



JANUARY, 1988

MONTHLY MEANDERS

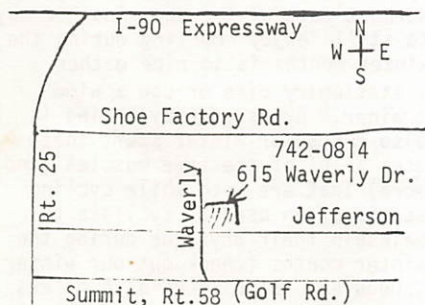


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Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY GET TOGETHER

Fri. 10 a.m. - Bike or hike followed by lunch. From Jim and Jenny Grant's new home at 615-A Waverly Drive, Elgin. We always appreciate leftover munchies. Also, bring memories of the 1987 cycling season, especially photos. Please call 742-0814 by Dec. 25 if attending.



Award For Al Petty

The Illinois Association for Health and Recreation awarded the Illinois Fitness Award for 1987 to Al Petty for his outstanding work as a teacher at Holmes Jr. High School in Wheeling, which sponsors the school's bicycle club.

The club goes on six rides in the fall and in the spring and also sponsors bicycle safety workshops. Al first organized the club at Jack London Jr. High and, when transferred to Holmes, formed the club there. He is also serving his second year as Wheeling Wheelmen president.

WHEELING WHEELMEN

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THE PREZ SEZ

As I start my second year as Wheeling Wheelmen President, I'm looking ahead to how our club can become better. We have some new officers and together we shall work to make this a prosperous year of cycling. Several members have already volunteered to lead various events and to be charmen. This is a good sign, because their enthusiasm will help our club succeed. As the year unfolds, we will meet the challenges and provide the membership with cycling enjoyment. Many positive responses from our members have already been received, both at our first executive board meeting and at our first membership meeting, the Holiday-Party at the Ryan residence.

Our November Banquet was a huge success, and I thank Lilian and Jack Russell for an excellent job. They have even volunteered to plan next year's banquet, too. Our fashion models did a great job "exciting" the crowd with their cycling apparel and "movement." Thanks to models Lisa Gerhold, Andy Dane, Elida and Don Derebey, Lynn and Al Petty, and Dale Youssi for an entertaining time.

We also thank the Ryan's for being great hosts for our Holiday Party. Fun was had by all. The weather even cooperated for the bike ride and hike.

Aaron Tanzer, our Ride Chairman, is busy working on the ride schedule

with a new approach to our ride classifications for this year: L - Leisure Ride, T= Touring Ride and E = Express Ride, should provide *all* our members with rides to suit their needs. This year we are also going to provide a cycling program for beginning riders (and any others wishing to join) that will include several workshop sessions, both in the classroom and on the road. Such things as riding techniques, shifting, safety, club riding, etc. will be offered.

Andy Dane, our St. Patrick's Day Ride Chairman, is working on a new route and starting place for the March 20th ride.

At our general meetings this year we will have two-short, 5 to 8 minute, presentations on safety (thanks to Bob Meute) and bicycle repairs and adjustments (thanks to Phil Badame).

By the way, we desperately need a Program Chairman for this year. If you can help us out, let me know: 948-7288.

All in all, the coming year looks great. Any and all suggestions are welcome, so let me or any board member know what's on your mind. Hope to see you at the New Year's bash at Jim and Jenny Grant's home in Elgin.

Happy cycling and skiing,
Al Petty.

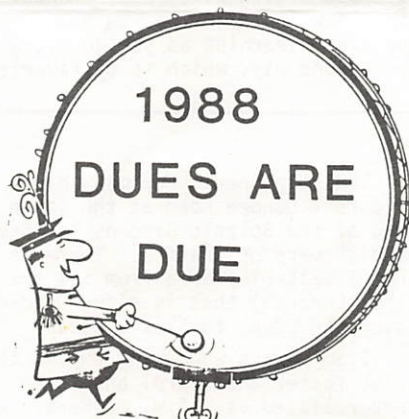
Jim Baum Promoted

Several years ago Jim and Myra Baum moved to Arizona. Last week I saw Jim's photo in the Phoenix newspaper. Motorola named Jim corporate vice president and asst. gen. manager for Government Electronics Group in Scottsdale. I had a pleasant chat with Myra. Jim bikes Sunday mornings with a Scottsdale group. They send greetings to Wheeling Wheelmen.

