

**YOU'RE INVITED
TO A DAY OF FUN AND GREAT FOOD**

WHAT: Club Picnic
WHEN: Sunday, July 14
 Ride will start at 10:00 a. m.
 Food will be served after the ride, about noon
WHERE: Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter D
 I-94N, exit IL 60W to St. Mary's Rd., turn right to the forest preserve
RSVP: Please call Al & Cindy Schneider at 847/696-2356

**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**



Gina Plescia, Kildeer
 Jeannette Fortmann, Elk Grove
 Linda and Bill Kaufman, Lake Forest
 Danielle Knuth, Mundelein
 Robert and Nancy Beck, Hanover Park
 Larry Schuldt, Crystal Lake

**THERE IS NO CLUB MEETING
THIS MONTH.**

Club Jerseys and Shorts

Jerseys: Short Sleeve - \$68.50
 Long Sleeve - \$73.50

- 5 color design
- Micro Dry superior wicking fabric
- 3 rear pockets. Pocket graphics will include our club URL, the NO WHINERS logo, the State of Illinois EST 1970 image as shown and the Wheeling Wheelmen Logo on the sprocket
- High collar
- Separate side panels

Shorts: \$54.54

- Seamless antibacterial chamois
- Leg gripper elastic
- Club jersey colors on side panels

Colors



For ordering information contact:

Rich Drapeau, club president
 847-808-1476
 rkdrapeau@attbi.com

(check out the website to see jersey in color
www.wheelmen.com)

Club Officials

Elected Officers

President	
Rich Drapeau	(847)808-1476
V.P./Ride Chair	
Art Cunningham	(847)963-8746
Treasurer	
Al Berman	(847)541-9248
Secretary	
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Membership	
Betsy Burtelow & Jim Boyer	(847)541-1325
Safety	
Barry Cohen	(847)459-7640

Appointed Officers

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Picnic	
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Refreshments	
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Mary Kay Drapeau	(847)808-1476
Web Page	
Bill Bergeron	(847)658-5159

Newsletter Policy

We can always use information for the newsletter. I'd love to hear from you. Send or e-mail your ride notes, stories or articles for the newsletter to me by the 10th of the preceding month

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

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 in July. Date and time TBA.

MEANDER STATS THROUGH MAY 30, 2002

Maximum miles possible 2,214 (per rider)
Cumulative total miles ridden
27,899 (all riders)

WOMEN:

1	CINDY SCHNEIDER	703
2	MARIANNE KRON	489
3	MARY KAY DRAPEAU	447
4	VIRGINIA SAVIO	429
5	BETSY BURTELOW	369
6	REINHILDE GEIS	314
7	ELLA SHIELDS	299
8	GERI MCPHERON	291
9	MONICA GONCZE	287
10	KRIS WOODCOCK	267
11	LOLA PROVENZOLA	250
12	PAM BURKE	218
13	NANCY BECK	206
14	ANNE JOHNSON	196
15	VELDA KNORR	172
16	REBECCA NUDELMAN	169
17	SHERI ROSENBAUM	165
18	COLLEEN DEMETRE	125
19	CAROLE COHEN	112
20	FRAN GREEN	111

MEN:

1	ART CUNNINGHAM	1899
2	KILIAN EMANUEL	1492
3	JOE IRONS	1151
4	BOB WALKOWICZ	990
5	BOB DOMINSKI	884
6	BOB PLETCH	780
7	AL SCHNEIDER	737
8	BOB SAVIO	724
9	LOUIS LAMBROS	720
10	TOM WILSON	639
11	PAUL KOENIG	567
12	EARL HORWITZ	549
13	PETER GUZIC	518
14	RICH DRAPEAU	507
15	VERNE AEBLI	502
16	ZOLTAN GONCZE	496
17	BRIAN HALE	491
18	LOUIS GREENE	477
19	JIM BOYER	470
20	DENNIS BERG	430

REGULARLY SCHEDULED RIDES

TUESDAY / THURSDAY DEERFIELD BAKERY RIDES

Rides with 25 / 45 mile routes leave the Deerfield Bakery promptly at 9:00 A.M. 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 Jewish Funeral Home just south of the bakery. Phone Bob Savio at 438-8066 or Art Cunningham at 963-8746 for more information.

