

Bartlesville azette

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

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www.bartlesvillepedalers.com

10% OFF

Blacks Bikes is offering Bartlesville Pedalers club members 10% off purchases made one day each month

Jim Black has volunteered to offer Bartlesville Pedalers 10% off purchases made on "club day." Just look on each month's ride calendar for the Blacks Bike logo to determine which day is "Club day." The club calendar is the only place this will be given and it will change each month. The 10 % off applies to all purchases of in -stock items. Jim will check the club roster for your name.

This is a great deal. A person could easily save more than the cost of the membership. The idea should help the club obtain, and keep club members. And maybe Jim will get a little extra business. Thanks Jim !

Flint Hills Death Ride

August 11th and 12th, 2001

Mountain Bike riders, it is official, there will be a Flint Hills Death Ride for 2001. SEPUSA, a event promoter out of Lawrence Ks will be running the event along with the good folks of Madison KS.

For those who think that a road metric is a breeze, come out and try a metric on dirt roads and cow paths. The event has been well run and well attended in the past. Contact SEPUSA at sepusa@usa.net for more details.

Notice!

It is time to renew your Pedalers membership. This is the last newsletter that will be mailed out unless 2001 dues have been paid.

Due to copying and mailing this will be the last newsletter that will be mailed to last years members who have not paid this year's dues.

If you haven't been a member in the past, the membership is only \$16 per year. We are a fun club that get together to enjoys bicycling. We are easy going with member of different riding abilities and preferences.

FreeWheel Update

Again this year, the Bartlesville Pedalers are a sponsoring club for Oklahoma FreeWheel. The club representatives to the FreeWheel Planning Committee are Bob Lummis, Walter Bohn and Rod Harwood.

The tentative route for FreeWheel 2001 has been set to run from Hugo, OK to Siloam Springs, AR. Work is still progressing on the actual route, but here is the route as it stood at the last Planning Committee meeting:

- Day 1 Hugo to Honobia, 70 miles.
- Day 2 Honobia to Poteau, 63 miles.
- Day 3 Poteau to Warner, 67 miles.
- Day 4 Warner to Tahlequah, 61 miles.
- Day 5 Optional loops from Tahlequah, 12, 30 or 50 miles; Speed Wheel that evening.
- Day 6 Tahlequah to Jay, 50 miles.
- Day 7 Jay to Siloam Springs, 36 miles.

Our club will be responsible for assisting with baggage truck loading in Honobia and again in Warner. Four volunteers will be needed for each of these mornings. (Two people each for two 1 - ½hour shifts.)

The tentative design for this year's jersey was passed around the room. It will again be made by Aussie, and is a bright, colorful design. This looks like it will be a great jersey to have! Also, for you early birds out there, registration forms are now available on the FreeWheel website. Go to: <http://www.okffreewheel.com/RegistrationForm.pdf>

Our club is also sponsoring a FreeWheel information meeting in the second floor meeting room at the Bartlesville Public Library to be held at 7:00 pm on March 13. The purpose of the meeting is to promote FreeWheel, answer questions about FreeWheel, to promote our club, and to promote participation in our club rides as training for FreeWheel. Your presence at the meeting will be greatly appreciated. Flyers announcing the meeting are being placed around town and radio stations KWON, KYFM and KRIG are running Public Service Announcements of the meeting.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides: (Leaving Johnston Park at 9:00am Saturday mornings)- All Saturday morning road rides will be "Tailwind Rides" until daylight saving time returns. All Tailwind Rides will depart Johnston Park at 9:00 am, weather permitting. Those in attendance will be determined the distance and direction for each ride.

Sunday Afternoon "Cross Country"

TIME - 2:00 pm, PLACE – Osage Hills

New trail, needs riding, guaranteed riding pleasure. Come out and try it.

This is the perfect time of the year to ride the trails of Osage Hills State Park. The temperature is down and none of the usual critters are out to interrupt your fun.

Fair Weather Friends Ride

**Time Change – Sooner Park @ 3:30 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays, weather permitting.**

INFORMATION ON OTHER SPECIAL CYCLING EVENTS.

April 1 Lake McMurtry Madness, Trail Benefit Race (Mountain Bike Race) at Lake McMurtry, Stillwater, OK, NORBA membership required, for more information call 405 -372-2525 or www.reddirtpedalers.com.

June 10-16 Freewheel 2001 (Ride across Oklahoma) For more information go to: <http://www.okffreewheel.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.

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



CC Campout Ride, 1999

IF IT CAN HAPPEN IN TEXAS IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

From Lawrence Bicycle Club Newsletter (Feb. 2001)

On January 12 a State Senator in Texas submitted a bill that would virtually ban all group rides on any rural road in Texas. The wording in the bill includes: (e) Persons operating bicycles in a group of three or more bicyclists may not ride on a farm-to-market road that is without improved shoulders.

If this bill gets any support in the state capitol that Lance Armstrong calls home, then it will certainly work it's way to Kansas. I can only imagine how many Kansas legislatures would be lining up to sponsor the bill. With only a little effort we can stop the problem before it occurs. We can call and write letters to the Texas elected officials. Let them know the impact this would

have on Tourist dollars, events like the Hotter N' Hell, MS 150 and other charities, and not to mention the impact of voters offended. There are four times as many active cyclists in this country than there are gun owners. For more information visit www.biketexas.org.

Hand written letters always have the best response:

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President's Letter

Well so far this year the weather hasn't been too cooperative for our weekend rides. Hopefully March's weather will be more conducive to getting us out on the road. We did have a few hardy souls show up for the Saturday rides. Also the mountain bikers had a few good rides on Sunday.

I hope to see many of you at the Free Wheel information meeting scheduled for March 13 at 7 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Bartlesville Public Library. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about Free Wheel so please help spread the word to fellow cyclists.

Next Board Meeting will be after the Free Wheel Presentation on Tuesday, March 13.

Keep on pedaling!



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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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