



MONTHLY MEANDERS

Dec. 2007/Jan. 2008

PREZ SEZ

Greetings fellow club members.

Now that our official season has ended, at least the riding part, Let me share some of the highlights with you.

We started with a terrific turnout for our St Pats invitational. There were 225 participants this year. The riders had options of 16, 20 or 36 miles from Wauconda High School. Deb and Tom Wilson handled all the details and have signed on to chair the ride again next year. Thank you both for all you do for the club.

Our second big event in 2007 and primary fund raiser is the Harmon Hundred. Mary Kay Drapeau was in charge for her 8th and final year. She certainly went out with a bang. We had 720 cyclists start and finish in Wilmot High School. This year we changed the route giving riders the option of one or two loops from the same rest stop, if they wanted to complete 75 or 100 miles. The feedback was all positive so we will try it again next year. Most of the Harmon committee duties have been expanded so the next chair will not have to take on as much responsibility. We need someone to take over the chair. It won't be dumped in you lap. All the support will

remain.

At the end of October we had \$8,571 in a CD and \$14,389 in our checking account. We need about \$7,000 to pay for annual expenses including insurance, storage, postage, newsletter, banquet etc. the remaining is distributed among organizations that support bicycling causes. We try and keep the CD as a backup in case we have a couple of bad Harmon's.

Here are the organizations we support:

League of American Bicyclists- \$1,000

League of Illinois Bicyclists- \$1,500

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation- \$1,500

Wisconsin Bicycle Federation - \$500

Thunderhead Alliance- \$100

Working Bikes Cooperative- \$500

Trips for Kids Fox Valley- \$1,000

We have about 300 members. 146 of us rode 166,560 miles between Mid March and the end of October. The most popular ride was the Sunday short ride out of Long Grove. This will be a weekly scheduled ride next year. Top riders this year were

Killian Emanuel 7,397 and Cindy Schneider 3,787.

My thanks to the board and committee chairs.

VP-Ride Chair- Pat Calabrese & Brian Blome

Treasurer- Johannes Smits

Secretary- Kevin Moore

Membership- Betsy Burtelow & Jim Boyer

Publicity- Sheri Rosenbaum

Webmaster- Jim Boyer

Harmon- Mary Kay Drapeau

Refreshments- Frank & Pat Illy

Banquet- Kris Woodcock

Newsletter- Ella Shields

Ride Line- Dan Wiessner & Frank Bing

Ride Stats- Joe Irons

Holiday Party- Frank & Pat Illy

Picnic- Al & Cindy Schneider

This will be my 8th year as President. That's about 6 more then I intended, but I've enjoyed taking an active role in the club. This will be my last year in this role. I'll remain active but in another capacity.

See you on the road.

Rich Drapeau

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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 is Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Brian Blome & Pat Calabrese. All Board members are requested to attend.

FINAL 2007 TOP 20 MILES

276 rides by 146 members
totaling 166.650 miles
8,841 maximum miles possible per rider

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|----|-----------|------------|------|
| 1 | Cindy | Schneider | 3787 |
| 2 | Reinhilde | Geis | 3646 |
| 3 | Pat | Illy | 2975 |
| 4 | Mary Kay | Drapeau | 2419 |
| 5 | Pam | Burke | 2402 |
| 6 | Sheri | Rosenbaum | 2323 |
| 7 | Betsy | Burtelow | 2300 |
| 8 | Ella | Shields | 2242 |
| 9 | Debbie | Wilson | 2137 |
| 10 | Meg | Ewen | 2124 |
| 11 | Barbara | Barr | 1993 |
| 12 | Kris | Woodcock | 1935 |
| 13 | Pat | Calabrese | 1934 |
| 14 | Marianne | Kron | 1905 |
| 15 | Virginia | Savio | 1768 |
| 16 | Chris | Wager | 1366 |
| 17 | Cindy | Trent | 1112 |
| 18 | Mary | Myслиs | 1056 |
| 19 | Lynn | Rivier | 777 |
| 20 | Donna | Ponte | 742 |
| 1 | Kilian | Emanuel | 7397 |
| 2 | Paul | LeFevre | 6646 |
| 3 | Dennis | Creaney | 4894 |
| 4 | Art | Cunningham | 4031 |
| 5 | Al | Schneider | 3875 |
| 6 | Joe | Irons | 3809 |
| 7 | Richard | Drapeau | 3799 |
| 8 | Frank | Illy | 3697 |
| 9 | Leonard | Geis | 3609 |
| 10 | Kevin A. | Moore | 3563 |
| 11 | Frank | Bing | 3337 |
| 12 | Peter | Guzik | 2949 |
| 13 | Jim | Boyer | 2880 |
| 14 | Brian | Blome | 2613 |
| 15 | Tom | Wilson | 2564 |
| 16 | C. Brian | Hale | 2552 |
| 17 | Daniel | Wiessner | 2547 |
| 18 | Dennis | Ellertson | 2250 |
| 19 | Bob | Dominski | 2230 |
| 20 | Joe | Beemster | 1865 |

