

Monthly Meanders

Newsletter of the Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club

October 2000

PREZ SEZ

to take over the job of club Treasurer from Bob Savio.

HELP WANTED:

President for the Wheeling Wheelmen

Qualifications - no prior experi-

ence necessary, we'll take anyone.

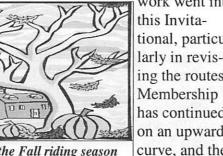
Applicant should be able to speak in front of a group (usually small, as attendance at meetings is never that large), must have basic reading and writing skills, at least through

the 8th grade level, a willingness to prepare a full sit down meal for other board members (we meet at various board members houses), but it's OK to order take out if your culinary skills are 0). Applicant should show a willingness to attend at least 50% of the club meetings (we've cut back on the number of meetings so as not to overly tax your already crowded schedule).

Yours truly, having once served a two (2) year term as president, and then being recycled as President again for this past year, has insulated himself from being drafted, cajoled, intimidated or otherwise railroaded into the office of President by volunteering

All kidding aside, I think this has been a great year for the club. As I write this, my last article, as President, the Harmon has not taken place yet, but the weather forecast for September 10 so far is great. A lot of hard

work went into this Invitational, particularly in revising the routes. Membership has continued on an upward curve, and the weekly ride



Enjoy the Fall riding season

schedule offered something for everyone. There were a few injuries, but fortunately none of them serious. Thanks again to all the Board members for all their hard work, and with some fresh faces on the new Board, I know that we will move forward and continue to be one of the best bike clubs in the area.

Hope to see a lot of you at the banquet.

Al Berman, President

THE RIDE CHAIR

I'm reading in the newspaper and other publications about the great Midwest fall color tours. Of course, we Wheelmen know that the greatest way to enjoy those fall colors on the open road is from the saddle of our bicycles. The October rides are at the peak of the color in our area. I would mention a couple of rides on our October schedule that offer excellent autumn colors. The "LLL" ride and the "Ride to Fontana" are outstanding. These are longer rides, but even riding at a leisurely pace you can make it home well before dusk. The other rides on the schedule also offer abundant color with less commitment of your time. There are some great biking days in October. I hope you can take advantage of them. Let us not forget the first part of our mantra, "to ride safely." So, while you are taking in those colors, remember to pay attention to the road and pavement ahead of you. Don't get carried away. (This latter message is in place of a more complete one, which would have been submitted by our now departed safety chairman, JvL.)

Sunday October 22 marks the end of the official club-riding season. We will plan to have regular Saturday rides as weather permits through the winter months leaving from the Deerfield Bakery at 10:00 AM. Other rides or activities initiated by members can be announced on the ride line. Give me a call if you want to have a ride or other activity on the ride line. Keep in touch by checking the ride line during the winter.

Art Cunningham

Club Officials

Elected Officers	
President	
Al Berman	(847)541-9248
V.P./Ride Chair	
Art Cunningham	(847)963-8746
Treasurer	
Bob Savio	(847)438-8066
Secretary	
Verne Aebli	(847)934-3809
Membership	
Pam Burke	(630)872-9238
Safety	
Open	

Appointed Officers

TACMSICILCI	
Ella Shields	(773)594-1755
E-mail: Sh	nieldsbike@aol.com

Chairmen

Banquet		
Pam Zaverdas	(84	7)359-5970
CADDA Show		

CABDA Show

LAB				
Phyllis	Harmon		(847):	537-1268
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Art Cunningham (847)963-8746 Picnie

Al & Cindy Schneider (847/696-2356 Refreshments Betsv Burtelow & Kris Woodcock

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St. Pat's Ride			
Jim Edmiston		(815)89	9-1503

Web Page Bill Bergeron (847)382-4704

Newsletter Contributions

We need information for the newsletter, I'd love to hear from you! Send or e-mail your ride notes, stories or articles for the newsletter to me by the 10th of each month and be immortalized in the next issue of Monthly Meanders

Ella Shields

7516 W. Devon Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631 E-mail your submissions to: Shieldsbike@aol.com

(Please include your name and phone number in case I have a question)

Moving?



Don't miss an issue of Monthly Meanders!! Call Pam Burke with all name, address and phone number changes at (630)872-9238.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be in November at Bob Savio's house. Date and time will be announced next month.

It will be a combined meeting with the current board and newly elected board members. Everyone is requested to attend.

MEANDER STATS

129 Club riders recorded one or more rides through Sept., 9; 18 riders with 1000+ miles; 35 riders with 500+ miles: 64 riders with 200+ miles: 82 riders with 100+ miles.

