

Bartlesville azette

Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
"...to promote bicycling in all its forms"

July 2001

WATERMELON RIDE SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

The summer Watermelon Ride is scheduled for Saturday, August 4. We will have the regular Saturday ride then watermelon afterwards at 11 a.m. in Johnstone Park. We plan to meet at the small shelter on the East side of the Park if it is available. The club will provide watermelon, drinks and eating utensils. All club members and their families are invited to have watermelon with us even if you aren't able to go on the ride. Please bring lawn chairs.

Fourth of July Ride

(Also may be known as the Hotter'n Heck 90)

On Wednesday, July 4, a dozen intrepid Pedalers set out at the un-godly hour of 6 a.m. for Mohawk Park in Tulsa. The "official" mileage for the ride was 88 miles, but most people wound up with something in the 90-95 mile range by the time they rode to and from their homes. Dale, Joel, George & Bob went on at the end of the ride for a few extra miles to get in a century for the day. The trip down was gorgeous. At that time of day on a holiday, there was practically no traffic, the air was cool, and the wind did not start up until we were most of the way to Tulsa. Our only breakdown for the day occurred shortly after leaving Vera, when Rod's crank came loose. Fortunately, Joyce was right there to rescue him and he was back on the road in no time.

When we arrived at the Tulsa Zoo area in Mohawk Park, Suzy Harris was waiting for us with delicious cookies, oranges, bananas and cold water. What a treat! (And we were thinking we

might have to scrounge just for water!) **Thanks Suzy!**

The trip back was fun, but unfortunately not quite as comfortable as the trip down. In our favor, we had a strong tailwind to help us along, but the sky was cloudless and the sun was hot. Dale kept us updated with his fancy cyclo-computer on what the temperature was. The last I remember hearing was 99°; it felt every degree of it.

After the ride, Joyce and Rod had all of the riders (the ones who didn't fall asleep anyway) over for sandwiches and other goodies under Joyce's cooling mister in their backyard. Again, all had a good time and the food was delicious. **Thanks Joyce & Rod!**

All in all, it was a great ride that we hope we can repeat someday. Maybe we can modify the route a little next time and make it an "official" century ride.

SUMMER CLUB MEETING AND ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Club meeting and Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, August 19 at 4 p.m. at the Martin's home – 636 SE Kenwood Drive. This is a family event. Each family is asked to bring ice cream, pie, cake, toppings, or whatever is good with ice cream. We all of course really enjoy homemade ice cream. The club will provide drinks, eating utensils, and bowls or plates. Please bring lawn chairs.

We will have our annual club meeting while munching on the goodies. If you have any items you would like on the agenda, please notify Shirley Martin (phone 333-8294 or email jlsmartin@compuserve.com). We will have a

drawing for a gift certificate from Blak's Bike. You must be present to win the gift certificate.

Hope all of our members and their family plan to enjoy our summer get together.

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

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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.

August 8 - The Wann America Knobby-Tire Loop. (Call around to see if anyone will be at the ride. Several of us will be on another ride in Colorado at that time.) 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.

August 15 – Paseo de Nowata Loop (Call around to see if anyone will be at the ride. Several of us will be on another ride in Colorado at that time.) 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.

August 22 – 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 29 – 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.)

September 5 – 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 town toward Woolaroc.

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.

August 2001

All August rides leave Johnstone Park at 7:30 am.

Aug 4 - Watermelon Ride: Leave Johnstone Park at 7:30 am, make a short trip to Ramona or Ochelata and return to Johnstone Park at 11 am for watermelon.

Aug 11 - Ride to Barnsdall and return, but watch the heat. Leave Johnstone Park at 7:30 am. About 46 miles round trip.

Aug 18 - Ride to Vera and return. The round trip distance is about 58 miles through Ochelata. Leave Johnstone Park at 7:30 am.

Aug 25 - Show-up Tail Wind ride. Whoever does not go to HHH in Wichita Falls will be on their own this weekend.

September 2001

We will still try to keep the rides at 7:30 am until September 29. It is quite hot and dry in September. Mark your calendars for the change to 8 am on September 29.

Sept 1 - Ramona via McEwen Hill. Leave Johnstone Park at 7:30 am, pass through Ochelata and out to the southwest and finally down McEwen Hill to Ramona.

Sunday Afternoon "Cross Country"

TIME - 2:00 pm, PLACE - Various

Aug 5 - 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 town toward Woolaroc.

Aug 12 & 19 - No rides scheduled Several of the Sunday afternoon mountain bikers are Colorado riding the continental divide. Those left in town should lend psychic energy to help cross a 11,500 foot pass on a 60 mile day.

Aug 26 - Cotton Valley Loop. Meet at the junction of County Roads 0070 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.

Sept 2 - Backwards Moore Ranch Loop. We will ride backwards around the 15-18 mile loop of the high prairie West of Nowata. Meet at the junction of County Roads 4050 & 0200.



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

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/~gpbbike/index.htm

August 11, Spin Your Wheels, Bethany, OK. Road Tour 11, 25, 50, or 75 miles. \$15 preregistration. For more information contact Cherry Murray 405-789-6711.

August 25, Hotter N Hell Hundred, Wichita Falls TX. Road Tour 10k, 25, 50, 63, 100 miles. Rest stops every 10 miles. Off Road Trail. \$25 after August 1. Register online at <http://www.hh100.org>.

September 8, 10th Annual Dam J.A.M. Road tour 25, 50, 68, or 100 miles. \$20. For more information call 918-825-0157.

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 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.

“When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road.”

Arthur Conan Doyle – *Scientific American*

Membership Application / Renewal

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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: _____

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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