TUESDAY EVENING LONG GROVE RIDES

Rides of 20 to 27 miles will leave from Shamrock Cyclery at 6 pm. The shop is located at 344 McHenry Road, just south of the 4 way stop sign in Long Grove. Park in the lot behind Red Oak Antiques in the Stemple Municipal lot. Call Rich Drapeau 808-1476 or Jim Boyer 541-1325 for additional information

THE HILL AND DALE WEDNESDAY EVENING RIDES

Rides of 25 to 32 miles are scheduled to leave the Grassy Meadow parking lot in 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 p.m. 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 Randall Road just south of US 20. Phone Al & Cindy Schneider at 696-2356 for further information



How to Survive Slick Spots

The following is an edited version of an article *By Fred Matheny and Ed Pavelka*

- **Painted lines.** These can be slippery, especially the wide markings for pedestrian crossings at intersections. The paint fills in the asphalt's texture, producing a surface that's uncertain when dry and deadly when wet. The danger is worse when the paint is new.
- **Dry oil slicks.** These may be nearly invisible, but you can spot them as darker streaks on a gray pavement. Be real careful in corners. You aren't safe if you ride through oil on the straights. The greased tread might slip in a corner just ahead.
- **Wet oil slicks.** If it rains, a small oily patch can grow until it covers the whole lane. Be on the lookout for the telltale multi-colored water. There's no pot of gold at the end of this rainbow, only a black-and-blue meeting with the pavement.
- **Wet metal.** If it's been raining and you come upon anything metal in the road (manhole cover, steel-deck bridge, road-repair plate), it's as treacherous as riding on ice. Cross it with the bike absolutely upright. Even a slight lean can cause the wheels to slip. Smart riders walk their bikes across wet steel bridges.
- **Wet leaves.** Be very careful in the fall, or you will. Even if the road is dry, there can be moisture trapped between leaves littering the pavement. When you see leaves in a corner, slow down and round the bend with your bike upright, not angled.
- **Sewer grates.** Some old ones have bars that run parallel to the street and are wide enough to let a bike wheel fall through. If this happens, you can look forward to plastic surgery and possibly a lifetime of lawsuit riches. Many municipalities have replaced such grates with bicycle-friendly versions, but be careful in case a town hasn't gotten the message yet.

Barry

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN FALL COLOR FOUR DAY WEEKEND RIDES IN VILAS AND ONEIDA COUNTIES Friday 9-27 through Monday 9-30

These are very scenic rides that pass through state forests where maple, oak, and 100 foot high white pine grow right up to the side of the pavement to produce numerous 5-12 mile stretches where you ride through a tunnel of Fall color. The routes pass dozens of lakes, rivers, and streams. Because of curves, elevation changes, and the trees and shrubs, your line of sight is often only a tenth to a quarter of a mile. Deer, wild turkey, hawks, heron, and egrets are common; eagles, osprey, coyote, and fox are not uncommon; and bear and badger are possible sightings. Excellent dinners are available at a variety of establishments such as the Fence Lake Lodge, run by a Swiss resort management company, where the dining room overlooks the lake, and the view of the shoreline in Fall colors at sunset complements the cuisine. View the menu at www.fencelakelodge.com.

The headquarters location for the weekend will be the Whitetail Lodge in St. Germain. It has a heated indoor pool and the rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, and baths with whirlpool jets to sooth sore muscles. In addition to the hotels listed below several web sites are given that will allow you to select accommodations to suit your taste and budget, from waterfront suites to camping.
St. Germain: Whitetail Lodge (800)-236-0460 www.whitetaillodge.com (715)-542-2578
Hearthside Inn (715)-479-2500

A more extensive listing is available at www.st-germain.com
Minocqua: AmericInn (800)-634-3444 or (715)-356-3730
New Concord Inn (800)-356-8888 or (715)-356-1800
Comfort Inn (800)-228-5150 or (715)-358-2588

More extensive listings are available at www.minocqua.org & www.lodging-wi.com

PLEASE CHECK CANCELLATION POLICIES!

Rides will start from Boulder Junction, Woodruff, and Eagle River. Riders can either meet at 8:00 AM at the Whitetail Lodge to convoy to the day's starting point or obtain direction sheets for all the rides from me ahead of time. Direction sheets will also be left at the Whitetail Lodge desk.

Pre-Ride breakfasts will be at Ella's Restaurant at Rts. 51 and 70(East) in Woodruff.

