#### NEWSLETTER OF THE WHEELING WHEELMEN

# Wheeling MONTHLY MEANDERS

### BOARD BANTER

Emily Qualich was involved in an accident while riding her bike on our Bakery ride. She wants to share her experience to alert club members of the consequences associated with riding through a red light. Thankfully Emily was not severely injured.

Joe Beemster

On April 25, 2013 while on the Bakery Ride I had an accident. I was very lucky to walk away. My bike wasn't. I am writing this because I don't want anyone to go through what I did. Let me explain what happened.

I was at the intersection of McHenry Rd and Rt. 53, south of Long Grove, waiting for the light to change. It went from red to green arrow to turn left. On Rt. 53 there was a semitruck at the closest lane to me. I continued to wait and thought that the light would change green for me....so...I started to go. As I looked I noticed that I still had the red light and that the traffic on Rt 53 was starting to move. The semi truck was not moving so I

continued. As my peripheral vision cleared the semi, I saw a pickup truck coming towards me from the farthest lane. I simply reacted. I did not think. Slammed on the breaks and turned the handle bars left to try to



get away from the truck. The truck did not hit me, but I think that the bike must have leaned very close to the ground because it was dragged. It happened so fast. The truck stopped and I jumped to my feet. All I could do was stare at my bike. The back tire was under the wheel of the pickup truck. The guy looked at me like I was crazy. Yes he had the green light.

The police and ambulance came. Fortunately I only suffered bruises to my left thigh. I am sore, but alive.

As a reminder....while on a bike we MUST follow all of the road rules. We MUST

> wait patiently at intersections for the light to change or for all traffic to clear if there is no light. If you are in a group think about what you are doing. Those behind you are counting on you to tell them if it is safe to continue. Don't cut it so close that the riders

behind you cannot follow. Better to wait until it is safe for everyone to cross.

I want to thank everyone who waited for me to get back to the park. I really needed those hugs. Thank you for staying with me at the Bakery. It helped me calm down so that I could drive home.

June, 2013

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September 8

### Club Officials

Club Officials				
Elected Officers				
President				
Joe Beemster	847/215-2314			
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Pat Calabrese	847/358-4807			
Treasurer				
Johannes Smits	630/893-2835			
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Dave Waycie	847/577-6307			
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Mitch Rosset	847/376-8152			
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St. Pat's Ride				
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Banquet				
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Harmon Data Base				
Emily Qualich	847/ 821-1009			
Mileage Statistician				
Emily Qualich	847/ 821-1009			
Newsletter Mailings				
Joe Beemster	847/215-2314			
Picnic				
Al & Cindy Schneider	847/696-2356			
Refreshments	Open			
*Ride Coordinator				
Sheri Rosenbaum	847/971-4573			
luv2bike	80@hotmail.com			
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!! Call Mitch Rosset with your new address or e mail address at 847/376-8152 or e-mail him at wheeling@wheelmen.com.

#### **TOP 20 MILES**

Thru May 12 46 rides by 105 members

Women:					
1	Sheri	Rosenbaum	659		
2	Emily	Qualich	572		
3	Pam	Kaloustian	484		
4	Eva	Larson	441		
5	Betsy	Burtelow	373		
6	Reinhilde	Geis	346		
7	Pat	Calabrese	291		
8	Laura	Randazzo	285		
9	Deb	Wilson	282		
10	Lynne	Lutman	253		
11	Cindy	Trent	250		
12	Anna	Swietczak	202		
13	Virginia	Savio	194		
14	Ella	Shields	188		
15	Pam	Burke	169		
16	Paula	Matzek	140		
17	Nancy	Beck	137		
18	Terri	Schroeder	116		
19	Marianne	Kron	96		
20	Cindy	Kessler	84		
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	1 Sheri 2 Emily 3 Pam 4 Eva 5 Betsy 6 Reinhilde 7 Pat 8 Laura 9 Deb 10 Lynne 11 Cindy 12 Anna 13 Virginia 14 Ella 15 Pam 16 Paula 17 Nancy 18 Terri 19 Marianne	1 Sheri Rosenbaum 2 Emily Qualich 3 Pam Kaloustian 4 Eva Larson 5 Betsy Burtelow 6 Reinhilde Geis 7 Pat Calabrese 8 Laura Randazzo 9 Deb Wilson 10 Lynne Lutman 11 Cindy Trent 12 Anna Swietczak 13 Virginia Savio 14 Ella Shields 15 Pam Burke 16 Paula Matzek 17 Nancy Beck 18 Terri Schroeder 19 Marianne Kron		

#### Men:

Dennis

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Luis

Paul	LeFevre	928
Mitch	Rosset	898
Kevin	Moore	870
Kilian	Emanuel	836
Dave	Naigles	799
Brian	Hale	640
Joe	Beemster	553
Alex	Halamaj	523
Dave	Waycie	515
Jim	Boyer	449
Peter	Guzik	429
Jim	Flechsig	425
Tom	Wilson	407
JV	Villadolid	373
Frank	Bing	366
Leo	Rhee	336
Bob	Dominski	320
Len	Geis	305
	Mitch Kevin Kilian Dave Brian Joe Alex Dave Jim Peter Jim Tom JV Frank Leo Bob	Mitch Rosset Kevin Moore Kilian Emanuel Dave Naigles Brian Hale Joe Beemster Alex Halamaj Dave Waycie Jim Boyer Peter Guzik Jim Flechsig Tom Wilson JV Villadolid Frank Bing Leo Rhee Bob Dominski

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#### **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting is, Monday, June 24,7:00 p.m., location TBD.

