



MONTHLY MEANDERS

BOARD BANTER

Breaking News

by Johannes Smits

We have just received information that Chicago has plans to expand the current bike lanes so that up to 50% of all commuters will be able to bike to work by the year 2015. This breaking news has come to us from an anonymous source close to the mayor!

Who am I kidding – that would never happen in Chicago, or for that matter in any major American city. But is this possible in a big modern city?

It all begins by encouraging commuters to bike to work. Not so much for exercise (which is an added benefit), and not only to keep cars out of the inner cities and to prevent pollution and traffic jams, but also to save money, for both the commuters and in the long run also for the city.

My personal experience comes from Copenhagen where I never had the need to own a car although my commute was around 20 miles. My means of transportation were my feet, bike, bus and/or train. The city has for many years encouraged the use of 'soft

traffic' not only by closing roads in the center of the city to car traffic, but also by expanding the existing bike lanes and improving public transportation.

Although many commuters bike to work every day - no matter what the weather - an excellent public transportation system must complement the bike system. In Copenhagen the bus and subway system is easily accessible, relatively cheap and very reliable. It is driven by Copenhagen's traffic organization, which means that commuters easily can change from bus to train and back again.

The city has for many years had dedicated bike lanes, but it also has an equally impressive system of bus lanes with their own traffic lights that give busses first priority. This allows busses to pick up passengers and if necessary turn left without being stuck in traffic.

But the question is how is Copenhagen going to accomplish the 50% goal as mentioned before?

Below are a few current and future initiatives:

- Plans are in the works to create super bike lanes.

These lanes will be wider than normal in order to allow bikers to bike side by side and still have enough room for faster bikers to pass.

- These super bike lanes will have sections where bikers safely can pull over in order to talk on their cell phone or send text messages (texting is a big deal over there), and there will even be water and compressed air stations.

- Copenhagen has for several years experimented with 'green waves' for bikers on some of the major streets in Copenhagen. If bikers keep a certain speed, traffic lights will always be green allowing for a faster commute for bikers. Cars on the other hand might not be so lucky.

- One-way streets will be accessible for bikers in both directions using special two-way bike lanes. This would be a big advantage for bikers in any city.

- Copenhagen is divided by the ocean (tourists think it is a river), and several additional bike bridges are in

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Pictures

We will once again be doing a slide show at the annual banquet and are asking for contributions this season. So be sure and take your camera out to rides and events this year and share your pics with the club. Send your pictures by October 31 to Dave Waycie at dwaycie@wowway.com

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Refreshments

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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 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 through June 7

Men

1	Paul	Lefevre	1408
2	Mitch	Rosset	1322
3	Kilian	Emanuel	1199
4	Joe	Beemster	1178
5	Len	Geis	1087
6	Dave	Waycie	904
7	Jim	Boyer	885
8	Peter	Guzik	787
9	Frank	Bing	755
10	Rich	Drapeau	740
11	Kevin	Moore	740
12	Jeff	Magnani	725
13	Dennis	Ellertson	711
14	Leo	Rhee	708
15	Alex	Halamaj	701
16	Tony	Vercillo	692
17	David	Naigles	675
18	Tom	Wilson	589
19	Earle	Horwitz	548
20	Brian	Blome	547

Women

1	Reinhilde	Geis	1172
2	Marianne	Kron	858
3	Sheri	Rosenbaum	814
4	Betsy	Burtelow	565
5	Deb	Wilson	526
6	Pat	Calabrese	522
7	Mary Kay	Drapeau	519
8	Virginia	Savio	439
9	Emily	Qualich	410
10	Ella	Shields	361
11	Pam	Burke	353
12	Laura	Randazzo	350
13	Cindy	Schneider	332
14	Cindy	Kessler	331
15	Anna	Swietezak	264
16	Kae	Takeshita	224
17	Cindy	Trent	222
18	Barb	Barr	203
19	Pam	Kaloustian	176
20	Janice	Gries	163

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Monday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ella Shields.

All Board members are requested to attend.



