

April, 1986



# MONTHLY MEANDERS



APRIL

MEETING

Wednesday, April 2 - 7:30 p.m.

WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL  
Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) & Hintz  
Room 191

Southwest side of building  
next to the cafeteria.

## PROGRAM

Pat Murphy



### ON THE ROAD AND TRACK

His racing career  
in stories -  
slides and  
pictures.

- Started racing 1946 in Canada
- 1951 18 years old - Tour of Mexico 16-day race
- 1952 Canadian Track Champion
- 1954 Tour of Mexico
- 1956 Canadian team in Olympics in Australia
- 1958 Raced in Italy, France, Belgium and Denmark. Turned pro, raced winter track in Copenhagen
- 1959 Raced in Italy, France, Belgium, Germany
- 1960 Came to U.S.
- 1964 Went to work at Schwinn in sales - Dist. Sales Manager Until 1980 V.P. Sales at Schwinn Sales Midwest.

### FOR SALE

Complete WEYLESS ROLLERS. Incl. speedometer and side brackets. Orig. \$300. Like new. \$150. Grant Johnson, 1133 N. Western, Park Ridge, IL 60068. 825-2369.

WHEELING WHEELMEN

P. O. Box 581-D,

Wheeling, Illinois 60090



by AL PETTY

Last month I asked for real life experiences. So, here are some. The names have been changed to protect the guilty (or innocent). The following two items are from the archives of bicycle history.

The first incident is a warning to the expert and novice alike: never think for a moment you are immune to tragedy.

While riding his bike on a route he had traveled many times, Tom Bryne made one serious mistake. He failed to heed a warning sign along a bike path which said, "Walk Your Bike." The sign was placed at both approaches to a small foot bridge used by cyclists and joggers.

Tom had seen the sign many times but never thought much of it. He came down the bike path and turned onto the bridge. At that moment his front wheel lodged in the expansion joint of the bridge. Panic set in and he tried to free the wheel. An instant later, the wheel came free and bike and rider were headed on a course straight for the edge of the bridge.

Tom and his bike went over the side and hit the water and rocks below. Tom was hurt and was aided by a passing jogger. Fortunately, he lived to tell the story. Tom claims that his helmet saved his life. The helmet suffered a 3-1/2" crack down the front left side! His plea to others is: Please read the signs on the bikeways and roadways. Pride, stupidity, or over-confidence is a poor substitute for a broken body, or your life.

In our second story, we are concerned with a fellow bicyclist who has been run off the road. This story, however, has an interesting twist.

One sunny day in May, Bill Hayes and 25 other riders were on a ride enroute to St. John, Indiana. The cyclists were riding single file on

the right side of Steger Road. Bill was riding sweep when he observed a car coming toward them. The car swerved, then crossed the center line, veering towards the cyclists, forcing them off the roadway and onto the unpaved shoulder and ditch.

To avoid the oncoming vehicle, one rider struck another bicycle and went down. He was hurt with abrasions on his knee and thigh. As the vehicle passed the fallen cyclist, the driver gave the cyclist "the finger." The car continued on, traveling in the wrong lane with a flat front tire. Bill and three other cyclists pursued the car and confronted the driver in the parking lot of an apartment building complex.

The driver was uncooperative until Bill identified himself as a State Policeman. A short time later the Steger Police arrived and placed the driver under arrest for "improper lane usage." In court, the driver was found guilty and fined \$200!

It sure is nice to have the police on your side.

That's it for this month. Enjoy the spring cycling season and be careful.

## BIKES PLUS Celebration

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, come to the festivities celebrating BIKES PLUS 13 years in business and the grand opening of their new 3,500-foot addition at 1313 N. Rand Road in Arlington Heights.

The store will be open 13 hours: From 1:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. On those two days there will be 13 items, such as bicycle shorts, jerseys, tool kits, etc., on sale for \$13.00. All bicycles will be \$13.00 off, Water bottles will be \$1.13. Free headbands will be given to the first 50 customers each day. Refreshments will be served.

