



# Wheeling Wheelmen

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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First a big Hoorah for our Neal Barg and Barbara Hafner, Ride Chair for McHenry County Bicycle Club, for putting together the joint club ride and a big thanks to Scott, MJ, Les, Brian and Keith for helping to make the ride a success. Traffic was extremely light so I asked Barbara if it was always this way on the weekends and she said "no, it is much lighter on Sunday's". That is the way I remember the "Udder Century". You can just put your head down and ride straight for miles without a turn. The parking at McHenry County College will more than handle the future growth of the combined club invitational. I am sorry I could not keep up with all of you as I am not ready for prime time yet.



We have a long way to go when the USA men's cycling road team was only allowed to bring TWO cyclists to the Tokyo Olympic Games. These numbers were determined by UCI and here is a quote from VeloNews "it is no surprise to see the top European cycling nations hog the top spots in terms of allocation, even more so after the International Olympic Committee trimmed the total allotment from 145 to 125 riders for the Tokyo Games. Five nations - Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands, Italy, and France — will start with the maximum allotment of five riders. The next eight nations have four starters, and eight more countries will be starting with three riders.

The U.S. is grouped with 11 nations, including Slovakia, Ecuador, Portugal, and New Zealand, among others, with just two starters. The final 22 nations see one starter, giving the elite men's road race a relatively thin starting field of 125 riders.

Back to business. It takes the same amount of effort to host and support 543 participants in Wilmot as it will for 1,200 and more participants in Crystal Lake.

Here are the numbers comparing the "Harmon Hundred" with the "Udder Century". Please keep in mind that for the years that are left blank or null there are no statistics that could be gathered from the Wheeling Wheelmen newsletter "The Monthly Meanders" and the McHenry County Bicycle Club. If anyone has statistics for the years missing please email them to me via groups.io.

Look at the 10 year and 20 year averages. All that effort for 543 participants.

	UC	HH	IL	WI		
1975						1st Monthly Meanders
1976						
1977						
1978						
1979						
1980						
1981						Wick's Furniture
1982						Wick's furniture
1983						
1984	250					
1985	401					Wheeling High School 1st NSC 1985
1986		1,100				Wheeling High School
1987		1,318				Wheeling High School
1988		1,411				Wheeling High School
1989	0	1,300				Wheeling High School final count>
1990		1,800				Wheeling High School final count > (>1,000 spaghetti dinners served) >300 members
1991	800	1,650				Wauconda Apple Orchards
1992	900					
1993	1,000	1,200				
1994	1,200					
1995						
1996						
1997	1,348					
1998						
1999	1,367					Wauconda Apple Orchards final year 306 members
2000		700				Harmon Hundred to Wilmot Mountain, WI
2001	1,091	300				
2002		800				
2003	1,400	780				
2004	1,000	750				Great weather mid 80's
2005		780				Mid 90's
2006	1,305					
2007	1,250	420				
2008	1,585	650				
2009	815					<b>Island Lake start - Freemont HS</b>
2010	1,600	486	427	57	2	
2011	1,565	635	562	64	9	
2012	1,613	638	576	57	5	Tried 3 tier pricing
2013	1,315	642	570	65	7	Advertised on Facebook
2014	1,500	622	543	72	7	Sunny day 75 degrees
2015	502	549	478	55	16	Cold start, but warmed up quickly bears game
2016	1,133	656	564	85	7	55 degrees at start/ warmed up to 78 – sunny
2017	1,158	680	585	80	15	Cold start 45 high of 70, Ironman only competition

<b>2018</b>	<b>1,105</b>	540	469	66	5	Cold start 45 high of 70, Ironman only competition
<b>2019</b>		525	406	54	65	Cool cloudy day in low 60's.
<b>2020</b>		0			0	COVID-19
<b>20y Avg.</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>620</b>				<b>Average 2000 till now</b>
<b>10y Avg.</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>543</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>Average 2010 till now</b>
	<b>UC</b>	<b>HH</b>				
		<b>1,386</b>				Wheeling High School average

Peace

George