



# MONTHLY MEANDERS

## BOARD BANTER

### What I did on my summer vacation

by Ella Shields

After twenty five years of cycling in the United States and Europe I decided it was time to bite the bullet and do the world renowned RAGBRAI. I've always been a little leery of the ride due to the large crowds and my tentphobia but with some prodding from friend and fellow club member, Bruce Johnson, I decided to go for it.

The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, is the world's oldest, largest and longest two-wheeled recreational tour with 10,000+ riders. Rumor had it that 32,000 riders were on the Des Moines segment. The ride started on July 21 in Council Bluffs and ended 406.6 miles later on July 27 in Fort Madison. The average riding day was about 52 miles. The longest day was 83 miles and that was also the hilliest with 4,000+ feet of climbing. There was also a century option that day with 6,000 feet of climbing...which I rode. The weather gods

were very good to us, we had one very stormy night, but no rain during the ride, and most days were sunny and in the 80's.

Most riders go with an outfitter or bicycle club since they will take care of your luggage and secure a space for sleeping; being ground



for your tent, lawns, in a field, or people's homes, they also arrange for porta potties and showers. I joined HBA, Hawkeye Bicycle Association, out of Cedar Rapids and we stayed in air conditioned churches which was an excellent way to go. They had a group of about 62 terrific people.

There are some great towns along the way—small towns, good sized towns,

large communities and diverse towns. We stayed overnight in Harlan, Perry, Des Moines, Knoxville, Oskaloosa and Fairfield. It's estimated the ride brings an average of \$3 million in spending to each town. The towns have been getting ready all year and had special events planned from live music stages, tee shirts, dance school recitals, high school bands and, of course, the food and beer vendors. Local people have stands all along the route with water, bananas, baked goods, Gatorade etc. if you need additional breaks.

The ride is a rolling party; riders in all sorts of costumes, decorated helmets, team jerseys and music blasting from their bikes. The area we rode in was very scenic but I think RAGBRAI is really about small town America and the people taking care of you. They could not have been more hospitable, fun and ready for these huge crowds.

Bottom line – would I go again? Absolutely!

September 2013

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### Newsletter Policy

We can always use information for the newsletter. I'd love to hear from you. E-mail your ride notes, stories or articles for the newsletter to me by the 10th of the preceding month

Ella Shields

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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 Mitch Rosset with your new address or e mail address at 847-376-8152 or e-mail him at wheelmen.com.

## TOP 20 MILES

through August 15

174 rides by 149 members

### Men:

1	Dennis	Ellertson	4608
2	Paul	LeFevre	3689
3	Kilian	Emanuel	2951
4	Mitch	Rosset	2775
5	Kevin	Moore	2438
6	Joe	Beemster	2336
7	Dave	Waycie	2206
8	David	Naigles	2180
9	Brian	Hale	2167
10	Tony	Vercillo	2153
11	Alex	Halamaj	2054
12	Daniel	Wiessner	1732
13	Jim	Flechsing	1613
14	Brian	Blome	1554
15	Tom	Wilson	1537
16	JV	Villadolid	1528
17	Jim	Boyer	1528
18	Frank	Bing	1520
19	Len	Geis	1491
20	Peter	Guzik	1463

### Women:

1	Sheri	Rosenbaum	2828
2	Emily	Qualich	2258
3	Pam	Kaloustian	1946
4	Eva	Larson	1697
5	Pat	Calabrese	1680
6	Reinhilde	Geis	1536
7	Betsy	Burtelow	1436
8	Cindy	Trent	1238
9	Anna	Swietczak	1198
10	Marianne	Kron	1159
11	Deb	Wilson	1109
12	Barb	Barr	951
13	Terri	Brei	939
14	Laura	Randazzo	849
15	Pam	Burke	841
16	Ella	Shields	836
17	Ellen	Heineman	765
18	Paula	Matzek	702
19	Lisa	Tracey	622
20	Virginia	Savio	571

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting TBA



## SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

The meeting will be on Thursday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. at McArthur Middle School, 700 Schoenbeck

Road, Prospect Heights, meet in the cafeteria.

We will have the Harmon Appreciation pizza party for all the volunteers, recap the Harmon, and take nominations for Board positions for next year.

Please join us for the last club meeting of the year.



