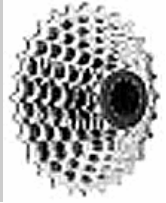




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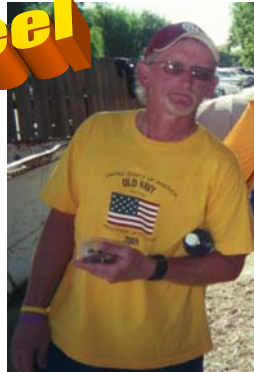


July, 2006

The Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Ok

## My Freewheel QUEST

By Bruce Sturges



My annual ride across our beautiful state started out with high hopes of a great time, lots of picturesque views, and meeting lots of new people. Little did I know that by Monday that would all change. During the next four days my bike spent every evening in the fixer-up shop on wheels. My whole drive train was outta whack. My chain kept coming off, my chain was also hitting my derailleur (which I was told was normal, NOT!!), the derailleur was also bent (which Keith pounded back into shape), and 1 day I even went the whole route in my granny gear because I had no 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> ring to go to, then I had a flat the last 9 miles on the back tire. I told Bill that this had become a quest for me to finish. So every 3 miles I pumped up my tire and limped in, but I did make it the entire route. There were other factors going on as well that I can't discuss which put a damper on the week. Other than all that I had a very good time.

Friday night in Grove was my highlight for the week. The Pedalers were invited to the lake front home of Wayne and Darlene Clayborn (Randal's, mom and dad) for an evening of swimming, boating, jet skiing, EATING and sleeping. Most only made the eating and sleeping part. Upon arriving we were all treated with a breath taking view of Grand Lake and surroundings. The accom-

modations were just as beautiful in the PRESIDENTIAL SUITE (Wayne's idea) where I was accompanied by the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady. I don't remember much about that night (ha ha!) but I was awakened by the smell of eggs, biscuits and gravy and the like. YUMMY!!!! We were all transported back to camp Freewheel to finish the ride to Baxter Springs. I just want to mention one thing to the ones that could not find the time to go out there, YOU MISSED IT!!!! My hat and shirt is off to the Clayborns for a FANTASTIC evening.

Pryor got my vote for best accommodations with their new activities center, helicopter greeting, and the free concert featuring freewheels own crazy

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## *Estes Ice Cream Social* *July 4th at 5:00 PM*

We are planning a great cool down after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July century at our house starting at 5:00 PM. To be the rousing success that it always is will involve your contributing a special dish (Ice cream, Cake etc. etc.).

If for some reason you will be unable to ride the century on the 4<sup>th</sup> don't let that stop you from coming. We will enjoy visiting with you regardless whether you did the ride or not.

Our address is 2810 Redhawe Court. Enter Woodland Park from Nowata Road going north. Turn right at Evergreen Drive, the second residential street and take it for a short distance and you will turn right on Redhawe Court and we will be the 1<sup>st</sup> house on the left.

If for some unlikely reason you are unable to do the ride or come to our house you can still bring a desert for the rest of us.

Thank you, and we will look forward to seeing you on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Bill & Joanne

Telephone 333 6524

## Report from the Road Director *By Kevin Doggett*

Freewheel was a huge success. Ask any Pedaler who rode this year and I'm sure he/she will have a story to share. Dale counted more than 25 people Friday night at the Clayborn's place on Grand Lake that were associated with the Pedalers. If you haven't thanked Wayne and Darlene for graciously opening their home to us, you should do so.



Saturday rides will be at 7:30 for July & August, unless it's raining

Joel was the ride leader for our June 24 ride to Talala. The sandwiches there are really good with lots of choice of meats and toppings.

All Saturday rides in July will start at 7:30 a.m. from Johnstone Park and they include:

- July 1 – Barnsdall/Avant – ride leaders Jack and Walt.
- July 8 – “One Hill of a Ride” – Dan Schultes leads us on a ride that explores up to 8 challenging hills around Bartlesville.
- July 22 – Hulah/Copan, stop for breakfast at Oak Ridge café or Copan Truck Stop, - ride leader Rod Harwood.
- July 29 – Vera, meet for frozen custard at Jared's on Nowata Rd after the ride – ride

leader Bill Estes.

Remember the Pedaler's own Firecracker Century will be Tuesday July 4 starting 6:30 a.m. at Sooner Park. This ride will make a clockwise loop around Bartlesville with several break-

off points back to town for those who do not wish to ride the full 100 miles.

