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Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

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FreeWheel Preparation

Want to do FreeWheel this year? Starting in April, the Pedalers rides will be geared toward preparation for FreeWheel. Our first Tuesday - Thursday rides will start out at 10 miles each and build up to 17 miles by the last week of the month. Our Saturday rides will continue to be in the 30-60 mile range, but provisions are being made for anyone not wanting to ride that far, or who may not yet be up to riding at the normal Saturday pace.

While the destination or loop may be longer, all of our routes will offer shorter options in case someone does not have the time or inclination to ride the full route. Our easier -paced "Easy Rider" ride from last year is now going to meet at the same time and place as our Saturday road ride, but will ride at an easier pace and continue the policy that "nobody gets dropped." This will give Saturday riders the options of faster or slower paced rides as well as longer or shorter rides as they build up to "FreeWheel condition".

The club also held a FreeWheel Information Meeting at the Bartlesville Public Library on March 13. During this meeting, we discussed getting ready for the ride, this year's route, packing, what to bring, what to expect, and how to get to the beginning point. We also viewed a video from last year's FreeWheel. We had a good turnout and hope to see all of those folks for our club rides.

Volunteers Needed

From: Teresa Aberle

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Greetings Partners,

I want to inform all of you of an event that is coming to Oklahoma June 24, 2001. The event is called CycleUSA (Cycle to Understand and Solve Autism), a program of the Autism Society of America Foundation. CycleUSA begins April 27, 2001, when John Keating, a police officer and father of a young son with autism will leave New York City by bicycle and ride to San Diego, California. The goals of the ride are to raise funds for autism research (the goal is \$10 million) and raise awareness on the realities of living autism. John will be arriving in Oklahoma via Texas on June 24, 2001. I am in the throes of trying to put together a fundraising effort, gain media attention, and plot out a route and recruit shadow riders for John. To say I am challenged by all this is an understatement, so I am asking any Partner who has a little bit of time and interest to contact me if they can help. Additionally, if any of you are avid bicyclists or know of bicyclists who might want to shadow ride with John through Oklahoma (or a portion of Oklahoma), I am looking for that type of help too. I will be mailing each of you a brochure that explains CycleUSA. If you can help, even if just to distribute a few brochures, e-mail me or call me at 405-912-0763.

Thanks a lot!

Mid-week Rides are Back

Mid-week rides are scheduled for April now that daylight savings time has returned. 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.

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

April 4 – 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.

April 11 – More Moore Ranch Road Loop. A 15-18 mile loop around the high prairie West of Nowata. 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 Highway 60 after crossing Hogshooter Creek.)

April 18 – Onion Prairie Road. A loop through Ochelata, mostly on gravel roads. This route has a GREAT downhill on it. Approximately 18 miles. Meet at the radio towers & Onion Prairie Road, at the top of the hill on Highway 123 as you leave toward Woolaroc.

April 25 - 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.

May 2 – 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.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides: (Leaving Johnston Park at 9:00am Saturday mornings)- Call Joel Martin at 333-8294 for details concerning any of the rides. All rides leave Johnstone Park at 9 am for April but may be cancelled if rainy conditions prevail. Announce your ride intentions on ride day and we can form groups to cover different distances.

April 7 - Meet at Johnstone Park at 9 am and ride to Wann C-store and six flag poles. Total distance is 45 miles, but you can turn off Road 13 south on Road 398 for 18 miles or Road 11 south on Road 400 for 26 miles.

April 14 - Leave Johnstone Park at 9 am and test your legs on Osage County. The round trip to Okesa is 35 miles, but you can turn around at Woolaroc and cut out some hills and still get 20 miles. There is a store in Okesa, but it seems difficult to predict when it is open, bring food and water.

April 21 - The whole loop from Johnstone Park to Lake Hulah C-store via Copan is 54 miles. You can turn around near Dewey for 20 or at Copan (C-store) for 30 miles.

Meet at Johnstone Park, 9am.

April 28 - Meet at Johnstone Park, 9am and ride to Barnsdall (C-store) and Back for a total of 48 miles or turn around at Woolaroc for about 22.

