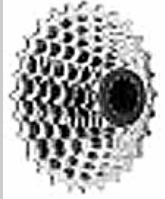




Bartlesville Pedalers Gazette



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The Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Ok

Pedaler's Potluck Party Dec. 7th

You are invited to The Bartlesville Pedaler's Annual Pot Luck Christmas Party! Bring a favorite covered dish, serving spoon along with your family and guests to the Disciples Christian Church, 5800 Douglas Lane, 6 pm Tuesday Dec. 7. You may arrive as early as 5 pm to help setup, decorate and prepare your food items. Club will furnish water, tea, and paper goods, If you'd like to coordinate what items you are bringing, then call Joanne Estes at 333-6524.

During the meeting there will be:

- Mileage certificates (turn your miles into Vince by Dec 4)
- recognition for the most flat tires or other notable achievements.
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- elections of officers for next year.
- a discussion of the Pedalers Jersey.
- Newsletter & Web Page

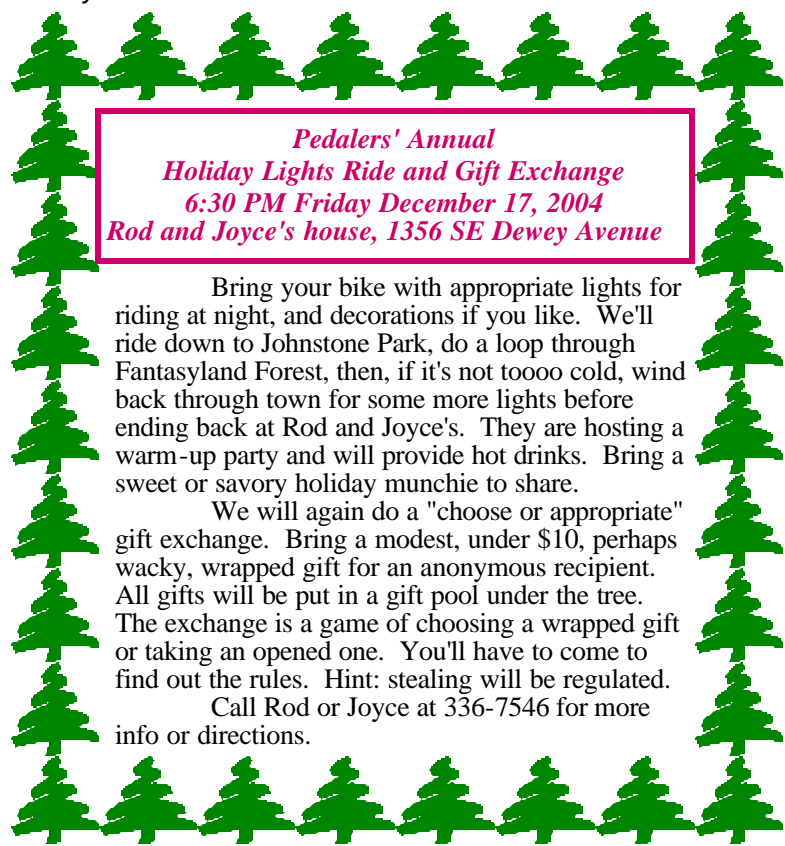
This is a DON'T MISS!

Let's celebrate the Christmas Season together AND sing "Happy Birthday to You" to our cherished Charter member, Bartlesville Pedaler Clarence Lanning, 91 years young on the 9th!!

Renew your family membership for 2004 and get your name in the drawing for the FREE membership!



As we reflect on last years activities, such as the Woolaroc Road Race, the Pedalers wish you Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!



***Pedalers' Annual
Holiday Lights Ride and Gift Exchange
6:30 PM Friday December 17, 2004
Rod and Joyce's house, 1356 SE Dewey Avenue***

Bring your bike with appropriate lights for riding at night, and decorations if you like. We'll ride down to Johnstone Park, do a loop through Fantasyland Forest, then, if it's not toooo cold, wind back through town for some more lights before ending back at Rod and Joyce's. They are hosting a warm-up party and will provide hot drinks. Bring a sweet or savory holiday munchie to share.

We will again do a "choose or appropriate" gift exchange. Bring a modest, under \$10, perhaps wacky, wrapped gift for an anonymous recipient. All gifts will be put in a gift pool under the tree. The exchange is a game of choosing a wrapped gift or taking an opened one. You'll have to come to find out the rules. Hint: stealing will be regulated.

Call Rod or Joyce at 336-7546 for more info or directions.

