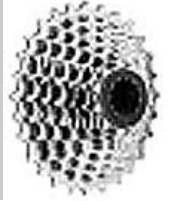




Bartlesville Pedalers Gazette



October, 2004

The Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Ok

Spinning Wheels

By Dale Munn

It has been another great month for cycling in the Bartlesville area. Ride attendance has been down as we compete with many other activities and the days are getting shorter which cuts down on the time for evening rides. Fall is a great time for cycling with the many days of pleasant weather we can expect. Check the calendar and join the pedalers for some of the Saturday rides

Several pedalers participated in the Dam J.A.M at Pryor, Ok. on September 11th. Not only was this a scenic ride, the rest areas are some of the best you can find. Attending were Bill, Joanne, Dale, Ross, Jack, Tim and Katie. Jack road the century, avoiding most of the rest stops and thus finishing before those of us riding 72 miles. Joanne picked her own route to maximize the number of towns she visited.

The October board meeting will be on the 18th, 6:30 PM at the Madison Pizza Hut. All members are welcome to attend and bring ideas for club activities. The nominating committee will be making their report at this meeting. If you have a desire to hold an office, contact the nominating committee: Bill, Joanne, Walt or Jack..

Now is the time to start recruiting new pedalers. A new member joining in October gets the

benefit of 15 months of membership. Also paid memberships could get their membership free from the drawing at the annual meeting, currently scheduled to be December 7. So recruit new members and mark your calendar for the annual meeting.

You have had your chance to volunteer to become a newsletter editor, but so far none have come forth. I did discover one advantage to being the editor: you don't have to have your article in on time. However, I have also discovered the disadvantage: Not enough material. 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.

Congratulations to Walt and Jack for winning medals in the Tulsa Senior Olympics. Once they get to be 96, they will probably get coverage in the Examiner Enterprise!

Also due congratulations is Brad Cobb for representing the United States in Cycling at the Olympics. We are proud to know Brad and eat his dust.

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



Special points of interest:

- Oklahoma Fall Bike Fest, Fairview, Ok. Oct 8-10
- Saturday Ride time is 9:00 AM for October
- Nominating Committee
- Annual Meeting, Dec 7

FreeWheel Planning Meetings

It seems like we have just finished FreeWheel, but it is already time to start planning for the next one. To get in on the ground floor of the exciting developments and planning for Oklahoma FreeWheel 2005, you are welcome to

attend the monthly planning meetings, usually the first Monday of each month. It is great to have Pedaler representation. Call Joanne Estes, 333-6524, if you are interested.

Report from the Road Director

By Bob Lummis

I guess that we've all noticed how the days are getting shorter – FAST! With the arrival of Fall, our club rides are changing; Saturday's ride times have changed again, the Tuesday – Thursday evening rides have discontinued, and the Fair Weather Friends Tuesday – Thursday afternoon rides are back.

Our new ride time for the Saturday morning rides will be 9:00 for the month of October. AND, (just to keep you on your toes) it will be changing again in November. The Saturday rides will be Tailwind Rides until our spring riding schedule resumes in May. On our tailwind rides, the route will be determined at the start of the ride by those present for the ride. There will be no ride leader on these rides unless it is determined at the time of the ride that one is needed. If that is the case, a ride leader will be chosen from those present. As always, the Saturday rides will depart from Johnstone Park.

As I said at first, the Tuesday – Thursday evening rides have been discontinued until next spring. The reason for this is because there just isn't enough daylight left after 6:00 to get in a decent ride and not have to ride home in poor light conditions. Instead, we are again holding our Tuesday –



Thursday afternoon Fair Weather Friends rides at 2:00. If you can slip away from work or whatever you are doing some nice afternoon, come down to the Sooner Park tennis court parking lot at 2:00 and join us for a ride. The routes are chosen at the time of the ride, and are usually in the 20 – 30 mile range.

And there is also the possibility of getting up a spontaneous ride. We use the Fair Weather Friends email list to spread the word when we want to get up a spontaneous ride. If you are not now on the FWFriends email list, go to the `members' section of the club web-pages and follow the instructions to subscribe to the list.

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I guess that is all for this month. There are still a lot of gorgeous riding days left before winter, so get out and enjoy them!

Have a safe ride!

Bob

New Water Coolers

At a recent board meeting, it was pointed out that the water coolers we have are deteriorating. The Pedalers brand new Rubbermaid water coolers - 3-gallon in orange, for sports drinks or lemonade, and blue 5-gallon for ice cold H2O are now available for our club rest stops, campouts and other special events!



