



THE RIDE CHAIR

As we enter the mid-point of the 2001 ride season, I am pleased to report the club miles are definitely up over previous years. I like to think that the increased options offered this year have been a big factor in this. With long and short options every weekend and holiday and a very active weekday schedule of morning and evening rides folks have a lot of options to fill their riding schedule with rides they enjoy. I have noted however a diminishing turnout on the daylong rides scheduled in Wisconsin and other more distant starting points that the club has been known for. These are scheduled in abundance July and in the upcoming August schedule. It could be that folks are too busy these days to commit a full day to a long commute and ride to take in the better routes available. This is particularly true with the weekend excursion rides on the schedule. To spite threatening weather, a continuation of our Memorial Day curse, the Germantown excursion had a decent turnout and got rides on two out of three days. The Middleton excursion blessed with ideal weather drew only one established Wheelmen along with several new members. These rides out of the Madison area covered some of the most scenic routes of the season and provided the host with at least one riding companion for both rides. I can't help admitting that there was some disappointment in the turnout. But as long as hosts are will-

ing, the options will continue. Again, I can't overemphasize that willing hosts are the necessary ingredient for our ambitious ride program. Rider response is the other ingredient that will ultimately effect the willingness of hosts to volunteer. The law of supply and demand will determine the ride schedule in the end.

The monthly ride schedules are prepared a month ahead to meet the editorial deadline of the newsletter. A lot can happen in a month. Riders should check the rideline, 520-5010 for changes in venue, departure time, cancellations or additions. Questions during the last 24 hours before the ride should be directed to the ride host.

Riding safely is the foremost mantra of your ride chair. Unfortunately accidents will happen and I am sad to report several in early July. Rich Arnopolin took a fall during a Canadian outing and broke his pelvis. Rich had an active riding season under way on his new recumbent. I can connect with Rich and can feel his pain. In fact I have felt his pain. Marianne Kron had a freak accident during a Bakery ride taking a fall and ending up with her hand and wrist caught between fork and wheel sustaining a nasty cut requiring seven stitches. We wish both a speedy and complete recovery.

Art Cunningham

Illinois Department of Natural Resources responds to Conservation Congress' Bicycling Issues

By Ed Barsotti, Executive Director, League of Illinois Bicyclists

"Complete the Grand Illinois Trail!" "Governor Ryan, help reverse the Boub vs. Wayne decision!" "Add more mountain bike trails!" These are three of the resolutions approved by the Conservation Congress in Springfield back in September 2000. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) just released its official response to these recommendations in late June.

The Conservation Congress is a feedback mechanism for Illinois residents to speak up on conservation and outdoor issues. Diverse constituency groups ranging from canoeists to land preservationists to hunters go through a yearlong process, brainstorming and prioritizing recommendations to IDNR and other state agencies. As LIB's representative, I pushed the bicycle advocacy agenda at Conservation Congress. With so many wide-ranging issues at CC, I'm incredibly pleased at how well bicycling did. The state agencies are now working on addressing our concerns. Some of the resolutions include [with IDNR's paraphrased responses in brackets]:

- 1) Completion of the Grand Illinois Trail within 3 years. [Grant funding priority and much IDNR staff time are already given to the GIT. Limited funding sources make 5-10 years more likely for off-road sections.]

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The deadline for articles is the 10th of the preceding month. You can mail or e-mail articles to:

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

NEXT Club Meeting August 2, 2001

Moving?



Don't miss an issue of Monthly Meanders!! Call Betsy or Jim with all name, address and phone number changes at (847)541-1325.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on 7:00 PM ,July 12 at the home of Bob Savio

. All board members are requested to attend.

MEANDER STATS—2001

Men:

1. Art Cunningham	2659
2. Bob Walkowicz	1775
3. Joe Irons	1576
4. Bob Savio	1491
5. Kurt Schoenhoff	1453
6. Killian Emanuel	1372
7. Verne Aebli	1115
8. Bob Dominski	1107
9. Louis Greene	1057
10. Peter Guzic	903

Women:

1. Velda Knorr	1133
2. Cindy Schneider	936
3. Cindy Trent	744
4. Virginia Savio	657
5. Ella Shields	602
6. Betsie Burtilow	564
7. Mary Kay Drapeau	542
8. Kris Woodcock	533
9. Pam Burke	525
10. -Marianne Kron	467

Welcome

New Members



Congrats to Betsy and Jim

We have 40 new members this year!!!