Report from the Road Director

By Bob Lummis

Saturday rides will be at 1:00 for the months of December — February



This time of year, there isn't an awful lot to report, we do continue to ride though. Our Saturday rides will shift to Saturday afternoon rides for the next three months. We will meet at our usual place at the entrance to the Pathfinder Parkway in Johnstone Park at 1:00. The rides will be tailwind rides and we will decide the route at the time of the ride. Generally, the rides will be in the 40-50 mile range, but there always is the option of taking a shorter ride if you don't feel like a long one.

The Fair Weather Friends ride continues each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon as the weather allows. (Allowable weather is a subjective term, so it is a good idea to check around and see if anyone is riding.) Generally, the weather needs to be warm, not raining or snowing, and not too windy for the ride to be held. We meet in the tennis court parking lot at Sooner Park at

2:00 for the rides. The rides are usually 20 – 30 miles in length.

Our annual Christmas Lights Tour will be leaving Rod & Joyce's house (1356 S. Dewey) at 6:00 pm on December 17th. We will ride down to the FantasyLand Christmas Light Display at Johnstone Park and back. You will need lights for your bicycle for the ride. Following the ride will be the Pedalers Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at Rod & Joyce's.

We ARE planning to again have a New Years Day ride to get your 2005 riding season kicked off. We will meet at the entrance to Pathfinder Parkway in Johnstone Park at 1:00 on New Year's Day for the ride. The plan is to hold the ride regardless of the weather. Rain is the only weather condition that I foresee that will cancel the ride. If it is snowy and/or slick, we'll do a spin on the Pathfinder Parkway on our mountain bikes. (That's the one with the fat knobby tires.)

That's all for this month! Have a safe ride.

Bob

Oklahoma FreeWheel 2005 November Planning Meeting

With about eighteen in attendance, Tour Director, Libby Stalter thanked all the volunteers for an excellent year. Venturing out to Western Oklahoma was definitely a hit! She still needs a Rest Stop coordinator to volunteer for next year. "Retiring" Joanne Estes will show any willing one the "ropes" – all can be planned before actual FreeWheel, so that volunteer may ride during that funnest week of the year!

Libby is excited about the 2005 route al-most in place – only a couple more towns to confirm. The only clues she gave were that it would be east of Interstate 35, be located in the "Tulsa World" readership area, and there would be some significant hills one particular day! (Ross blushed while quietly, rhetorically questioned "Red Oak?") On that day, there will be a choice of another, easier route. The ride will definitely start in Texas and end somewhere in Kansas! All towns this year will be familiar with FreeWheelers!

The Tulsa Schools have been running late, with snow days, but 2005 OK FreeWheel week is set for June 12-18.

Central Tech Truck Driving School will still be a sponsor. Libby is checking to see if there will be a replacement for St. John's in Tulsa - maybe a health group in Oklahoma City.

There will be patches for those earning Centuries this year. Hopefully Bill Birk will coordinate Lunch Stops. Dennis Yust will be on hand with his unique portable Rest Stop amenities!

"Passports" are being considered for each rider to check in at visiting towns and official rest stops along the way. These have worked well at "Bike Virginia."

For any early birds, an exiting new feature for FreeWheel is "Shuttle Guy," for full-service bike tour amenities, such as towel service, luggage-handling, tent rental and set up, etc. Libby has signed him on for that FreeWheel Week. You may check out a variety of possibilities on his web site.

Registration rates will remain the same. Indoor Camping will again be available!

There will be a "Super Sag" during the week and definitely better bus services to and from the start for this coming year. Libby gives sincerest apologies for the short-comings of "First Choice" this year!

Tom Brown is planning the educational seminars for FreeWheelers to begin early in the year. They will be no charge and open to the public.

Thanks, to Tina, Mapco will be a sponsor again this year and will have office space for FreeWheel the end of May.

Libby promises to reveal the official 2005 Route very soon! As sponsors, the Bartlesville Pedalers will be first in the know! So STAY TUNED!

Next planning meeting will be Monday, December 6, same time, same place!

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Estes

Pedaler Profile

Joanne Estes

When I was a girl, I always dreamed of having a horse, but when I got the thrill of coasting downhill on a gravel country road in Lincoln County, Missouri, borrowing our cousin's blue 2-wheeler, that must have been the beginning of a great fondness for cycling! Our dad (Santa) presented my older sister, Mary Jean & I our first very own blue bicycle to share when we were grade-schoolers in St. Charles, Missouri.

Next great memories of cycling are when we moved from Kansas City to Bartlesville in 1970 with our three small children. After teaching them to ride, and Bill & I both thinking it would be fun and economical to bicycle to work, I negotiated a good price at Wal-Mart (not the Super Center in those days!) on a 3-speed with a rack on the back – it had been their display model, sitting outside all summer!