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Application/renewal form enclosed. Be sure to indicate if you are an L.A.W. member. Send check payable to Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 581-D Wheeling IL 60090. \$8. Individual, \$10 Family

A Winter's Dream

by

Jenny

Grant



Winter has gripped the land in a vise of cold weather and snow. The earth is in a deep slumber. Bicycling is out of the question.

My thoughts have turned inward, restricted by the walled in spaces of wintertime. The novelty of working on indoor projects and exercise routines has faded with time. My body is not in tune. Joints protest and ache. Sleep is not the refreshing slumber resulting from long periods of physical exertion. Suddenly, I bolt awake in the middle of the night with an urgent feeling.

I rush to the window only to find Jack Frost staring at me. Winter confronts me with icy blasts of snow and sleet. Oh, how I long for the substance of my dream, to find myself meandering along wooded roads green with new growth and not a chill in the air. There are miles behind me and endless ones to explore. The distance of my imagination stretches forever, providing the outlet to burn off the excess stored energy of wintertime inactivity. I vow to remember this moment of desperation as a source of inspiration on future bicycle rides.

Patience is the key to winter survival for the addicted bicyclist going through withdrawal symptoms. The cycle of the seasons turns as truly as a bicycle wheel. For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. However, in the middle of January, the return of spring is a miracle I can only imagine in my wildest dreams.



LETTERS

For some years now I have been intending to write a letter to commend Jenny Grant on her wonderful, lyrical accounts of rides ridden. So before her spokes rust or the wind becomes too strong to ride, let me say how much I enjoy her writing. I don't know if she does this professionally (write, not ride), but she truly has a gift which she shares so generously in your newsletter. Thank you, Jenny.

Kitty Hayes



By Woyteck Morajko

Hello. My name is Woyteck Morajko, your newly elected Safety Chairperson. I'd like to thank everyone for their confidence in voting for me. It came as a pleasant surprise at our annual banquet.

Over the following months a wide range of topics will be discussed. For example: Cycling is For Everyone; Kinds of Equipment - including different kinds of bikes, clothing and accessories, and tools; Routine Maintenance, Categories of Riding - Recreational, Daily Commuting, and Touring, and finally: Rules of The Road. There are numerous topics to choose from, and if anyone has a specific topic she/he would like discussed, please bring it up at the monthly club meeting. I don't claim to be an expert on any of these or other issues that may be discussed, so please bring your questions/concerns to the monthly meeting. Our club has many experienced riders who are always more than willing to assist not only new members but also longstanding ones.

At this point I'd like to briefly mention two topics. First, the winter months are a good time for bicycle maintenance, and secondly, a good time for either maintaining or regaining physical fitness. One nice thing about a bicycle is that it is relatively easy to keep in good repair. There are two ways of maintaining your bicycle: One is to purchase a good bike repair manual and a few tools (or borrow them from the club) learning as you go along. The second way, which is my favorite,

is to visit the local bike shop. Most have what they call a "tune up" special. They will check the performance of various components and notify you if any parts need to be replaced. The second method is especially good for beginners who are not familiar with the various parts of a bike and may cause more damage if they do not know what they are doing or may not be riding a "safe" bicycle and not only damage the bike but themselves. Regardless of the method you choose, and depending on the amount of riding you do in any one year, I strongly recommend that this service is performed at least once a year.

As far as physical fitness is concerned, most fitness experts recommend a minimum of 20 minutes of aerobic exercises four to five times per week. The solution is to regularly participate in sports such as swimming, running or bicycling. Running is an excellent form of exercise, however, it can be hard on joints, tendons and various muscles. Swimming requires the availability of a pool at either a local health club, park district, or YMCA. Bicycling can be done during the winter, just make sure that you dress appropriately, and try to ride only during the warmest part of the day. Another way to still "enjoy" cycling during the winter months is to ride either a stationary bike or use a wind trainer. Cross country skiing is also a popular winter sport that uses a lot of the same muscles (and more) that are used while cycling and is often used by cyclists to maintain their physique during the winter months (check out our winter schedule). BIKES PLUS also offers lessons and rents out equipment. It is strongly recommended that a physical exam be had before any strenuous exercise program is started, especially for us "adult" cyclists or those who are out of shape.

