



Oklahoma Fall Bike Festival

By Dale Munn

On a beautiful fall Thursday, October 10th, Bob and Patsy Lummis together with Dale Munn took the three-hour journey to Fairview, Oklahoma, for the Fall Bike Festival. Having spent enough time setting up tents in the dark with the Boy Scouts, we managed to arrive around 6 pm so that we could set up in the day light. We found Specht park and picked out a great camping spot. It was amazing to be able to set up a tent without any wind! We were looking forward to three days of discovering the Fairview area on bicycle.

After getting a good nights sleep (very few zip-pers going off, only a few coyotes howling), I got up Friday morning with some prodding from Bob about 7 am to a dense fog. Wanting to be able to see where we were going, we first went to Frank's Country Kitchen for a leisurely breakfast (there was limited staff). If I remember right we made it out of camp around 9 am with encouragement from Patsy as she headed off for the antique stores. Within the first hour we saw our only sunlight for the trip. There was a wide selection of routes available: 24, 40, 60, 81 or 102 miles. Our selection was the 60 mile route which went through Okeene, Ames and Ringwood. Shortly after we left the sky clouded up and the wind came up from the south. The route first went south and finished by going north of Fairview. By the time we hit the south leg back to Fairview, the wind was very brisk (20 mph). The terrain was really good for cycling as there were only minor hills - they didn't even have numbers associated with them. After getting back to camp we took a very hot shower, visited the Major County Historical Society Museum and had a super potato dinner. Concluding the

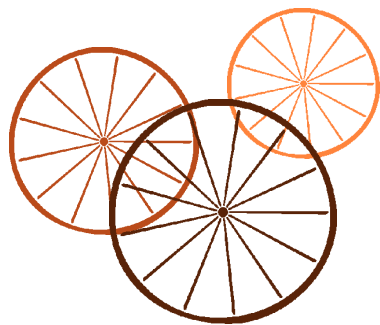


day was a camp fire where we had s'mores and met other riders.

Friday night was pretty windy all night. Saturday we got an earlier start but it looked like everyone in camp was already at Frank's, so we had to settle for Sonic. The forecast was for a wind change from the south to the north and temperatures dropping later in the day. With this in mind we selected a 46 mile ride from the options of 26, 46, 58, 85 or 106. We road south to Southard where we headed west about the same time that the wind changed to northerly. During this part of the ride we were treated to very unusual road kill: two porcupines and a not so dead rattlesnake (maybe). By the time we reached Canton the wind was howling from the north. Part of the route included riding north east across the Canton Lake dam. I thought I was never going to make it, the cross wind was really treacherous. We must have averaged close to 8 mph for the last two hours back to Fairview bucking the strongest head wind I have ever experienced.

In view of the weather forecast for Saturday night and Sunday, we decided to break camp and

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Spinning Wheels


A letter from the President

One of the reasons I started riding with a bike club (back in about 1976) was socialization. I've found it much better to ride and talk to someone as I go (also another great reason to tandem). Besides, you can learn so much by listening to what the experienced riders are doing and saying. I learned the importance of toe clips on one of those early rides as I watched others climb a hill that ate me up. I learned how to spin a high cadence and save muscles for a long ride. We even talked about mundane things like chain lube.

Have you noticed though that there are some things you shouldn't talk about on a ride? The most famous is the guy who brags about how long it's been since he's had a flat. My experience shows that this is the guy you do not want to draft behind unless you can control your own bike very well,

are not easily scared by loud noises, and want to watch the fun when his tire blows completely off the rim. The other one I've noticed is giving away information about a ride your familiar with and others are not.

In the early nineties I was riding with a Bartlesville Pedaler on FREEWHEEL as we approached Hominy from the west. I'd never been out there before, but I was riding with our mega-mileage junkie who had never missed a FREEWHEEL and probably knew every cycling road in Oklahoma. A few miles out of Hominy, after we'd been climbing for what seemed like forever, my friend pointed out a relay tower at the top of the hill. "You know what that means?" he queried. Already delirious from the climb I said, "Huh?" "Highest point, its downhill from here!" Just what I needed to hear.

Now I know there's never any friendly competition on these rides, but something snapped when he told me that. I rode on his left as we climbed. Not far from the crest he called, "Car back." My next cue. It was time. Ostensibly to move over for the car I jumped two gears and stood. But we were close enough to the top that I never let up, and when I reached the "highest point" and started down there was no way he could beat me into Hominy. Sometimes you just have to be careful what you say on a friendly ride. 

