




## Christmas Party is Dec. 10th

The Bartlesville Pedaler's Annual Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 10, at the Bartlesville Public Library in the upstairs meeting room. The Potluck Christmas dinner will start at about 6:30 pm, but you can come as early at 5:00 pm to help setup, decorate and prepare your food items.

Bring a guest and families are all invited. There will be fun gifts or awards for those who had the most flats, got lost the most, etc. (if one wants to present one) mileage awards for the year. If you haven't already done so. Send your annual mileage totals as soon as possible to Vincent Hennigan, at [vhennigan@yahoo.com](mailto:vhennigan@yahoo.com) or by mail to 2086 Osage Avenue, Bartlesville, OK 74003, or by phone by calling 338-0604.

Also at the party we will have the annual elections for next year's officers! This is a DON'T MISS!

Bring a covered dish and serving spoon. Club will furnish water, tea, and paper goods. If you'd like to coordinate what items you are bringing, then call Joanne Estes at 333-6524. 




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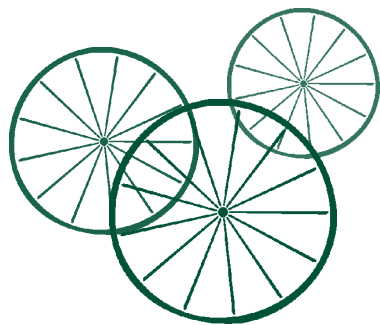
## Annual Christmas Lights Ride and Gift Exchange

Our Annual Pedaler's Christmas Lights ride and Gift Exchange will be at 6:30 PM Saturday, December 14th at the home of Rod Harwood and Joyce Fogle, 1356 SE Dewey, in Bartlesville.

Bring your bike with appropriate lights for riding at night, decorated if you like. We will ride down to Johnstone Park, do a loop through Fantasyland Forest, then, if it is not toooo cold, wind back through town for some more lights before ending back at Rod and Joyce's. They 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. 




# Spinning Wheels

## A letter from the President

It's not supposed to be this nice in November, but I'll try not to complain. This beautiful weather and some wonderful friends have made the Fair Weather Friends Rides truly enjoyable this month. If you haven't made these rides, you need to. When the weather is this fair and the friends ready to ride you don't want to miss the adventure. Far be it from me to promote truancy, but the idea has merit on certain days. Hope to see you out on one of these rides.

There are also a couple of great events planned for December. Our "event of the year," the Christmas Potluck will be at the Library this year, but, as always, will be a most entertaining evening. Rod and Joyce are also planning a great night of riding and exchanging gifts, some good, some interesting?. So even if December does grow cold we will still have a wonderful time.

Send your mileage in for a certificate, and don't stop riding (even if it does turn cold). 

Keep 'em spinning,

Jim

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## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Shirley Martin, Jim Black and Bob Lummis. Our slate of nominees for the 2003 club officers and board members are:

President: Jim Black

Vice-President/Treasurer: Dale Munn

Secretary: Joanne Estes


Road Biking Director: Rod Harwood

Mountain Biking Director: George Harris

Director-at-Large: Brad Cobb

Director-at-Large: Shirley Martin

The only remaining board position is voluntary and not elective; this is the position of Newsletter Editor. Vince Hennigan has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor for 2003.

The club elections will be held during our annual meeting December 10 in the upstairs meeting room of the Bartlesville Public Library. Members present at that meeting may choose the officers and directors from the above slate or from nominations made from the floor that evening. 

Signed,

Shirley Martin, Jim Black and Bob Lummis



### OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

**Jim Black**, President

335-3553 (hm) blacksbikes@bartnet.net

**Dale Munn**, Vice President/Treasurer

333-5693 (hm) dmun@swbell.net

**Joanne Estes**, Secretary, 333-6524 (hm)

**Rod Harwood**, Road Biking Director, 335-7546 (hm)

**Bob Lummis**, Mountain Biking Dir., 333-4374 (hm)

**Brad Cobb**, Director at Large, 336-5046 (hm)

**Neal Johnson**, Director at Large, 331-9671 (hm)

**Vincent Hennigan**, Newsletter Editor

338-0604 (hm) vhenhigan@yahoo.com

## Secretary's Report

A report of the Bartlesville Pedalers Board Meeting, held 11:30 am, Monday, November 18, 2002 at the ConocoPhillips Cafeteria. Present were Jim Black, Donna Black, Dale Munn, Vince Hennigan, Shirley Martin, Bill Estes, and Joanne Estes.

Those present enjoyed tasty lunches even with the longer lines, possibly due to much-increased patronage with the ConocoPhillips merger, as well as the fact that it was the first day of the new menus!

President Jim mentioned the possibility of making Bartlesville an official "Bicycle Friendly" city. He will find out more about this (download the application to check it out) - may have to present to mayor, etc. (Wal-Mart does have an outdoor bike rack now!)

