



*Joliet Bicycle Club
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Why can't the bicycle stand up on its own?

Because it's two tired!

The rest of this year, I will be providing excerpts from the old hard copy JBC Newsletters. I hope everyone enjoys the Nostalgia of looking back through the years as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of JBC!

*Shirl Boatman,
JBC Newsletter Editor*

Message from the President

Bring on the Dog Days of Summer... Can't believe it is August already!

We had a successful 4th of July Ride because of all the hard work club members put into our annual invitational. Final numbers for the 4th of July Ride will be available September 5th at our next club meeting: Thursday 7 PM at Pizza for U on Larkin in Joliet. See you there! AND, many thanks to the ALL the volunteers who helped make our 4th of July ride run as smoothly as possible. We hosted over 500 riders not bad for an iffy weather forecast! Conrad and I are stepping down and will not be coordinating the 4th of July Ride in 2025. We will be traveling in Europe in May and June. Please consider stepping up to coordinate the ride. We will help who ever steps up to take on this important club role.

On a side note, the kids of Plattville remember JBC offers them some leftover snacks at the close of our ride. This year kept riding by in anticipation of some goodies long before noon. Once the word was out, they came on scooters, bikes and ATVs and again left with smiles from ear to ear!

Just a few days away but there is still time to RSVP.... The JBC Picnic! ...Email Bob Jacob with your sandwich choice by August 5th.

I hope to see a big turnout at Four Season's in Shorewood for the August 10th picnic. The ride starts at 8 AM. If that is too early, create a shorter ride with fellow cyclists and choose a different time. Please announce your later start ride on Google Groups to let like minded riders join you. Just get back to the pavilion by 11:30 or drive over just for the picnic. See you there!

Conrad and I had an interesting meet up in the coffee shop in Peotone today. A **woman with a backpack that had a sign on it, "Walking across the country"** was sitting by herself. I had to ask her about her adventure and within 20 minutes I had a new friend and invited her to sleep in my home. She was going to walk to Monee and stay in a motel for 2 nights due to the storms rolling through, but I encouraged her to walk to Frankfort. Conrad and I picked her up with cold water and drove her to my home in New Lenox. Roger joined us for pizza and peach pie and the 4 of us had laughs like long lost friends. Anyone interested in following her journey can read her blog: SusanRaffo.com.

Happy Trails...

Janae

Membership Corner

By Steve Geary

Welcome New Members:

William Cruikshank

Edgar Weathersby

John Peterson



JBC Ride List



Our 4th of July ride would be nowhere as successful without our participants that have been loyal to JBC over the years. A big shout out to the groups that come out to support our ride.







Thank you volunteers!







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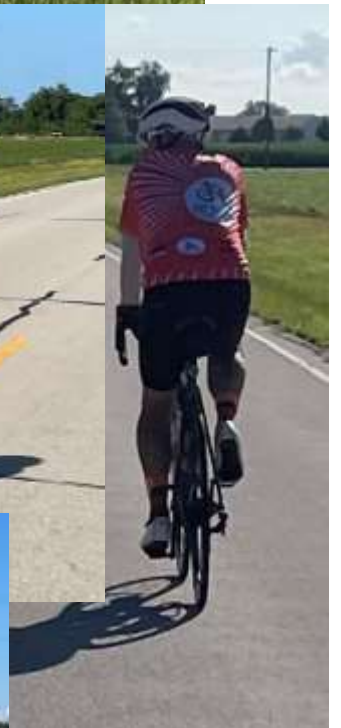
Thank you volunteers!







JBC July 4th Workers' Ride







Workers' Ride





Workers' Ride







Door County July 20—July 27.





Fishing in Door County



Who caught the biggest fish?
You will have to ask Janae,
Conrad, or Roger!



Door County July 20—July 27.

From August 1989 Newsletter—The last AIBR was in 2010 (Thank you Steve and Brenda Alberico for that information!)

Original Patch



AIBR

by Nancy Fister

What is the Across Illinois Bike Ride (AIBR)? Technically, it is a four day ride across the state of Illinois, from Moline to Dixon to Ottawa to Kankakee to the Indiana border and back to Joliet. However, those of us who have experienced AIBR know that it is more than a bike ride. It's four days of riding, companionship and "fun" with old friends and new. Since I have been on all eight rides (along with Jim McKeen and Ron Fister) and have enjoyed the problems, frustrations and joys of coordinating the ride for two years; I have been asked to reminisce about AIBR.