Keep them coming!!

WEEKDAY RIDES

TUESDAY / THURSDAY DEERFIELD BAKERY RIDES

Rides with 25 / 45 mile routes leave the Deerfield Bakery promptly at **9:00 AM**. These rides are normally show and go with cue sheets provided if requested. The Deerfield Bakery is on Buffalo Grove Road & Old Checker Rd. just north of Lake Cook Rd.; parking at the rear of the Grove Memorial Chapel. Phone Bob Savio at 438-8066 or Art Cunningham at 963-8746 for more information.

THE HILL AND DALE WEDNESDAY EVENING RIDES

Rides of 25 to 35 miles are scheduled to leave the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve at **5:30 P M.** Wednesday evenings. Cue sheets are provided. To reach the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve, go west on Central Rd. off Roselle Rd. just north of I-90. Go approximately 1 1/2 mile and turn right into the parking lot. Phone Frank or Pat Illy at 923-5910 for further details. A blinker taillight is highly recommended.

ELGIN WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT RIDES

Rides of 20 to 40 miles as light conditions allow are scheduled to leave the Target Store parking lot near Elgin promptly at **5:30 PM** starting June 1. Parking is at the SE corner of the lot. These rides are normally show and go with a goal of maintaining 14 – 15 mph with cue sheet options. Every attempt is made to return before darkness but blinking taillights are highly recommended. The Target store is on Randel Road just south of US 20. Phone Al & Cindy Schneider at 696-2356 for further information.

Fall Frolic
Oct. 13 & 14
Montello, WI

We will spend two days riding through Green Lake County in Wisconsin. Montello is about 30 miles north of Portage or about a 3-½ hour drive from Chicago. Saturday will be 75 miles and Sunday will be 60 miles of scenic country roads, quaint towns and hopefully some wildlife sightings.

We will be staying Friday and Saturday night at the Hill Top Motel*, 131 Church Street, in Montello. We are holding a block of rooms under the "Wheeling Wheelmen" give them a call at 1/800/760-9960 to make your reservation. Double rooms are about \$40.00 a night. The rooms will be released by September 10.

The rides will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. from the hotel parking lot. They have a restaurant adjacent to the hotel for breakfast and we will have dinner Saturday night at a local supper club.

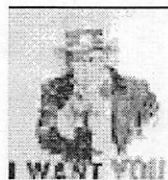
Please give us a call or e-mail to RSVP and also so we can make dinner reservations.

Ella Shields & Mike Ortmanns
773/594-1755
Shieldsbike@aol.com

*Directions: Take NW TOLLWAY/I-90 W to WI-78 SOUTH/I-39 NORTH exit, exit number 108A-B, towards MARRIMAC/PORTAGE (US-51)/WAUSAU. Merge onto I-39 N. Take the WI-82 WEST/WI-23 EAST exit; exit number 106, towards OXFORD/MONTELLO. Turn RIGHT onto WI-23. WI-23 becomes WI-23/WI-22. Turn LEFT onto WI-22.

The next club meeting is **Thursday, August 2 at 7:00 P.M.** at Wheeling High School.

Plans for this years Harmon Hundred will be discussed. The program will be "Biking in New Zealand with Phyllis Harmon. Len and Reinhilde Geis who took Phyllis's tour not once but twice will show pictures and describe this fabulous trip.



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Volunteer by:

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Daytime phone: (847) 442-3895

Home Phone: (847) 808-1476

From pg 1

- 2) Ask Governor Ryan to make Boub v. Wayne part of his legislative agenda. [IDNR Director Manning sent this letter to Gov. Ryan in March, emphasizing the impacts on the GIT and other projects]
- 3) Provide increased funds for local trail planning, under an IDNR grant program. [Currently, funding matches local demand, but increased funding could broaden the scope of IDNR's assistance.]
- 4) Enable IDNR to make time-sensitive purchases of abandoned railroad rights-of-way. [IDNR considers these purchases, which often are made difficult by title issues.]
- 5) Implement a "Share the Road" license plate with funds going toward trail development. [Past experience with similar plates have not been very productive, and may divert purchases of E-plates - which help fund some trail maintenance activities.]
- 6) Governor to appoint a task force looking for ways to: Streamline IDOT's bikeway funding programs; improve compliance of IDOT's "Policies and Procedures for Accommodating Bicycle Travel in Highway Improvements;" and expand IDOT's policy to counties and towns. [Director Manning has asked IDOT's Secretary Brown to address this issue, and IDOT is doing so.]
- 7) Construction of more dedicated mountain bike trails. [A new 15-mile mountain bike trail is being constructed by IDNR with the Springfield Area Mountain Biking Association. Other efforts are underway.]

