

Wheel Words

By Wayne Segedie

Happy 4th of July

Meeting note: There will not be a July club meeting. We will resume our regular club meeting in August. August's meeting will be held at a local restaurant and not Wheeling H.S. For those that would like to arrive early, we will eat dinner before the star of the meeting. So, come out early, socialize, have some good food and fun. Life can't get any better than that. By the way, dinner is not on the club, just thought I would mention that just so there is no confusion.

Speaking of meetings, thanks to Lou Lambros for his very informative discussion on bicycle commuting. Good job Lou. I have also decided to make some changes to the club meeting. First, the meetings will begin exactly at 7:00 PM. Second, the business portion of the meeting will be limited to 15 to 20 minutes. The board realizes that these days everyone is very busy and time is limited, so we want to be able to shorten the business portion and get to the feature of the evening. Also, we are looking into decreasing the number of club meetings and board meetings to 4-6 meetings per year. Hopefully, this will help entice some new board members if they are not so tied to 20-24 meetings per year. Notice the little plug? Anyone listening, we need lots of new board members next year. It's not too early to start thinking about contributing to your club. August is when the nominating committee makes it's recommendation of new officers. If you would like to serve next year please give me a call. Thank you in advance.

Cycling Tip of the Month: Is your helmet getting rank? Sizing pads and straps absorb enormous amounts of sweat and salt during a ride. Make it a habit to wash the straps with warm water and soap after each ride. If your sizing pads are removable, toss them in the washer with your riding clothes. Don't forget your gloves. After you wipe your nose and the sweat from your face,



Annual Wheeling Wheelmen Ride and Picnic! Sunday, July 18, 1999 Old School Forest Preserve

- ⌘ The Club Ride will start at 9:00 am.
- ⌘ A delicious picnic lunch will be served after riding.
- ⌘ Hosted by Al & Cindy Schneider - call them and let them know if you will be coming or if you have any questions at (847) 696-2356.
- ⌘ Directions: I-94 N, exit IL 60 W to St. Mary's Rd., turn right to the forest preserve.
- ⌘ HOPE YOU WILL BE THERE!

you'll find that they will want to jump into the washer by themselves. Toss them into the washer too with your other riding clothes. For the smaller items that might get lost, or the gloves that have velcro on them which could ruin an expensive pair of shorts or jersey, place these items into one of those small laundry bags that are usually reserved for women's nylons. They work great, and yes, I had to buy mine all by myself.

Club Picnic: See you on Sunday July 18th for our annual picnic at the Old School Forest Preserve. We will have rides and then the best part; food and fun. Cindy and Al have a great day planned for us. Be there!

Violation: One of my best cycling tips is to always carry two spare inner tubes, and if you have a cell phone, bring it with you. Recently on a solo evening ride, I had a flat tire. No problem, I had a patch kit and a new spare. So I put in the new spare, pumped it up and proceeded to have the valve stem blow out. No problem again, I'll just repair the first tube. Wrong, that one was not repairable. Guess who did not have his cell phone with him? The area I ride in the evening always has plenty of other riders. This evening, zero. This area always has plenty of police cruising the area, wrong again. The place where I parked my car was 9 miles away. Fortunately, my house was only 5 miles away. Have you ever tried to walk 5 miles in cleated shoes? That was not fun, I was soar for two days. The moral of the story here is to not violate your own tips. Always bring two tubes, a fresh patch kit, and your cell phone with, especially if you are riding alone.

Grapevine: I have learned that several of our club members spent two weeks in Italy last month. Jennie and John Pfeifer were in Italy for some scenic riding. Dave Ebert and Reid French buddied up and rode in Italy, France and Germany. I'm sure that there was some beer consumed there somewhere. Sounds like they all had a great time. Maybe there is an upcoming article here for the Monthly Meanders? Have a happy riding month. See you at the picnic. May the wind be always at your back.
Wayne

Club Officials

Elected Officers

President	
Wayne Segedie	(847)426-4376
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Mike Ortmanns	(773)467-9387
Ella Shields	(773)594-1755
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Secretary	
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Pam Burke	(630)872-9238
Safety	
Al Berman	(847)541-9248

Appointed Officers

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Newsletter Contributions

Hey, out there, I'd love to hear from you!

Your ideas, thoughts, recipies, tips, suggestions, ride notes and stories are welcome.