The first Across Illinois Bike Ride (1980) was the product of Chuck Mickelwright's dream. I think he originally envisioned a ride like RAGBRI, and I thank God that never happened. From its very beginning, AIBR has been a small group (90-150) of individuals, many of whom are strangers, who develop a lot of comradry during the 300-some miles they ride, eat, sleep and party together.

Most of the basics of the original ride are still intact. In the beginning there was a chartered bus, 1982 was the only year there were two. The bus ride began from the Brigg's Street Y until 1983, from the Country Lanes Shopping Center in 1984, and from JJC ever since. The bus riders traditionally have brought food and "refreshments" on the bus ride to the Quad Cities. Prior to 1983 the ride started at the Rock Island Y, Black Hawk Junior College in '83 (they charged too much) and the Upper Rock Island County YMCA in Moline from '84 on.

The route has pretty stayed much the same. The major difference is on the first day. Up until 1986 the second day ended in Sterling-Rock Falls. Those of you on previous rides appreciated the state of disrepair that the Sterling-Rock Falls Y had fallen into (in anticipation of building a new one) and welcomed the change to Dixon in '86. The route also changed to take us for a distance along the "Mighty Mississippi" and a chance to dip our back wheels in the muddy water at Port Byron. On day three the route went through Morris for a few years, but eventually moved south of the Illinois river to go through Mazon. We have even forged a stream on Grand Ridge Road one year. Other minor changes have been made due to road construction and finding better roads with less traffic. One of the changes we were not happy to see happen was the loss of the state patrol's watchful eye. The state patrol had been with us from 1980, looking out for our well being, but budget cutbacks forced them to discontinue coverage of the ride around 1984 (?). I remember the first ride, just after we had hit the Indiana border and turned back towards Joliet. I was riding with the Mickelwrights and two or three others, single file like good little bikers, when this loud voice came out of nowhere, "Lookin' good there!" It was our guardian angel, the state trooper, on his PA.

Jim's Red Light Bike Shop was the original sag service for the first ride and stayed with us until he retired, sold his shop and moved to Florida. Then the man who bought his shop did it for a year or two; and, this year one of our club members, Bill Lang, began providing the service. Jim offered AIBR tee-shirts for a number of years, but in 1986 (I think) we started offering them as part of the registration fee.

In looking back over eight years on the ride, there are a lot of individuals and events that come to mind. Two characters, from the very first ride, were labeled "Kamikaze" and "One Speed." Kamikaze got his nickname from the handlebars on his bike, they were "different". He wound up in every swimming hole along the route. One Speed is Ed Soja and has been on most (maybe all) of the rides. Up until 1984 he crossed the state on sheer guts and a one-speed bicycle. He says that he had no real bike conditioning beforehand (ain't youth great!) Finally in 1985, he broke down (along with his frame) and bought a new bike. This year I saw him on the 4th of July ride, which he was using as his conditioning for Across Illinois.

Two groups that I always look forward to seeing are the Rutherfords and the Slingingers from the Quad City area. They are two cycling families that have stayed with us through the years. When they started out, the Rutherford kids were probably the youngest we ever had on the ride who actually pedaled most or all of the way. Larry and the kids always had their own personal sag, a big motorhome, with Alana usually at the wheel. Larry has also been a big help in routing in the western part of the state. The Rutherford kids are mostly grown up, but Kara, the youngest, was on the ride with dad this year. The Slinginger's daughter, Kelly Adams, is another youngest who grew up on us. The Slingingers were not on the ride this year, but Kelly is now a junior at NIU and is going to get a surprise call from me this fall when school is back in session. Don Eberle, from Peoria, is another diehard who keeps coming back for the ride.

Some of the nicest people in the world live on our route. I remember a lady, who lived at the top of a long hill on the way to Prophetstown (just before the turn), with a "Watkins" sign out front, a very large shade tree and a nice cold hose for the biker's water bottles. Too bad we don't go that way anymore! The first year, the mayor Coal Valley set up donuts and juice in the town park just outside of the Quad Cities. Most of the bikers were just getting rolling by the time they hit Coal Valley and didn't stop, but Ron and I did. If he had a dozen donuts, he had 50 dozen donuts and a half a dozen ladies there to help the two of us. Needless to say, the next year there were no donuts. LaMoille is one of our favorite places. It is on the second day and they always have sandwiches, cold fruit and drinks for us at the town ball park. We discovered that it was the mayor of the town who was doing this for us, year after year, at his own expense. The club tried to offer him something in gratitude, but he wouldn't accept anything, so we donated an American flag for the fire station. Another traditional group (until this year) were the ladies in Mazon on day three. After we started going through Mazon, they had cold drinks and homemade cookies for us at Grand Ridge Road and Route 47. Another group that didn't last was in LaSalle-Peru on day two, with fresh fruit. They obviously didn't know how much bikers like fresh fruit, because they never repeated it. Just before Ottawa is the little town of Naplate, where the fire department has always been

