



Wheeling Wheelmen

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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For those of us who love numbers, this month I am going to support by the numbers why the "Harmon Hundred" is returning to Illinois and why it would be more than foolish to remain in Wilmot, WI any longer.

To quote a famous proverb in 1985 when [The Washington Post](#) quoted a San Francisco radio host from [KNBR](#) remarking "That would be like putting lipstick on a pig". You can say all you want about the Bears game, weather, other participant sports etc, etc diminishing the turnout for the "Harmon Hundred" in Wilmot, WI in any given year but we have waited 20-twenty years and we are still not any closer to even half of the turnout at Wheeling H.S.. The definition of insanity is repeating the same thing over and over again expecting a different result.

Below you will find a mini spreadsheet. We have much more detailed statistics on the "Harmon Hundred" since Emily has taken over in 2010. Prior to 2010 these statistics are all that can be gathered using the Wheeling Wheelmen news letter the Monthly Meanders". For years that are left blank or null their are no statistics that can be found.

A bit of history here. When the "Harmon Hundred" was being pushed into Wilmot, WI, those that were doing the pushing would not listen to reason about the ramifications of a lesser turnout because of the move. They promised hundreds of more cyclists from all over southern Wisconsin. We average 66-sixtysix per year from that state.

Twenty years to right this wrong. Look at the average, look at the total. Next month I will compare these numbers with the "Udder Century".

	HH	IL	WI	Other States	
1975					1st Monthly Meanders
1976					
1977					
1978					
1979					
1980					
1981					Wick's Furniture
1982					Wick's furniture on Dundee Rd. My 1st Harmon
1983					
1984					
1985					WheelingHS 1st NSC 1985.
1986	1,100				WheelingHS
1987	1,318				WheelingHS
1988	1,411				WheelingHS
1989	1,300				WheelingHS final count > Nov-did not show
1990	1,800				WheelingHS final count > (Over 1,000 spaghetti dinners served) >300 members
1991	1,650				Wauconda Apple Orchards

1992					
1993	1,200				
1994					
1995					
1996					
1997					
1998					
1999					Wauconda Apple Orchards final year 306 members
2000	700				Harmon Hundred located to Wilmot Mountain, WI
2001	300				
2002	800				
2003	780				
2004	750				Great weather mid 80's
2005	780				Mid 90's
2006					
2007	420				
2008	650				
2009					Island Lake start - Freemont HS
2010	486	427	57	2	
2011	635	562	64	9	
2012	638	576	57	5	Tried 3 tier pricing
2013	642	570	65	7	advertised on facebook
2014	622	543	72	7	sunny day 75 deg
2015	549	478	55	16	cold start, but warmed up quickly bears game
2016	656	564	85	7	55 degrees at start/ warmed up to 78 –sunny
2017	680	585	80	15	cold start 45 high of 70, Ironman only competition
2018	540	469	66	5	cold start 45 high of 70, Ironman only competition
2019	525	406	54	65	cool cloudy day in low 60's. 200 WW members
2020					COVID-19
2021					COVID-19
Avg	620		66		
Total	20,932				

Be Safe

George, President