To Betsy Burtelow for hosting a fantastic Girls Night Out event at her home. A dozen gals enjoyed a very fun filled evening.



## BANQUET PICTURES

We will once again be doing a slide show at the annual club banquet (November 10) and are asking for contributions this season. So be sure and take your camera out to rides and events this year and share your pictures with the club.

Send your pics by October 31 to Dave Waycie at dwaycie@wowway.com.

Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location/ Directions	Miles	Ride Host	
Sept. 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 money for lunch-snacks		
Sun. 9/1	9:00am	Sunday Short Ride	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	30-58	Cindy Kessler 847-421-4084	
Mon. 9/2	9:00am	Lakewood Loops (Labor Day)	<b>Lakewood F.P.</b> West on IL 176, south on Fairfield to parking on the left (east side) of Fairfield)	28/54/69	Eva Larson 847-602-3025	
Fri. 9/6	10:00am	Friday Lunch Ride to Libertyville	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> On Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd north of Lake-Cook in Buffalo Grove	33	Emily Qualich 630-569-6910	
Sat. 9/7	8:00am	Honey Do	<b>Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve</b> The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-58	Terri Brei 630-606-4341	
	9:00am	Wauconda / Twin Lakes	<b>Lakewood F.P.</b> See above	61/78	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663	
<b>Sun. 9/8</b>		<b>Harmon Hundred Club Invitational</b>	<b>Wilmot High School</b>	<b>EVERYONE WORKS</b>		
Fri. 9/13	10:00am	Friday Lunch Ride to Libertyville	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> See above	33	Emily Qualich 630-569-6910	
Sat. 9/14	8:00am	Honey Do	<b>Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve</b> See above	30-58	Brian Hale 847-804-1562	
	9:00am	Antioch Twisted	<b>Antioch Middle School</b> I-94 north, exit Rt 173 west, 1/4 mile past Rt 59. turn right on Tiffany. Left on Highview at sign for school parking.	63/84/100	Dan Wiessner 847-736-3484	
Sun. 9/15	8:30am	Long Grove to Wilmot <b>Fest at Veteran's park rest stop so bring \$\$\$</b>	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	85	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663	
	9:00am	Sunday Short Ride - This and That <b>Fest at Veteran's park rest stop so bring \$\$\$</b>	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> See above	50	Frank Bing 847-814-9925	

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Be sure to be on the Yahoo group and-or Facebook for last minute changes

## SEPTEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE (continued)

Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location- Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Fri. 9/20	10:00 am	Friday Lunch Ride to Libertyville	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> On Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd north of Lake-Cook in Buffalo Grove	33	Emily Qualich 630-569-6910
Sat. 9/21	8:00 am	Honey Do	<b>Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve</b> The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-58	Len & Reinhilde Geis 312-209-0279
	9:00 am	Vern's PITA Ride	<b>Cuba Marsh</b> West on US12 to Ela Rd, south to Cuba Rd. West to parking lot on left.	39/61	Earle Horwitz 847-571-0021
9/21 & 9/22	8:00 am	Pre-Fall Foliage Ride Overnight Excursion	<b>Mt. Horeb, WI.</b> Lodging is available at the Karakahl Country Inn, Call 608-437-5545 tor reserve you room	40/80	Paul Lefevre 847-670-3501
Sun. 9/22	9:00 am	Triple Deerpass	<b>Evergreen School</b> 1-90 west to US20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop. Turn left to Washington. Turn right to school.	66	Anna & George Swietczak 847-969-1010
	9:00 am	Sunday Short Ride	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	30-58	John Korb 312-576-0489
Fri. 9/27	10:00 am	Friday Lunch Ride to Libertyville	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> See above	33	Emily Qualich 630-569-6910
Sat. 9/28	8:00 am	Honey Do <b>Plus special Extended Honey Do</b>	<b>Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve</b> See above	30-58 77	Mitch Rosset 847-814-3107
Sun. 9/29	9:00 am	Sunday Short Ride	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> See above	30-58	Joe Beemster 847-867-6724



HARMON 100  
Sunday, September 8  
Wilmot High School  
Wilmot, WI

EVERYONE WORKS

Contact Sheri Rosenbaum @  
[luv2bike80@hotmail.com](mailto:luv2bike80@hotmail.com) to volunteer