Keep 'Em Spinning,

Jim



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Secretary's Report

Bartlesville Pedalers Club Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, October 21, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at the ConocoPhillips Cafeteria.

In attendance was Jim Black, Donna Black, Dale Munn, Bob Lummis, Vince Hennigan, Janet Kitching, and Joanne Estes.

Another tasty luncheon enjoyed by those in attendance while discussing the following:

u Jim distributed the club mail and showed brochures about great hiking and riding trails in the Ouachitas. He challenged the club to welcome new cyclists moving into town; having our web site up-to-date, and maybe create a new riding trail - possibly a rails-to-trails, such as one from Tulsa to Birch Lake. It would be handy to bed and breakfasts and other local interests to touring cyclists and others.

u Plans are to publish two separate newsletters for November and December.

u Jim recommended roller-riding indoor cycling fun during winter months. Bob enjoys riding Pathfinder on packed snow!

Tuesday-Thursday rides will continue, starting

at 2:00 pm at Sooner Park.

u Riding as a group in local evening Christmas parade was discussed: sometimes it's very cold waiting for the parade to start - Dale said there would be a \$25 entry fee (according to the flyer) - there is no mention of non profit groups. Also, the parade is on Saturday morning 12/14 at 10 am. Riders will need helmets and lights. Call Dale for more information.

u Club web site could contain last three newsletters - using password.

u Vince suggested our club adopt a sister club in England. He will research clubs and give a report back to the board.

u Date set for Christmas pot luck - December 10th, (second Tuesday). Jim will research a potential meeting area. (See story elsewhere in this issue)

u Dale reported \$793.60 in Treasury and Reba Fury as new member!

Accolades go to Vince and Janet for riding their bikes to the meeting! 🚲

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Estes, Secretary

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head back to Bartlesville although Patsy really wanted to stay the night. Maybe she didn't realize the antique stores would be closed on Sunday. Prior to departing we worked in a visit to the last preserved sod house in Oklahoma. We stayed in Fairview until after the pork dinner provided by a Fairview group. The dinner was great. It looked like many had already left before dinner. In conversations those that were staying in motels thought we were wimps for leaving! Hum.

In addition to our small Pedalers group there were several Bartlesville cyclists among the 120 registered riders. The Bartians that we saw included Clay and Dawn, Rob and Karen, Tim, and also Norman and his wife. Norman said he had a new bike. It must have been fast as we never saw him on the road. In spite of the wind everyone had a good time and thought that Fairview was a great little town with lots of hospitality.



Christmas Party is Dec. 10

Looks like the date is Tuesday, December 10, pot-luck Christmas dinner at the Bartlesville Public Library in the upstairs meeting room. Families are all invited and there will be fun gifts or awards for those who had the most flats, got lost the most, etc. (if one wants to present one) mileage awards for the year, and elections for next year's officers! This is a DON'T MISS!

Come as early as 5:00 pm so we can set up for the dinner at 6:00 or whenever you want! Yes, we'd need to bring our serving spoons, since we've borrowed from the church in the past.

Mountain Biking...


From the Mountain Biking Director...

By Bob Lummis

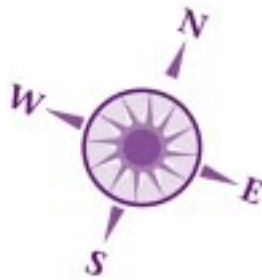
Well, the Mountain Bike Muster was a big fizzle this year. Too many other things going on to hold a weekend event I guess. Anyway, I now have some pretty good singletrack trails laid out and a good (gravel) 30-mile road route mapped if anyone wants to come over sometime and try it out. Let me know if you are interested and we'll work out a time to do it.

I've scheduled mostly Osage Hills State Park for our Sunday afternoon rides this month and will probably do the same for December. (See the Sunday Afternoon Cross-Country schedule.) We need to get the trails beat down after neglecting them all summer. Fall is a great time to be out in the woods, so I for one am looking forward to spending some 'quality time' riding our existing trails at the park and also working on adding some new ones.