Next month, more on fitness and also the process of selecting a bike. Just think, only three more months until spring!

Something new! For many bike riders - Dundee Road at the south end of the Botanic Gardens has been a nightmare of traffic. There is now a walk-bike area from the trail (Northbranch) that is along Dundee over the Edens to Skokie Road.

I am always wondering why in the club roster that Carol and I are never listed as L.A.W. members? We have joined every year, except our membership probably went directly to Baltimore. I just want to be sure that we are counted in the "% of club (WW) memberships in the L.A.W.

Jerry Hug

Jerry, Wheeling Wheelmen membership applications provide for space to indicate whether you are L.A.W. members. If this is not picked up by the Membership Chairman, please call Geri McPherson -824-5097. Ed.



Romance

Dec. 18 wedding bells rang for Phillip Hursthouse and Brenda Miller. Best wishes for happy years together.

Schedule

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JANUARY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI SCHEDULE

Please phone the ski trip leader/s to let them know you are coming. If the possibility of skiing looks questionable because of lack of snow, the trip may be changed at the leader's discretion to a hike or a bike ride.

Jan. 9 - BUSSE WOODS, Elk Grove Vill.

Sat. 10 a.m. from first parking lot on Arlington Heights Road south of Higgins Road. Ski to lunch. George and Marilyn Mathison - 825-5470.

Jan. 16 - DEER GROVE, Palatine

Sat. 10 a.m. Entrance on Quentin, north of Dundee Rd. 1st parking lot after left fork in road. Howard Paul - 824-2941.

Jan. 23 - RYERSON WOODS, Deerfield

Sat. 10 a.m. Entrance is on the west side of Riverwoods Road, west of the intersection with Riverwoods Road. Meet at the Education Center parking lot. Al and Lynn Petty - 948-7288.

Jan. 31 GLACIAL PARK Near Fox River

Sun. 10 a.m. On South Rawson Bridge Rd. just before Rawson Bridge crossing of Fox River. (Sag stop on Harmon Hundred) Al Dargiel - 685-7708.

Ride Planning

The annual meeting to set up the 1988 rides schedule will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at Aaron Tanzer's home, 3107 West Devon Avenue, Chicago. (See map) There is plenty of on-street parking in the neighborhood. Refreshments will be provided, and accommodations will be made for those who might be interested in the NFL playoffs.

Even if you have never led a ride before, we still would like you to come to the meeting and volunteer to lead a few trips. Scouting out new rides is encouraged, but there are also a total of 112 rides in our files from which you can choose to lead. If you cannot make it to the meeting, or if you have any questions about it, please feel free to call Aaron at 338-5374.

New Bike Ride Classifications

By Aaron Tanzer

This past year has been one of the most successful in our club's history. We saw a substantial increase in both the variety of rides offered and the total number of members. Last year's rides classification allowed us to offer the assortment of trips which the members of this club demand. For 1988 the ride classifications have been changed to better serve the needs of all of us. There are three classes of rides this year. They are:

L - Leisure Ride. Slow pace, 8 - 12 mph pace with no wind on flat land. The entire group stays together during the ride. There are regrouping points for *all* riders. Cue sheets and/or maps are usually provided. The leader will be specified in the ride schedule or the *Monthly Meanders*. Sweeps are provided. These rides are usually shorter distances. New riders are welcome.

T - Touring Ride. Moderate pace, 11-15 mph pace with no wind on flat land. The entire group stays together during the ride. There are regrouping points for *all* riders. Cue sheets and/or maps are usually provided. The leader will be specified in the ride schedule or the *Monthly Meanders*. Sweeps are provided. This class covers all distances. New riders are welcome.

E - Express Ride. Fast pace, 15 mph and over with no wind on flat land. Riders will move at their own pace. Short breaks. Cue sheets and/or maps provided. No leaders are provided unless specified in the ride schedule or the *Monthly Meanders*. A leader and sweeps may be appointed at the ride start by those wishing to ride this class. New riders are welcome. All distances are covered.

These classes represent three different types of touring, which re-

flect the way we actually ride. Leisure rides are intended for those who want to do short, easy-paced riding. In practice, this category will be ideal for those who don't want to ride at a touring pace or those who are new to riding. This is also a great type of ride for getting together with friends and doing something special, such as a breakfast ride.

