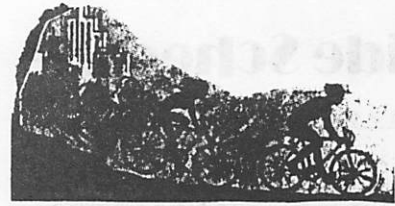


NOV. 1982



MONTHLY MEANDERS



NOVEMBER

ANNUAL BANQUET

HACKNEY'S IN WHEELING
241 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1982

Social Hour 6:30 - Dinner 7:30 \$9.00

Send your reservation immediately to:

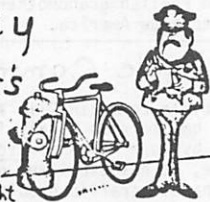
Howard Paul, Phone: 824-2941
1102 Jeannette Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016

We are looking forward to seeing the slides and hearing Dick and Mary Ellen Spirek's experiences on their bicycle trip in Germany and Austria.

Also, new officers for 1983 will be announced and mileage awards will be given to the top six men and six women. Final mileage will be listed in the December newsletter.

Safety Officers' Corner

Mike Enwright



As my final safety article I would like to pass on to all of you an article aimed at wrong way riders. I will start carrying this article with me and give it to wrong way riders in the hope that some of these riders will change their riding habits.

I wish my successor the best of luck in finding fresh material to pass on to our club in order to promote safety and make club members safety conscious.

Now take time to read the enclosed article: *Reasons For A Bicyclist to Ride on the Right Side of the Road.*

If any club member would like to have a copy of the article for reproduction, I'll be happy to supply one.

Illinois Election ---

CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY R. YATES (D., Ill.) has been named one of Bicycling's Best Friends in the 97th Congress by the League of American Wheelmen.

SECRETARY OF STATE JIM EDGAR is not only for favorable legislation for bicyclists, he is determined to reduce the numerous drunk driving accidents. He also wants to keep track of drunk driving cases to see how various judges are enforcing it.

Update On Elgin Car/Bicycle Accident

Phyllis W. Harmon

In the September newsletter I reported on two drunken brothers, Tom, 20, and John Romano, 22, who were drag racing well in excess of 55 mph on a rural, not traffic-free, road west of Elgin. John was racing east in the westbound lane. Cycling single file on the right side of the road was Mrs. Caryn Motisi, her daughter, Kimberlee, 15, and son, Brett, 11. John Romano's car plowed into the cyclists: Kimberlee was not struck but her bicycle was found 80 yards up the road. The mother suffered leg injuries and has had several orthopedic surgeries for leg injuries. Brett was killed, his arm was severed. His bicycle was 25 yards behind his mother's and one bicycle wheel was in a cornfield.

The first skid marks were where the boy was hit. The cars apparently then criss-crossed, each ending up in nearby cornfields. John was almost triple the level of legal intoxication.

Tom Romano was being held on a \$400 bond. John Romano was held in the Kane County Jail in lieu of the \$100,000 bond set by the Kane County grand jury. Then in early September Judge Joseph McCarthy approved a bond reduction for John Romano to \$50,000. Assistant State's Attorney John Barsanti said, "We're very displeased and dissatisfied with the decision. Romano is in the Army and will go back to Fort Riley, Kansas, completely out of our jurisdiction." Out on bond, John Romano was ordered to stay in the area.

Then in a September 24 news item it was reported that John Romano's 1973 white and maroon Monte Carlo car that was being held in the investigation of the reckless homicide case disappeared from the Kane County Sheriff's Department towing contractor's parking lot! All prosecution photography and lab tests were completed but it had not been released.

Assistant State's Attorney John Barsanti has vowed he will not plea bargain the case. He asked Northwestern University traffic experts to reconstruct what happened because of discrepancies in statements made by witnesses and the defendant. Traffic experts used police reports, witness statements, measure-

ments, physics, and revisited the accident scene to determine the speeds involved and what actually happened to various vehicles and people at the time.

All this has been done. A final pre-trial is scheduled for November 4 in the Court House in Geneva, Illinois, at 10 a.m. Judge McCarthy will allow no further postponements. The actual trial date will be some time late in November. When I get the date I'll let you know. I should know by Nov. 13 - our annual banquet, so can announce it then. We hope that many bicyclists will attend the trial to show our support and concern.

Members of AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists) have been attending the pre-trials in force and also the case is being covered by the Watch Committee of the Illinois Conference of Women Leaders for Traffic Safety which follows drunk driving cases through the courts to report to Secretary of State Jim Edgar how various judges are handling cases under the new drunk driving laws.

New Members

We are growing! Welcome to the two new family and five individual members:


- Penny and Bob Calto 763-8388
6339 N. Lenox, Chicago 60646
- George J. Cheslock 459-3814
3 Oak Creek Dr. #3408, Buffalo Grove
- Dana L. Elsesser 351-4530
1027 Charlela Lane, Elk Grove Village
- George Marshall 824-4293
9008 W. Terrace Pl. Des Plaines 60016
- Jane P. Robinett 948-4635
Baxter Travenol Labs. 1 Baxter Pkwy.
4-2E, Deerfield 60015
- Dan Tomanka
22238 Chestnut Ridge, Kildeer 60047
- Stebbins & Zozo Younger 658-8407
Rt.2 Box 118 Deepwood Rd., Barrington

For Sale -

FOR SALE: RACER MATE 1, used only one winter season. In excellent condition. \$75.00 or best offer. Don Handke - 541-0635.