MIKES BIKE SHOP WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Join us Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for club night. (155 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine)

We will be offering special one-night pricing on select cycling accessories and apparel including discounts from 10% to 40% on all in-store items. Women's summer jerseys will be discounted up to 40%. We will have special pricing on tubes and tires.

You will also receive your club discounts that apply.

Representatives from Cannondale and CycleOps will be discussing their lines of clothing and trainers, respectively. The CycleOps Sales Rep will be offering demo rides on CycleOps Power Tap trainer and Threshold Testing

Mechanical demonstrations and technical tips and ideas will be discussed.

Please RSVP to Mikes Bike shop at (847) 358-0948.

2008 Chicago Winter Bike Swap

January 19, 2008

9:30-5:00

Old Orchard Country Club

700 W. Rand Road, Mount Prospect

\$5 admission for adults, kids 12 and under free. Free Parking.

For all those teams, clubs or individuals who have a collection of cycling gear no longer used or needed, this will be the perfect event to offer it for sale. And for anyone looking for some great deals from retailers, don't miss the post-holiday closeout bargains. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this gathering of the cycling community during the Chicago winter off-season. Check out www.chicagowinterbikeswap.com for more information.

WEEKLY RIDES

| Day | Time | Ride | Miles | Start/Directions | Ride Host |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------|---|---|
| Saturday | 10:00 am | Show N Go Rides | 25 + | 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 | n/a |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Cuba Marsh Show N Go Rides | 25 + | Cuba Marsh is West on US12 to Ela Rd, south to Cuba Rd. West to parking lot on left | n/a |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 10:00 am | Show N Go Rides | 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 |

The rides may or may not have cue sheets. The mileage, destination and speed are determined by the weather and riders.

**DECEMBER & JANUARY
SUNDAY SHOW N GO TRAIL RIDES**

| Date | Time | Ride | Miles | Start/Directions | Comments |
|-----------------|----------|---|-------|---|--|
| 12/2 & 1/6 | 10:00 am | Des Plaines River Trail | 20 | Meet at parking lot behind Egg Harbor restaurant at RT 22 and RT 21/45 | Not recommended for road bikes. Packed, crushed stone. |
| 12/16 & 1/13 | 10:00 am | Medley of Trails - Deer Grove Woods to Arlington Lake | 20 | Nichols Hill Golf Course From Dundee Road turn north on Kennicott to end, first lot on left, bottom of hill. | Packed crushed stone and paved paths, short unimproved trail/roads |
| 12/23 & 1/20 | 10:00 am | North Branch/ Botanic Garden | 32 | Lake Street Parking, Harms Woods Forest Preserve. East on lake Street, past I294 and Waukegan Road, to the Chicago River. Parking on the right just past the bike path overpass | Paved Path |
| 12/30 & 1/27 | 10:00 am | Millennium Trail | 20 | Lakewood Forest Preserve Millennium Trail access. East of Fairfield Rd. opposite Ivanhoe Rd. just south of IL 176 | Packed stone and paved |

Bring snacks and water to drink.

