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Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
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November 2001

A Report on A Weekend at the Frisco (Texas) Superdrome 13-14 October 2001

WHAT A KICK !! **Brad Cobb** and **Rod Harwood** joined 14 Tulsa Wheelmen for what many of us found the most fun we've had on a bicycle in a long time. Ryan Crissey, Brad's Paralympic coach, put us through a full afternoon of instruction in basic track riding technique, equipment (light, fixed-gear track bikes with no breaks!), track protocol, safety, and racing events. It included multiple laps on the steep 44 degree banked track, practicing skills such as drafting and paceline and, later, doing some races.

Everybody agreed they want to do it again, and again, and again... If you are interested in the next trip, let me know (rodh@ionet.net, 918-336-7546 home, or 918-661-6776 work) as I will be setting it up soon. Info will be published in this newsletter and on our web site when available. See you at the 'drome next time.

Rod Harwood

A Report on Quartz Mountain Fall Bike Fest October 12, 13 & 14 Quartz Mountain State Park

For those of you who passed up this ride, you missed a good one! Any time I see a ride with the word "mountain" in it, I expect to do lots of climbing. That wasn't the case at Quartz Mountain. If you've never been there, the terrain is pancake flat with a few rolling hills thrown in for good measure. The mountains are not of the

"Rocky" variety, but they are mountains nevertheless. They just stick up out of the plains and the roads go around them. The only significant hills were on Friday and Saturday's rides as you left and returned to the park.

Each day of the ride the riders had a choice of ride lengths that varied from 15 miles to 100 miles. (Only Saturday had the 100-mile route.) Our Bartlesville crew seemed to stick mostly to the 40 - 50 mile rides except for **Jack "Tough Guy" Tatum**. Jack rode the century Saturday even though a strong wind was blowing that day and there were only fence posts for windbreaks.

It isn't a rumor this time! **Michael Smith** was seen out on his bicycle all three days of the ride. Other members and former members on the ride were **Bill and Joanne Estes, Jack Tatum, Norm and Nancy Ferrell and Bob and Patsy Lummis**. Joanne even prepared a cherry pie for a poor starving raccoon at the park. Now that is compassion! She and Bill even let the `coon come into their tent to get it.

Bob Lummis

Farewell to Black's Bikes

After 11 years of service to the Bartlesville bicycling community and the Bartlesville Pedalers, **Black's Bikes will officially quit business on 22 December 2001**. Jim and Ken both have found other voices calling and want to spend more time actually riding these contraptions instead of repairing and selling them. Their services will be sorely missed, but their presence on rides will be most welcome. Good luck, guys, with whatever comes your way.

President's Letter - November

We went on some good rides in October. Our ride to Oakridge for breakfast was especially nice even with the fog. The road from the Hudson Lake turn off to Bowring has been paved and the cattle guards removed. You can now enjoy the ride down the hill since the cattle guard is now gone. I might add that the ride up the hill was easier with the good pavement.



The **annual Christmas Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner** is scheduled for Tuesday, **December 11**. 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 me an email.

Also our **annual Christmas Light ride** will be Saturday, **December 8**. We will meet at the Harwood's after the ride, as in the past. There will be more information in the December newsletter about the December 11 meeting and the Christmas Light ride.

Keep on Pedaling,
Shirley Martin

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, chair
Dale Munn
Rod Harwood

Early Bird Special!

Membership: If any of you have friends/acquaintances who are contemplating joining the club, be sure to tell them of our "early bird special." Anyone who joins the club between October 1 and December 31 is automatically paid up for the following year's dues as well. See membership application in this newsletter. It's also time for existing members to renew.

Information to find other special cycling events:

New bike tour web site: www.nbttda.com. It has listing/calendar of rides 3 days or longer in the US, Canada, Mexico, and France.

Another web site to locate special bike rides (races and tours) is www.bicycle-rides.com. It is easy to use and you can locate rides in various radius from a hub city.

No More Weekday Evening Rides:

Well, it has gotten late enough in the year so that the sun sets too early to allow the weekday evening rides. But do not give all hope. Bob and Jack have started up a "Fair Weather Friends" ride (see below). Also, **George Harris** volunteers to accompany anybody that needs or wants a ride partner.

Weekday Rides

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

Our off-season weekday afternoon ride, "The Fair Weather Friends", resumed October 2. 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.

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.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides: (Note new departure times)

November – Daylight savings time ends, but ride time remains 8 am from Johnstone Park.

- 3 Wann and vicinity - Depending on the weather we can make this 40 – 55 miles.
- 10 Vera and back - If weather holds up we will

do a round trip of about 58 miles, but you can turn around at Ramona and get about 42 miles.

- 17 Pancakes in Pawhuska - Only a few made it to our last trip to Pawhuska. This is a good route when the wind is unpredictable. We now have a new way into town using their bike path. The round trip is about 55 miles from Johnstone Park.

- 24 Barnsdall and Beyond - Depending on the weather we may decide to go past Barnsdall to one of the nearby villages. Barnsdall is 44 miles round trip from the Park.

December - With the colder weather ride times will change to 9 am from Johnstone Park. All rides will be tailwind rides.

- 1 – 31: Tailwind - All rides for December will be tailwind rides leaving Johnstone Park at 9 am. Routes will be chosen based on wind direction and the interests of riders who participate.

Call **Joel Martin** at 333-8294 for details concerning any of the rides. Announce your ride intentions on ride day and we can form groups to cover different distances.

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

November 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. We finished a great new trail on top of the hill last year. It just needs some traffic on it now to "wear it in".

Officers/Directors:

President:

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Membership Application / Renewal

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.

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: Bartlesville Pedalers, P.O. Box 793, Bartlesville, OK 74003