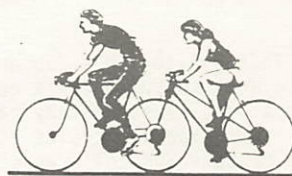




MONTHLY MEANDERS

DECEMBER, 1984



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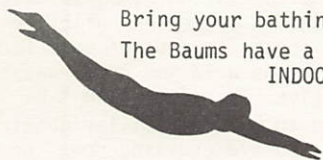


Saturday, Dec. 8
Long Grove

10 a.m. Bike or hike and if lots of snow cross country ski. Hosts this year are Jim and Myra Baum, 2539 Shenandoah, Long Grove. Enter off of Old Checker east of Hicks..they are the sixth house on the west side of the street.

This is a pot luck...club provides the entree. Call Myra at 540-0369 for menu ideas. Also, be sure to call to let her know you are coming so she'll know whether to expect ten or fifty people!

Bring your bathing suit..
The Baums have a lovely
INDOOR pool!



Bring a Christmas grab bag gift.
Map on page 3.

New The 'Prez Sez

This is my first communication with you since becoming president of the Wheeling Wheelmen.

During the upcoming December holiday season, I'm sure that everyone will ask Santa for some fantastic bicycle gift.

I invite each of you to consider a New Year's thought or two. Please help the club in some way during 1985. I know that some of you will get involved in a big way. Still others will help out in some small way. Please don't relegate yourself to the "Do Nothing" group.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year.

Bob Meute

1984 Ride Leaders Recognized

by Howard Paul

As a small token of appreciation for services rendered, all of the 1984 ride leaders are being awarded a distinctive coffee mug. The mugs are red on white and have three different pictures of bicyclists - and on the back is the Wheeling Wheelmen logo.



Ride leaders are listed below. Most were given their mugs at our annual banquet, but if you weren't able to attend, your mug will be available at club events during the next several months.

Elliott Kanner
Phyllis Harmon
Dick Ryan
Don Derebey
Howard Paul
Jenny Bruns
Pat Marshall
Mike Enwright
Joe Tobias
Ruth Gaines
Phil Kahn
George Mathison
Terry Schwerin

Ted Uhlemann
Bob Meute
Al Dargiel
Jim Baum
Dick Sorenson
Elida Rech
Bob Morrell
Chuck Brenmark
Conrad Iungerich
Bob Klein
John Storaasli
Jerry Goldman
Roger Thauland

If you didn't earn a mug this year, please come to our rides planning meeting for 1985 on Fri. Jan. 18 at Phyllis Harmon's, 356 Robert Ave., Wheeling - 7:30 p.m. Sign up to lead a ride next year...make up a new route or select one from our map library.



Election

Election results were announced at our annual banquet. We have almost a completely new Board this year. We are fortunate to have so many willing workers in our Wheeling Wheelmen. Our new officers are enthusiastically taking on their new duties.

You can read about Bob Meute, our new president, on page 2.

Elliott Kanner will repeat as vice president which automatically means another year as ride chairman and a lot of cooperation from all of you.

Dick Sorenson, as treasurer, and Dana Elsesser, as membership chairman, are both from Elk Grove Village.

Ken Smith, safety chairman, is a fairly new member in the club but has very strong ideas on safety.

Pat Marshall will search out interesting programs for our meetings and Marilyn Mathison has kindly agreed to repeat as recording secretary and try to match up chauffeurs and riders to events.

Outgoing Officers

Many, many thanks to our outgoing officers for their many hours of dedication to duties...to Howard Paul for his leadership; Elliott Kanner for many hours planning rides and finding leaders; Dick Ryan for keeping our creditors happy with prompt payments, and Pat Marshall for her friendliness and encouragement as membership chairman.

It is no accident that these four officers are top mileage riders in the club. It is this dedication that is responsible for a very successful year and tremendous growth in membership. We do appreciate all the time and effort you have given so generously!

President:	Bob Meute	823-2592
Vice-Pres:	Elliott Kanner	459-1300
Treasurer:	Dick Sorenson	593-7945
Safety:	Ken Smith	647-2592
Membership:	Dana Elsesser	437-7047
Rec. Secy:	Marilyn Mathison	825-5470
Pool Rides:	Marilyn Mathison	825-5470
Program:	Pat Marshall	564-0346
Editor:	Phyllis Harmon	537-1268

Pres. Bob Meute

In the late '60's Bob and Lois Meute went shopping for a new kitchen stove. Instead they came home with two 3-speed bicycles equipped with baskets and children's seats for sons David, 3, and Brian, just able to sit up.