open with cookies and lemonade for us. The first year it was the girl Scouts who welcomed us and had all of the riders sign a great big poster. The next year, we had to find where we had signed it the year before. Over the years the girl scouts have grown up, but the fire station is still open. I think that the firemen's wives were doing it in the past. This year, because of the "Waterdays" celebration, they did not have anything set up for us.

One of the unofficial spots we traditionally frequented in Sterling was Waldo Stubbs. On one of the early years of the ride we discovered that they had a DJ and dance floor upstairs, and for a few years we had our own semi-private party up there. Then it became popular for wedding receptions so we had to go elsewhere. We tried another place in town, but they had a cover charge and too many "other people". All of the towns along the route are notified that we will be passing through, the town of Walnut knew all about us before we got there. The local police was on hand to make sure that those "bikers" didn't stop in his town. He would not let us go into town, we had to stay on the route (out-of-town), but we discovered a golf course just outside of town that used to serve a cheap, hearty breakfast. Over the years however, the price has risen and last time I was there it was a buffet breakfast. LaSalle-Peru has a nice grocery store on the main route through town, with great fresh fruit and nice shade trees across the street for relaxing. Duffy's, on the second day, is in Utica. It is a tavern that Earl and Mary Dowell discovered had great atmosphere (a coffin in the front window) and served terrific hamburgers. It has changed a little because of remodeling, but the group still enjoyed it this year. That is usually a stopping spot before the last haul into Ottawa. Until this year there wasn't much to do on a Sunday night in Ottawa, so night two was usually a pretty quiet night. This year we were a week earlier and had "Riverfront Days" and "A Taste of Ottawa." On day three, there is a little restaurant in Bonfield that we always seem to stop at. Nothing special, but it came just when you needed it. This year it was closed, but the rest stop is Essex was very welcome. The Kankakee YMCA itself is worth the trip. After YMCA hours we have traditionally been allowed the use of the Men's health club with whirlpool, sauna, club room and the pools. The Y is also walking distance from the official party place of the trip: "The Little Corporal." 1989 saw the first club dinner at the YMCA and, thanks to Carol Frazier, maybe a new tradition has been born. Everyone enjoyed the chicken dinner at the Y.

Unfortunately we have also had our share of injuries. No one likes to remember the bad times, but it seems like every year we have at least one injury, some minor, some major. Since I like to forget the bad times, I can't remember what years all of these were, but I'll try. One of the first ones I can remember is Jim Turba (1981). He went down in the parking lot of the YMCA, with a fully loaded bike, before or just as the ride was starting. He cut his chin open, but rode anyway. In Prophetstown, the local doctor stitched him up and billed him later. Another early injury was Rich Farrell (1982?), from Ottawa. He went down and suffered a head injury, but met us at Duffy's, in Utica, on day two with his head all bandaged up like a swami. Needless to say, he did buy a helmet. In 1985 we had two injuries. Rick O'Brien ran into a garbage truck in Ottawa (the truck suffered minor damages, but the bike had more serious injuries), and Don Slingsinger suffered a broken collar bone at the tracks on Laraway Road. Rick also laid his bike down on the railroad tracks in Ottawa one year and had a minor mishap this year. A fellow from New Lanox broke his collar bone (1983) outside of Kankakee, but he met us at the end of the ride to claim his bike and belongings. Eric Hostert went down in LaSalle-Peru (1985). We thought he had broken his arm but, luckily, it was only sprained. Maurice Alford (1986?) and his son went down on some tracks outside of Bourbonnais and suffered bruises. The only other one that I remember did not involve injury, thank goodness, but did involve me (1982). I thought that I had packed my bike safely for transport on the bus, but somehow my derailleur got banged around on the ride from Joliet. We were still going through Carbon Cliff, even though the bridge was closed to automobile traffic. The bridge was just rough enough to cause my derailleur to snap off (coming down the hill after the bridge) and jam in my spokes. I've never stopped so fast in my life! I had to walk/carry my bike to the nearest crossroads (3 miles) to await the sag service and a new derailleur the next day. I spent that day riding in a state patrol car rather than on my bike.