Barry Yatzor

Andres, Lisa, Gio & Chago Basso

Sue & Chris Fuller

If you rode any of the following invitations, *Arlington 500*, *Udder Century and TOMRV* and want your miles to count, contact Cindy Schneider at cindy1749@clear.net so she can log your miles in the data base.

Invitational's

July 4, 4th of July Metric Century
Plainfield 30/45/62 \$20.

Dianew3miles@sbcglobal.net
joliethicycleclub.org

July 9, Ninth Annual Pedal for Paws, New Glarus, WI. 25/45/65 miles, greencountyhumane.org

July 10, LATE Ride, Chicago, 25 miles, \$45. www.lateride.org

July 16, Lake Country Classic, Oconomowoc, WI. 15/25/45/65/100 bayviewbikeclub.org/classic.htm

July 16 RAIN Ride, Terre Haute, IN, 160 miles \$45-60. rain@rainride.org

July 16, Holland Hundred, Holland MI 18-100 miles \$20/\$25 macatawacyclingclub.org/hollandhundred/

July 17, Biking with Beanie, DeKalb, 23/46/64/100 \$20/\$25 kishkiwanis.org
bikingwithbeanie@yahoo.com

July Ride Sched-	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		
Date	Time	Ride	Start Location	Directions	Miles	Host Phone #
Sat. 7/2	9:00	Another Day/ Another Way	Evergreen School Union	I90 W to US 20 to Coral. Turn right to Northrop; turn left to Washington; turn right to school	70 110	
Sun. 7/3	9:00	Heron Creek Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads . Park north of the PNC Bank	Approx. 32 to 47	Pam Kaloustian (847) 394-2918
Mon. 7/4	9:00	EFHOB	Rose School	I-90 to Rt.59 north, turn right on Penny Rd. to the school just past Bartlett Rd.	44	Meg Ewen (630) 540-1704
Sat. 7/9	8:00	Retro Harmon Hundred	Wauconda H. S.	Rt. 12/59 to Old Rand Rd. in Wauconda, then 2 mi. NW to school.	30 60 100	Paul LaFevre (847) 670-3501
Sun. 7/10	9:00 10:00	Art Cunningham Memorial Picnic Ride	Heron Creek F.P., Shelter A CLUB PICNIC	0.2 miles south of Il 22 on Old Mc Henry Road, shelter A parking lot	Approx. 32 to 47 Road Ride	Kilian Emanuel (847) 296-7874
Sat. 7/16	9:00	Ice Cream Social	McHenry Co. College	Rt.14 one mile past Rt 176 in Crystal Lake ; meet in north parking lot	52	Dave Waycie (847) 577-6307
Sun. 7/17	9:00	Bastille Day Ride	Paris School WI	I-94 W, exit WI 142 W to County D, turn left to school	59 74 95	Cindy & Al Schneider (847) 696-2356
	9:00	Heron Creek Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads . Park north of the PNC Bank	Approx. 32 to 47	Killian Emanuel (847) 296-7874
Sat. 7/23	8:00	Roads You Don't Know	Cuba Marsh F.P.	Turn west from US-12 onto Cuba Rd. Parking Lot is on left, past Ela Rd.	85	Paul LaFevre (847) 670-3501
Sun. 7/24	9:00	Heron Creek Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads . Park north of the PNC Bank	Approx. 32 to 47	Joe Beemster (847) 215-2314
Sat. 7/30	9:00	Cedarburg/ Campbelsport	Covered Bridge Park, WI	I-94 N through Milwaukee turns into 43. Go N on 43 to 60 (Grafton) Go W on 60 to Covered bridge Rd (4 mi) Turn R	66 102	Cindy & Al Schneider (847) 696-2356
Sun. 7/31	9:00	Cedarburg/ Jackson	Covered Bridge Park, WI	I-94 N through Milwaukee turns into 43. Go N on 43 to 60 (Grafton) Go W on 60 to Covered bridge Rd (4 mi) Turn R	69	Cindy & Al Schneider (847) 696-2356
	9:00	Heron Creek Short Ride	Long Grove Commons	RT. 22 & Old McHenry Roads . Park north of the PNC Bank	Approx. 32 to 47	Larry Frank (847) 832-0630

