

MONTHLY MEANDERS

SEPTEMBER 2005

PREZ SEZ

Greetings fellow club members.

If you've been following the news you know that we have a new federal transportation bill signed into law. It's very good news for those of us who believe an automobile is not the only way to get around. \$3billion has been earmarked for alternative means of transport including bicycles. Let's keep the pressure on our legislators to spend it wisely. It's amazing how slow our government process can be. Two years ago I attended a get together at the Botanic Garden to celebrate the joining of the North Branch and North Shore bike trails via a link through the Botanic Garden. The studies were completed and funds were obtained. All that was needed was to break ground and get it done...right? No quite. In order to get started the Illinois legislature needed to allocate the funding in its budget and then obtain the federal funds via whatever paperwork had to be completed. Well it did not get done. Hopefully the next session will set aside the money so we can get this project completed. Our thanks to LIB, LAB and CBF for

keeping and eye out for our interests.

We had an enjoyable tour of Greece through the lens of Meg Ewing and Ella Shields at our last club meeting. Thank you ladies. The next club meeting will be in October. The guest speaker is not set yet but will probably be someone to tell us about nutrition or off season training. Stay tuned.

Thought you might enjoy a look back at our club since this is our 35th year and all.

In 1975 which is the oldest newsletters I have, membership was \$3.00. There was usually one weekend ride on either Saturday or Sunday. The distance was between 40-100km. There was also a short social ride on Wednesday nights. The ride leaders that year as of August were John Fulper 629km and Judy Stansfield 827km. Meetings were held at the Wheeling Community Center, 251 N Wolf Rd and the Banquet was held at Sportsman's Country Club, cost was \$5.00. The guideline for ride leaders suggested they carry a whistle and give one blast for "stop", two for "go", three for

"warning" and four for "get off the road immediately". Riding ahead of the group was considered the height of rudeness with no concern for obligation or responsibility. Gee, Frank I didn't realize you were such a traditionalist.

Move ahead to 1982. A ride was scheduled for new years day but the weather must have prevented riding so several members went for a hike instead. Dues were \$8. There were 58 individual and 38 family members. The Harmon had a record 566 registered riders and the St Pats ride had 97 on a cold cloudy day with a wind chill of 9 degrees. Howard Paul led the men with 1,780 miles and Lois Paul rode 634 to head up the women. One of the members was selling a Gios Torino Super Record for \$1,100. There was an overnight excursion ride in New Glarus in late September. Hotel rooms were \$18.90.

Keep checking the ride line and web site for the latest club information. That's all for now.

See you on the road.

Rich Drapeau

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Welcome New Members

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Web Page

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Art Cunningham

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

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(Please include your name and phone number in case I have any questions)



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 TBA

TOP 20 MILEAGE

Through August 4th

172 rides by 160 members totaling 98007 miles. 5433 maximum miles possible per rider.

Women

1. Reinilde Geis	2885
2. Cindy Schneider	2003
3. Mary Kay Drapeau	1865
4. Cindy Trent	1578
5. Ella Shields	1551
6. Debbie Wilson	1541
7. Meg Ewen	1528
8. Sheri Rosenbaum	1503
9. Betsy Burtelow	1407
10. Pam Burke	1366
11. Virginia Savio	1276
12. Mary Myslis	1250
13. Kris Woodcock	1225
14. Marianne Kron	1140
15. Pat Calabrese	982
16. Chriss Wager	949
17. Pat Illy	927
18. Barbara Barr	806
19. Cynthia Brown	737
20. Meg Ryan	625

Men

1. Killian Emanuel	4054
2. Art Cunningham	3359
3. Leonard Geis	3177
4. Joe Irons	2587
5. Frank Illy	2472
6. Dennis Creaney	2357
7. Richard Drapeau	2327
8. Jim Boyer	2018
9. Al Schneider	1989
10. Daniel Wiessner	1943
11. Tom Wilson	1772
12. Kevin A. Moore	1615
13. Bob Dominski	1581
14. Louis H. Greene	1506
15. Jim Flechsig	1320
16. C. Brian Hale	1316
17. Jeff Biedka	1145
18. Phil Castle	1144
19. Dave Slocum	1140
20. Len Fiocca	1135

WEEKDAY RIDES

TUESDAY / THURSDAY

DEERFIELD BAKERY RIDES

Rides with 25 / 45 mile routes leave the Willow Stream Park, promptly at 9:00 A.M. These rides are normally show and go with cue sheets provided if requested. Willow Creek Park is on Old Checker Rd. a few tenths of a mile west of the bakery. Turn west on old Checker Rd. to parking on the right. Phone Art Cunningham at 963-8746 or Earle Horwitz 374-1129 for more information.

TUESDAY EVENING

WORKING STIFF RIDES

Rides of 20-27 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 pm. Cue sheets are provided. To reach the forest preserve go west on Central rd., off Roselle Rd, just north of I-90. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles and turn right into the parking lot. Call Frank or Pat Illy at 923-5910 for further details. A blinker taillight is highly recommended.

