



# MONTHLY MEANDERS

## RIDE THE ROCKIES

June, 2007

Riding the Rockies is a wasted experience if all you are doing is trying to race from the start to the finish. It is a true bike "tour" and I had more fun this year than last (my first) because, as a group (of 5), we slowed down and really enjoyed the scenery, the cities we passed through and the "experience". Having my brother Al, from Florida with us made this that much more fun because the other four, all from my home northwest of Chicago, got a chance to get to know him and he made a great effort to get to know them. He even asked each one of them to tell their "life story" over dinner at night and I learned a few things about my fellow Illinois riders who I've known for several years.

Ride the Rockies is more than a bike ride; it's the camping, the schools and the crowded bathrooms, port-a-potties, bear warnings, deadlines to get up early, rude car drivers yelling in the middle of the night, rest stops, endless Gatorade, endless bananas and oranges, cold (frost on your rain fly in Steamboat and Leadville), heat, wind, sun, layering up in the morning, carrying those clothes later, snow drifts at the top of the passes and even a bit of rain. We had 40 and 50 degree temperature variations during some day's rides. It's mountains with snow on them everywhere you look. It's the Colorado, the Arkansas and Roaring Fork, all swollen with the spring melt rushing down hill when you are going up. You really can't imagine it until you've done it; I'm sure my brother, a first-time RTR rider, will agree that it wasn't exactly

what he expected. It wasn't even what I expected and I did it last year. Whenever you think you seen it all, you get a new surprise!

I can tell you that he was a bit doubtful about completing this tour before it started and even more so after a grueling first day of 90+ miles which included a brutally long climb up Rabbit Ears Pass (did anyone get a picture of those ears?). I have to chuckle at the grim face of determination he has on many of the pictures we took. The "short" days we "sold" him as supposed "recovery days" had headwinds there to slow us down and make us work a bit harder than we even wanted to. Well, there was plenty of Advil and Aleve....How in the heck did we do a complete circle and have headwinds every single day? How the heck did Al complete the whole route? The Day 6 22 mile climb took several hours and was truly a test of stamina and resolve. All week, SAG cars were going by every few minutes hauling other cyclists up to the next stop. Many riders walked up some of the hills. More determined riders never gave it serious consideration and kept moving the whole time. I loved the guy with the beer can attached to a wire on his helmet and dangling in front of him on the whole climb; where do these people come up with this stuff! And the guy with the monkey on his back....?

Again; this was not a race just a bunch of friends, new and old, on seven "bike rides" through some of the best country you'll ever see. We saw riders on mountain bikes, dads and sons on tandems, dads and daughters on

tandems, couples on tandems, and seemingly comfortable recumbent riders cruising along looking relatively comfortable, kids with moms and/or dads riding together. One guy riding a unicycle up to Independence Pass, then coming back down to do it again. Singing riders, our very own Cindy Trent with her Ipod and speakers bungeed onto her aero bars blasting John Denver's "Rocky Mountain High" and Queens' "Bicycle" song climbing up the hills giving everybody we passed a lift. It was the triumph we all felt when we hoisted our bikes above our heads in front of the signs at the top of the passes for the obligatory pictures. It was the enthusiastic greeting we got at the finish line and the cheerful residents and kids waving to us from the yards along the way. It was the local volunteers scrambling to feed lines of hungry riders breakfast and dinner. It was them running out of food. It was the vendors who were with us multiple days. There were rocky road edges with big drop-offs, narrow sections with a little guard rail between you and the cliff with ore-carrying truck traffic on your left rumbling by, and what Cindy called "butt breaks", when you just couldn't spend another minute on a bike seat.

