



New Officers Elected at Potluck Party

The Pedalers Annual Meeting and Potluck of December 9, 2003, was held at the Disciples Christian Church.

Attending were: Dale and Judy Munn; Joel and Shirley Martin; Bob and Patsy Lummis; Bob and Rosanne Pinnick; Walt and Betty Bohn; Paul and Beverly Woollett; Jim and Donna Black (along with Anthony!); Ralph and Lois Bergstad; Malcolm and Barbara Joyce; Jack Tatum; Clarence Lanning; Vince Hennigan and Janet Kitching; Dan Schultes; Bill and Joanne Estes; and new members Rev. Sharon Watkins and Rick Lowery.

In spite of approaching snow flurries, the Bartlesville Pedalers wound up an incredible 2003 year in fine style at the beautiful and most accommodating Church. The highlight of the excitement was wishing our cherished charter member, Clarence Lanning, a very happy 90th birthday! He enjoyed opening cards, blowing out the candles on the special cake designed and made by Donna. It was a chocolate, sugar-free in the shape of a hill with bicycles going up and down the hill! Clarence blew out the candles with zero assistance!

Vince had prepared a photo plaque to present to Clarence to commemorate his birthday and thank him for inspiring the Pedalers over the years! Clarence said he didn't start serious cycling until he was 66 and has ridden 16 FreeWheels across Oklahoma since then!

After sampling the Christmas pot luck fare, President Jim opened the business meeting, announced the slate of officers for 2004 and the election produced unanimous approval as Malcolm moved that these be accepted with acclamation!

President – Dale Munn

Vice President/Treasurer – Joel Martin

Secretary – Rod Harwood

Road Director – Bob Lummis

Mountain Rides – George Harris

At Large 1 – Joanne Estes

At Large 2 – Bob Pinnick

Vince Hennigan returns as newsletter editor

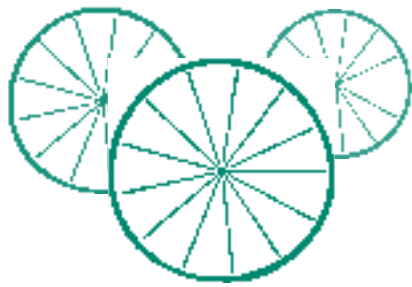
The gavel was then passed to New President, Dale, who thanked the Blacks for their leadership with a lovely photo plaque memento.

Dale announced that capable and creative Joyce Fogle had graciously agreed to return to the Trash Pick Up Coordinating for another term! (THANK YOU, Joyce! You make trash-picking-up times to really anticipate and enjoy!)

Joanne announced membership drive for the newly revitalized Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition and furnished pamphlets for those interested. The Pedalers voted to join the OBC group membership at \$50.00. She also took orders for the 2004 OBC Calendar which will have all major area rides marked on the monthly pages. (These are \$12 with shipping.) Our group will send a delegate to the meetings.

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Don't forget the
New Years' Day Ride
It leaves **SOONER** Park
(by the Tennis Court) at 10 am.
Donna Black
will be Ride Leader.



Spinning Wheels

A strange thing happened a few years ago. I was asked to be on the Pedalers' nominating committee. Thinking that was a pretty safe job - picking someone else to be officers, I said "sure!" Well we made a selection, but after the dust had settled somehow I ended up agreeing to be Vice President. I thought that was pretty safe as someone else would be president. Hum, I'm beginning to see a flaw in my initial logic. I am pleased to serve as President and hope that I can successfully follow my predecessors.

I hope everyone has had a very Merry Christmas and received lots of bicycle items that you are now anxious to test out on some of our upcoming rides. Now that we are past the really hectic time of the year we can get back to a normal routine which hopefully includes some rides with your fellow Pedalers.

We are planning another great year of activities. In addition to our normal rides, we are planning on a Spring Fling, the Fourth of July Firecracker Century and the Credit Card Campout. Also we will be promoting Oklahoma 2004 FreeWheel with a special visit from Libby Stalter in March. If you have any other activities, send them to one of the officers for consideration.

