

Bartlesville azette

Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
"...to promote bicycling in all its forms"

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New Years Day Ride

Meet at Johnston Park at 1:00 pm January 1, 2002 and we will start out the year with a tailwind ride. Bring your biking Christmas presents and New Years Resolutions

2002 Katy Trail State Park Bike Tour

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is sponsoring a 225-mile five-day, four-night tour of the nation's longest developed rail trail, Katy Trail State Park, June 24-28, 2002.

Mileage ranges from 35 to 60 miles per day starting in St. Charles, Mo. and ending in Clinton, Mo.

The fees (\$200/adult, \$175/child 14 years and younger and \$600/family) include breakfast and supper daily, gear shuttle, Katy Trail Ride T-shirt and waterbottle. There will be outdoor camping space available each night, portable hot showers daily, SAG rider support, and planned activities on the trail and at each overnight stop.

For an additional fee, advance and return transportation is provided, as well as daily hotel shuttles. The ride is limited to 300 people. For additional information visit www.katytrailstatepark.com. To receive a registration brochure, e-mail moparks@mail.dnr.state.mo.us or call 1-800-334-6546.

Fair Weather Friends Ride Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 2:00 pm

Our off-season afternoon ride during the week continues throughout the winter. (Weather permitting.) If you find yourself with some time to ride some Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, come down to Sooner Park and join us for a spin. We meet at 2:00 by the playground at Sooner Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The weather is always a factor on whether or not the ride goes on. We've not established any hard and fast rules for the weather, but generally, if it is in the mid-40's or warmer, with no precipitation (or threat thereof), we ride. The rides have been being fairly short; around 20-30 miles, but we don't decide where we are going until we are at the park.

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.

2002 Membership

It is time to renew your Pedalers membership. Do it now and avoid the embarrassment and hassling at the hands of those who have already paid. Also please complete the membership release form, even if you have done it in the past.

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.

New Osage Hills Trails

We have found one of the regular Osage Hills hiking trails that is fun to ride. It is less technical than our single-track trail and can be ridden a little faster. There are enough ledges, sharp turns and short steep ups and downs to make it interesting.

A new trail has been made on top of the hill. The new trail should allow a longer loop on the hill by utilizing the present lead-in trail and existing hill-top loop. The trail is marked with yellow ribbons and raked (at this time) for most of the length, except the ends.

The West half of the new trail is up, down and around rocks. The East half is pretty smooth and open, but incorporates a couple of switchbacks to keep downhill speed down and uphill speed up.

Also a new trail has been roughed out on the west side of the hill. It runs on the west side of the pipeline right-of-way connects the north (far) end of the right-of-way back to the start of the trails at the parking lot.

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.

"Cross Country" Rides

2:00 pm Sundays

PLACE – By the horse stables, Osage Hills State Park.

January will be Osage Hills State Park month again for the mountain bikers. We've missed so many Sundays due to weather and holiday stuff that we haven't seen much of the trails this season. Let's go "wear-in" the trails now.

Meet at 2:00 pm at the old rock building by the horse stables in the park.

"The truly extraordinary feature of the bike is that, like the very greatest teacher, it encourages you to find the answers from somewhere deep down inside yourself and not merely take them from someone else."

- **Tom Davis**, *Merlyn the Magician and the Pacific Coast Highway*

From the Mountain Biking Director



“Now that winter is here I’m through riding until spring, right?” **Wrong!!!!** Winter is the best time of year for big fat knobby tires. All through this past fall and starting now with winter, a group of Pedalers mountain bikers have been meeting at Osage Hills State Park on Sunday afternoons. We’ve ridden and re-ridden the established trails and also have developed and are continuing to develop newer trails. One of the beauties of this type of riding is that it is at its best on cold, cloudy and windy days when biking normally isn’t much fun. Those are the times we are down in the woods going slow, pedaling hard and sheltered from the wind while we have a blast. It

doesn’t get much better than that!

And remember all of that white slick stuff that was covering the ground and everything else last winter? Well, Jack, George and I discovered that big fat knobby tires work real well in/on that stuff too. (Just watch out for those black shiny places though.) Next time you wake up to white stuff all over the place, instead of sitting in the living room moping while you wish for warm riding weather, get out the mountain bike and join us on the Pathfinder.

So instead of marking the days off on your calendar while you wait for spring, get out the mountain bike and join us in the fun! We meet Sunday afternoons at 2:00 by the horse stables at Osage Hills State Park, or just about any other time after a few quick phone calls. Call me at 333-4374 for more info. (Roadies are welcome too, but you’ll need big fat knobby tires.)

Bob Lummis

From the Road Biking Director

For 2002, DIVERSITY is the theme, and FUN is the goal.

No one could follow in the footsteps of our previous road biking director. So, for 2002, we will chart a different course for our rides. For the rest of the winter, we will continue the Tuesday-Thursday Fair Weather Friends and Saturday Tailwind rides as usual, with those who show up determining the route and distance ridden.



Starting in April, a new system of voluntary ride leadership will begin. All Club road rides will be led by members who have agreed to be responsible for the day's ride. Also, several new ideas will be introduced for ride routes and formats to accommodate a greater variety of distances, riding styles, and skill levels.

These changes are intended to get more riders involved in Club activities, to spread and develop leadership, to provide opportunity for participation and input to ride routes, and to accommodate riders with different skill levels and bicycling goals. Numerous ideas will be introduced to add to the fun. Your willingness to share in leading a ride now and then will be the key. Details are being developed and will be announced in later newsletters. Meanwhile, ...

See you on the road,

Rod Harwood

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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