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FreeWheel `01

By Bob Lummis

This year's FreeWheel was the most challenging that I have ridden on... and I missed three days of it due to bronchitis. The first day, we rode 70 miles through Ice and Snow so we could finish the ride by riding the last ten miles UP a long downhill. (Well, it looked downhill anyway!) We stopped that night at a place called Christ's 40 Acres. This is a Christian retreat at the foot of Kiamichi Mountain on the south side of the mountain. To say that we overwhelmed their food service capabilities would probably be an understatement.

Early the next morning, we got off to a good start by climbing Kiamichi Mountain starting at the camp. This was three and a half miles that must have been straight up. I saw a lot of folks (not from Bartlesville) "climbing" the mountain in the back of pickup trucks. The view from the top was fantastic, as was the ride down the other side. A few miles down the road, we also got to climb Winding Stair Mountains on our way to Poteau. Many of us acquired some new saddle sores on the "smooth" roads through Lake Wister State Park. This is a beautiful lake and park, but it was hard to enjoy because of the rough pavement. This was by far the most scenic day that I did, but by the time we reached Poteau, everyone I saw was ready to rest. Fortunately Jack got into camp early and had us a nice shady spot picked out in the middle of an unbroken field on the Carl Albert State College campus. (In his defense, I'll have to point out that the private sags who drove into camp early in their cars had already grabbed what little shade really was available.)

The ride Tuesday was pretty uneventful for me.

It was just a nice days ride, except for some road construction just outside Stigler. A burger and limeade at the Sonic in Stigler really hit the spot before continuing to Warner. About the last 15 miles or so were basically heading north, so the strong south wind made that portion an easy ride.

Jack picked a much better spot for us in Warner. He must have really felt sorry for us slowpokes as he pitched his tent on the west side of a big shade tree and saved the east side for us. We camped on the grounds of the Connors State College campus that night; a very pleasant campus with good shade, showers and food. (What else matters???)

I woke up Wednesday morning hoarse and barely able to breathe, so rather than risk more problems, went home instead of continuing the ride. Someone else will have to fill you in about Tenkiller Mountain, the storm and all the other blanks `til Saturday. (Including the canoe races on Thursday?)

Saturday, after a couple of days of antibiotics and air-conditioning, Patsy dropped me of at Jay so I could finish the ride. The ride from Jay to Siloam Springs was a pleasant one, a few hills, but not very steep or very long. Some of this route was the same as we took in `99 when FreeWheel passed through this area. Saturday's ride was a short one, about 35 miles. This included what must have been a five-mile scenic tour of Siloam Springs. We couldn't have left very many streets un-traveled as we wound our way through town to the finish point.

Well, we're all back home now, and already starting to make plans for FreeWheel 2002. I can hardly wait!!!

Freewheel pictures will be posted on the Pedaler's Web in the near future.

Thanks For Your Help!

(With the Freewheel baggage truck.)

Thanks to all the folks who helped with the FreeWheel baggage truck this year. As a sponsoring club, this is one of the duties that we have to help keep FreeWheel moving. We had two days of baggage truck duty this year; so eight volunteers were needed. Depending upon which shift you work, the job either requires that you get up a little early and start the ride that day a little late; or you get up normally and start the ride that day really late. Nobody wants to do it, but we still had eight Pedalers show up at their assigned time with smiles on their faces; who did a great job of representing the Bartlesville Pedalers. (And there were no long lines at the baggage truck on either of our days!)

The people who helped this year were: **Jack Tatum, Walter Bohn, Malcolm Joyce, Dale Munn, Dan Schultes, Ross Snider, Dale Melton** and myself.

Bob Lummis

Mid-week Road Rides

Tuesday road rides will leave from Johnston Park at 6:00 pm. The Thursday evening road rides will leave Sooner Park at 6:00 pm. Destinations to be determined at the time of the ride.

Wednesday Evening Knobby-Tire Ride: Time – 6:15 pm

Our Wednesday evening knobby-tire rides are similar to the Tuesday-Thursday road rides, only these are for mountain bikes on local dirt roads. We meet at 6:15 pm at various locations for 15-30 mile rides on dirt roads. See the following for meeting location and description of the ride.

July 4 – Holiday! No Knobby-Tire Ride Scheduled.

July 11 - The Wann America Knobby-Tire Loop. A pleasant 20 mile loop around Wann that begins and ends at the post-office. Be sure to visit Six Flagpoles over Wann America while you are there! Meet in the parking lot of the Wann post-office on Highway 10.

July 18 – Paseo de Nowata Loop. An 18 mile loop in western Nowata County, South of Highway 60. Meet in the triangle at the junction of Road 2400 (Moose Lodge Road) and Road 4020.

