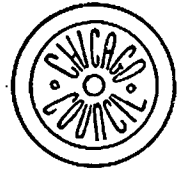


LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN



News



OCTOBER 1940

NATIONAL SAFETY CONGRESS MEETS IN CHICAGO October 7th to 11th.

The Committee on Bicycle Problems, a division of the National Safety Congress, will meet to discuss safety plans for the coming year. Anxiously awaited is the publication of their yearly report. In 1938 there were 720 deaths of cyclists; in 1939, 700, this year we hope at the least that the decline continues.

Stress will be laid this year on activities of the State, municipalities, schools and homes, especially along safe riding lines. The State will prepare a Safety Manual for Cycling and will promote paths wherever possible--this is a big step in the right direction, for before this paths as far as the State was concerned were not even mentioned. The cities will promote

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WHOOoo..
WHOOoo..WHOOoo..
Boy!
WHAT A TRIP!
Grand D Tour, Ill.

Who could ask for more than this for relaxin', exercizin' and gettin' away from it all....
...fall weather nipped by Jack Frost, he'll nip you if you're not moving.....a trainful of friendly, energetic, normal people.....a recreation car where office clerk meets business manager on equal if unsteady footing...
.have you ever tried to dance on a floor moving 60 m.p.h.?..then a stop..everyone is hustled along, feeling a little like sheep being herded by an invisible force..and then everyone is cycling down the road, part of the group
...everyone helps everyone else, good.....no one is gloomy, highways are unnaturally empty of their burden....all too soon we are eating
....chatting with our neighbors....getting used to surprises, for this one is a preacher, that one a debutante...an average group.....then, the ride back to the train.....scenery is even prettier, but the group is relaxing and appreciation wanes.....all are glad to get back to the train where, each one's reserve having been shed, the real fun and high jinks begin..
...and so home and to bed....many new friends
.....many worries gone....many problems completely solved..and tired, happily tired.....

Tickets, \$2.90 (\$1.80 under 12yrs)incl. meal.
Train, leaves Union Station 9 AM; returns 7PM.
BUY TICKETS: MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE.
179 West Jackson Blvd.....WAB 2345.
Courtesy of BURLINGTON ROUTE, Bill Molony.

CHICAGO COUNCIL PRINTS OWN NEWS

The Chicago Council of the League of American Wheelmen should have a publication of the news about its clubs. The National Bulletin, because of its very nature cannot give us this news, nor can any independent club be responsible for all clubs' news.

In order to bring together a loosely knit group of clubs into one common purpose and plan there is a vital need for some sort of publication. No group can work together when situated in such a large metropolis as Chicago unless they have a neat forceful and energetic news organ to drive them and encourage them and help each club benefit from the experience and progress of each and every other club.

Several clubs are trying to promote bulletins for their clubs which is fine, but how much easier and cheaper it would be to pool their efforts, inter-club gossip, editorials and artistic talents, and so on. For the clubs that haven't enough time or money to print their own paper, the LAW NEWS would be a great benefit. We want the cyclists in the Chicago area united in one front, for one purpose, instead of a lot of bickering sheep that are each running in a slightly different direction.

It might be likened to a group of townspeople trying to build a road through a forest to the next town. Can you imagine the confusion and purposelessness of each small group of townfolk starting at a different point and trying each to build a better road through the wilderness? Sounds silly, doesn't it? Well, that is exactly what is happening to the cyclists in Chicago. Each is hewing his own path, at his own cost and to his own regret. Let's start now and really stop this plunge in the wrong direction before it reaches the form of a flood that will carry all of us with it into disorganization.

Last of all, let's realize that the L.A.W. is not something apart from each cyclist - the L.A.W. is you and You and YOU. You cannot blame the L.A.W. for failure without having your accusing finger pointing directly back at yourself or, even worse, your own club. The League is only what each member makes it by uniting with other members towards a common goal. The more we are united the easier our goal will be reached. The LAW NEWS will unite the cyclists in Chicago, this we pledge as our first and guiding platform.

"We'll hang together, or we'll hang separately",
...Ben Franklyn, 1776.

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L.A.W. ROUND UP - - INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK.

First, the Dunes Group Camp has been reserved for accommodating cyclists for this week-end. All you need to do is bring two blankets(or3)
Second, three cyclists' meals will be prepared for cyclists by cyclists-beach party included.
Third, all this for a price that is cheaper than staying at home, \$1.25. I repeat, \$1.25.

