



MONTHLY MEANDERS

THE FIRST STATE IS THE LAST STATE

JUNE 2017

We all set goals in our lives. Some we accomplish and others remain a dream to be achieved. Ella Shields began thinking about a goal several years ago. After cycling through numerous states, she thought, why not ride through all 50? She began her quest riding through several states each year and now there were only three left to go.

On April 22nd, Ella, Pam Burke and I ventured out east and arrived in **Portsmouth, New Hampshire (#48)** on Sunday afternoon. The next morning, after receiving some incorrect directions, we finally were able to find our way into some local neighborhoods. The roads were lined with bike lanes, the area was hilly and very picturesque. We rode down tree lined streets with beautiful large old homes on either side. We then proceeded into the old downtown area and, while the streets were

narrow, the drivers all yielded as we proceeded to navigate in and out of the traffic. People could not have been nicer. That evening we feasted on great fresh seafood.

On Tuesday April 25th, we drove to southern



New Jersey. Cape May is located right on the shore of the ocean for state **#49**. We stayed at a 200 year old hotel, Congress Hall, which has been updated with all amenities. The next morning our ride took us to the Cape May lighthouse, one of the oldest operating lighthouses in the US, we viewed a World War II army bun-

ker and went by numerous, beautiful and huge ocean front mansions. We surmised that this is how the other half lives. Nice! Fortunately, our visit was in the off-season and a friendly work crew told us we would have difficulty riding our bikes through this area in a couple of weeks. Thousands of tourists pour into this area from May through September each year.

Leaving Thursday morning we headed up to **Fenwick Island, Delaware (the first state) for #50**. The locals in Cape May asked if we were going to take the ferry to Delaware and I indicated no, we are driving. This caused some slight amazement. Using our GPS devices the nice voices kept directing us to the ferry. Duh ... looking at a map we realized that we would have to drive much further North and then head back down to our desti-

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SUMMER

June 21

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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

TOP 20 MILES

Through May 14
49 rides by 89 members
1,939 max miles

Women:

1	Emily	Qualich	975
2	Sheri	Rosenbaum	418
3	Reinhilde	Geis	377
4	Lorrie	Stork Heymann	357
5	Deb	Wilson	355
6	Ella	Shields	313
7	Betsy	Burtelow	285
8	Pat	Calabrese	220
9	Nancy	Beck	213
10	Pam	Burke	205
11	Ellen	Heineman	177
12	Mary Jean	Drouganis	143
13	Cindy	Trent	141
14	Cindy	Kessler	132
15	Jeannie	Siemert	117
16	Joan	Willmeth	116
17	Kathleen	Angus	109
18	Minori	Watanabe	100
19	Pam	Kaloustian	79
20	Marianne	Kron	61

Men:

1	Dennis	Ellertson	1439
2	Dave	Waycie	1237
3	Paul	LeFevre	1202
4	Don	Miller	1047
5	Tom	Wilson	867
6	Kilian	Emanuel	860
7	Alex	Halamaj	808
8	Toan	Tran	681
9	Johannes	Smits	626
10	Jim	Flehsig	590
11	JV	Villadolid	582
12	Brian	Hale	562
13	Luca	Zaramella	544
14	Joe	Beemster	505
15	Jeff	Rossi	498
16	Jorn	Lim	427
17	Guy	Ockerlund	424
18	Jeff	Magnani	417
19	Mitch	Rosset	413
20	Larry	Frank	381

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Monday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pam Kaloustian.

All Board members are requested to attend.

Total Rides Led	Through May 14
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Betsy Burtelow	1
Brian Bloom	1
Brian Hale	2
Dave Waycie	4
David Newman	1
Dennis Ellertson	7
Earle Horwitz	1
Erich Massat	1
Jeff Rossi	3
Kilian Emanuel	16
Larry Frank	1
Mitch Rosset	2
Paul LeFevre	5
Reinhilde Geis	2
Toan Tran	4
Todd Berlin	1
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Total hosts	17
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AAA HAS YOUR BACK

AAA has expanded its roadside assistance coverage to include your bicycle. So if your bike breaks down, AAA will pick you up and take you and your bike to wherever you need to—your car, a bike repair shop, home. (The distance covered depends on your membership level.) All types of bikes are covered; AAA just needs to be able to access the bike from a road or parking lot.

