



# Gazette

September 2002 • The newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

## Mountain Bike Muster... **Missouri Calling!**


*By Bob Lummis, Mountain Bike Director*

This year's Mountain Bike Muster is going to be a weekend-long affair based at Bob & Patsy's place near Marshfield, Missouri over the weekend of October 5 & 6. We'll meet at the farm on Friday night, October 4. The house is tiny, but we'll all squeeze in somehow. Bring your sleeping bag and grab a few feet of floor space. Another option is to bring your tent and set up in the lawn or down by the spring if you'd rather.

Saturday we'll have a leisurely breakfast, and then leave for a tour of the area. (Hilly gravel roads.) We'll ride out by Bell Ford toward Fordland, then turn east and ride through some of the Amish country. After returning to the house, we'll have an open afternoon for whatever we feel like doing.

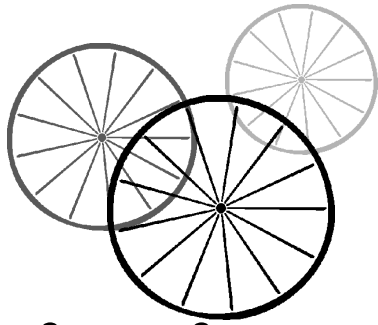
Saturday night, we'll get a fire going, cook some hot dogs (or whatever), and see who can tell the tallest tale.

Sunday we'll again have a leisurely breakfast and then do some singletrack. If the cattle are off of Steve's place (Patsy's nephew), we'll have 40 acres to play on just across the road. If not, we'll see what we can do on our 4-1/2 acres. Then Sunday afternoon we'll break it up and head back for B'ville.

Marshfield is located on Interstate 44, about 30 miles east-northeast of Springfield. It is a 200-mile drive from Bartlesville. (It takes around 3-1/2 hours to drive.) Bob & Patsy's place is about 3 miles south of Marshfield. Maps and explicit directions will be available later. 



*In memoriam to the more than 2,800 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the United Airlines flight over Pennsylvania.*



# Spinning Wheels

## A letter from the President

It was such a beautiful day for a ride, bright sunshine, a few clouds, and no wind. Donna and I went cruising down Rice Creek to New Harmony and on to the South. As we went I thought I'd point out to her where I'd scared a skunk at the side of the road a couple days before (or did he scare me?). Anyway, we got close and I pointed out the gravel I'd heard him kick-up along side the road as we had suddenly discovered each other. She thought that was nice and we moved on. I shifted up, accelerated some, and glanced at the Flight Deck to see how we were doing. While I was looking down my stoker suddenly quit pedaling and yelled something about stopping. By the time I could translate what she was yelling it was that the skunk was in the middle of the road ahead. Since stokers don't get brakes we hadn't slowed much, but when I looked he was gone, so we went on. Seems like we usually scare them more than they scare us. Fortunately he wasn't scared into a corner and could leave so

the day continued uneventful except for the sudden lack of pedal power from the back.

Yes, we're approaching that time of year when some of the Oklahoma critters come out at dusk, and some of our rides go right up to that time so we can squeeze in one more mile. There were a couple of close calls on this last year, but so far no REAL close encounters. Be careful this year and we'll see if we can sneak by again.

This is also the time of year to look at ride schedules a little closer as some start times will change to accommodate the changing daylight. Hope to see you (and not the skunk) on the next ride. 🚲

Keep'em Spinning,

*Jim Black*

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## Editor's Note

Deadline for articles is the 25th of the month. Yes, I can take items a little late. I set aside time to do a good job on the newsletter. This issue suffered from "good intentions." I hoped all items would be received before I took off for a week or so. However, some essential information did not arrive until after the 1st. (after I'd left).

***If we work together we can get the newsletter out on time.*** Simple text files e-mailed to me (vhenigan@yahoo.com) are fine. If there are photos, please submit them as a .jpg or .tif file at 72 dpi resolution (a resolution of 150 dpi is preferred). I currently don't have an operational scanner so I can't handle plain photos. 🚲



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# From the Road Biking Director...



I'm sitting in camp with my jacket on writing this note, having just finished the 85-mile first day of the DALMAC in Michigan. We had a blistering high of 80 degrees today, so my Hotter 'N Hell 100 training last weekend, where the high was 103 degrees, was good preparation. Joyce, Bob, Patsy and I are having a great trip.

September sees the Club back to 8 AM for our local Saturday rides. It is also the last month for Tuesday-Thursday evening rides, which will be shorter as we run out of daylight. In October they will be replaced by the Fair Weather Friends rides

at 2 pm until next spring when daylight savings time returns.