There were riders, another one of our own, Bill, taking pictures behind him, riding with no hands. And Bill hamming it up with a "V" victory sign for the photographers. It was Bill and Kevin, our "Inside People" dead to the world on their air mattresses an hour after the ride for the day. It was Bill and Kevin waiting for us "Camper People"

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### Welcome New Members

Donald & Pat Elliott, Elgin

Nicole Vertz, St. Charles

Harry Warnaar, Lake in the Hills

Ed Gortigan, Schaumburg

Paula Berry, Chicago

Valerie Kerner, Streamwood

Dwight Dahl, Bloomingdale

Matt Flaherty, Palatine

## Club Officials

### Elected Officers

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<i>Al &amp; Cindy Schneider</i>	(847)696-2356
<b>Refreshments</b>	
<i>Frank &amp; Pat Illy</i>	(847)923-5910
<b>Ride Line</b>	
<i>Dan Wiessner</i>	(847)540-9118
<b>Web Page</b>	
<i>Jim Boyer</i>	(847)541-1325

### **Newsletter Policy**

We can always use 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 the preceding month

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(Please include your name and phone number in case I have any questions)



Don't miss an issue of Monthly Meanders!! Call Betsy or Jim with all name, address and phone number changes at (847)541-1325.

## Board Meeting

The next board meeting TBA

### TOP 20 MILES

Reported through July 5  
130 rides by 126 Members totaling 82888 miles.  
3853 maximum miles possible per rider.

#### Men:

1	Kilian Emanuel	3226
2	Paul LeFevre	2944
3	Dennis Creaney	2186
4	Joe Irons	1965
5	Richard Drapeau	1932
6	Al Schneider	1919
7	Leonard Geis	1694
8	Kevin A. Moore	1672
9	Jim Boyer	1628
10	Frank Illy	1537
11	Brian Blome	1499
12	C. Brian Hale	1480
13	Daniel Wiessner	1446
14	Art Cunningham	1397
15	Peter Guzik	1366
16	Frank Bing	1358
17	Bob Dominski	1306
18	Tom Wilson	1304
19	John F. Korb	1298
20	Len Fiocca	1258

#### Women:

1	Cindy Schneider	1832
2	Reinhilde Geis	1764
3	Mary Kay Drapeau	1359
4	Betsy Burtelow	1297
5	Sheri Rosenbaum	1174
6	Debbie Wilson	1162
7	Pat Illy	1122
8	Pam Burke	1049
9	Ella Shields	957
10	Barbara Barr	951
11	Kris Woodcock	856
12	Cindy Trent	823
13	Pat Calabrese	807
14	Meg Ewen	775
15	Virginia Savio	706
16	Marianne Kron	701
17	Chris Wager	619
18	Mary Myslis	601
19	Donna Ponte	575
20	Lynn Rivier	417



## AUGUST CLUB MEETING

The meeting will be on Thursday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. at Wheeling

High School in room 102. The high school is located on the north side of Hintz Road just west of Elmhurst Road (83) in Wheeling

Fans of H. Potter know Hogwarts Castle, but that's nothing compared to Meg and Ella's Castle Tour in the Czech Republic, cycling through Vienna, Moravia, Bohemia and Prague. Final plans for the Harmon Hundred will also be reviewed.

**Don't miss out on this great program.**

### RACES:

#### Alexian Brothers Tour of Elk Grove

August 11 & 12 9:00 am  
View the event along the race course on Elk Grove Blvd and Tonne Rd. There will be viewing access in the middle of Elk Grove Blvd. from Ridge to Victoria where the start/finish line will be located. 773/868-3010 x 223  
[www.tourofelkgrove.com](http://www.tourofelkgrove.com)

#### National Championships of Cycling

August 18 & 19  
Downers Grove  
[www.sportsgrandprix.com](http://www.sportsgrandprix.com)  
[nick@chicagoevents.com](mailto:nick@chicagoevents.com)  
773/868-3010 x 223



To Al & Cindy Schneider for a great job hosting the annual club picnic on July 8. Approximately 55 people enjoyed a scrumptious meal and a good time was had by all.

Visit the web site for pictures.

Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting	Directions	Miles	Ride Host
August Ride Schedule	All Riders Should:	*wear a helmet *bring water *bring a pump	*have a bike in good condition *bring a spare tube and patch kit *arrive early...15-30 minutes	*bring an ID card *carry a cell phone * bring \$ for rest stops		
Sat. 8-4	9:00	Waterford Ride	Waterford Factory, WI	I-94 North. Hwy 20 west. Turn L on Jefferson after the bridge in Waterford. After ¾ mi., R on Bakke to 816 W. Bakke.	28/ 44/ 70	Ella Shields 773/594-1755
Sun. 8-5	9:00	Loops of Burlington	Eagle Lake Park, WI	I-294 North, exit Hwy 11 West, to Hwy 75 right to Church	63/98	Al & Cindy Schneider
Sun. 8-5	9:00	Hills and Horses	Rose School	I 90 to Rt 59 North; turn right on Penny Road to the school just past Bartlett road.	40	Meg Ewen 630/540-1704
Sat. 8-11	9:00	3 Options Ride	Fox River Forest Preserve	NW on Rt. 14 , R on Kelsey, L on River, L on Roberts for 1 mi.	24/31/ 55	Earle Horwitz 847/444-0445
Sat. 8-11	9:00	Cedarburg/ Camp- bellsport	Covered Bridge Park	I-94 N through Milwaukee turns into 43. Go north on 43 to 60 (Grafton). Go west on 60 to Covered Bridge Road (4 miles) turn right and go to park, on	66 /75/ 102	Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356
Sun. 8-12	9:00	Cedarburg/ West Bend	Covered Bridge Park	see above	67/76	See above
Sun. 8-12	9:00	Honey lake Loop	Kildeer School	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	38	Deb Wilson 847/632-1412
Sun. 8-12	9:00	Paul's Northeast IL Century	Euclid Elementary school	Euclid and Wheeling Road; school is on the corner.	100	Paul LeFevre 847/670-3501
Sat. 8-18	9:00	Fontana Ride	McHenry County College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north parking lot.	71	Paul LeFevre 847/670-3501
Sun 8-19	9:00	Island Lake Loop	Kildeer School, Long Grove	Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	47	Kevin Moore 847/577-8490
Sat. 8-25	9:00	Sycamore Scamper	McHenry County College	Rt. 14 one mile past Rt. 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in the north	82	Dave Waycie 847/577-6307
Sun. 8-26	7:00 or 9:00	Club Members: Harmon Pre-Ride	Wilmot High School, Wilmot, WI.	Take I-94 West across the WI state line to Exit 345 (Hwy C). West on Hwy C to the town of Wilmot. Right on Hwy W. Left	25/50 75/100	Rich Drapeau 847/808-1476

**ALWAYS CALL THE RIDE LINE FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES 847/520-5010**

WEEKLY ROAD RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Ride Host
Saturday	8:00 am	Honey Do Ride	30-58	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	Frank Illy 847/923-5910 Brian Hale 847/804-1561
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	25-45	Willow Stream Park - The park is on Old Checker Rd. a few tenths of a mile west of the bakery. Turn west on old Checker Rd. to parking on the right	Art Cunningham 847/ 963-8746 Earle Horwitz 847/374-1129
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Working Stiff's Ride	18-27	Shamrock Cyclery 344 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. Park behind shop in Stemple Municipal Lot. Meet in front of shop.	Rich Drapeau 847/808-1476 Jim Boyer 847/541-1325
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Hill and Dale Ride	25-35	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve See above	Frank & Pat Illy 847/923-5910 Brian Hale 847/804-1561
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Elgin Twilight Rides <i>Flashing taillights recom- mended</i>	20-40	Target Store On Randall Road just south of US 20. Park in SE corner of lot.	Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356
Thursday	6:00 pm	Thursday Night Ride	30 <i>with alter- nates as day- light permits</i>	Kildeer School Old McHenry Road, just north of Long Grove Shopping District	Brian Blome 847/358-4807

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND RIDE *BEST KEPT SECRET*

What a beautiful ride. Practically traffic free through some of the most gorgeous hill country in the Midwest. Hot, sunny, late spring, no rain. Cindy and Al Schneider were the ride leaders and I was the only other rider.

I found the start in Eagle, WI—thanks to the driving instruction detail about railroad tracks—at 8:59 AM on Sunday, the second day, and was cheerfully greeted and presented with a cue sheet which can be key to riding up ahead or behind, and an area map which helped to figure out where to get a room for the night.