The Credit Card campout will start at 6:30 a.m. from Johnstone Park on Saturday July 15. We will ride to Independence, KS, stay in the motel there and ride back to Bartlesville on Sunday July 16. Please read the related article in this newsletter for more information.

Some of the upcoming rides for August, September, October include:

- Saturday August 26 – HHH in Wichita Falls, TX
- Saturday September 9 – DAM JAM in Pryor, OK
- October 6-8 (date not yet confirmed) – Fall Weekend at the Lummis' in Missouri

### *My Freewheel 'QUEST' (Continued)*

girls. If you missed the show that night it was hilarious and the music was good also.

I don't believe any Pedalers had any serious accidents and all are home safe and sound. Although, many now have new nicknames. Just a few I heard were: AG Arkansas Girl (Dana Jordan), and we will let her explain that, PINK PANTHER (Keith Clark), I have no idea how that came up, THE ANIMAL (Eric Morrison), RHINO and HIPPO (Kevin Clarks 2 boys), Where's Dans stuff WALDO (Dan Schultes) and TEAM MURDER (Caleb, Tim, Chris, TJ, Aaron and Matt). But the one I hated the most was WIMP! (referring to indoor campers). After spending many miles in the heat I want that cool and often cold night's sleep. I don't want to sweat anymore, I don't want to STICK to the sheets, I don't want to worry about weather, I just want to be COMFORTABLE. Now for all you indoor campers a BIG THUMBS UP for standing your ground and staying inside. And for all you outdoor campers,

well I guess I can't say that! HA! HA! No really I hope all had a good time wherever you stayed.

I want to wrap this up by saying that I enjoyed this FREEWHEEL, it was a very HARD route and I learned a lot about myself. Hope all had a GREAT time, see you on the ROAD!!!!

DA' PREZ!!!!!!!!!!

PS: We crammed I think 11 people in the Ford Expedition and will try for 13 next year.

PSS: Thanks to JIM Sturges (my dad) for driving and putting up with us this week. I also want to say thanks for the tips you guys gave him, he really appreciated it and deserved it. And just a little about what my dad actually did during the day. My dad drove to the next town, unloaded ALL the luggage every day (up to 6 or 7 riders luggage), found a spot to camp, had our sleeping bags out, and several times he asked whomever to turn on the AC for us to be COOL. I do believe he went above expectations. Anyway that is all from me. Later



*Day 7 Grove to Baxter Springs, Kansas. Picture taken just past Wyandotte.*

## Pedaler Profile

*Dana Jordan*



“Good day” to all my cycling friends and also sadly “Good bye” as my husband and my move to Singapore looms closer. Words cannot adequately describe how much each and every one of you means to me, and

a big thank you to all who have patiently answered my cycling questions over this past year. For all those new members out there----- GET INVOLVED!!! This group of cyclists is your best resource and will become some of your best friends. It takes time to go out on these rides and develop your riding skills, but it is worth it!! Group members encouraged me to go on Oklahoma FreeWheel with them all year long, and I was looking forward to it. Our house is up for sale and there is major stress in preparing to leave the country and leave behind Brad (21) Ryan (18), my close-knit family and Alamo, my new horse!

This is a reminder to all those out there who have never gone on FreeWheel that as of today's date you have about 358 days left to start setting a goal for yourself to attend FreeWheel in 2007. I had been riding one year and one month on my new Trek bought from Adventure Bicycle Center before embarking on FreeWheel. I had no experience whatsoever with a bicycle of this caliber, nor clip ons (or is it clip-ins?), spandex cycling shorts, padded cycling gloves, etc. But just ask a Pedaler and they will know what you need or don't need!

Some memorable and true stories to share with you about my past year of riding:

First Ride Out with the Pedalers---- My greatest fear in cycling is encountering a mean dog and I expressed this to several of my riding buddies. Well, my nightmare came true as we met Kujo on the northeastern edge of Dewey. He came running toward our group seemingly materializing out of thin air from a field and did

he ever look mad!! My riding friend that day, Jane and I saw him chase her boyfriend Ben out ahead of us about 100 yards. Ben swerved with the dog on his right being seriously close to his leg. He swerved and I said, “Jane, the dog might have bit Ben”. Jane reached for her mace, which was velcroed onto her handlebar. I said, “Wait Jane, let me get to the upwind side of you so the stream of mace won't carry back into my path”.