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

WEEKLY RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Ride Host
Saturday	8:00 am	Honey Do Ride	30-58	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	Brian Hale 847/426-3290
July 23 ONLY	8:00 a.m.	Honey Do Ride	30-58	Due to an event at the Grassy Meadows FP the ride start location will move to <i>Huntington Plaza at the corner of Algonquin and Huntington in Hoffman Estates.</i>	Sheri Rosenbaum 847/971-4573
Monday	6:00 pm no ride 7/4	Casual Monday Ride	10-15	Bussee North Woods Parking Lot. Located on Golf Road just east of Rte 53. Turn on Ring Road into the preserve. (across from the Atrium Complex). Turn left at the first parking lot	Virginia Savio 847/438-8066
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	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	Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874 Earle Horwitz 847/444-0445 Len & Reinhilde Geis 847/679-0279
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Working Stiff's Ride	18-27	Stempel Parking Lot On the west side of Old McHenry Road, behind the old Shamrock Cyclery West of IL53, Long Grove, IL	Jim Boyer 847/541-1325 Tom Wilson 847/632-1412
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Hill and Dale Ride	25-35	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve See above	Brian Hale 847/426-3290
Wednesday	5:30pm	Elgin Twilight Rides	20-40	Target Store On Randall Road just south of US 20. Park in SE corner of lot.	Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356
Thursday	6:00 pm	Thursday Night Ride	30	Heron Creek Forest Preserve. Located on the SW Corner of RT 22 and Old McHenry Road.	Paul LeFevre 847/670-3501
Friday through Aug 19	10:00 am	Picnic Rides (to Libertyville) Willow Stream Park	27	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	Frank Bing 847/634-1439

WEDNESDAY TRAIL RIDES

Date	Time	Ride	Miles	Start/Directions	Info
7/13	9:00	Poplar Creek	45	Busse Woods — Golf Rd entrance at light east of Hwy 53)	Led by Barb Barr going west to the Poplar Creek loop
7/27	9:00	North Branch	32	Blue Star Memorial Woods – East on Euclid/Lake, past I294 and Waukegan Rd. Parking on the right just past bike path overpass in Glenview	Paved trails. Direction (N/S) and stopping to eat are optional.



**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
WHEELING WHEELMEN PICNIC
SUNDAY, JULY 10**

Rides will start @ 9:00 and 10:00 am
There are also hiking and biking trails

The club will supply food which will be
served afterward, about noon

BYOB

*(We will have a communal ice chest if you want
to share your beverages)*

Heron Creek Forest Preserve

Shelter A -first shelter when you drive in

Located on the southwest corner of Route 22 and Old McHenry
Road. The entrance to the preserve is on Old McHenry Road

Please RSVP to Al & Cindy Schneider at 847/696-2356

**It's time for another
Wheeling Wheelmen Girl's Night Out!**

Join us Friday, August 19

Anytime after 6pm

On the deck at

156 W Fox Hill Dr, Buffalo Grove.

Beer, wine, margaritas, wine coolers, pop, chips & salsa and dessert will be provided.

Please bring a salad to share—(green, pasta, taco, chicken, tuna, bean, whatever)

Hosted by: Betsy Burtelow

RSVP appreciated to make sure there are enough drinks but if you realize you can make
it at the last minute, come empty-handed—there is usually plenty of food.

847-541-1325—leave a message.