This year on the ride I think we had two firsts: no serious injuries and two transcontinental riders who joined us. Somewhere in the LaSalle-Peru area, Dave Cooper and Carol Burke ran into our markings and started following them. Being the outgoing, happy "Hug a biker" group that we are, we invited them to join us and they did. They spent the night with us in Ottawa and again in Kankakee. Dave and Carol met on a bike tour in Vermont and have been doing a lot of other rides together. Dave is from Ohio and Carol from Massachusetts, but they get together for the big rides. The first part of July they started out from Washington state and are riding to the east coast. Carol only has six weeks of vacation, but Dave has a leave of absence. So, Carol has to leave soon, but plans to rejoin Dave when he gets further east to finish the ride with him.

The people responsible for AIBR:

Mickelwright 1980-81

McKeen 1982

Fister 1983 (Fister/O'Brien 1984)

O'Brien 1985

Chellino 1986, 89

not a club ride 87-88



Designed by a MCHS
Art student

Some other random memories from bike rides:

- Jim McKeen's bike hanging from the ceiling in Ottawa
- Tom DeVlieger's new belt buckle being stolen from his gear
- The ingenious shade roof for little boy in the bugger
- The Fonz boys and Ann (who can forget Ann?) from Kankakee,
- The shortcut outside of Ottawa, to avoid the big hill (thanks to Dave Sorenson)
- The onion smell outside of Bourbonnais (really gladiolus)
- The appetizers (1980-1985) at The Little Corporal
- Sue Ross' missing luggage this year (how could we lose it?)
- The stupid, casual remark that I made: something to the effect that I would take on
Across Illinois for 1990. (I already have the sag service lined up, right Bill? Any more volunteers?)

We had a good thing going once, but it got away from us. Now that we have it back, let's keep it going. Any, and all, volunteers can contact me at 942-6525, the sooner the better!

INFORMATION SHEET

What is A.I.B.R.?

A.I.B.R. is a four day 300 mile cycling tour through the Illinois Countryside starting along the Mighty Mississippi River in Moline, Illinois and traveling eastward to the "Illians" (Illinois-Indiana) state line and finishing in Joliet, Illinois. It is sponsored by the Joliet Bicycle Club in cooperation with the Governor's Council on Health and Physical Fitness. It is not a race, but a tour. This is the eighth year of A.I.B.R. and each year it has grown in size. We must limit the size of the group using the available accommodations to 250. However, camping and motels are available in each area.

"The small bicycle tour for your enjoyment."

What are the accommodations?

For a very reasonable fee we get the use of the gym floor at the friendly YMCA's along the route. We are also allowed to use their locker rooms, pools, and facilities. Some Y's will also provide a towel for a fee, but we advise you to bring your own as not all YMCA's have towels. Accommodations will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Remember, motels are available in each area.

Who can ride?

Anyone is welcome to join us for the eighth annual ride, but the individual should be in good enough physical condition to cycle up to 80 miles a day. Not all days are that long of course, but the rider should be prepared. The rider should have cycled at least one ride of 50 miles within a month of the tour. Anyone under 18 must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian. If the rider is under 16 there must be an adult responsible for the rider on the ride.

Starting Point

This year the starting point will be Upper Rock Island Co. YMCA, 2040 53rd St., Moline, IL 61265. The riders will leave after completing registration between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Routes

Most of the ride is over well maintained rural roads. However, once in a while we do have to travel on some busier routes. All of the route will be well marked and each rider will be provided with cue sheets for each day's ride. The terrain is mostly flat, but Illinois does have some rolling hills and a few that are somewhat steep.

Emergency sag/repair service - baggage transportation

Sag/repair service will be provided by the Joliet Bicycle Club, Inc. We have employed a certified bicycle mechanic who will carry a good supply of parts, but each biker should make sure that his or her bike is in good mechanical order before the ride. Extra A.I.B.R. tee shirts will also be available at the sag service.

Registration

The registration form is found on the next page. Please fill it out fully and legibly. Checks should be made payable to the Joliet Bicycle Club. Mail the completed form, your check and a long self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Joliet Bicycle Club
ATT: Dominick Cbellino
P.O. Box 2758
Joliet, Illinois 60436

Your confirmation will be mailed back promptly. NO REFUNDS.

