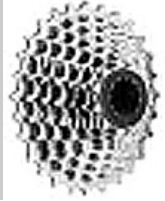




# Bartlesville Pedalers Gazette



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The Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Ok

## Spinning Wheels

By Dale Munn

Have you been getting stressed out at work lately? Come join the fair weather friends on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon's for a couple of hours. Rides start at 2 PM, if the weather is "fair". Another option is the Saturday rides which are tailwind rides with the starting time determined by the temperature. Last month just as I thought "this is great—leave at 9 AM, get back by 12:30 or so", we had this gorgeous fall day and the vote was to go to Pawhuska! It was a very enjoyable ride with breakfast/lunch in Pawhuska. If it's rainy or cold, some have been known to spend the time discussing cycling at the second street bakery.

The November board meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Madison Pizza Hut. Yes, I did change the club calendar to have the correct date this month. All members are welcome to attend and

bring ideas for club activities. We will be discussing the annual meeting, holiday activities and the new club jersey.

Now is the time to start recruiting new pedalers. A new member joining in October gets the benefit of 15 months of membership. Also paid memberships could get their membership free from the drawing at the annual meeting, currently scheduled to be December 7. So recruit new members and mark your calendar for the annual meeting.



There is still an opening for newsletter editor. If you would like to try your hand at publishing a newsletter, it would be great. Also looks good on your resume. If not submit your news articles to share with your fellow pedalers. I know you all have some interesting cycling activities and stories to write about.

That's it for this month, hope to see you all on some of the remaining club rides and other club activities.



### New Bicycle Shop In Town!

My name is Randall Clayborn, my family and I have opened up a bicycle store in Bartlesville. It is called "Adventure Bicycle Center" and it is located at 111 NE Washington ( 75&Tuxedo). We have yet to receive our first new bikes, but have the repair bay up and running with basic supplies like tubes, tires, chains and a few odd and ends. Once we get our bikes in the store. I'll let everyone know and we will have the grand opening.

I didn't start riding bicycles seriously until free-wheel 1989. My involvement with cyclist didn't stop at free wheel. I joined the Tulsa Wheelmen and started volunteering, put a race team together, and promoting races. I still promote quite a few races each year but most are off road events for a group I founded called Keystone Off Road Society. We are a non-profit 501 C4 club that maintains and promotes off road riders and trails in the Oklahoma area. My future projects in Bartlesville include a program called "the little 100".

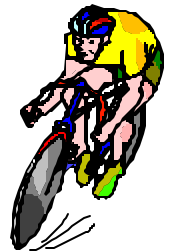
This event is a bicycle relay designed for public schools in Tulsa. I wrote the first coaching program for this event and coached the Craver middle school every year.

I am very excited about running the bike shop, but I also want to see the bicycle community grow and I will do my part to make that happen. Stop by the store and visit me or come by around 8:30 AM to ride until the store opens.

The store will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM Monday though Saturday, closed Sunday. I usually ride from 8:30 until 10:45 from the store and go to races on the weekends. If you need a special item, let me know and I will order it for you.

I Hope to see on the road.

— Randall — 333-9222



# Report from the Road Director

By Bob Lummis

Now that daylight savings time is gone, we have again adjusted our Saturday morning ride time. We've also factored in the weather just to keep you on your toes. The new Saturday ride time is 10:00 at Johnstone Park. If the temperature is 40° or lower at 9:00, the ride will be postponed until 1:00. (Providing the temperature has risen above 40° by Noon.) If the temperature is still 40° or lower at Noon, the ride is canceled. Our official thermometer for ride purposes is the time and temperature provided by ARVEST bank on 336-9400.

We've already had some cool starts on Saturday mornings. The good side is that it normally warms up to a gorgeous fall morning before we have a chance to get very cold. On a recent ride, we started out with the temperature somewhere around 43° and headed out for Bowling. By the time we got to the top of Hudson Lake Hill, the cool weather was no longer noticeable. The ride to Bowling and on to the café at Whippoorwill was very pleasant and the panCAKE (Only one, but it was a meal unto itself) was delicious. The rest of the ride took us on across Hulah and Copan dams to Copan and back to Bartlesville. That was one of the best Saturday rides I've been on so far this year.

Don't forget that the Tuesday – Thursday after-



noon Fair Weather Friends ride leaves the tennis court parking lot in Sooner Park at 2:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a good idea to check around a little before you head for the park if the weather is iffy. Some regulars on the ride to check with are Walt Bohn, Dale Munn, Bill Estes, Jack Tatum or myself (Bob Lummis). Like the ride name implies, we ride in fair weather. If it is rainy, snowy (or threatening rain or snow), too cool, or too windy, we probably don't ride.

That's about all I have for this month. Remember that riding your bicycle is probably the best way you can enjoy the fall foliage as the trees go through their annual ritual. My favorite areas around Bartlesville for fall foliage are the routes around Woolaroc and

Okesa but anywhere in the country can provide some magnificent views.