Shirley suggested we get our brochures out in the community where new residents can learn more about the Pedalers. She offered to take them to the "Y," Fitness Center, etc.

Jim had a form for the Community Calendar to advertise any local activities to go in the first quarter brochure. A brochure with this information will be well-distributed in our area. Joanne filled out the form and gave to Nancy Hulse, at the Chamber. This will advertise our FreeWheel informational meeting at the library, noon, Wednesday, March 12. Libby Stalter, tour director, will be guest speaker and will unveil the 25th anniversary route for June 8 - 15, 2003.

Christmas Pot Luck will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the library, Tuesday evening, December 10. Shirley will bring paper plates and bowls and table decorations. Donna has Christmas table cloths. Joanne will bring some "tunes!" We'll check with Bob Lummis to see if he still has plastic forks, plates, bowls, and cups from earlier gatherings!

Possible agenda for Christmas Party Pot Luck:

- Jim conduct election of 2003 officers
- Acknowledge any special presentations - i.e. gag gifts and/or door prizes
- Present mileage certificates (December to December mileages)


Treasurer Dale reported \$809.16 in treasury and

will remind members to renew at the Christmas Party so they'll be eligible for free membership drawing at that time!

Ideas for future meetings included a possible "garage sale," and maybe bring old bike gear to meeting for trading or selling to another club member.

Bill suggested the club plan an overnight ride to Ken and Frankie Black's in Ponca City, camp out in their yard, and ride back the next day! He also suggested that winter rides start 1:00 p.m. for colder and shorter days. They start at 9:00 a.m. now on Saturdays at Johnstone Park. (The Christmas lights are now all set up there.)

FreeWheel 2003 will have a float in the Tulsa Christmas parade to advertise their 25th Anniversary. Jim asked if float could come to the Bartlesville parade - after checking, we learn that both parades are on Saturday, December 14th. Those present agreed to have a December newsletter.


Respectfully submitted, 

Joanne Estes, Pedalers Secretary

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## Oklahoma FreeWheel 2003 Planning Report

The monthly planning meeting for Oklahoma FreeWheel 2003 was held Monday night, November 4th, at Tina Birch's home on Owasso Street in Tulsa. Libby says nearly all tour hosts are confirmed and will announce them soon. Sign-ups to dress for the holiday and ride bikes for the Christmas Parade float were available. The parade is Saturday, Dec. 14th. The float will be a 5 x 10 trailer pulled behind a black Tahoe! Two bikes on wind-trainers and riders will be on the trailer, and possibly a Christmas tree. Innumerable cyclists may ride their bikes along side the float. Riders and bikes must be seasonally decorated!

Bill, from Stillwater, will be lunch stop coordinator again next year; Tina Birch will return as the water sag "queen" and Joanne Estes will help again with fruit and rest stops. Harold Clayton, the bike detailer, has offered to print the FreeWheel brochures for next year. Next meeting, a Christmas party, to be 6:30 p.m., December 2nd, again at Tina's. Our Bartlesville Pedalers Club is one of the sponsors of this annual event. 

# Mountain Biking...

## *From the Mountain Biking Director...*


*By Bob Lummis*

Well, this month ends my term as Mountain Biking Director. It has been fun, but it is time to get some fresh thinking in the position. I still intend to be out there on my knobby tires, so don't look for me to fade away.

I am writing this fairly early in the month (November), since I'll be out of town a good part of the month. Hopefully, the weather has improved some by now and we'll have gotten in some good rides. The month didn't even get a decent start until our first ride was rained out.

So much is going on in December that I've only scheduled Osage Hills State Park for our Sunday afternoon rides. If the weather cooperates, maybe we'll get our trails whipped back into shape. Get out the mountain bike (that's the one with the big fat knobby tires) and come on out to the park this Sunday.

It's a lot more fun than sitting around getting out-of-shape while you watch the Dallas Cowboys lose.

See you on the trail! 

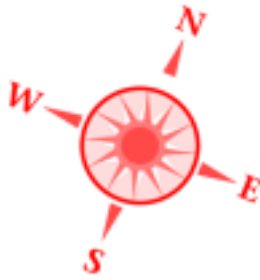
**Bob**

## ***Sunday Afternoon Cross-Country Rides & Knobby Tire Ride at 2 pm***

For December, all of our Sunday afternoon rides will be at Osage Hills State Park. Meet at the old stone building near the horse stables at 2:00.

### ***Submissions Requested***

The Pedalers are always looking for your stories, anecdotes and photos (preferably in digital/scanned format). We've received lots of great stuff from members and we'd like to get more. So break out the good stuff and send it to: [vhennigan@yahoo.com](mailto:vhennigan@yahoo.com). Deadline is the 25th of each month.