Send your neatly written or typed words by the 15th of each month to:

Jennie Pfeifer
1955 Silver Lake Rd
Arlington Hts, IL 60004

(Please include your name and phone number in case I have a question)

Board Meeting

There will not be a board meeting this month!

MEANDER STATS MAY

May gave us some good riding days along with the rainy ones. Ride opportunities continue to increase with another Wednesday evening and Tuesday/Thursday evening rides added to the schedule along with the weekend rides. Through the end of May (exclusive of two Memorial Day rides which have not been reported to date), maximum attainable distance is 1602 miles. Ninety-six individuals have signed on for rides to date and 42 of these have achieved 200+ miles.

The top ten mileage munchers recorded through April are:

WOMEN

1	Cindy Schneider	656
2	Pam Burke	538
3	Ella Shields	517
4	Virginia Savio	442
5	Kris Woodcock	297
6	Betsie Burtilov	288
7	Mary Kay Drapeau	283
8	Emily Fuentes	263
9	Judy Hattendorf	254
10	Shannon Braun	230

MEN

1	Art Cunnungham	1304
2	Bob Savio	1092
3	Al Schneider	666
4	Bob Pletch	566
5	Bob Walkowitz	554
6	Bill Bergeron	472
7	Dennis Berg	444
8	Verne Aebli	422
9	John Von Lackum	407
10	Jim Edmiston	397

The Cue Sheet

Tuesday and Thursday Morning Rides
leave Deerfield's Bakery in Buffalo Grove at 9:00 AM.

The bakery is located on Buffalo Grove Rd just north of Lake Cook Rd.

Questions? Call Bob Savio (847)438-8066

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Rides
leave Buffalo Creek Park District On Checker Rd 1/4 mile west of Arlington Hts Rd. Rides start at 6:00 PM.

Routes are 25-35 miles and there will be cue sheets
Questions? Call Greg Iverson (847)670-0083

Wednesday Night Rides

Start near the Target store on Randall Rd south of Route 20 in Elgin at 6:00 PM.

As always, the rides start promptly.

The goal is to maintain a pace of 14.5 to 15 mph for 20-40 miles. There may or may not be a cue sheet, which may or may not be followed. Every effort to finish the ride at dusk is made so bring a blinking reflector.

Questions? Al & Cindy (847)696-2356

Wednesday's Hill & Dale Ride

departs from Paul Douglas Forest Preserve parking lot on Central Road between Ela Rd and Freeman.

Meet at 5:30 PM

Questions? Frank Illy (847)923-5910

Welcome New Members!



Allen Greenfield	Long Grove
David & Anne Schlachter	Long Grove
Henry Nepomuceno	Glendale Hts
Peter Guzik	Rolling Meadows
Betty Kriss	Wind Lake, WI
Ichiro Toyoda	Buffalo Grove

Moving?



Don't miss an issue of Monthly Meanders!! Call Pam Burke with all name, address and phone number changes at (630)872-9238.

Monthly Meanders of the Wheeling Wheelmen

**Ride Schedule
July 1999**

All
Riders
Should:

*wear a helmet
*bring water
*bring snacks

*have a bike in good condition
*bring a spare tube and patch kit
*bring a bike pump

*bring an ID card
*bring \$\$ for food and phone
*arrive early...15-30 minutes

Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Point	Directions	Miles	Leader	Phone #
Sat July 3	9:00	Twisted 60 & 100	Antioch Middle School	I-94 to IL 173 West just past IL 59, turn right on Tiffany, left at sign for school	60/100	Dennis Berg	847/296-4971
Sun July 4	9:00	BDSR	Kildeer School Kildeer, IL	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	40	Brian Hale	847/426-3290
Mon July 5	9:00	Root Beer Ride	McHenry County College	Rt 14 one mile past Rt 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	55/76/105	Al & Cindy Schneider	847/696-2356
Sat July 10	9:00	Ice Cream Social	McHenry County College	See above	53/76	Virginia Savio	847/438-8066
Sun July 11	8:30	McHenry/Fontana	McHenry County College	See above	75	Mike Ortmanns	773/467-9387
Sat July 17	8:30	Tour of McHenry	Evergreen School, Union	I-90 West to US 20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop. Turn left to Wahsington. Turn right to school	64	Ella Shields	773/594-1755
Sun July 18		Club Picnic	Old School Forest Preserve	I-94 N, exit IL 60 W to St. Mary's road turn right to forest preserve.			
Sat July 24	8:30	Mystery Miles	Kildeer School	See above	35	Mike Ortmanns	773/467-9387
Sat July 24	8:30	Beloit/New Glarus	Horace White Park, Beloit, WI	I-90 past Rockford, exit Rt 51 at the border, follow 51 north and west into Beloit. Turn right on Park St to park.	90/124	Al & Cindy Schneider	847/696-2356
Sun July 25		Tour of Cow Country	Sharon, WI	Rt 67 & County C at grade school, 5 miles west of Rt 14	63/77	OPEN	
Sat July 31		Ride to Big Rock	Rutland Forest Preserve	I-90 W, exit Rt 47 S to Big Timber Rd, turn left to Forest preserve	65/90	OPEN	

Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ Children's Names: _____ Age: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____ Age: _____

New Member? _____ Renewal? _____ L.A.B. Member? _____ Family dues: \$15 Individual dues: \$12

Membership Pledge: I hereby agree to operate my bicycle in a manner that is safe to me and those around me, to observe all the rules of the road, and conduct myself in a manner that will be complimentary to the sport. I release and waive all claims for negligence against the WHEELING WHEELMEN, its officers and members for all damages incurred at or associated with any WHEELING WHEELMEN activity for myself, my heirs and executors.

Applicant's Signature (parent's signature if a minor) Spouse's Signature
Mail this application with payment to Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 581-D, Wheeling, IL 60090-0581

Dear Bicycling Friends;

What started as a great day of riding at the Under Century on Sunday, June 6th, ended in heart break for two Elmhurst Bicycle Club members. After riding our hearts out in the heat Sunday and partaking in the post-ride festivities, some enterprising thief(s) stole not one but TWO sets of Spinerger wheels right off our bikes! I wondered why they didn't just take the bikes but with all the bunge cords around them, I guess it was just easier to take the wheels. It is hard to believe with some 1300 riders milling about that this could happen, but I guess with numbers comes obscurity? Rich and I learned a very hard and expensive lesson. After years of invitational rides and never having a problem, we will NEVER leave anything unlocked again.

Our plea to the bicycling community, should you be contacted or know of anyone being contacted to purchase some Spinerger wheels, please beware. Rich's one wheel had a rattle in it. (HA HA HA!?) We know nothing can be done about this and there is no hope in ever seeing these wheels again but if we can keep the person or persons from selling the wheels and parts, then maybe it is sweet revenge. (A police report was filed.)

Thank you for listening to our tale of woe. Please be careful everyone. Lock your precious bikes at all times and don't forget the wheels.

Laura Sanborn
Richard Kuhlman
Sanborn@interaccess.com

INVITATIONAL'S

JULY

July 4 4th of July Ride, Joliet Bicycle Club, 30/16 miles, \$10/\$15, Calvin Jordan, 815/355-1857, Start: Plainfield H.S.

July 11 Heatstroke 100, 18/36/65/100 miles, \$15/\$18, Benefits Community Education Dept., Scott Hoffman 414/763-0219, Start Burlington, WI.

July 11 Melon Metric, 25/31/62/100 miles, \$11, Andrea Coates, 630/357-9000 x622, Start: Plano H.S.

July 25 Wizard of Oswego, Elmhurst Bike Club, 20/40/62/100 miles, \$15, Laura Samborn 630/415-BIKE, e-mail: laurasamborn@hotmail.com, Start: Oswego H.S.

AUGUST

Aug 15 Bike Psycho Century, 35/50/70/100 miles, \$12/\$16, Zyg or Mike 708/802-1804, Start: Coal City, IL

SEPTEMBER

Sep 19 North Shore Century, 25/50/62/100, \$13/\$18, Evanston Bike Club, Hotline 847/866-7743, e-mail: yellowbikedon@compuserve.com

Sep 26 26th Apple Cider Century, 25/50/75/100, \$25, Bryan Volstorf, 616/756-3361, Start: Three Oaks, MI.

The Bicycle News Agency, - May 29, 1999
SPANISH CYCLISTS BLOWN OFF THE ROAD

In the future one will be able to distinguish a Spanish cyclist from any other citizen. The Spanish Lower House has passed a bill requesting cyclists to wear reflective clothing and helmets whenever they are outside build up areas. Cyclists also loose the right of way - and are banned from some roads.

By Ernst Pousen

Cyclists anywhere would smile "from ear to ear", if they learned that their parliament had just passed a package of laws with the title "Adapting traffic law to cycling." In Spain cyclists may instead be considering if there's still time to get a good price for the bike at a garage sale.