Touring class is the type of riding that most of us do, and this will be the class of most of the rides in the schedule. Although the group may spread out somewhat, typically Tourers tend to ride as a group. Touring rides often have a special destination and has longer breaks than the Express rides.

Express riding should *not* be considered simply a faster version of Touring rides. The philosophy behind Express rides is different. Express riders like to ride at their own (rather than a group) pace and usually don't stop to see the sights along the way. They are not racers, and they are not necessarily riding at this pace just for a workout. Rather, as the name of this category implies, they simply want to ride straight through to the end of the trip.

There will only be a few rides which are actually scheduled in the newsletter as Express. Instead, Express riders can show up at a Touring or Leisure ride. Those wishing to ride Express will sign the waiver and obtain a cue sheet from the leader. The Express group may want to appoint a leader and sweep from amongst themselves, and leave before the regularly scheduled ride, with each individual riding at his own pace.

There will be more on what changes to expect this year in the February newsletter. I hope that everyone has a fun (and safe) year of cycling.

Rally '88 in Arizona



Note corrected dates:
June 29 - July 3, 1988
Headquarters
Northern Arizona Univ.
Flagstaff

Special rates by Amtrak - Chicago direct to Flagstaff - \$188 - and special air fares \$350-\$400.

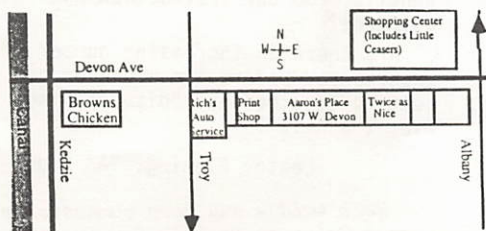
Pre-Rally ride \$50. Four-day bike tour of the Grand Canyon will begin at Grand Canyon Village. Ride along the west rim road, then along the east rim drive to Desert View, then swoop down over 3,000 feet to historic Cameron Trading Post. Then

past the red ruins of Wupatki Natl. Monument, overnight at Sunset Crater Natl. Monument. Tour will end in Flagstaff in time for the Rally.

Rally '88 ride schedule offers routes from 12 to 120 miles. Enjoy the 15-mile road to colorful Sedona via Oak Creek Canyon--drop of 1200 feet! Sunset Crater, 20 miles north, 1000 ft. volcanic cone. 25 miles east is Meteor Crater - and more!

Cycling, workshops, sight-seeing, exhibits. Registration L.A.W. \$42.50 non-members \$62.50 (so join for \$22) Room and lodging \$150. Addl. \$5.00 after April 30.

Application from: Dave Silver, L.A.W. Rally '88, P.O. Box 2657, Scottsdale, AZ 85252.



Are You An Incurable Bikeoholic? Take This Test!

By Dick Sorenson

"You don't love me anymore!" "I always come second place to your* * * bicycle!" Sound familiar? You're definitely in trouble. You may be going overboard on the "fresh air and exercise" bit. You've gone too far! You've probably fallen victim to that insidious malady known as BIKEOHOLISM! What are the symptoms, you ask? Well, based on personal experience, I offer the following self-analysis.

You know that you're an incurable Bikeoholic when:

You find that a strange jargon is working its way into your everyday conversation. Words like "derailleur", "Campagnolo", "Biopace", "Kevlar", "Dia Compe", and "Shimano".

You have an uncontrollable urge to bring your bike into the house - preferably in the living room or bedroom.

You find it amazingly easy to rationalize the purchase of a third bike - this one just for "special" rides.

You plan, and actually look forward to, a two-week bicycling vacation, trekking across mountainous terrain, setting a goal of 75-100 miles a day, rain or shine!

You can actually remember which valve type is Presta and which is Schraeder, and are adamant about defending your favorite.

Your spouse begins to automatically assume that you'll be on club rides every weekend (worse yet, your non-riding spouse begins learning bike jargon!)

You meticulously care for your bike, while your \$10,000 car quietly rusts away.

You view Christmas, birthdays and anniversaries as times to exchange gifts of bicycle components and accessories.

You hang around bike shops without really needing anything.

You're so naive you think that a "wheel watcher" is a bike racing fan.

You accumulate bike catalogs - and find something new to order with each new issue.