FOR SALE: NEW PANASONIC SPORT worn in Bikeathon. Any size - powder blue or red. Value \$200. \$175.00. Brian Reilly - 537-1908.

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

An  Affiliate

Ride Schedule

Nov. 6 - CHICAGO LAKESHORE, Chicago



Saturday - 10:30 a.m. 12-20 miles
From Foster Ave. Parking Area.
Ride to McCormick Place and lunch
at McDonalds in Water Tower Place
on the way back. Leader: Howard
Paul - 824-2941.

Nov. 14 - DAN WRIGHT WOODS, Wheeling



Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 20 miles
From Wheeling Community Center,
Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd.
Leader: Mike Enwright - 537-8012

Nov. 21 - NED BROWN BICYCLE TRAIL -
Elk Grove Village



Sunday - 2 p.m. - 20 miles
From Elk Grove High School,
Arlington Heights Rd. and Ken-
nedy Blvd. Beautiful new trail.
After the ride we are invited to
Dick and Ardie Sorenson's for
cider and Sloppy Joes. They will
lead the ride and then lead us to
their home at 324 Gateshead North
in Elk Grove. Phone: 593-7945.

Nov. 27 - THANKSGIVING RIDE - Deer Grove



Saturday - 10 a.m. - 32 miles max.
From first parking lot off left
fork in Quentin Rd. entrance,
north of Dundee Rd. We'll lunch
at a restaurant after the ride.
L.A.W. Thanksgiving patch avail-
able for \$1.25. Leader: Roger
Thauland - 541-2294.



Do you cross-country ski?
How about leading a
morning or afternoon
of skiing in Deer
Grove or Moraine Hills?
Let us know....

Plans For Holidays

We have no official meetings at the
Community Center until February. It has
been our custom to have our Banquet in
November. A hike or bike for a Christ-
mas event followed by a pot luck - this
year at Marie Liotin's in Des Plaines.
Then, to start the New Year off right,
on New Year's Day there will be a bike
or hike (depending upon the weather)
from Dick and Ruth Ryan's in Barrington
followed with pot luck and socializing.

Details will be in the December
newsletter along with maps to our hosts
homes.



Rides Re-ridden



Sorry I missed all the October rides
while attending Pro-Bike in Colorado
Springs - 5 days of excellent seminars
on numerous pertinent subjects of inter-
est to bicyclists...Also visited a
daughter in Phoenix...but here it is
last minute for the newsletter and I
have no details on the Botanic Garden
Ride and the Westward Ho ride from
Elgin!

pwh

HILLY HUNDRED - Twenty Wheelmen turned
up in Bloomington, Indiana, with 3000
others for the delightful Hilly Hundred.
This was the 15th year for this well
organized, scenic 2-day event.

CHAIN OF LAKES RIDE - Fourteen cyclists

did the metric century from Kildeer
School and joined seven others doing
the 46-mile ride at Lakewood Forest Pre-
serve. Don Dereby led the group over
this outstandingly beautiful ride up to
Chain of Lakes and way into the north
end of the park, abundant with hills
and scenery - an excellent place for
lunch.

OCTOBER MEETING - Thank you Allan Zoller
and Glen Schon for the informative in-
structions on bicycle maintenance and
repairs. A nominating committee was
appointed to complete the slate of can-
didates for 1983 and send out the ballot
so results could be announced at the
Annual Banquet November 13.

L.A.W. Volunteers -

The enclosed winter L.A.W. BULLETIN
requests club volunteers to serve as:
Club Rep who will be the primary link
between the club and L.A.W. and a
Touring Information Contact who is
knowledgeable of local conditions. Each
state has a Touring Information Direc-
tor. To better provide information for
routes in Illinois, the state director
could contact the TIC for more specific
details.

Don Handke has volunteered to be the
club rep. That leaves the need for a
TIC - interested? Contact club president

"Daisy, Daisy"

Judy Stansfield wrote of a "real in-
teresting book on bicycle touring",
"Daisy, Daisy" by Christian Miller. It's
about an English grandmother who decided
to get to know America.

"Bicycle Commuting"

"Bicycle Commuting" is an excellent
book on how to ride safely in traffic.
Written by John Allen of Bicycling!
magazine, it has excellent examples of
how to handle traffic problems and I
have bought an extra copy so the Safety
Chairman can use it as a reference.

pwh

L.A.W. Patches



Here are three L.A.W. holiday patches
available for participants on our Hallo-
ween, Thanksgiving and Christmas rides
at \$1.25 each.

Any ideas for patches for 1983 holi-
days? Send them to League headquarters
at P.O. Box 988, Baltimore, MD 21203.

