



MONTHLY MEANDERS

BOARD BANTER

The 2011 Harmon 100 was a great success. 650 riders enjoyed beautiful weather, well marked roads and lots of good food at the rest stops. A huge THANK YOU to our Harmon Chair, Todd Berlin, for all his hard work. Of course, we could not run the ride without all of you, our wonderful volunteers. From SAG drivers, road markers, rest stop workers, etc. we thank everyone for all their hard work, time and energy, before during and after the ride. We'd also like to thank Village CycleSport, Amlings Cycle and Mikes Bikes for mechanical support at the ride. We'd also like to thank Deerfields Bakery for covering the cost of cue sheet printing.

Some great comments from riders:

- Great 100 mile course - well marked, beautiful weather, lots of nice people, great rest stops. A wonderful ride.
- The metric century loop was absolutely gorgeous. Quiet streets and very few riders/drivers.
- Beautiful day. Fabulous ride. Well Done!

- It was good weather and a great ride. The cyclists from the Smokin' Spokes/Road Dawgs enjoyed ourselves. Glad we came out.

- Great work at the rest stops, the refreshments hit the spot!

- An amazing day! Awesome course (aside from the ironic "hill" sign that made me want to throw up). Thanks so much! We had a blast.

We had such a good turnout in September for our Meet & Eat at Penny Road Pub we are going to make it a monthly event during riding season. The next outing will be on Saturday, October 1, see details on page 4.

We also will have our annual chili ride on Sunday October 30, see page 4 for details.

Mark your calendar for the social event of the season. Our annual banquet will be on Sunday, November 13. We have a new location this year, Chandler's at the Schaumburg Golf Club. There will be an hour to socialize before we have lunch and plenty of time afterward for our awards program. Please be sure and

send in your RSVP by October 31. (See page 6 for the details)

On another note, if you have not done a bike vacation I'd highly recommend giving it a try. I've done a few rides this summer and my most recent trip was in August to BAM, Bicycle Around Minnesota, a four day tour. It goes around a different part of the state every year. This year it was around the Minnesota River Valley and southern lakes region of Minnesota. The tour started and ended in Mankato, approximately 1 1/2 hours southwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, with overnight stays in Mankato, New Prague, New Ulm and Sleepy Eye.

BAM is mostly a camping trip with hotel options 1-2 miles from the campgrounds. As usual I opted for hotels; they even dropped your bags at the hotels at no extra charge.

The mileage ranged from 60-75 miles a day on paved roads with occasional riding on paved trails. The terrain in this area was gently rolling with several flat stretches and a few hillier sec-

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Pictures—Last call

Please send us your club ride pictures for the annual banquet, we will use them in our slide show. Please send your pics by October 31 to Dave Wayc at

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Open

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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 Mitch Rosset with your new address or e mail address at 847/376-8152 or e mail him at wheeling@wheelmen.com.

TOP 20 MILES through 9/8/11

Women:

1	Sheri	Rosenbaum	2870
2	Reinhilde	Geis	2677
3	Pat	Calabrese	2179
4	Betsy	Burtelow	1812
5	Cindy	Schneider	1613
6	Emily	Qualich	1594
7	Mary Kay	Drapeau	1571
8	Marianne	Kron	1536
9	Deb	Wilson	1496
10	Virginia	Savio	1433
11	Barb	Barr	1330
12	Laura	Randazzo	1216
13	Pam	Burke	1148
14	Ella	Shields	997
15	Eva	Larson	965
16	Cindy	Kessler	937
17	Pam	Kaloustian	911
18	Anna	Swietezak	817
19	Kae	Takeshita	660
20	Cindy	Trent	635

Men:

1	Paul	Lefevre	4386
2	Mitch	Rosset	3758
3	Kilian	Emanuel	3349
4	Joe	Beemster	3056
5	Len	Geis	2713
6	Tony	Vercillo	2601
7	Dave	Waycie	2557
8	Jim	Boyer	2418
9	Kevin	Moore	2284
10	Peter	Guzik	2232
11	Frank	Bing	2160
12	Alex	Halamaj	2037
13	Leo	Rhee	2033
14	Rich	Drapeau	1970
15	Jeff	Magnani	1918
16	Brian	Blome	1856
17	Jim	Flechsig	1726
18	Tom	Wilson	1665
19	David	Naigles	1622
20	Dennis	Ellertson	1550

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Monday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dave Waycie.

All Board members are requested to attend.



Lauren Williams
Kevin Mitchell
Barry Hus
Harv Stewart
Mari, Jen, David
& Arthur Cohen
James Chrestman



Thanks to Betsy Burtelow for hosting Girls Night Out. A great time was had by all.