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Library:	Dick Ryan	381-1775



## From Bernard in Hong Kong

*Bernard Magnouloux, of St. Rambert, France, had completed 40,000 miles on his around-the-world ride by bicycle in January in Los Angeles. Here is the latest letter from him.*

March 8, 1986

Dear Wheeling Wheelmen:

From Los Angeles, where I was stuck two months waiting for a new passport, the cheapest Asian flight was Korean Air to Hong Kong, \$352. It included a short stopover in Seoul and that had been my first contact with Asia. A puzzling one: after a night in the Youth Hostel, I had to take a bus back to the airport and couldn't read the signs on bus stops. It was 6 a.m. and the streets were quite empty but the few people that I found had to endure my mime. It's difficult to mime an airport but it helped to mime a plane. The bus driver had white gloves and there was a hostess in uniform who took care of me like I was the only customer and made me regret that I was leaving Korea so soon.

Hong Kong was more of a shock: the traffic here is difficult to imagine, except if you could visualize every Peking cyclist being given a car...and on top of that, they drive on the wrong side of the road, the British side. My new bike, contrarily to Rossinante, had never done that and it took me some time to teach it.

I just passed a week getting ready for China (3rd largest country in the world): the 3 month's visa is \$10, the faked Taiwanese student card (necessary to get budget prices) only \$6 and Mandarin (the official Chinese dialect) lessons are free with the Hong Kong youths flocking the youth hostel on weekends. I'm told that my family name is very common in China as long as the last syllable is concerned. I hope it will help me bike incognito. I'm still not sure that I'll be allowed to bike across the border but as I may officially leave China into Nepal, I do intend to push my bike home all across Continental Asia. That's still a few tires, flats and sweat away!

Love,  
Bernard

*Bernard is writing his experiences for a French newspaper. Also CYCLIST has bought his stories and photos about Sudan. BICYCLE USA is planning something in the February edition, so will CALIFORNIA BICYCLIST. Now that Bernard has published in English and with all the cooperation and interest of bicycle clubs, he wondered if he should write his book in English first. (I sure hope so, for my French is terrible!)*

*In a letter from California he wrote: "Somebody I met on the road (a mountainbike fanatic girl, who initiated me to her passion and had me run my first bicycle race ever - fire dirt road, 28 miles, 6000 feet elevation, I made 10th out of 34 despite I broke my front derailleur at mid-race, on a borrowed bike I didn't know...."*

LAST CALL FOR  
renewals before the  
1986 Membership List  
is printed and mailed



C'mon old timers, get your *signed* renewal forms in now to keep getting the newsletter.

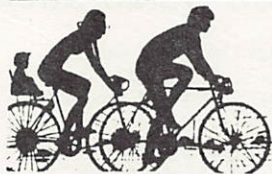
Also, remember, if you receive dues for a new membership, the application form must be signed.

## Vice Activities

It is hard to believe that the snow has finally melted and the roads are fit for bicycles again. Every year I wonder if winter is really a plot to force cyclists to become weak and flabby! But, just as cyclists seem to be in their worst physical shape, the weather turns and we must all begin to regain the strength of the previous fall.

The best way to get back into shape for those fall centuries is to begin to ride short rides and gradually build up into longer and harder rides. Our schedule reflects this, starting out at a snail's pace and short distances and building up into a variety of rides later in the year of much greater challenge.

Jim Grant, Vice-President



It's A  
Boy!

Geoffrey  
Gjelsten  
Uhlemann

Parents: Ted & Sherry. March 21, '86



Cross Country Skiing - Chain of Lakes - Jan. '86 Photos by Pat Marshall  
Lynn Petty shows result of a missed downhill turn.



February, 1986 - Deer Grove  
Even with a broken ski pole Elliott Kanner can smile.



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## BICYCLE POSTER SAFETY CONTEST....

Secretary of State Jim Edgar is trying to reduce serious accidents and deaths with contest promoted through public libraries. Get your creative ideas going and get details from your library.

## BIKES PLUS BICYCLE LIBRARY

Bring copies of your routes and maps to stock the library. Visit the library when you are looking for a trip. 1313 N. Rand, Arl. Hts.



# Schedule

**Apr. 5 APPLE PIE RIDE, Buffalo Grove**  
Sat. 10 a.m. 35 miles from Buffalo Grove H.S., Arlington Heights and Dundee Rds. Lunch at Wauconda Apple Orchard. Leader: Elliott Kanner - 541-9176

**Apr. 13 BOTANIC GARDENS, Wheeling**  
Sun. 9 a.m. 35 miles from Carl Sandburg School on Schoenbeck So. of Dundee Rd. across from library. Al Dargiel - 685-7708.

