

Monthly Meanders

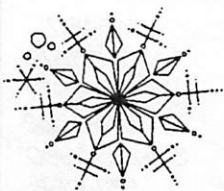
**December
1992**



There will be no meeting in December. See you at the Christmas Party and the New Year's Day Party.

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Prezsez

by Sandy Holzrichter

As your new club President, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Sandy Holzrichter and I'm 43 years old. I have been married to my husband Rick for 8 years (He doesn't like to bicycle much!) and we live in Cary. I've been bicycling seriously for only four years, even though I have had a bicycle all of my adult life. The Wheeling Wheelmen has been my bicycle club for the last four years. Last year I was your "Membership Chairman".

Now you're probably asking yourself what qualifies me to be the President of the Wheeling Wheelmen. The fact that I've run two businesses, or that I was a valued employee to a few more, is not what qualifies me to be President. What

qualifies me is that I CARE.

I care about the club, whether the club grows, and that its members are happy. I care that there are rides for everyone's riding speed and/or ability. I care that the club is successful. I care enough that I'm willing to give my time and effort for the club. I have volunteered a great deal of my time to the club and will continue to do so in the future.

I like people and I like talking with people. I want to hear your opinions and ideas. Even though I'm opinionated, I'm fair. I do have the fault of being able to see both sides of the coin. That means I will understand your point of view and how you feel, but sometimes (because I do see both sides of the issue) I find that I am

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Safety First

by John Loesch

This will be my first column as the safety chair for the club. Safety should be a primary concern of all club members. Cycling is an exhilarating activity that helps keep both your body and mind in shape. The best way to continue being able to do this for a lifetime is to approach cycling with a defensive mindset. Having had the dubious pleasure of attending the State of Illinois' traffic school program, I can attest that defensive driving training does make you more aware of various road conditions and does allow you to anticipate hazards and react appropriately. If all club riders will make the effort to cycle defensively, hopefully we can ride our way through an accident free 1993.

I would like to start two new features:

1) the SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH and
2) the ORGAN DONOR OF THE MONTH. As you may suspect the safety tip of the month will be geared toward those things that you can do to be a safer rider. The organ donor of the month award will be given to that club member who has demonstrated the least regard for life and limb on a club ride. As I am unable to go on every club ride personally, I will need your input to highlight those individuals deserving of this honor. While this type of recognition is probably best appreciated by its absence, hopefully we can use this as a stimulus to provoke a higher level of effective cycling from the club as a whole. I do not intend for this to be mean-spirited in any way, but only as a gentle reminder that safety requires a conscious effort on all

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Parties

Don't forget the Christmas party on December 13th at Sandy's house. See the November newsletter for details or call Sandy Holzrichter at 708.516,1817.

Let's try something new this year. Please bring a \$5 grab bag gift to this year's Christmas Party (No tube repair kits please!)

New Year's Day Party

When: January 1, 1993

Where: Ron and Judy Hattendorf's home
1705 Glenmore Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048
708-362-5997

Times: 12:00 Noon. This will let you sleep off last night's party before we bike, hike, or cross country ski.

2:00 pm. The last of the "Holiday Food" before you start dieting again.

Call Ron or Judy to find out what you should bring.

1992 MILEAGE LEADERS

Men	Women
1) Wayne Segedie.....6480	Joan Segedie.....4658
2) Ralph Pedraja.....6098	Lotti Dolce.....3103
3) Jeff Epstein.....3800	Carol Passowic.....2511
4) Woyteck Morajko....3768	Janie Neuman.....2272
5) Kurt Schoenhoff.....3726	Charlene Blake.....2131
6) Dennis Berg.....3626	Sandy Holtzrichter.1751
7) Ed Leidecker.....3274	Fran Green.....1586
8) Rick Arnopolin.....3265	Virginis Savio.....1518
9) Steve Rodgers.....2859	Sue Biederwolf.....1204
10) Dave Ebert.....2705	Judy Hattendorf...1157
11) John Broadbent.....2653	Cindy Schneider... .994
12) Bill Lorenzen.....2189	Geri McPherson....974
13) Al Berman.....2109	Liz Spratley.....966
14) Marv Scher.....1852	Lin Costagli.....772
15) Ed Addison.....1799	Pat Marshall.....763
16) Bob Savio.....1658	Mary Elizabeth Ferraro....736
17) Bob Neuman.....1638	Christine Schroeder.677
18) David Lachman.....1478	Ella Shields.....645
19) Ron Hattendorf.....1461	Sarah Herzel.....624
20) John Loesch.....1446	Ronda Imhoff.....585
Total Club Miles....143,944	