They bicycled in Des Plaines and thought that was a long distance. Later Bob bought a 5-speed and biked in Des Plaines and Park Ridge.

In 1976 the Meutes moved to Park Ridge and didn't bicycle for a year. So naturally during this time Bob gained weight. His doctor told him to exercise so Bob began bicycling the bicycle trail and converted to a better bicycle, a 10-speed Schwinn. He and Lois bicycled all over the bicycle trail all year.

In 1981 Bob and Lois bicycled to Long Grove. There they saw a number of people on bicycles wearing funny hats and clothing. Bob stopped them and asked about their activities and club. The Meutes joined the Wheeling Wheelmen in September of 1981.

Bob and Lois rode more and more and then joined Jerry Goldman on a bicycle camping trip. They drove to Madison, Wisconsin, parked their car at a League of American Wheelmen hospitality home and pedaled to Baraboo and Devils Lake where they camped for two days, then 30 miles to Lake George campsite and pedaled back to Madison in a cloudburst to complete their 5-day tour. They were interested to learn that a number of Amish people were moving into the area.

Bob and Lois haven't been riding with us much this summer because on July 25 Bob broke his foot falling out of a parked car!

Bob teaches French at Oak Park High School and has started a bicycle club for the students. Oct. 21 Lon Haldeman spoke at the Oak Park Cyclery and rode with the group, so did Bob's cycling class.

Bob wants to become an Effective Cycling Instructor.

Missing A Glove?

After our November banquet at Han's Bavarian Lodge Lois Paul found a brown leather glove with a knit liner. If it's yours, call Lois at 824-2941.

Moved South

Tony and Cindy Manson have moved to sunny Florida: 10451 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324.



Wild Turkey

by Jenny Bruns

Bicycling season has changed to Turkey season. While most of us feast on the domestic version during the Holidays, the natural history of the Wild Turkey is of interest to any red-blooded American. No bird is more distinctly American. The species was even suggested as our national bird by Benjamin Franklin. The growing interest in the Wild Turkey that has taken place in recent years has paralleled the growth of the nation's Wild Turkey population.

The species was well known to the American Indians and widely used by them as food, although certain tribes considered the birds stupid and cowardly and did not eat them for fear of acquiring those characteristics. But with the appearance of white men, the Wild Turkey was all but eliminated from much of its original 39-state range by the turn of the 20th century. Overhunting and alien diseases imported with European poultry had a lot to do with the Wild Turkey's decline in the 1800's. For a time the bird seemed headed to extinction, but with habitat management, controlled hunting seasons, and careful reintroductions, it has again become fairly common.

In fact, Wild Turkey management is a prime example of wildlife management gone right. When attempts at game farm turkey restoration failed, managers turned to seeding depleted turkey range with genuinely Wild Turkeys. The birds proliferated

ed fast, surging into vacant habitat, astonishing biologists with its vigor and survivability. The population has increased from 20,000 to 2 million in the last half century. There are now an estimated 1.5 million turkey hunters in the U.S. and turkey hunting is second in popularity only to deer hunting.

Wild turkeys are easily deceived and can be attracted to an area by making a call. The art of turkey calling has gained extreme popularity. The male, or gobbler, calls (gobbles) and struts with a fanned tail to attract and hold his harem. While it may not be difficult to call a turkey to an area, it is generally much more difficult to get a good look at the elusive creature. The birds are often heard but not seen. The appearance of the Wild Turkey is similar to the familiar barnyard turkey, but slimmer with rusty, not white, tip to the tail. They roost in trees at night and their food consists of acorns, fruit and seeds. The species occurs in open woodlands and forests with scattered natural or man-made clearings.

The Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation has a game farm where thousands of game birds are hatched annually, including Wild Turkeys. The area is situated between Elgin and Dundee on Route 25 near the Milk Pail Restaurant. The foundation disagrees with the opposition of several wildlife agencies to the release of game farm turkeys to the wild and encourages the practice. Therefore, don't be surprised to hear a familiar gobble sound as you are cruising down the road. In all likelihood, a Wild Turkey is in the vicinity or else a fellow cyclist is being a "turkey" in an attempt at the sport of turkey calling.