## INVITATIONAL'S

**Sept 14, Ride Like An Egyptian**, DeKalb, IL  
25/50/75/100 miles, 815-895-4279 [egyptianride@aol.com](mailto:egyptianride@aol.com)

**Sept. 15, 5th Annual Bike Michiana for Hospice**, South  
Bend, IN. 25/40/62/100/124 miles [bikemichianaforhospice.org](http://bikemichianaforhospice.org)

**Sept 15, Pedal the Kettle**, Waukesha, WI.  
35/64/103 miles [springcityspinners.org](http://springcityspinners.org)

**Sept 22, North Shore Century**, Evanston, IL  
25/50/62/70/100 miles [evanstonbikeclub.org](http://evanstonbikeclub.org)

**Sept. 29 Prairie Pedal**, Decatur, IL. 20/40/62 miles  
217-423-7708, [mccd@maconcountyconservation.org](mailto:mccd@maconcountyconservation.org) [maconcountyconservationfoundation.org-prairie-pedal-](http://maconcountyconservationfoundation.org-prairie-pedal-)

**Sept 29, Apple Cider Century**, Three Oaks, MI.  
25/50/62/75/100 miles [applecidercentury.com](http://applecidercentury.com)

WEEKLY RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start-Directions	Ride Host
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	25-40	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> 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	Kilian Emanuel 847-296-7874
Tuesday <b>Last ride 9/17</b>	6:00 pm	Working Stiff's Ride	18-27	<b>Stempel Parking Lot</b> On the west side of Old McHenry Road, behind the Read Oaks Store. West of IL 53, Long Grove, IL	Jim Boyer 847-541-1325 Tom Wilson 847-632-1412
Trail Rides Wednesday	10:00 am	North Branch-Botanic Gardens	16-32	<b>Blue Star Memorial Woods</b> East Lake Ave., Glenview. East of Waukegan Rd, between Wagner and Harms near overhead trail bridge. Parking lot on the south side of E. Lake Ave.	Dennis Ellertson 847-255-9323
Wednesday <b>Last ride 9/18</b>	5:30 pm	Hill and Dale Ride	25-35	<b>Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve</b> The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	Anna Swietczak 312- 969-1010 Joe Beemster 847- 215-2314
Thursday <b>Last ride 9/5</b>	6:00 pm	Thursday Night Ride	30	<b>Heron Creek Forest Preserve</b> Located on the SW Corner of RT 22 and Old McHenry Road, park at shelter B.	Paul Lefevre 847-670-3501

### PROCEDURE PROCESS: IN QUESTIONABLE WEATHER SITUATIONS

If the ride host considers the weather forecast to be severe enough to cancel the ride, he-she should post a message on the Wheeling Wheelmen Yahoo Group ([wheelingwheelmen@yahoo.com](mailto:wheelingwheelmen@yahoo.com)). These conditions can include very high chance of rain or snow, severe winds, or other unsafe conditions.

- If the ride host decides to cancel the ride, he-she should post a mes-

sage to the Yahoo group no later than 2 hours before the scheduled ride start time.

- Of course, the host may post the message earlier, like the night before, if there is really no question that the ride will be cancelled. Or, if the host wants to decide in the morning, he or she can post a notice to watch for an update in the morning. Generally, more communication is better than less.
- Riders are encouraged to use the

Yahoo group, but if a rider cannot access the Yahoo group, the host can be contacted at the phone number listed on the ride schedule.

Every member should consider subscribing to the Yahoo group especially if they are planning on doing rides starting in the outlying areas. Instructions for subscribing to our Yahoo Group are listed on page 7. We also encourage people to join the Wheeling Wheelmen Facebook page and ride information is posted there, too.

## BICYCLE PATH

Some of you may recall during our member meeting in April, about the Village of Wheeling working with various agencies to put a bike/pedestrian paved path on Dundee Road between the Toll Road (294) and Milwaukee Avenue. There are many folks who make this trip daily to get to and from their jobs in Wheeling and have to ride on a rough dirt trail. Work is now underway and hopefully it will be completed this fall.

We had approached the Village on recognizing Phyllis Harmon by naming a path or trail in her honor. I appeared before the Village Board and they have approved designating this path as the Phyllis Harmon trail and displaying a plaque in her honor. I spoke to Phyllis and she was very pleased. Adjacent is the wording for the plaque which will be prominently posted. An event will be scheduled to commemorate this trail. We will let you know when it will take place.

