



# MONTHLY MEANDERS

DECEMBER, 1979

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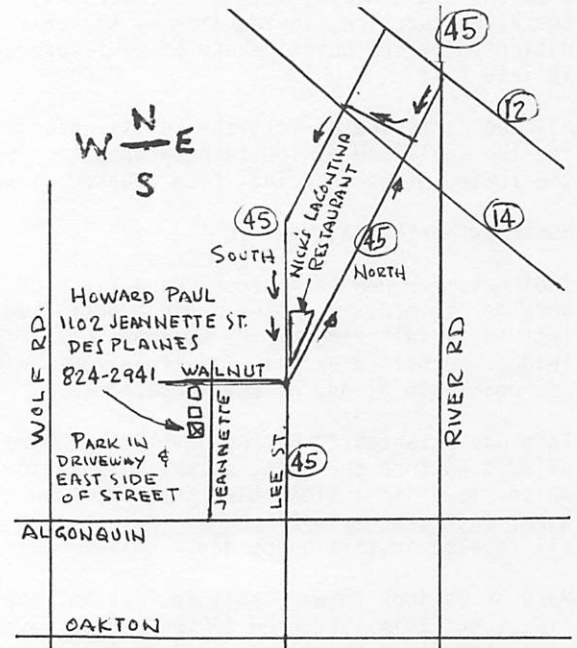
*December meeting's a Christmas Party!*

The December meeting of the Wheeling Wheelmen will be a party held at Howard Paul's home, 1102 Jeannette Street, Des Plaines, on Wednesday, December 5, at 8:00 P.M. This will be our regular club meeting time, but do note, again, the change in place. Plan to spend a pleasant social evening with your fellow Wheelmen.

Bring a Christmas Wish for our club to share with Santa. It should be club related...a wish to continue something you feel is particularly good, or a wish for changes you'd like to see this year.

Anyone interested in helping with refreshments, phone Lois Paul: 824-2941.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our club's annual social event for the Holiday Season



## WHEELING WHEELMEN END-OF-THE-YEAR RIDES

### DEER GROVE - BIKE OR SKI



Sunday, December 16 - 1:00 P.M.  
 From Deer Grove

Bike or Ski, depending on the weather which will also determine mileage.  
 Meet at Deer Grove. Entrance on Quentin Road, north of Dundee Road. Parking area left fork from entrance road.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY



Tuesday, January 1 - 10:00 A.M.  
 From Eisenhower Jr. High School  
 Hoffman Estates

Start the New Year right! Come ride with us on New Year's Day or, if the snow's too deep, we'll hike, and we'll top it off with a coffee break at Stansfield's.  
 School is at Jones and Hassel, north of Higgins (IL.72) one block west of it's intersection with Golf Rd.-IL.58.

P. O. Box 581-D, Wheeling, Illinois 60090





SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER - Howard Paul

Two club members were thrown from their bikes during the past month in separate accidents. Both were experienced cyclists.

In one, a badly bruised arm resulted from the fall, but fortunately the rider's head, although bounced several times on the concrete, was saved by the helmet. The accident occurred through no fault on the rider's part.

In the other accident, an improperly secured pannier came loose and stopped the front wheel instantly; the rider was thrown into a fence. His head didn't hit the fence, and he didn't rush out to buy a helmet... but he is no longer convinced that accidents can only happen to somebody else.

A helmet would make a great Christmas gift.

IF YOU WON'T WEAR A HELMET FOR YOURSELF,  
WEAR ONE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU.

RIDES REMEMBERED - Madeline Kanner

Westward Ho, Nov. 10

Seven dedicated Wheelmen braved 35° temperatures to ride a 25-mile loop from Kildeer School to Kelsey's Road House, returning via Miller and Old McHenry Roads.

No one anticipated that this venture would result in so memorable a ride when morning's first sight was of snow swirling thickly outside our windows. We rode in sparkling sunshine, invigorated by the brisk air and delighted by the quiet beauty of familiar countryside in late fall.

All who participated felt the satisfaction of overcoming the challenge of low temperatures to experience the reward of a lingering, rosy-cheeked glow.

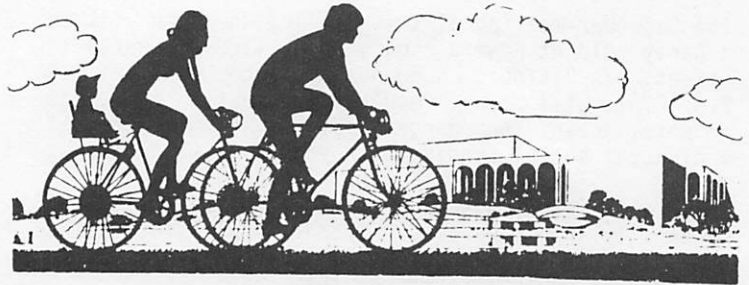
North By Northwest, Nov. 18

Indian summer weather encouraged a large group of Wheelmen to pedal 30 miles against gusty winds on this last "official" ride of the season. Rich Figge, ride leader, surprised us all with a new route - and even a new road with plenty of challenge.

This was a fantastic biking day with temperatures that climbed up into the 60's, sparkling sunshine, frothy white clouds in a blue, blue sky. We know that such warm, fair weather will become increasingly rare and we all reveled in this bonus day.

Many of us look forward to a few special event winter rides, but this last ride of the season gave us occasion to reflect on all the wonderful outings of the warm months just past...and to anticipate a new cycling year with the club.

Please remember that Wheeling Wheelmen don't hibernate in winter. Our rides chairman has a few rides planned, weather permitting, and there will be cross country ski outings scheduled regularly. We want to be ready when warm weather allows regular cycling to resume.



WHEELING BIKE PROGRAM WILL ENFORCE SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Phyllis W. Harmon

At a recent meeting just before Thanksgiving, the new Wheeling bicycle program was discussed. Attending were

- John Cole, Wheeling Village Board, in charge of Streets, Sidewalks and Public Transportation
- Fay Moroz, Wheeling Chamber of Commerce
- Armando Pizzi, Supervisor, Traffic Ordinance Division Wheeling Police Department

and myself, representing the Wheeling Wheelmen and bicyclists.

At a previous meeting, preferred bicycle routes were planned to recommend for use by all cyclists rather than the more dangerous, heavily travelled roads.

This meeting was to discuss the education and enforcement of bicycle rules and regulations. The goal is to ultimately reach all school children at all grade levels so they ultimately learn to drive defensively. By learning to drive their bicycles correctly now and being aware of cyclists rights and responsibilities, when they eventually become motorists, they will respect the bicyclists on the road.

Officer Pizzi stressed that Wheeling will need the cooperation of members of the Wheeling Wheelmen to work along with the police department in order to effectively present the program to the various schools.