Door County Weekend
October 8 - 10, 1993

Many members have expressed to me an interest in joining our group of regulars in our annual trip to Door County, Wisconsin the second weekend of October. Door County is a very unique biking area, with lots of very scenic, uncrowded roads; lots of good and interesting places to eat, either a whole meal or home made soups and desserts; and a chance to see the fall colors (usually at it's height at this time of the year). Because of the popularity of this weekend, it is necessary to make reservations a year ahead of time as all the available rooms fill up rather fast. There won't be any more announcements of this trip, so if you are interested, please call Alan Berman at 708-541-9248 for suggestions on where to stay.

Announcements

Bob and Virginia Savio have volunteered to be the club's "Government Relations Advocates" in association with the L.A.W. If you have any suggestions or ideas that could help with bicycling, road safety, governmental involvement, road planning, etc., please call Bob or Virginia at 708-438-8066.

Welcome Back Walter

Glad to see you back riding now that your broken arm has mended. Watch those Tavern rides!

The Board of Directors

President	Sandy Holzrichter	516-1817
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Treasurer	Lotti Dolce	398-3957
Membership	Lin Costagli	364-4569
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Newsletter	Cal Kutemeier	827-2248
Bike Books	Roy Erikson	381-5128

(708 area code unless noted)

Send stuff to: **Cal Kutemeier, 9226 Golf Road #109, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.** Contact Lin with any address changes.

Wheeling Wheelmen Ride Line (708) 367-6472

unable to take a stand without a great deal of thought. That is where my terrific Board comes in - Ralph, Cindy & Al, Lotti, Phyllis, John, Cal and Lin. We work together as a team. No ego's are involved, just a great desire to improve our club.

I'm excited about being your President. Am I looking forward to the coming year? YOU BET! Am I going to work hard for the club? YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!

DESIGNING WOMEN (and MEN)

The Wheeling Wheelmen need new club jerseys and shorts. It's starting to get embarrassing when we go to invitationals and we're the only club not there in club jerseys and shorts. It's really impressive to see club members all decked out in matching club colors. So, let's get those creative thoughts flowing and come up with some great designs. the Board will judge the entries in January. That means you have two months to come up with a terrific design. Good luck!

Editor's Corner

Just a brief reminder. All submissions need to be received in writing by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. It is important for everyone to receive their newsletter before the 1st of the month so they know about the meeting and the rides during the month. My schedule has become busier than I anticipated when I accepted this job. I have made exceptions in each of the last two newsletters. I need your cooperation to get the newsletter completed in a timely manner.

Hey Santa!

Here's a gift idea for that discriminating cyclist on your Christmas shopping list. Be a cycle Santa! HARMON HUNDRED T-shirts make great gifts. Only \$6 for this or last year's HARMON HUNDRED T-shirt. Wheeling Wheelmen cycling shorts are also available for \$15. Call now! These will not last. Place your order with Cindy Schneider 708-696-2356.

our parts.

And now, the first SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH (drumroll please-- and thanks to Bill Bergeron and Lin Costagli) In the event of an accident where you cannot speak for yourself (due to unconsciousness or shock) always carry a card with the following information:

- 1) name, address and phone
- 2) emergency contact and their phone
- 3) major medical policy number
- 4) blood type
- 5) medicines you take and medicines to which you are allergic.

The above information will facilitate any emergency medical treatment that you may need.