Too late, Kujo was upon us. Being my very first ride out on my bike, I had not bought clip-on shoes, so my feet went straight up to the handlebars! We both escaped, however Ben will testify to the fact that Kujo came so close to biting his leg that his water bottle had teeth puncture holes in it!!! Honestly though, this scene has never been repeated, nor has anyone ever seen that dog again. I surmise that Jane and I screamed so loud at him that he took off running and can now be found somewhere in Nowata county. Really, most dogs are merely curious and want to follow us on our adventures.

My First Real Cycling Shoes--- I had just bought a pair of new pedals with clip-on shoes, a new cell phone holder and a few other gadgets to make me look like I was a real cyclist. That evening I pedaled off for an evening ride with the Pedalers from Sooner Park. Everything was going smoothly until I got to the Madison-Hwy 60 intersection. A Pedaler member had told me it was possible to slow down enough on a red light to remain clipped in and ready to roll on when the light turned green. I tried it and failed, ending up taking a spill at the intersection in front of a bunch of stopped cars, in which one was my sister Karen and brother in law Barry. How embarrassing and uncool!!

Pieces of my new bicycling equipment (which husband Frank had lovingly placed on to my cycle less than one hour before) were littering the intersection. Those bikes are built Trek tough and everything was fine with the cycle, but not so with me. Karen passed me, saw that it was ME, made a turn and came back to me on the road and said, “That was so funny, Dana! You are bleeding on your leg, pull over and we will help to clean you up.” I said, “No! I am so embarrassed!, Go away! I am really okay!”. And I really was, for it was a very small abrasion on my leg.

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## The Oklahoma FreeWheel Corner

By Joanne Estes

Today I'm thinking the BEST part of FreeWheel is putting your scrapbook-photo album together once you get home and have time to relax and reflect on that awesome week in June, when those cycling men, boys, women, and girls really showed what strong stuff they were made out of!

Putting your memories in the album seem to help time stand still and we can be just pretty proud of our beautiful state and thankful to the many who helped this year's Oklahoma FreeWheel remain the "stunningest" vacation anyone could imagine!

Thank you, again, to Libby Stalter and her excellent volunteers, which include many of YOU Bartlesville Pedalers! Libby, thanks for twenty-

eight great FreeWheels! Thanks, Ellen Proctor, for skillfully taking over the tour director helm for this year. We've already marked off June 10th through 16th for our exciting 2007 Oklahoma FreeWheel vacation!

To Adventure Bicycle Center, the Bartlesville Library, Albertson's, the "Examiner Enterprise," Cable One, and all the various Pedalers who volunteered to help lead the spring season of Training Rides - we extend a big "Thank You!" to each of you!

Continue to check the [www.okfreewheel.com](http://www.okfreewheel.com) web page for ongoing comments, photos, and plans for NEXT year! Send your own digital photos to Dale for one of the best photo galleries around! Meanwhile, please finish up those 2006 FreeWheel Scrapbooks and bring them to the FireCracker Cool Down at the Estes', after the annual FireCracker Century!

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## Bartlesville Pedalers FreeWheel Countdown

By Joanne Estes

From 6-9 p.m., June 5, 2006, a big bunch of bicycling enthusiasts, many clad in their new lime-green or bright yellow t-shirts, were on hand for the Pedalers annual FreeWheel Countdown at the Library, Monday night. The following signed in: Bob Hensley & Nickie Hall-Hensley, Bill & Joanne Estes, Paul Woollett, Eric & Cindy Morrison, Bruce & Cindy & Jim Sturges, Ross Snider, Rod Harwood, Laurie Smith Suzanne Weaver, Jack Tatum, Uncle Norman Hinsdell, Mike & Barbara Maloney, Joel & Shirley Martin, Alan Freeman, Dale Munn, Walt Bohn, Dwight Ritter, Dana Jordan, Malcolm & Barbara Joyce, Tim Welch, Fred Ditzel, Wayne & Darlene Clayborn, Dan Schultes, Tim & Katie Harper, Daniel Hade, Norman Farrell, Keith Clark & Donna Black.

Bruce welcomed the group and shared Governor Henry's new, improved bicycling laws. Members brought snacks & Keith was a hit with his hot, fresh popcorn machine! Albertson's generously donated bananas & bottled water.

