



MONTHLY MEANDERS

Dec 2012/Jan 2013

BOARD BANTER

Reality Check

Well as some of you might know I have been involved with leading trail rides lately. These rides encompass riders from several different clubs and online groups. Last Saturday's ride had 10 cheerful riders show up. After a short introduction of riders, route and rules we set off. I decided to ride sweep to keep a better eye on what seemed less experienced riders.

First off I realized that my seat and seat post probably cost more than some of the riders whole bikes combined. Well I guess you don't need to go into hock to enjoy this sport but let's see what happens. Than I noticed the women in front of me wasn't wearing Italian made cycling shoes and in fact had on ordinary gym shoes with flat pedals. Will that actually work? Others had the old toe strap contraptions. Can one actually ride that way? They seemed happy enough so ok.

Well as we pedaled along I

started to look at riding attire. Different kits tend to catch my eye, the colors and logos of today's apparel is true eye candy. The man in front was wearing a cotton long sleeved shirt and cotton pants. One can't ride in cotton, that's near blasphemy! Doesn't he know you must have on the latest high tech fabric with this weeks hottest race team's logo splashed all over the back? What about a chamois and chamois butter, you got to have that! But it's funny he seemed happy and was riding and chatting merrily.

Where we were riding is a well-known south suburban hot spot and was heavily populated with Strava Segments. Surely these people will throw off their 12-mile per hour pace and rush up these hills. When they look at their heart monitors they will see they have the opportunity for a major increase. Red zone here we come! Now down shift your ten speed and watch your cadence.

What! No heart rate monitor, no cadence or even

speed sensor, three speeds....argh.

Ok. We're at the hill now. Its on. And now some of the riders start to get off and walk. And they're smiling and cheerful on this warm fall day. How can this be? Walking up the hill, have you no shame? I'm sure that photographers await camera in hand to snap pictures for all to see the dirty deed. They are walking up a hill and talking and smiling and everything seems all right in their world. Have they no sense of biking? Surely you must have carbon and spandex and microprocessors. Where is their sense of modern biking reality? Newer, faster, hi-tech, costlier, Go,Go, Go!

But then it hits home; the only one who has lost touch with reality is me! Enjoy the ride, it's what it's all about.

Happy Holidays and have a great New Year.

Mitch Rosset

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Club Officials

Elected Officers

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OPEN	
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St. Pat's Ride	
Anna & George Swietczak	312/969-1010

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Mileage Statistician	
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Al & Cindy Schneider	847/696-2356
Refreshments	Open
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Sheri Rosenbaum	847/971-4573
	luv2bike80@hotmail.com
Web Page	
Jim Boyer	847/541-1325

Newsletter Policy

We can always use information for the newsletter. I'd love to hear from you. E-mail your ride notes, stories or articles for the newsletter to me by the 10th of the preceding month
Ella Shields
eshieldsbike@yahoo.com

(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.

FINAL TOP 20 - 2012

283 Rides by 162 members
Maximum miles 10,402

Women:

1	Sheri	Rosenbaum	4644
2	Emily	Qualich	4250
3	Pam	Kaloustian	3067
4	Pat	Calabrese	2623
5	Betsy	Burtelow	2287
6	Cindy	Kessler	2230
7	Eva	Larson	2223
8	Virginia	Savio	2026
9	Tricia	Croft	1944
10	Laura	Randazzo	1907
11	Marianne	Kron	1861
12	Anna	Swietczak	1704
13	Reinhilde	Geis	1628
14	Mary Kay	Drapeau	1456
15	Deb	Wilson	1403
16	Pam	Burke	1289
17	Cindy	Trent	1215
18	Ellen	Heineman	985
19	Lisa	Tracey	979
20	Ella	Shields	973

Men:

1	Paul	LeFevre	6577
2	Kilian	Emanuel	5941
3	Mitch	Rosset	5271
4	Tony	Vercillo	5109
5	Dave	Waycie	4257
6	Dave	Naigles	3733
7	Kevin	Moore	3585
8	Dennis	Ellertson	3403
9	Brian	Hale	3329
10	Peter	Guzik	3301
11	Leo	Rhee	3278
12	Rich	Drapeau	3193
13	Joe	Beemster	3027
14	Frank	Bing	2705
15	Tom	Wilson	2696
16	Jim	Boyer	2645
17	Jeff	Magnani	2528
18	Jim	Flechsigg	2505
19	Earle	Horwitz	2386
20	JV	Villadolid	2333

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Sunday, January 20, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dave Waycie.

All Board members are requested to attend.

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership.

Please send back the 2013 renewal application on page 6. Please send your renewal form back as soon as possible so you won't miss a single issue of the Monthly Meanders or the 2013 Ride Schedule. Due date for renewals is February 1, 2013 (expiration will be February 2014).

New 2013 Membership cards will be mailed out in March.