TOP 10

Women Cindy Schneider 2202 Pam Burke 1393 3 Velda Knorr 1293 Ella Shields 1276 5 872 Betsy Burtelow 6 Virginia Savio 828 7 Pat Illy 660 8 Geri McPheron 557 Kris Woodcock 531 528 10 Linda Heeter

Men

1	Bob Savio	3200
2	Bob Walkowicz	3126
3	Al Schneider	2400
4	Dennis Berg	2193
5	Kurt Schoenhoff	2092
6	Art Cunningham	2044
7	Bob Pletch	1872
8	Joe Irons	1827
9	Louis Greene	1648
10	Brian Hale	1343

REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKDAY RIDES

TUESDAY / THURSDAY DEERFIELD BAKERY RIDES

Rides with 25 / 45 mile routes leave the Deerfield Bakery promptly at 9:00 PM beginning May 1. These rides are normally show and go with cue sheets provided if requested. The Deerfield Bakery is on Buffalo Grove Road & Old Checker Rd. just north of Lake Cook Rd. parking at the rear of the Grove Memorial Chapel. Phone Bob Savio at 438-8066 or Art Cunningham at 963-8746 for more information



Don't forget to VOTE

The ballot for the club officers is enclosed. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it no later than October 31.

Also, many thanks go to Pam Burke for the excellent job she did in recruiting candidates for the Board.

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

The meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m. at Wheeling H.S. We will recap the Harmon, so bring your comments and suggestions. Also club member Linda Heeter will give a talk and show some slides on her experience doing a self contained 3 month bike tour, with her husband, through New Zealand. Don't miss this great presentation.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Monthly Meanders of the Wheeling Wheelmen				
Ride Schedule October	All Riders Should:	*wear a helmet *bring water *bring snacks	*have a bike in good condition *bring a spare tube and patch kit *bring a bike pump	*bring an ID card *bring \$\$ for food and phone *arrive early15-30 minutes

Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Point	Directions	Miles	Leader Phone #
Sun 10/1	9:00	47 West of 47	Marengo High School	I-90 West to US 20, north to Marengo. Corner of Prospect & US 20	47	Ella Shields 773/594-1755
Sun 10/1	9:00	Loops of Burlington	Eagle Lake Park, WI	294 North, exit Hwy 11 West, to Hwy 75 right to Church Street, left to park		Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356
Sat 10/7	9:00	Training Ride	Douglas Forest Preserve	On Central Road, 1 1/2 mi. west of Roselle Rd, just south of I-90	28/50	Frank & Pat Illy 923-5910
Sat 10/7	9:00	LLL -00:E	Lyons, WI	I-94 North to Hwy 11, take 11 thru Burlington to Milwaukee Ave. follow signs to 36 west to Lyons Road. Lyons road south into Lyons.		Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356
Sun 10/8	9:00	Wholly Rollers Revised	Great Western Trailhead	Randall Rd. South to St. Charles, west on Dean St .3 miles on south side	70	John Loesch 630/377-6258
Sun 10/8	9:00	Mystery Miles	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just North of the Long Grove Shopping District		Ella Shields 773/594-1755
Sat 10/14	9:00	Ride to Fontana	McHenry College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot	75	Dennis Berg 296-4971
Sat 10/14	9:00	Training Ride	Douglas Forest Preserve	On Central Road, 1 1/2 mi. west of Roselle Rd, just south of I-90	28/50	Frank & Pat Illy 923-5910
Sun 10/15	9:00	B.D.S.R.	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just North of the Long Grove Shopping District	40	Betsy Burtelow 541-1325
Sat 10/21	9:00	Training Ride	Douglas Forest Preserve	On Central Road, 1 1/2 mi. west of Roselle Rd, just south of I-90	28/50	Frank & Pat Illy 923-5910
Sun 10/22	9:00	Bull Valley	Wauconda Orchards	Gossell Road, 1/2 mile off Fairfiled, north of Rt. 176	35/48	Pete Guzik 255-2021

Please call the Ride Hotline (847)520-5010 for any last minute changes!









"Safety - Self Defense -Be Prepared!"

We must be ever vigilant to be prepared for just about anything. It is also important that you "experienced riders" watch over our new members and gently guide them as to the right and "smart" way to ride. When you are most comfortable and least expect it, disasters can and will occur. Some items for thought:

- a.. Last week during our "training ride" we had an individual actually try to run us off the road. To say the least, it scared us! I am proud of how we all handled ourselves. We were quiet, humble, and laughed it off. We were deeply troubled by this occurrence, although we did not let that show. This could have turned out much differently and the "Wheelmen" could have been black listed. Think of the negative publicity that would have been!!!
- b.. We did the Harmon pre-ride, which was essentially a lot of fun. The though struck me, however, non-experienced riders may not realize that rural area's have no regular sag stops, it is up to us to keep an eye on each other. Pull back lagging riders, make sure they are hydrating and getting enough fuel. Offer a note of encouragement to those who are suffering or down. Watch the road!!!
- c.. Inclement weather is always a nuisance. Living in Chicago, as we know, things change quickly. The weather report is usually okay but always throw a few essentials in the car the night before such as; a raincoat or poncho; arm warmers and long johns; gel packs; power bars; bananas; inner tube; map of ride; if in doubt bring it!
- d.. Our goal is to have as much fun as possible. To this end, ride smart and be aware of others and the hazards on the road.

May your road be downhill with the wind at your back.