LOOSING THE RIGHT OF WAY

The Spanish Lower House on May 27th passed a bill, which if passed by the Upper House, safely lands Spain as the country with the second worst country for cycling in the world - only a few yards behind Saudi Arabia, which has banned cycling altogether.

Three of the changes will have a major effect on cycling. Most important may be that cyclist loose the right of way at intersection - in some cases even when cars turn left. Basically, whenever a cyclist's path

meets that of an automobile, the cyclist must yield. The law does state that cyclist keep the right of way on bicycle paths, but Spain is far from being littered with provisions for cyclists.



DRESS DIFFERENTLY

Spain does not have a strong commuter culture, and the most visible cycling is probably done by cyclists in the racing scene. This may be the reasoning behind a law which will probably be unique to Spain. At night cyclists must not only wear lights and reflectors as in other countries - but also reflective clothing whenever they ride outside of towns. What the true effect of this law will be is unknown simply because if hasn't been done anywhere else. Cyclists in the racing scene are used to dressing differently, but cyclist commuting to and from work may be discouraged.

MANDATORY HELMETS

Another first for Europe is a mandatory hel-

met law for anyone riding a bicycle outside of cities. Some members of parliament stated that this law would not reduce the number of cyclists. However, Spanish cyclists strongly disagree and have fought the law since it first appeared a year ago. Australian research showed a 30% drop in cycling following a mandatory helmet law down under.

The package of laws was invented as a safety package after a famous cyclist was killed while training, also features other much more sensible requirements. Cyclists are for example not allowed to drive while being intoxicated. If on a bicycle path or on a wide hard shoulder, cyclists are allowed to ride two abreast.

Cyclists will also be banned from Freeways, and although this does seem sensible in other countries, local cyclists have objected because these roads are often the only ones between many cities. Their hope is that the ministry of interior may make exemptions whenever the Freeway is the only sensible connection.

In theory, the Upper Parliament may still change the law, but as the law was initiated in this chamber, the new Spanish law will most likely become reality within three months. From then on foreign cyclists will be required to buy a helmet with 10 miles from the border and obey all the other rules required by the "traffic law adjusted to cyclists."



Meeting Minutes

submitted by Verne Aepli

Board Meeting Minutes - May 19

President's Report: Wayne spoke about his concerns for keeping the club membership active and increasing attendance at club meetings. It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract members to club meetings. There were suggestions for shortening the "business" portion of the meeting to no more than 30 minutes, reducing the number of meetings per year and holding meetings at local restaurants. It is suggested that the July meeting be canceled and scheduling a restaurant for the August club meeting. Previous meetings held at bike shops were well received. This idea should be revisited. It was proposed that the number of club meetings be reduced to four: February, April, June and August. Wayne also suggested reducing the number of board meetings. All of this will require a change to the constitution and a vote by the club membership. This could not occur until October or November.

Treasurer's Report: Bob provided the monthly summary of account activity.

Membership: Pam reported there are now 287 members. Pam suggested that cell phone use on rides should be encouraged and that ride leaders who own phones should provide their number on cue sheets and carry their phones. She also suggested that club members with phones might volunteer to provide their numbers to the club for inclusion in a centralized list.

Safety Report: Ride etiquette (or lack thereof) is getting a lot of visibility lately. Wayne suggested an article reinforcing good group cycling behavior. Al did not agree that an article would be the most effective means to counter the increase in bad habits among us. Al did point out that it is often the older, more experienced riders who are now leading by bad example. Another article will not change this. We need a more effective strategy. Al went on to discuss some of the ramifications of Wayne v Boub and some actions being taken in the state legislature to counteract the effects of the court decision.

Ride Report: We have rides. Mike received one negative comment about not listing the week day rides on the ride line. Mike responded that there are many week day rides, which would make for a long message on the ride line. Besides, they are all listed in the newsletter and they rarely change from week to week. Week day rides will not be on the ride line. (I've suggested to Bill to list them on the ride page of the web sit. He's done so.)

Harmon: Nothing to report regarding event scheduling. The Harmon t-shirt design commissioned from the cartoonist was distributed for review. Reaction to the design was mostly negative, citing the fact that it did not convey the club image we would like to project. It will not be used. We need to investigate other ideas/sources for a t-shirt design.