So, some recommendations may be implemented and some may not. At the very least, the issues - having the backing of the entire Congress and its 118 constituency groups - get the attention of the Governor and the State Legislators. That sure can't hurt!

Upcoming Bike Rides

>Sun, Aug 12, 2001

> Event: THE FLINTHILLS DEATH RIDE
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> Duration: 2

> Location: Madison, Kansas

> Start Times: 8:00 a.m. town center

> Distance: approx. 70 miles (Off Road)

> Fees: \$35 entry (includes meal, support, rest stops, medivac, camping, & more)

> Limitations: 1,000 (It will fill up!!!)

> Features: The Flinthills Death Ride is one of the hardest rides in the country! If you have a tame heart, this is NOT for you. Last year only 28% of the riders failed to complete the entire route. This was the lowest percentage ever. A huge improvement from the 84% who failed to complete the entire route in 1996. Do you think that you have what it takes to survive the DEATH RIDE? If you can survive the beating from the roads that shredded 14 tires (ON CARS), we look forward to seeing you at the start AND FINISH line.

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> Sponsors: SEPUSA

> Person: J.C. Van Deventer

> Phone: 785-331-4502

> E-mail: SEPUSA@usa.net

> Website: <http://www2.southwind.net/~gpbbike/>

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August 26

The Rock River Valley Bicycle Club's Old Mill Century will be held Sunday, August 26, 2001 at Oregon Park West, 1402 Koontz Place, Oregon, IL. We have 25, 50, 75 and 100 mile routes, plus a new 10 mile Family Fun Ride. Registration fees of \$18.00 (\$23.00 after August 18) include a ride souvenir and a delicious post-ride meal. Showers and pre-ride camping are available at the park. Contact Kevin Askam 815/732-3156
Kevin_Askam@yahoo.com or Scott Greenfield 815/732-7838 sgreenf@inwave.com
Visit our website at <http://www.oldmillcentury.com>

Monthly Meanders of the Wheeling Wheelmen

Ride Schedule

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 #
Every Sat.	8:00 AM	Honey-Do Ride	Grassy Meadow, Douglas F. P.	On Central Rd. 1 1/2 mi west of Roselle Rd just north of I-90	28/40	Frank Illy 923-5910
Sat. 8-4	9:00 AM	Rock Cut State Park	Evergreen School, Union	I-90 West to US 20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop. Turn left to Washington. Turn right to school.	90	Tom Wilson 368-8627
Sun. 8-5	9:00 AM	Another Way Another Day	Evergreen School, Union	I-90 West to US 20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop. Turn left to Washington. Turn right to school.	68/106	Pam Burke 630-872--9238
	9:00 AM	Covered Bridges	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	43	Rich & Mary Kay Drapeau 808-1476
Sat. 8-11	9:00 AM	Antioch/Twin Lakes	Antioch Middle School	I-94 to IL. 173 west just past IL. 59, turn right on Tiffany left at sign for school	60/80	Ella Shields 773-594-1755
Sun. 8-12	9:00 AM	Beloit Express	McHenry Co. Collage	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	75/120	Bill Bergeron 658-5159
	9:00 AM	Wauconda/Bull Valley	Wauconda Orchards	Gossell Road, 1/2 mile off Fairfield, north of RT. 176	35/48	Kris Woodcock 520-6932
Sat. 8-18	9:00 AM	Wheeled Wonderlust	McNair Jr. High, Winnibego, IL	I-90 West to I-39/US 20 to Winnebago (Amoco on Corner) turn left to McNair 1/2 mile down the road (left turn)	80	Art Cunningham 963-8746
Sun. 8-19	9:00 AM	Fontana Ride	McHenry Co. Collage	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	72	Ella Shields 773-594-1755
	9:00	Back Roads of Barrington	Rose School	I-90 to RT. 59 North, turn right on Penney road to the school just past Bartlett Rd.	40	Joe Irons 359-0551
Sat. 8-25	9:00	Club Harmon Ride	Wilmot Mt. Bike & Skate Park	Take I-94 West across the WI. Stateline to Exit 345 (Hwy C). Go West on Hwy C until you reach the town of Wilmot. Turn left on Hwy W. Go 1/2 mile to Park, entrance on left side.	50/75/ 100	Bob Savio 438-8066
Sun. 8-26	9:00	Root Beer Social	McHenry Co. Collage	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	50/75/ 100	Al & Cindy Schneider
	9:00	Honey Lake Loop	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	37	Sheri Rosenbaum 821-7622