As I said last month, we may be having some impromptu evening rides during the week if we can manage it. These will be similar to our summer Wednesday evening rides only we will probably be riding in the dark for at least part of the ride. I don't see any problem with that so long as everyone who participates understands that and has the proper lighting to be both legal and safe. Let either me or George know if you are interested.

See you on the trail! 

Bob



Sunday Afternoon Cross-Country Knobby Tire Ride at 2 pm

November 3 - Turkey Mountain. Clark has been wanting to go to Turkey Mountain in Tulsa, so here it is! I'm not certain where to meet, so we'll play that by ear. I'll try to contact everyone before the ride.

November 10 - Osage Hills State Park. More singletrack on our trails in the park. Meet by the horse stables at 2:00.

November 17 - Eagle Rock Trails. Still more singletrack on these great trails near Independence, KS. Meet in the parking area by the spillway at the Elk City Reservoir at 2:00.


November 24 - Osage Hills State Park. More singletrack on our trails in the park. Meet by the horse stables at 2:00.

December 1 - Osage Hills State Park. Still more singletrack at the park. We need to get those trails beat down after neglecting them all summer. Meet by the horse stables at 2:00.

Fair Weather Friends Ride

This is our off-season ride for those who can get away for a few hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It is a relaxed ride that normally goes 20 miles or less. We meet both days at Sooner Park near the tennis court at 2:00. Those present decide where to go and how long of a ride. Like the name implies, we only ride when the weather is nice. Normally, nice is defined as above 40 degrees with no rain, mist, snow, high wind, etc. (But this is subjective!) If you are in doubt as to whether or not there will be a ride, check with Bob Lummis (333-4374), Walter Bohn (333-5904), Jack Tatum (338-0079) or Dale Munn (333-5693).

Submissions Requested

A message to all dear readers, that we at the Pedalers are always looking for your stories, anecdotes and photos (preferably in digital/scanned format). We've received lots of great stuff from members and we'd like to get more. So break out the good stuff and send it to: vhennigan@yahoo.com. Deadline is the 25th of each month. 



Sorry, there isn't a Road Bike Director's report this month... maybe next month.


Pedaler Profile:

Jim Black

I guess it got started somewhere in the late 50's. Why not? '56 & '57 Chevys were out there. It must have been a good time to start riding a bike too. My most vivid early remembrance was trying to get to my friend's house. He lived about two blocks away, on the other side of the busy state highway. I had just learned to ride and I didn't have my own bike. So I had to use an old one Mom had in the garage. That was probably a good thing. It was a lady's bike and it was way too big for me. I thought I'd found a hole big enough in traffic across the highway and I stood up on that bike hard to get to the other side. Everything looked fine when right in the middle of the highway the chain jumped off. I slithered the rest of the way across the road. I was unceremoniously riding the top tube of that huge lady's bike and dragging my feet behind.

That's probably when I decided I needed my own bike. Move forward to Second Grade: the deal was, get all A's and you'll get a bike. I never worked so hard on grades. Then the report card. Oh NO, a B?!? "But Mom, how 'bout

all these A+'s? Don't they make up for one B? I still don't know how, but I convinced Mom. Mom convinced Dad that it did balance out. Boy that was close.

Then Dad had to take me shopping. I wanted the first bike I saw (a red department store bike), but Dad wasn't convinced. I think it took days of shopping, but we finally ended up in a Schwinn shop and I got not just a bike, but a good bike. A red 24" Schwinn single speed with a coaster brake. It was beautiful. There have been other bikes over the years, but I guess there was something special about that first Schwinn. 

Trash Pick-Up Nov. 9

Come help us with the last trash pickup for the year on Saturday, November 9 at 8 a.m. We will meet at the Osage School just off of Hwy. 123 and south of the Phillips Research Center. You need to wear sturdy shoes and gloves. The state supplies us with trash bags and we will distribute the bags and then pick your favorite section of road to clean. If we aren't too cold and tired, we will meet at Johnstone Park and go for a short ride afterwards. It usually takes us about 2 hours to pickup trash so we will meet at approximately 10:30 a.m. at the park for a ride. Then we can always go out to eat afterwards. If you have any questions, call Shirley Martin at 333-8294. Note: if it is raining we will reschedule the trash pickup for the next Saturday, November 16 at 8 a.m. Hope to see you there.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Shirley Martin, Jim Black and Bob Lummis. Our slate of nominees for the 2003 club officers and board members are:

President: Jim Black
Vice-President/Treasurer: Dale Munn
Secretary: Joanne Estes
Road Biking Director: Rod Harwood
Mountain Biking Director: George Harris
Director-at-Large: Brad Cobb
Director-at-Large: Shirley Martin

The only remaining board position is voluntary and not elective; this is the position of Newsletter Editor. Vince Hennigan has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor for 2003.