July 25 – Cotton Valley Loop. Meet at the junction of County Roads 0700 and 3990. (One mile East of Highway 75 on the road just North of the Copan Truck Stop.) About 20 miles rambling through northern Washington County.

August 1 - Mullendore Ranch Route An approximate 20 mile route, from Copan Lake Dam to Mullendore Ranch and back. Shorter options available. Meet at the parking area below the spillway at Copan Dam.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides: (Leaving Johnston Park at 7:30 am Saturday mornings)- Call Joel Martin at 333-8294 for details concerning any of the rides. **All rides for July and August leave Johnstone park at 7:30 am** due to the increased heat. Announce your ride intentions on ride day and we can form groups to cover different distances.

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July 7 - For the brave the route will be south to Ochelata and then south and west across Candy Creek and on to Avant. We will

follow highway 11 to the county line (186th street). By following 186th street we will cross highway 75 to road 400 and take that to Vera. If you don't like this hilly route, take the flat route through Ramona on old 75 and on to Vera.

July 14 - This will just be a ride to Barnsdall and back. (44 miles).

July 21 - The weather in June did not cooperate for the trip to Talala. It will be hot, but we will brave the 65 miles round trip for a chance to munch those sandwiches.

July 28 - Get your reservations in at the Appletree Inn in Independence. Be sure to do it by the 14th. This will be our overnight trip with a long and short option for getting there. We will fight the way back together.

August 4 - After a couple of weeks of long hot rides we will take an easy route to Ramona.

Sunday Afternoon "Cross Country"

TIME - 2:00 pm, PLACE - Various

July 1 - Didn't get newsletter out in time to include this ride.

July 8 - Eagle Rock Mountain Bike Trails. One of our favorite places to ride! Choice of mountain biking trails that vary from beginner to advanced that are well marked. Meet in the parking area at the spillway for the Elk City Lake Dam near Independence, Kansas.

July 15 - "To Delaware" This is an expansion of one of the More ranch route. We will start at the same place as the Moore Ranch rides, CR 4050 & 0220. From there we go north and east to Delaware. The ride 32 miles in length with some "character."

July 22 - Big Hart Loop The local knobby tire version of Hotter than Hell. We will meet at the Avant House of Prayer

July 29 - No knobby ride scheduled. Most of us will be on our way back from the Credit Card Campout.

President's Letter for June

We have been having a lot of cyclists at the club rides. It makes it much easier to find someone who will ride your pace.

There were 12 people who helped Brad Cobb with the trash pick-up on HWY 123. It made the job much easier. Many of us went to eat afterwards at Alfredo's where we had a nice visit.

I hope many of you are planning to participate in the Credit Card Campout to Independence on Saturday, July 28. If you can't spend the night, plan to ride at least part way with us. I have a block of rooms being held for the Pedalers at the Appletree Inn in Independence through July 20. The phone number is 316-331-5500 for the Inn.



Keep on pedaling.
Shirley

Information on other special cycling events

July 4 Payne in the Asphalt, Stillwater, OK. 26 mile mountain bike ride, 28, 28, 62, 100 mile rides on paved roads. For more information call 405-372-3825 or 405-372-2525 or go to www.reddirtpedalers.com/fourth

July 14, Eureka Springs Fat Tire Festival, Mountain Race, Eureka Springs, AR.

July 21, Norman Conquest, Road Tour, Norman, OK. For more information bicycleleague.com

July 28, Dehydrator, Duncan, OK. Tour with 4,10, 25, 50, 62 flat, gentle miles. Race 14,28,42, 56 miles.

July 28, Manhattan Madness, Manhattan, KS. Tour 25, 40, 62 miles.

August 11, Flinthills Death Ride, Madison, KS. Mountain tour. Two day event. August 11 is 30 miles for beginner and intermediate, \$15. August 12 is the real thing \$35. For more information www2.southwing.net/gpbike/index.htm

August 11, Spin Your Wheels, Bethany, OK. Road Tour 11, 25, 50, or 75 miles. \$5 preregistration. For more information contact Cherry Murray 405789-6711.

August 25, Hotter N Hell Hundred, Wichita Falls TX

September 8, 10th Annual Dam J.A.M. Road tour 25, 50, 68, or 100 miles. \$20. For more information call 918-25-0157.

September 22, MS 150 Bike Tour, Tulsa, OK.

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

Another web site to locate special bikerides (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.

“Get a bicycle. You will not regret it if you live?”

Mark Twain – “Taming the Bicycle”

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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: _____

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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



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