Joe Beemster

## PHYLLIS HARMON BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PATH

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TIRELESS WORK TO PROMOTE ACCESS  
TO CYCLING FOR ALL.

FALL 2013

## *LIB Extra - from the League of Illinois Bicyclists*

### **BikeSafetyQuiz.com is Live!**

More than 3,000 people have already taken the quiz at [bikesafetyquiz.com](http://bikesafetyquiz.com), a resource for bicyclists and motorists on how to properly share the road with each other. The tool is meant to help close an education gap – and reduce resentment – for both road user types.

The free, first-of-its-kind website teaches users key safety techniques and relevant Illinois state laws in an interactive quiz-based format for various audiences: “[Adult Bicyclists](#),” “[Motorists](#)” and “[Child Bicyclists](#).”

In each, the user progresses through a total of 25-33 multiple-choice questions, divided into bronze, silver and gold levels. The learning comes from explanations in the question response feedback, with users getting up to three chances to answer each question correctly. “When motorists and bicyclists know how to share the road and follow the rules, it makes the trip safer and less stressful for both,” LIB executive director Ed Barsotti said. “Our online quizzes are a quick, easy, and fun way for all of us to learn a bit more.”

The League is inviting all Illinois residents, who drive or bike, to “test their bike safety IQ” with the [\[quiz.com\]\(http://quiz.com\) quizzes. Besides checking and honing their knowledge, people who complete a quiz are eligible for raffle prize money and other incentives. Elementary schools and driver education programs with high participation rates are also eligible. The annual prizes are funded by Illinois’ Share the Road specialty license plates for cars, vans, and light trucks. LIB is partnering with the DuPage County Health Department \(DPCHD\) on a “Bicycle Safety Challenge” for the county’s elementary schools. We will be raffling \\$2,500 early this fall to schools with high fifth-grade participation.](http://bikesafety-</a></p>
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### **Illinois Bike-on-Amtrak Guide Available!**

LIB has a new Bike on Amtrak Guide! Have you wanted to give bike touring a try? Using our state’s “walk-on” bikes-on-Amtrak program allows bicyclists to do close-to-home day, weekend, or even longer trips in Illinois.

We developed the guide to encourage and assist Amtrak-based bicycle tourists by providing information for participating communities, including links to maps with good rural routes near the town.

The guide currently includes pages on Bloomington-Normal, Carlinville, Champaign-Urbana, Dwight, Pontiac and Quincy with plans for more communities to be included! For more information, visit LIB’s [Bike-on-Amtrak Guide page](http://www.bikelib.org) at [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org)!

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The **Wheeling Wheelmen Bicycle Club** 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](mailto:wheeling@wheelmen.com)

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To post a message send your message in an email to:  
**[wheelingwheelmen@yahogroups.com](mailto:wheelingwheelmen@yahogroups.com)**

The group name is: **wheelingwheelmen** and is available at: [pgroups.yahoo.com/group-wheelingwheelmen](http://pgroups.yahoo.com/group-wheelingwheelmen)

**Wheeling Wheelmen Membership Application**

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

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

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

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

New Member?  Renewal?  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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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



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**wheelmen.com**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

Harmon Hundred - Sunday, Sept. 8  
Banquet - Sunday, Nov 10  
Holiday Party - Sunday, Dec 8

**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**  
661 Central,  
Highland Park  
847- 432-0015

**AMLINGS CYCLE & FITNESS**  
8140 N Milwaukee Ave.  
Niles  
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**B&G CYCLERY**  
131 E. Rollins Rd,  
Round Lake Beach,  
847-740-0007

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

**GEORGE GARNER CYCLERY**  
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**LIBERTYVILLE CYCLERY**  
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Libertyville, 847-362-6030

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155 N Northwest Hwy,  
Palatine, 847-358-0948

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121 W. Campbell,  
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69 Danada Square E,  
Wheaton 630-690-2050  
1807 S. Washington, #112  
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1027 Davis Street  
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[wheelandsprocket.com](http://wheelandsprocket.com)

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- \*The League of American Bicyclists
- \*The League of Illinois Bicyclists
- \*Active Transportation Alliance
- \*Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo
- \*Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

**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 \$35 and should be sent to:

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Web Site: [www.bikeleague.org](http://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