New Members

This month we welcome 6 individuals and 7 families into our membership. This brings us to a total of 14 individuals and 11 families so far for 1985 - and all new! Welcome!

Peter & Rosemary Anderson, Northbrk.
Anise Luise Blyth, Park Ridge
Diddy Blyth, Park Ridge
Johanna Goforth, Wheeling
Paul Grametta, Wheeling
Chuck & Karen Greenberg, Northbrook
Jerry and Carol Hug, Park Ridge
Paul and Sue Kent, Arlington Heights
Tom & Darleene Kelpinski, Hoffman Estates
Ron & Geri McPherson, Mt. Prospect
Michael & Bonnie Perry, Wheeling
Bill Surna, Northfield
Ken Watson, Palatine.

For all of you current members 1985 dues will be due in January. Membership form will be enclosed with January newsletter.

Maintenance Course

C.C.Cycle, 307 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove - 541-3133 - will be offering an 8-session course in which you can learn to overhaul your own bike. The fee of \$45.00 includes the use of the shop tools and facilities. Your bike will be in top running condition at the completion of the class.

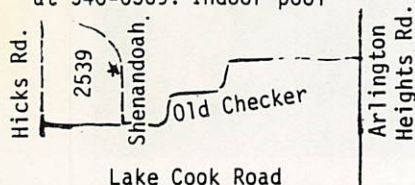
Classes will run Tuesdays from Jan. 8 through Feb. 26 or Wednesdays from Jan. 9 through Feb. 27. 7 to 10 p.m. Each week will cover:

1. Introduction, tire replacement and repair
2. Overhaul headset
3. Overhaul bottom bracket
4. Install new derailleur cables and adjust
5. Rebuild hubs
6. True wheels; fit bike to rider
7. Brakes
8. Make up or class choice.

Schedule

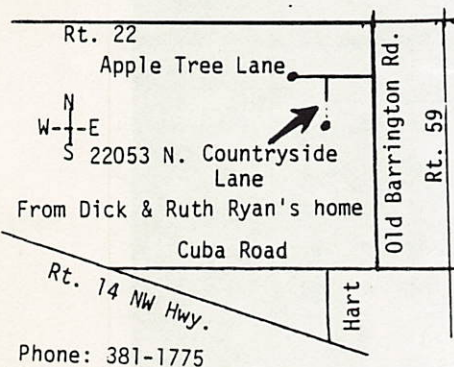
Dec. 8 HOLIDAY PARTY, Long Grove

Sat. 10 a.m. Bike or Hike and Swim.. maybe cross country skiing. at Jim and Myra Baum's 2539 Shenandoah, Long Grove. Pot luck and bring grab bag gift. Call Myra at 540-0369. Indoor pool



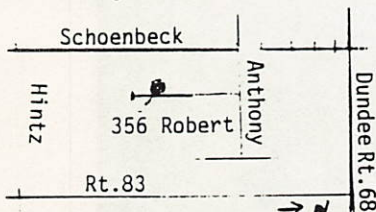
Jan. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY, Barrington

Tues. 10 a.m. from Dick and Ruth Ryan's, 22053 N. Countryside Lane - 381-1775. Bike or hike depending on the weather, brief meeting, socializing. Start the New Year Right!



Jan. 18 - 1985 RIDE PLANNING MEETING

Fri. 7:30 p.m. at Phyllis Harmon's, 356 Robert, Wheeling. 537-1268. Come to plan ride schedule, offer to lead specific ride/s, bring new ride of your choice or select from our large map library.



Bicycle USA Dates

League of American Wheelmen

May 24-27 GEAR IN THE BLUEGRASS
Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

June 14-17 GEAR UP
Trenton State Univ. Princeton, N.J.

July 5-8 BICYCLE USA NATIONAL RALLY
University of Madison, Madison, Wis.

Rides Re-ridden



COVERED BRIDGE RIDE - Elida Rech led 45 riders on a 45-mile ride from Long Grove. The weather was great and a couple of pictures on page 5 show the confusion of a turn!

CHAIN O' LAKES - This is always a beautiful ride! 25 riders led by Don Derebey pedaled up to the state park and enjoyed a picnic lunch or food from a local store. Perfect day for riding.

CHICAGO LAKE FRONT - This turned out to be a bright, sunny but very windy day. Howard Paul led us into the wind as far as McCormick Place and we blew back to the Shedd Aquarium for lunch and made it back to Foster Avenue in record time.