A goal of each of us should be to promote bicycling in the Bartlesville area. Offer to help Boy Scout Troops with their Cycling merit badge or volunteer to help with a bike rodeo. Invite friends to ride with the Pedalers. If you ride your bike to work, encourage others to join you. Help them find a safe route to work. If you don't ride to work, consider trying it for a day or two each week. Many companies have casual Fridays which would make great times to cycle to work.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you on rides this year. Ride safely and courteously. 🚲

Dale Munn, President

Report from the Road Director

***Fair Weather Friends • Sooner Park
Tuesday's and Thursday's at 2:00
(Weather permitting.)***

Throughout the off-season, we are having Tuesday-Thursday afternoon rides leaving from Sooner Park at 2:00 p.m. These are tailwind rides that are generally in the 25-30 mile range with shorter options. Weather plays a big role in whether or not we ride on any given day. If it is warm and sunny outside, and not real windy, bank on the ride being held. If it is cold, rainy, snowy, real windy or any other bad weather, the ride is probably off for the day. We like to say that 40° is our criteria for whether or not to hold the ride, but really, that is just one factor. Call Dale, Bill, Walt, Jack or Bob to find out if the ride is on or off. 🚲

Bob



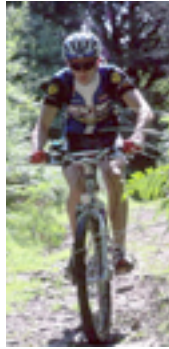
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Mountain Biking...

From the Mountain Biking "Director"...

By George Harris



What to say, what to say? I guess the question really ought to be "what do you want to hear?" Are there any particular topics that you like to see covered in the mountain biking area of the newsletter? Is there anything you would like to say? Drop me a note in either case, george-harris@sbcglobal.net.

Mountain bike rides in 2004 will be the familiar with a mix of the new and different. One of things being considered in the 'different' department are rides where pavement makes up a significant part of the route. And maybe some sundown rides this summer where we start ride and watch the sun set. Moonlight, or moonless, rides offer a completely different experience so there will probably be one or two of them. But

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Dale asked if anyone had special ideas for the upcoming year. He told about the FreeWheel Informational Meeting at the Bartlesville Library, that our Pedalers will be sponsoring. Libby Stalter will be featured speaker. This will be held at Noon on Tuesday, March 2.

He also, inquired as to interest in a Spring Fling - Those present seemed to think it would be fun - maybe to have it earlier in the year, before FreeWheel. Another site, instead of Osage Hills camping, was suggested: The Copan Lake area - which is also very beautiful and not quite so hilly!

Rev. Sharon Watkins and husband Rick Lowery, both cyclists, honored us with their presence and signed up to be Pedalers as well! We are so happy to have them as our newest members!

New Road Director, Bob Lummis presented mileage certificates to Paul, Dale, Shirley, Joel, Donna, Jim, Bill, Joanne & himself! Great riding and record-keeping, Ya'll!

Dale & Vince furnished classy membership

right now it is winter, and winter is a hard time to schedule rides.

Osage Hills is our favorite winter riding location, but, rain and/or snow, can make the trails too wet to ride for several weeks. (Call me, 331-9080, if you want an Osage Hills trails report before driving out to the park.) And it would be nice if we could come up with an alternate ride location for when Osage Hills is too wet. One possibility is to ride from the park up to the Osage Wildlife Management Area. This is about a 15 mile loop, but a lot of it is on pavement. Any other ideas?

George

Sunday Cross Country Rides

The Sunday mountain bike rides for the month of January will again be out at Osage Hills except for January 18th. We will try some of the roads around Moore (Bells) Ranch On the 18th. The route and distance will be decided at time of ride. Meet at CR 405 and 200, 5 miles east of Bison on Highway 60. 🐾

cards and "Share the Road" bumper stickers to those with paid dues. Neal Johnson won the free membership and the Martins won \$10 certificate to shop at Staples! Clarence won a collectable t-shirt & passed it on to Joanne, the next name drawn!

Bill presented the traveling water bottle "Flat Tire Award" to Dan Schultes for his FreeWheel Flat Fixing Extravaganza this year! He won, hands down!! No contest!! Congratulations, Dan!

Meeting was adjourned! Thanks to all who help set up, bring their yummy dishes, quickly tidied up afterwards and braved the winter weather to enjoy all the fun!! 🐾

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Estes

for New 2004 Secretary, Rod Harwood!



Pedaler Profile

Dale Munn

As most cyclists, I began cycling as a youth. I knew no fear in the St. Louis traffic and road all over the area. I remember most being heart broken when I went into one of the major shopping stores and came out to find my 3-speed Schwinn bicycle had been stolen. It was replaced by another similar Schwinn 3-speed bicycle.

Once I turned 16, the bicycle seemed to lose interest. Outside of occasional neighborhood rides, my trusty bicycle remained parked in the garage.

My family consists of 3 sons, Michael, Daniel and Andrew, and wife, Judy. We came to Bartlesville in 1973 from Ft. Huachuca, AZ, where I served in the Army with the Safeguard Communications Agency. Currently Andrew is still at home and Dan is one of the managers at the Bartlesville Lowe's store, while Michael lives with his family in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Then around 1995 while my youngest son, Andrew, was in Boy Scouts, the troop began working on the Cycling merit badge, led by one of the leaders, Bob Lummis. At that time I had upgraded to a Toys 'R Us mountain bike and rode on most of the rides that the Scouts had leading up to the merit badge.