Tickets will be on sale at all clubmeetings of member clubs and also at the L.A.W. office in the loop - 5 South Wabash Av - 1521 -STA 7155. If anyone wishes to make the Sunday only trip, the cost is 75¢ which includes entrance fee. **BECAUSE WE ARE PREPARING THE FOOD OURSELVES, RESERVATION FOR ANY MEALS MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH-FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH.**

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registration of bicycles and in cooperation with the schools to which a great number of students cycle, will sponsor inspection lanes. Parking facilities for the same group will receive attention of city and school officials. Bicycle clubs in the schools will be urged--this is the greatest step as far as the L. A. W. is affected. With membership we can do everything now prohibited by our small though active force. Parents are to be urged to assume a greater responsibility for their children's violation of traffic rules. Recreational group riding will be advised. Good and proper equipment will be the parents responsibility.

All things considered, the 1940 report promises to show more people the active part cycling really plays in the U.S. today.

We sincerely hope and believe that these promises are not so much the result of this being an election year, but of the steady putting of the cyclists' shoulders to the wheel of promoting interest in safe cycling as a recreational medium for everyone.

CYCLIST'S COURTESY DAY
October 4th, 1940.

Courtesy Saves lives. This is an obvious truth that everyone should agree to. As cyclists we can prove that as far as our recreation is concerned courtesy actually saves lives. In our group riding, the cheery call, "Thank you" by our road-captain has become so habitual as to pass unnoticed but many a motorist has been more careful of all cyclists because of the one courtesy of one person.

Most of our activities have to do with adult cyclists. Therefore, we make this our plea on Courtesy Day. That each adult will, when riding his wheel, set an example of safe and courtesy conduct so that any youngster will be branded a poor rider by his own pals if he doesn't ride like the big kids. Too often a schoolboy's excuse is that he would rather ride safely, but every man he sees cycling disregards the rules.

The school kids of today are getting a lot more safety education than our generation had and its just barely possible that we need it more than they do.

Courtesy Saves Lives, we all want to live so let's be courteous. Thank you.



When the frost is on the pumpkin
 You can see the ghosts(boo) are near.
 Des Plaines is the Hostel
 A week-end full of cheer(Oct 26th & 27th).
 Halloween in costume
 Must be lots of fun. (Reserve, Justin
 You haven't got a costume? Cline VIL 8422)
 A flag, a sheet, a gun.
 Then just come in a-singing,
 You'll be Lawrence Tibbett.
 See new films of Hosteling
 You'll never once regret it.

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN, Chicago Council.

Ride ———
 2nd Monday of each month. - Garfield Park Adm.Bldg.
 100 North Central Park Av.- 8:00 P.M., Assembly Hall.
 5 delegates are sent from each club. Visitors Welcome.

Meet ———
 on Sat.-Sun., Oct. 5-6 to Indiana Dunes State Park.
 Meet at 3:00 P.M. 100th Street & Indianapolis Blvd.
 Overnite at the Dunes Group Cabins, bring two blankets.
 TICKETS AT YOU CLUB'S MEETING OR 5 S.Wabash, STA 7155.

Ride ———
 on Sun., Oct. 20 to Grand D Tour, Illinois.
 Train leaves Union Station 9 A.M., returns 7 P.M.
 Tickets @ \$2.90(\$1.80 under 12 yrs)include dinner.
 RESERVE IN ADVANCE - 179 W Jackson Blvd. - WAB 2345.

Dance ———
 & Swim at Lawson YMCA, Chicago Ave. & Dearborn Street.
 Swimming from 8:45 to 10:45, Dancing from 9 till 12.
 Tickets are 50¢ plus L.A.W. membership card on the 3rd
 Friday of each month: as guests of the 19-Up Club..

BERWYN CYCLE CLUB
Bernard Loess

Come Dressed As A Kid

Ask your mom if you can come
 Cause our kids' party won't be dumb.
 Though we'll raise Cain and play a game
 That, they might think, would be a shame.

8 P.M. Sat. Oct. 19, 1940 35¢

Berwyn Recreation Center
 3310 Garfield Park Avenue
 Berwyn, Illinois

Refreshments - Dancing - Favors

CHICAGO CYCLE CLUB
Ruth M. Benedict

The Chicago Cycle Club's regular Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday rides have introduced many new riders to the pastime of club cycling. We have had several ten-mile test rides required for membership. More advanced members have taken our twenty-mile ability tests and fifty-mile tourist trial and the successful are awarded leather emblems. The fast riders section will have special early morning runs.

September 7th our group enjoyed a two-day house party at our president's Wisconsin home and cycled 75 miles.

An off-to-college party was given for those leaving soon. We really need a correspondence cycle club for members now scattered from Washington D.C. to Oklahoma.