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

2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership. Please send back the enclosed renewal application. Also included on the back of the form is a handy volunteer wish list. Indicate which positions you are interested in helping the club continue its great support of bicycle advocacy efforts!

Please send your renewal form back as soon as possible so you won't miss a single issue of the Monthly Meanders or the 2008 Ride Schedule. Due date for renewals is February 1, 2008 (expiration will be March 2009).

New 2008 Membership cards will be mailed out with the March newsletter.

If you have any questions contact Jim & Betsy at 847/541-1325.

JANUARY 2008 CLUB MEETING

The meeting will be on Thursday, January 3, 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

We will discuss the St. Patrick's Day Ride and recruit volunteers.

Our guest speakers will be a representative from the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) and Laura Anderson from Trips for Kids-Fox Valley. Trips for Kids Fox Valley is a small non-profit organization that provides mountain bike outings for kids who would not otherwise have these opportunities.


HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 9
3—8 p.m.

Hosted by
Pat & Frank Illy
846 Beacon Drive
Schaumburg, IL

Call Pat @
847/923-5910 to see
what you can bring
to the party

Please RSVP by
December 4

JANUARY ETHNIC DINNER

Café Bolero
2252 N Western Ave
Chicago
773-227-9000
Sunday, January 13
6:00 p.m.



Check out their website:
www.cafebolero.com

Join us for some of the most authentic Cuban food you'll find in Chicago. It's BYOB.

Please RSVP no later than January 7 to Kris Woodcock (847)520-6932 or e-mail kwoodcock@wikesfurniture.com



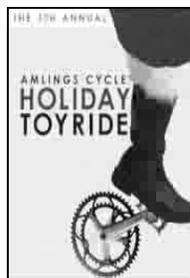
The 9th Annual Reindeer Ride Saturday, December 1

Benefiting Toys for Tots and Boy Scouts of America

The Ride will start and finish at the Gurnee Community Church in Gurnee, IL. Registration starts at 9:30 am. Ride will launch at 10 am and follow the Des Plaines River Trail or a road route this year. The route is 9 miles—one for every reindeer.

A pancake breakfast will be served at the Gurnee Community Church following the ride (approx. 11am). Prizes for best bike decoration, Reindeer Games for the kids and door prizes during the breakfast

Questions? Contact us at Mikes Bikes Gurnee, 847-662-8482 or email @ contactmbg@comcast.net. Register on line at www.mikesbikesgurnee.com/index.htm



5th Annual Amlings Cycle Holiday Toy Ride

Friday, December 14, 6:30 a.m.

Participants will ride their bicycles from Amlings Cycle (8140 Milwaukee Ave in Niles, 847/692-4240) to Mystic Celt (3443 N. Southport in Chicago, about 12 miles one way) to meet a waiting truck from the Marine Corps. Eamonn Vaughan, owner of Mystic Celt will be serving breakfast for the riders.

Those wishing to join the ride need to pre-register (on line @ amlingcycle.com/index.cfm), or stop in at the shop. There is no cost to ride other than bringing a new, unwrapped toy for a child. If you would like to help out, but don't want to ride your bike, you can drop off a new unwrapped toy at Amlings Cycle.

STAY UPRIGHT ON SLIPPERY ROADS

Winter in most of the northern hemisphere means snow, sleet, rain -- and slick pavement. But does that stop us from riding? Not a chance, bro!

And then you round a bend to see a stretch of ice-glazed or snow-packed pavement lurking in the afternoon shadows. Or maybe it's a bridge surface glittering with frost. Or a rainbow-tinted oil slick. Or a painted crosswalk gleaming with moisture.

What's the best way to ride it out when nature suddenly serves up a skating rink?

Scrub speed. It's safe to brake when you're still on dry pavement, but do it without too much force. You don't want to be decelerating with a lurch just before your wheels reach the slick stretch. Then, stay off the stoppers as you ride through. Braking on ice, snow or anything slippery will almost certainly cause a fall.

