



Wheeling Wheelmen

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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I am so very sorry that I am unable to participate in the great sport of cycling with all of you. My bicycle has sit idle for the past six weeks and it looks like many months to come. I endeavor to continue my work in bringing the Harmon back to Illinois this year. Communication continues between myself and the hosting site. As of right now it could go either way do to COVID-19.

If we are able to have a Harmon this year the Current Phase-4 definition is: "All gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data and guidance". At this time IDPH is talking about a Phase-4.5.

Masks will be required at the Harmon Hundred check-in, all rest stops and SAG support vehicles by all club members and participants at all times while interacting with one another and not while riding a bicycle. Six-6 feet or more will be maintained during check-in and at all rest stops by the use of markers. We expect full compliance here. Based on 50-years of experience we have never had 50-fifty people in the check-in area or at any rest stop at any one time which includes past rides that have exceeded the number of participants we expect this year. Assuming good weather we will hold the check-in process outdoors while the domiciled location will be used for bathroom accommodations. If we are in **Phase-5** we will be inside the building.

I hope all of you are reading this on our website and for those of you who are reading this from the newsletter; I will be posting this and any "Late Breaking News" on the Harmon Hundred from the Wheeling Wheelmen website at <https://wheelmen.com>. In the "Quick Links" section on the homepage please note a button for "The President's Corner" as this is where you will find the most up to date information from yours truly.

One of the items I made perfectly clear when I was elected was to have an open administration. The Wheeling Wheelmen Constitution Article IV-Last Paragraph states "**All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members of the club with voting restricted to Board members.**" There is nothing opaque or obfuscated about the meaning of this sentence. I wanted all board members to feel free to disseminate the information from a board meeting to all club members unless it was related to a club member.

Obviously when the Wheeling Wheelmen Constitution was written the writers did not foresee a pandemic, as the last pandemic to hit the United States was in 1918. The pandemic is the reason the board meetings are taking place via ZOOM. I hope and cannot wait till all members that wish to participate in the board meetings in person can be together again to share ideas.

Ride safely everyone and enjoy the ride as one never knows when something unexpected will prevent one from doing so.

George, President