Weather: Historical average daytime highs for this time of year are 60 degrees F. Last year I was there through the first weekend in October and the highs were running from 65-75 degrees F. Late September and October are generally the sunniest time of the year.

The Routes: These are flat to rolling with some hills around the lakes. Members who have done the Germantown rides will find the terrain here to be similar. The rides and mileage options are:

- 9-27 Boulder Junction-Lac Vieux Desert 107/52 (52 mile option starts at 11:00 AM from first break point on the long route)
- 9-28 Woodruff-Hazelhurst 105/69
- 9-29 Eagle River-Three Lakes 104/82/62
- 9-30 Woodruff-Eagle River 102/82/72

Directions to the Whitetail Lodge: I-90 west to Portage; Take Exit 108 (Highways 51, 39, 78) and continue north on Highway 51 through Minocqua and Woodruff; East/Right on WI 70 (do not turn left/west on 70 in Minocqua) to County C; the Whitetail Lodge is on the northeast side of the intersection; enter from 70.

Interested riders may contact Paul Koenig for more information at (630)-690-9546; (630)-209-1688 (cell); or kestrelkid@aol.com.

RIDES OF A DIFFERENT FLAVOR

In spite of the coldest, wettest April and May in recent times only one trail ride has been cancelled so far this year. For the first time weather has permitted the completion of the entire North Channel/Green Bay/North Shore Bike Paths from the south terminus near Lawrence Ave. where the Chicago River becomes navigable to the Bluff overlooking an azure Lake Michigan at Lake Bluff. The ride offers varied scenery passing through city parks, the Skokie Statue Park, the Evanston Arboretum and the affluent North Shore towns. In contrast we ended May with a ride on the Lake County Des Plaines River trail from its current terminus just south of IL 22 to Independence Park north of Libertyville. This ride is through a veritable tunnel of trees. With an alfresco lunch stop just off the trail at IL 60, a side loop through Vernon Hills local trails and the forest preserve loops along the way this great ride covers 46 miles.

In July the touring trails are featured. The two halves of the M&I Canal trail make up the longest continuous trail in Illinois and offer on an interesting and varied route. The ride to Illinois Beach takes us along the just completed Millennium Trail at Fairfield Rd., Wauconda east to Lake Bluff via the North Shore Path with a short gap on city streets in Midlothian. From there it's up the McClory Path to local Zion paths leading to Illinois State Park. There is a scenic 2-mile loop in the park requiring wide tires. Those with road bikes can visit the park museum during this stretch of the ride. The rest of the Paths are suitable for road bikes.

Art Cunningham

July Wednesday Chicago Area Bike Path/Trail Rides

DATE	TIME	MILES	PATH/TRAIL	START	DIRECTIONS	COMMENTS
7/3	9:00	57	Fox River Trail/ Great Western – west section	South Elgin trail access	South on Rte 31 to W State St., turn left (east) then rt. just before the bridge to parking.	Paved, packed crushed stone ***
7/10	8:00	80	Super Dog Ride	Half Day F. P	Off Milwaukee Ave. 1 ½ mi. north of IL 22, park at first lot to rt.	Packed crushed stone, paved *** Kurt Schoenhoff
7/17	9:00	55	Millennium/North Shore McClory to Illinois Beach	Millennium Trail access	East of Fairfield Rd. opposite Ivanhoe Rd. just south of IL 176	Packed stone paved. Short park loop, sandy.
7/24	9:00	65	M&I Path – Morris to Lockport	Channahon access	I-55 south to US-6; left on Canal St. to parking on the right	Packed stone, city streets through Joliet
7/31	9:00	52 partial loop	Fox River/ St. Charles & Elgin 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 and packed crushed stone paths ***

*** approved for narrow tires ** wide tires recommended * wide tires required
 Bring snacks and plenty of water to drink

EXCURSION RIDES — HOTELS

Dodgeville-Spring Green-Mazomanie: June 30/July 1 (All in Dodgeville) Super 8: (608)-935-3888 House on the Rock Inn: (888)-935-3960 OR (608)-935-371, New Concord Inn: (800)-348-9310 OR (608)-935-3770, Best Western: (800)-528-1234 OR (608)-935-7739
Cedarburg: July 27/28 Super 8 Saukville/Port Washington WI (north of Milwaukee) 800-800-8000 or 414-284-9399
Dodgeville-Yellowstone-Highland-