Have a safe ride!

Bob

"Saturday morning rides will be 10:00 or 1:00 for the month of November"

## Club Jerseys

By Bob Lummis

The on again, off again club jersey project is on again. Vince Hennigan is doing the hard part, while I am doing the easy part. Vince has worked up three possible logo designs for us to consider incorporating into the jerseys. Take a look at them and let me know which is your favorite. My email address is bicycle@lummis.cc.

Probably the only way we can meet the manufacturer's minimum quantity is to order extras, paying for them from the club treasury and selling them to new members who come along after the order. We don't have prices yet, but are shooting for a price in the \$50 to \$60 range. If we order extras and pay for them from the club treasury, approval to do this must come from a quorum of members at a regular meeting of the membership. I expect that this may come up at the annual meeting on December 7.

Below are the three designs Vince has worked up. Again, let me know which is your favorite.



Logo # 1



Logo # 2



Logo # 3

# Pedaler Profile

## Norman Hinsdell

Editor's note: Our feature this month is guest writer, and an excellent Pedaler prospect, Norman Hinsdell, affectionally known as "Uncle Norman!" Many of us met him on FreeWheel a few years ago. He is Dawn Thurman's real uncle! We congratulate him for recently completing his first Century!

"In 2001, when I was 56 years old, Dawn and Clay introduced me back into the bike world. I bought a used bike and started riding.

The first year, I rode the FreeWheel was 2002. it was a lot of fun and I met a lot of nice people. That is how I got the name "Uncle Norman," when Dawn introduced me. It was really hard, I was not as ready as I thought!

FreeWheel 2003 was easier. I had ridden more and prepared for all the riding. I bought a new hybrid bike for this ride.

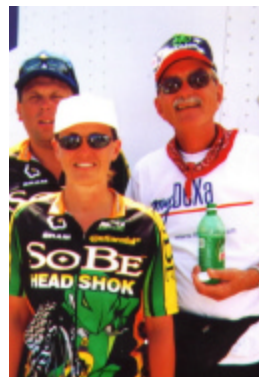
FreeWheel 2004 was a new experience. My wife (Barbara) went and met me each day at the end of the ride with tent up and everything ready!

For the last two years I had a desire to ride a 100-mile day, so this year, when I went to the fall bike ride in Fairview, OK, Moni (Neville) said she would ride with me. Saturday we left about 8:00 a.m. It took 9 hours, 40 minutes. I rode 200 miles for the whole weekend!"

"Uncle Norman" , (Norman Hinsdell )



Uncle Norman at the finish line, Anthony, Kansas, FreeWheel 2004



Clay & Dawn Thurman & Uncle Norman celebrate at the finish line—South Haven, KS. Uncle Norman's First Free Wheel, 2002.

## Fall Bike Festival *By Bill Estes*



Checking for those mean ol' Sand burrs! Only 1 flat!

Joanne and I recently completed the Fall Bicycle ride in Fairview, OK with approximately 120 other riders. While the weather for cast was somewhat ominous, we had a wonderful time. We left around 1:30 Thursday afternoon and it was raining but when arriving at Fairview the rain had disappeared and it was a beautiful day. We had fun touring Fairview that evening and caught a movie at the theater. I rode two days and got in 120 miles. I wasn't brave enough for a ride on Sunday but we had already decided not to ride that day as we had some car problems. It made our decision easy as it rained pretty steady all day Sunday.

As I mentioned before, take it from a wimp like me this is a wonderful camping weekend as you only put your tent up one time and the weather allows you to really enjoy meeting new people.



Bill heads out from Fairview, Spect Park, October 9, 2004



## Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee '04

By Bob Lummis

After three years of not having the ride, Tennessee Parks and Tennessee Department of Transportation held the annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) this year from Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. About 300 riders participated. The name is something of a misnomer, since the ride does not cross the state, but is a big loop (370 miles) instead. Patsy and I did the ride this year (she drove, I rode) and had a ball. After predictions of rain for most of the week following the hurricanes, we were pleasantly surprised to arrive in the start point for the ride, Gallatin, TN, to clear skies and cool temperatures. The fantastic weather held for the entire week; we didn't even see a cloud until Thursday!

I had a pleasant shock right after we arrived at the start Saturday afternoon. After we checked in, we located a place to camp and started to pitch our tent. As we were putting up the tent, we started visiting with the guy who was camped beside us and found that he was from a town near our place in Missouri. As we visited more, the coincidences started piling up until we finally figured out that the camper was Frank Bebout, an old friend from back in my elementary and high school days at Strafford, Missouri. Frank was in my brother's class, and was my brother's best friend. Frank & I had not seen each other for over 40 years and obviously did not recognize each other. We rode together, camped close and caught up on old times for the rest of the week.