You easily rationalize replacing perfectly good components just because something slightly better or trendier just came out.

You never throw away the replaced parts...even worn out tires and tubes.

Your eating habits change. Things like "gorp", "Gookinade" and "Carbo-loading" creep into your diet.

You plan the year ahead around the dates of TOSRV, GEAR, the L.A.W. Rally, Hilly Hundred and Harmon Hundred, etc. (The list grows longer each year.)

You don't plan any family events ahead until first checking with the "Monthly Meanders" schedule.

You begin to regard your job or school as a troublesome nuisance, interfering with your quality biking time.

You divide your friendships into two groups - those that bike and those that don't.

You talk about Hinault, LeMond, Penseyres and Haldeman as if they were close personal friends.

You find yourself carrying on a spirited conversation with "Larry", the ever silent riding companion, when viewing the cycling video on your wind trainer.

Your all-time favorite movies are "Breaking Away" and "American Flyers".

You talk as if you really understand gear ratios.

You'll ride all day in numbing cold and soaking rain, and then complain at home if a draft from an open window blows on you.

Your family photo album is becoming filled with bike photos and scenery views shot through the spokes. On the other hand, you have not taken a candid of your spouse or kids for two years.

You faithfully log every mile ridden.

You regard the severity of sickness or injury by the length of time it takes until you can resume biking.

You're beginning to actually enjoy drinking warm water out of a water bottle (especially at a sag stop, sitting on the cold ground and pigging out on bananas).

You have a permanent black grease mark across the calf of your right leg.

Your biggest goal is to qualify for RAAM.

You'd like to wear your colorful skins outfit to work.

You belong to more than two bike clubs and subscribe to more than two bike magazines.

You consider not being able to ride on your favorite ride as "the ultimate tragedy".

You hang on to your favorite biking outfits, like a child's teddy bear, even though they're tattered and torn.

So there you have it. How'd you do with the test? You may wonder - how do I know these intimate secrets that you thought only you knew? What can I say? It takes one to know one!

Replies To -

"Food For Thought"

I do agree with your published comments that riding was more fun years ago when most riders accepted the leader's pace and regrouping was as needed. However, I don't believe we can turn back the clock to those good old days - the fitness attitude and the desire to improve one's capability in speed and distance are here to stay.

So, if it is no longer possible for all who show up for a ride to stay in one group, I believe the change to three levels is the way to go. I can't ride an "A" pace and, if many rides were run to accommodate the "C" pace, I wouldn't find that desirable either.

The newly formed "C" pace should

bring in many inexperienced riders, most of whom sooner or later will opt for the "B" rides themselves. The "C" rides will require experienced ride leaders who will occasionally ride the slower pace and be of assistance to that group. If that happens, I believe it will work out well.

I believe the Board has taken your suggestion to replace the A, B and C classifications to descriptive names (L - Leisure, T - Touring and E - Express) that will also be a big improvement.

Past President Howard Paul

I joined the Wheeling Wheelmen last summer because I was looking for rides that were not available with my previous bike club. I, too, like group riding, but I was looking for a different pace at which to enjoy rides.

I am pleased that you are asking

for the members' ideas on which type of ride is preferred, and I hope that you find that there is plenty of interest in each group to continue with both groups. To take it one step further - maybe there is interest enough in a club as large as ours to expand the number of groups offered in the future. For instance:

Are there interested beginning riders not yet prepared for a club ride on busier streets who could benefit from our instruction and guidance?

Are there an increasing number of experienced riders who would enjoy getting together and "disappearing over the hill"?

Lester Fleming, "A" Rider

Well said - any more comments or ideas? Write to Phyllis Harmon, 356 Robert, Wheeling 60090.

Banquet Fashion Show

- Photos from Jack and Lilian Russell



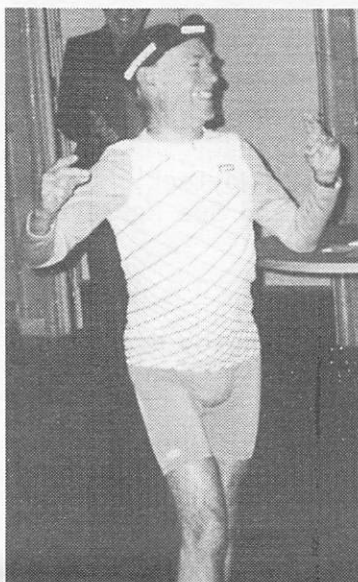
Lynn Petty

What a fun time we all had when our Wheeling Wheelmen models appeared in the wide range of colorful outfits - especially the attractive warm weather three piece shirt, tights, jacket.