LAB: There was discussion over LAB's request for a list of Harmon registrants as a condition to be listed in their publication in the "Best Biking in America" section. The board was unanimous in our desire to maintain the privacy of this list and our ride participants. We will not submit this list. LAB will continue to list the Harmon in their regular calendar of events.

Club Jerseys: There is growing support for a club jersey re-design for the year 2000. Mike indicated he will work on creation of a new club jersey.

Date: June 16, 1999

Minutes

Reports:

President: (Wayne) Wayne led a discussion on the future number of board and club meetings. While it's generally agreed that we should cut back on the number of board meetings and club meetings, we have two options: Amend the constitution to allow "not less than x number of meetings/yr" where x is at the discretion of the board; or begin to cut back on meetings and adopt a "play it by ear" approach in response to membership reaction. It is the hope of the board that by reducing the number of meetings that club meeting attendance may increase and that board membership may become more attractive.

Secretary: (Verne) There will be no July board or club meetings. The next club meeting will be on Thursday, August 5 at a restaurant location (most likely Russel's at Algonquin & Rt. 53 - Wayne will confirm). The next board meeting will be at Verne's home on Wednesday, August 18.

Treasurer: (Bob) Bob distributed the monthly budget statement. Bob also reported that club insurance was up for renewal. The board put the insurance renewal to a vote and agreed to renew the insurance.

Ride Chairs (Mike & Ella) The July ride schedule is filled. Mike and Ella are working on filling out ride leaders for August and September. Ride leaders are needed for the picnic - both trail and road rides.

Membership (Pam) There are currently 294 members.

Safety (Al) Al reported there has been only one accident with significant injuries so far this year. Most recently, Art Cunningham had a close encounter with a dog but was unharmed by the fall. (Al also had a most entertaining story about two men throwing a bag of dog sh*t at each other in some new type of road rage ritual.)

Newsletter (Jennie) Jennie was absent. There was some discussion about the reducing the frequency of newsletters. It's generally felt that this should not be done because a) they contain the monthly ride schedule updates and b) people enjoy reading them.

Harmon Report:

Staffing & Support: Wayne reported that Steve will probably not be able to work his rest stop this year and is looking for somebody to fill in by picking up the food from Dominic's. Steve will be sure that all food arrangements are taken care of in advance. We need to start staffing rest stops and parking. SAG will be handled by McHenry Co. Wireless, as was done for St. Pat's. Bob reported that Harmon brochures will be going out for July distribution through CABDA. Members will also be asked to distribute brochures to local bike shops and should do so beginning in August.

Location: The board believes that this year should be the last year to ride out of the orchard. The route is becoming too congested from new development. There was some discussion of potential starting points including private colleges, schools (Paris school) and businesses with large parking lots. Mike and Ella will be exploring new starting locations. The ride will have to move further west or NW so easy access from the city is a concern. We recognize we may lose some of our rider base but also have the opportunity to advertise the ride to a wider audience such as Rockford and Wisconsin and draw from a different rider community.

T-Shirts: We reviewed a t-shirt design proposed by Ella, based on a crossword puzzle design. The board liked the design. Ella and Mike will be working on filling out the puzzle and on shirt color choices.

Coupons: The board reviewed a request by a cycling accessory company to provide discount coupons to us for distribution in Harmon ride packets. Since we do not distribute ride packets, they'll be contacted and told that we will distribute their coupons at the registration table. They are offering 20% off coupons for purchases through their web site.

Other Business:

Club Jerseys: Mike & Ella will be working on a new club jersey design for 2000.

Nominating Committee: The board discussed suggestions for a nominating committee for the election of next year's board members and ended up suggesting a ballot.

82nd Giro d'Italia

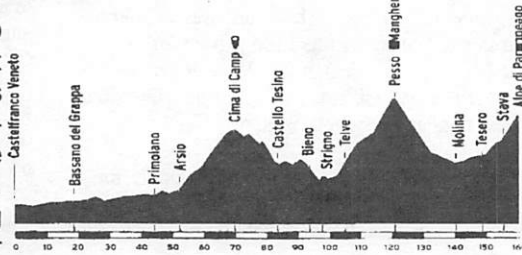
by John Pfeifer

After going to the Tour de France with the Breaking Away Bicycle Tour Company in 1997, I thought nothing could be better. But Greg Hogan, the tour director/owner said the Giro is a better trip. He was right. Fabulous hotels, great riding, delicious food and the Italians were friendly and helpful, even though in the small towns they knew little English and we know no Italian. We rode every day except the last and loved it all. The Alps and Dolomites were very tough. Using a 39/26 might have had even the best of us looking for lower gears. Some of the guests were scrambling to buy 38/27 (the smallest for Campy) to finish the trip. The lowest I used was 34/23 which comes out to be between a 39/27 and 39/26. But that was rare and usually on 14% grades or higher. Most climbs that were 12% or less, I found 34/21 (approximately 39/24) fine. No, I did not climb the Passo d'Mortirolo, a brutal 22% grade. The Giro was, as Cipollini said, "the tour of the Italian ski resorts." I loved it.