A large group of registered FreeWheelers huddled up for an impressive mass photo. Joanne circulated a basket of 30 FreeWheel survival "goodie" bags to all those planning to go on this year's big adventure!

The Joyces will again be volunteering with On-the-Rock Ministries to help local teens bike a week in Pennsylvania, same time as FreeWheel. Thanks to

Pedalers who have helped with expenses, as well as the club donation.

Ross Snider demonstrated his smooth bike-boxing techniques without a hitch! Thank you, Ross! You make it look so easy!

Dale covered many facets of repairing tires & tubes that succumb to possible road hazzards. We now know who to ride with! (. . . just in case!!) Dale, experience really is an excellent teacher!

The highlight of the evening was "Nickie's Un-Packing Show!" She gave great details of her full array of FreeWheel Packing insights! Thank you, Nickie AND Bruce who helped with an encore of the famous "Cornstarch Shuffle!"

Those present were eligible for the grand drawing - a \$50.00 each FreeWheel tuition rebate went to Suzanne Weaver and Shirley Martin. Congratulations, ladies!!!

Adventure Bicycle Center donated other lovely prizes - to other lucky attendees. THANK you, Adventure Bicycles, too!

Bruce adjourned the gathering by suggesting a ride to the Texas border from Hugo and back THIS Saturday! Plans for club t-shirt day on FreeWheel will be set, too!

Thanks to all who helped put the tables and chairs away! It was great having a relaxed extra hour at the Library this year!

## On the Rock, Pennsylvania, 2006

First we would again like to thank everyone who helped with sponsorship. It was greatly appreciated and one of the most beneficial things you will ever contribute to.

Everyone met at The Rock on Friday evening to load the bikes and gear so that we could leave on Saturday morning around 6a.m. Trying to get 30 people organized, into cars etc took a little time, so we actually didn't leave until almost 7a.m. We arrived in Springfield, Ohio at the church we were staying in for the night at approximately midnight, got to bed ASAP for a 6a.m. rising.

There were 29 of us with 3 ladies, and 2 kids being the support people who drove the cars when we were riding, prepared meals, furnished water & snacks along the trail.

Sometimes what should have taken 15 minutes to get to a trailhead took 1 hour as the trails were marked with very small, difficult to read signs. Some days the support people were not able to meet us for hours or not at all, as they would not be able to find a way to get to us. There was a lot of support amongst each other on the trail and all but 3 riders of 25 did not make the entire mileage due to injury, sickness etc.

God was certainly taking care of us through some difficult times

Every night there would be Devotionals with music by the Worship Team, which included 4 acoustic guitars and 1 bongo drum.

Highlights of the trip were:

Great cool weather, no rain, beautiful scenery



and 1 (20 mile stretch) with enough downhill that we were able to go 17-20 miles per hour.

Riding a trolley to downtown Pittsburgh where we ate at Joe's Crab Shack then took a ride in the Duquesne Incline that has been in operation since the 1930's, and included a private tour about the history. And the most spectacular view of Pittsburgh after dark.

Riding bikes along with our tour guide through the Gettysburg BattleField, and watching a movie "Fields of Freedom" about the Battle.

Maze Quest, which had 15 different styles of mazes and to a orchard to pick cherries.

Ride on the Strasburg train.

A fabulous play "The Story of Ruth" which included live animals of horses, mules, camels, sheep, and birds at the Sight & Sound Theater, then finishing out the day with a family style dinner at a Good 'N Plenty Restaurant.

Finishing out the last day at Hershey Park.

## Senior Olympics *By Walt Bohn*

On the weekend of the June 23rd Jack Tatum & Walt Bohn journeyed to Columbia, Missouri and competed in the National Senior Olympic qualifications for the 2007 games to be held at Louisville, Kentucky (Jack in the 65 to 69 age group and Walt in the 75 to 79 age group).

The cycling races were held in a rolling hills area east of Columbia much like the Ogsby and Ochelata area. The weather was great.

We were the only competitors from Oklahoma, but there were other riders from Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Illinois and Tennessee.

Jack won a bronze medal in the 40K, 20K &

5K and a silver in the 10K. Walt won a silver medal in the 40K and the 10K, a gold medal in the 20K and a bronze medal in the 5K.

We saw riders we had competed against in other races and despite some disappointments in our placings we had fun.

It gives us an idea on what we need to improve on before the upcoming Oklahoma qualifications to be held in September.