Our models really strutted for our pleasure !!!



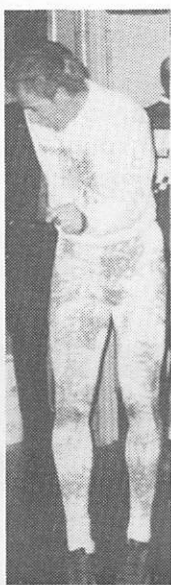
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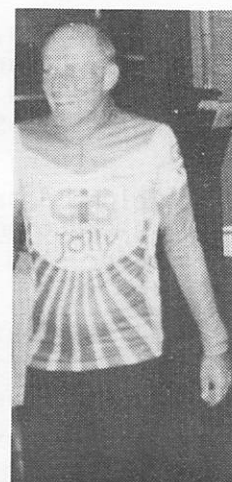
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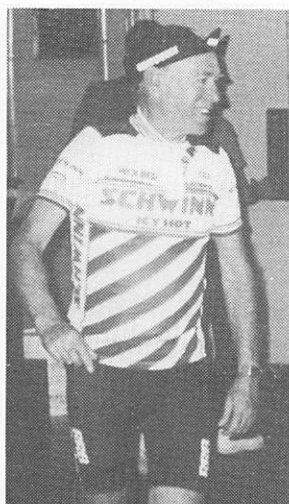
- Al Petty -



Elida Derebey



Don Derebey



Dale Youssi

Each model showed four outfits, which meant real fast-changing.

Clothing came from RRB, C C Cycle and Deerfield Schwinn.



Andy Dane and Lisa Gerhold



Andy Dane

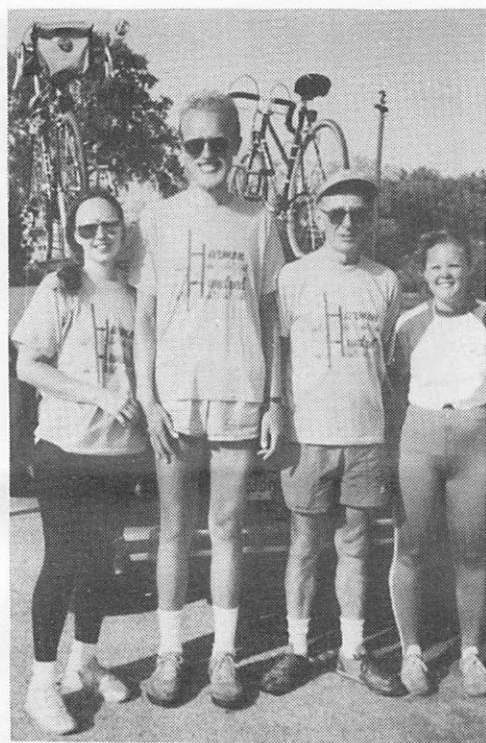
Wisconsin Weekend

Photos by Phyllis W. Harmon



Rest stop at Wright Forest Preserve: Joe Tobias with Brutus, Debbie Dick, Lilian and Jack Russell and Sue McPheron.

Twelve men, twelve women and 12-year-old Darcy Cochrane made us a friendly group enjoying the beautifully warm, sunny weather on a late September weekend.



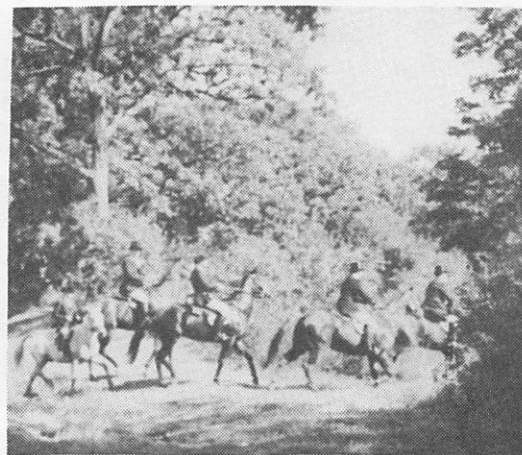
Carol Passowic, Woyteck, Morojko, Bill Lorenzen and Sue McPheron

Below: A brief re-grouping and water stop on the road.