BIKE-A-THON AWARDS - The Awards Ceremony was held at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center which is right next to where the new Senior Center is being built. Now we can see what we have been raising funds for. The building is now under a roof, sits on the shore of a lovely lake and is in a perfect setting next to the senior apartment building. Awards went to Barbara Hansen, Senior Coordinator for raising \$513.00; Mary Fisher for \$427.00, Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz \$212.00 and Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus \$170.00 and Matthew Hursthouse \$129.50. Three memberships to Wheeling Wheelmen came in the day of the ride and several more are pending.

ANNUAL BANQUET - Jim and Myra Baum were excellent hosts for our big annual event held at Hans' Bavarian Lodge. Sixty five turned out all dressed up in suits and dresses instead of bicycling attire. This often required one or two looks to be sure who guests were!

Ride leaders were given their choice of three red and white mugs (page 1). Top 5 men and top 5 women mileage riders received gift certi-

cates and Lynn Masters received a very special award for the rider who improved the most. She joined the club in July, 1984, as a lowly beginner and, with the excellent coaching of Al Petty, developed into an excellent century rider.

Doug Fager set us to dreaming of European tours as he showed beautiful slides of his summer riding from Luxembourg into Germany and France.

BREAKFAST RIDE - Phyllis Harmon led seven of us on a clear but very chilly morning to Bill Knapp's for breakfast. Riding into a slight wind resulted in nipped fingers and toes and riders settled for only 14 miles.



"Newspapers or magazines, sir?"

MS Le Tour Ride

Tentative plans for the MS LE TOUR ride that went from Barrington to Rockton and back last year, may go 150 miles out and return by train led by an old steam engine. Over-night might be at White Pines State Park with destination Galena, Ill. or Janesville, Wis.

More details as they develop.

1984 Top Mileage

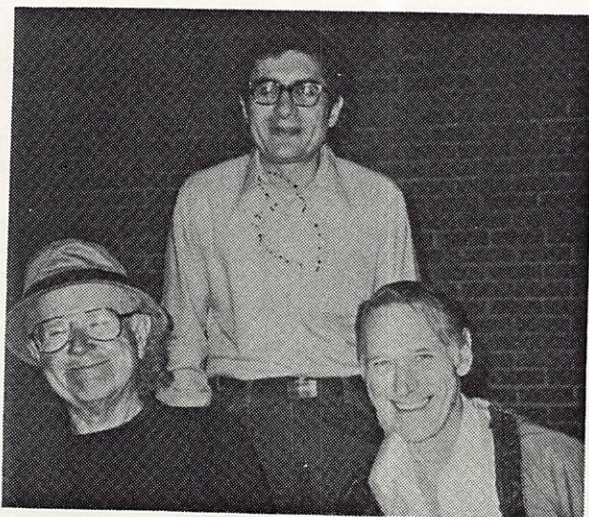
Here they are - the top mileage Wheeling Wheelmen for 1984. This is mileage on club rides only. The top five men and women received gift certificates at the annual banquet.

Plan now to make the top ten list in 1985. Lead or participate in as many rides and events you can!

MEN		WOMEN	
Elliott Kanner	1,317	Pat Marshall	1,024
Howard Paul	1,198	Dana Elssesser	841
Dick Ryan	1,171	Lois Paul	769
Joe Tobias	999	Jenny Bruns	719
Brian Reilly	793	Ruth Ryan	584
Paul Matz	749	Phyllis Harmon	559
Terry Schwerin	709	Elida Rech	500
Al Petty	701	Myra Baum	490
Jim Grant	653	Judy Doi	390
Bob Schaller	595	Laura Enwright	339

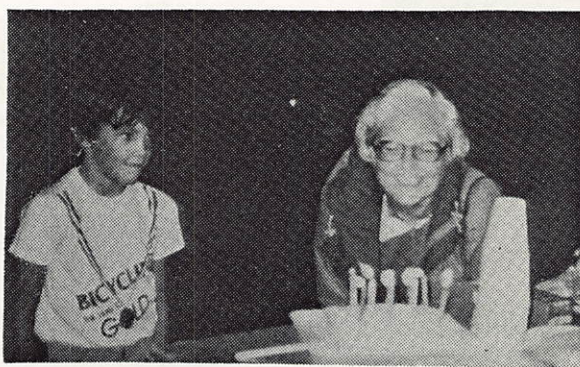
Wheeling Bike-A-Thon

Photos by Phyllis Harmon



These three fellows look mighty happy for a 5:30 a.m. check in for duty: Larry Wathen, Peter Gianakakis and Bob Klein

With only 33 riders because of the foggy, wet weather it is amazing that the Wheeling Bike-A-Thon netted \$1,873.00. Most of the riders turned in more money than pledged. The pleasant, smiling gray haired Mary Fisher, who borrowed a bike to ride, turned in \$427.00!