Invitational's

Oct. 1, G.O.A.T. OBERFEST

Tour, Galena, \$30.

goatscycling.com/events.html
50K- 1,440 feet of elevation change
100K - 3,012 feet of elevation change

Oct 2, Prairie Pedal for Restoration,

Decatur, 20/40/62 miles

www.maconcountyconservation.org

Oct 2, Pumpkin Pie Ride, Ottawa

25/62/100 miles, 815-830-4291

www.starvedrockcycling.com

Oct 9, Firefighters Fall Fifty,

Richmond, 20/26/36/50/62 miles,
815-370-4894, www.afffbikeride.org

Oct. 22, Tour de Shawnee, Olive

Branch, IL 15/30/45/62/100 miles,
\$30, 866-407-1450

www.tourdeshawnee.org

Oct 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 *bring money for lunch/snacks		
Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location	Directions	Miles	Host Phone #
Sat. 10/1	9:00	Tuesday Bakery Ride	Willow Stream Park, Buffalo Grove	The park is on Old Checker Rd. west of the Deerfield Bakery.	32/40	Earle Horwitz (847) 444-0445
Sun. 10/2	9:00	Triple Deerpass	Evergreen School	I-90 west to US 20 to Coral. Turn R to Northrop. Turn L to Washington. Turn R to school.	66	
	9:00	(Apple Fest) Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	Rt. 22 & Old McHenry Road Park North of the PNC Bank	32 to 47	David Naigles (630)532-7068
Sat. 10/8	9:00	PITA Ride	Cuba March Forest Preserve	Turn West from US-12 onto Cuba Rd. Parking Lot is on the left, past Ela Rd.	39/61	Len & Reinhilde Geis (847) 679-0279
		Fall Festival Weekend	Mt Horeb, WI	Start: Military Ridge Stat Park Trail Parking Lot	50-70	MK and Rich Drapeau (847) 808-1476
Sun. 10/9		Fall Festival Weekend	Mt Horeb, WI	See above	40-50	MK and Rich Drapeau (847) 808-1476
	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	Rt. 22 & Old McHenry Road Park North of the PNC Bank	32 to 47	Kilian Emanuel (847) 296-7874
	9:00	Rock Cut State Park	Evergreen School	I-90 west to US 20 to Coral. Turn R to Northrop. Turn L to Washington. Turn R to school.	58/90	
Sat. 10/15	9:00	Other Side of the Tracks	Bode Forest Preserve	Take Barrington Rd. 1 mile N. of Schaumburg Rd. Turn W. 0.2 mile to Bode East Lot	41	
Sun. 10/16	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	Rt. 22 & Old McHenry Road. Park North of the PNC Bank	32 to 47	Len & Reinhilde Geis (847) 679-0279
Sat. 10/22	9:00	Waterford Ride	Waterford Factory, WI	On Main St. (Lake Cook Rd.) West of Rt. 59. North on Hart Road. Use west lot.	27 41 68	Kevin Moore (847) 577-8490
Sun. 10/23	9:00	Ride to McHenry	Barrington HS	On Main St. (Lake Cook Rd.) West of Rt. 59. North on Hart Road. Use west lot.	42/63 miles	
	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	Rt. 22 & Old McHenry Road Park North of the PNC Bank	32 to 47	Mitch Rosset (847) 736-8152
Sun. 10/30	10:00	Chili Ride	Meg Ryan's house 1255 Wentworth Volo, IL	Take US12 N thru Volo; Turn right on Molidor for about 1/2 mi; Turn left on Wentworth, 4th house on right	42	Meg Ryan (630) 542-1040

ALWAYS CALL THE RIDE LINE 847/520-5010 FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES

WEEKLY RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Ride Host
Saturday	9:00 am NEW TIME	Honey Do Ride	30-58	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	Brian Hale 847/426-3290
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	25-45	Willow Stream Park - The 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	Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874 Earle Horwitz 847/444-0445 Len & Reinhilde Geis 847/679-0279

MEET & EAT -The Wheelmen would like to extend an invitation to enjoy good food and drinks (your expense) at the Penny Road Pub on **Saturday October 1**. The pub has both inside and outside tables with lots of parking. The Manager says any time after 10:30 AM is OK so you can decide whether you want to stop along the way on the ride or go there after.

This is a chance to meet a larger group of Wheelmen than just the few who you normally ride with.

Penny Road Pub is at 545 Penny Rd at the corner of Penny Rd and Sutton in Barrington.



CHILI RIDE

Join us for chili after the ride on Sunday, October 30 (see ride details on page 3).