Next weekend brings the popular Dam J.A.M. ride out of Pryor, Oklahoma. Good support and great countryside, with woods, lakes, and, yes, a few hills, make this a great fall outing. Since so many of us do this ride, there will be only a pick-up ride in B'ville Saturday. You can register in advance if you hurry, or the morning of the event. The City of Pryor has a website with more info. Also, a reminder that this year's Eastern Oklahoma MS150 rolls the weekend of September 22-23; there is a Club ride scheduled that Saturday.

Looking ahead to October, the first weekend Mt. Bike Muster Campout will fall on the first weekend of the month. Bob Lummis has invited us to his place in south central Missouri to enjoy some new biking territory and a weekend in the countryside near Marshfield. See his article elsewhere in the newsletter for more information. 🚲

Ride well, ride often,

*Rod Harwood*

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## **Pedaler's Shine at August Trash Pick-up and Hotter'n Hell Hundred!**

By Joanne Estes

You Pedalers really out did yourselves at the recent trash pick up, clearing the road shoulders of our great downhill on Hwy. 123. Ten cyclists took the warm evening off from riding and made the project wind up quickly and in time to enjoy a sunset, sit-down banquet at the Chinese restaurant, where others joined in! Prizes go to Bob Lummis with his Buick hubcap and Judy with a brand-new package of replacement mantles for one of their scout's Coleman lanterns AND Joyce rounded up an unopened snack of Twinkies. Joanne liked the nice printed "Lost Dog" sign that well-described an Estes former family pet!

Reports from the monthly FreeWheel 2003 planning meeting are newsworthy! The route is nearly defined; extra promotions for the 25th anniversary ride include having a booth at the Tulsa Run Expo, Saturday, October 25, and an entry in the Tulsa

Christmas parade, the 1st or 2nd Saturday in December. Riders are encouraged to decorate their bikes, themselves, and join in on the fun! Anyone from Bartlesville wanting to attend the monthly planning meetings, at 6:30 pm, each first Monday, contact Joanne for a ride. (333-6524)

Riding the 25 at the Hotter 'n Hell Hundred this weekend had it's good points! I was able to get to the finish by 9:30 and still have gumption to yell a few strong "Yee Haw's" to the cheering crowds who asked how far I'd ridden (maybe they thought I was a racing in the 100?!) I proudly replied "TWENTY FIVE!"

Other Pedalers were out there, too, and you'd be very proud of them! Dale Munn and Bill Estes I KNOW completed the full century and no doubt Rod, Joel, Shirley, and Joyce did a great job, too, battling the record heat! Congratulations to all of you sporting your beautiful patriotic t-shirt and finisher's pin!

Hope to see you on the September rides, including the D.A.M. and more!

Proud to be an American AND a Pedaler! 🚲

# Mountain Biking...

## From the Mountain Biking Director...

By Bob Lummis

I don't have much exciting to tell you about for September, but we do have some good stuff coming up for October. On the first weekend of October, the evening of the 4th, all day on the 5th, and the morning of the 6th, we'll be having the Mountain Bike Muster at the farm Patsy grew up on. This is located about 30 miles east of Springfield, around a 3-1/2 hour drive from here. We'll be doing some gravel road touring of the area on Saturday and singletrack on Sunday. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

On October 20th, we'll be repeating the ride we did in June that was supposed to be the "Metric Century on Dirt." That ride was shortened to 45 miles due to the heat. (And possibly lack of interest on the part of the participants.) This time, we'll tack five miles back on the ride and call it the "Half-Century on Dirt." Look for more info next month.

Last but not least, Jim dropped off a mailing today that the club just received. It is for the "2002 Weekend of Mountain Bike Madness" near Blue Springs, Missouri. (Kansas City area.) On Saturday, September 14 it is open riding with concessions, beer garden and demonstrations. A live band will play at 7:00 and a night ride will be held at 10:00. On Sunday there will be a cross-country race with varying skill levels open. Also, there is the "Rapture in Misery 1224," a combined 12-hour and 24-hour mountain bike race being held on Sept. 21-22. This race is being held at the Snow Creek Ski Area near Weston, Missouri. (Also Kansas City area.) See me if you want more info on either of these rides. See you on the trail! 🚴

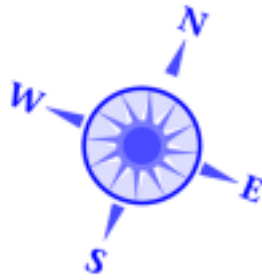
### Wednesday Evening

#### Knobby-Tire Ride Time at 6 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 6:00 pm at various locations for 15-30 mile rides on dirt roads.

**September 4 - 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.

**September 11 - More Moore Ranch Loop.**



Some fun loops to choose from West of Nowata and north of Hwy. 60. Shorter options available. Meet at the junction of Nowata County Roads 4050 & 0200. (Go straight on the gravel road at the first big curve on Hwy. 60 after crossing Hogshooter Creek.) About 20 miles.

