



# Monthly Meanders

Wheeling Wheelmen

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## of the Wheeling Wheelmen

January 1996

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- \* February Meeting
- \* Thursday February 1, 7:00PM
- \* Wheeling High School
- \* Presentation: Call ride line

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PREZSEZ

By Wayne Segedie

Happy New Year to everyone and your families. I hope you all had a very happy and healthy holiday season. Did Santa or the Hanukkah man bring you that shinny new bike or other related goodies? He missed my house so I guess I was bad as usual. Oh well, there is always next year.

I really do not believe in new year's resolutions, but there is something I need to address and I think that we could all make this a combined resolution. Tell me what you think?

Winter rides are and have always been show & go's. This year for some reason people have forgotten that fact and seem to be upset with the ride schedule. Well hello, there is no schedule. We are all just volunteers and doing the best job we can. We as a club depend on our members to make this the best club that there can or ever will be. So what I am saying is that we can only be what you want by you contributing. If you do not like what we are doing, then please, please, please stand up and be counted. We need you to help. Our library is full, so please lead a ride. This is winter, so we need to keep the rides in the 25 to 40 mile range with rest stops every 15 to 20 miles. In late February or early March we can increase the mileage and even start using more cue sheets. Maybe you have a training route by your house as I do, that you can lead for the club. How about it? Call Mike and volunteer.

So, back to my resolution. Instead of whining, how about putting your efforts and energy into something positive like leading a ride, designing a new ride, or volunteering for one of our committees. We have so many people that contribute so much. How about you? Thank you.

Speaking of volunteers, how about a big thank you to our two newest volunteers. Our new Harmon chairpersons are Stacy Carver and Greg Iverson. Thanks guys, I know how excited you both are, you will do a great job. They will be needing lots of help, so put your thinking caps on as to how you want to share in their excitement. What is your expertise in your other life, and how can you relate this to the '96 Harmon. It's only January and Steve Libbin is already planning his special treat for his rest stop. It will be hard for him to top the pasta he did last year, but believe it or not he indeed has a new plan.

Also on the thank you front let's not forget Joan for another splendid job she did on our annual banquet. The food, entertainment and goodies were excellent. Those of you that choose not to share in this event really missed a good time. Next, we have Dave Ebert outdoing himself as the Christmas Chef Elf cooking us a wonderful meal. The Christmas party at Dave's was another masterpiece. Thanks Dave. And last but not least are Ron and Judy for the New Year's Day party. Great job. The weather really was not good enough to ride, but we did get in a lovely walk. I think that everyone actually enjoyed the walk more than if they would have ridden. And the food was great.

We are working on a new club jersey, which will be ready for delivery around May 1. Plan on being at the February meeting for a sizing party. We will have sample sizes of the jersey and will be pre booking orders. I do not have the exact cost as of this date, so stay tuned for more info. You still have time left on the jersey contest, but remember, it closes on January 31, 1996.

The CABDA Show will be Feb 24th & 25th at the Rosemont convention center. We will have a booth again this year, so please stop by and say hello. Also, how about showing some pride and your colors by wearing your Harmon '95 t-shirt. Watch your newspapers and bike shops for discount coupons. See you there.

By now you should have received your renewal form for your dues. If you did not, please let one of us know and we will be happy to send you out a bill. Please send in your form soon. Remember, if we do not receive your renewal by the end of February, you will not receive any more newsletters. Also, we have deemed this as a year of building the membership. So, talk up the club to your friends or co-workers and try to bring in just one new membership each year. It's really pretty easy. Even I brought in someone. Remember if we each just concentrated on one new member, we could double in size by the end of the year. Maybe I should offer a prize for the one that brings in the most new people?

Our March program will be a flea market where you will be able to sell your unwanted or barely used sporting equipment. So start searching the garage or basement for that related bike stuff, ski stuff, or rollerblades. All I ask is that you do not bring in any bikes into the building because the school will shoot me. I suppose you could either bring a picture or have the bike in the car for someone to look, feel, and even test. Also, try to limit yourself to a few items so we do not overpower the place. Thanks.

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Also, coming in March is our annual St. Pat's ride. Give Jerry a call and lend a hand. As always, we will ride as a club after the ride closes at 11:00am. We will ride together at 11:30am. So you can work and ride.

Last thoughts, don't forget to call the ski line. Think snow so we can get in some cross country skiing.

Time to close again for another month. Don't hibernate, come out and see us. Have a great new year. Wayne

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### LASER LIGHT SHOW!!

