

Bartlesville azette

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

December 2001

Annual Meeting and Club Elections December 11, 6:00 PM

The annual Christmas Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at the Disciples Christian Church at 5800 SE Douglas Lane. We have several items we will want to discuss so we hope that all of you put this on your calendar. Several of the items on the agenda are: vote on officers for 2002, determine whether we would like more club meetings, vote on whether we want to continue to sponsor Freewheel, and vote on whether we wish to continue with the Trash Pick-up on Hwy. 123. If you want something added to the agenda please call or send Shirley Martin an email.

Election Time

At our December annual meeting, we will hold an election for 2002 Club officers. The nominating committee has assembled the following slate for your consideration:

POSITION NOMINEE

President	Jim Black
VP/Treasurer	Dale Munn
Secretary	Joanne Estes
Board Member at Large	Neal Johnson
Board Member at Large	Brad Cobb
Mt. Biking Director	Bob Lummis
Road Biking Director	Rod Harwood

Non-elective positions:

Past President	Shirley Martin
Newsletter Editor	George Harris
Newsletter Distribution	Joanne Estes
Web Master	Rod Harwood

The Nominating Committee: Neal Johnson, Dale Munn and Rod Harwood

Fantasyland Forest and Beyond...

Pedalers' Annual Christmas Lights Ride and Gift Exchange

6:30 PM Friday 8 December 2001
**Rod and Joyce's house, 1356 SE Dewey
Avenue**

Bring your bike with appropriate lights for riding at night, and decorations if you like. We'll ride down to Johnstone Park, do a loop through Fantasyland Forest, then, if it's not toooo cold, wind back thru town for some more lights before ending back at Rod and Joyce's. Joyce and Rod are hosting a warm-up party and will provide hot drinks. Bring a sweet or savory holiday munchie to share.

We will again do a "choose or steal" gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a modest, under \$10 wrapped gift for an anonymous recipient. All gifts will be put in a gift pool. The exchange part is a game. You will have to come to find out the rules. Hint: only a limited amount of stealing will be allowed.

Call Rod and Joyce at 336-7546

Announcing... Another Weekend at the Frisco Superdrome 15-16 December 2001

For all of you who missed it the October clinic, we have scheduled another session at the Superdrome bicycle track in Frisco, Texas. Our adopted track coach, Ryan Crissey, has agreed to do another rider qualification course over the weekend of 15-16 December 2001.

On Saturday afternoon, starting at noon, Ryan will put riders through a one-afternoon condensed

version of the 8 week,16 session rider qualification course offered at the track. The training will include exclusive use of the facilities and its fleet of 50 track bikes. He'll cover basic track riding technique, equipment, protocol, safety, racing events. On Sunday, he'll run us through some racing events as further training for as long as we can pedal! You'll come away with USCF Cat 4 track certification and become eligible for any future Superdrome races and training sessions. All this for a mere **\$25 fee!**

Already-qualified riders are welcome to join the sessions for practice and reinforcement. You'll be able to ride during the Saturday afternoon class session, and to participate in the Sunday morning racing, at no charge.

This clinic is NOT restricted to Wheelmen members. Any rider with some group riding or racing experience is welcome. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in trying out track riding. Ryan does a superb job of easing riders into feeling comfortable in the track environment. Mark you calendar, gather up your riding gear, including pedals and shoes (track bikes provided by the Superdrome), and join us for a weekend romp in Frisco.

The Superdrome is located at 9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco, Texas (about 25 miles north of Dallas) on the campus of Collin County Community College. More information and directions are available at the website: www.superdrome.com. There is a Holiday Inn Express nearby the track (4220 Preston Rd., Frisco, 972-668-9400) that provides reasonable accommodations for overnight Saturday.

If you plan to participate, please let me know ahead of time so that I can let Ryan know how many to expect. Contact me if you have further questions.

Happy spinning. See you at the 'drome. Rod H.

New Years Day Ride

Meet at Johnston Park at 10:00 am January 1, 2001 and we will start out the year with a tailwind ride. Bring your biking Christmas presents and New Years Resolutions

Fair Weather Friends Ride

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 2:30 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 higher with no precipitation (or threat thereof), we ride.

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.

Weekend Rides

Saturday 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.

Sunday Afternoon "Cross Country" Rides: TIME - 2:00 pm, PLACE - At the old stone building by the horse stables, Osage Hills State Park.

December will be Osage Hills State Park month for the mountain bikers. We'll spend our Sunday afternoons riding those great trails we've been developing over the last few years and trying to improve on what is already there.

"I'm not ramming the bike stuff down his throat, but he can already say Campagnolo."

- **Joe Breeze**, on his two-year-old son

President's Editor's Letter

By George Harris

Our president was feeling a little tongue-tied this month so I will say a few words.

First thing, everyone have a happy and safe Holiday season.

Next thing. Please help me with the newsletter. If any of you have anything that might be good to include in the newsletter, please send it to me. Any ideas, comments, or questions that you want to put to the club members could also be included in the newsletter.

As most of you know I had a rather bad bike accident in August. The body damage was quite extensive. But my helmet prevented any head injuries. The doctor has finally OKed me for unlimited riding. So I will be out hunting for ride partners. I will ride with anybody, and everybody regardless of ability.

Have a safe ride!

George Harris