The sweet smelling honeysuckle trees dotted our roads and the LaGrange, WI lunch stop was this foodie's delight. It also happens to be attached to a bicycle shop...how handy is that?

The Kettle Moraine hills were challenging (for me, OK, I'm not a road animal). Al knows the routes so well that he announces bumps and all kinds of other evils ahead of time. The room at the Comfort Inn, Monchango, was handy with thrifty eats at a Taco Bell a few steps away. The Chinese restaurant was closed. The motel has a continental breakfast that got me going along with the apple, banana and orange I'd brought from home and kept chilled in the

room's refrigerator.

The following morning we all met up in Lyons, WI., passed through East Troy where a Memorial Day parade was just underway, to the rest stop outside of town at a large McDonald's Shell Gas combo station I'd never seen the likes of before. I was totally motivated when I heard our lunch stop would be at LaGrange again.

Back in Lyons at the end of 55 miles I packed up, leaving Cindy and Al to debate whether or not to complete the 80 grueling *uber-hilly* miles... Then I drove back up north about 10 miles to East Troy to purchase a flashy hand-made cane and walking stick for my Dad that I'd seen at the McDonald's Shell stop. The parade in town was long over, but folks including Harley riders, families and teens were hanging out eating brats, dogs and fresh sweet corn barbecued in the husk then dipped in butter and listening to Jerry Nickols & the Sticky Fingers Band just to prove that good ol', live, local rock and roll is alive and well in East Troy, WI.

The drive from Mount Prospect to the start was 75 easy miles, mostly along 12, just remember you didn't hear it from me.

Donna Ponte

RIDES OF A DIFFERENT FLAVOR						
August Wednesday Chicago Area Bike Path/Trail Rides						
Date	Time	Miles	Path/Trail	Start	Directions	Comments
8/1	9:00	65	Moraine Hills to Hebron	Moraine Hills State Park	Go north on Rand (US12) to W Liberty (IL176); go left to River Rd.; go to the park entrance on the right; park in	Packed crushed stone, paved and connecting roads
8/8	9:00	54	Fox River Path south-Virgil Gilman Path	Bennet Park, Geneva	North Ave (IL 64) to St. Charles, south on IL 25 to park on rt. just past Geneva	Paved, packed crushed stone***
8/15	9:00	60	Old School Forest Preserve to Kenosha	Parking Lot D, Old School Forest Preserve	IL 176 to St. Mary's Rd.; south to Forest Preserve on the left. Park in shelter D lot.	Packed crushed stone, paved *** Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874
8/22	9:00	57	Plank Road Path	Frankfort, IL	I-294 south to I-80 west; US 45 south to Frankfort; turn left at sign to Historic Frankfort; parking in town on trail	Paved path Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874
8/29		55 loop	Medley of Trails – Poplar Creek to Ned Brown	Ned Brown F. P., Golf Road Parking Lot	South of Golf Rd. just East of I-290	Paved with connecting roads
*** approved for narrow tires ** wide tires recommended * wide tires required. Bring snacks and plenty of water to drink. Check with Art Cunningham – 847/963-8746 for details						

**EXCURSION RIDES**

**August 4 & 5, Schwinn Loops**

These two rides start about five miles apart. We are staying at the AmericInn in Burlington, WI..

The Schwinn ride is one of the most popular on the schedule. Richard Schwinn offers a tour of the factory and great SAG support! The route visits Lyons, Lake Geneva, Williams Bay, Fontana, Walworth and Elk Horn.

Loops of Burlington starts at Eagle Lake Park. The 63 mile route climbs some big roller coasters and returns thru Rochester. The Century option works its way through Alpine Valley to Bluff Road and into La-Grange.

**August 11 & 12, Cedarburg**

We are staying at the Super 8 in Sauk Village. The Cedarburg - Campbellsport ride on Saturday offers 60,70 and 100 miles. The ride features big rolling hills with great overviews, tiny towns and goes through the north

east Kettle Moraine forests.

The Cedarburg - West Bend Ride is 45, 60 or 80 miles. The first section of the ride is south east of West Bend with curving farm roads. The second segment climbs through the north east Kettle Moraine and visits high land farms before returning to the north west side of West Bend. The next portion of the ride loops out west into rolling farm lands with steeples on top of hills. After a stop at Dairy Queen you return, hopefully with a west wind, past tree lined roads, farms, dairies, churches and an old stagecoach stop to the park.

