



# MONTHLY MEANDERS

## BOARD BANTER

Let the 2014 Cycling Season Begin!!!

It has been a long, cold, snowy winter in Chicago and we unfortunately didn't get in as many outdoor riding miles as in winters past. But March is here and that means the beginning of our official riding season. Yes, miles count!!!

As you are reading this article, I'll be finishing up my trip to Tucson, AZ. Former member Tricia Croft moved out there last winter and has been posting rides on Strava almost every day since. I was jealous to say the least. So I decided to pack up my bike and go ride with her so that I could post rides on Strava and Facebook every day making my Chicagoland friends jealous.

But I digress; this article is about the 2014 ride season. Once again, we are offering a very extensive ride schedule. I've tried to include more rides with longer distance and starting closer to home. It seems like the members just want to travel less. But don't discount the Union or McHenry rides. Those give you an opportunity to ride some quieter country roads and see some new sites. Last year, I did the Boone County ride for the first time. One of

the few rides Dave "Rain Man" Waycie hosted where it didn't rain. A biking miracle! It had to be one of the top 10 rides I did last year. Looking forward to riding it again this season.

Some new rides this season:  
 - Anna is designing a ride for June called Retro Groundhog Day. Start location and distance is TBA, so watch for more details to come.  
 - Monthly addition of the Extended Do. So we'll have the regular Honey Do ride and for those wanting a longer ride, the Extended Do provides a 77 mile option.  
 - TINFU is a new ride out of Union. It was on last year's schedule but was cancelled due to road construction.

Our regular weekly rides include:

- Saturday Honey Do – Douglass Forest Preserve
- Sunday Long Grove Short Ride – Long Grove Commons
- Tues/Thurs Bakery Rides – Willow Stream Park (lunch and day old cake at Deerfield Bakery post ride)
- Tuesday Night Ride – Downtown Long Grove
- Wednesday Trail/Road Ride – Blue Memorial Woods
- Wednesday Night Ride – Douglass Forest Preserve

- Thursday Night Ride – Heron Creek Forest Preserve
- Friday Picnic Ride – Willow Stream Park

We cannot maintain an extensive ride schedule like this without members volunteering to host a ride. There are still some slots open for you to volunteer. Please take a moment to look at the schedule (in this newsletter or on our web site) and consider volunteering for any open slot. We provide you with the sign-up and cue sheets. You just make copies and show up to the ride with a positive attitude and big smile. Can't make it any easier than that! Oh yeah, one more thing...ride hosts are responsible for the weather and wind (velocity and direction).

I will continue to send out my Sunday email that covers the rides for the upcoming week and any club news or gossip. But I'd also recommend you sign up for the Yahoo group so you will receive any last minute ride updates. There's information on the web site with instructions for signing up.

Be safe and enjoy the ride

*Sheri Rosenbaum*  
 V.P. and Ride Chair

March 2014

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Sunday, March 9

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Al & Cindy Schneider 847-696-2356

#### Web Page

Jim Boyer 847-541-1325

### 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

eshieldsbike@yahoo.com

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



Don't miss an issue of Monthly Meanders!! Contact Mitch Rosset with your new address or e-mail address at rrkite99@aol.com

## 2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal date is March 1.

**If you have not renewed this is your last newsletter.**

Please send your renewal form back now so you won't miss a single issue of the Monthly Meanders

If you misplaced your renewal form please use the membership form on page 7 or on the website.

If you have any questions contact Mitch Rosset rrkite99@aol.com.

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dave Waycie.

All Board members are requested to attend.

## MARCH CLUB MEETING

The club meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. at McArthur Middle School, 700 Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, meet in the library.

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

Our guest speaker is **Michael Keating** a Chicago Attorney who has represented cyclists who have been injured in accidents involving motor vehicles. Michael is the Chair of American Association for Justice's Bicycle Litigation Committee. He has extensive experience and is an excellent speaker

## Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting February 9, 2014

**Present:** Joe Beemster, Roland Cooper, Pam Kaloustian, Sheri Rosenbaum, Mitch Rosset, Ella Shields, Johannes Smits, Anna Swietczak, Dave Waycie

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** After making all charitable donation payments, the checking account balance \$16,728.