Registration fee includes:

- A.I.B.R. tee shirt (if registered by June 30th)
- Rider identification fanny flag
- Planning for four full days
- Eighth annual A.I.B.R. pin or patch
- Marked roads
- Cue sheets
- Baggage transportation
- Sag wagon for emergencies only

**8TH ANNUAL
ACROSS ILLINOIS BIKE RIDE**

August 5 - 8, 1989

DETACH & RETURN

A.I.B.R. - 1989

Each individual rider must send in a separate application form, to assure you of receiving your own envelope of information. This form may be duplicated.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Statement of Release

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, for the above event, by the Joliet Bicycle Club Inc., I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my participation on a club ride. This release is intended to discharge in advance the Joliet Bicycle Club Inc., the promoters, the sponsors, the officials, and any involved municipalities or other public entities (and their respective agents and employees), from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in any and all club activities and events, even though the liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during bicycling events; and that participants in bicycling events occasionally sustain mortal or serious injuries, and/or property damage, as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of participating in bicycling events, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above who might otherwise be liable to me for damages.

It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption risk is binding on my heirs and assigns. I attest and verify that I am a capable, experienced, and physically fit bicyclist and prepared to participate in this Joliet Bicycle Club Inc. event. I understand that although the organizers of all Joliet Bicycle Club Inc. rides, events, and activities have exercised care to promote the safety of the participants, there are factors present (including traffic, other bicyclists, weather, road conditions, animals, etc.) whose actions and conditions are beyond their control. I agree to ride in a cautious and prudent manner, and obey all traffic and other laws. I further agree that I will supervise and accompany any and all minor children for whom I have co-signed.

Signature _____
Date _____
Name of responsible adult if registrant is under 18 years of age: _____
Signature _____
Date _____
Age of rider _____

Registration fee received before June 30th is \$35.00; after July 1st \$40.00; after August 1st \$45.00.

Four nights accommodations at YMCA's is \$20.00.

Four nights camping/shower space at YMCA's is \$5.00.

Joliet to Moline Bus Charter (Friday, August 4th) \$15.00. (First 100 riders)

Family discount - 3rd family rider - \$5.00.

4th family rider - \$10.00, 5th family rider - \$15.00, etc. off sub-total.

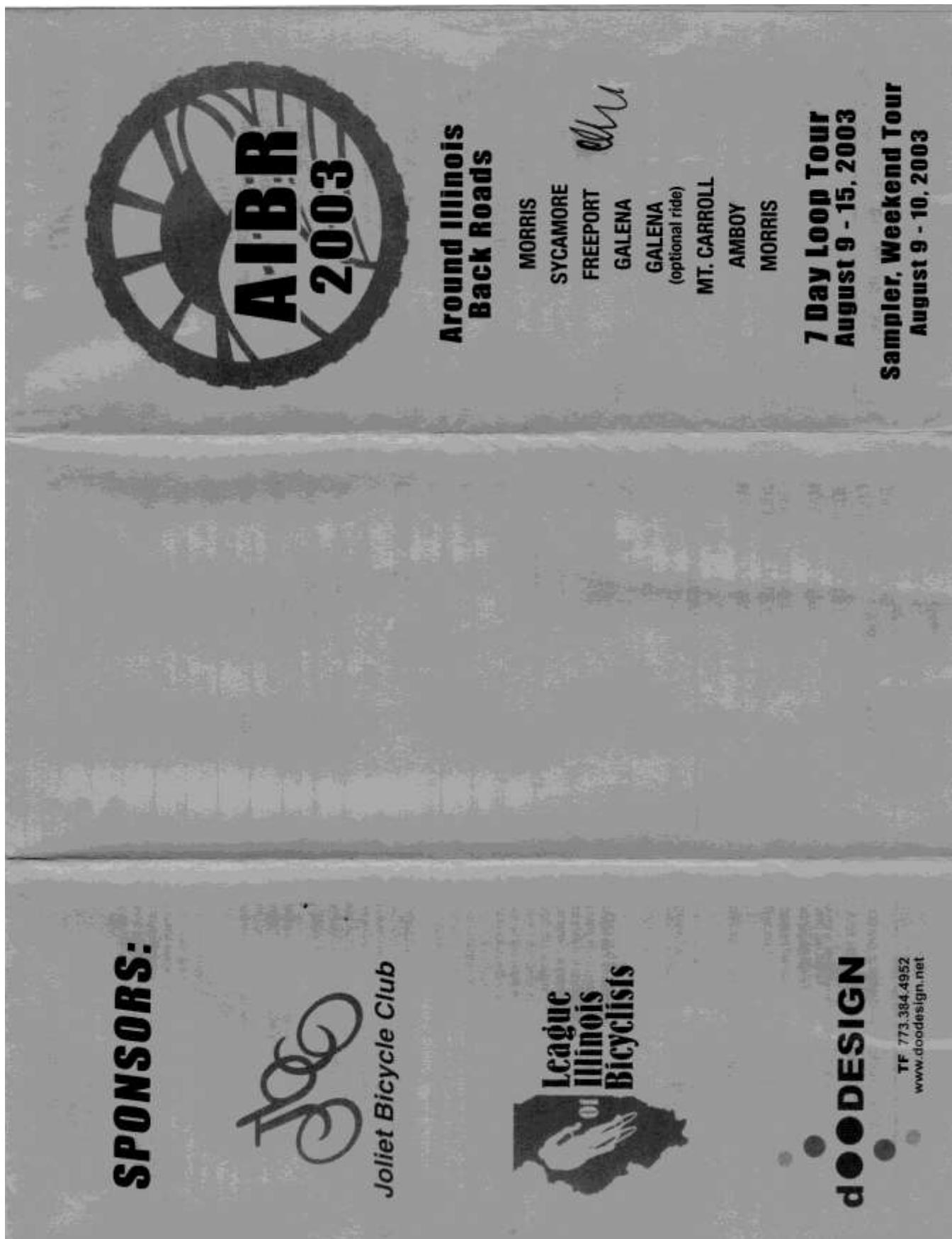
Registration Fee \$ _____
Accommodations At Y \$ _____
Joliet To Moline Bus Charter Aug. 4th \$ _____
Sub-Total \$ _____
Family Discount \$ _____
TOTAL PAID \$ _____