When the Path-Finder Parkway opened officially July 4th in 1976, it was important to me that each of our family actually rode our bikes as far as we could on the beautiful path from Silver Lake Road, even though Caney River flooding blocked the lower part near the bridge that opening day.

Other family bicycling fun would be riding on the main streets to Sooner Park for the fireworks, July 4th. The last time we tried that was when we got scared and separated zooming down Nowata Road toward Woodland Park in the dark! NO headlights! Dumb!

In 1989 my adventuresome husband, Bill, who was enjoying commuting 3 miles to work & back, purchased a beautiful new red Cannondale mountain bike from Marshall's. We'd heard about Oklahoma FreeWheel and the theme and route that year was to be

about the Land Run a century before! Since Bill's great grandparents had been in that land run, he thought he would take the challenge and asked if I'd like to come, too! He'd bought me a very nice commuting bike, a Bridgestone, from Anything in Sports, it was "Jeff's" old bike – so we started riding with the Pedalers early in the year to prepare for the June cross-state event!

That wound up being one of the famous wet and cold FreeWheel, and we were pretty weathered by the time we fought the north headwind downhill on 123 into Bartlesville on Wednesday, then sat outside in same weather at the Woolaroc OKMozart concert that eve with our out-of-town relatives! The rest of the week we stayed home and enjoyed the Mozart events! Half a FreeWheel was pretty good for us first-timers that year!

Since then Bill ordered me a beautiful carbon fiber 1990 Giant Cadex for succeeding FreeWheels, and for my 60th birthday last year, replaced it with the latest model with index shifting! This old girl is still trying to learn new tricks even though she STILL can't keep up with Bill!

With arthritis and hip replacements, I'm very dependent on bicycling to keep me limber and feeling frisky and able to keep up with our 8 grandchildren! We enjoy attending their Caney Valley Lady Trojan and Bartlesville Lady Bruin games, watching the Walt and Martha Ward, along with the Peter and Cindy Estes kids! We're proud to enjoy their soccer and football games along with their band and choir concerts, as well! Their cycling is mostly "job-related" – carrying the "Examiner Enterprise" in their Kane School area!

Our daughter Sydney Hardham and hubby Bill with BP in Houston invite us to join in the MS150, Houston to Austin in mid-April.

My own cycling "cross-training" includes ringing big hand bells (upper body), singing in the choir (lungs capacity!), and enjoying the new equipment at the new Family Life Center at our church downtown, First Baptist. When weather permits, I'll tie up my "horse" on the new bike rack just outside the door!

The Bartlesville Pedalers and Oklahoma FreeWheel are right up there on my FAVORITES list! I'm proud to be a Pedaler and certainly look forward to training and riding many FreeWheels to come!

Bill and I also enjoy the "Flower Power" ride in Muskogee in the Spring, the "Hotter'n Hell Hundred" in Wichita Falls, Texas, in late August, the "Fall Bike Fest" in Fairview and the "Dam Jam" in Pryor later in the Fall.





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Pedalers Membership

Membership dues are \$16 per household for the calendar year. Anyone joining during the last quarter of the year is paid through the next year.

Among the super reasons for joining the Bartlesville Pedalers are:

- Access to the members area of the web page;
- The super newsletter you are reading;
- Many club activities;
- Comradery with many area cyclists;
- Part of a collective voice for cycling in Bartlesville;
- Discount at Bartlesville Adventure Bicycle Center.

Spinning Wheels *By Dale Munn*

Well here we are again at the end of another year. They sure seem to be going by faster. It has been a pretty good year for the pedalers in Bartlesville. We have had a lot of fun rides together, promoted and trained several new cyclists for FreeWheel, had great turnout at our monthly board meetings, picked up trash on our favorite hill, had a watermelon ride, ice cream social and even some interesting meetings at the 2nd Street Bakery on some cold or wet mornings. We even have a new needed Bicycle store in

town. Drop in and see the new shop on Washington, just North of Tuxedo.

Now is the time when we should be making some resolutions and plans for the next year. One resolution should be to ride as much as possible and promote others to join in our fun activity. As I think back over the time that I have been active riding (or following) the pedalers, I can't imagine how I could have spent my time any better.

We are also planning on getting a club jersey out this year. If there are any activities you think we should be participating in, be sure to let one of the board members know about it, or come to one of the board meetings at the Madison Pizza Hut. The next meeting is December 20th at 6:30PM.

There is still an opening for newsletter editor. If you would like to try your hand at publishing a newsletter, it would be great. Also looks good on your resume. If not submit your news articles to share with your fellow pedalers. I know you all have some interesting cycling activities and stories to write about.

That's it for this month, hope to see you all on some of the remaining club rides and other club activities.