Relax. If your arms and shoulders are tense and you have a white-knuckle grip on the handlebar, the front wheel won't be free to find its

line. And that's crucial to maintaining balance, especially if the road is rutted with ice or packed snow. You must go with the flow.

Move your weight rearward. Sliding your hips back helps the front wheel navigate and gives the rear wheel more traction. And if you do go down, you're less likely to pitch forward over the bar. Pedal smoothly. If there's enough time to shift but not brake, go to the next smaller cog (higher gear) to slow your cadence a bit and help you pedal with smooth, steady pressure. Choppy spinning can make the rear tire lose traction and slide out. In most cases, pedaling is better for bike control than coasting, as long as pedaling isn't jerky.

Be ready to bail. Sometimes, doing everything right still won't be enough to prevent a fall. When you sense the worst is about to happen, unclip your feet and use your legs as outriggers. The surface may be so slick that you'll still go down, but having your feet out can spare you from a hard impact.

Of course, given enough lead time, you could also stop, hop off and gingerly walk your bike across a slick section.
(from roadbikerider.com)



HOW TO ESCAPE A SEAM

Concrete roads are notorious for wheel-eating seams, but fissures in your direction of travel can occur in any surface.

What if your wheels get caught by a seam, joint, crack or crevice of any type? Let's just call it a rut.

First, don't panic. That's easy to say, but if you immediately try to steer out of a rut, your front wheel may catch on the edge and wash out, taking you down.

Also, don't slam on the brakes. That'll leave your wheels trapped, upset your balance, and you could topple over. Keep your speed for stability.

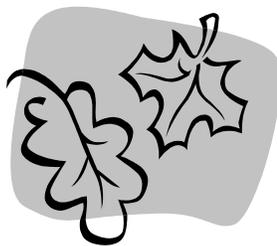
If the rut is short and straight, coast, crouch like a jockey with good

balance and ride it out. Pull up on the handlebar at the exit to lighten the front wheel and reduce any impact.

You might need to get out quickly if the rut leads to something worse. The trick is to lighten the bike by rising off the saddle, then pull up on the handlebar and pedals at the same time. Set the front wheel just to the side. As it glides out, the rear will follow because you've taken your weight off it as well.

Some ruts are really nasty, though. They're deep with nearly vertical sides. Steering out won't work. In this case, you have to jump the bike up and to the side with both wheels airborne. This is a technique you need to practice on grass before you try it in combat conditions.

Tip! To become comfortable lifting the front wheel and getting out of tight spots, ride your beater bike (or a mountain bike) on trails. It's a great way to develop your bike-handling skill and the confidence to handle anything paved roads throw at you. (from roadbikerider.com)



FALL FOLIAGE RIDE RECAP

October 13 and 14
Deb and Dean Mathias

The Fall Foliage route once again included our favorite rustic roads for the unique combination of tranquility and quest with gear shifting echoes in the stillness. Nature and its fall foliage engulfs you as the bike serpentine up the sharp inclines... pacing forward one falling leaf at a time. Eventually, the top of Blue Mounds Trail Road presents itself. You have just experienced the essence of the Fall Foliage ride. Walk the hills; bike the hills; stand on the middle of the hills and listen. Distill the experience of the Fall Foliage Ride for yourself. And if you do, we are certain to cross paths once again in Mt. Horeb. Make the ride work for you!

The 2007 Fall Foliage Ride started out at 9:00 Saturday morning from the Military Ridge Trail Head in Mt. Horeb. Many riders drove to Mount Horeb on Friday night allowing us to meet the early arrivals and mingle with other cyclists eating at the Grumpy Troll.

Here is Saturday's story...

Breakfast at Finks' Restaurant was a good start for fueling up on pancakes and oatmeal before hitting the hills. Dean recommends the blueberry/raisin/brown sugar oatmeal layered over a bed of scrambled eggs for a Mt. Horeb delight.

At the Military Ridge Trail Head, we passed out energy bars, distributed route sheets, and briefed everyone on route options to suit individual riding preferences.

