




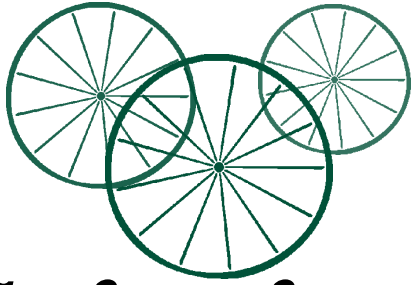
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Wheeling in the New Year!

Above, the first ride of the New Year began at Johnstone Park included (L-R) Walt Bohn, Jack Tatum, Bill Estes, Joel Martin, Neal Johnson, Bob Lummis and Dale Munn. Below, waiting for other riders to show are Joel, Bill, Neal, Bob and Walt. Photos from www.bartlesvillepedalers.com. 





Spinning Wheels

A letter from the President

The Chain

Nobody wants to talk about chains. This “tool” can be used to control criminals, to lash logs, to anchor a boat, or even as jewelry (that one the ladies talk about). Webster says this instrument is “a series of rings or links joined one to the other and used for fastening, dragging, suspending, tethering, etc.” There can be a chain of mountains, a linkage of atoms, or even a number of grocery stores of the same kind. A chain can even be “a measuring instrument consisting of 100 joined links (ENGINEERS CHAIN).” I have to ask for help now, because as I’ve thought about these definitions and I can’t see how any of them refer to that ugly, gunky, oily piece of steel that we all ignore on our bikes.

Maybe the close one is that a chain is used for “dragging.” I didn’t know Webster was watching when I came in from the Death Ride a couple of

years ago. In that case maybe my chain was “dragging” me in. I’m sure I’ve seen other riders come in asking their friends at different rides, “How did you drag me along to this ride?”

So here is this innocuous piece of steel running around between your legs. It has about 115 little roller bearings, connected by plates, and held together by another 115 pins. Depending on the gear you’re in this poor little chain goes around hundreds of times for every mile you pedal. It asks for surprisingly little care, just a few drops of oil and an occasional wipe down. Yet we want to ignore the poor thing altogether and hope that we can still make it home. It may not be much, but try “dragging” your poor tired bottom home without it. I think the chain’s real problem is that it has to do all the dirty work and then nobody wants to look at it, let alone touch it.

One other part of this definition that some of you may not be familiar with is that it is used for “tethering.” Those of you who are not fortunate enough to own a tandem may not know this, but that little chain on the left side of a tandem is a very effective tether. I just read about a family touring together explaining how their tandem kept them “chained” together through the good and bad parts of their tour, and how they learned about each other and life through the mutual experience. The chain(s) on a tandem can be a rich blessing to help

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Secretary's Report

The Bartlesville Pedalers Club Board had a meeting Monday, January 20, 2003.

Present: Vice-President/Treasurer Dale Munn, George Harris, Rod Harwood, Brad Cobb, Shirley Martin, Joyce Fogle, Bill Estes, and Joanne Estes

While those in attendance enjoyed a tasty lunch, Brad and Rod discussed the latest at the Frisco, Tx Velodrome. Dale distributed copies of the Pedalers' 2002 Financial Report, showing a gain of about \$100 over the previous year.

Dale and Rod have dazzled us with the newly-tweaked Bartlesville Pedalers web site, complete with "Members Only" click! With Rod's return to the institutes of higher-learning, he has handed over to Dale the Pedalers' web-meister duties. Thank you, Rod for all your hard work in the past, getting the club up to speed for this present century!

(Note: If you are having trouble pulling up this excellent site on your own computer, Dale DOES make speedy house calls!)

Check www.bartlesvillepedalers.com before you go out for a ride if you want to know the REAL temperature!

Dale will check out a different "web server" for the club - which should have more capabilities at the same low rate. This was a unanimous vote from those present.

He also presented a possibility of including basic insurance in the Pedaler's membership fee - at only \$1.50.

Accolades, too, to those who helped put the New Year's Day ride photo in the "Examiner Enterprise." Publicity is quite convenient nowadays with e-mail and digital photos. Keep taking those action shots! Susan Albert in the Newsroom (salbert@examinerenterprise.com) is quite appreciative of any Pedalers news.

Rod reported on the January 11th Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition meeting in Stillwater. Adam V. from Lee's Bikes in Tulsa convened with Stillwater's Red Dirt Pedalers and approximately 40 other interested cyclists from throughout the state. This organization had been dormant and is currently re-


talizing. See their website at oklahomabicyclecoalition.com. Next month the Pedalers will vote on whether to join. Please review and share your ideas! Pedalers have been a member in previous years. Brad stressed the importance of our being a voice in the bicycling community now with our locale growing.

Joyce unveiled some highly enticing trash pick-up events for 2003! Be ready to mark your calendar!

The winter time "To Ride or Not to Ride" was discussed. With starting time of 9 a.m. Saturday mornings, George suggested the 40 degree minimum temperature be decided more like at 8:30 - to allow for riding time to the Johnstone Park start!

Joanne is dreaming of the Pedalers having club jerseys for 2003. The ideas are blossoming!

Meeting adjourned as some needed to return to work and others to the Sooner Park 2 pm ride!

Special recognition goes to Dale and Joanne for RIDING their bikes to the meeting AND Shirley for WALKING all that way! What a gal! 

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Estes

Secretary

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a couple riders enjoy the ride much more than any single rider stuck on tour by himself. I won't even mention the tandem that finished Freewheel without that chain a couple years back. Go Susie!

