



MONTHLY MEANDERS

BOARD BANTER

The Harmon Hundred invitational bicycle ride was held Sunday, September 9th. The Harmon is in its 43rd year and is our club's signature event, the one for which we are most known by Chicagoland cyclists.

Here's a quick rundown on this year's ride.

Increased ridership.

This year we had 638 registered riders, a small increase over last year.

Increased preregistration.

This year we had 323 preregistered riders, a big increase over recent history. We're happy about this because it brings in more revenue early and helps us plan better and earlier for the expected amount of ridership. We accomplished this by offering a bigger discount to early preregistrations, a strategy I expect us to continue.

Increased number of first time riders.

We brought in 367 first time riders, 30 more than last year. This is one of those glass half full statistics. We like knowing that we're reaching and attracting new riders; it tells us we're

getting our message out. But on the other side it makes us wonder why so many riders choose not to return.

More advertising.

We've always put our name on as many cycling oriented web sites and lists as we can find. Also we hire a service to mail out brochures to riders, clubs, and bike shops. This year we took an extra step and placed web advertisements in Chicago Athlete magazine. Like all advertising it's very difficult to know how effective it is in a granular way. But we're pleased with this year's increased preregistration and new riders and think the advertising is the cause. So for next year we'll continue our cautious expansion into this field.

Better safety. I don't know whether we were lucky or good, but this year's ride had fewer SAG calls and injured riders. Most years we get a few scrapes, bruises, and the odd broken collarbone, and two years ago we had a very

serious incident involving a crash with a head injury (he's okay now, whew).

Service Quality and Rider Experience.

This is our strength. When we ask riders what it is they like about the Harmon we're consistently told our routes are well chosen and well-marked, our parking and registration are smooth and efficient, our rest stops have delicious and plentiful food, and our SAG drivers are visible and available.

Planning and organization. This year's planning went smoother than last year's, in particular the scheduling and coordination of volunteers.

Of course there are things we'll do differently next year. A few are minor, such as Gatorade at registration, better signage at the 25-62.5-100 cutoff, and more size S and M t-shirts. A few are major, such as attracting more riders, better organization and structure around cleanup and sign pickup, and how

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Picnic

Al & Cindy Schneider 847/696-2356

Refreshments

Open

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luv2bike80@hotmail.com

Web Page

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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
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 9/16

245 rides by 162 riders
8953 maximum miles

Women:

1	Sheri	Rosenbaum	4030
2	Emily	Qualich	3505
3	Pam	Kaloustian	2523
4	Pat	Calabrese	2445
5	Betsy	Burtelow	2065
6	Eva	Larson	1998
7	Cindy	Kessler	1884
8	Marianne	Kron	1861
9	Laura	Randazzo	1704
10	Tricia	Croft	1676
11	Virginia	Savio	1663
12	Anna	Swietczak	1500
13	Reinhilde	Geis	1469
14	Deb	Wilson	1328
15	Mary Kay	Drapeau	1310
16	Pam	Burke	1223
17	Cindy	Trent	1131
18	Lisa	Tracey	925
19	Ellen	Heineman	910
20	Ella	Shields	907

Men:

1	Paul	LeFevre	5814
2	Kilian	Emanuel	4868
3	Mitch	Rosset	4260
4	Tony	Vercillo	4110
5	David	Waycie	3777
6	David	Naigles	3463
7	Kevin	Moore	3055
8	Brian	Hale	2865
9	Joe	Beemster	2784
10	Peter	Guzik	2708
11	Leo	Rhee	2670
12	Rich	Drapeau	2596
13	Frank	Bing	2429
14	Jim	Boyer	2418
15	Tom	Wilson	2329
16	Dennis	Ellertson	2316
17	JV	Villadolid	2229
18	Jeff	Magnani	2072
19	Earle	Horwitz	1986
20	Larry	Frank	1729

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Monday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joe Beemster.

All Board members are requested to attend.



LAST CALL FOR BANQUET PICS

Please send us your club ride pictures for the annual banquet, November 11, we will use them in

our slide show.

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

TRAIL RIDES

I am looking for members to lead rides on paved or unpaved trails in November and December. Let me know your favorite trail ride and if you want to lead and I will work up a schedule.

Please contact me at 847/376-8152.