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Pedaler Profile

Laurie Smith

I think all kids must love riding bikes. I know my 5 sisters and I were ecstatic the Christmas we got 2 new bikes. One was a very durable, heavy-duty, practical 3-speed. The other was a purple, sparkly, stylish bike with high handle bars and a banana seat. Now that was what we called a bike. To ride that bike you practically had to put your name on the reservation list. Several months after Christmas, one of us left the less desirable, durable bike in the front lawn when we came in for the night. As you might guess, it was gone the next morning. Now this left one bike and 6 girls. But by this time, fortunately, my two older sisters were dangerously close to driving age and much less interested in two-wheeled transportation, leaving me next in line for the best time slots. What I remember most is not that I biked just for fun, but to take me to fun: to friends' homes, the swimming pool, the park. Nowhere was too far to pedal for a good time.



Laurie Smith

Jump ahead to 1975 and my next cycling phase. By this time I was living 3 miles off the Tulsa University campus with no car. Thank goodness for my boyfriend's 1965-model 5-speed Schwinn. I got to and from school on that bike every day and sometimes twice a day. An old Army-Navy surplus rain suit and bread sacks for

my shoes were my inclement-weather not-so-up-town riding duds. (I don't even know if there were such things as lycra and gortex in 1975.)

By 1983 I was graduated and working. After participating in many running races I heard about triathlons and submitted my entry. That first triathlon was a real experience. I think most of us were on borrowed bikes and even used borrowed helmets. One race I was even in the water already swimming when my sister showed up with a bike for me and set it up in the staging area. Eventually I did purchase my own bike and entered a half ironman, having never biked or run that far in my life. One of my strongest memories of that race was visiting during the biking segment with a fellow racer and having a third racer yell, "You'd better watch out! You'll get disqualified for drafting!!" We looked at each other and said, "What the heck does that mean?" and continued our conversation.

I now get to ride with a great bunch of experienced cyclists and have access to all the modern conveniences of the sport. The fun is also now in the actual cycling instead of the destination. And one of the best things the folks in this club have shown me is that this is without a doubt a sport I should be able to have continued progress in and enjoy for many more decades.

Fair Weather Friends Ride

What is the Fair Weather Friends Ride? This is a ride we do on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:00. We call it the Fair Weather Friends because the weather has to be agreeable or we don't ride. (And we are all friends aren't we?) Our criterion for riding is that it not be raining or snowing (or threatening to rain or snow), that it be warm enough to be comfortable, and that it not be too windy. (A subjective term, I'll admit, but if the wind is blowing 30 mph, we probably aren't going to ride.) We communicate for the ride using the Fair Weather Friends email list on the club website.

If you are not already on this list, you can subscribe from the `Members' section of the club webpages.

The Fair Weather Friends Ride meets in the tennis court parking lot of Sooner Park at 2:00 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The route is chosen at the time of the ride and is generally in the 20 – 30 mile range. There are also sometimes spontaneous rides at other times on other days of the week. Communications for these rides is done via the Fair Weather Friends email list.

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www.bartlesvillepedalers.com

Free Membership

That's right, one lucky Pedaler will receive their membership free! All members who have paid their \$16 dues for 2005 by the December meeting will be entered in the drawing for a free membership. Our goal is for the club to have everyone paid up by the December meeting.

This is also a good time to recruit new members to the pedalers. Anyone joining during the remainder of 2004 receives membership from now through December, 2005! 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;
- Discounts at bike shops in Tulsa.

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Annual Meeting

The 2004 Pedalers Annual Pot luck Dinner/ Meeting will be held on **December 7th, 6:00 p.m., at Disciples Christian Church**. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars now and plan on attending. Helpers can come early to set up.

During this meeting we will vote on the officers for the 2005 year. There will be the drawing for free membership from the 2005 paid up members and possibly some other door prizes. Also, we will be voting on spending for our web hosting service, since the expense will exceed \$100.

Christmas Book

Hello - Rita Thurman Barnes here. I'm trying to get together a book of Bartlesville Christmas memories in time for the season. I'd love to have your favorite Christmas story and would love it if you would FORWARD this to your office co-workers so as many of them as possible could have their favorite Christmas memories/story included in the book as well.

This will be my 7th book in print about Bartlesville. Put on your thinking cap and share your Christmas memories. Any favorite bike rides on Christmas? Send them to me :)

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