

## PREZSEZ

By: Wayne Segedie

**HE'S BACK** Yes, I'm back. I don't know if it's by popular demand or more by default, but you are stuck with me for another year. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year, and we need to **act now**. We still need to fill a number of positions. I am going to ask you to volunteer to help me with quite a few things. We need to do this in order to keep this club running smoothly. So, let's start the new year off right, pick up the phone and volunteer to help. Call me at 847-426-4376.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL** Hope your holidays were happy and healthy. Did Santa give you that new bike or skis?

**CONGRATULATIONS** and a big **thank you** to all those who came forward and decided they would not only take, but give back to the club by filling one of the many positions it takes to keep us rolling along. I will post your 1997 elected and non-elected positions elsewhere in this newsletter, and you will see that there are still some critical spots with your name on them!

**HARMON UPDATE** We are going to do things a little differently this year for the Harmon. We all lead very hectic lives and have very demanding jobs that take up most of our time, not to mention things like family. I think that we all feel that no one person has the time needed to take on such an enormous event like this alone. So, we will change our way of thinking this year and not have a Harmon chair, just individual chairpeople. We will have a food chair, sag chair, road marking chair, rest stop chair, route chair, advertising chair etc., etc. I think you get my idea. This will make life easier for everyone. Of course, if someone wants to take on the position of Harmon chair, I would not turn them down. In fact, I would be extremely happy. How about picking a chair position now and avoid the rush? I have again selected rest stop #2 for myself. I can't wait to

see what Steve has planned. I understand he is planning Thai food. You thought he was crazy last year with Sushi, at least I did, but it was a huge success.

**NEW YEARS DAY PARTY** When is that you ask? January 1, 1997 at the home of Lynn Chassee 630-377-6258 (John Loesch's prettier half). Don't miss out on a great time. John has a ride planned of about 15-20 miles. Depending on the weather, it will either be a trail or road ride. I suggest bringing a mountain bike, the roads will not be that great anyway, and you are much safer riding fat tires from December through March. Parking is very limited, so car pooling is a must. Thank you.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** Membership renewals should be in the mail within the next several weeks. Notice how we spare you until after the holidays, just when all your other bills are due. Just make sure you pay us first, Discover Card and Visa can wait, Right? So don't delay, mail today.

**JANUARY MEETING CHANGE** Please note that January's meeting date has been moved back a week to January 9th, 1997. Sorry for the confusion, but the school would have closed on our normal day. I really do hate standing in a cold parking lot and have to speak, especially when you all are in your cars keeping warm. Make sure you come out that night and say Hi! to our guest speaker, **Karen Shinnors** from CBF. Karen will be updating us on the recent developments with Metra, regarding bikes on trains. I also have a **surprise** for you. We will be giving away a \$25.00 CABDA gift certificate, good at most of your local bike shops. How about that? If you don't show, does that mean I will win by default? Isn't that how I continue to be your president? Actually, I did get voted into office. Thank you very much.

**CABDA SHOW** Here comes another sales pitch. I need volunteers again to help me man our booth at the CABDA show Feb. 21-23, 1997. We had a great crew last year. They were very energetic and warm. I need lots of smiling faces. We will be doing split shifts again. You

can work either the morning or afternoon. We will pay your admission, as in the past. So, put in a few hours, and then you get to see the show for free. I'm sure that most of you are planning on attending anyway. Sounds like a good deal to me, that's why I am working all three days. Yes, I did say three days. So, I need extra bodies this year. I will also need your help with decorations and a theme. I know we have lots of creative members out there. What are your ideas? This year's show has been expanded to include In-line skating(yeah), Running, Triathlon gear, and Outdoor sports exhibits. Give me a call to reserve your preferred time slot.

**WINTER RIDING** Yes, we do ride in the winter. Actually, winter riding is a lot of fun. It is a good way to maintain that fitness edge, while working off those winter blahs. We **ride as a group**, and ride socially rather than competitively. We just have a plain old good time. Believe it or not, you stay very warm, and we try to incorporate rest stops much closer together, like every 12-15 miles. How about **your** favorite training route? Give Rick a call and volunteer to lead it for the club.

### **HIKING AND CROSS COUNTRY**

**SKIING** Don't forget to call door #3 and check the latest updates. As the weather dictates, we will be doing something. So make sure you check that morning for any changes. Like on December 1st, I was able to ski that day. I did not put the event on the line until the very last minute. You never know what happens overnight. I woke up that morning, looked out the window and said "Oh snow". Then I said "Oh boy, snow", I can go skiing. So, I put the boards in the car and hit the trails. Think snow!!!!

**WEBSITE UPDATE** We have a new Webmaster (thank you Bill Bergeron). We also have a new address. Check it out.

Web-page:

<http://www.cyberconnect.com/wheelmen/wwhome.htm>

E-mail: [wheelmen@cyberconnect.com](mailto:wheelmen@cyberconnect.com)

**BANQUET UPDATE** Pam did a great job, and I think we all had a very nice time. We had some long distance guests, and some long time club members. We had new members, and newly recognized members. If you missed the banquet, shame on you. I don't feel sorry for you, it was your loss. Next time be there. Thanks Pam for a very special event. And thank you to Ella for her hard work as usual, coordinating all the awards. A special thank you to Mike Ortmanns for all his hard work making the awards. Good job Mike. I do not have space here to print all of the awards, hopefully we will have space elsewhere.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIDE** Our annual St. Pat's Day invitational is just around the corner. Make your calendars for March 16, 1997 at the Wauconda Apple Orchards. Call Dave Lachman or Art Cunningham now to help out. We need registration, parking, route markings, and possibly Sag. How about a few people getting together to make cookies for the start of the ride? Maybe green shamrocks?

Well it's time to put this puppy to bed again. I will even get this to the newsletter editor before the 10th of the month. See, even I am starting the new year off right. Thanks for having the confidence in me to lead you through another year. Let's make it a special one. Remember, as I always say, the club is only as good as **you** make it. Have a great year.

May the wind be always at your back.

**Happy New Year**

*Wayne*



## RESULTS FROM BALLOTING

**BEST NEW RIDE of 1996** - Winnebago Wheeled Wanderlust - Rick Arnopolin

**MOST IMPROVED RIDERS** - Greg Iverson, Virginia Savio

**BEST DRESSED** - Mike Ortmanns

THE CLUB PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PROPOSAL DID NOT PASS.



## 1996 TOP 10 MILEAGE

1. Jeff Epstein	3551	Cindy Schneider	3254
2. Al Schneider	3250	Joan Burke	2445
3. Dennis Berg	3003	Ella Shields	1512
4. Wayne Segedie	2685	Virginia Savio	1409
5. Bob Savio	2640	Janie Neuman	1289
6. Greg Iverson	2450	Deb Brown	668
7. Tom Burke	2355	Joanne Bjerger	543
8. Rick Arnopolin	2102	Carol Passowic	493
9. Dave Lachman	2032	M.E. Ferrar	460
10. Mike Ortmanns	1335	Regina Wilk	103

Midwest

# BICYCLE Show



**FEBRUARY**  
**21, 22 & 23**

Friday 4pm - 9pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm  
Rosemont Convention Center  
5555 North River Road  
Rosemont, Illinois  
(5 minutes from O'Hare Airport)

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THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO  
JANUARY 9, 1997 @ 7:00 p.m.  
WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL (West Entrance)  
NW CORNER OF HINTZ & RT-83  
Presentation: Karen Shinnars from CBF

*Band - Blue Band  
White letters*

*Sept 7*

*March 16*

*Reminders  
8/3*

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