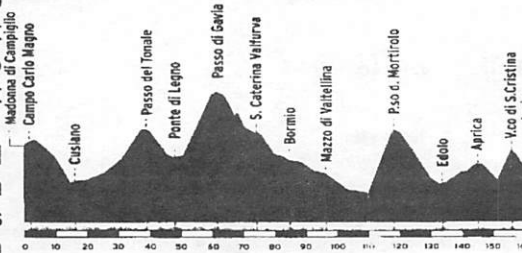
Jennifer and I did the basic routes, usually no more than 40 miles. Most rides included some of the day's race route and always a major climb. We climbed two category 3's, two category 2's, two category 1's and one HC (above category) climb. Vertical feet was only measured on major climbs so a lot of the slow gradual climbing wasn't figured. Our trip added up to 17,780 vertical feet. Some of the guests did all of the climbing options, a mere 35,700 feet. It adds up fast considering one day the Passo d'Gavia and Passo d'Mortirolo ride was 7900 feet. Just imagine the Gavia, 11.2 km (7 miles) at 9.25% average grade with a couple of 16% and 18% sections. Then head over to the Mortirolo, 12.4 km (7.7 miles) averaging 10.4% with a leg breaking 22% climb. Jennie and I did not climb both. The first day at Lake Como we rode the category 2 climb to the Madonna d'Ghisallo (the chapel of cyclists) a small chapel/museum dedicated to past cyclists. My favorite

days were stages 19 and 21 (see profile below). During stage 19 we cycled out of our hotel with one mission, ride up Alpe di Pampeago and view the mountain top finish. Alpe di Pampeago was a 2600 foot, 5 mile climb with only a couple of 15% sections. The rest of the climb was less, but not much. The amount of people driving, walking and riding up this

STAGE 19



STAGE 21



mountain was unbelievable. As we reached the 1 km mark and rode through a small tunnel the barricades started. I rode to the finish, turned around and the organizers had set up a huge (30'x30') TV screen televising the race. We spent our time buying jersey's and food waiting for the pro's to make their way up the climb. Pantani was the first through the tunnel. I clicked off some great pictures of Il Pirata and Virenque. Their speed after 160 km was just incredible. It was a great day and we still had to ride down. Normally when the roads are not busy, 5 to 8 mile descents are a blast. Today, though, the finish was at a ski resort which means one way up and the same way down. In Italy no one waits for the last pro to finish the stage, we all just start driving, walking and riding down the pass after Pantani wins it. Maybe 200,000 fans going down the mountain on a 10' wide road and 50-60 pros still racing up. The poliza don't care and neither do we. Talk about chaos. Most of the team buses stayed at the bottom so the pros had to ride back

down with us. The pace was way too fast for the amount of traffic. For about 3 km some crazy Italian in a Mapie jersey rode behind and beside me. He seemed to be pushing my pace while yelling and screaming every time someone was in our way. Finally he passed me and I notice his race numbers on his bike and jersey! Nice riding with you Tafi, you psychopath. Again the speeds were way to fast, weaving between buses, cars, bikes, cops and pedestrians...but that's what made it fun! Only one person got hurt on the trip. He was squeezed between the guard rail and a camper at one of the turns. He wasn't seriously hurt, though.

Stage 21 was a riot too. Eleven km up the Passo d'Gavia and I started to freeze. The small patches of snow were no longer small, I decided I had enough and really froze on the decent. Jennie stopped 4 km earlier when the road turned into a bike path (width) and their was a sign indicating a 16% grade. Back at the hotel that night Jennie and I watched the stage on TV. I'm glad I didn't do the remaining 6 km, the Gavia's last 1/3 wasn't as steep as the first 2/3's but the snow was 5 feet high in some areas, the fans were making fires and wearing snow outfits. I think my Pearl Izumi shorts and jersey would have been a little cold.

