

**Wheeling  
Wheelmen**

# Monthly Meanders

Newsletter of the Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club

September 2001

## THE RIDE CHAIR

**I**t's always painful to sit down to compose something for the October Monthly Meander. Yes, we still have some of those spectacular fall days ahead of us. The countryside is never more beautiful than when the trees start to display the splendor of their fall colors. But these are the last rides for the season that I am putting in the ride schedule. Pretty soon it's down in the basement or out in the garage with the bike for the winter. Than all we have to look forward to is the spinning class in the gym or whatever we do to keep in shape. For those of you who want that last fall excursion before doing that, Ella and Mike have a real good weekend planned for you in Montello. There is a full schedule of rides right to the end of October to take advantage of the crisp, fresh days of fall that provide conditions for some of the most enjoyable rides of the year. So let us all resolve to get as many rides in as we can before winter takes over.

Speaking of fine weather, wasn't that a dilly on Harmon Sunday! Splendid days right before and splendid days right after, but a deluge on that most important of days. Rich and Mary Kay will fill you in on the details, but in my opinion even under the most adverse conditions, the Harmon Hundred lived up to the best planned and best executed invitational ride in the area.

There was an unfortunate accident on the club Harmon pre-ride. Dan Wiessner was thrown over his handlebars when his front brake locked. Bunching together contributed to the accident. When something at the front causes a slowdown, the chain reaction toward the back can result in such an accident. Dan's helmet and bike didn't do so well, but Dan was fortunate to come out of it with only a trophy on his chin. For that we are all thankful.

Art Cunningham

## **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 3-1/2 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/MONTELLLO. Turn RIGHT onto WI-23. WI-23 becomes WI-23/WI-22. Turn LEFT onto WI-22.

## Club Officials

### Elected Officers

<b>President</b>	
<i>Baby New Year</i>	(800)-Prezent
<b>V.P./Ride Chair</b>	
<i>Art Cunningham</i>	(847)963-8746
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<i>Kris Woodcock</i>	(847)520-6932
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<i>Betsy Burtelow &amp; Jim Boyer</i>	(847)541-1325
<b>Safety</b>	
<i>Barry Cohen</i>	(847)459-7640

### Appointed Officers

<b>Newsletter</b>	
<i>Emily Qualich</i>	(847)821-1009
E-mail:	E_fuentes@msn.com
<b>Harmon</b>	
<i>Rich &amp; Mary Kay Drapeau</i>	(847)808-1476

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<b>Banquet</b>	
<i>Pam Zaverdas</i>	(847)359-5970

### Harmon Data Base

<i>Jennie Pfeifer</i>	(847)342-8823
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### LAB

<i>Phyllis Harmon</i>	(847)537-1268
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### Mileage Statistician

<i>Art Cunningham</i>	(847)963-8746
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### Newsletter Mailings

<i>Jennie Pfeifer</i>	(847)342-8823
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### Picnic

<i>Al &amp; Cindy Schneider</i>	(847)696-2356
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### Refreshments

<i>Frank &amp; Pat Illy</i>	(847)923-5910
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### St. Pat's Ride

<i>Jim Edmiston</i>	(815)899-1503
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### Web Page

<i>Bill Bergeron</i>	(847)382-4704
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### Newsletter Policy

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

Emily Qualich,  
2260 Apple Hill Ct. So  
Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089

or

Email: e\_fuentes@msn.com

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

## NEXT Club Meeting January 3, 2002

## 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 ,Oct 4 at the home of .Barry Cohen. All board members are requested to attend.

## MEANDER STATS—2001

### Men:

1. Art Cunningham	4450
2. Bob Walkowicz	3617
3. Joe Irons	2986
4. Killian Emanuel	2941
5. Bob Savio	2902
6. Kurt Schoenhoff	2870
7. Verne Aebli	1947
8. Bob Pletch	1879
9. Louis Greene	1749
10. Bob Dominski	1625

### Women:

1. Cindy Schneider	2317
2. Velda Knorr	2310
3. Ella Shields	1403
4. Cindy Trent	1390
5. Virginia Savio	1384
6. Pam Burke	1360
7. Betsie Burtlow	1195
8. Kris Woodcock	1153
9. Mary Kay Drapeau	1128
10. -Lorraine Arnold	873

## Welcome

## New Members



Aaron Schindler Barrington, IL  
Dennis Creaney Palatine, IL  
Susan Levinson, Palatine, IL  
Steve Holland, Long Grove, IL  
Marianne Nelson & Brian Peterson  
Mt. Prospect, IL  
Tim Sassen & Julie Gentile  
Prospect Heights, IL  
Zoltan, Andrea, Erica and Monica  
Goncze, Northbrook, IL  
Shravan Mahidhara Schaumburg, IL

## 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.

### 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 **5:00 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.

## Interesting site:

I found this women bicyclers website called teamestrogen.com. Its not a racing website, but it has different links for clothing, etc. Neat jerseys from the different manufacturers, but of course, in only certain sizes left over. Take a look and see if you like anything. I just like it because it has all of the women's things together.