ELGIN WEDNESDAY

TWILIGHT RIDES

Rides of 20-40 miles as light conditions allow are scheduled to leave the Target Store parking lot near Elgin promptly at 5:30 pm. 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 Rd just south of US 20. Phone Al & Cindy Schneider at 696-2356 for further information

Ride Schedule	All Riders Should	*wear a helmet *bring water *bring a pump	*have a bike in good condition *bring a spare tube and patch kit *arrive early... 15-30 minutes	*bring an ID card *carry a cell phone
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Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location	Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Every Sat	8:00 am	Honey-Do Ride	Grassy Meadow, Douglas F. P.	On Central Rd. 1.5 miles west of Roselle Rd just north of I-90	30/38/54	Frank Illy 923-5910 & Brian Hale
Sat 9/3	9:00	Devil's Dive	Lakeview Community Park, Middleton, WI	From I-94 N turn left onto US 12 around Madison. Then right onto University Ave into Middleton, merging left on Mendota. The park is on the left.	60/90	Art Cunningham 963-8746
Sun 9/4	9:00	Wright Stuff Century (\$25)	Tyrol Basin Ski Lodge Madison, WI	From the interstate near Madison, turn west onto US 12 for 9 miles. Then left on US 18/151 for 21 miles, then right on Erbe and left on ID for 1 mile, the right on JG for 1.1 miles, then left on Bohn for 0.7 miles.	30/65/100	Sheri Rosenbaum Cell# (847)971-4573
Sun 9/4	9:00	Vern's PITA	Cuba Marsh	Turn west from US 12 onto Cuba Rd; parking on the left just past Ela Rd.	39/61	Joe Irons 359-0551
Mon 9/5	9:00	Rock Cut	Evergreen School, Union, IL	I-90 west to US 20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop. Turn left to Washington. Turn right to school.	58/90	Al & Cindy Schneider 696-2356
Mon 9/5	9:00	Island Lake Loop	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Rd, just north of Long Grove shopping district.	47	Virginia Savio 438-8066
Sat 9/10	9:00	Antioch/Lyons/Delevan	Antioch Middle School	I-94 to IL 173 W just past IL 59, turn right on Tiffany left at sign for school.	63/101	Al Berman 541-9248
Sun 9/11		HARMON 100 INVITATION		EVERYONE WORKS!		
Sat 9/17	9:00	Another Day/Another Way	Evergreen School, Union, IL	See above	70/101	Dan Wiessner 540-9118
Sun 9/18	9:00	Fontana Ride	McHenry County College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	71	Al Berman 541-9248
Sun 9/18	9:00	Hills & Horses	Rose School	I-90 to Rt. 59 north, turn right on Penny Road to the school just past Bartlett Rd.	40	Louis Greene 925-0629
Sat 9/24	9:00	Winnebago Wonderlust	McNair Jr High School, Winnebago, IL	I-90 W to I-39/US 20 to Winnebago (Amoco on corner) turn left to McNair 1/2 mile down the road (left turn)	79	TBA
Sun 9/25	9:00	City of O's	General Store LaGrange, WI	US 12 West, past Elkhorn to County H	53/88	Art Cunningham 963-8746
Sun 9/25	9:00	Honey Lake Loop	Kildeer School	See above	35	Kilian Emanuel 296-7874

Always call the ride line for any last minute changes 847/520-5010

RIDES OF A DIFFERENT FLAVOR

SEPTEMBER 2003

Wednesday Chicago Area Bike Path/Trail Rides

Date	Time	Miles	Path/Trail	Start	Directions	Comments
9/7	9:00	52	Des Plaines Ride to Old School	Half Day Forest Preserve	Off Milwaukee Ave. 1.5 miles north of IL-22. Park at the 1st lot on the right.	Crushed stone and paved paths.
9/14	9:00	55	Waubensee Glacial to Manhattan	Frankfort, IL	I-294 south to I-80 west; US 45 south to Frankfort; turn left at sign to Historic Frankfort; parking in town on trail on N White St.	Paved path—crushed stone—connecting roads ***
9/21	9:00	50/30 loops	Medley of Trails—Cuba Marsh to Arlington Lake	Nichols Hill Golf Course	From Dundee Rd turn north on Kennicott to ent, 1st lot on left at bottom of hill.	Packed crushed stone and paved paths, short unimproved trail/roads***Joe Irons—359-0551
9/28	10:30	40	Chicago Lake Front Path	Foster Ave Beach	East on Peterson off Edens, right on Ridge, bear right on Broadway to Foster, left under Lake Shore Dr to 1st parking lot on left.	Paved Path

***approved for narrow tires **wide tires recommended *wide tires required

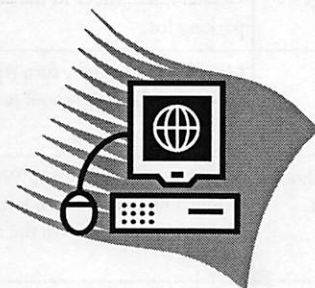
Bring snacks and plenty of water to drink

Wheelmen and the World Wide Web

LIB Unveils "Complete Streets" Website

Do you want more bike-friendly roads in your riding area, anywhere in Illinois? Ask for them! Simply visit www.bikelib.org/completestreets, answer a few brief questions, and LIB handles it from there.