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
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Day	Time	Ride Name	Miles	Location and Directions	Ride Host
Sat 6/3	8:00	Honey Do	30-58	Paul Douglas Forest Preserve On Central Rd. 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	Erich Massat 847-253-5815
	8:30	Root Beer Social	58/82	McHenry County College Rt. 14 two miles north of Rt. 176, Crystal Lake, IL. Meet in north parking lot.	Ride Host Needed
Sun 6/4	9:00	Have I Been Here Before?	34/42	Long Grove Commons Route 22 and Old McHenry Road. Park in lot north of Dunkin Donuts.	Emily Qualich 847-821-1009
	6-10:00	Udder Century	31-103	McHenry County College See Above	Invitational
Sat 6/10	8:00	Honey Do/ Extended Do	30-72	Paul Douglas Forest Preserve See Above	Ella Shields 773-407-4712
Sun 6/11	9:00	Broken Oar	36/44	Long Grove Commons See Above	Reinhilde Geis 847-679-0279
	6-10:00	BCLC Ramble	30-124	Camp Sol R. Crown 11651 304th Avenue Trevor, WI 53179	Invitational
Sat 6/17	8:00	Honey Do	30-58	Paul Douglas Forest Preserve See Above	Joe Beemster 847-215-2314
	8:30	Boone County Ride	65	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.	Larry Frank 224-221-9786
Sun 6/18	9:00	Roads You Should Know	33/43	Long Grove Commons See Above	Johannes Smits 630-935-4074
Sat 6/24	8:00	Honey Do	30-58	Paul Douglas Forest Preserve See Above	Todd Berlin 224-801-6789
	8:30	City of O's	50/88	LaGrange General Store US-12 to Wisconsin. Continue to County H in LaGrange. General Store on right.	Erich Massat 847-253-5815
Sun 6/25	9:00	This and That	36/50	Long Grove Commons See Above	Louis Greene 847-925-0629

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

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	Tom Wilson 847-632-1412
Wednesday	9:00 am	No-Drop Road Ride	30-40	Woodland Trail Park 1-1/4 miles East of Route 83 on Euclid Avenue, Mt. Prospect	Dennis Ellertson 847-255-9323
	6:00 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	Jeff Rossi 708-648-9170
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 224 234 0615
Friday Starting June 16	10:00 am	Libertyville Picnic Ride	30	Willow Stream Park See Above	Frank Bing 847-634-1439

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nation. So off to the ferry we drove, parked our car on the boat and enjoyed a nice relaxing 85 minute trip to Delaware.

We had registered in advance for the **Ocean to Bay** ride on Saturday. Some 2400 cyclists were expected to participate.

We rode in the Delaware/Maryland area on Friday morning. Nice countryside, the bike lanes were well marked and paved and included numerous views of the

ocean. We stopped at a local winery and sipped some of the nectar. Later we picked up our ride packets at the ride start and spotted a large banner welcoming Ella doing her 50th State ride. (Sheri had the banner made and shipped to the ride officials.) Ella was surprised and shocked. Some of the ride organizers asked "Are you Ella?" She was our Wheelman Woman of the Day!

The event on Saturday was a fun ride, with good rest stops and beautiful views.

Congratulations, Ella. What an accomplishment!

Joe Beemster



**LADIES NIGHT
7 MILE CYCLES**

45 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Elk Grove Village
Wednesday, June 7
7-9:00 pm

They will be having a Service clinic, Nutrition segment, On the body and On the bike segment where we will be going over clothing, helmets, shoes, lights, bags, tires etc. At this time we will be helping the ladies shop for their cycling needs.