Mazomanie: Aug. 2/3/4 (See Dodgeville above)
Holy Hill: Aug. 17/18 - Germantown, WI. Super 8 (262)-255-0880, Holiday Inn Express (262)-255-1100
Kettle Moraine: Sept. 14/15 Whitewater or Fort Atkinson Super 8 (1-800-800-8000)
St. Germain: Sept. 27/28/29/30 Whitetail Lodge, St. Germain
New Glarus: Oct. 5/6, Chalet Landhaus (800)-944-1716 Swissaire (800)-798-4391

FOR SALE—17" Klein Attitude Comp Mt Bike frame. Includes bottom bracket, front derailleur & seat post. Like new \$200.00. Speedplay X-2 road pedals & clips, used once. Make offer. Call Mike @ 773-594-1755



Monthly Meanders of the Wheeling Wheelmen

**July
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 Location	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	28/50	Frank Illy 923-5910
Mon. 7-1	9:00	Dodgeville-Mazomanie	DNR Military Ridge Resource Center, Dodgeville	I-90 to Madison; exit 142 west on 12/18 to Dodgeville; R on 18 into Dodgeville to 23; R on YZ to DNR Service Center to L across from Pizza Hut	103/78/60	Paul Koenig
Thurs. 7-4.	9:00 AM	Root Beer Social	McHenry County College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	60/80	Brian Hale 426-32-90
Sat. 7-6	9:00 AM	Wall to Wall	Fellows Park, Genoa City	Rt. 12 N to County H, follow County H east (veer Left) into Genoa City, left on Fellows Rd and to the park	80/110	Al & Cindy 696-2356
Sun. 7-7	9:00 AM	Binnie Woods	Binnie Marsh F. P. Carpentersville	I-90 West to Randall Road, North to Binnie Road, West to Forest Preserve	25/30	Kurt Schoenhoff 634-2634
	9:00 AM	Some Hills of Barrington	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	38	Pam Burke 630/872-9238
Sat. 7-13	9:00 AM	LaGrange/Rome Pond	LaGrange Gen. Store, WI	I-94 W, exit WI 142 W to County D, turn left to school	70/100	TBA
Sun. 7-14	10:00 A.M	Club Picnic	Old School Forest Preserve	IL 176 to St Mary's Rd.; south to F. P. entrance; use parking lot for shelter D		Kurt Schoenhoff Art Cunningham
Sat. 7-20	9:00	Bastille Day	Paris School, WI	I-94 W, exit WI 142 W to County D, turn left to school	60/80	Al & Cindy Schneider 696-2356
Sun. 7-21	9:00	Tour of Cow Country	Sharon, WI.	Rt. 67 & County C at grade school, 5 miles west of Rt. 14	63/77	Al Berman 541-9248
	9:00	BDSR	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	60	Rich Drapeau 808-1476
Sat. 7-27	9:00	Cedarburg/Jackson	Covered Bridge Park, Cedarburg	I-94 N through Milwaukee turns into 43. Go north on 43 to 60 (Grafton). Go west on 60 to Covered Bridge Road (4 miles) turn right and go to park, on right	85	Virginia & Bob Savio 438-8066
Sun. 7-28	9:00	Cedarburg/Campbellsport	Covered Bridge Park, Cedarburg	Same as above	66/100	Al & Cindy Schneider 696-2356
	9:00	PITA	Cuba Marsh, Lake Zurich	West on US 12 to Ela, south to Cuba Rd., West to parking on the right.	60	Kurt Schoenhoff 634-2634

Please call the Ride Hotline (847)520-5010 for any last minute changes!

**DODGEVILLE RIDES
(June 30-July 1) (August 2, 3, 4)**

8-3 Dodgeville-Highland 105/72/64/50
8-4 Dodgeville-Mazomanie 103/78/63

Very scenic but hilly rides through Frank Lloyd Wright country. Rides will leave at 9:00 AM from the DNR Resource Center and Military Ridge Trail Parking Lot in Dodgeville. The rides and mileage options are:

6-30 Dodgeville-Spring Green 105/75/61
7-1 Dodgeville-Mazomanie 103/78/63
8-2 Dodgeville-Yellowstone 101/83/65

Accommodations: See listings in the Excursion Section of the Newsletter.
Directions to the starting point: I-90 west to Madison; Take Exit 142 from the left lane to 12/18 west; Left on 18/151 to Dodgeville; Right on 18 into Dodgeville; Right on 23; Right on YZ. The DNR Resource Center and Military Ridge Trail Parking Lot are on the left across from Pizza Hut. For further info contact Paul Koenig (630)-690-9546; (630)-209-1688 (cell); kestrelkid@aol.com.