**Labor Day Weekend  
September 1, 2 & 3  
Ella's Escapade, Mike & Bill's Adventure & Pretzel Ride**

We are staying at the Super 8 in Germantown. We usually have dinner at a great Italian Restaurant in Menominee Falls called Pepino's,

Saturday: The 71 mile Ella's Escapade, is a

combination of steep short and long flat riding. The ride climbs out of the park and you pedal between the many lakes around Delafield. You then ride through the old Pabst farms and skirt Oconomowoc on the way to Lake La Belle. After riding through lightly rolling farmland and a Gallic township lunch at the Pleasant Hill Tap awaits. The ride back to the park is highlighted by the hills around Monches.

Sunday: Mike and Bill's 78 mile Adventure is a rolling ride through farmland and the northwest Kettle Moraine. Rest stops are at small towns like Hustiford, Mayfield and Allentown. Along the route are numerous cows, quaint churches and great overviews.

On Labor Day the Pretzel Ride leaves West Bend, about fifteen miles from Germantown. This 51 and 73 mile ride visits the northeast Kettle Moraine and the area north of Dundee. The ride features climbs and descents through the forests and scenic overviews in the farmlands.

Questions on these rides? Call Al & Cindy  
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in the morning when they got roused early from their cozy (noisy?) indoor spots. It was some other poor guy so exhausted he just laid down on the carpeting in the entrance hallway, fully dressed, with his helmet gloves and water bottle laying near him, looking for all the world like a gunshot victim, absolutely collapsed after the first day. It was trying to figure out how to get all your stuff back into the one big bag when it somehow got in there when you packed it last. It was filling your water bottle at a drinking fountain and plugging in your phone at a charging station, not worried at all when you walked away. It was the truck bag loaders huffing and puffing as much as we did getting up the hills. It was walking the lines to find your bag buried under three others. There were bikes that cost three times as much as yours and bikes that cost a third of what yours did.

There was riding on Interstate 70 with a guy wearing last year's RTR jersey who (it turned out) wasn't even on the ride. There were the "flamingo" people at the campsites near us three nights with their personal "sherpas". It was storing my bike at the Aspen High School on their plush indoor running track. It was Al trying on a giant cowboy hat at Kemo Sabe in Aspen and having the store clerks ply us with beer and wine. It was seeing the Aspen real estate offices with sales listings for \$25,000,000 and more. It was goofy T Shirts.

There was pulling, drafting, seas of tents and bikes and the shower trucks. There was brushing your teeth with water from the water truck and spitting in the grass. There was the Roaring Fork River cascading along a pastoral bike path near Aspen. There was a fun dinner at the old (1886) Hotel Delaware in Leadville and good Mexican food at Tequila's in Glenwood Springs. It was finding a little Italian place in Rifle with a line

out the door and the locals working their butts off to get us food. It was Fat Tire. We saw and enjoyed the fantastical wood carvings from the Cottonwoods in the park at Craig. We got stuffed up all week from the cottonwood seeds blowing around everywhere. There was a fire burning away up the hillside to our left with the smoke thankfully headed the other way from our route while you wondered "Whose home is getting burned down?" There was white water rafting after the short ride to Glenwood Springs. There was a helicopter sucking thousands of gallons of water out of the Colorado River as we sat in rafts and watched while he waved to us and then dumped the water on a smoking mountain side a few miles away from us.

We saw groups of young super fit riders pass us going twice as fast as us in pace lines; other times our own little pace line passed other riders in the same way. We glided down mountain sides at speeds over 40 mph and climbed the other side at 5-10 mph. It was going so slow up hill that you fought to stay vertical on the bike. It was carving around switchbacks and sharp curves and hoping that you don't get a flat tire like the guy in front of you who had to lock up his brakes and pull off to the side on a big downhill run. It was the volunteers waving their orange flags to caution us about hazards ahead and the ever present reminders and quips left by the mysterious Agent Orange.