Matthew Hursthouse watching Phyllis Harmon blow out candles on her birthday cake.

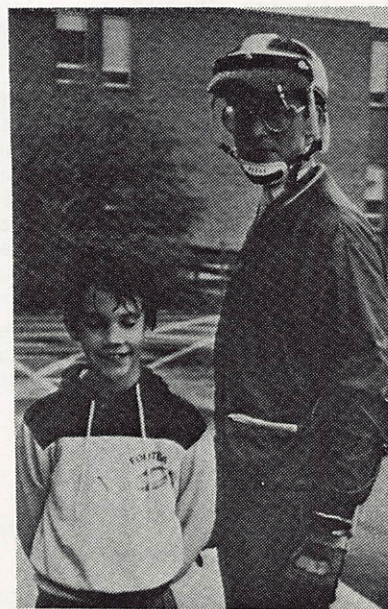


Two other early morning workers: Bob and Betty Vargas.



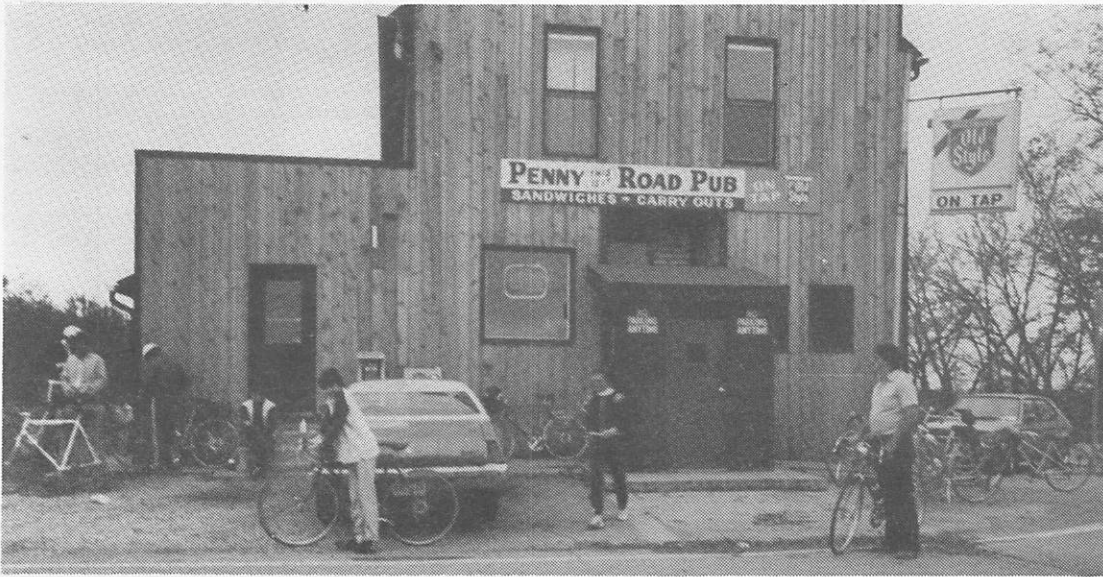
Left: Barbara Hansen, Senior Coordinator of Wheeling, was top money raiser: \$513.00. Keith Kingbay, already wet from one lap around the course, enjoys shelter from the rain and hot coffee.

Right: Three laps in the rain left Matthew, 8, and Phillip Hursthouse mighty wet. They dried out at home and rode another lap after the rain stopped. Matthew raised \$129.50. They are Phyllis Harmon's grandson and son. Another grandson, Dean Frazier, 16, rode 110 mostly wet miles.



Two Rides

Photos by Earle Horwitz



Elida Rech said "I hope everyone enjoyed the Covered Bridge Ride. My thanks to whomever laid it out to begin with. It's a nice ride!