We will have chili rain or shine, if it rains chili will be @ 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass, Please RSVP to Mary Kay Drapeau at 847/808-1476 if you plan to stay for chili and find out what to bring—**Everyone is asked to bring something.**

KEEPING CYCLING GREEN

Riding a bike is more eco-friendly than driving a car, but what do you do after those tires and tubes wear out? They are not biodegradable and shouldn't end up in a landfill. Recently I was reading a blurb in a Bicycling Magazine that highlighted some companies that recycle and then set off to do some more research of my own.

I found out that the new term is Upcycling. Recycling turns stuff into the same thing over and over again. Upcycling turns something of lesser value into something of greater value. Here are a few businesses that are upcycling and recycling.

Cycle Dog – www.cycledog.com

They recycle and repurpose bike tubes into dog leashes and collars. They accept all tube sizes (except tubes with sealant in them). Send them to:
Cycle Dog, Attn: Tube Recycling
2434 NW Raleigh St., Portland OR 97210

REI – www.rei.com

All four Chicagoland stores (including Northbrook and Schaumburg) recycle inner tubes and chains. So stop by the bike shop

area of the store with your items. They in turn ship the tubes to Alchemy Goods – www.alchemygoods.com They turn blown out inner tubes, old seatbelts and advertising banners into useful stuff like bags and wallets. So far they've recycled 182,000 inner tubes!

Campbell Street Bike Shop –

www.campbellstreetbikes.com

Trek Highland Park – www.trekhpa.com

Both shops will only take tubes, no tires. Drop them off and shop around. Remember you get the WW discount. See back of newsletter.

Green Guru Gear –

www.greengurugear.com

Eco-friendly luggage, bags, bike accessories, and lifestyle products. They will take your tubes only if you ship to:
Green Guru Gear
2500 47th St. Unit #12
Boulder, CO 80301

Liberty Tire Recycling –

www.libertytire.com

Ken Lakin – General Manager
1323 W. Courtland St, Chicago, IL 60614

773-871-9642

I talked to Ken Lakin the General Manager for the Chicago location. Hey, he's a cyclist and has done the Harmon. Small world. They specialize in car tires but he will take bicycle tires for 50 cents each. Maybe if a bunch of folks get together you can make one trip. Call for hours and further information.

Checkpoint Tire Centers –

847-541-2122

723 W Dundee Ave., Wheeling, IL
They will recycle your bike tires for \$2.50 each. Be sure to call prior to heading over since their policy may change. Suggest you contact your local tire dealer and see what their policy may be.

It is harder to find places to recycle bicycle tires. I did a lot of research, called a lot of places. You can also contact your local tire dealer which may also charge a nominal fee to recycle the tire...but preserving our environment is priceless. If you know of a place that recycles bike tires, let me know and I'll be sure to share it with the club.

Sheri Rosenbaum

WHEELING WHEELMEN

2012 BALLOT

PRESIDENT Joe Beemster or _____

VP/RIDE CHAIR Pat Calabrese or _____

TREASURER Johannes Smits or _____

SECRETARY Dave Waycie or _____

MEMBERSHIP Mitch Rosset or _____

PUBLICITY Barb Barr or _____

Please mark accordingly: Individual Family

Please return ballot by October 31, 2011

Balloting Committee: Bill Bergeron, Pam Burke & Ed Leidecker

Please mail ballot to: Ed Leidecker, 130 Kincaid Drive, Lake Zurich, IL. 60047-1363

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**Annual Banquet
Sunday, November 13**

Fun, Food, Games, Prizes

Join us for a great time; a delicious meal, and celebrate a fantastic cycling season

Noon - 1:00 pm, social hour
1:00—4:30 pm, lunch and awards

Chandler's at
The Schaumburg Golf Club

401 N. Roselle Road
Schaumburg
chandlerchophouse.com

\$25.00 per person
(cash bar)

Questions? Call Meg Ewen
630/540-1704
or e mail @
ibagoalie@comcast.net

**Wheeling Wheelmen
Banquet RSVP**

Name _____

Name _____
(Spouse/Guest)

Number attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to
WHEELING WHEELMEN
Please RSVP (and send check)
by October 31 to:

Meg Ewen
44 Stonegate Lane
Streamwood, IL. 60107

**Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting
August 15, 2011**

Present: Joe Beemster, Todd Berlin, Ella Shields, Johannes Smits, Dave Waycie

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.

Harmon: Insurance is in place. Discussed compensation for SAG drivers gas costs. We need volunteers for rest stops. Will ask Sheri Rosenbaum to bring this up at the Ladies Night, and Todd will recruit volunteers at the next few Bakery and Honey-Do rides. Deerfields Bakery has donated \$200 for cue sheet printing. Cue sheets will display their logo.

