



MONTHLY MEANDERS

BOARD BANTER

Safe Group Riding

As many of you know, we received a written complaint from a motorist regarding our blocking of Mundhank Road on a Saturday morning in early April. This person, an experienced bike rider, was attempting to pass cyclists in her car but was unable as the lane was blocked. At our Honey Do rides, and others, we stress that when riding on narrow roads we must ride single file when traffic is present. While the Illinois laws on bicycling state that no more than two riders can ride side by side, they also state that any cyclist on a road shall ride as close as practical to the right hand curb/side so not to impede traffic.

Mundhank Road, like several others that we use, needs to be re-paved. As you are avoiding the potholes on the side, you move to your left. If there

is a rider next to you, the entire lane becomes blocked. So again the need to ride single file.

Generally the congestion problem occurs at the beginning of our rides when we “bunch up” at a traffic



signal or busy intersection. This begs the question - should we stage the beginning so the faster riders leave first and others follow after a few minutes? We may want to try this at a Honey Do ride when we have a big turnout.

Our experienced riders

who recognize the potential consequences, need to communicate with newer members about what to do when the “Car Back” warning is sounded. One way to help is to tell the rider who may be on your

left to get front of or behind you. When I first joined the club a couple of the riders said to get behind them when traffic was approaching from the rear and I really appreciated their feedback and concern.

Please do not be reluctant to speak up if a rider is blocking traffic or riding in an unsafe

manner. By doing so you may prevent a collision followed by injuries that no one wants.

Joe Beemster, President

June 2015

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SUMMER

June 21

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TOP 20 MILES

Through May 16
53 rides by 105 members
2,332 max miles

Men:

1	Dennis	Ellertson	1485
2	Kilian	Emanuel	1173
3	Paul	LeFevre	1162
4	Dave	Waycie	1140
5	Brian	Hale	800
6	Joe	Beemster	728
7	Mitch	Rosset	700
8	Jeff	Magnani	648
9	Kevin	Moore	607
10	Bob	Dominski	597
11	Jim	Boyer	577
12	Dan	Romanoff	576
13	Alex	Halamaj	518
14	Tom	Wilson	508
15	Johannes	Smits	484
16	JV	Villadolid	468
17	Jim	Flechsigg	458
18	Vince	Kelley	399
19	Jorn	Lim	399
20	Rich	Vichotka	365

Women:

1	Emily	Qualich	907
2	Eva	Waycie	758
3	Sheri	Rosenbaum	540
4	Betsy	Burtelow	454
5	Cindy	Kessler	377
6	Pat	Calabrese	369
7	Reinhilde	Geis	311
8	Deb	Wilson	299
9	Ella	Shields	274
10	Marianne	Kron	246
11	Terri	Brei	234
12	Pam	Burke	230
13	Virginia	Savio	191
14	Jackie	Kelley	173
15	Pam	Kaloustian	163
16	Ellen	Heineman	143
17	Anna	Swietczak	105
18	Nancy	Beck	99
19	Paula	Matzek	86
20	Dale	Svec	76

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Monday, July 13, details TBA.

Total Rides Led	Through May 16
Al Gibbs	1
Anna Swietczak	1
Barb Barr	2
Betsy Burtelow	1
Bob Dominski	2
Brian Hale	1
Dan Wiessner	1
Dennis Ellerston	7
Ella Shields	1
Jeff Rossi	2
Joe Beemster	1
Kilian Emanuel	19
Larry Frank	3
Nancy Beck	1
Pam Burke	2
Paul LeFevre	5
Peter Guzik	1
Terri Brei	2
Tom Wilson	5
Vince Steidl	1
	59

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!! Contact Mitch Rosset with your new address or e-mail address at rrkite99@aol.com

As a kid I had a dream - I wanted to own my own bicycle. When I got the bike I must have been the happiest boy in Liverpool, maybe the world. I lived for that bike. Most kids left their bike in the backyard at night. Not me. I insisted on taking mine indoors and the first night I even kept it in my bed.
~ John Lennon , The Beatles

