

Bartlesville azette

Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

"...to promote bicycling in all its forms"

February 2002

2002 Membership

It is time to renew your Pedalers membership.

The membership is only \$16 per year. We are a fun club that get together to enjoys bicycling. We are easy going with member of different riding abilities and preferences. A membership form is attached to the end of the printed newsletter.

Fair Weather Friends Ride Racking up the Miles

The Tuesday-Thursday mid-day Fair Weather Friends Ride continues to rack up the miles. Participation has been good and the short days do not necessarily mean short rides, especially with the weather we have been having.

The ride meets at 2:00 by the playground at Sooner Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Bob Lummis, 333-4374; Walter Bohn, 333-5904; or Jack Tatum, 333-9423 to find out if the ride is on for any particular day.

Mountain Biking

By Bob Lummis



Late December and the whole month of January have brought us some great riding weather at Osage Hills State Park. Several new trails have been opened up along with a couple of extensions to the existing trails. We also have put the Eagle Rock Bicycle Trail on the calendar for one Sunday in February and again one Sunday in March. This trail (actually it is three separate trails) offers something for everyone.

There is a beginner loop that winds around and avoids all the tricky stuff; an intermediate loop that gets kind of tricky in places; and then there is the advanced loop for those who want real tricky stuff.

The riding out in the woods is great even on those cloudy, cold and windy days that bicycling normally isn't much fun. The trees and the hills help keep us sheltered from the wind, the clouds cut down on the glare that hides rocks and stuff and the hills get us all warmed up so we don't notice the cold. If you haven't tried it yet, come on out next Sunday and join us. See you on the trail!

New York !!?

By George Harris

I came home from a ride with the gang at Osage Hills and Suzy starts laughing as I head in to change clothes. The cause, I found out, was a tear in the back of my biking shorts. About the shape, and size, of New York. Now I know that it wasn't there when I left to go biking and I'm sure that I didn't tear them on the drive home. So it must have been while riding. I want to take this opportunity to thank all my good friends for letting me ride with New York showing.

I do wonder why no one mentioned it to me. Was it fear of embarrassing me? I doubt it. That bunch would not pass up the chance for some friendly harassment. Was it fear of embarrassing someone else. Doubt it, it was a pretty salty crowd that day. Maybe no one noticed. Well... I can recommend a good optometrist. As big as New York !!? Maybe a seeing eye dog

New Pictures on the Web

Rod Harwood is in the process of putting some pictures on the web that show the crowd that has been coming out and enjoying the Sunday afternoon mountain bike rides. Rod asks that you send him any pictures that you would like to share. Keep an eye on the Pedalers website for the new pictures. And send in your pictures.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides:

**(Leaving Johnston Park at 9:00am
Saturday mornings)**

All Saturday morning road rides will be "Tailwind Rides" until daylight saving time returns. Weather permitting, all Tailwind Rides will depart Johnston Park at 9:00am. Those in attendance will be determined the distance and direction for each ride.



Built in the 18th century, this is one of the first célerifé res (from Latin meaning "I carry fast") There is no steering mechanism. You push with your feet to propel it.

February Sunday Afternoon Cross-Country Rides (Knobby Tires) Sunday Afternoon at 2:00

"You're moving through a wonderful natural environment and working on balance, timing, depth perception, judgement.... It forms kind of a ballet." - Charlie Cunningham

February 3 – Osage Hills State Park. Ride some more on those great new trails. Meet at the old rock building by the horse stables.

February 10 - Eagle Rock Mountain Bike Trails. One of our favorite places to ride! Choices of mountain biking trail that vary from beginner to advanced that are well marked. Meet in the parking area at the spillway for the Elk City Lake Dam near Independence, Kansas. Call Bob for directions or if you want to carpool. 333-4374.

February 17 - Osage Hills State Park. More wearing in those great new trails. Meet at the old rock building by the horse stables.

February 24 - Osage Hills State Park. More wearing in those great new trails. Meet at the old rock building by the horse stables.

March 3 - Eagle Rock Mountain Bike Trails. Let's do Eagle Rock again! Choices of mountain biking trail that vary from beginner to advanced that are well marked. Meet in the parking area at the spillway for the Elk City Lake Dam near Independence, Kansas. Call Bob for directions or if you want to carpool. 333-4374.

President's Letter



Sure glad I ran on the campaign promise of good riding weather in January. Pretty nice, don't you think? The bad news is February and March are still ahead and in Oklahoma that means we could still get hit. I'll set the Board to work on it and see if we can still have good cycling weather the rest of the winter. Hope this works, and if it doesn't we can get a new President next year.

My personal objective for this year is to be able to ride my bike some. So far I have 275 miles on my new bike and have even done some of that on Club rides. There was too much confusion at the start though. I came out for two of the three possible New Years Day rides and after not finding anyone else either time finally rode at 2:00pm. Good thing about a tandem is even at times like this you don't have to ride alone.

I have the Board working on a schedule of events for the year and we'll see if we can't have some great riding set up to go with our great (unpredictable) Oklahoma weather. Keep the rubber down and the cranks turning.

JIM BLACK
President

Membership Application / Renewal

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I accept with pleasure this invitation to join the Bartlesville Pedalers Bicycle Club. 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.

NAME: _____

SPOUSE & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE - home: _____ work: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OK to publish this info in Club directory? Yes No

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

All memberships are \$16 per year. Anyone joining in the last quarter of the year is also paid up for the following year. Please return application to:
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