## RIDES OF A DIFFERENT FLAVOR October

The three rides scheduled for October are the last for 2001. Two of the three trail rides are along the Des Plaines River greenway. The trail in Cook County extends from the Lake County line to North Avenue at Fullerton Woods in Elmwood Park.

The greenway extends south of North Avenue with a trail on the east bank to Michigan Avenue that was undeveloped for biking when I last traversed it on foot several years ago. There was supposed to be some work on the southern end to improve the trail. From the southern end at Michigan Avenue it is less than a mile to the eastern end of the Prairie Path at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Maywood. We ended a ride there earlier this summer. There was no evidence that the trails were networked. In contrast to the smooth, crushed stone trails laid out along the Des Plaines River in Lake County, the Cook County trails are basically bridal trails that can be rough in spots. The trails scheduled should be easily ridden on wider tired bikes. Construction of an improved bike trail from the Lake County line to the end of the Prairie Path opening up the extensive green-way to through bikers should be of the highest priority for the Cook County Forest Preserve.

The south segment of the Lake County Des Plaines River Trail is being revisited both since it is a great fall ride and also because I hope to extend the ride on new trail. Construction spanning the gap to the north segment has been under way since

June. Perhaps the new trail is ready for our inspection. If not, there are some interesting side trails that can be visited. A spring news release indicated that the trail would be completed south to Lake-Cook Road this summer. As of June, there was no sign of activity at the finished trail ending a mile or so south of IL 22. While riding the Cook County trail we will go north across the Lake-Cook bike bridge and on a short distance to the bike bridge to nowhere over the Des Plaines. The trail has ended just across that bridge for 4-5 years now. Perhaps there is activity there now indicating that this gap will be filled soon.

Art Cunningham

### Ride Schedule October Chicago Area Bike Path / Trail Rides

DATE	TIME	MILES	PATH/TRAIL	START	DIRECTIONS	COMMENTS
10-3	9:00	50	Cook Co. Des Plaines River Trail/ Lake-Cook to North Ave.	Potawotami Woods	Parking is north of Dundee Rd. (IL62) west of Milwaukee Rd. (US 45)	Semi-improved dirt trail *
10-10	9:00	47/62 partial loops	Fox River / McHenry Prairie Path	East Dundee Depot	West on Dundee (Rte. 68) bear rt. at Barrington Ave just past Rte. 25 to River St., Depot to left.	Paved, packed crush stone *** Richmond Stretch **
10-17	9:00	52 + miles of new trail	Lake Co.Des Plaines River Trail So. Segment.	Half Day Forest Preserve	Off Milwaukee Ave. 1 1/2 mi. north of IL 22, park at first lot to rt.	Packed crushed limestone ***

### EXCURSION RIDES FOR 2001

? **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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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. 10-6	9:00	Wauconda Twin Lakes	Wauconda Orchards	Gossell Road, 1/2 mile off Fairfield, north of RT. 176	55/72	Tom Wilson 368-8627
Sun. 10-7	9:00	Triple L	Lyons, WI	I-94 North, Exit HWY 50 West, go North on South Road to Lyons	78	Al & Cindy Schneider 696-2356
	9:00	Barrington Loop	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	38	Earl Horwitz 374-1129
Sat 10-13	9:00	Green Lake Co. Meander	Hill Top Motel, Montello, WI	I-90 west, continue on I-90/I-39 at Rockford to just past the Wisconsin river then left on I-39 to WI 23 and WI 23/WI 22 into Mantello then rt. on WI 22 to the Motel.	75	Ella Shields/Mike Ortmanns 773-594-1755
Sun 10-14	9:00	Green Lake Co. Adventure	Hill Top Motel, Montello, WI	See Above	60	Ella Shields/Mike Ortmanns 773-594-1755
	9:00	New St. Pat's	Wauconda High School	US 14 to Bonner, left to Old Rand Road, right to the High School on the right.	35	Art Cunningham 963-8746
Sat,10-20	9:00	Ride to Fontana	McHenry Co College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	75	Kilian Emanuel 296-7874
Sun.,10-21	9:00	BDSA	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	40	Ron & Judy Hat- tendorf 362-5997
Sat,10-27	9:00	Bull Valley	Wauconda Orchards	Gossell Road, 1/2 mile off Fairfield, north of RT. 176	35-48	Jeff Kressman 359-2692
Sun.10-28	10:00	Apple Cider Ride	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	37	Kurt Schoenhoff 634-2634

**2001 Harmon Hundred**

After many months of hard work and planning, the Harmon Hundred on Sunday, September 9 was held despite the weather. The day started out raining and just continued throughout the day. If that wasn't bad enough mid-afternoon the temperature dropped 20 degrees. Word came in, shortly after the temperature drop, that we needed to shuttle most the riders left on the route back to Wilmot. Fortunately, we had 70 volunteers many of who were ready and willing to do the shuttling, of all of our 195 pre-registered and 167 registered riders to ensure that all made it safely back to Wilmot. Because t-shirts were a big hit and the increase of the price of the ride, looks like we will still come out ahead.

As the riders arrived back at Wilmot they were commenting on the terrific food, great route, and they were very thankful to all the club members that helped them get back.