May 5 - Leave Johnstone Park at 9 am and ride to Oglesby via Matoaka. The round trip is 48 miles with stops possible in Ochelata, but not elsewhere. You can shorten the route to about 15 by coming directly back on Price Road or make your trip about 28 if you return from Ochelata.

Sunday Afternoon "Cross Country"

TIME - 2:00 pm, PLACE – Various

April 1, 15 & 29 - We will continue to ride **Osage Hills** as long as the weather stays cool. We have made a new trail on top of the hill that we need to ride.

April 8 – Tall Grass Prairie. We are going to start at a new location, the entrance to the preserve at CR N3722 and EW 1800. This is where the road from Pawhuska and our normal way in from Hwy 60 meet. There is a Bison

Monument at the intersection. We hope that this will allow us to ride both the north and south loops.

April 22 - Almost-to-Barnstall This is a little different than our normal knobby tire rides. About 40% of the route is paved, but there are a couple of killer hills. We will meet at Hwy 123 and CR 3878. This is about 0.6 miles past the turn off to the Girl Scout camp.

All Sunday rides will start at 2:00 pm.

INFORMATION ON SPECIAL CYCLING EVENTS

April 14 **Flower Power Bike Ride**, Muskogee, OK. 100, 68, 38, 15, 10 mile distances. Special group rates for 4 or more. For more information call 918 -684-6305 (day) or e-mail parkrecjeverett@azalea.net.

May 6 **Great Tulsa Bike Ride**, Tulsa, OK. 25, 50, 62 mile distances. Sponsored by Tulsa River Parks Authority, Call 918-596-2001.

May 12 **Early Bird Radical Rampage Rooster Road Ride**, Broken Arrow, OK. 40, 62, 75, 100 mile distances. Entry fee \$18 before May4 then \$23. Information: SEPUSA@USA.com or 785-331-4502.

June 2 **Tour de Tulsa**, Tulsa, OK. Road tour 25, 50, 62, or 100 mile.

June 3 **Drywood Creek Mountain Bike Challenge** Farlington, KS. Mountain Race. 100 miles. Contact: Jimmie Jones 316-362-3537 or jimsusan@ckt.net.

June 3 **Tour de Cure**, Wichita, KS, Road Tour. Information: American Diabetes Association, 800-868-7888 or www.diabetes.org/tourdecure/

June 10-16 **Freewheel 2001** (Ride across Oklahoma) For more information go to: <http://www.okfreewheel.com/freewheel.asp>

June 17-22 **Ride Around Wyoming 2001** - This is a 6 day, 435 mile "hub and spoke" bicycling experience. The ride is based in Cody, Wyoming. Each day the ride will leave Cody for beautiful and differing sights of this area. To receive an application send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ride Around Wyoming, %Bob Faurot, 18 Paradise Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801. For more information call 307 -672-6323.

June 22-27 **Bike Virginia 2001**. For more information www.bikevirginia.org or call 757-229-0507.

June 22-28 **Bicycle Tour of Colorado**. Salida to Leadville. Bartlesville Pedlars club members can receive a \$20 discount on this ride by simply writing the name of the bike club on the registration form. Also if the club registers 5 cyclists, a 6th cyclist is free. For more information call 303-985-1180 or www.bicycletourcolo.com.

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 bike rides (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.

President's Letter

Well I'm writing this message before our Saturday morning bike ride. The weather is still not being cooperative since the wind is blowing at 15 to 25 mph from the northeast. We will just have to bundle up and go for our ride.

We had the Free Wheel information meeting scheduled in March 13. We had a pretty good turnout. We also recruited another member.

The Board voted to give a one year membership to adults who purchase a new road bike or mountain bike at Black's Bike. This membership is for adults who have not been members of the club. We are doing this to try to increase membership in the club and as a means of advertisement for the club.

Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 2, 7 p.m. at 636 SE Kenwood Drive.

Keep on pedaling! Shirley



“Cycling provides all the big lessons in life: humility, pride, greed, discipline, grappling with the ego, and learning what your will is and when to apply it and how to apply it.”

- John Weissenrider

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Membership Application / Renewal

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: _____

SPOUSE & OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE - home: _____ work: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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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