This year's ride went from Gallatin to Murfreesboro to, Rock Island State Park (two nights), to Cookeville, to Standing Stone State Park, to Red Boiling



Lake at Rock Island State Park

Springs, and then back to Gallatin. The first two days were long (79 miles Sunday, 83 miles Monday) but at least weren't too hilly by Tennessee standards. We stayed at a beautiful state park, Rock Island State Park, for two

nights. On Tuesday and I elected to lounge around the park rather than take one of the optional rides. (The options were 22 miles, 62 miles or 100 miles.) While walking along the natural sand beach at the lake at Rock Island State Park, we found tracks where a small bear had come to the water's edge and drank

Wednesday was a slightly shorter day, 70 miles,

but much hillier than what we'd ridden Sunday and Monday. One of the hills was a lot like 44 Hill, but was 7 miles long. The steep portion of this hill was almost a mile long. All you could do was get in a low gear and grind away at it. After Wednesday, the daily routes were considerably shorter, but the hills made up for it. The scenery was spectacular, but you had to pay for some of those great views.

On Thursday, one of our rest stops was at Dodson Branch Elementary School. The Department of Transportation, through a federal grant, was fitting every child at the school with a free bicycle helmet. The event was being filmed by the local PBS affiliated TV station and was very impressive. The kids were excited about the helmets, and also at all of the touring bicyclists stopping to get water and to visit with them.

Our last night was spent in Red Boiling Springs, TN. Red Boiling Springs is an old resort town and home to some mineral springs said to have recuperative powers for many ailments. I tasted the mineral water and decided that I didn't need to recuperate from anything that badly. Patsy & I spent Friday night in the historic Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs. The hotel was built in the early 1900's and had been modernized while keeping the nostalgic touches from another era.

Next year's BRAT will be starting and finishing in the Chattanooga area and will possibly include a train segment in the ride. (The Chattanooga Choo-Choo?) More information on the route will be forthcoming early next year on the BRAT website at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/BRAT/>.

I've put more pictures on the club website, so check them out when you get a chance.



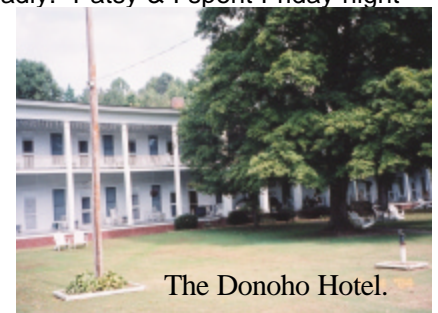
Frank & Bob on Day 1



Look closely and you'll see the road we were on. Then we got to climb the other side!



One class at the helmet fitting at Dodson Branch.



The Donoho Hotel.



## Free Membership

That's right, one lucky Pedaler will receive their membership free! All members who have paid their \$16 dues for 2005 by the December meeting will be entered in the drawing for a free membership. Our goal is for the club to have everyone paid up by the December meeting.

This is also a good time to recruit new members to the pedalers. Anyone joining during the remainder of 2004 receives membership from now through December, 2005! Among the super reasons for joining the Bartlesville Pedalers are:

- Access to the members area of the web page;
- The super newsletter you are reading;
- Many club activities;
- Comradery with many area cyclists;
- Part of a collective voice for cycling in Bartlesville;
- Discounts at bike shops in Tulsa.

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## Annual Meeting

The 2004 Pedalers Annual Pot luck Dinner/ Meeting will be held on **December 7th, 6:00 p.m., at Disciples Christian Church**. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars now and plan on attending. Helpers can come early to set up.

During this meeting we will vote on the officers for the 2005 year. The slate proposed by the nominating committee is the same as this year. See officers listed above. There will be the drawing for free membership from the 2005 paid up members and possibly some other door prizes. Also, we will be voting on spending for our web hosting service, since the expense will exceed \$100. We will be taking orders for the new Pedaler's Jersey and voting on purchasing spares with treasury funds.

### Letter from Germany to Joanne & Bill from Thomas Martin

How are you doing? This is the last day of our fall break (yeah - we've got 2 weeks!!!). I didn't do a whole lot during the break, just some bicycling and hanging out with friends. I watched a basketball game (our soccer team sucks, and our basketball team is really good, so I watched basketball, although it is not very popular in Germany) and Friday I distributed a couple of hundred advertising sheets for our new "Computers for Senior Citizen" class. My students company offers computer classes for older people and a new class is coming up and we want many people to attend it. More people - more money! Well, it's not all that much money, but it's a lot of fun doing it (much more interesting than doing a paper route or working at McDonalds - ... no offence). And next week we are gonna have a local TV station come up and do an interview with us (looks like free advertising for us).

Yesterday I went climbing in a mountain area about 70 miles from here. I'm glad the weather stayed nice, because it's about the time of the year when it starts snowing, so that might have been the last time to do climbing this year. But then winter season comes up, so that means a lot of snowboarding and skiing!