C. Brian Hale #1007

OCTOBER INVITATIONALS



1. Turning Leaves Century. Dowagiac, Mi. 219-674-0088, recla@aol.com 1, Pumpkin Pedal Bike Tour, 10/20/40/62M, \$25, 7:30 am Delnor Community Hospital, Geneva, IL. Benefits IL. Special Olympics, Sandy Hutchins 630/377-7250 Neiso@aol.com 1, Pumpkin Pie Ride, 25/50/5/100M, 7:00 am, Peru, IL., 815/434-7823, bike11@udnet.net, www. geocities.com/ Colosseum/2947 13-15, 32nd Annual Hilly 100, 50 miles per day, \$28, Bloomington, IN., Ron Jackson 317/327-BIKE, www.cibaride.com 15. Heartland Fall Ride, Heartland Café, Chicago, IL. 773/465-8005; www.heartlandcafe.com

TOUR OF THE TOWER

U.S. Congressman Bill Lipinski, the leading minority member on the House Transportation Committee, loves bike races so much that he's decided to create his own. His Tour of the Tower, Sunday, October 1, invites all bicyclists, from Big Wheel riders to full-on roadies to go fast in Western Springs. Race distances for the Average Joe and Average Joe's mother, father and girlfriend are one mile; his kid brother can race his BMX bike in one block sprints. Pro roadies line up at 3 pm after everyone else has had a taste of speed. More info? Call Congressman Lipinski's office at 708/352-0524.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



John Blanscet

Lake in the Hills Larry & Valerie Stern Lake Zurich

HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 10

3:00-7:00 pm

Wildberry Condo Clubhouse Streamwood, IL

Please contact Pam Burke 630/872-9238 by December 1 for reservations, directions and what to bring. The club will provide the main dish.



WHEELING WHEELMEN 2000-01 BALLOT

PRESIDENT:	OPEN		
V. P. /RIDE CHA	IR: ART CUNNINGHAM		OR
TREASURER:	AL BERMAN		OR
MEMBERSHIP:	JIM BOYER & BETSY BURTELOW		OR
SECRETARY:	KRIS WOODCOCK		OR
SAFETY:	BARRY COHEN		OR
Please mark acco	ordingly: Individual	Family	
BALLOT MUST	BE RETURNED BY OCTOR	BER 31, 2000	
Balloting Commit	tee; Dennis Berg, Jennie Pf	eifer and Mike (Ortmanns
Mail Ballot to: Mil	ke Ortmanns, 7516 W. Devo	n Ave., Chicago	o, IL. 60631
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL WHEELING WHEELMEN BANQUET

Be sure to mark your calendar for fun, food, awards and mingling with your friends.



Saturday November 11, 2000 6:00 p.m.

Hackney's 241 S. Mílwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL



\$15.00 per person

(choice of cheeseburger, grilled chicken sandwich, or chicken Caesar with french fries, onion rings, cole slaw, ice cream sundae and a beverage)

RSVP by October 31

Questions? Call Pam Z at (847) 359-5970

Name (s):		and the second
# attending:	Amount Enclosed:	
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	Maíl responses to: Pam Zaverdas 1445 Gloría Dríve Palatíne, IL 60067	



Wheeling Wheelmen P.O. Box 581-D Wheeling, IL 60090

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, Oct 5 7:00 p.m at Wheeling High School Rt 83 and Hintz Rd

We support:
*The League of American
Bicyclists
*The Chicagoland Bicycle
Federation

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Club Discounts!

The following local bike shops offer a 10% discount on parts and accessories to all Wheeling Wheelmen with a valid membership card shown at time of purchase.

AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS 8140 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles, (847)692-4240 ARLINGTON BICYCLE COMPANY 45 S Dunton, Arlington Hts., (847)253-7700 BICYCLE CONNECTION OF SCHAUMBURG 1226 N Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, (847)882-7728 BIKE PROS

1313 N. Rand Rd, Arlington Hts. , (847)398-1650

BUFFALO GROVE CYCLING AND FITNESS

960 S Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (847)541-4661

FS CYCLES

20556 N. Milwaukee Ave., Deerfield (847)537-2453

GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY 111 Waukegan Rd., Northbrook, IL 60047 LIBERTYVILLE CYCLERY

800 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL

MIKES BIKES

155 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine

(847)358-0948

SPOKES 223 Rice Square at Danada, Wheaton (630)690-2050

1807 S. Washington, Naperville (630)961-8222

The Cyclery

575 Ela Road, Lake Zurich

VILLAGE CYCLESPORT

63 Park & Shop, Elk Grove Village (847)439-3340

215 W Golf Rd., Schaumburg

(847)781-9960

JOIN THE LEAGUE!

The League of American Bicyclists promotes cycling through safety and represents us in the decision making process in Washington D.C. A yearly membership is \$30 for individuals, \$35 for families and should be sent to:

League of American Bicyclists 1612 K Street, NW, Suite #401 Washington, DC 20006

Tel: (202)822-1333 Fax: (202)822-1334

E-mail: BikeLeague@aol.com Web Site: www.bikeleague.org

In Addition to government relations, they also organize many great cycling rides and rallies around the country. For information on these events call (800)288-BIKE.

Check out our Website!



Web-page: http://www.wheelmen.com

E-mail: wheeling@wheelmen.com

Club Hotline (847)520-5010



Ride and Club Information