# Board Meeting

Bartlesville Pedalers Board Meeting Minutes  
6:30 p.m. June 19, 2006

With exceptional wait service at the Downtown Pizza Hut, the following Bartlesville Pedalers met Monday evening to enjoy one another's company and great pizza fare: Bruce da Prez and Cindy Sturges, Dale and Judy Munn, Joel and Shirley Martin, Walt and Betty Bohn, Bill and Joanne Estes, Jack Tatum, Kevin Doggett, Dan Schultes, Rod Harwood, Joyce Fogle, Uncle Norman Hinsdell, Darlene Clayborn, and Caleb Clark!

After many FreeWheel reflections, Bruce brought the meeting to order!

Kevin lined up ride leaders for July, 7:30 Saturday morning rides and announced the Firecracker Century 104-mile route and starting time of 6:30 from Sooner Park. Estes will host a Firecracker Cool-Down in their shady backyard, beginning around 5:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and Ice Cream or other hot weather desserts! (2810 Redhawe Ct. -

333-6524) The public firework display at the Washington Park Mall begins 9:45 p.m. later that night.

Sunday evening rides continue at 5 from Jo Allyn Lo Park. Tuesday and Thursday evening rides at 6:00 will continue through the summer as well. This is all needed for Hottern' Hell Hundred training, the Wichita Falls, Texas, annual event the last weekend in August.

The Annual Credit Card Camp-out & ride to Independence, Kansas and back, will be the weekend of July 15th & 16th.

Dale requests many interesting articles for our July Newsletter, deadline upcoming, Sunday, the 25th. Many great FreeWheel photos and stories are expected from those who participated! He also encouraged others to submit their FreeWheel photos to be available on the Pedalers Web Page. Only digital photos qualify! Thank you for your great FreeWheel shots, Dale!

The Pedalers welcome two new members this month, Suzanne Weaver and Cory Cohen. Welcome aboard!

Meeting was adjourned and will schedule same time, same place, July 24th. See you then!

## Tour de Cure *By Dan Schultes*

Bruce ("da Prez") and I rode on "Tour de Cure" on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful spring day with about 120 riders and over \$30,000 raised. Both of these are about 20% more than last year, the first year I rode in "de Cure".

This ride is part of a nationwide effort to support research surrounding prevention and cure of diabetes, both Type 1 (aka juvenile on-set, comprising 5-10% of all diabetics) and Type 2 (90-95% of diabetics).

Bruce and I rode the 66 mile route (the longest), and also encouraged each other to the top of "Killer Hill", an optional climb that is similar to Circle Mountain, but with a straight downhill. By the way, we'll have an opportunity to climb Circle Mountain as 1 of 8 hills during "One Hill of a Ride" on July 8. Bruce was able to score some tattoos for us from some of his friends from "Team Crude". The "Team



"Crude" tattoo looked like "Tour de Cure" if you read it upside down – well, it did to me, anyway.

On the way to Mohawk Park, we both thought we saw an alligator (or was it a crock?). Subsequent research on the web indicated that crocodiles have salt glands on their tongue and that both their upper and lower jaws are clearly visible when their mouth is shut, so I'm sure it was an alligator as we didn't see salt glands or a lower jaw.

I want to thank everyone for their support for the ride, including those that were able to sponsor me. Through your help, I was able to raise the 9th most amount of money for the TdC ride in the Tulsa area (\$600). I also want to thank you on behalf of the American Diabetes Association and the ~20 million Americans who have diabetes.

P.S. I didn't lose ANYTHING on the ride J



*Left: Nickie does packing demonstration*

*Right: FreeWheel 2006 Countdown Group picture*





## *Pedaler Profile (Continued)*

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**FREEWHEEL THURSDAY DAY 5: TAHLEQUAH TO PRYOR---** I awoke feeling refreshed after having spend a wonderful evening in Tahlequah and sleeping in an air-conditioned gymnasium. The group from Bartlesville always awoke at 4:15 every morning to prepare for the days ride and be out by 6:00 a.m. I was ready to branch out and ride faster, so after 10 miles—zoom, zoom, zoom! I passed lots or riders, then a downhill and a fork in the road.