Future columns are open to suggestion. Your help will help. **BETTER SAFE THAN...**

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls and good wishes. It was always a bright spot in my day to hear from one of you. I'm hobbling around on crutches now, and I hope to be back to normal (or close) by the first week of December. Then I get to go bicycle shopping! I guess there's always a silver lining if you look hard enough!!! Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and support. Happy Holidays
Jennie Howard

Christmas Lights Ride

Saturday, December 19th 7:00 pm
Wayne and Joan Segedie's house
2073 Charter Point Drive in Arlington Heights

This will be up to a 10 mile ride to view the Christmas lights. Yes it will be dark and cold, but if you have a bike lights and warm clothes it will be a lot of fun. Afterwards there will be plenty of hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Call 708.632.1472 to get directions and to give an idea of how many people to expect.

Friday the 13th

by Sandy Holzrichter

If you missed that date, you missed one heck of a good time. This year's Annual Banquet was one of the best ever and everyone seemed to have a great time. Ralph and I M.C.'d the event and we had a super time. The Board spent countless fun hours to come up with gag awards and volunteer gifts. But it was worth it. Ask the people who were at the banquet!

The club could not exist without the efforts of its volunteers. You are invaluable.

Pat Marshall - Stuffing, labeling and mailing the newsletter.

Melissa Maes Wolfson - Maintains the listing of members and prepares mailing labels.

Craig Jorgensen - Newsletter editor for two years

Ed Leidecker - Keeping count of your miles.

Sue and Mark Biederwolf - For the great food at the picnic and HARMON sag stops.

Jerry Rice - St. Pat's Ride for two years.

Woyteck Morajko and Carol Passowic - Invitational lists and Wednesday night rides.

Charlene Blake - Tuesday and Thursday touring rides.

Ralph Pedraja - Tuesday and Thursday express rides.

Cross Country Ski Trips by Fran Green

Minoqua has had five snowstorms by the middle of November. Trails to open after Thanksgiving! This year we will be going to Minoqua on January 15 -18 and to Eagle river on February 12 -15.

For the Minoqua trip, contact FRAN GREEN-KELNER now at 708.541.9248 (Home) or 312.606.9004 (Days). I would like an estimate of how many will be joining us. I WILL NEED A DEPOSIT of \$50 payable to Super 8 Motel (the old Northwoods Inn where we've stayed in years past) BY THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER (Rooms range from \$46 to \$62 a night). Please call me to ensure availability before sending your checks to me at: 134 N. LsSalle Street, Suite 2222, Chicago IL 60602.

Please contact Bob Browning at 708.537.3391 (Home) about the February trip.

Cindy and Al Schneider - THE HARMON.

Hans Predel - Ride list and Constitution.

Howard Paul - Banquet and Constitution.

Elliott Kanner - Constitution.

Joe Tobias - Constitution. My apologies for not mentioning your contribution at the Banquet.

Best Rides Awards

0 - 40 John Loesch - Bike Show Ride

41 - 65 Bill Lorenzen - Binnie Woods

66 - 100 Ralph Pedraja - Cedarburg

over 100 Woyteck and Carol - Janesville

Most Improved Riders

Jeff Epstein - Jeff went from leisure rider to touring rider to express rider all in one season. That's improvement!

Judy Hattendorf - Judy rode more miles with the club this year. Her bike handling and her speed has improved. Good job and keep improving!

Christine Schroeder received an award for her 3rd place in her category in the "Michigan National 24 hour Challenge". She rode 319 miles and received the "Most Improved Rider - Female" award. Congratulations Christine!

Ride leaders and sweeps received water bottles or mugs. There were 54 of you. That's terrific.

Last, and not least, I'd like to thank Howard Paul for arranging the banquet. Kathryn's was a great place, we had the whole place to ourselves. The entertainer, Mr. Brown, was unique, I liked him! Thank you Howard.

Volunteers are needed for 1993 to be another successful year of riding. Ride leaders are needed for all levels of riding. For those of you who feel there are not enough slower and/or shorter rides in the summer, now is your chance to fix that by volunteering to lead a ride. The club already has the maps. We need you! Call Ralph at 680-7379 to get more info about your 1993 ride.

Wheeling Wheelmen Rideline 708.367.6472

This is the new source for all current info about upcoming rides and events. This will be updated every week. Changes to published ride schedules will also be mentioned on the Rideline. Check it out now!