**HOLY HILL WEEKEND
August 19 & 20**

We are planning our annual weekend getaway to Ritchfield, Wisconsin. 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. 262/255-0880. We will have a group dinner Saturday night, at our favorite Italian restaurant, if anyone is interested. Please let us know Saturday morning if you will be joining us for dinner.

Hope you can join us!

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

Tour de France

Running from Saturday July 6th to Sunday July 28th, the 2002 Tour de France will be made up of one prologue and 20 stages and will cover a total distance of 3,300 kilometers.

These 20 stages have the following profiles:

- * 10 flat stages
- * 6 high mountain stages
- * 1 team time-trial stage
- * 2 rest days
- * 68 kilometers of team time-trials
- * 21 Category 1, Category 2 and highest level passes will be climbed.
- * 8 new stop-over towns: Sarrebruck, Château-Thierry, Saint-Martin-de-Landelles, Bazas, Lavelanet, Vaison-la-Romaine, Bourg-en-Bresse, Régnié-Durette.
- * 1 medium mountain stage
- * 2 individual time-trial stages
- * 5 mountain finishes
- * 108 kilometers of individual time-trials
- * 1 transfer by plane and 1 by train (TGV)

The Route:

0 Saturday July 6	6.5 km Luxembourg prologue
1 Sunday July 7	195 Luxembourg - Luxembourg
2 Monday July 8	175 Luxembourg - Sarrebruck
3 Tuesday July 9	185 Metz- Reims
4 Wednesday July 10	68 Epemay - Château-Thierry team TT
5 Thursday July 11	198 Soissons - Rouen
6 Friday July 12	198 Forges-les-Eaux - Alençon
7 Saturday July 13	173 Bagnoles-de-l'Orne - Avranches
8 Sunday July 14	214 St Martin de Landelles - Plouay
9 Monday July 15	55 Lanester - Lorient Time Trial
R Tuesday July 16	Rest Day in Bordeaux
10 Wednesday July 17	147 Bazas - Pau
11 Thursday July 18	158 Pau - La Mongie
12 Friday July 19	198 Lannemezan - Plateau de Beille
13 Saturday July 20	166 Lavelanet - Béziers
14 Sunday July 21	220 Lodève - Le Mont Ventoux
R Monday July 22	Rest Day in Vaucluse
15 Tuesday July 23	226 Vaison-la-Romaine - Les-Deux-Alpes
16 Wednesday July 24	179 Les-Deux-Alpes - La Plagne
17 Thursday July 25	141 Aime - Cluses
18 Friday July 26	180 Cluses - Bourg-en-Bresse
19 Saturday July 27	52,5 Régnié-Durette - Mâcon Time Trial
20 Sunday July 28	145 Melun - Paris-Champs-Élysées

Official web site: letour.com. Also check: lancearmstrong.com, velonews.com, pro-cycling.com, dailypeloton.com. Outdoor Living Network 7/6-7/28 Live! 9:30-11:30 am and race coverage & commentary 9-11 pm ET 10 pm-12 am PT

**ASK DEE RAILLEUR OR
DR. S.P. OKES**

(Special Tour de France Edition)



Dear Dee:

When was the first race? Eddy M

The first race was in 1903, this year will be the 89th tour.

Dear Dr. S.P. Okes:

How old were the youngest and oldest winners?

Lance

The youngest was 20 in 1904 and the oldest was 36 in 1922.

Dear Dee:

When was the first Tour de France yellow jersey awarded?

Miguel I

In 1919, yellow to match the paper used to print L'Auto, a French newspaper about bike racing. Journalists had asked Tour director Henri Desgrange to make it easier for them to find the leader in the peloton. In the morning of July 19, 1919, before the stage Grenoble - Geneva, Frenchman Eugène Christophe was the first to receive a Yellow Jersey in the history of the Tour de France

Dear Dr. S.P. Okes:

What happens if a rider wins more than one category?