Breaking Away did a great job. The tour went like clock work and the hotels were excellent. If you're an OK rider, you'll suffer on the climbs. If you're a good rider you'll just ride faster...and suffer on the climbs. If you're an excellent rider you'll ride hard...and suffer on the climbs. No matter who you are, if you ride the race route of the Giro and love bicycling and climbing you're going to have a great time... and suffer on the climbs. In a couple of years, we will do this trip again. AND I CAN'T WAIT!

CTA Press Release: 5/27/99

The Chicago Transit Authority announced plans to allow bicycles on trains during summer weekends starting the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The new policy is a collaborative effort between the CTA, the Chicago Department of Transportation, and the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.

The pilot program will be effective Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from May 29 until September 6, 1999. Holidays include Memorial Day on May 31, Independence Day on July 4 and 5 and Labor Day on September 6. On July 3 bicycles will not be allowed due to heavy passenger traffic associated with the fireworks show.

This program allows bicycle enthusiasts to rely on the extensive CTA train network to get to the bike paths on the lakefront and throughout the city. Cyclists ages 18 and over are encouraged to bring their bicycles onto any of the CTA's six rail lines for access to locations throughout Chicagoland. Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed to board with bicycles and an adult must accompany cyclists aged 12 to 17.

Riders will enter the system through the access gate with the help of the

Customer Assistant. When using the stairs, bicyclists are asked to maintain a large amount of space between themselves and the other customers. And when available, elevators should be used. Once inside the station, two bicycles will be allowed per car and the riders must hold onto their bicycles at all times. Customers using wheelchairs will have priority space on each car.

Permitting bicycles on trains is a part of the City of Chicago's Bike 2000 Plan, designed to make Chicago bicycle friendly by the year 2000. The plan calls for improved coordination between mass transit and bicycles.

There are many reasons you might want to take your bike on a CTA train this summer. You can explore an interesting neighborhood by bike, ride a new trail, visit a friend or beat the traffic and parking costs at summer events, according to Randy Neufeld, Executive Director of the CBF.

At the end of the summer, the CTA's pilot program will be evaluated to determine whether or not it will be continued. The CTA Summer Bike Access Program brochure that details the program's regulations is available at CTA stations throughout the system. For information on all CTA travel, call (888) YOUR-CTA.

HOLY HILL

Saturday, August 21
and
Sunday, August 22

We had such a good time in May we are going back to Ritchfield, WI for another weekend ride. It will be two challenging days with beautiful scenery and lots of "formidable" hills. Saturday is Ella's Escapade, which is a 70-mile ride and Sunday is Bill & Mike's Excellent Adventure a 75-mile ride. If you can't make it for the whole weekend come on up for just the day.

Both rides will start at 9:00 a.m. leaving from Glacial Hills County Park. Directions: I-94 to 894 bypass, becomes US 45, exit WI 167 W to Fries Lake Road (in Washington Co.), left to park.

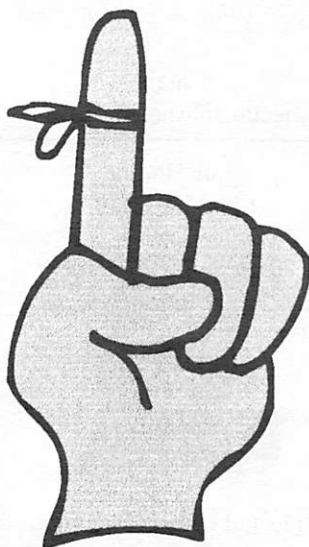
We will be staying Saturday night at the Super 8 in Germantown, WI. 1 (800)800-8000. We will have a group dinner Saturday night at our favorite Italian restaurant, if anyone is interested.

Hope you can join us!

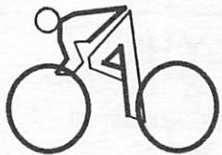
Mike Ortmanns (773)467-9387
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Cell Phones on Rides

Many of our members carry cellular phones on club rides. We ask that if you have a cell phone and you are leading a ride, please print your cell phone number on the cue sheet and leave your phone on for the ride. Since we all ride at different paces we'd like to put together a list of user friendly/bike friendly members cellular phone numbers so we can reach each other in case of an emergency on a ride. If you would like to participate please contact Pam Burke via e-mail at wheeling@wheelmen.com or leave me a message at 630-872-9238.



**Remember:
No Meeting
This Month!**



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Next Club Meeting:

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