All Board members are requested to attend.



Gregg Hinkle
Bill McGovern
Susan & Chris Fuller



# 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.

"When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking."

— Arthur Conan Doyle

June Ride Riders *bring water Schedule Should: *bring a pump		0	*have a bike in good condition *bring a spare tube and patch kit *arrive early15-30 minutes	*bring an ID card *carry a cell phone *bring money for lunch/snacks	
Date	Time	Ride Name	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west Jin		Ride Host
Sat. 6/1	8:00	Honey-Do Ride			Jim Boyer 847-508-6375
	8:00	The Birky Challenge	Grace Christian Church Hwy K @ 4th St Fond du Lac, WI	40/67	Invitational
	9:00	Root Beer Social	McHenry Co. College Rt. 14 one mile past IL 176 in Crystal Lake. Meet in north parking lot.	58/82	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663
Sun. 6/2	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	<b>Long Grove Commons</b> RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	~31-55	Louis Greene 847-530-7125
	6:30-10 am	Udder Century McHenry County Bike Club Invitational	<b>Donley's Wild West Town</b> 8512 S. Union Rd Union, IL See www.mchenrybicycleclub.org	32/50/62/ 75/100	Invitational
Sat. 6/8	8:00	Honey-Do Ride	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-58	Pam Burke 312-615-3407
	~~	TOMRV Overnight Excursion	Bettendorf/Preston, Iowa See www.qcbc.org	65/106	Ella Shields 773-407-4712
Sun. 6/9	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	~31-55	Pam Kaloustian 847-707-0203
	~~	TOMRV Overnight Excursion	Bettendorf/Preston, Iowa See www.qcbc.org	41/86	Ella Shields 773-407-4712
Fri. 6/14	10:00	Friday Lunch Ride to Taste of Libertyville	Willow Stream Park Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd	33	Frank Bing 847-814-9925
Sat. 6/15	8:00	Honey-Do Ride	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-58	Pam Burke 312-615-3407
	9:00	City of Os	LaGrange General Store IL Route 12 to WI to County H in LaGrange, WI. General Store on corner.	50/88	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663

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

	June Ride Schedule (continued)						
Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location/ Directions	Miles	Ride Host		
Sun. 6/16	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons  RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads  Park north of the PNC Bank ~31-		Joe Beemster 847-867-6724		
Fri. 6/21	10:00	Friday Picnic Ride	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd	33	Frank Bing 847-814-9925		
Sat. 6/22	8:00	Honey-Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-70	Len & Reinhilde Geis 312-209-0279		
	6:00/8:00	Longest Day of the Year Double Century Challenge	Wilmot High School, Wilmot, WI Take I-94 west across the WI state line to Exit 345 (Hwy C). Go West on Hwy C to the town of Wilmot. Turn right on Hwy W in Wilmot. Continue to High School entrance on the left side of the road.	50/75/100/ 150/175/200	Mitch Rosset 847-814-3107		
Sun. 6/23	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	~31-55	Larry Frank 847-832-0630		
Fri. 6/28	10:00	Friday Picnic Ride	<b>Willow Stream Park</b> Old Checker Rd just west of Buffalo Grove Rd	33	Frank Bing 847-814-9925		
Sat. 6/29	8:00	Honey-Do	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd., 1 1/2 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90.	30-70	Brian Hale 847-804-1561		
Sun. 6/30	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	~31-55	Betsy Burtelow 847-204-8274		
	8:30	Long Grove to McHenry Ride	Long Grove Commons RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads Park north of the PNC Bank	71	RIDE HOST NEEDED OR WILL BE CANCELLED		

#### 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@yahoogroups.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 message 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 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.

there is really no question that the ride 

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.

	WEEKLY RIDES						
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Ride Host		
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	25-40	Willow Stream Park - 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	6:00 pm	Working Stiff's Ride	18-27	Stempel Parking Lot 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		
Wednesday Trail Rides	10:00 a.m.	North Branch/ Botanic Gardens	16-32	Blue Star Memorial Woods 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	5:30 pm	Hill and Dale Ride	25-35	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve 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	6:00 pm	Thursday Night Ride	30	Heron Creek Forest Preserve. Located on the SW Corner of RT 22 and Old McHenry Road, park at shelter B.	Paul Lefevre 847/670-3501		
Friday starts June 14	10:00 a.m.	Friday Picnic Ride Food & music in the park (more info on page 6)	33	Willow Stream Park See above	Frank Bing 847/814-9925		

#### **INVITATIONAL'S**

June 1, Birky Challenge, Fond du Lac, WI 67 and 40 mile routes from Fond du Lac cycle through the scenic Kettle Moraine Forest on a paved road www.birkychallenge.com/The\_Birky\_Challenge/Welcome.html