Date	Time	Ride Name	Start Location/Directions	Miles	Ride Host	
June 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		
Sat. 6-6	8:00	Honey Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	30-58	Todd Berlin 847-910-5336	
Sun. 6-7	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons Long Grove Commons Shop- ping Center at Rt 22 and Old McHenry Rd. Park in lot north of the PNC Bank.	Approx 31-55	Jim Boyer 847-204-8274	
	~~	Udder Century McHenry County Bike Club	Donely's Wild West Town 8512 S. Union Rd Union, IL	32/50/62/75/ 100	Invitational	
Sat. 6-13	8:00	Honey Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve See above	30-58	Cindy Kessler 847-421-4084	
	9:00	Root Beer Social	McHenry County College Route 14, two miles North of Route 176, meet in North parking lot off Tartan Drive.	58/82	Emily Qualich 630-569-6910	
Sun. 6-14	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons See above	Approx 31-55	Louis Greene 847-530-7125	
	~~	BCLC Ramble Bike Club of Lake County	Kenosha County Fairgrounds 30820 111th St Wilmot, WI	30/50/75/ 100 /124	Invitational	
Fri. 6-19	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	Willow Stream Park On Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd. North of Lake Cook Rd	30	Frank Bing 847-814-9925	
Sat. 6-20	8:00	Honey Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve See above	30-58	Deb Wilson 847-452-6159	
	9:00	Boone County Ride	Evergreen Park School I-90 west to US-20. Turn right on S. Union Rd. Turn right on E. Coral Rd. Turn left on Northrup. Turn right on Washington to School	65	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663	

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

JUNE RIDE SHCHEDULE - CONTINUED

Date	Time	Ride Name	Start Location/Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Sun. 6-21	9:00	Sunday Short Ride (Father's Day)	Long Grove Commons Long Grove Commons Shopping Center at Rt 22 and Old McHenry Rd. Park in lot north of the PNC	Approx 31-55	Joe Beemster 847-215-2314
Fri. 6-26	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	Willow Stream Park On Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd. North of Lake Cook Rd	30	Frank Bing 847-814-9925
Sat. 6-27	8:00	Honey Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	30-58	Tony Vercillo 847-691-7049
	9:00	City of O's	LaGrange General Store IL-12 to Wisconsin to County H in LaGrange, WI General Store on corner.	50/88	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663
Sun. 6-28	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons See above	Approx 31-55	Jorn Lim 847-345-0704



BANQUET PICTURES

We will once again be doing a slide show at the annual banquet (November 8) and are asking for contributions this season. So be sure and take pictures at rides and events and share them with our club members.

Send your pics by October 24 to Terri Brei at tbrei@scoutsourcinginc.com.

PROCEDURE PROCESS: IN QUESTIONABLE WEATHER SITUATIONS

If the ride host considers the weather forecast to be severe enough to cancel the ride, he-she should post a message on the Wheeling Wheelmen Yahoo Group (wheelingwheelmen@yahoo.com). These conditions can include very high chance of rain or snow, severe winds, or other unsafe conditions.

- If the ride host decides to cancel the ride, he-she should post a

message to the Yahoo group no later than 2 hours before the scheduled ride start time.

- Of course, the host may post the message earlier, like the night before, if there is really no question that the ride will be cancelled. Or, if the host wants to decide in the morning, he or she can post a notice to watch for an update in the morning. Generally, more communication is better than less.

- Riders are encouraged to use the

Yahoo group, but if a rider cannot access the Yahoo group, the host can be contacted at the phone number listed on the ride schedule.

Every member should consider subscribing to the Yahoo group especially if they are planning on doing rides starting in the outlying areas. Instructions for subscribing to our Yahoo Group are listed on page 7. We also encourage people to join the Wheeling Wheelmen Facebook page and ride information is posted there, too.

WEEKLY RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Ride Host
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	25-45	Willow Stream Park - 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
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Working Stiff's Ride	18-27	Stempel Parking Lot On the west side of Old McHenry Road, behind the Read Oaks Store. West of IL 53, Long Grove, IL	Tom Wilson 847-632-1412
Trail/Road ride Wednesday	10:00 am	Blue Star Memorial Woods	16/32	East Lake Ave., Glenview. East of Waukegan Rd, between Wagner and Harms near overhead trail bridge. Parking lot on the south side of E. Lake Ave.	Dennis Ellertson 847-255-9323
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Hill and Dale Ride	25-35	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	Rotation
Thursday	6:00 pm	Thursday Night Ride	30	Heron Creek Forest Preserve. Located on the SW Corner of RT 22 and Old McHenry Road, park at shelter B.	Paul Lefevre 847-670-3501

SAFETY RECAP

Our club was asked to speak to some Federal Express drivers at their safety meeting on April 30th. They wanted to hear about riding on streets from a cyclist's point of view.

There were about 30 drivers in attendance at their distribution center in Wheeling. I covered our pre-ride sessions about riding single file on narrow roads when traffic is present and being careful when riding close to other riders and communicating with each other about traffic and road conditions.

I mentioned that we rarely have difficulty with commercial drivers and on a few occasions they have blocked traffic for us when we had difficulty in crossing a road. Unfortunately there have been times when other motor vehicle drivers drive too close, are hostile and sometimes have cut us off.