So here's to our chains. Let us toast to them, clean them, wipe them down, lightly lube them, and replace them before they're worn out, or broken on tour, and as they keep spinning so will you.

Keep 'em Spinning,

Jim Black, President



Mountain Biking...

From the Mountain Biking Director...

By George Harris

Well work has been rather hectic lately, and between that and weather I haven't got to ride as much as I wanted. I also haven't come up with any words of wisdom for this month. And I didn't hear from anybody about what they wanted for MTB rides this year. I did run across a mountain bike slang dictionary on the web, <http://world.std.com/~jimf/biking/slang.html>, as I was trying to come up with a topic for this month. One of my favorites was: "rockwell v. an unintentionally performed hardness test rendered by a trial side object on your anatomy or possessions. Requires the use of a number to rate the event."

Again, Keep track of your knobby tire mileage. There will be a special award at the 2003 Christmas party for the individual with the greatest knobby mileage. 🚲

See you on the trail!

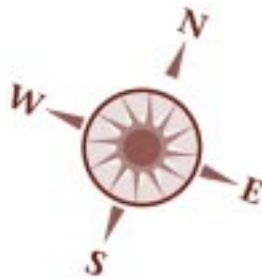
George

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

For February, and the first Sunday in March, the emphasis will continue to be on Osage Hills State Park as we need to wear in some new trails that are being developed. But to break the monotony we will see what the Eagle Rock trails are like and do an early tour of the Tall Grass Prairie.

Feb. 2 - Osage Hills State Park. We'll explore and work on development of new trails. Meet at OHSP horse stables.

Feb. 9 - Tall Grass Prairie. We will ride north into the Preserve and circle through the bison area. About 25 miles. We'll meet at the park headquarters and decide which way to go at that time. I will see if I can get Suzy to sag for us.



Feb. 16 - Osage Hills State Park. We'll explore and work on development of new trails. Meet at OHSP horse stables.

Feb 23. - Eagle Rock Bicycle Trails. 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. Give me a call, 331-9080, if you have questions about who's going or how to get there.

March 2 - Osage Hills State Park. Maybe if we keep at it us fat old men will be able to make it to the top without having to stop for breath.



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). 🚲

Upcoming Events

May 4 - Greater Tulsa Bike Ride, Tulsa

May 30 - Pedaler' Spring Fling at Osage Hills State Park

June 14 - 21 - Oklahoma Freewheel

July 4 - Pedaler's Firecracker Century, to Mohawk Park in Tulsa and return

Sept. 6 - DAM J.A.M. in Pryor

Oklahoma FreeWheel 2003 Planning Meeting Report

By Joanne Estes

The monthly planning meeting for the Oklahoma FreeWheel 2003 was held Monday night, January 6, at Tina Birch's home in Tulsa. Michael Smith, the new guy in town and former Pedaler, joined in on the planning time.

Libby reported that the 2003 route has been driven and will give the exciting details when she meets us in Bartlesville, noon, Wednesday, March 12. The route is again, mostly on scenic county roads and not usually shown on state maps. Ross is aiding the planners on the most scenic routes around Bartlesville and in to Dewey for Friday's stretch! The well-trained Pedaler should shine here! Keep up that hill training!

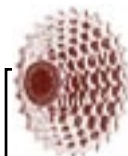
Speedwheel will be in Drumright on Wednesday. Crazy Day will be Tuesday, Club Jersey Day on Wednesday and Flag Day is Saturday! Accommodations will be quite nice - shuttles available at some towns.

Last year 300 riders registered at the start. This year there will be a \$10 late fee to encourage earlier registrations. Anyone wanting to register may do so at this point. Forms should be on the website.

Informational Seminars in Tulsa are being planned & will be announced soon. These will be held again at Tulsa Community College downtown campus auditorium.

Special surprises are being planned - jersey and t-shirt designs are under way (and socks!!!) FreeWheel office space will soon be available.

Next meeting will be 6:30 pm Mon., Feb. 3, at Tina's home unless otherwise announced. 🚲



Pedaler's Tip...

Before suiting up to ride, check out www.bartlesvillepedalers.com

You'll find ride info plus you can get REAL temperature!

Bartlesville Pedalers 2002 Financial Report

Vice President/Treasurer Dale Munn submitted the following report:

Beginning Balance 1/1/02 907.97

INCOME

Dues Received 580.00

Gift Received 20.00

TOTAL INCOME 600.00

EXPENSES

Entertainment (Freewheel Mtg Library) 18.50

Internet expense 80.55

Membership (IMBA, League) 55.00

Miscellaneous 102.25

Newsletter expenses 25.00

Postage 34.60

Rent 45.00

Speaker 25.00

Spring Fling 66.33

Subscriptions (Bicycling) 16.94

TOTAL EXPENSES 469.17

OVERALL TOTAL 130.83

Ending Balance 12/31/02 1,038.80

Notes:

Internet expense due 12/15/02 has not been paid.

Spring Fling Includes \$40 deposit for 2003, balance due is \$80.00, if we keep the existing 3 day reservation.

Flat Tire Trash Pick Up

The first trash pick up of the year will be 8:00 am Saturday, March 1st. This is a serious cleaning since it's the first one after the snow has melted. We will work hard to ensure that those early spring climbs up hill 44 are more beautiful - combined with a little fun to pass the time. Stashed among the trash that must also be picked up will be surprises and prizes for those unlucky flat tire sufferers. The fun will end at a recap of our finds over a pancake breakfast. The Saturday morning ride will start at 12 noon at Johnstone Park. For more information call Joyce at 336-7546. 🚲



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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