(Free Parking for your vehicle at Joliet Junior College during tour)

INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED, BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE WITH APPLICATION FOR RETURN OF CONFIRMATION SHEET.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

2003 AIBR Brochure



Around Illinois Back Roads



- MORRIS
- SYCAMORE
- FREEMONT
- GALENA
- GALENA
(optional ride)
- MT. CARROLL
- AMBOY
- MORRIS

7 Day Loop Tour
August 9 - 15, 2003
Sampler, Weekend Tour
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THE ROUTE IN A NUTSHELL

The route and some of the attractions along the way are described below

(all mileages are approximations and subject to change):

Day 1 - (58 miles)* Both Tours

Morris to Sycamore. Today will take you through some of the finest country biking roads in Illinois. You will pass through the flatlands covered with corn and beans, and the Illinois towns of Newark, Sandwich and Hincley. We will stay at the Sycamore Junior High School. Dinner will be provided.

Day 2 (72 Miles)* Week Long Tour

Sycamore to Freeport. Fuel up at the continental breakfast, and head west. Yes, more corn and bean fields, with some rolling hills. You will bike through Lindenwood, past the Byron Nuclear Station, through Byron, and German Valley. We will stay at the Freeport Junior High School.

Day 2 (65 Miles)* Sampler

After fueling up at the continental breakfast, you will ride back to Morris High School along a slightly different route.

Day 3 (65 miles)*

Freeport to Galena.

Fuel up with the continental breakfast.

This is the day you have been waiting for. Illinois is not flat! You will start out biking through more corn and bean fields,

however, the rolling hills will increase as you approach Galena. You will pass through Pearl City, Stockton (a great view from the top of Stockton Hill), and the beautiful village of Schapville. We will stay at the Palace Campground. Cool off in the pool. No Dinner

Day 4 (Optional 65 miles)*

Layover day in Galena.

There will be optional loop routes up to 65 miles going north to the Wisconsin border and to Charles Mound, the highest point in Illinois, over rolling hills. Visit the unique town of Scales Mound before returning to Galena. If you prefer, you can enjoy this day

exploring the historical town of Galena, or you can just relax around the pool. No meals provided.

Day 5 (45 miles)*

Galena to Mt. Carroll.