The easy way to comment on upcoming roadwork near you!



Good site to visit when bored at work:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/bike-foot/bikemaps.htm>

WHEELING WHEELMEN YAHOO GROUP

The Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club now has an active Yahoo group available on the Internet. The group works like a bulletin board and allows us to exchange e-mail with other club members without having to know everyone's individual e-mail address. You can subscribe to the group and post messages to other group members by sending an e-mail to the address below. You must subscribe to the group before you can send a message. Follow the instructions provided by Yahoo to complete your registration.

The group name is wheelingwheelmen and is available at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wheelingwheelmen>

To Subscribe send an e-mail message to: wheelingwheelmen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To post a message send your message in an e-mail to: wheelingwheelmen@yahoogroups.com

To Unsubscribe send an e-mail message to: wheelingwheelmen-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Calling all shutterbugs!



We thought it would be fun to have a slide presentation of the Wheeling Wheelmen 2005 at the annual banquet. Thus, we need your help. You can assist us by sending pictures from this year and start to take pictures when you are at a ride, event, etc. All we ask is for a general description of the pictures and we will take it from there.

Please send your pictures to Meg Ewen at: ibagoalie@comcast.net

Or via regular mail at 44 Stonegate Lane, Streamwood IL 60107 or give them to her at a ride.

Thanks!
Ella Shields

SPECIAL EVENTS

Event: Labor Day Bike Ride Date: Sep 05, 2005 08:30 am Recall the meaning of Labor Day during an approximately 30-mile bicycle tour through a diverse industrial and natural landscape on Chicago's South-east Side. Stops include the site of the Memorial Day Massacre of 1937 and two company towns built for workers of the last century. A \$15 donation includes lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the veranda of the Hotel Florence, 11111 S. Forrestville Ave., Chicago. Please call (773) 568-4669 or e-mail ssjames30@juno.com for more information. Sponsored by the Civic Organization of Chicago's Historic Pullman District.

Event: Fall Frolic Date: Sep 18, 2005 Friends of the Parks is hosting the Fall Frolic Bike Tour through the North Branch Trail of the Cook County Forest Preserve on Sept. 18. The tour starts at the Caldwell Woods parking lot at the corner of Devon and Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, with 37-mile and 18-mile options. Registration is \$25 and includes snacks and a Fall Frolic T-shirt. For more information or to reserve your space, call (312) 857-2757 ext. 14 or visit www.fotp.org.

Event: Bike For Wisconsin Date: Sep 18, 2005 06:30 am Don't ride another mile until you clear your calendar for Bike For Wisconsin on Sunday, Sept. 18. The ride benefits the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, which promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation through education and advocacy. The ride begins in Cedarburg, Wisconsin (20 minutes north of Milwaukee). Register online at www.bfw.org.

The ride is concurrent with Cedarburg's Wine and Harvest Festival. Contact Ali Dwyer at (608) 251-4456 or ali@bfw.org for more information.

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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Club Meeting
No Meeting in September
Next meeting October 6th



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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.

ALBERTO'S CYCLES

1770 First St. Highland Park
847/446-2042

AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS

8140 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles
847/692-4240

BICYCLE CONNECTION OF SCHAUMBURG

1226 N Roselle Rd.
Schaumburg, 847/882-7728

GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY

111 Waukegan Rd., Northbrook
847/272-2100

LIBERTYVILLE CYCLERY

800 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville
847/362-6030

MIKES BIKES

155 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine,
847/358-0948

RUNNER'S HIGH

7 S. Dunton, Arlington Hts. 847/670-9255

SHAMROCK CYCLERY

344 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove
847/913-9767

SPOKES, 223 Rice Square at Danada

Wheaton 630/690-2050

1807 S. Washington, Naperville

630/961-8222

THE CYCLERY

575 Ela Road, Lake Zurich,
847/438-9600

TURIN BICYCLE

1027 Davis Street, Evanston
847/864-7660

VILLAGE CYCLES/SPORT

63 Park & Shop, Elk Grove Village
847/439-3340

1313 N. Rand Rd, Arlington Hts.

847/398-1650

We support:

- *The League of American Bicyclists
- *The League of Illinois Bicyclists
- *The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation
- *Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo
- *Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
- * Adventure Cycling

JOIN THE LEAGUE!

The League of American Bicyclists promotes cycling through safety and represents us in the decision making process in Washington D.C. A yearly membership is \$30 for individuals, \$35 for families and should be sent to:

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In addition to government relations, they also organize many great cycling rides and rallies around the country. For information on these events call (800) 288-BIKE