Below right: We were just in time to see about 40 colorful riders on horseback and a large pack of dogs on a Fox and Hounds ride.



Bob Meute, Debbie Dick, Phyllis Harmon and Al Berman enjoying dinner.





Above left: Jack Van Es, Leo Tanedo, Gee Cunningham, Al Berman and Bill Lorenzen talk over Leo's tire problems.

Above: Leo Tanedo and Bill Lorenzen.

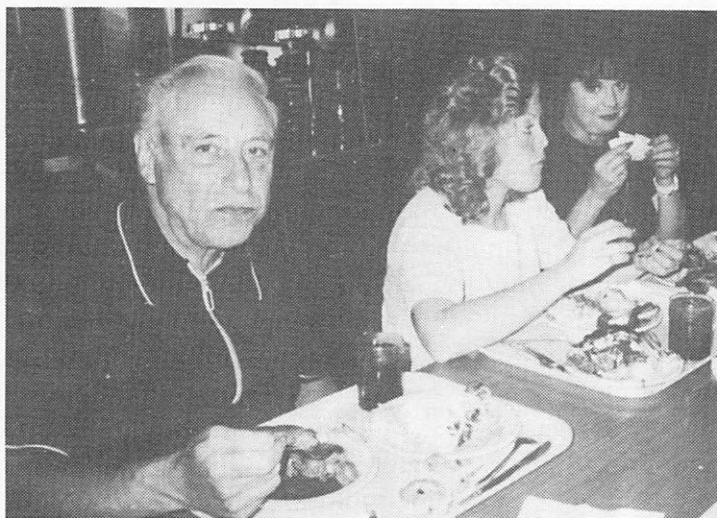


Left: Kaetø, our van driver, and Kurt Schoenhoff, our amiable co-leader.

Bottom left: All-you-can-eat dinner at Skanda House in Hales Corners: Joe Tobias, Sue and Geri McPheron.

Bottom right: Here is one flat tire that the women repaired all by themselves!

The route was all on rural, scenic roads parallel to Rt. 45 but with no traffic!



Alvin (Al) F. Hattendorf - A REMEMBRANCE FROM A FRIEND

By Dick Sorenson

"We cannot predict the precise moment when friendships are formed. As in filling a vessel, drop by drop, there is at last a drop that makes it run over, so in a series of kindnesses there is at least one which makes the heart run over"--- James Boswell, "Life of Johnson" (1777).

At mid-morning on Sunday, Sept. 27th, a good friend was suddenly taken from us. Al Hattendorf, 49, was violently killed by a speeding motorist while bicycling on Shoe Factory Road, east of Elgin. His wife, Lynn, 48, was also struck and severely injured. Lynn and Al were returning from their favorite breakfast spot in Elgin. This was a very personal bike ride which they frequently rode on Sunday mornings and rarely invited friends along. Al and Lynn were standing astride their bikes waiting for traffic on Route 59 to clear before continuing east on Shoe Factory Road, when a speeding westbound car went through the stop sign, struck a southbound car and careened into them head-on. It is a miracle that Lynn survived and is now healing so well.

It seems so paradoxical that such a gentle person died in such a tragic and violent manner. He was a strong, skilled and enthusiastic bicyclist. He loved cycling the open country roads. He and Lynn regularly rode the Blackhawk Ride, the Apple Cider, the Amishland Ride, and Hilly Hundred. Frequently, he and Lynn would drive to Wisconsin or Michigan for a weekend getaway--just the two of them. I have very fond memories of riding with Al in Door County, Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine area and the "Downeast" ride along the Atlantic Coastline. I remember the day we were almost arrested in Martha's Vineyard (off Cape Cod) for riding

on the road and not their bike path littered with broken glass. We once encountered a loose bull on a remote country road in Wisconsin, survived that episode, and later that day found that Lynn and Ardie were lost somewhere canoeing on the Kickapoo River. We'll always remember a New Year's at the Plymouth Inn. Towns like Gloucester and Woods Holl, Mass., Ogunquit, Maine, Fish Creek, Wis., Saugatuck, Mich., and Bean Blossom, Ind., all hold special memories. We shared many other adventures closer to home, on our pre-dawn rides along the Busse Woods bike path.