NO BOYS ALLOWED



Wheelmen Assist Buffalo Grove Police at Annual Bike Rodeo

Four Wheelmen members volunteered to assist the Buffalo Grove P.D in their annual rodeo for child bicycle riders on Saturday May 21st. Their job was

to check each child to make sure their helmets were being worn properly. Instructions for the parents in helmet fitting and adjusting were also provided. In addition, the children's bikes were registered and Village Cycle checked and tuned their bikes. The riders then had to ride through a course to display their competence in handling their bikes. Trophies were awarded to the best riders and other raffle gifts were awarded. The Wheelmen who volunteered were: **Barb Barr, Marianne Kron, Ulfert Broockmann and Joe Beemster.**

Attached is a photo of Barb Barr assisting a young rider. Although it rained for a while, some 50 children participated and enjoyed the event



Sunday September 11
Wilmot High School
Wilmot, WI.

EVERYONE WORKS

Contact Harmon Chair, Todd Berlin @
harmonhundred@gmail.com
to volunteer

TOUR DE FRANCE 2011

Running from Saturday July 2nd to Sunday July 24th, the 98th Tour de France will be made up of 21 stages and will cover a total distance of 3,471 kilometers.

These stages have the following profiles:

- 10 flat stages
- 6 mountain stages and 4 summit finishes
- 3 medium mountain stages
- 1 individual time-trial stage (41 km)
- 1 team time-trial stage (23 km)

Distinctive aspects of the race

- le Galibier climbed twice
- 2 rest days
- 23 level 2, 1 or highest level mountain passes or summit finishes
- no bonuses will be awarded during the intermediate sprints and stage finishes

Great moments in the history of the Tour

The line between insanity and genius is said to be a fine one, and in early 20th century France, anyone envisaging a near-

2,500-km-long cycle race across the country would have been widely viewed as unhinged. But that didn't stop Géo Lefèvre, a journalist with *L'Auto magazine* at the time, from proceeding with his inspired plan. His editor, Henri Desgrange, was bold enough to believe in the idea and to throw his backing behind the Tour de France. And so it was that, on 1 July 1903, sixty pioneers set out on their bicycles from Montgeron. After six mammoth stages (Nantes - Paris, 471 km!), only 21 "routiers", led by Maurice Garin, arrived at the end of this first epic.

Having provoked a mixture of astonishment and admiration, le Tour soon won over the sporting public and the roadside crowds swelled. The French people took to their hearts this unusual event which placed their towns, their countryside and, since 1910, even their mountains, in the spotlight.

Le Tour has always moved with the times. Like France as a whole, it benefited from the introduction of paid holidays from 1936; it has lived through wars, and then savored the "trente glorieuses" period of economic prosperity while enjoying the heydays of Coppi, Bobet, Anquetil and Poulidor; it has opened itself up to foreign countries with the onset of globalization, and now finds itself at the forefront of the debate on the malaise afflicting world sport in general. Over a hundred years after its inception, le Tour continues to gain strength from its experience.

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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

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the works that allow bikers to easily cross back and forth between new and old sections of the city - compared to cars that only have a few bridges from which to choose.

The existing bike paths to the suburbs will be expanded or improved in order to attract bike commuters from the suburbs.

Copenhagen will meet the 50%, perhaps not by 2015, but they will be pretty close. It is however refreshing to see that commuters are encouraged to use their bike, but it fits into the philosophy of the country where renewable energy has top priority and where most families only have one small car.

Let us all dream of a place where we can bike without worries and where there always is a tail wind.



SHARE YOUR STORIES

With the biking season underway we thought we should start early to gather information to be used for the banquet, which will be held on Sunday, November 13.

We always have the very popular gag gifts segment at the banquet which is always a huge hit. Here is where we need your help.

When out riding with your biking pals this season make a mental note of something you have found to be unusual, funny, strange, weird, etc. Examples; multiple flat tires, directional challenges, forgetting something at the start, during or after the ride, etc. We won't tell that you told on them.

Please put these stories in an email and send to Ella Shields at eshieldsbike@yahoo.com. We will gather them throughout the biking season and surprise you at the banquet. It's all in good fun so we'd appreciate everyone's input.



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SAVE THE DATES

Picnic - Sunday, July 10
 Harmon Hundred - Sunday, Sept 11
 Annual banquet - Sunday, Nov 13



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

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 131 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach, 847/740-0007

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 Schaumburg 847/882-7728

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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

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