Start the day off with the continental breakfast. This is another day of beautiful Illinois. Yes, more hills. As

you head south, you will pass by the home of General Ulysses S. Grant leaving Galena, climb up Chestnut Mt., drop down to the valley town of Hanover, then "roll" to Mt. Carroll. You will stay at the Mt. Carroll Jr./Sr. High School. Dinner is provided. There is a pool nearby, at a nominal cost.

Day 6 (70 miles)*

Mt. Carroll to Amboy.

Breakfast is provided. As you head east and south, the hills will become flat farmlands as you pass through the towns of Lanark, Milledgeville, Dixon and Amboy. You will camp at the Green River Oaks Campground. Again, there is a pool. Dinner is provided.

Day 7 (76 miles)*

Amboy to Morris.

Breakfast is provided. This is it, the last day, "its been a beautiful week for a bike ride." "We will miss you." Enroute to your starting point, you will pass through LaMoille, Troy Grove (Look for Herman), Ottawa, Dayton, and Seneca.

The Joliet Bicycle Club has over 20 years of experience in putting on quality rides. We are limiting the ride to the first 250 riders. Our riders are young and not so young, new to our tour, and ones that have been with us many times before.

FEE INCLUDES:

Camping with showers; Baggage transport to campsite each day; Water stops along the route; SAG support; Tour route maps; tour route cue sheets and some selected meals. (See MEALS)

ROUTE:

The route takes you through Sycamore, Freeport, historic Galena (with layover day) with optional routes. Mt. Carroll, Amboy and back to the starting point, Morris, Illinois. Daily mileage varies from 45 to 75 miles.

The starting/finishing location is Morris High School, Morris, Illinois. You will cycle on paved country roads through delightful small towns, in and out of the Des Plaines, Illinois, Rock, and Mississippi River Valleys. The terrain varies from flat to somewhat challenging climbs, including cycling near the highest point in the state, Charles Mound, with optional routes.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT:

We camp at schools, except in Galena and Amboy where we will stay at a resort campground.

Bring a small tent, sleeping bag and a pad. Two medium duffel bags per person (40 lbs max each) transported each day to the next campsite. No backpack frames, lawn chairs, or pets.

MOTEL INFORMATION:

Most of the towns have motels located within 2 miles of where we camp. A list of motels at all the cities along the route will be sent to you

UPON REQUEST with your

confirmation. There will be a shuttle to and from the motels.

BIKING GEAR:

Helmets are mandatory and it is highly recommended that you carry two water bottles. A small bike bag is handy to carry jacket, snacks, sunscreen and a camera during the day. Your bike must be in excellent working condition. A mechanic is scheduled to accompany our trip for minor repairs and adjustments. Some bike parts will be available at competitive prices.

SHOWERS:

Each overnight stop will have showers and restrooms. You must supply your own towels and toiletries. (See the checklist sent with your confirmations for more detail.)

CHECK-IN:

Friday evening August 8 5pm to 7 pm, and Saturday morning August 9 7 am to 10 am, at Morris High School located at 1000 Union Street, Morris, Illinois.

MEALS:

The 7-day tour will include at least three dinners and three continental breakfasts, and two full breakfasts. All other food will be your responsibility. There are many shops and restaurants along the way and will be listed on the daily cue sheets. This will include places along the way (i.e. donuts, coffee, ice cream, etc.) as well as places to eat in town after the days riding is done. If you have any dietary restrictions, please advise us in advance so we can accommodate your special needs.

CONFIRMATION LETTER:

This will be mailed to you shortly after we receive your check and your fully completed and signed registration form, including the completed WAIVER. It will include a list of equipment and clothes to bring along. Send a large self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

All cancellations must be in writing and received by July 1, 2003, and are subject to a \$25 fee for week-long tour, and \$10 fee for weekend tour.

QUESTIONS:

You may call and leave a message at 815-467-5748 or e-mail Brenda at alberico@cbcast.com.

REGISTRATION

Fees include a t-shirt**

- AIBR (7 DAY TOUR)**
- Early Bird Registration: BEFORE April 1, 2002
- ADULT \$205 CHILD* (12 & UNDER) \$105
- Early Registration: BEFORE July 1, 2002
- ADULT \$235 CHILD* (12 & UNDER) \$135
- AFTER June 30, 2002****
- ADULT \$275 CHILD* (12 & UNDER) \$175
- Family Rate Available (contact Brenda)**

- AIBR (SAMPLER WEEKEND)**
- Early Bird Registration: BEFORE April 1, 2002
- ADULT / CHILD \$50
- Early Registration: BEFORE July 1, 2002
- ADULT / CHILD \$60
- AFTER June 30th, 2002****
- ADULT / CHILD \$80

*child must be accompanied by an adult registered rider
 **T-shirt not guaranteed if register after July 1st.
 Non-rider fee same as child's fee

SPONSORS

LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS BICYCLISTS
 A.I.B.R. is co-sponsored by the League of Illinois Bicyclists, a state wide cycling advocacy organization. Your additional tax deductible donation would be greatly appreciated.