We had some celebrities at the Harmon this year.

Phyllis Harmon helped out with the registration and some of us were able to meet her grandson and her six year old great granddaughter, both of whom rode the 25 mile route. Richard Dexheimer, a past President of the Wheeling Wheelmen, was given #1 and rode the route. Bob Walkowicz's and I, also had the great honor of meeting a member of the U.S. Postal team, Robbie Venture. It was quite a thrill for both of us. There are pictures on the web site right now compliments of Verne. Hope to have more in the near future!

Thanks again to all the volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you.

Mary Kay and Rich Drapeau  
Chairmen of the Harmon Hundred



## WE GET MAIL

### TEAM FLASH RAGBRAI XXIX

Sioux City to Muscatine: 505 miles  
The ride is listed as the second hilliest ever and proposes to be a challenge. The thousands of riders provide an endless sea of colors and stories. These people are from New York to Alaska, Canada to Texas, of all ages here to enjoy cycling. Ragbrai adds the magnetism that gives this motely bunch the comradere and atmosphere that can only be described as serious fun. This year was no exception and handed us another interesting week of fun and challenge.

The ride route was indeed hilly, we had endless rollers and the occasional "monster hill". We took them in stride and made the most of each one. The relentless wind in our faces was a challenge. On day 4 and 5 we did back to back centuries and to our amazement we did well, felt good and celebrated with steak dinners. We constantly see teams with very funny themes and names such as: killer-bees, team frog, team tu-tu, team T.P., team bones, etc. Team "air

force" was the most impressive. 151 riders, 26 female, 30 support. The interesting thing is the 18th and 19th secretary of the air force Whit Peters and Sheila Windal were riding. [P.S. Area 51 is just a bunch of run down hangers and the Aurora project is dead]

The parties along the way are amazing. Each town out does the other. Bands, singers, dancers, displays, etc. In West Liberty, we were treated to antique cars, engines and old farm implements. "Coralville" had a fireworks display. "All" towns had fantastic food and refreshments. Our favorite: cantalope and slices of watermelon as well as fresh "peaches & cream corn" grilled and dipped in butter. The weather was basically very good, some rain and general overcast and constant wind in our faces.

#### Statistics for TEAM FLASH

Miles: 525  
Flats: 1  
Hills: too many  
Wind: too much  
Fun: not enough  
Accommodations: Fabulous (Thanks Pat!)  
Riders: 6  
Most Discussed Topic: Lance

May your journey be always downhill with the wind at your back.  
C. Brian Hale #1007

Noo Funteers is getting ready for our last trip of the season. The only thing we are missing is you! We know the key to our succes is happy cyclists. In order to fill our last trip, we are offering a price deal of two for one! Find a friend or bring another family member or spouse for free! This is an 11 day trip through the remote area of Big Bend, Texas. Each day we bike an average of 5 to 6 hours through some of Texas's highest paved highways as well as areas rich in wide shoulders. To make the riding conditions even more favorable, average temperature at this time of the year will be in the low to mid 80's. Other highlights include the mystery lights of marfa, time in the town where "Giant" was filmed, biking through three National Parks, and time passing through ghost towns and reemerging towns. Come join us! Feel free to call (866) 539-Bike or write at [cycler@noofunteers.com](mailto:cycler@noofunteers.com). Visit our web site for more details @ [www.noofunteers.com](http://www.noofunteers.com). Tell a friend!

### Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

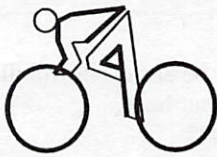
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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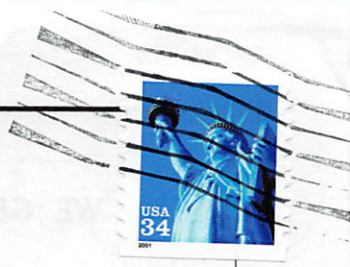
Next Club Meeting will  
be September 6, 2001  
at  
Wheeling High School  
Rt 83 and Hintz Rd

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Pam Burke  
265 Green Knoll Lane  
Streamwood, IL 60107

**Club Discounts!**

The following local bike shops offer a 10% discount on parts and accessories to all Wheeling Wheelmen with a valid membership card shown at time of purchase.

- AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS**  
8140 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles  
(847)692-4240
- ARLINGTON BICYCLE COMPANY**  
45 S Dunton, Arlington Hts. (847)253-7700
- BICYCLE CONNECTION OF SCHAUMBURG**  
1226 N Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, (847)882-7728
- BIKE PROS**  
1313 N. Rand Rd, Arlington Hts. , (847)398-1650
- BUFFALO GROVE CYCLING AND FITNESS**  
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(847)541-4661
- FS CYCLES**  
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(847)537-2453
- GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY**  
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- MIKES BIKES**  
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- SPOKES**  
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(630)690-2050
- 1807 S. Washington, Naperville  
(630)961-8222
- The Cyclery**  
575 Ela Road, Lake Zurich
- VILLAGE CYCLESPORT**  
63 Park & Shop, Elk Grove Village  
(847)439-3340
- 215 W Golf Rd., Schaumburg  
(847)781-9960

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