Refreshments will also be served.

Questions contact Laura @ 847-439-3340

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Mark	Martinez	Livermore, CA
Craig	Marriner	Wheeling
Lynn	Willis	Elk grove Village
Bill	Triplett	Inverness
Lynne	Triplett	Inverness
Joshua	Weemhoff	Kenosha, WI
Dan	Knox	Waukegan
Christian	Munoz	Des Plaines



BANQUIDAY PICTURES

We will once again be doing a slide show at the banquiday 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 31 to Johannes Smits @ johannes.smits@comcast.net

INVITATIONALS

- **June 4, Tour de Corn**, Morris, IL
12.5/25/50 www.morrisrotary.org
- **June 4, Udder Century**, Crystal Lake,
31/50/63/76/100 udder@charter.net,
.mchenrybicycleclub.org/udder-century
- **June 10, McLean County Wheelers
Spring Metric**, Hudson, IL 8/20/40/60
mcleancountywheelers.com/rides-and-events/spring-metric/
- **June 11, Ride 2 Recovery**, Evanston, IL.
10/36/50, 8:00 a.m.
ride2recovery.com/honorRide.php

June 11, BCLC Ramble, Trevor, WI.
30/50/70/100/124
bikebclc.com/ramble-ride

June 18, Janesville Morning Rotary Pie Ride, Janesville, WI. 12.5/32/66
portal.clubrunner.ca/8349/SitePage/pie-ride/16th-annual-pie-ride

June 26, Swedish Days Ride, Burlington, IL. 30/46/67/84/104/128 www.fvbsc.org

June 26, Menominee River Century, Menominee, WI. 15K, 40K, 80K, 120K,
www.mrcride.com



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL WHEELING WHEELMEN PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 9

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

Board Meeting Minutes

April 17

Present: Joe Beemster, Pam Kaloustian, Ella Shields, Johannes Smits, and Dave Waycie.

Treasurer: Johannes reported St Pat's made a profit, sold a lot of tee shirts and insurance for the riders has gone up. We went over expenses to date.

Ride Chair: Dave stated attendance has been good on the rides, he wants to work on some Honey Do ride issues; new routes and more cohesive rides. A question came up on mileage, members cannot put down miles above those posted for the ride. Also members not completing the ride, notify Emily of your actual miles if more than 4-5 less than the ride posting.

Publicity: Pam stated the bike rodeo is set for May 27, the 7 Mile Cycle ladies night will be in June this year, she will put Harmon brochures and membership applications in the packets she makes up for the event.

There will be a ladies night on May 11 at Trek of Highland Park

Memberships keep coming in. Miles will not count for anyone until their membership is up to date. We will consider a late payment plan for renewals for next year

Ella: We need more membership applications so we will update them and place an order.

St Pat's: Thanks to Al Gibbs for the great job running the event, we had a great turn out, lots of volunteers and many compliments from the riders.

Harmon: The school and rest stops have been reserved. We will be doing a 50th anniversary jersey for the 2019 ride and will start working on that now.

The picnic is set for July 9, the Schneider's will do the event.

Club meetings: The April meeting was very well attended, Bill Kragh and Dan Wiessner did a great job on the RT 66 presentation. We will have a new location starting with September meeting, the Prospect Heights Library, thanks to Deb Wilson for securing the spot for us.

Johannes will do the slide show again for the banquet, we will post the info in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Joe Beemster will do cover for June issue.

Joe has been in contact with someone about a ride for veteran's he will post the info on Yahoo group.

The next Board meeting will be June 19 at Pam Kaloustian's house.

Submitted by Ella Shields

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

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@yahoogroups.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.



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SAVE THE DATES

Annual Picnic - July 9

Harmon 100 - Sept 10

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.

AMLINGS CYCLE

8140 N Milwaukee Ave.
Niles 847-692-4240
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131 E. Rollins Rd,
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