Banquet: Scheduled for November 13. Meg is coordinating.

September Members Meeting: Will try to have a slide show of Harmon pictures along with a Harmon recap. Will provide pizza as a thank-you for Harmon volunteers. Board nominations will be accepted.

Next Board Meeting: September 19 at Joe Beemster's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59.

Dave Waycie,
Secretary

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WATERFORD RIDE

When last we met, we were preparing for the Waterford Ride on August 20, 2011. As the factory tour progressed, we could hear the pitter-patter of raindrops falling on the plant roof. It turned in to a deluge. We waited. And waited. And kept watching the lightning in the sky and large storm cells on radar. After an hour and a half of delay, and with no opening in sight, we decided to call it all off and go for a cup of coffee.

Driving down to Burlington we stopped in town and started walking about to find a place to sit down. And what a place it was! We ended at Burlington's Sci-Fi Cafe. There, as we ordered our coffee and eggs, we learned about the mysterious happenings just over the border. Aliens. Indian Mound Builders. Mormon Plates. Strange occurrences around the Burlington Vortex. More sci-fi and alien memorabilia than you could shake a stick at. And hours of scintillating conversation. www.burlingtonnews.net/scificafe

But not being one to give up too easily, I contacted Richard Schwinn and arranged for a ride on October 22, 2011. We may not have the benefit of the factory tour, or thoughtful SAG support of a custom frame maker, but the roads will still be beautiful, and the changing leaves should just increase the beauty of the ride. We will be leaving the parking lot at 9:00 am, for 27, 41 and 68 mile options.

And keep an eye on the skies.

Kevin Moore

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tions. The weather was spectacular, cool to start, sunny all day no rain, however we did experience a nice challenge one afternoon, 15-20 mph headwind for a 22 mile stretch.

The ride was limited to 275 riders and it filled up very quickly. Three meals a day were provided, starting with breakfast on day one. Lunches were served on the road at the halfway point or later each day. Meals were served by a combination of local community/civic groups, caterers and restaurants. Rest stops were provided in local towns by rotary clubs and chamber of commerce volunteers.

We visited some quaint towns on the route; here are some of the highlights:

- ◆ The Le Sueur County Fair.
- ◆ New Prague, known for its Czech, Bavarian and Bohemian culture, they had beautiful painted murals throughout downtown.
- ◆ New Ulm, rich in German heritage, we went on the Schell's Brewery tour, it is the second oldest family-owned brewery in America, and dinner was local German fare followed by the Concord Singers, the foremost amateur German language singing male chorus in America.
- ◆ Butterfield, for their popular Threshing Bee Festival-- an annual event showcasing how life was in the early pioneer days. They had everything from rug making to quilting, butter churning and candle making, along with various demonstrations of threshing and plowing using old-time machinery. There was live entertainment and a tractor parade featuring nearly 200 tractors!
- ◆ Sleepy Eye, the 50th Annual Buttered Corn Days parade.

This was an extremely well organized tour. The people volunteering were wonderful and the bicyclists participating were as friendly as I have ever met on a tour. I would definitely do the ride again.

Ella Shields





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Next club meeting
February 2012

CLUB DISCOUNTS

The following local 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
661 Central, Highland Park
(847) 432-0015

AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS
8140 N Milwaukee Ave.
Niles 847/692-4240

B&G CYCLERY
131 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach, 847/740-0007

BICYCLE CONNECTION OF SCHAUMBURG
1226 N Roselle Rd.
Schaumburg 847/882-7728

CAMPBELL ST. BIKES
13 W. Campbell St.
Arlington Hts. 847/222-7887

GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY
1111 Waukegan Rd.
Northbrook
847/272-2100

LIBERTYVILLE CYCLERY
740 N. Milwaukee Ave,
Libertyville
847/362-6030

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

OAK PARK CYCLERY
1113 Chicago Ave.
Oak Park 708/524-2453

RUNNER'S HIGH & TRI
121 W. Campbell, Arlington Hts., 847/670-9255

SPOKES
69 Danada Square E,
Wheaton 630/690-2050
1807 S. Washington, #112
Naperville, 630/961-8222

Trek Bicycle Store – Highland Park
1925 Skokie Hwy
Highland Park, IL
trekhp.com 847-433-8735

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

TURIN BICYCLE
1027 Davis Street
Evanston
847/864-7660

VILLAGE CYCLESPORT
45 Arlington Hts Rd
Elk Grove Village
847/439-3340
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203 W. Northwest Hwy
Barrington
847/382-9200

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- *The League of Illinois Bicyclists
- *Active Transportation Alliance
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- *Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

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