Al didn't limit his enthusiasm to just bicycling. He was also keenly interested in the other "silent sports" --cross country skiing, canoeing and running. He loved the natural environment, keenly aware of trees, wild flowers, birds and creatures of the woods.

Good food was an adventure for him. He actively sought those unique "out-of-the-way", "off the beaten path" ethnic restaurants offering new tastes and textures. He loved to experiment; a meal cooked by Al was never humdrum. We have an especially fond memory of Al carting his Chinese wok to Grant Park before a concert under the stars. It rained unexpectedly and we ended up cooking with the wok in the shelter of the main entrance to the Art Institute - much to the obvious amazement of startled passersby!

Someone once said, "To live forever in the hearts of friends is to never really die". Al's life was snuffed out in an instant--but our memory of him will endure for our lifetime.

On November 28, a memorial service was held for Al. The Elk Grove Park District renamed its Grantwood Center to "Al Hattendorf Center".

Chamber Park Use

Barbara MacIntyre of the Wheeling Historical Society has been urging the use of Chamber Park to various organizations for meetings. Tops on her list is the Wheeling Wheelmen.

She has invited WW members to attend the Wheeling Board of Trustees meeting at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. The Board will consider what, if any, organizations can use Chamber Park. Our presence is important.

Phyllis Harmon will be in Boston at this time, but urges especially key WW members to attend the meeting.

Wisconsin Weekend

by Gee Cunningham

WISCONSIN WEEKEND - The Wisconsin Weekend should be the beginning of more touring trips with "luxurious" accommodations for Wheeling Wheelmen. And Kurt Schoenhoff and Phyllis Harmon should be prime candidates to organize such trips after the glorious ride they provided 25 members September 26 and 27.

Riders met at Chamber Park in Wheeling at 8 a.m. A van, driven by Kaete Schoenhoff, carried our luggage, and the Cochrane van served as a "floating van" and provided us with much appreciated cold cider on hot days.

Weather couldn't have been better on Saturday as we rode north with gentle winds from the south. Scenery was lovely with fall colors just coming into season. Of course, we found ourselves a bit ravenous before we got to a lunch stop in Union Grove, 59 miles enroute to Hales Corners, a suburb south of Milwaukee. Four flat tires slowed the group a bit, but with Woyteck Morajko and Kurt Schoenhoff eager to help, they were speedily repaired.

The group divided in half with 6 couples at one motel and 13 singles at another 1-1/2 miles down the road. Kurt's group had the pleasure of some refreshing wine, while Phyllis' gang missed the party. Dinner at the Skanda House provided an all-you-can-eat meal that satisfied everyone. The restaurant lost money on the group of hungry bikers who clocked over 70 miles on their odometers.

Sunday breakfast in Hales Corners found cyclists ordering mounds of pancakes, sausages, eggs---knowing a long day's ride lay ahead. They were innocent of headwinds from the south that gave even small hills a promotion to challenges! Rest stops were more frequent, but everyone except Al Berman made it back, having completed an 80-mile ride. Al had a crumpled front wheel, the result of a collision with a young boy riding the wrong side of the bike trail in Lincolnshire!

Thoughtful planning, good weather and Wheeling Wheelmen sharing their usual warm camaraderie made this a special fall weekend!

Century event organizers are asked to send their century info to the above UMCA office for inclusion in their Century Directory. Include Name and location of event and address of contact person or organization. The Directory will be published March 1st and then updated throughout the year.

RAAM'88 - Race Across America - is scheduled for June 19 - San Francisco to Washington D.C.

How Many Centuries?

The Ultra-Marathon Cycling Assoc. has formed a new CENTURY division for 1988. Anyone can enter. Simply complete as many organized century rides as possible (90 to 110-mile events only). Personal 100-mile rides will not apply. The UMCA has developed an effective and easy verification procedure.

The top 15% of all participants in this National Points Challenge CENTURY Division will receive national recognition and an award. All interested goal setters can contact the UMCA at 4790 Irvine Blvd., #105-111, Irvine, CA 92720. Phone 714/544-1701.