Leg warmers and gloves were standard issue with temperatures in the upper 40's and cloudy skies. 20 riders were on board to tackle the route interlaced with downhill and uphill. Those riders with a penchant for hillier terrain had many options from which to choose, including Pinnacle, Lake View, Knutson, Fesenfeld, Sutcliffe, JJ, Forshaug, and North.

Three bicycle clubs were represented:

- * BIC: Tim Cornelius, Bill Heitbrink, Marv Scher, and Joe Smith.
- * Wheeling Wheelmen: Betsy Burtelow & Jim Boyer, Marykay & Rich Drapeau, Deb & Tom Wilson, Jeff Biedka, Jim Flechsig, and Paul LeFever. The Wheeling Wheelmen enjoy the ride so much that they treat the ride as one of their own official club rides.
- * QCBC: John Wessel, Denise Duethman, Ernie Parr, Martha Stevens, Phil Fellner, and yours truly, Deb and Bareback Mathias. Dave Thompson drove up later in the day, scoped out his own route, and joined us later for dinner.

The cyclists re-grouped after the first 16 miles at the grocery store in Blue Mounds and the only chance for a food stop before lunch. The fall colors were washed out because of the clouds, yet there were occasional glimpses of eye-popping possibilities. The majority of riders took the challenge of climbing in Blue Mounds State Park for the best view of changing fall colors from the park towers. Cyclists paid sweat equity working on the up-hills and literally chilling-out on the descents.

A lunch stop in Mazomanie allowed another re-grouping and sharing of adventures, both on and off the official route. Temps were in the low 60's at this point with clouds still overhead and only 17 miles to go...of scenery and challenges!!!

Marv is one rider who has learned to blend the road options of hills and valleys that work for him.

Phil Fellner was a self designated tour guide for Joe, John, and Denise.

We try to change the route each year to keep Phil on his toes. Phil is notorious for his "wing and a prayer" scouting technique that adds adventure and miles at each turn.

Hats off to Tim for returning each year and for turning Bill into an official "route scout."

Only one flat tire was reported by Deb Wilson with plenty of assistance to aid her in quickly getting back on the road.

A group of the Wheelmen (Jim, Tom, Paul, Jeff, and Jim) tangled with North Road, personally added by Dean as an option at the last hour. North Road turned out to be the perfect culminating leg toner for the Wheelman with an unending series of climbs and rollers coming on the heels of 60 miles of peaks and valleys.

Dinner at the Sole Saporì Restaurant was a perfect ending to the day's efforts. We were treated to dinner by owner, Ann, in a private room with salad and garlic cheese bread waiting for us upon our arrival. Vanessa and Julia kept us well supplied with drinks, bread, and salad to lay the groundwork for the unforgettable, mouthwatering, and tasty meals followed by dessert for at least one table of cyclists.

Sunday's ride was not to be with the waking to rainfall. Hills and wet leaves would make for some treacherous descents.

Many of these cyclists have joined us to form a perennial core of riders that enjoy the quiet rustic roads and camaraderie year after hilly year. For every altimeter busting climb there is alternate more moderate option.

Mark the second weekend of October on your calendar for the 2008 Fall Foliage Ride and make the ride work for you.



START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT

On Saturday, Jan 5th from 2-4, join us for a special Wheelmen event at the Highland Park Health club in Buffalo Grove. Former University of Colorado Cycling Team coach, Marilee Papale, will be conducting a 50 minute spin class followed by a 50 minute mat pilates class geared for the cyclist. See the Web site for more information or contact Sheri Rosenbaum at Luv2Bike80@hotmail.com. Space is limited so sign up early. Nominal fee will apply.

GITAP: PRAIRIES, PALISADES, PATHS, AND PARKS

The Grand Illinois Trail And Parks (GITAP) ride is all set for Sunday, June 15 to Saturday, June 23, 2008. Enjoy a week of grand bicycling in a loop from Dixon through northwestern Illinois including the Mississippi River's Great River Trail. The ride uses trails and roads on the GIT for 300 or up to 550 miles, camps at state parks (motel option), and has a free, optional Velosophie program from the Illinois Humanities Council.