Mitch Rosset

INVITATIONAL'S

Oct. 6, Tyrana Oktoberfest Bike Ride, Lake Mills, WI., 25/50/75 miles
www.tyrana.com/bikeride

Oct 7, Pumpkin Pie Ride, Ottawa 28/42/63/103 miles, \$25, 815-830-4291
www.starvedrockcycling.com

Oct 7, Pumpkin Ride, St. Charles, 10/20/28 trail, 40/62 road, 630-377-7250, shutchins@soill.org
www.soill.org/events.php?EventsID=3142

Oct 14, Firefighters Fall Fifty, Richmond, 20/26/36/50/62 miles, \$35, 815-370-4894, affbikeride.org

Oct. 27, Tour de Shawnee, Olive Branch, IL., 15/30/45/62/100 miles, \$30, 866-407-1450 www.tourshawnee.org

Oct. 20 & 21, Hilly Hundred, Ellettsville, IN 50/50 miles, www.hillyhundred.org

Oct 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	
Date	Time	Ride Name	Starting Location/ Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Sat. Oct. 6	8:00 Tour 9:00 Ride	Waterford-Schwinn Factory Tour/Ride See page 4 for details	Waterford Precision Cycles 816 W. Bakke, Waterford, WI 262-534-4190 I-94 to Hwy 20 West, take Hwy 20 for 14 miles. Turn Left on Hwy D for 1.5 miles to Hwy W. Turn right (north) on Hwy W then 1 mile and left (west) on to Bakke Ave. They're the 4th building on the right.	40/65	Kevin Moore 847-373-7378
Sun. Oct. 7	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	Long Grove Commons Shopping Center Rt22 and Old McHenry Road. Park in lot north of the PNC Bank.	31/47	Pam Kaloustian 847-707-0203
Sat. Oct. 13	9:00	Reverse Honey-Do	Paul Douglas F.P. On Central Rd, 1.5 miles west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	30/58	Meg Ewen 630-432-1777
	8:00	Fall Foliage Ride hosted by Quad Cities Bicycle Club	Mt Horeb, WI www.qcbc.org	50/60	Rich & Mary Kay Drapeau 224-803-8946
Sun. Oct. 14	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	See Above	31/47	Dave Waycie 847-845-9663
	8:00	Fall Foliage Ride hosted by Quad Cities Bicycle Club	Mt Horeb, WI www.qcbc.org	50/60	Rich & Mary Kay Drapeau 224-803-8946
Sat. Oct. 20	9:00	Ride to McHenry	Barrington H.S. Lake Cook Rd at Hart Rd, west of Rt 59	42/63	Virginia Savio 847-254-9515
Sun Oct. 21	9:00	Sunday Short Ride	See Above	31/47	Kilian Emanuel 847-296-7874
Sun. Oct. 28	10:00	Chili Ride See page 4 for details Everyone is asked to bring something	Meg Ryan's House 1255 Wentworth Volo, IL Take US12 N thru Volo; Turn right on Molidor for about 1/2 mi; Turn left on Wentworth, 4th house on right	42	Meg Ryan 630-542-1040 Sheri Rosenbaum 847-971-4573

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

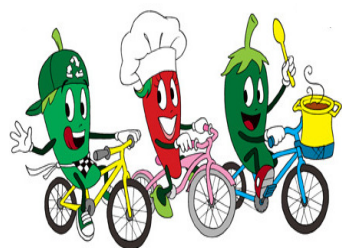
WEEKLY RIDES					
Day	Time	Ride	Start/Directions	Miles	Ride Host
Saturday	9:00 am New start time	Honey Do Ride	Grassy Meadow Forest Preserve - The F.P. is on Central Rd. 1½ mi. west of Roselle Rd, just north of I-90	30-58	Brian Hale 847/804-1561
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am	Deerfield Bakery Ride	Willow 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	25-40	Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874 Len & Reinhilde Geis 847/679-0279
Wednesday	10:00 am	North Branch/ Botanic Gardens Trail Rides Paved Path Lunch stop: Botanic Garden or Super Dawg	Blue Star Memorial Woods. East Lake Avenue, Glenview. East of Waukegan Road, between Wagner and Harms near overhead trail bridge. Parking lot on South Side of East Lake Avenue	16/32	Kilian Emanuel 847/296-7874

FALL COLORS ON WATERFORD RIDE

Back by popular demand, Kevin Moore will be hosting a fall version of the Waterford Ride. On Saturday, Oct. 6th, join the Wheelmen for the following:

- 8 am - tour of the Waterford factory where they make Waterford and Gunnar custom bikes
- 9 am – ride will go west out toward Whitewater and LaGrange, and back by Kettle Moraine. Two distances will be offered, approximately 40 and 65 miles. SAG support will be provided by Richard Schwinn.
- Post-ride, Richard will host a BBQ for the riders.

For directions and map, go to the Wheelmen web site. Come out and enjoy the fall colors. If any questions, contact Kevin Moore at rivendellriderx@sbcglobal.net.



CHILI RIDE

Join us for chili after the ride on Sunday, October 28 (see ride details on page 3).

We will have chili rain or shine, if it rains chili will be @ 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Sheri Rosenbaum at Luv2Bike80@hotmail.com if you plan to stay for chili and find out what to bring.

EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING SOMETHING



We had several items of food left over from the Harmon Hundred including three boxes of bread, cookies, fresh fruit, etc. which was donated to the Cuba Township Food Pantry. This organization supports some 80 plus families in the area who need their help. They were really excited about receiving these as it was the day

before their distribution.

Shown in the photo is Cheryl Tanaka Community Liaison of the Township and Joe Beemster.

WHEELING WHEELMEN 2013 BALLOT

PRESIDENT	Joe Beemster	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	
VP/RIDE CHAIR	Pat Calabrese	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	
TREASURER	Johannes Smits	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	
SECRETARY	Dave Waycie	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	
MEMBERSHIP	Mitch Rosset	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	
PUBLICITY	Barb Barr	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	

Please mark accordingly: Individual Family

Please return ballot by October 31, 2012

Balloting Committee: Pam Burke, Bill Bergeron & Lee Skinner

Please mail ballot to: Pam Burke, 265 Green Knoll Lane, Streamwood, IL. 60107

BEST NEW RIDE-2012

(Pick only one ride)

- Darwin Ride (71 mile ride out of Long Grove Commons)
- Have I Been Here Before? (Sunday Short ride that goes up Signal Hill)
- Lakewood Loops (3 loops out of Lakewood F.P.)
- Longest Day of the Year Double Century Challenge (Out of Wilmot H.S.)
- Mitch's Muse (out of Penny Road Pub Memorial Day)
- Nippersink Express (Sunday Short ride out to Bonner & Rand for CITGO rest stop
and then to Fish Lake Rd and back)
- Sunday Saunter (Sunday Short ride goes out to Wauconda and back via Gilmer
and Hawley Bike Path)
- This and That (Sunday Short ride goes out to Veterans Park in McHenry and second
stop at Fox River FP on Roberts)

BOB SAVIO GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD



Annual Banquet
Sunday,
November 11
Fun, Food,
Games, Prizes

Join us for a great time; a delicious meal, and celebrate a fantastic cycling season

Noon - 1:00 pm, social hour
 1:00—4:30 pm, lunch and awards

Chandler's at
 The Schaumburg Golf Club
 401 N. Roselle Road
 Schaumburg

chandlerchophouse.com

\$25.00 per person
 (cash bar)

Questions?
 Call Meg Ewen at 630/540-1704
 or e mail her at ibagoalie@comcast.net

Wheeling Wheelmen Banquet RSVP

Name _____

Name _____
 (Spouse/Guest)

Number attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to
WHEELING WHEELMEN

Please RSVP (and send check)
by October 31 to:

Meg Ewen
 44 Stonegate Lane
 Streamwood, IL. 60107

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to fix the yellow jacket situation at Eagle Lake once and for all.

All of the organization for the above happens because of the area leaders. Emily Qualich, Al and Cindy Schneider, Brian Hale, Ella Shields, Sheri Rosenbaum, Tom Wilson, Paul Lefevre, Frank Bing, Kevin Moore, Johannes Smits, Patty Calabrese, Brian Blome, Mary Kay Drapeau, and Joe Beemster. Each of them spends months conducting the major planning, lifting, urging, begging, and pleading to organize the Harmon. Their duties often occur in the background, and they usually do their work with little recognition. I ask each club member to join me and acknowledge the area leaders next time you see them.

A special thanks from me to each volunteer. When riders tell us our service is the best it's because of your individual contribution. The smile, the friendly "thanks for coming", and the focus towards showing each rider a good time is in your hands and is what sets us apart and makes us great. Your effort and dedication make the difference. Thank you and let's keep it up.

Todd Berlin

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting
September 17, 2012

Present: Joe Beemster, Todd Berlin, Ella Shields, Dave Waycie
 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's report: Harmon results are not final, as not all bills have come in.

Harmon: Some highlights: Ridership was up to 638. Preregistrations up from 250 to 325. Comments from riders are generally positive, and Todd is responding to comments and suggestions.

Held a discussion of suggestions for improvement for next year's Harmon.

Annual Banquet is November 11.

Holiday Party is December 9. Same location as last year.

Newsletter Articles: November – Joe Beemster.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 29, 7:00 pm. Joe will host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Dave Waycie
 Secretary

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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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To post a message send your message in an email to:
wheelingwheelmen@yahoogroups.com

The group name is: **wheelingwheelmen** and is available at: 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: _____

Please consider an e-mail of our monthly newsletter to help keep club dues low and help the environment by reducing paper consumption Please indicate your choice: Send via e-mail I prefer a paper copy

New Member? _____ Renewal? _____ L.A.B. Member? _____ 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

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



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SAVE THE DATE

Banquet - Sunday, November 11
Holiday Party - Sunday, December 9
Club meeting - Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013

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,
Round Lake Beach
847/740-0007

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