

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT BICYCLE CLUB

- May 12, 1971 The major subject discussed at the first meeting was the formation of a bicycle club and also the up-coming breakfast bike hike to Busse Woods on May 15. Police protection is to be used due to construction of Arlington Heights Road. Mayor Pahl of Elk Grove Village is to meet us and ride the EGV portion.
- May 15, 1971 The breakfast-bike hike was attended by approximately 65 people. The day was warm and beautiful. The Park District provided a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, bread, juice & donuts. The coffee never seemed to get ready. The ride home was hectic and too fast due to the heavy traffic. Mayor Pahl did join us. The police protection was a necessity.
- June 2 or 9, 1971 The second meeting of the AHPDBC. The forth-coming bike hike touring the Arlington Heights parks was discussed. Jim DeVos showed a movie called Spinning Wheels.
- June 27, 1971 16 people took a hike touring Camalot, Heritage & Recreation Parks. At each park pool the hikers took a private swim which was appreciated due to the heat of the day.
- June 30, 1971 The third meeting of the AHPDBC. It was attended by 11 people. The bike hike to Bemis Woods, Western Springs was set for 7:30 a.m. July 10. Additional discussed topics were the forthcoming August 1 picnic of the League of American Wheelmen to be held in Deer Grove. Our group will meet at Recreation Park and bike to Deer Grove. It was decided to meet next Wednesday, July 7 to outline on an Arlington Heights map bike routes that interconnect the Arlington Heights parks. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Senne were to ride the north side. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Prior and Mr. & Mrs. Al Heuer were to ride the south side.
- July 7, 1971 8 people met. With map on table a route of 25 1/2 miles was outlined in yellow to be submitted to Village officials for approval.
- July 10, 1971 9 adults & 3 children met at Recreation Park and drove to Bemis Woods in Western Springs. 2 more people from that area met us there. There are, up and back 14 miles of primarily gravel bicycle paths which intersect the forest preserve. It is a very pretty hike which ends at Brookfield Zoo. Most cyclists then had packed their own lunch at picniced in the woods.

July 28, 1971

11 people met at Recreation Park. The August 1 picnic of the League of American Wheelmen was discussed. Most of us will meet at Al & Jean Gain's house at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. We then will bike to Deer Grove.

How to join the League of American Wheelmen was discussed. The family fee is \$8.00 for which 2 patches are received plus bike decals and bike registration. A monthly newsletter is also received by members.

The forthcoming camping trip, planned for the 13-14-15 of August was discussed. It is planned to camp near Whitewater, Wisc. and travel on the Wisconsin bicycle route.

At present no one has time to officially ride the proposed Arlington Heights bike route but it has been approved by the Village manager, police department and all those to whom it was submitted.

August 1, 1971

At 8:30 a.m., the Priors, Spireks, Heuers & Jim DeVos met at the Gain's home for a champagne breakfast. Jean also served eggs, bacon and her special home made bread. We left there and biked to Deer Grove for the League of American Wheelmen picnic. We took side roads to the frontage road of Palatine Road and then N.W. Highway to Quentin Road. We met many people from many bike clubs, mainly in this area as there were 15 LAW picnics scheduled for this day in different areas. Chicken Unlimited catered the picnic - cost \$1.25 per person; it was delicious. We played horseshoes and had a roaring game of volleyball. Then games were played by the children and then adults. M.E. Spirek won a bike lock for her talent of finding shoes and running. A door prize drawing was then held. There were so many nice prizes and not so many people. Each of our group, including the Sennes, won 2 prizes per household with Lori Spirek cheating by drawing her own number. It was a most enjoyable day.

August 11, 1971

A planning meeting was held at Rec Park. The Priors had checked out the area in Whitewater last week where we plan to camp this weekend. They reserved a campsite for 5 couples. They rode the many roads in the area by car. The local sheriff gave them maps of the area so they routed bike routes for us. Bob Prior presented sketches of patches -- the subject was discussed but no final decision was made as yet. We are planning on becoming the midwest distributors for a bike light. This light attaches to a clip that is permanently attached to the bike. This light, which is extremely bright and durable, listed in Sloans Bike Book, can be removed and taken off the bike when leaving the bike. It has a handle for easy carrying but is still quite small. We all enthusiastically agreed we should sell these. The profit to be used for jackets or for sponsoring more bike rides. Each of the 6 initial members will put in an equal amount of money and initially be responsible for selling 20 lights each. The meeting then moved to the Spireks where the Gains showed slides of the Deer Grove bike hike & then of Puerto Rico. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Aug. 13/14/15

Jean Gain & Merle Prior left early Friday to set up the camp at TCC campground, Whitewater Lake, Wisconsin. They literally stopped traffic with the Prior's car not only pulling a camper but with 4 bikes on top of the car. By early evening the whole group of Prior, Gain, Spirek & DeVos were there.

It rained heavily Friday evening and the Prior's provided the entertainment by repairing their tent after it collapsed due to the stakes falling out -- little sleep was had by all.

On Saturday the group rode 12 miles into Delavan where Maxwell Street Days were in progress. The police gave us the royal treatment and locked our bikes in their garage so that they would not be stolen. Many purchases were made and we biked back to the camp.

It was hilly both ways but the scenery was beautiful.

On Sunday Spirek & DeVos left and the Priors and Gains biked 9 miles into Whitewater. They encountered a huge hill and a mean cocker spaniel. They were less impressed with Whitewater than Delevan.