". To them I say "Don't worry!". There will always be someone for you to ride with, a cue sheet (unless otherwise noted in the ride schedule) and no matter how out of place you may feel coming on a ride for the first time, someone will help you. Particularly if you're a great looking woman. Just kidding. Anyway, I'm very serious about this, I want to see all of you on the road (preferably upright) next year, and don't let yourself get to out of shape during the colder months ahead. See 'ya next meeting and lets have FUN!



GEARING UP

-Compiled by Craig Jorgensen

☞ Amling's Cycle & Fitness of Arlington Heights is currently taking names of people who would be interested in a bicycle maintenance and repair class that would first deal with simple maintenance and on-the-road repairs, and then go on to more complicated aspects of taking care of a bicycle. Anyone who is interested can call: (708)253-0349 to leave your name and number.

☞ Amling's is currently looking for part-time help in sales, service and assembly. In addition, there will also be a managers position available in the spring. Call John at the above number if you are interested.

☞ Mc Donald's is finally going to phase out the styrofoam boxes that they have been using for so many years. I'm glad that the company is finally showing some responsibility towards the environment, although I'm sure that their main concern is how to keep the grease from leaking through the wrapper (YUCKK!). Personally, I'd almost rather eat the plastic, it's lower in fat and probably contains less chemicals.

☞ Big Al where are you? More important, who are you? You were the first person to call me about the shoes that I wanted to give away last month, but I couldn't make out your phone # on my answering machine. So give me a call back, and if the shoes fit, you can wear 'em.

☞ I've heard a lot of nice things about this years Harmon. It seemed that most people were raving about the food, and we were even given a nice write-up in the Folks-on-spokes' club newsletter. Next year should be even better, what with the new location at the Wauconda Apple Orchard. It seems some people however, were having problems seeing the day-glo orange road markings. Apparently, for those individuals affected with a slight amount of color blindness, that color washes out. Oh well, back to boring 'ol white.

☞ The new Board is in! For those of you who couldn't make the club banquet, you missed a really great time (the slide show was a hoot!). Among the awards given were: Most improved male and female riders, Arron Tanzer and Lotti Dolce respectively; and Volunteer of the year, Linda Svrcek. The first place recipients of the club mileage awards were our new first lady, Fran Green and some guy whose name I can't pronounce (his joke not mine).

☞ I want to thank everyone for making their best effort to get their newsletter submissions to me on time, it makes my life a whole lot easier. Well, that puts a wrap on the year 1990. Send stuff to me at: 25625 Columbia Bay Drive, Lake Villa Il, 60046. So, put a fork in me, I'm done.

IGOR SPEAKS (BRIEFLY)

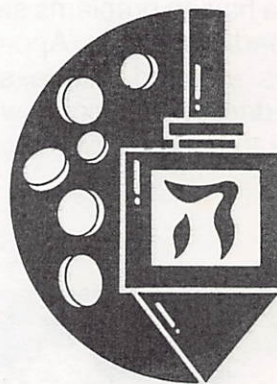
I really wanted to thank our club for the Volunteer Of The Year Award! As most of you know, this has been one demoralizing season for me with my bone-headed (or rather bone-elbowed) injuries and all, (How's the van, Andy? Any dents?), and it really lifted my spirits to know I still have a lot of support out there! My doctor, my elbow and even my Tyme pedals seem to agree I'll be back and "badder" than ever next season. See you all at St. Pats! -Igor



CROSS COUNTRY SKI SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	TRIP LEADER	TRIP LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Sat	Dec. 8	10:00	Eleanor Mamayek 428-8128	Beverly Lake Forest Preserve, Hoffman Estates on the north side of Route 72, west of Route 59	Flat to moderately hilly trail thru the Forest Preserve and along the shore of Lake Beverly. Ski or hike.
Sun	Dec 16	9:30	Clarence Littwin 724-2762	Ryerson Conservation Area, Riverwoods. On Riverwoods Road between Deerfield Road and Route 22	Flat terrain, very easy trail thru a heavily wooded nature center and along the Des Plains River. If no snow, we hike.
Sat	Dec 22	10:00	Al Berman 541-9248	Daniel Wright Woods, Lincolnshire. Intersection of St. Mary's Road and Everett Road	Flat terrain, very easy trail thru the woods. If no snow, we hike.
Sun	Dec 30	10:00	Lisa Gerhold 803-3998	Deer Grove, Palatine. West on Dundee Road to east parking lot before you cross Route 14	Moderately hilly terrain for all levels of skiers. Forest Preserve trails and fire lanes.
Sat	Jan 5	10:00	Dick Ryan 381-1775	Chain O' Lakes, Spring Grove. Route 12 to Wilmont Road, to parking lot.	Intermediate and advanced skiers- challenging trails for those with some experience
Sun	Jan 6	10:00	Bob Browning 537-3391	Moraine Hills State Park, McHenry. River Road to main entrance, to parking lot just past park office.	Gently rolling terrain through the Nature Center

Happy Holidays Everyone!



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