It was thanking the Colorado State Troopers who watched over you the whole time and who controlled the traffic as much as possible. It was hoping the ambulance you heard or saw wasn't going to pick up one of our fellow RTR riders and the rumors about the one crash and injury I did hear about. It was passing Renee festooned with flowers on the way up to Independence Pass and seeing her boyfriend's proposal just before the top. It was seeing that she said "YES" the next day. It was yelling "Car Back" or "On

your Left" time after time after time. It was not having the breath on a climb to yell either one. We hustled to finish the downhill into Rifle as the traffic got heavier and heavier and we got up early to get ready to climb to Independence Pass with a compensating lazy celebration at the other end. It was climbing the football bleachers in Leadville with your giant bag (weighing what seemed like at least 95 pounds) and having a 95 pound high school girl ask you if she could help you.

We saw crippled riders that could only use their arms including one amazing guy with only one arm and a hook attached to his prosthesis (no legs) doing this ride. If you ever felt tired or down, you'd pass someone who was struggling far more than yourself and you'd soon realize that you didn't have as much of a challenge as you thought. Many of these folks trained for months and years to do this ride. Some never trained at all. Sometimes you could see riders along the road ahead (and sometimes way above you) stretching for miles.

It was struggling up the grades at Turquoise Lake to hear at the rest stop that most of the riders skipped it. It was enjoying the spectacular view through the trees and across the mirror calm deep blue waters and thinking that they really missed something.

I'm sure you'll remember this experience as I will; a challenge both physical and mental, but one that comes with the great enjoyment of being outdoors for a week out of our little "comfort zones" and into the unbelievably beautiful scenery of the mountains. I can't wait to get all the pictures and bore you all with some of the stories. It sure was a great time!

Dan Wiessner

(other Wheelmen on ride; Kevin Moore, Cindy Trent and Bill Kragh)

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Schneider @ 847/696-2356 .

### Door County—September 15 & 16

This should provide an excellent opportunity to ride the rural roads of Door County after the summer rush. The routes will mirror many of the roads used on the Door county Century. Rides both days will leave from Sevastopol school just north of Sturgeon Bay. Routes offered will be 50, 75, and 100 on Saturday and shorter route options for Sunday.

A block of rooms are being held at the Sturgeon Bay Super 8 Motel (920/743-9211).

Rooms must be reserved by August 1, 2007. If you have questions, please ask Tom or Deb Wilson, 847/632-1412 . If fewer than six people register, the excursion will be canceled.

### October 13th & 14th Fall Foliage Ride

This ride is done in conjunction with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club. The rides start and end in Mt Horeb, WI which is about 20 miles west of Madison. Cue sheets are provided both days. These are challenging rides of 50-60 miles with over 4,000 feet of climbing each day. There are also several alternative flatter options. The rides count for club mileage.

We will be staying at the beautiful Karakahl Country Inn with indoor pool. Call 608/437-5545 to reserve your room.

A scrumptious Italian buffet dinner will again be arranged for the combined bike clubs on Saturday night for a very reasonable price! Call Rich or Mary Kay Drapeau 847/808-1476 to be included in the reservation or for more information.

Directions: Take I-90 West to exit 142A in Madison on to 18 West for 25 miles, then 151 Business into Mt. Horeb. Karakahl is on the left



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It's only a few more weeks before our annual invitational day will be here. The ride is Sunday, Sept. 9.

Volunteers are needed to make this day a success. Some of the areas that would appreciate your support are: registration, parking, setting up at rest stops, working a shift at a rest stop, and route marking.