## ***December Road Rides***

For the December road ride calendar, Saturday Rides will leave Johnstone Park at 9 am if weather is fair and 40 degrees or warmer. Otherwise, we will hope it warms up and try for 12 noon the same day. Call Rod (336-7546) if in doubt.


Destination and distance to be determined by those present.

Fair Weather Friends Rides happen most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Check with Walter Bohn (333-5904) or Dale Munn (333-5693) for information about specific days.

On Wednesday January 1, 2003, the Club will start the year off right with our annual New Year's Day ride. We'll leave from Johnstone Park at 12 noon.

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## ***Fair Weather Friends Ride***

This is our off-season ride for those who can get away for a few hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It is a relaxed ride that normally goes 20 miles or less. We meet both days at Sooner Park near the tennis court at 2:00. Those present decide where to go and how long of a ride. Like the name implies, we only ride when the weather is nice. Normally, nice is defined as above 40 degrees with no rain, mist, snow, high wind, etc. (But this is subjective!) If you are in doubt as to whether or not there will be a ride, check with Bob Lummis (333-4374), Walter Bohn (333-5904), Jack Tatum (338-0079) or Dale Munn (333-5693). 



# Pedaler Profile:

## **Robert Booth**

I was like most kids, I had bicycles - a Western Flyer my dad bought me when I was six years old and, when I was about thirteen years old, I bought a Montgomery Wards bike. It was black with side baskets so I could deliver my newspapers! Once, I think I was about nineteen years old, I rode my Dad's Schwinn 3-speed to a girl's house in the country. I think round trip was eighteen miles!

But if I would have to give one definite time that started me bicycling, it would be 1982 at the Tulsa Run. While standing on crutches in the lobby of the Williams Center (I had an accident at work), Frank Shorter came up to me and said to me "I always look at what injured runners are wearing, shoe-wise, so I can avoid those shoes!" Well, to make the story short, I told him doctors had told me I wouldn't be able to run. He told me I might try bicycling to stay in shape!

My first bike was my father-in-law's. It was a Sears, gold with chrome fenders! I got to where I could ride about fifteen miles a couple times a week. Then I found a Schwinn LeTour that the owner had wrecked. This was about 1984. With help of a bike shop in Independence, I got it fixed

up. I rode that bike until 1992 when I broke the frame at the bottom bracket. I then got a Mongoose "hybrid." All this time, I rode only during good weather and probably about 400 miles a year.

Then in 1998 FreeWheel came to Coffeyville and I went out the park to see the bikers. I started "training" and eventually bought a Cannondale. Four FreeWheels and several centuries later, I now ride year around - about 4600 miles this year!

This year I rode the Grand Tour of Colorado. It almost killed me.

One of my most memorable moments was while riding the Grand Tour of Colorado as we rode to the top of Red Mountain Pass in the rain. We were told the road was closed due to a mud slide. While waiting for a van to pick us up and take us the back way to Ouray, Colorado, the lady at the reststop said she was told they had one lane of the road opened. There was about four inches deep of mud on the road and they said we could walk through if we wanted. I told her I paid good money for the ride and that I was going down that mountain. I was glad I did as the sun came out and that last 12 miles was the most beautiful part of the trip. There were waterfalls and the sun was shining on the high crags - it was breathtaking.

After the Grand Tour of Colorado I said I would not ride it again, but just like I did on my first FreeWheel, I'm planning on riding it again next year! This year I rode with the club a few times

and really enjoyed it. Because of my job as deputy sheriff, I have to work every other weekend, so I'll try to come to the rides when I can. 🚲



*Bob at his first FreeWheel in 1999. About 10 minutes after the photo was taken they broke Broken Bow's drought. It rained 4 inches and the people who camped by the pond got the worst of the flooding.*



The **Bartlesville Pedalers** are proud to be affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists, a national organization that promotes the ideal of a bicycle-friendly America through sponsored bicycle rallies and tours, political advocacy, and education.

You are invited to join the **Bartlesville Pedalers**. All memberships are \$16 per year. Anyone joining in the last quarter of the year is also paid up for the following year.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:**

Please return application to: **Bartlesville Pedalers, P.O. Box 793, Bartlesville, OK 74003**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OK to publish this info in club directory?  Yes  No

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.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in the **Bartlesville Pedalers** brings numerous benefits:

- ☀ Meet and ride as a group with others who enjoy exercise, health, and being outdoors
- ☀ Share knowledge of bicycling skills and equipment
- ☀ Learn, and teach, bicycling rules of the road and safety practices
- ☀ Receive newsletter containing news, events, and contacts into the greater cycling community
- ☀ Select from a variety of regularly scheduled organized rides
- ☀ Contribute your personal energy to the bicycling lifestyle in the area
- ☀ Participate in community service through our Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and other projects



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