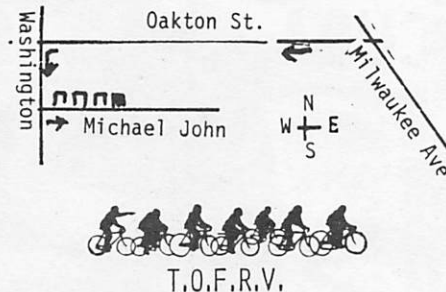
**Apr. 19 AUDUBON RIDE, Hoffman Estates**  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. 47 miles from Eisenhower Jr. H. Jones and Hassell. Bring or buy lunch. George and Marilyn Mathison - 825-5470

**Apr. 26 CHOP SUEY RIDE, Arlington Hts.**  
Sat. 9 a.m. 40 miles from Arlington H.S., 502 W. Euclid, west of Arlington Heights Road. Peter Gianakakis - 784-3330

**Apr. 27 TERRY'S SPRING TUNE-UP**  
Sun. Hoffman Estates. 11 a.m. 26.7 miles from Eisenhower Jr. High, Jones and Hassell. Terry Schwerin - 894-1325

**May 3 COLLEGE CAMPUS CRUISE Wheeling**  
Sat. 10 a.m. 35 miles from Chamber Park on Wolf Rd. north of Dundee Rd. Tour 3 campuses. \$3 lunch at Lake Forest College. Mike Hawkins - 275-9609.

**May 4 BREAKFAST RIDE, Park Ridge**  
Sun. 7:30 a.m. 20 miles from Bob Meute's home, 232 Michael-John. Bob Meute - 823-2592



For the fourth year the Wheeling Wheelmen will conduct the Tour of the Fox River Valley (formerly the TOSRV Alternative). This is a 2-day event, 100 miles each day, leaving from Frontier Park in Arlington Heights at 6 a.m., Saturday, May 10, and going to Janesville, Wisconsin, via Long Grove, Union, Belvedere and Shoppiere. Return route via Lake Geneva and McHenry. Overnight at the Super 8 motel. Double rooms, two beds, \$35; single rooms \$25. I must have the money by April 15 as the rooms have to be paid for in advance. I can arrange roommates. Send checks to Jim Grant, 1216 South New Wilke Rd., #204, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Call for more information at 506-1269.

This will be a joint ride with the Evanston Bicycle Club.



## INVITATIONALS

**Apr. 20 FOLKS ON SPOKES EASTER RIDE**  
25 or 62 miles through small towns, spring-time woods, and bountiful farms. \$5.50 by Apr. 7 or \$7 day of ride. From Bldg. C, Governors State Univ., Rt. 54 & Stuenkel Rd., University Park (Park Forest South), IL. Info: Sam 754-2185; Joe 596-0129.

**Apr. 27 SILVER SPRINGS SIXTY, Aurora**  
25-50-62 mile routes. \$7 Registration by March 31 or \$8.00. Regis. from 7:30 a.m. 62/50 milers start by 9:30; 25 milers must start before noon. Refreshments & chicken dinner. From Jefferson Middle School, 1151 Plum St., Aurora. Tom 896-0640 or Rob 759-6863.

**May 4 BLOSSOMTIME METRIC CENTURY**  
25/50/100 km. (15.1, 31 or 62 miles) from Bell Hall at Andrews Univ. in Berrien Springs, Mich. Start any time between 7 a.m. to noon. \$7 until Apr. 15, then \$9. Berrien Bicycle Club, Andrews Univ., Berrien Springs MI 49104 or 616/471-3592.

**May 4 MORSE LAKE METRIC CENTURY**  
25/50/100 km tour of lake, farms and country around Cicero in Central Indiana. From Indiana Academy Auditorium-Gymnasium at Indiana Academy, Route 19, Cicero, Indiana. Start any time 7 a.m. to noon. \$5 to April 12 or \$7. Write Morse Lake Metric Century, Cicero, IN 46034. 317/984-5345.