Lastly I reviewed the Illinois laws for cyclists and applicable laws for motor vehicles. The meeting went very well, the drivers showed a lot of interest and asked several questions.

Joe Beemster



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL WHEELING WHEELMEN PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Ride will start @ 9:00

There are also hiking and biking trails

The club will supply food which will be served afterward,
about noon

BYOB

We will have a communal ice chest if you want to share your beverages

Heron Creek Forest Preserve Shelter B

Located on the southwest corner of Route 22 and Old McHenry Road

Please RSVP to Al & Cindy Schneider at 847/696-2356

or email at cindy109st@gmail.com



Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting April 02, 2015

Present: Joe Beemster, Roland Cooper, Pam Kaloustian, Sheri Rosenbaum, Ella Shields, Johannes Smits, Dave Waycie

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance approximately \$14,000.

The St. Pat's Ride generated a small profit – between \$200 and \$300, after stocking up on T-shirts for the next few years. Approved purchasing a new club banner for events – cost under \$200.

Johannes recommended subscribing to Smugmug to manage image galleries on the website. Cost \$60 per year – approved.

Ride Schedule: We are now posting ride host stats on the website and the newsletter.

Hosting in good shape. Need a host for one ride in May, otherwise good into August.

Membership: 197 members as of today.

Publicity: Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo is May 9. We are looking for volunteers.

The Arlington Heights Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commis-

sion (B.P.A.C.) is looking for volunteers to assist with a "Bike Around Arlington Heights" event on May 9. Will let people know.

St Pat's Ride: Anna Swietczak has reserved the school for 2016. Anna Swietczak and Dennis Ellertson will coordinate the 2016 ride.

Harmon: Discussed water sources for Bassett and ways to handle best. Also would like to get posters for bike shops, etc., as we have done for the St. Pat's ride.

2015 Member Meetings: The Nutrition meeting was well-received. Meetings are over until after the Harmon.

Picnic: The permit is done. Al and Cindy Schneider will again host the picnic.

Newsletter: June - Joe

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 18, 7:00PM. Johannes will host.

Dave Waycie, Secretary

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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 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

INVITATIONAL'S

June 7 Udder Century, Donley's Wild West Town, Union, IL 31/50/62/75/100 miles udder@charter.net
mchenrybicycleclub.org

June 7, Ride 2 Recovery Skokie, 8:00 a.m.
17/38/50 ride2recovery.com/honorRide.php

June 7, Dairy Days Annual Bike Tour, West Salem HS, WI 32/62 miles
junedairydays.com/events.html

June 13/14 TOMRV, Bettendorf, Iowa, Saturday 106/69 miles, Sunday 90/46 miles
www.qcbc.org/tomrv

June 14, BCLC Ramble, Wilmot, WI.
12/30/50/70/100 miles bikebclc.com/ramble

June 20, Janesville Morning Rotary Pie Ride, Janesville, WI. 12.5/32/66 miles
portal.clubrunner.ca/8349/SitePage/pie-ride/15th-annual-pie-ride

June 27, Pedaling for Kicks, Bloomington/Normal 25/37/44/63 miles, Richard Verdery 800-676-2353
rverdery@ilfb.org

June 27, Tour da Goose, Watertown, WI.
25/42/62/100 miles www.tourdagoose.com

June 28, Swedish Days Ride, Burlington, IL.
25/45/62/75/100/124 miles 630-776-4054
www.fvbsc.org

June 28, Menominee River Century, Menominee, WI. 15K, 40K, 80K, 120K,
www.mrcride.com

July 19-25 RAGBRAI XLIII, Iowa
ragbrai.com

Aug 7-9 Amishland & Lakes, Howe, IN
amishlandlakes.com



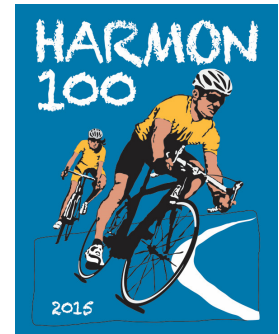
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SAVE THE DATES

Club Picnic - Sunday, July 12
 Harmon 100 - Sunday, Sept. 13
 Banquet - Sunday, Nov. 8



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

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 1111 Waukegan Rd. Northbrook 847-272-2100

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

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

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 121 W. Campbell,
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 847-670-9255

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 Wheaton 630-690-2050
 1807 S. Washington, #112
 Naperville, 630-961-8222

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 1925 Skokie Hwy
 Highland Park trekhp.com
 847-433-8735

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 847-438-9600

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- *Active Transportation Alliance
- *Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo
- *Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

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