COLUMBUS PARK WHEELMEN
Lee Severson

Our moonlight hayride party, September 14, with two hay racks, an accordion and 63 people representing seven clubs was a rural success. The full moon and perfect weather were mighty conducive to a good time. We all enjoyed the doughnuts and cider served after we had danced the Virginia Reel and square dances until the wee small hours of the morning.

We're planning trips to Bug-house square, Chinatown, the forest preserves and skating and dancing parties. Meet us any Friday night at 7:15, Central and Harrison - you're welcome.

EVANSTON CYCLE TOURING CLUB
William Hahn

The coming of fall brings the return of the ECTC scholars to their respective institutions of learning. Members are pursuing their studying in Evanston, Chicago, Urbana and Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

The ECTC cycle train to Lake Geneva was very successful with a small but energetic group attending. The weather was perfect and the ride around the lake was quite scenic.

On Sunday, October 6th, the club will hold a with-the-wind ride open to anyone interested. Leaving the Maple Cycle shop at 9:00 A.M. the group will ride wherever the wind may take them that day and return in the evening by train. With-the-wind rides were developed last year by several members of the club.

GARFIELD PARK CYCLE CLUB
Max Miller

Our ride to Municipal Airport where we saw gigantic transports take off under the searchlights will never be forgotten. Our Good Luck Ride on Friday the 13th was one of the best. We viewed Buckingham Fountain in all its glory, had a weenie roast at old Fort Dearborn, went swimming and Professor Ben Elkin lead us in song as we rested by the fire.

At our last business meeting we amended our constitution to read, "All members must have lights on their bikes."

We are planning some fine rides for the future. We plan to ride until the snow is too deep to plow through; then swim, dance, hike and skate through the winter.

LANE CYCLE CLUB

The Lane Cycleers are back in school and ready to start the new semester by studying and above all, reorganizing our club for another season of swell times on the road.

After this year is out, many of our L.A.W. members will leave us via graduation. Among them are President Joe Johnson and Vice President Tom Baldwin who have been members during their four years at Lane. We hope they will continue their cycling activities in one of the many L.A.W. clubs.

As real Lane Indians, the Lanites are shooting for a championship club this year, - so beware!

SOUTH SHORE CYCLE CLUB
Lillian M. Parks

On Sunday, August 18th, about 10 members rode 68 miles to Thatcher Woods and Sunday September 7th, we cycled 59 miles to Chicago Heights with luncheon served at a local inn.

Maynard and Lillian Parks vacationed in central Minnesota. They shipped their bikes on the train and rode each day from St. Charles. Mr. Parks said he noticed the absence of bicycle clubs in the larger Minnesota cities. Winona, for example, is a city of about 30,000 population and has thousands of bicycles, but there is no bicycle club or organization. Rochester, Minnesota is another city that has huge possibilities for a club.

SPROCKET WHEEL CYCLE CLUB
Dan Donegan

The Sprockets after a month generally spent in touring (by auto), promise faithfully to hew to the cycling line for October. Finally visiting their home-made fireplace located on the farm owned by those two very generous people, Mr & Mrs Buss, Rochester, Wisc.

Scouting the Dunes Park by auto was not such a failure however as Sprockets can easily guide those other members attending the L A W trip Oct 5-6 to the highest dune and the most strenuous trails. Also an unusual initiation "rite" has been planned for bikers attending who are not listed as L A W members.

For most of us vacation time is over and now we can all settle down to enjoy trips not made conspicuous by the absence of this one or that one. Sprockets are just as friendly as ever so if you are a cyclist and enjoy group riding come with us any Wednesday, thanks..

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Charles F Becker	6316 University	MID 7507
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South Shore Cycle Shop	7103 Paxton	FAI 2810
Wesco Bicycle & Electric Shop	1950 E 75th	FAI 8851
Herman's Bicycle Repair Shop	2046 E 75th	HYD 7898
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A E Koslow	3839 W Chicago	VAN 6476
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Frank Steigerwald	6972 W Fullerton	MER 8687
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North Shore Cycle	7053 N Clark	BRI 9281
Miller Bicycles	6731 Sheridan	HOL 3474
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M A Scarlata	462 W 26th	CAL 4781

Pres. Weakley in a Sprocket moment built himself a bike-trailer. On the initial run his bike turned a corner but the trailer went straight ahead with several packed lunches, (Green Briar lunches are really meals) strewn somewhere in between the trailer, Bob and his bike. Bob swears that one weenie got up and crawling among the wreckage shouted, "Wait, hey! wait for me." Even the weenies want to attend these Green Briar rides.