**May 16-18 HORSEY HUNDRED, Kentucky**  
Two rides each 50 miles plus alternative shorter or longer rides. Hdq. Georgetown College, in Georgetown, Ky., 12 miles north of Lexington. Housing in dorms; meals in college cafeteria. Regis. \$8. Room \$11.50 per person each night. Meals \$12.50, children \$6.25. Checks to, or info from: Jerry Crouch, 201 Cassidy Ave. Lexington, KY 40502. Send SASE. Sponsored by Bluegrass Wheelmen

**May 18 LIBERTY RIDE FESTIVAL**  
Kodak and BICYCLE USA will sponsor the Liberty Ride Festival in 125 cities. In Chicago this day-long event is coordinated by Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. 10-20 or 30 miles from Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Pavillion, just west of the Chicago Loop. After the ride there's a picnic lunch and live entertainment followed by concert via satellite from Louisiana Superdome to giant video screens. \$20 registration fee includes commemorative T-shirt. There will also be a Liberty Ride from Evanston Township High School sponsored by Evanston Bicycle Club.

Info, to volunteer, or to register call Chicago Lung Assoc. 427-7464.

**June 14-15 WHITEWATER WEEKEND,**  
75 miles from Crystal Lake or 50 miles from Genoa City. Overnight Univ. of Wis., Whitewater. Buffet dinner, Sunday breakfast. \$38.00 Pedal Across Wisconsin, Jerry Goldman P.O. Box 365, West Dundee IL 60118.

**June 13-16 GEAR 86 INTERNATIONAL**  
Hosted by Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club and Bicycle USA. Hdq. State Univ. of New York at Buffalo. 26 rides from 7 to 125 miles incl. 8 in to Canada. Folk singer group, ice cream social, jazz band, swing band, square dancing, and country western band. Work shops, exhibits of bicycle products, tour info and touring equipment. Registration fee \$35. Room and Board \$105. Post-Rally Tour June 17-21 New York Barge Canal Ride. Stamped Self addressed envelope to: GEAR International '86, M.P.O. Box 2522, Niagara Falls, NY 14302.

**JUNE (27) 28-29 DOOR COUNTY WEEKEND**  
25/50/75/100. Lodging Sevastopol H.S.. Dinner Sat.-Bkfst. Sun. \$38. Pedal Across Wisconsin, Jerry Goldman, P.O. Box 365, West Dundee, IL 60118, 695-7964.

**July 1-5 1986 NATIONAL RALLY St. Louis**  
BICYCLE USA/L.A.W., Hdq. Washington Univ. Registration \$40. Room and Board \$110. Children \$50. 10 or more rides per day, work shops, exhibits, St. Louis fireworks. Application for both GEAR INTL. and RALLY from Phyllis Harmon or send stamped self-addressed envelope to: BICYCLE USA '86 National Rally Committee, c/o Ozark Area Council/AYH, 1908 S. 12th Street, St. Louis, MO 63104. Pre-Tour June 22-28 Northeast Missouri, 65 miles/day. Breakfast, dinner, lodging - \$130. Post-Tour July 6-11, Southern Missouri, 40 miles/day - Campground \$35. No meals.

**July 6-11 GRABAAWR, Wisconsin**  
Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River. Staging area Wisc. Dells. Bus to Rhinelander. Bike to Land O'Lakes and back to Rhinelander overnight. Overnights in Wausau, Wisc. Rapids, Wisc. Dells, Spring Green and Prairie Du Chien. Bus back to Dells. \$95. 400 miles. Application from: GRABAAWR, Common Cause, 20 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703.

**SEEKING GIRL SCOUT CAMP STAFF.** June-14-Aug. 16. Full or partial season. Near East Troy, Wis. Phil Weimer - 9-5 at 640-0500. Phyllis Harmon has job descriptions and weekly salaries-537-1268.

## Harmon Hundred Video

David Blustein made a video of our Harmon Hundred covering the history, organization and drove over the route filming riders and sag stops...said it works out like "How To Put On A Century." It has been on Channel 21 several times in March and April times are:

Apr. 8 - 2 p.m. Apr. 18 - 11 a.m.  
10 - 9:30 a.m. 25 - 11 a.m.  
17 - 8 p.m.