The club elections will be held during our annual meeting December 10 in the upstairs meeting room of the Bartlesville Public Library. Members present at that meeting may choose the officers and directors from the above slate or from nominations made from the floor that evening.

Signed,
Shirley Martin, Jim Black and Bob Lummis

News from America Bikes

10-21-02

Here's the latest from America Bikes headquarters in Washington DC. : Thanks for being part of the effort to convince Congress to include good bicycle and pedestrian provisions in the 2003 reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill (aka the renewal of TEA-21, or TEA-3...what a mouthful!). More about TEA-3, America Bikes and our agenda at <http://americabikes.org>.

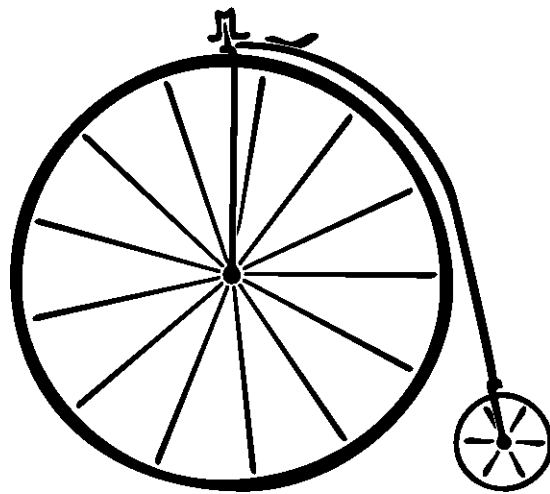
ELECTIONS APPROACH

Find out what Congressional candidates are saying about bicycling! Over 125 candidates have responded to a survey by America Bikes. <http://americabikes.org/surveys.asp> So far, 86% of respondents "strongly agree" that transportation choices such as bicycling and walking are important to their communities. 91% support a Safe Routes to School program. When asked if investments in new and existing road and transit facilities should accommodate safe bicycling and walking, 76% strongly supported the idea, and another 21% somewhat supported it. While it's true that candidates that support bicycling are more likely to respond to a bicycling survey, the results still show a strong level of support. If your candidates haven't responded, please call their campaign office to remind them. <http://politics1.com/states.htm> has contacts. Contact <<mailto:survey@americabikes.com>> for a copy of the survey. America Bikes strongly encourages everyone to get involved in the final days of the electoral campaigns, and don't forget to VOTE!

WHAT DOES EVERYONE WANT?

On September 19th, the House asked the major players in reauthorization to outline their priorities. Most testifiers agreed that the current structure of the legislation is working. Most of the highway folks focused on the need for more money and suggested a variety of strategies, including raising the gas tax or borrowing against future revenues.

They also focused on "streamlining" of environmental reviews so projects can be built more quickly. The Surface Transportation Policy Project included America Bikes's legislative priorities in



their testimony. Read it at <http://www.house.gov/transportation/highway/09-19-02/09-19-02memo.html>.

More from STPP at <http://www.tea3.org/>

INDUSTRY AND ADVOCACY TOGETHER AT INTERBIKE

Many from the advocacy community traveled to Las Vegas in early October for the big industry trade show. Advocacy was a hot topic as the industry and advocates join forces to get more people on bikes. Over 150 retailers and industry representatives pledged to assist the America Bikes campaign by endorsing our agenda, and agreed to contact their Congressional delegation.

At the industry awards ceremony at Interbike, America Bikes board chair Elissa Margolin (also the Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists) was named "cycling's woman of the year" and America Bikes board member Gary Sjoquist (also of Bikes Belong and Quality Bicycle Product) was named "individual advocate of the year."

GREAT GATHERINGS IN SEPTEMBER

In early September, 70 top advocates gathered in Minnesota for the Thunderhead Gathering and then joined 400 allies at the ProBike/ProWalk conference. America Bikes is working closely with advocates in 27 key states or districts whose members of Congress will have significant say in the

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new legislation. Most of those advocates, or "hubs," were in attendance, so we talked extensively about organizing grassroots support.