Greg

In the event of a rider leading the race and also deserving one of the other jerseys, the race leader wears yellow, and the 2nd place in the category wears the category jersey



Why I Love Paris (Wisconsin)

I, probably much like the other eight cyclists who showed up to ride on May 18, was the envy of everyone who I told that I was going to Paris. "Oh, you lucky dog!" they cooed. But then when I added the playful elaboration, "Paris, Wisconsin," the envy turned to ridicule.

I don't care. I love southern Wisconsin probably even more than veteran travelers love southern France, because it is the land of my youth.

So, on that chilly day ("maybe it will warm up by July?"), as we rode along the country roads, past the terraced fields and gentle hills, the well-kept homes and barns, as we were watched by herds of cows staring dumbly at the cyclists rolling by like a Gateway

computer ad, I thought longingly of the past. Climbing a long hill through the town of Bassett, I recalled my fourth grade friend Ronnie Kaskin and the crazy games we used to play at Bassett School, now a pretty white house. Gliding past Fox River Park, I remembered our rambunctious school picnics among the lush lawns and trees. Passing the Silver Lake Dairy Queen, I reminisced about our treats consumed there after Little League games (equally delicious whether we won or lost.) And, I remembered our tiny Wilmot High School baseball team – a few years after I left the school – winning the state championship by beating teams from Milwaukee and Beloit (Hoosiers revisited?)

This Paris is not in France, but to me, a treasure nonetheless.

Jeff Kressmann

INVITATIONAL'S

Thurs, July 4—4th of July Metric Ride, 30/45/60M. \$8/\$13 after 6/29. 7 a.m. Plainfield H.S. Joliet Bicycle Club, Brenda Alberico, 815/675-0200 ext 207. www.jolietbicycleclub.org

July 7, Ultimate Neighborhood Ride, Start 7-9 A.M. North Park Village, 5800 N. Pulaski, Chicago. \$19. Children (under 16): \$15 Children (under 10): free Kathy Schubert, 773-248-5499

July 13, Pedaling for Kicks on Route 66, Bloomington, Il., 15 miles family, 25/50/66 miles, \$15 before 6/30, \$20 after, Family route is \$20, Richard Verdery, 800-676-2353, rverdery@ilfb.org

July 14, Melon Metric, Sandwich, Il., NBC, 32/62/100 miles, \$15 till 6/30, \$18 after, Dave Watts, 630-536-2700 x1565, clubnbc@aol.com

July 19 or 20th, 21st WAFAL XVIII Wisconsin Amish Farms & Lakes. Cycle onward to yesteryear as the Par-deeville Lions once again host this event. **July 20 or 22nd thru July 26, Heart of Wisconsin** Five or seven day adventure. Pedal Across Wisconsin, call Jerry 847/695-7964

Amling's Cycle & Fitness "Bicycle Club Only"

Independence Weekend Recumbent Sale July 5, 6, 7, 2002

When you buy a new recumbent from Amling's Cycle & Fitness during our "Bicycle Club Only" weekend sale, 5% of the proceeds will be donated to your club. In addition, you get 10% off the price of any accessories purchased with the new bike. *

Amling's carries a full line of recumbents from

Bacchetta, Bike E, Burley, Easy Racers, Rans, and Sun Bikes. Come see what riding a recumbent is all about! We have the bike that's right for you.

REGISTER TO WIN A FREE RECUMBENT BIKE BAG! \$80 Value! One bag will be given away every day. Winner need not be present to win,

*You must present your club ID card to get the donation and the discount.

Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Children's Names: _____ Age: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

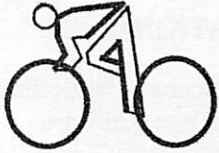
New Member? Renewal? L.A.B. Member? Family dues: \$20 Individual dues: \$15

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

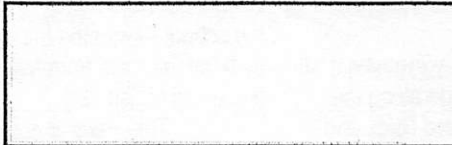


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Next Club Meeting
Will be **August 1**
Meetings are
7:00 pm at
Wheeling High School
Rt 83 and Hintz Rd

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League of American Bicyclists
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Washington, DC 20006
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