If you have any questions contact Mitch Rosset at 847/376-8152 or e mail him at wheeling@wheelmen.com

Ballot Results

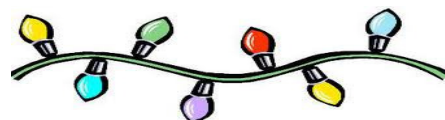
Joe Beemster - President
Pat Calabrese - VP/Ride Chair
Johannes Smits - Treasurer
Dave Waycie - Secretary
Mitch Rosset - Membership
Barb Barr - Publicity

Bob Savio Good Samaritan Award
Betsy Burtelow

Best New Ride 2012
THIS & THAT
Sheri Rosenbaum
Mitch Rosset

Most Improved Riders

Emily Qualich
Brian Hale



WEEKLY RIDES

Day	Time	Ride/Start	Miles	Directions	Ride Host
Saturday & Sunday	10:00	Show N Go Rides	25 +	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	n/a
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00	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	n/a

Be sure to be on the Yahoo group and/or Facebook for last minute changes

TRAIL RIDES

Day	Time	Ride/Start	Trail	Directions	Ride Host
Sunday Dec 2	10:00 a.m	Illinois Prairie Path Elgin	Crushed limestone 30-35 miles	We will start near Route 25 and US 20. From US 20 get off on Route 25 South and park on Bluff City Blvd on the South side of Rte 20. Then it is a short distance to the Prairie Path.	Mitch Rosset 847/376-8152
Saturday Dec 8	10:00 a.m.	Des Plaines River Trail From Des Plaines South to its end at North Ave	Packed crushed limestone 2 hour ride	Start from Mitch's house: 1674 East Forest Ave. Des Plaines IL This trail can be muddy so starting from my house will let us wash off our bikes at the end and change out of muddy clothes.	Mitch Rosset 847/376-8152



Grand Illinois Trail And Parks bicycle tour (GITAP)

June 9 - 14, 2013

Northeast Illinois trails, country roads, small towns, and along two rivers.

From 250 to 490 miles.

Camping at 2 state parks for 2 nights each – Kankakee River and Starved Rock - and another overnight at Illini State Park.

Start and End: Channahon Field House, Channahon, IL.

Sponsored by the League of Illinois Bicyclists with support from the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources

Contact: Chuck Oestreich, chuckace2@gmail.com, 309-788-1845, www.bikelib.org/gitap/



HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 9

2:00 pm –7:00 pm

Arlington Club Condominium Clubhouse*

1610 Newburn Court, Wheeling, IL

Please RSVP to Pam Burke by December 1

The club will be providing dinner.

Please contact Pam to sign up to bring appetizers, dessert or drinks.

E-mail Pam at pamelaburke2000@yahoo.com

Adults Only

*Directions: Closest Intersection: Buffalo Grove Road and Dundee. Go north on Buffalo Grove Road and turn into the Arlington Club entrance at Cobble and drive to the end. The clubhouse is on the right. Guests have to park on the West side of Arlington Road.

CLUB APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thursday, December 6

5 –9 pm

Mike's Bike Shop will be hosting the fifth annual Club Night in recognition of customers who have made them a success.

Highlights of the event include:

- 20% discount on all merchandise in the store except *bikes and sale items*.
- Special discounts offered on
 - Tires
 - Lights
 - Trainers
 - Helmets
 - Chains
 - Factory representatives will be available.
 - Appetizers, beer, and wine will be served.
 - Staff will present some demos and answer questions.

If you have any questions call 847-358-0948 or email wmikes@yahoo.com

Mike's Bike Shop, 155 N Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL

AMLING'S CYCLE ANNUAL

Holiday Toy Ride

DECEMBER 14

6:30 A.M.

Participants will ride their bicycles from Amlings Cycle, 8140 Milwaukee Ave in Niles, 847/692-4240, to Mystic Celt, 3443 N. Southport in Chicago, about 12 miles one way, to meet a waiting truck from the Marine Corps. We'll then enjoy a hot breakfast courtesy of Mystic Celt.

Those wishing to join the ride need to pre-register (on line @ <http://toyridechicago.com>), or stop in at the shop. There is no cost to ride other than bringing a new, unwrapped toy for a child.

If you would like to help out, but don't want to ride your bike, you can drop off a new unwrapped toy at Amlings Cycle.

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting October 29, 2012

Present: Barb Barr, Joe Beemster, Pat Calabrese, Ella Shields, Dave Waycie

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Charitable Donations: Each year the club makes several charitable donations to cycling related organizations. Typically, these have been made after the first of the year, but may be made prior to end-of-year, in order to balance income and expense numbers for IRS reporting.

Harmon: We are still looking for a new chair-person for the Harmon. Will continue to have Harmon brochures included in LIB's state-wide Spring mailing. Approved a thank-you gift for Todd Berlin for his service for the past three Harmon Hundreds.

Annual Banquet is November 11.

Holiday Party is December 9. Since the last board meeting, the restaurant we used has gone out of business. Location moved to Arlington Clubhouse, as publicized in the newsletter.

St. Patrick's Day Ride: Again, Anna and George Swietczak have agreed to coordinate the ride. We will increase the brochure printing count this year.