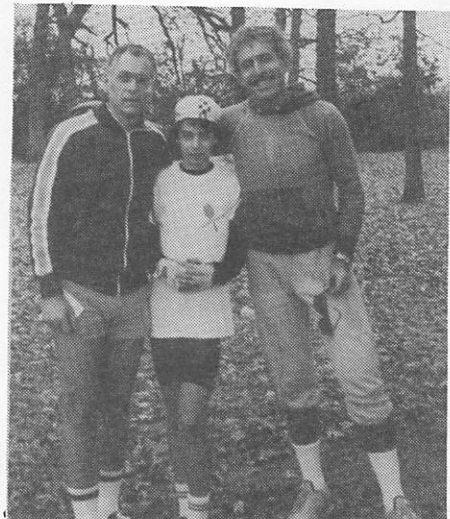
Colorful lunch stop on Covered Bridge Ride..they handled crowd well.



Left:
Lunching amidst the fall colors at Deer Grove Forest Preserve before the Pussy Cat ride. The Tigers were late and missed that portion.

Right:
Earle and Phil Horwitz with Dr. Paul Robbins of Palo Alto, Cal., who rode with our group.

Paul, 14, was youngest rider on our Members' Harmon Hundred.



Below: Covered Bridge Ride. Here's a "No-no" as riders mill around trying to decide which is the correct road to take. Here they discover error and reverse route.





SAFETY

by
Ken
Smith

Thank you for the honor of serving as Safety Chairman for the coming year. It was a definite surprise that I was elected to this position. Because I missed the annual banquet you get to read one of my favorite narratives.

Two guys are riding in a car. As they come to a traffic light it turns red. The driver puts his foot to the floor and goes right through the light. The passenger asks, "Why? Why did you go through the red light?" "My brother drives like that," the driver explains.

The same thing happens at the next three lights; the driver gives the same answer. At the fourth light, as they approach, the light stays green and the driver slams on the brakes and comes to a complete stop. The passenger asks why and the driver says, "My brother might be out driving."

A cyclist must look for his "brother" at all times.

Now for the report. The streets are still there and almost without hazards. The only thing that makes hazards is for us to relax and not pay attention. Pot holes, trees, curbs don't move and are simple to avoid if we are able to see them. So remember that the easiest way to avoid accidents is to ride defensively at all times. It doesn't matter whose fault it was or who had the right of way when you're lying in the hospital or your grave.

So remember: let's all be careful out there.

CHICAGOLAND BICYCLE COALITION?

Planning stage by Northeastern Ill. Planning Comm. with Chicago Area Bicycle Dealer Assoc. and bicycle clubs. More later.

Past Officers Have Top Mileage



*Elliott Kanner
Vice President*

Note Top Mileage riders list on page 3. All the top riders are 1984 officers.

Left: Top Man is Elliott Kanner, Past Vice President.

Right: Top Woman is Pat Marshall, past Membership Chairman.

Below: Past President Howard Paul came in second for men and Dick Ryan, past Treasurer, is third.

Even their wives made the list: Lois Paul third and Ruth Ryan fifth.



*Pat Marshall
Membership Chairman*



President Howard and Lois Paul

Ruth and Dick Ryan, Treasurer

DUI - Reckless Homicide

By Phyllis W. Harmon

In our September and November 1982 newsletters I reported on coverage of a drunk drag racer in DuPage County who killed an 11-year old boy on a bicycle. There was strong interest in the case because of increasing opposition to leniency in DUI cases. People from AAIM, MADD and L.A.W. were there as well as a number of lawyers who dropped in to watch. The apparently unrepentant defendant was

sentenced to 3 years in prison - the maximum for reckless homicide! Manslaughter is 6 years. This March, 1984, the young man was out on parole. Aug. 22 he was arrested on new charges. He pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and driving while his license was revoked, but asked for a jury trial on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of marijuana!

In another DUI case Cathy Winslow and I attended in Waukegan, Lake County, a motorcyclist was sentenced to 3 years for killing Beth Ann Hayes, member of the Evanston Bike Club and economics professor at Northwestern University. There is not the satisfaction in this sentence as there was in the DuPage County one, for it will not bring Beth back and the young man, apparently, is harder in judging himself than going to jail will be.

Two other cyclists were killed in Lake County about the same time. Secretary of State Jim Edgar is doing a great job strengthening the DUI laws and stressing the leniency of judges in trying the cases.

Happy Holidays