**Membership:** Renewals are coming in at a normal rate. Starting to mail membership cards.

**Publicity:** The Arlington Heights Park District event at Lake Arlington is scheduled for May 24, between 10AM and 2PM. A number of other groups will also participate. Vernon Hills Library event is May 5 at 2PM. The Buffalo Grove bike rodeo is May 10.

**St Pat's Ride:** T-shirts will be deeply discounted, with any leftovers being do-

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All Riders Should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*wear a helmet</li> <li>*bring water</li> <li>*bring a pump</li> </ul>						
*have a bike in good condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*bring a spare tube and patch kit</li> <li>*arrive early...15-30 minutes</li> </ul>						
*bring an ID card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*carry a cell phone</li> <li>*bring money for lunch/snacks</li> </ul>						
Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location	Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Sat. 3/15	10:00	St. Patrick's Day Pre-Ride	Wauconda H. S.	North on US 12 exit 176 and turn right (east). Left on Main St. School is on your left.	16/20/36	Anna & George Swietczak 312-969-1010
Sun. 3/16	8:00–10:30	<b>St. Patrick's Day Ride</b>	Wauconda H. S.	See above <b>Everyone Works</b>		Anna & George Swietczak 312-969-1010
Sat, 3/22	9:00	Other Side of the Tracks	Community Park, South Barrington	I-90 to RT 59 North. Right on Higgins, left on Bartlett Rd, left on Bridges Dr. to the park on the right.	41	Terri Brei 630-606-4341
Sun. 3/23	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	Approx. 31-55	Mitch Rosset 847-814-3107
Sat. 3/29	9:00	Lakewood Loops	Lakewood Forest Preserve	West on IL 176, south on Fairfield to parking lot on left, east side of Fairfield	28/54/69	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663
Sunday 3/30	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	See above	Approx. 31-55	Virginia Savio 847-254-9515

WEEKLY SHOW N GO RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start-Directions	Ride Host
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 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	n/a As of 3/18 Kilian Emanuel 847-296-7874
Saturday ends March 8 & Sunday ends March 9	10:00 am	Show N Go Rides	25 +	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> See above	n/a

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

Date	Time	Ride Name	Miles	Start	Ride Host
<b>APRIL</b>					
Sat. 4-5	9:00	Lou's Commute	41	Lakewood F.P.	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
Sun. 4-6	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Larry Frank
Sun. 4-13	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beamster
Sun. 4-20	9:00	(Easter) Sunday Short Ride	31-55	Long Grove Commons	Len & Reinhilde Geis
Sat. 4-26	9:00	Walworth Flats	58	McHenry Co College	Dan Wiessner
Sun. 4-27	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Tony Vercillo
<b>MAY</b>					
Sat. 5-3	9:00	Antioch Classic	58/80	Antioch Upper School	Dan Wiessner
Sun. 5-4	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Larry Frank
Sun. 5-11	9:00	(Mother's Day) Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beamster
Sat. 5-17	8:00 & 9:00	Binnie Woods Ride	67/108	Binnie Woods F.P.	8:00 - Paul LeFevre 9:00 - Dave Waycie
Sun. 5-18	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Jorn Lim
Sun. 5-18	~	Arlingto 500 (Arlington Bicycle Club)	31/44/55/69	Barrington H.S.	Invitational
Sat. 5-24	9:00	Twiced Baked Bakery Ride	40/80	Willow Stream Park	Louis Greene
Sat. 5-24	~~	Horsey Hundred	26, 37, 60, 78, 104	Georgetown, KY	Invitational
Sun. 5-25	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Len & Reinhilde Geis
Sun. 5-25	~~	Horsey Hundred	34, 51, 75	Georgetown, KY	Invitational
Mon. 5-26	9:00	(Memorial Day) Mitch's Muse	38/46	TBD Jerseys/Penny Rd Pub	Mitch Rosset
<b>JUNE</b>					
Sun. 6-1	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Larry Frank
Sun. 6-1	~	Udder Century (McHenry County Bike Club)	32/50/62/75/ 100	Union, IL	Invitational
Sat. 6-7	9:00	Antioch Twisted	63/84/100	Antioch Middle School	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
Sat. 6-7 & Sun. 6-8	~~	TOMRV Quad City Bike Club	65/106	Bettendorf/Preston, Iowa	Invitational
Sun. 6-8	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Frank Bing
Sun. 6-8	8:30	Long Grove to McHenry Ride	71	Long Grove Commons	Emily Qualich
Sat. 6-14	9:00	Boone County Ride	65	Evergreen School, Union	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
Sun. 6-15	9:00	(Father's Day) Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beamster
Fri. 6-20	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	30	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 6-21	9:00	City of O's	50/88	LaGrange General Store	Dave Waycie
Sun. 6-22	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Cindy Kessler
Sun. 6-22	9:00	Root Beer Social	58/82	McHenry Co College	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
Fri. 6-27	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	30	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sun. 6-29	9:00	Groundhog Day Retro	TBD	TBD	Anna & George Swietczak
Sun. 6-29	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Jorn Lim