**September 18 - 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.

**September 25 - The Wann America Knobby-Tire Loop.** A pleasant 20 mile loop around Wann that begins and ends at the post-office. Visit Six Flagpoles over Wann America while you are there! Meet in the parking lot of the Wann post-office on Highway 10.

**October 2 - No ride scheduled.** By October we've lost too much daylight at 6:00 to get very far before it gets dark. The rides will resume next spring when Daylight Savings Time resumes.

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

**September 1 - Wann America Loop.** Meet at the Post Office in Wann on Highway 10. This is about a 20-mile loop that encircles Wann.

**September 8 - Onion Prairie Route.** Meet at the radio towers at the top of the hill on Highway 123 as you start toward Woolaroc. Several options on the route - we'll decide where when we start the ride.

**September 15 - Tall Grass Prairie Preserve.** Ride where the buffalo roam! We'll meet at the entrance to the park at the junction of County Roads N3722 and EW1800. (Where the road from Pawhuska enters the park.)

**September 22 - Eagle Rock Bicycle Trails.** Let's do some singletrack in Kansas! These great trails have something for everyone. We'll meet in the parking area for the spillway of the Elk City Dam near Independence, Kansas.

**September 29 - More Moore Ranch Route.** Meet at the junction of Nowata county roads 0405 and 0200. (Hwy 60 to 1 mile east of the Washington/Nowata County Line; at the first curve of the big "S" curve.) 15 to 30 miles around the Moore ranch northwest of Nowata. We'll decide at the time how far we feel like riding.

**October 4, 5 & 6 - Mountain Bike Muster.** We're doing something different this year. The annual Mountain Bike Muster is going to be a week-end-long affair and will be held in Missouri. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

# Pedaler Profile:


## ***Paul Woollett***

When we contacted Paul and congratulated him for being our featured Pedaler for September, he was winding up his horse-back riding training and was packing his duffle bag, ala FreeWheel, to head to Montana for a week-long group horse-back ride with camping out each night. His daughter had planned the father-daughter trip for them several months back and is a special present to him! We look forward to hearing all about it when he returns!

Paul thanked us for thinking of him and said we

should contact more of a bicycle enthusiast, since he hadn't ridden his BIKE since FreeWheel! Those that know him agree that his IS pretty enthusiastic about nearly everything he does! He told us he first rode a bike as a child on the farm. In his years as a Pedaler, he usually trains for FreeWheel, then afterwards, puts his bike away until the next year.

Since retiring from Phillips, he has used his engineering training for consulting work, and is faithful keeping fit with running, swimming, working out at the Phillips Fitness Center and still likes to farm, and spend lots of time with his wife Beverly, the family, and especially the grandkids! Sometimes they join him one of the evenings on FreeWheel, if the overnight town is nearby, since his grandson's birthday usually falls during that week.

Paul says he enjoys riding with the club and the people that are in the Pedalers! 

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## ***Secretary's Report***

*Bartlesville Pedalers Club Board Meeting  
Minutes, August 19, 2002 - 11:30 a.m.*

*Present: Jim Black, Donna Black, Rod Harwood, Dale Munn, Shirley Martin, Neal Johnson, Bob Lummis, Vincent Hennigan, Bill Estes, and Joanne Estes*

While consuming delicious lunches, those present discussed the Pedalers' September and October plans. Rod set up the road bike rides and secured ride leaders, while Bob, set up the mountain bike rides. September is the month for the D.A.M. Jam, OKC Streak, MS150 and October will be fun-filled with a Missouri Mountain Bike Muster at the Lummis' in rural Springfield, and the Fall Bike Fest in Fairview, The St. Gregory ride in Shawnee is also during this time.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoon rides will resume in October with the shorter days and the 6 pm rides will cease until spring.

Jim suggested the Pedalers could tie in a special ride with scheduled community major events, such as "Indian Summer" - Long-range planning would be needed. Goals for a major mountain bike event at Osage Hills State Park are still in sight.

Jim and Bob will select nominating committee soon. November 9th is the next trash pick-up. This will be on a Saturday morning.

Discussion followed about whether the Pedalers is or was "incorporated!" Dale reported \$883.00 currently in the treasury. Jim asked if anyone would be interested in a ride from St. Louis to Oregon - over Lewis & Clark's trail.

## ***Joanne Estes, Pedalers' Secretary***



Photo by Glenn Chamberlin of Oklahoma City.

*Mark the Madman! He says he wishes he could do it on two wheels but he just doesn't get the same thing out of it. Our hats are off to you Mark for doing FreeWheel 2002 without ever coasting!*

*More photos at: [www.okfreewheel.com](http://www.okfreewheel.com)*



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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