Contact Mary Kay Drapeu, Harmon Chair, at (847)808-1476 to offer your assistance. Thanks

**INVITATIONALS**

**Aug. 5, Rotary Ride**, Naperville, 20/40/55/82/102 miles, Steve 630-964-5959 [paxfer3@aol.com](mailto:paxfer3@aol.com)  
www.napervillesunrise.com

**Aug 11-12, Interplanetary Bicycle Ride**, Dunlap/Peoria, 12-100 miles \$20, \$24 after 8/1, Sheldon Schafer, 309/686-7000 [sschafer@lakeview-museum.org](mailto:sschafer@lakeview-museum.org) www.lakeview-museum.org/iplanet/iplanet.html

**Aug. 12, Windy 60**, DeKalb, 20/43/63 miles, 815-758-1562 [dekalbwindy60@yahoo.com](mailto:dekalbwindy60@yahoo.com)

**Aug 19, Wright Ride**, Oak Park, 10/25/50/62 miles, 708-383-1244 [gail\\_moran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gail_moran@sbcglobal.net) www.oakparkcycleclub.org/wrightride

**Aug. 19, Old Mill Century**, Oregon, 10/25/50/75/100 miles 815-732-7154

**Aug 19, Oswego Chamber Ride**, Oswego, 25/50/75/100 miles, \$25, 630-554-3505 [info@oswegochamber.org](mailto:info@oswegochamber.org)  
www.oswegochamber.org/pages/bikeride.asp

**Aug 26, Bike Psychos Century**, Coal City, 30/50/70/100/124 miles \$15 by 8/19 \$20 after, 708-802-1804 [century@bikepsychos.org](mailto:century@bikepsychos.org) www.bikepsychos.org

**Aug 26, Cream City Cycle Club Century**, Waterford, WI 35/62/100 miles, \$20 /\$25 day of, 414-299-9398 [Pres\\_CreamCityCC@yahoo.com](mailto:Pres_CreamCityCC@yahoo.com) www.creamcitycycleclub.com/century.htm

**WHERE DID THAT RIDE GET IT'S NAME?**

Ever wonder where a Wheelmen ride got its name? This month we uncover the truth about a ride called Covered Bridges, not to be confused with Bridges of Madison County. The only hot and steamy part is the summer day. Our ride is a very scenic route leaving from Long Grove. So the first covered bridge is when we leave Long Grove via Robert Coffin Dr. Then towards the middle of the ride we head into the Coves subdivision and go through two more covered bridges before heading back. If you haven't taken this ride, be sure to come the next time it is offered.

**Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_ L.A.B. Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Family dues: \$25 Individual dues: \$20

**Membership Pledge:** I hereby agree to operate my bicycle in a manner that is safe to me and those around me, to observe all the rules of the road, and conduct myself in a manner that will be complimentary to the sport. I release and waive all claims for negligence against the WHEELING WHEELMEN, its officers and members for all damages incurred at or associated with any WHEELING WHEELMEN activity for myself, my heirs and executors.

Applicant's Signature (parent's signature if a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application with payment to Wheeling Wheelmen, P.O. Box 7304, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7304



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Buffalo Grove, Il. 60089-7304

Phone: 847-520-5010  
Email: [wheeling@wheelmen.com](mailto:wheeling@wheelmen.com)

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Club Meeting  
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#### CLUB DISCOUNTS

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

**ALBERTO'S CYCLES**  
1770 First St. Highland Park  
847/446-2042

**AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS**  
8140 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles  
847/692-4240

**BICYCLE CONNECTION OF SCHAUMBURG** 1226 N Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, 847/882-7728

**GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY**  
111 Waukegan Rd., Northbrook  
847/272-2100

**LIBERTYVILLE CYCLERY**  
800 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
847/362-6030

**MIKES BIKES**  
155 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine,  
847/358-0948

**RUNNER'S HIGH & TRI**  
121 W. Campbell , Arlington Hts.  
847/670-9255

**SHAMROCK CYCLERY**  
344 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove  
847/913-9767

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223 Rice Square at Danada  
Wheaton 630/690-2050  
1807 S. Washington, Naperville  
630/961-8222

**THE CYCLERY**  
575 Ela Road, Lake Zurich,  
847/438-9600

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1027 Davis Street, Evanston  
847/864-7660

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63 Park & Shop, Elk Grove Village  
847/439-3340  
1313 N. Rand Rd, Arlington Hts.  
847/398-1650

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- \*The League of American Bicyclists
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#### JOIN THE LEAGUE!

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Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: (202)822-1333 Fax: (202)822-1334  
E-mail: [BikeLeague@aol.com](mailto:BikeLeague@aol.com)  
Web Site: [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)

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