Our next social outing will be on Saturday, January 27. We'll meet at Russell's BBQ for dinner at 7:00 P.M. Russell's is a serve-yourself restaurant with inexpensive, but delicious, food. Then on to Triton College for a laser light show. If you've never seen this before or it's been a long time, join us for a special experience. You'll sit in comfortable seats and watch laser beams dance and move to music. The laser show lasts about an hour and costs \$6.00 for adults. Russell's BBQ is located at 1621 Thatcher Avenue in Elmwood Park (708/453-7065) Just North of North Avenue on the East side of the street(from the East, Thatcher is past Harlem Avenue about 1 mile), (from the West, Thatcher is about 1/2 mile past Kiddieland) Call Joan at 708/632-1472 to reserve your spot!

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped me make this year's banquet a success, especially everyone who attended and all who donated prizes. Thanks also to Wayne and Ella for doing a wonderful job distributing the door prizes to the winners. I couldn't have done it without your help!

Prizes Donated By:

- ABC Cyclery - Arlington Heights
- Amlings Bike Shop - Arlington Heights
- Bikes Plus - Arlington Heights
- Cole Taylor Bank - Wheeling
- Phyllis Harmon
- Wayne Segedie
- Ella Shields
- Performance Bike Shop - Park Ridge
- Village Cycle Sport - Elk Grove Village

Joan Segedie

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### Winter GEAR

March 17-21, 1996-Winter GEAR will be held in Mt. Dara, near Orlando. Great bicycling in the only NON-flat area of Florida. For more information visit the next CLUB MEETING or call the league at (410) 539-3399 or E-mail: Bikevent@aol.com

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### SAFETY STUFF

by Ron Hattendorf

Now is the time to sit back and think about last biking season, and to be thankful for the camaraderie, fun, and physical workout, as well as mental appeasement we earned through this wonderful activity! We had some mishaps. Most, but not all could have been avoided through concentration.

Club members that have at least 1 year, or 1000 miles of riding have learned the basics and more of road biking safety from each other.

Mountain biking is a different ball game. The only mountain biking I do is on trails in the local forest preserves, but I am not sure if that's quite the "real thing." I've heard that mountain biking is like downhill skiing, and road biking, is like cross-country.(I've never been down hill skiing either.) But as your new safety person, I will not leave a rock unturned, when it comes to educating my biking friends, about on or off road endeavors.

I know this safety stuff is repetitive, but it eventually sinks past the helmet and into the brain. So... that is my first column. I must go look for some good information!

Ron

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### Thanks for the Memories

I didn't have the chance to say "good-bye" to everybody. There are so many friends that I left behind... it made leaving much too hard! but I get to take 7 years of fun memories with me.

I volunteered for treasurer for 4 years and thought I could put something back into the club for all of the great times I've got out of it. Of course there was a lot of work, but I kept getting more out of being on the board; all my close friends, the great dinners, fun, experience and a chance to put my energy into something where my heart and soul is. I owe a lot of you a lot!

Something was pulling me Westwards, closer to the mountains. I needed new challenges; rocks to climb, trails to find, new territory to explore and snow to ski in. So, westward I moved to, San Mateo(near San Francisco). I am starting a new life and hopefully a new job soon!! but I'd like to keep in touch. Write me if you have some time and thanks again

Keep Cycling,  
Lotti Dolce  
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### Harmon Hundred '95 Statistics

riders: 1531  
 spending: \$13,326  
 pre-reg: \$10,855  
 day of: \$15,172  
 profit: \$12,701  
 donations:  
 LAB \$1,531  
 CBF \$500  
 LIB \$250  
 TURF \$250  
 Bicycle Museum \$100  
 Village of Wheeling \$200

Food donations to the Wauconda and Wheeling food pantry



Above: Phyllis Harmon Presenting donation from proceeds of the Harmon Hundred to Police Chief Michael Haeger(left) and Deputy Chief John Popadowski. Donation to be used towards the Police on Bicycle program.

### 1995 Club Miles

WOMEN		MEN	
1. Joan Segedie	3779	Jeff Epstein	4113
2. Cindy Schneider	2845	Tom Burke	3132
3. Ella Shields	2735	Dennis Berg	2909
4. Lotti Dolce	2116	Al Schneider	2787
5. Jane Neuman	2098	Walter Rosenbaum	2675
6. Virginia Savio	1374	Tom Chambers	2552
7. Carroll Passowic	1299	Wayne Segedie	2550
8. Judy Hattendorf	1212	John Yuill	2310
9. Regina Wilkins	810	Bob Savio	1911
10. Shannon Braun	604	Rick Arnopolin	1874

### ELECTION RESULTS

#### 1995 MOST IMPROVED RIDERS

Tom Burke      Virginia Savio      Ella Shields

#### BEST NEW RIDE 1995

Ogle Odyssey - Rick Arnopolin

BEST DRESSED      Steve Libbin

[Note: the new 847 Area code change effective Jan 20]

### Club Officials

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