It gives me great comfort to know we have so many committed people on the team. Plus, I rode in the inaugural Oberstar 100 with the most avid cyclist in Congress as Congressman Oberstar completed his first century at age 67. Wow!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Forward this news to others, and encourage them to join the America Bikes team by visiting our website at <http://americabikes.org>. We're building a sophisticated database so we can inform and mobilize supporters quickly.

Ask local groups and businesses to endorse the America Bikes agenda so we can present an impressive list of supporters to Congress. We have a small number of basic America Bikes brochures available, e-mail us at <mailto:info@americabikes.org>. Make plans to attend the National Bike Summit March 5 through 7 in Washington DC <http://www.bikeleague.org/events/index.html>. Get involved in Congressional electoral campaigns and help get out the vote!!! The outcome of the November elections will have a huge impact on what TEA-3 will look like, as both houses of Congress could switch hands.

WHAT'S NEXT?

America Bikes will have its formal policy booklet completed by the end of the year. We anticipate that versions of TEA-3 will be introduced in Congress as early as January. The current legislation, TEA-21, expires at the end of September 2003, but no one expects the new legislation will be passed by then, so count on this campaign running through at least the end of 2003. Susan Klasmeier joined the America Bikes staff last week as our Program Manager. Yahoo!

QUOTE OF NOTE:

"The highway lobby will undoubtedly make a bigger issue of how much fuel tax revenue gets spent on mass transit, bike paths, and other highway-alternative programs. Reducing expenditures for these programs would be unfortunate and un-

timely, but if we can't afford to feed all the mouths in the transportation nest, we better make it a point to feed the golden goose."

- from an editorial on reauthorization, Better Roads Magazine, August 2002

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Update from Joanne

The Estes have dusted off their bikes and have them parked in their rack in the garage and ready to ride at their new address, 2810 Redhawe Court. Please pedal by to see us! We're still in Woodland Park, right off Pathfinder, Nowata, and Silverlake Roads, and just a few blocks from our old address.

Don't be shy about filling up your water bottles from the outdoor faucets if we don't answer the doorbell! Rest on the shady front porch bench, feel free to feed you power bar scraps to the squirrels, and don't mind the tiny incline in the driveway to get back to the street! Just a few more boxes to unpack and we'll be out there on the rides again.

Thanks to Ross for attending the October FreeWheel Planning Meeting in Tulsa. The 2003, 25th Anniversary route is just about confirmed. All interested cyclists are welcome to ride as a FreeWheel group in the Tulsa Christmas parade. FreeWheel had a booth at the Tulsa Run over the October 26th weekend. The very special 2003, 25th FreeWheel Anniversary Ride plans continue to unfold! Stay Tuned!



The **Bartlesville Pedalers** are proud to be affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists, a national organization that promotes the ideal of a bicycle-friendly America through sponsored bicycle rallies and tours, political advocacy, and education.

You are invited to join the **Bartlesville Pedalers**. All memberships are \$16 per year. Anyone joining in the last quarter of the year is also paid up for the following year.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Please return application to: **Bartlesville Pedalers, P.O. Box 793, Bartlesville, OK 74003**

NAME: _____

SPOUSE & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Other: _____

E-MAIL: _____ OK to publish this info in club directory? Yes No

I accept with pleasure this invitation to join the Bartlesville Pedalers. I agree to observe all traffic laws and to comply with the suggestions of the ride leaders about the safety and decorum of the club. I understand that my participation in club activities and rides is solely at participant's own risk. The Bartlesville Pedalers cannot be held responsible for any accidents that may occur during or as a result of their activities. Helmets are required on all club rides.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the **Bartlesville Pedalers** brings numerous benefits:

- ☀ Meet and ride as a group with others who enjoy exercise, health, and being outdoors
- ☀ Share knowledge of bicycling skills and equipment
- ☀ Learn, and teach, bicycling rules of the road and safety practices
- ☀ Receive newsletter containing news, events, and contacts into the greater cycling community
- ☀ Select from a variety of regularly scheduled organized rides
- ☀ Contribute your personal energy to the bicycling lifestyle in the area
- ☀ Participate in community service through our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and other projects



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