Registration is also available online at:
www.signmeupsports.com

Names: _____ M F
 _____ M F
 _____ M F

Address: _____

 City: _____ Zip: _____
 State: _____
 Day Phone: _____
 Evening Phone: _____
 Email address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City and State _____
 Phone _____

Please Circle t-shirt size:

XS S M L XL XXL

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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JOLIET BICYCLE CLUB
 P.O. BOX 2758
 JOLIET, IL 60436

Statement of Release

Your registration will not be processed unless the release is signed.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application for the above event by the Joliet Bicycle Club, Inc., I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for personal injury, death or property damage which I may have here and after accrue to me as a result of my participation in this club ride. This release is intended to discharge, in advance, the Joliet Bicycle Club, Inc., promoters, sponsors, officials any involved municipalities or other public entities (and their respective agents and employees) from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in any and all club activities and events even though the liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during bicycling events and that participants in bicycling events occasionally sustain serious or mortal injuries and/or property damage as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of participating in bicycling events, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons mentioned above who might otherwise be liable to me for damages.

It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption risk is binding on my heirs and assigns. I attest and verify that I am capable, experienced and physically fit bicyclist and prepared to participate in this Joliet Bicycle Club, Inc. event. I understand that although the organizers of all Joliet Bicycle Club, Inc. events and activities have exercised care to promote the safety of the participants there are factors present (including traffic, other bicyclists, weather, road conditions, animals, etc.) whose actions and conditions are beyond their control. I agree to wear a helmet, ride in a cautious and prudent manner and obey all traffic and other laws. I further agree that I will supervise and accompany any and all minor children for whom I have co-signed.

Signature _____ Date _____ Age _____

Signature of Parent of Guardian

I as a parent or guardian of the above named minor hereby give my permission and consent voluntarily and freely for my child to participate in the tour. I further agree individually and in behalf of my child to the above terms after having fully read the terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

JBC Ride Definitions / Rules / Etiquette

SG - Show & Go - ride leaders, and distances can be decided at the ride

S - Social - Group stays together, rides at posted level, has ride leader.

Ride contacts are to be called for information about the ride.

All riders should plan to arrive at any scheduled ride at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

AD HOC RIDES

1. A non-calendar ride, via google groups email invite
2. 12 hour advance notice, e.g. Friday 8am ride invite sent by 8pm Thursday
3. Invite must include starting time, location and ride level (I-V)
4. Additional details about the ride can be shared too.
5. Miles are recorded as: AH/date/leader initials/miles/riders (in alpha form).
6. Use AD Hoc number assigned to the day of the ride
7. 2 riders minimum for in-state and out of state rides

Please send AD Hoc and regular miles to Bill Cihon at:
miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Send invitational miles with Invitational Mileage Report in the subject line to Bill Cihon at: miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

LEVEL	MPH
I	10-12.4
II	12.5-15
III	15.1-18
IV	18.1-20
V	20.1+

Click this [link](#) to view the JBC Member Guide:



JBC Board and Committee Contacts

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Reporting Miles, Ride List, Membership

Ride leaders or whomever is in charge for the ride should report miles for daily JBC rides listed on the calendar and for Ad Hoc Rides. Please send the Ride #, date, and list of riders in alphabetical order, and their miles to:

miles@jolietbicycleclub.com

Mileage reports should be sent within 3 days of the ride.

The JBC Ride List is published monthly on the JBC website.

<http://www.jolietbicycleclub.com/ride-calendar/>

All JBC Ad Hoc Rides are announced through JBC Google Groups emails.

Make sure you are signed up on JBC Google Groups to get all club announcements.

JBC annual dues are \$15.00

JBC Meeting Information

Regular JBC club meetings will be announced in the Newsletter. JBC holds meetings in Feb, March, April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. at Pizza 4 U, 116 S Larkin Ave, Joliet. General meeting—September 5 @ 7:00 PM.

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JBC Ride List