## Winter Rendezvous - Homestead, Florida

Photos by Phyllis Harmon

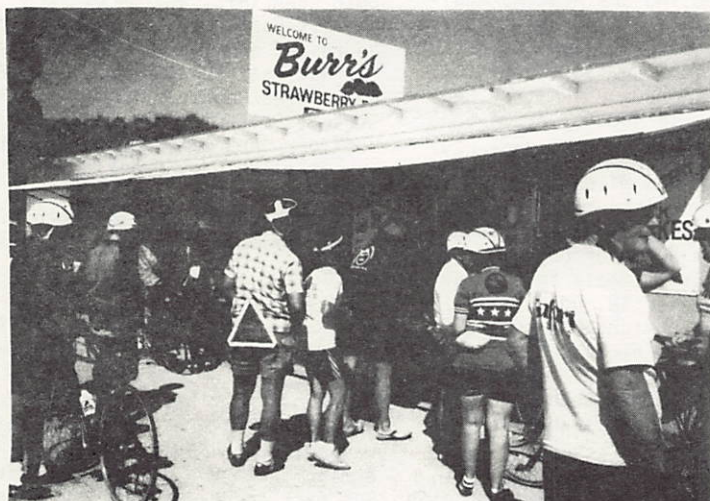
Eleven Wheeling Wheelmen enjoyed bicycling in sunny Florida complete with palm trees, tropical fruits and flowers and birds of all kinds. The 20th Winter Rendezvous, hosted by the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bicycle Club, had rides from 30 to 100 miles and a double century for those willing to accept the challenge.



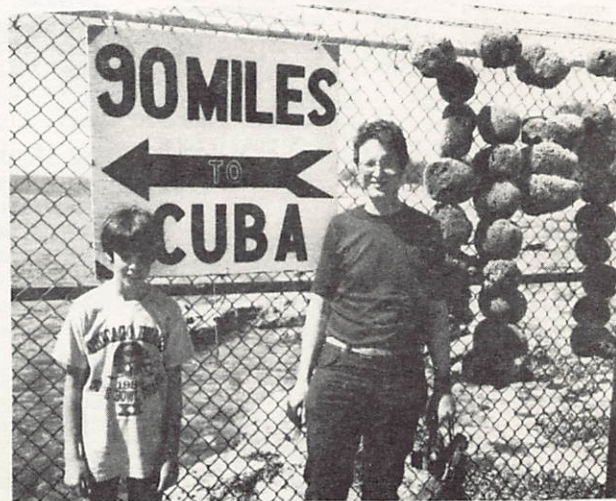
Did you ever pet a pelican? Some hang around fishermen looking for tidbits and become quite tame.



At the Florida Keys with Mangrove trees growing in the water: Elida Rech, Lois and Howard Paul, Lou Sloss of Palatine, Stan Davis (WW member living in Florida), Wm. Wilson, Jr. and Bill Meyet of Forest Park.



After almost every ride, bicyclists can be found at either Knaus' Berry Farm or at Burr's for delicious strawberry sundaes, shakes or giant red fresh strawberries to eat right out of the box!



Matthew and Phillip Hursthouse at Key West, the southernmost point of the U.S. Phil did his third century. The first at age 13, next at 15 and now at 37! He hadn't been on a bicycle since September!



Turn around point for the Metric Century or sag point for Century to Flamingo. Mary Jensen, Henry Martin, Don Derebey and Elida Rech.



Left: Robin "Lady LaFayette" Radtke and Phyllis Harmon at the Banquet at the Officers' Club of the Homestead Air Force Base. When I was with Robin in San Diego she received a letter from Dr. Adreas Maas, the French cyclist who was bringing a group of riders to U.S. on March

29 to ride from LaFayette's statue in Washington D.C. to his statue in Fayette, N.C. and visit all the battlefields he fought in in Virginia and North Carolina. He "assumed" Robin would arrange a meeting with President Reagan! Robin doesn't know the meaning of "no" so sent the brochure I made of her and another of LaFayette along with a letter to Nancy Reagan and asked, "What would you do in my place?" ...and the group will have a few minutes with President Reagan on March 29. American and French cyclists will then tour France to his chateau, Paris and Metz.