RIDES OF A DIFFERENT FLAVOR August

In August we start with the east segment of the Michigan & Illinois Canal State Trail from the Brandon Locks in Rockdale just south of Joliet to Gebhard Woods State Park west of Morris. Later in the month the west segment of the trail to LaSalle is scheduled. This good quality packed crushed stone 55 mile touring trail is part of the 475-mile Grand Illinois Trail. About 15 miles further west is the next closest state trail to Chicago, the 70-mile Hennipen Canal State Trail that ends in Moline. I rode this trail on a hybrid to Geneseo on rough grass and dirt surfaces some years ago. The state is in the process of improving the condition of this trail. I am told that parts of it are even paved. This trail could be added to our tour in future years.

The east end of the M & I State Trail is connected to the Plank Road Trail to Park Forest in the west and the Heritage Trail to Lockport to the north via marked routes on streets through Joliet. We will schedule the Plank Road Trail in September. I rode the short Heritage Trail from Lockport to Joliet earlier this year where it ends at a paved parking lot. Well-posted signs guide you through Joliet streets to the Brandon Locks and the M & I trailhead. The Illinois DNR has published a brochure on the Grand Illinois Trail. It shows how the above trails and others that have been on our tour schedule such as the Long Prairie Trail, The McHenry Prairie Trail/Fox River Trail and Prairie Path and many others are networked into the Grand Illinois Trail.

Art Cunningham

Ride Schedule August Chicago Area Bike Path / Trail Rides

DATE	TIME	MILES	PATH/TRAIL	START	DIRECTIONS	COMMENTS
8/1	9:00	50	M & I Path – east section	Channahon Access	From I-55 exit west on US 6 to Canal St., left about ½ mi. to parking on the right.	Packed crushed stone ***
8/8	8:00	75	Half Day to Chicago	Half Day Forest Preserve	Off Milwaukee Ave. 1 ½ mi. north of IL 22, park at first lot to rt.	Packed crushed stone, paved *** Kurt Schoenhoff
8/15	9:00	65	Mundelein to Kenosha	Carmel H. S., Mundelein	Off Maple Ave. (IL 176) ¾ mi. east of US 45	Packed crushed stone, paved ***
8/22	9:00	55	Fox River Path So./ Virgil Gillman	Good Templar Park, St. Charles	Off IL 25 1 ½ mi. south of Main (IL 64/North Ave.)	Paved, packed crushed stone***
8/29	9:00	62	M & I Path – West section to La Salle	Gebhard Woods St. Park, Morris, IL	Exit I- 80 south on IL 47 – follow signs to park	Paved crushed stone ***

EXCURSION RIDES FOR 2001

- ◆ **Kettle Moraine Rides.** Saturday & Sunday September 15 & 16. Motel accommodations at either Whitewater or Fort Atkinson. Phone Al or Cindy Schneider at 696-2356 for suggestions.
- ◆ **Montello Rides.** Saturday & Sunday October 13&14. Accommodations at the Hilltop Motel, Montello, WI (Green Lake County north of Portage, WI). Phone 800-560-9960.



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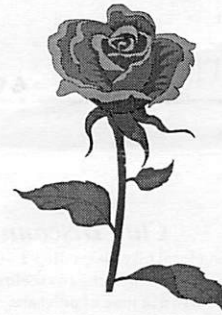
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Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

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

City, State, Zip: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

New Member? Renewal? L.A.B. Member? Family dues: \$20 Individual dues: \$15

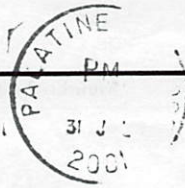
Membership Pledge: I hereby agree to operate my bicycle in a manner that is safe to me and those around me, to observe all the rules of the road, and conduct myself in a manner that will be complimentary to the sport. I release and waive all claims for negligence against the WHEELING WHEELMEN, its officers 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 7304, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7304



Wheeling Wheelmen
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Next Club Meeting will
be August 2, 2001
at
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Rt 83 and Hintz Rd

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Streamwood, IL 60107

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Club Discounts!

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