I saw a FreeWheel sign on the pavement to turn right, and others 100 yards behind did the same. Someone behind me yelled, "Wow, a lot of people aren't going to see that faint Freewheel mark." My reply was "Yeah, a lot of people are going to end up lost today". How prophetic! On I went past a really noisy group of roosters all crowing to one another, what a racquet! On further into a complete canopy of trees overhead and suddenly I realized that I had not seen or heard any riders for the past 30 minutes or so. It was utopia though! The countryside was beautiful and honestly I enjoyed the solitude and being the only rider way out ahead!! I saw a FreeWheel water sag and stopped and met the driver, Tim Dearing from Owasso. He said, "You are the first one here today".

An alarm bell started ringing in my head at this point. "Something is wrong, everyone else got lost and you and I are the only ones who read the map correctly and saw the signs on the road!" Tim also became apprehensive after I said that because, 1), I was female. 2), This was my first year on FreeWheel. 3), I was female and it was too late for me to be in the #1 riding position. 4), What the heck was a beautiful park where he had parked the sag doing out in the middle of nowhere? It was really a scene straight out of the Twilight Zone!

I decided to continue on, searching for old 412 Hwy. according to my FreeWheel map. I came to a community called Oaks, where a beagle dog almost prevented me from entering the community until some locals called him off. I asked one of the locals, "Where is Hwy 412?" I was told to take a left, go straight and take another left. I found 412 and kept on traveling on north to try and find everyone.

The next community was called Twin Oaks. I guess they ran out of names to call communities in Oklahoma and came up with that one. I stopped at a Conoco gas station after seeing a sign that said---Siloam Springs Arkansas 18 miles. I peeled off my FreeWheel map positioned on my handlebars, and said to the lady in the Conoco station, "How do I get to Pryor?" Honestly, this was her reply---"Well, Choteau is 30 miles that way on Hwy 412". She and another lady working that station could not tell me where Pryor was located!!! Someone came into the station and said, "Lady, your phone on your bike.is ringing". I hurried out and saw that I had missed a call from water sag Tim.

Tim's phone kept ringing as I frantically tried to reach him and ask him to come rescue me! A nice looking guy came walking up to me and said, "Are you part of that bike riding group? There are a lot more about 4 – 5 miles down the road!" Hallelujah! I took off searching for everyone, but left Tim a SOS message on his cell asking him to pick me up somewhere past the Twin Oaks Conoco station going west on 412. After about 10 minutes of riding and not finding the other FreeWheelers, Tim came along and picked me up. We then proceeded on another 3-4 miles and Eureka! Found Dennis's FreeWheel stop. I now know how a puppy feels after being lost and then found!!

I now will no longer forge on with the thoughts of being a trailblazer for others. Hints for novice FreeWheelers 1.) Stop, look and listen. If you don't see anything, hear anyone behind you—turn around and retrace your path. 2.) If you still don't see anyone or hear anyone, call a friend on Freewheel or call home, like I did and ask someone to come pick you up! 3.) Make new friends. You never know when they might be your only friend for miles and miles around you. Thank you Tim Dearing!! 4.) Don't tell Keith Clark about your misfortunes---I am now the famous Arkansas Girl!!

A note about Singapore: The Island is 27 miles long by 14 miles wide. Now I couldn't possibly get lost there could I?

Keep on riding, my friends. I am coming back next summer for another FREEWHEEL experience!!



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*Tim & Katie Harper prepare riders for the annual Wynona Ramble*

## Credit Card Campout

The Pedalers Annual Credit Card Campout will be held July 15 and 16 this year. A Credit Card Campout is where you leave your tent at home and use your credit card to rent an air-conditioned hotel room. This is the perfect way to camp on a hot July day.

We will depart Johnstone at 6:30 a.m. for Independence, Kansas on Saturday, July 15. The distance is reasonable with 45, 65, and longer options for the route there. We return a shorter 45 mile route. There are things available in Independence without the need of a car, such as a good restaurant, movie theatre, shops, and other eating establishments in walking distance.

The Apple Tree Inn in downtown Independence is holding a block of 8 single rooms especially for the Pedalers until July 8. This is the hotel the Pedalers have used several times. The room rate is less than last year -- \$69.95 plus tax for a single. The Apple Tree has a pool and breakfast bar and is right in the heart of town. There isn't another option that is so close to everything.

The Apple Tree Inn can be reached at 620-331-5500. Be sure and tell them you are with the Bartlesville Pedalers. Also please let Kevin know if you plan to go so we can get a head count. If the response is favorable early on, we can have them hold more rooms. Thanks.

## 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.