After that I observed a few friends at Applied Automation riding their bikes to work and eventually decided to give it a try. Pretty soon, I became a dedicated cyclist commuter. During the daylight savings time of the year, I only missed days when it was raining. The ride to the Research Center was about 6.5 miles and took about 35 minutes.

Finally in 1998, I decided it was time to try joining the FreeWheel ride across the state, especially since the route went through Bartlesville. I remember showing up one Thursday at Sooner Park for a training ride after attending a meeting at the library. After huffing and puffing with my trusty 40-pound mountain bike, I quickly went over to Black's bikes and purchased a nice Trek 1220 bicycle. What a difference that made, I



Dale Munn, enjoying hot apple cider on the little camp stove. Photo was taken at the city park in Fairview on a chilly afternoon during the Fall Bike Fest in October. Photo by Joanne and Bills Estes

could begin to keep the Pedalers in sight! That year the training for FreeWheel mostly involved riding to work and the Tuesday/Thursday rides. I probably had not ridden more than 30 miles at a time before heading down to Hugo with Rob Dahlgren to begin my first FreeWheel adventure.

We had a great ride with all of the usual FreeWheel weather, including a few days with real strong tail winds. After FreeWheel I was in great shape to go with the Boy Scouts to a high adventure canoe trip, Northern Tier. The rest of the time, I went back to just riding to and from work.

I managed to ride on most of the next two FreeWheels, 1999-2000. The year 2000 must have been the year when I started riding on almost all of the scheduled Pedalers rides during the year. That is during the warm season.

The year 2001 brought a special treat when my son, Dan, who had always wanted to do FreeWheel, made the trip to Hugo with us. Most of the week was great, with Dan racing Jack to the next town and having my tent set up waiting for me. The most interesting day was the day when I worked late on the baggage truck, hitting the 3-

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Mile hill leaving camp all by myself.

I was really looking forward to getting to camp and having my tent set up when I crossed a bridge about 20 miles out and there sitting on the edge was Dan waiting for me to come by and give him a tube to fix a flat. Other Pedalers had ridden by and waved at him, not realizing he was needing some help. Also, he hadn't learned the signal for trouble at that time. One of the other goals Dan had since he was a teenager was to ride the Hotter 'N Hell 100 in Wichita Falls, TX. So this year we went with Neal down to try this amazing event. Of course I was doing the Saturday rides with the Pedalers and Dan was busy working and spending time with his son. As a result, Dan only made it 90 miles, probably because he stayed back with his slow dad. His slow Dad managed to make it all the way to the finish line, although it might have been close to 3 pm.

After 28 years with Applied Automation, 2002 brought about my surprise retirement. I thought I had a few more years to go, but must have miscalculated. Although this was somewhat sad, it meant I now had time to also ride on Tuesday and Thursday with the Fair Weather Friends. During the last two years, I have enjoyed the two FreeWheels and another Hotter 'N Hell, riding with the many cycling friends I have met. My only regret is that I didn't discover cycling and riding with the Pedalers years earlier. 🚲

2003 Mileage Report

Ross Snider estimates his mileage for 2003 was about 5200! That makes him the leader so far. Also reporting are:

Dale Munn with 4033
Bill Estes with 4000
Joanne Estes with 3000.52
Joel Martin with 2740
Bob Lummis with 2725
Paul Woollett with 2234
Jim Black with 1,767
Shirley Martin with 1200
Donna Black with 646

I know Clarence rode, but I'm unsure of his total! Congratulations and keep Pedalin! 🚲

1200 Riders Expected for Dallas Rally

The Greater Dallas Bicyclists are announcing their annual "Lancaster Country Ride" will wind through the countryside around the town of Lancaster, Texas - just south of Dallas on April 10. They are expecting about 1200 riders.

Their public relations director said, "Last year, I was driving on the longer routes while my wife stuck her head out the sunroof with the camera to take photos. I kept saying to myself, "Darn! I sure wish I were riding this route!" The point is, this is a really beautiful rally."

The 2004 ride falls on April 10, and as usual, it coincides with the festivities of the rustic Lancaster Town Festival.

Rally Director is Andrew Henwood: ahenwood@ti.com GDB website: www.gdbclub.org Routes: 26, 45 and 63 miles

First 750 registered riders get a Free pair of Cycling Socks! Fees are: Early Registration: \$15 (Until March 27); Online registration at www.active.com: \$17; Late Registration by Mail: \$20 (Postmarked after March 27th); Late Registration: \$22.