Date	Time	Ride Name	Miles	Start	Ride Host
<b>JULY</b>					
Fri. 7-4	9:00	(4th of July) Hills and Horses	39	Community Park	NEED RIDE HOST
Sun. 7-6	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Frank Bing
Sun. 7-6	9:00	Ice Cream Social	52	McHenry Co College	NEED RIDE HOST
Fri. 7-11	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	32	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 7-12	8:30	TINFU	50/75/100	Evergreen School, Union	Dave Waycie
Sun. 7-13	9:00	WW Annual Picnic & Ride	Approx 31-55	Heron Creek F.P.	Kilian Emanuel
Fri. 7-18	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	32	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 7-19	8:00	Retro Harmon	30/60/100	Wauconda H.S.	Paul LeFevre
Sun. 7-20	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beemster
Sun. 7-20	8:30	Darwin Ride	70	Long Grove Commons	Dave Waycie
Fri. 7-25	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	32	Willow Stream Park	NEED RIDE HOST
Sun. 7-27	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Jim Boyer & Betsy Burtelow
Sun. 7-27	8:00/ 10:00	Geneva Century/Geneva Lite	50/100	Heron Creek F.P. Veteran's Memorial Park McHenry	8:00 - Paul LeFevre 10:00 -
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Fri. 8-1	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	32	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 8-2 & Sun. 8-3	~~	Amishland & Lakes Invitational		Howe, IN	Invitational
Sun. 8-3	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Emily Qualich
Fri. 8-8	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	32	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 8-9	9:00	Loops of Lyons	50/71/100	Fellows Park, WI	NEED RIDE HOST
Sun. 8-10	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beemster
Sun. 8-10	9:00	Another Day Another Way	70/100	Evergreen School, Union	NEED RIDE HOST
Fri. 8-15	10:00	Libertyville Picnic Ride	30	Willow Stream Park	Frank Bing
Sat. 8-16	9:00	Bastille Day Ride	59/74/95	Paris, WI	Dave Waycie
Sun. 8-17	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Emily Qualich
Sun. 8-17	8:00	Paul's NE IL Century	100	Euclid Elementary School	Paul LeFevre
Sat. 8-23	8:30/ Ride	Waterford Factory Tour & Ride 8:00 Tour	27/41/68	Waterford, WI	Kevin Moore
Sun. 8-24	9:00	<b>Club Member Harmon Pre Ride</b>	25/50/ 75/100	Wilmot H.S.	Roland Cooper
Fri. 8-29	10:00	Lunch in Libertyville	30	Willow Stream Park	Emily Qualich
Sat. 8-30	9:00	Fontana Ride	71	McHenry Co College	Dave Waycie
Sun. 8-31	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Todd Berlin