**June 2, Udder Century**, Donley's Wild West Town, Union, IL 31/50/62/75/100 miles, udder@charter.net mchenrybicycleclub.org

**June 2, UPAF'S Ride for the Arts**, Milwaukee, WI. 5/12/25/50/75 miles events.upaf.org/ride/

June 8/9, TOMRV, Bettendorf, IA. Saturday:115 (69) / Sunday:96 (46) miles. tomrv\_dt@msn.com qcbc.org/tomrv

June 9, BCLC Ramble, Wilmot, WI. 12/30/50/70/100

miles bikebclc.com/ramble

June 15, 13th Annual Rotary Pie Ride, Janesville WI. 31/62/100 miles, all riders get a free pie, www.pieride.org

**June 23, Swedish Days Ride,** Burlington ,IL. 25/45/62/75/100/124 miles 630-776-4054 www.fvbsc.org/swededays.html

June 29, The L.A.T.E. Ride, Chicago, 25th Anniversary, Cyclists ride 25 miles under the moonlight through the city's downtown, South Loop, Chinatown, and North Side neighborhoods and along Chicago's spectacular lakefront bicycle path. www.lateride.org

June 30, Menominee River Century, Menominee, WI. 15K, 40K, 80K, 120K, www.mrcride.com





#### **BUFFALO GROVE KID'S BIKE RODEO**

The Wheelmen again assisted the Buffalo Grove Police Dept. with their annual bike rodeo on Saturday May 18th. This event is geared towards teaching children bike safety as well as promoting cycling. Every child has to prove their efficiency in riding a course.

Barb Barr and her crew checked the helmet fit on each child as they entered the event and explained to the parents how to properly adjust them. Assisting Barb were Marianne Kron, Nancy Beck, Ulfert Broockmann and Joe Beemster. Some 85 children participated.

(Photo depicts Ulfert adjusting a helmet worn by an aspiring rider.)

#### **BIKE WITH THE MAYOR**

(of Elk Grove Village) Saturday, June 8 12 to 4 p.m.

Join Mayor Johnson and the Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove (FCEG) on a leisurely bike ride around the Village. The 5-mile ride will start and end at the Elk Grove Historical Museum so

that visitors will have the opportunity to discover the history of bicycling in EGV. This event will be fun for the entire family! Refreshments are included.

Registration is FREE and is required by June 5th for headcount purposes. Barcode #82646

www.elkgroveparks.org



#### FRIDAY PICNIC RIDES

We will conducting road rides again this year to Libertyville's Out to Lunch events held in downtown Cook Park. These are popular outdoor events held every Friday, June 21 through August 16. There will be a wide variety of food offerings from 9

food vendors and live musical entertainment.

Rides start from Willow Stream Park at 10:00 AM. It will be joint rides with The Arlington Heights Bike Club.

If you can't make the ride, come meet us for lunch. The event runs each Friday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The bands this summer are:

June 21 - The New Libertyvillians
June 28 - Sneezy Trio
July 5 - Kevin Spica
July 12 - David Dallison & Friends
July 19 - Peter Cimbalo
July 26 - Sagebrush
Aug 2 - Rhythm Bureau
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Ask for your Wheeling Wheelmen Discount 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: <a href="wheeling@wheelmen.com">wheeling@wheelmen.com</a>

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

To Unsubscribe send an email message to: wheelingwheelmenunsubscribe@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: <u>pgroups.yahoo.com/group/wheelingwheelmen</u>

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting May 20, 2013

**Present:** Joe Beemster, Pat Calabrese, Ella Shields, Dave Waycie

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance \$15,250. Reviewed major expenses thus far for the year. Insurance costs continue to rise each year, but no adjustments are required at this point.

**Membership Report:** Membership cards have been distributed.

**Harmon:** Joe will meet with Roland

over the next couple of weeks to review status.

Buffalo Grove Bike Rodeo: 85 kids were served (helmet adjustments, etc.). Thanks to Barb Barr, Nancy Beck, Joe Beemster, Ulfert Broockmann, and Marianne Kron for representing the club at this event.

**Picnic:** Al and Cindy Schneider will again handle the picnic. The location has been reserved.

Jerseys: Some members have inquired about the availability of jerseys. We do not normally order extras, so they are not available. Brian Hale has offered to survey members to see if there is sufficient interest in placing a jersey order next year. The board agreed that we

would need a new design in order to generate sufficient interest.

**Newsletter Articles:** July – Dave Waycie.

Other business: Banquet cost has increased slightly, but agreed to keep the cost to \$25 per person.

Regarding protective helmets: Agreed to change wording on club Information and Application Form, from "Highly Recommend" all members wear a helmet to "Require" all members wear a helmet.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, June 24, 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Dave Waycie, Secretary



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### We are on the web wheelmen.com

Join us on



#### SAVE THE DATES

Picnic - Sunday, July 7 Harmon Hundred - Sunday, Sept. 8 Banquet - Sunday, Nov 10



June 21

#### **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

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

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