Michael Lovas, Public Relations Director
Greater Dallas Bicyclists



Donna Black presents Clarence Lanning an "over the hill" 90th birthday cake as the Club sang "Happy Birthday to You!" at the Pedalers Annual Christmas Pot Luck, December 9th. Photo by Bill Estes

If you haven't yet already... send off your 2004 dues to our new VP/Treasurer, Mr. Joel Martin, 636 SE Kenwood Rd, Bartlesville, OK 74006!! . . . a mere \$16.00, even for the whole family! Thank you.

More 2004 FreeWheel Details Revealed

Bartlesville Pedalers attending the OKFreeWheel 2004 Monthly Planning Meeting at Tina Birch's in Tulsa, 6:30 p.m. December 1st, were Ross Snider, Bob & Nickie Hall-Hensley, Bill & Joanne Estes (not to mention, prospective Pedalers member, Michael Smith!)

As festive tasty treats were enjoyed, Libby reviewed the confirmed Oklahoma host towns and their amenities!

June 13, Sunday – Duncan to Apache, 50 miles

June 14, Monday – Apache to Cordell, 69 miles

June 15, Tuesday – Cordell to Cheyenne, 66 miles

June 16, Wednesday – Cheyenne to Thomas, 64 miles

June 17, Thursday – Thomas to Fairview, 57 miles (SpeedWheel)

June 18, Friday – Fairview to Cherokee, 40 to 100 miles

June 19, Saturday – Cherokee to Anthony, KS, 47 miles

One big change for 2004 will be the careful serving

of food items at the official rest stops. Because of sanitary reasons, riders may need to bring their own pocket knives to cut whole fruit - snack items will need to be prepackaged. Water will be carefully served - possibly bottled water may be the best way to go.

The new privacy laws will have an affect on the procedures this year. Also, for any rider with a disability, that rider needs to let Libby know ahead of time.

Libby is looking for ideas for merchandise - Joanne suggested disposable, squeeze key chain flashlights and bandanas.

Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition 2004 Calendars are running late - the won't be available until December 19th. Libby set price at \$12 to include shipping and is taking orders - only 250 will be printed.

Next planning meeting will be at Tina's in Tulsa, Monday 6:30 p.m., January 5th. 📅

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Estes

Pedalers Secretary (nearly retired!) and FreeWheel Volunteer

Directors meet to discuss plans for new year

Members of the 2004 Board of Directors for the Bartlesville Pedalers met Dec. 15, 2003 to discuss upcoming club business.

Attending were: Dale Munn, Jim, Donna, & CJ Black, Bob Pinnick, Joel and Shirley Martin, Bob Lummis, George Harris, Bill and Joanne Estes, plus retired Pedalers' Past President, Michael Smith!

New President, Dale, turned over his VP/Treasurer duties to Joel and reported \$1281.44 currently in the Pedalers account. There are 19 paid members and the following have not yet renewed for 2004: Rameys, Bob Booth, Reva Fury, Bob Hensleys, Janis Blanton, Mark Beckwith, Thurmans, Laurie Smith, Vic Scullaw, George Harris, and Mike Salazar. (plus, Joanne has one more small invoice to turn in for reimbursement.) Wallet-size Official Pedalers Membership cards are available to those with paid memberships.

George reported no mountain biking activities yet!

Bob Lummis, new Road Director, plans 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning rides from Johnstone Park - weather permitting, and will be gladly accepting ride leader volunteers for the spring season. The Saturday rides will be "tailwind rides." Later rides will include metric distances possibly once a month and other favorites, like the Fire Cracker Century in July! (The

Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition Calendar for 2004 will be out next week, so easier club ride planning should be in store!)

Bob announced the annual New Years Day ride to start at 10:00 a.m., Sooner Park; Donna Black will be the capable leader!

Dale said the rescheduled Bartlesville Christmas Parade to be held Dec. 20th. From the "mail bag," Dale distributed "Bike Virginia" pamphlets - June 18-23 - which will overlap the end of OK FreeWheel June 13-19th.

Joanne passed around an Oklahoma map with the 2004 FreeWheel host towns circled - Duncan, Apache, Cordell, Cheyenne, Thomas, Fairview, Cherokee, and ending in Anthony, KS. - This will feature a scenic tour of the more western part of our state! Pedalers will be hosting a FreeWheel informational meeting at the Library, Noon, March 9th.

Pooling ideas for future board meetings, resulted in scheduling the next meeting: Monday evening, January 19, 2004, Pizza Hut on Madison, at 6:30 p.m.! Retirees, please take note!!!! 📅

Meeting was adjourned!

Respectfully Submitted for vacationing Secretary, Rod Harwood, by Joanne Estes