Sponsored by the League of Illinois Bicyclists with help from the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources.

For more information and a registration form, go to www.bikelib.org/gitap, e-mail Chuck Oestreich at oestreich@qconline.com or call him at 309-788-1845.

BOARD MEETING— SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Present: Rich and Mary Kay Drapeau, Jim Boyer and Betsy Burte-low, Ella Shields, Johannes Smits, Sheri Rosenbaum, Tom Wilson and Kevin Moore

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

President's Report: The club banquet would be at Gridley's Grill, at Gilmer and Route 83 on November 11, 2007 from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. The cost for club members would be \$ 25.00. We discussed a club contribution for the banquet, as well as restrictions on the use of club funds due to our tax-exempt status, and decided on using \$300.00 of club funds for the event.

Discussed the fact that the CBF failed to publish the Harmon Hundred on their event calendar, the same day as their Boulevard Lakefront Tour. Rich told us he had discussed this with them and was told it was due to a problem with their website for club links, and that they promised they would do a feature on the club and the Harmon in an upcoming newsletter.

Reported there would be a bike swap at the Allstate Arena on October 14, from 6 am to 3 pm- \$1 admission.

Discussed whether to make the newsletter electronic, rather than paper. Realized that many clubs are making their newsletter electronic in order to save printing and postage costs. Recognized that many of the club members do not have computers available, and decided to have a check off on the membership renewal for paper copy, and to continue printing paper copies for bike shops and fellow clubs.

Discussed club donations; decided on continuing donations to the League of American Bicyclists, League of Illinois Bicyclists, Chicago

The **Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club** now has an active Yahoo Group available on the Internet. The group works like a bulletin board and allows us to exchange email with other club members without having to know everyone's individual email address. You must subscribe to the group before you can send a message. Follow the instructions required by Yahoo to complete your registration.

NOTE: Due to spam and email address hijacking concerns, subscription to the Yahoo Group is limited to current members of the Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club only. If you have questions about club membership, rides or events, please send an email to: wheeling@wheelmen.com

To Subscribe send an email message to:
wheelingwheelmen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To Unsubscribe send an email message to:
wheelingwheelmen-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

To post a message send your message in an email to:
wheelingwheelmen@yahoogroups.com

The group name is: **wheelingwheelmen** and is available at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wheelingwheelmen>

Bicycle Federation, Wisconsin Bicycle Federation, Thunderhead Alliance, Trips for Kids and Bikes Belong. Decided to wait until the final profit figures from the Harmon were available to finalize the amounts of the donations.

Reported there was approximately \$14,000 in the checking account and \$8,500 CD. Reported we received a check for about \$1400 from Active.com for Harmon registrations.

Reported that the ride schedule was filled up, and there would be a ride from Kildeer School this coming weekend. Decided to use the Apple Cider Century of Three Oaks, Michigan for the invitational club ride this month, September 30, 2007.

Harmon: Reported approximately 720 riders at this years' Harmon. Discussed using Lender's bagels instead of Deerfield's; using Harvest Grain Honey Wheat bread for the sandwiches; discussed how the oranges were a hit with the riders; how the pasta salad was not as good as hoped and that we would look elsewhere for next year. Reported that the use of two rest stops and the use of multiple loops out of Lyons was a hit with the riders as well as being much easier and cheaper for the club to organize. Discussed some signage issues with confirmation signs and the track on the B loop. Estimated an overall profit of about \$9,000 after all bills are paid. We recapped the ride and stated there would be a further October meeting with the ride chairmen to discuss how the ride and volunteers worked out. Mary Kay related that although it was her last year as Harmon chair, we still had not gotten anyone to step up to take over from her.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Kevin Moore's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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We are on the web
wheelmen.com

Next Club Meeting
January 3, 2008



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

SPOKES
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

TURIN BICYCLE
1027 Davis Street, Evanston
847/864-7660

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

We support:

- *The League of American Bicyclists
- *The League of Illinois Bicyclists
- *The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation
- *Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo
- *Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
- * Adventure Cycling

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
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