## S E P T E M B E R

Mon. 9-1	9:00	(Labor Day) Loops of Lakewood	28/34/40/69	Lakewood F.P.	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
Fri. 9-5	10:00	Lunch in Libertyville	30	Willow Stream Park	Emily Qualich
Sat. 9-6	9:00	Wauconda/Twin Lakes	61/78	Lakewood F.P.	<b>NEED RIDE HOST</b>
<b>Sun. 9-7</b>	~	<b>HARMON HUNDRED</b>		<b>Wilmot H.S.</b>	<b>Everyone Works</b>
Fri. 9-12	10:00	Lunch in Libertyville	30	Willow Stream Park	Emily Qualich
Sat. 9-13	9:00	Who Let the Dogs Out	<b>TBD</b>	Evergreen School, Union	Dave Waycie
Sun. 9-14	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Joe Beemster
Sun. 9-14	8:30	Long Grove to Wilmot Ride	85	Long Grove Commons	Dan Wiessner
Fri. 9-19	10:00	Lunch in Libertyville	30	Willow Stream Park	Emily Qualich
Sat. 9-20	9:00	Vern's PITA Ride	39/61	Cuba Marsh	Earle Horwitz
Sat. 9-20 & Sun. 9-21	8:00	Pre-Fall Foliage Ride Overnight Excursion	40/80	Mt Horeb, WI	Paul LeFevre
Sun. 9-21	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Len & Reinhilde Geis
Sun. 9-21	9:00	Triple Deerpass	66	Evergreen School, Union	Terri Brei
Fri. 9-26	10:00	Lunch in Libertyville	30	Willow Stream Park	Emily Qualich
Sun. 9-28	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Pat & Brian Blome

## O C T O B E R

Sat. 10-4	8:00/ Tour 8:30/	Waterford Factory Tour & Ride	27/41/68	Waterford, WI	Kevin Moore
Sun. 10-5	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Len & Reinhilde Geis
Sun. 10-12	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Pam Kaloustian
Sun. 10-19	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Approx 31-55	Long Grove Commons	Emily Qualich
Sun. 10-26	9:30	Chili Ride	30/39	David Newman's Home	David Newman

Saturday Honey-Do Rides start from the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve on April 5 at 9:00 a.m.,  
8:00 a.m. start begins on May 3, 9:00 a.m. start begins on October 4.

Trail rides will start April 9

Friday Picnic Rides start June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

**Be sure to check the web site for most up to date schedule**

If you wish to be a ride host for any of the available slots, please contact Sheri Rosenbaum [Luv2Bike80@hotmail.com](mailto:Luv2Bike80@hotmail.com).  
Not sure what a ride host does? It's easy, read a quick FAQ at <http://www.wheelmen.com/ridehostduties.htm>

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

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nated. The weather is a concern – but too early to tell at this point. We will review road conditions a couple of weeks prior to the ride, to determine construction or pot-hole problems.

**Harmon:** The high school and rest stops have been reserved. Will plan to distribute posters to bike shops and other locations. The intent is to offer download for GPS bike computers this year, as there has been quite a bit of interest expressed by riders.

**Meetings:** March 6 – Attorney Mike Keating  
 April 3 – Ed Barsotti - LIB

**Newsletter:** April – Pam  
 May - Mitch

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 18, 7:00. Dave will host.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Dave Waycie, Secretary

**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**



### SAVE THE DATES

St. Pat's Ride - March 16  
Picnic - July 13  
Harmon 100 - Sept 7



### 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 847-692-4240

**B&G CYCLERY**  
131 E. Rollins Rd,  
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847-740-0007

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Schaumburg  
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Northbrook  
847-272-2100

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Libertyville, 847-362-6030

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

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Arlington Hts.,  
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**SPOKES**  
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Wheaton 630-690-2050  
1807 S. Washington, #112  
Naperville, 630-961-8222

**TREK BICYCLE STORE – HIGHLAND PARK**  
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Highland Park [trekhp.com](http://trekhp.com)  
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- \*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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Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: 202-822-1333 Fax: 202/822-1334  
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