Newsletter Articles: December/January Issue – Pat Calabrese.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, January 20, 5:00 pm. Dave will host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Dave Waycie
Secretary

HISTORY OF CHICAGO'S BIKE INDUSTRY

By the end of the 19th Century, Chicago was an ideal location for the rise of a bicycle manufacturing empire. The city had a population of more than 1.5 million and nearly 2,000 miles of roads, many paved. The development of parks and tree-lined streets a short distance from the overcrowded tenement neighborhoods provided riders with a cycling sanctuary. In addition, changes in the design of the bicycle transformed cycling from a high-class form of leisure to a recreation available to a diversity of men and women. The average bicycle price also dropped as the sport became more popular and bike technology advanced. While a high-wheel bicycle could run as much as \$300 during the 1870s – nearly one year's wages for the average worker – by the end of the 19th Century a bargain hunter could find a "good used" or "shopworn" model for as little as \$35. Chicago was also an industrial paradise – an ideal location for production and shipping.

By the 1890s, Chicago was the bicycle manufacturing capital of America. Eighty-eight local companies produced nearly two-thirds of the nation's bicycles. Chicago was home to Century Cycle Manufacturing Company, James Cycle Company, Western Wheel Works, and Sterling Cycle Works. These factories flooded the streets of Chicago with *Arrows*, *B&As*, *Black Hawks*, *Cinchs*, and *Sterlings*. Sterling Cycle Works made headlines when Annie Kopchovsky, a Jewish mother of three, became the first woman to cycle around the world on her Chicago-made Sterling brand bicycle.

Despite the large number of bicycle factories that were scat-

tered across city, one Chicago bike manufacturer became an American icon. In 1890, a young German entrepreneur named Ignaz Schwinn came to the United States to make his fortune in the booming Chicago bicycle manufacturing industry. Within five years he partnered with meatpacker Adolph Arnold and incorporated Arnold, Schwinn & Company. The same year, the company released the *Roadster*. Arnold, Schwinn & Company's first product was a 19-pound, single-speed, recreational bicycle, but by 1895, Schwinn became known for its high-speed racing bikes. During the 1920s, Schwinn begins to focus not only on the quality of their bicycles but also on appearance. The 1934 Schwinn Aerocycle was designed to resemble airplanes, streamlined automobiles, and motorcycles. In 1948, Schwinn introduced the *Black Phantom*, which became an instant American classic. The popularity of the *Phantom* was soon surpassed by the 1963 *Sting-Ray*. The *Sting-Ray*'s high-rise handlebars and banana seat soon become the most popular features in bicycle design. (ibid.) Schwinn continued to manufacture American bicycles from the West Side of Chicago until 1993, when the company relocated to Colorado.

Today, the majority of the nation's bicycles are produced outside of the United States. China, India, the EU, Taiwan, and Japan represent 87 percent of the global market, with China responsible for the production of 60 percent of the world's bicycles. Eighty-six percent of bikes sold in the United States are imports from China. Although cyclists today are less likely to ride along the lakefront path on a locally produced bike, Chicago will always be an important part of bicycle manufacturing history.

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**2013 WHEELING WHEELMEN
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ OK to share with bicycling organizations

Membership type: Single \$20.00 Family \$25.00



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Please indicate your choice: Please send via e-mail I prefer a paper copy

Membership Agreement:

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 complementary 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.

_____ Age: _____ Date: _____
Applicant's Signature

Signatures of other riders, if Family Membership:

_____ Age: _____ _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____ _____ Age: _____

Please **SIGN** application and return with check to Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 7304, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7304 . **Due date for renewal is February 1, 2013.** New 2013 membership cards will be sent out in March.

If you would like to receive a membership roster, contact Mitch Rosset at wheeling@wheelmen.com

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The **Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club** has an active Yahoo Group available on the Internet. The group works like a bulletin board and allows us to exchange email with other club members without having to know everyone's individual email address. You must subscribe to the group before you can send a message. Follow the instructions required by Yahoo to complete your registration.

NOTE: Due to spam and email address hijacking concerns, subscription to the Yahoo Group is limited to current members of the Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club only. If you have questions about club membership, rides or events, please send an email to: wheeling@wheelmen.com

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

To post a message send your message in an email to:
wheelingwheelmen@yahoogroups.com

The group name is: **wheelingwheelmen** and is available at: pgroups.yahoo.com/group/wheelingwheelmen

2013 CHICAGO WINTER BIKE SWAP

January 19, 9:30 to 3:30

Harper College

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SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Party –Sunday, December 9
Club meeting - Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013
St Pat's Ride –Sunday March 17, 2013



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

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

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1113 Chicago Ave.
Oak Park 708/524-2453

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121 W. Campbell, Arlington
Hts., 847/670-9255

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Wheaton 630/690-2050
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Barrington
847/382-9200

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- *The League of Illinois Bicyclists
- *Active Transportation Alliance
- *Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo
- *Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

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Web Site: www.bikeleague.org

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