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Tallgrass Prairie Ride

Our Sunday mountain bike ride on April 8 turned out to be one of the more memorable and fun rides there. You may recall that there was a slight breeze that day. (About 30mph straight out of the south.) Due to the breeze and because we had two sag vehicles, we decided to ride straight north, rather than doing our usual loop.



On several instances, we had to be cautious of the buffalo (pardon me Suzy, those were Bison!) since they were close to the road. At one time, unbeknownst to us highly observant cyclists, a small herd of buff... er bison were thundering along beside us and angling toward a crossing of the road in front of us. (Suzy managed to catch that on film.) The rest of the way to the visitor center was uneventful, but we enjoyed the scenery and the relatively easy ride, thanks to the wind at our backs.

After a short break, we decided to ride on to the Kansas state line. Actually, we kept going at that point and rode on to Hewins, Kansas. No bison on this leg of the ride, however Rod made one more effort toward claiming the Flat Tire Traveling Trophy for this year. The ride to Hewins is quite hilly in places, and on one big downhill, George and Jack attempted a new land speed record for mountain bikes on gravel.

After completing the ride and making a quick(?) trip to Sedan because one of the sag vehicles was running out of gas, we returned to the remaining

vehicles at the south parking area. This is where George proceeded to give us an excellent demonstration on the most efficient way to change a flat on an Explorer.

If you haven't ridden at Tallgrass Prairie, you really should some time. Watch the newsletter for the Sunday mountain bike rides and come out with us next time

Road Hazards

In early spring we had sand and gravel on the road shoulders courtesy of the Highway Department. Now that it is getting on towards summer the sand has been washed, or blown off the roads. But it has been replaced with a new set of hazards, potholes and fresh tar.

The potholes, the result of the all the snow and freezing weather, can usually be seen and, hopefully, we are smart enough to avoid them. The other hazard, fresh tar, while maybe not as dangerous, can sneak up on you and ruin your whole day, or even a couple of days.



What you are looking at is the results of a tar attack that occurred on Good Friday during a ride

to Talala. It was on the way back, when things had warmed up, that things started getting sticky. Tar caked up on my frame, seat, rear brakes, tires, rims and everywhere else as the results of about 40 feet of what looked an old road repair. I stopped and scraped off as much as I could when it happened but it took a tear down to bare frame and three days to get the bike rideable again.

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

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 6:15 pm at various locations for 15 - 30 mile rides on dirt roads. See the following for meeting location and description of the ride.

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.

May 9 – 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.

May 16 – 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.

May 23 – 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.)

May 30 – 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.

June 6 - 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.

June 10 – FreeWheel Week! No Knobby Tire Ride scheduled.

Weekend Rides

Road Rides: (Leaving Johnstone 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 but may be cancelled if rainy conditions prevail. Announce your ride intentions on ride day and we can form groups to cover different distances.

May 5 -Leave Johnstone Park at **8 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.

May 12 - We will leave Johnstone Park at 8 am and go to **Barnsdall** and back. The round trip is about 48 miles, but if you turn around at Woolaroc you can get about 24.

May 19 - It is a great time of year to visit **Pawhuska**. Join us at Johnstone Park at 8 am. This is 60 miles round trip with some tough hills, but the views are great. If you want to chicken out at Okesa, you can still get 30 miles.

May 26 - If the back road to **Avant** holds up until then, we will pass through Barnsdall and cross the Birch Lake dam for the back route into Avant. We will shorten the ride to 57 miles by coming back into Ochelata on road 3920. This route has quite a few hills. You can go as far as Barnsdall for 48 miles or drop out at Woolaroc and get 24 miles. Hey! It's the long weekend. You will have Monday to recover.

June 2 - If you still are not in shape for Freewheel by this time, join us at Johnstone Park at 8 am for the 67 mile round trip to **Talala**. This is a great ride when it is not too hot. The sandwiches there are always a favorite. If you don't want a sandwich you can turn around at Ramona for a 38 mile ride 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

May 6 – Elk City Lake Trails - These trails are different than the Osage hills trails, no rock ks. Well, at least on some of the trails. These are great trails if you new to mountain biking or if you have never ridden these trails. Meet below the Elk City Lake dam.

May 13 – Tall Grass Prairie rerun Last month's Tall Grass ride turned out to be a down wind run. This month we will try to do a loop. We will start at 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.

May 20 - Almost-to-Barnsdall 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.

May 26 - North Moore Ranch Meet at the junction of Nowata County Roads 4050 & 0200. This route goes north from our normal More Ranch route and is about 25 miles in length.

INFORMATION ON SPECIAL CYCLING EVENTS

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 South Canadian Annual Tour, Newcastle, OK. 12, 26, 46, & 62 mile routes. \$21 before May 2 then \$25. Includes a t-shirt and a medal to all participants. Advertised as hilly. Check their website at www.scatok.com

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.nbtta.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

We will try to have a board meeting in May to plan the summer activities. If you want to lead a special ride or plan a special event, please call or email the ride director (Joel Martin 333 -8294 or jlsjmartin@compuserve.com) with the information. The club will have the annual ice cream social and club meeting sometime in July.



Volunteers needed. The Cub Scout troop (50 scouts) at Ranch Heights Elementary needs several volunteers to do a quick bike inspection for their annual bike ride from the Wesleyan Church on Silver Lake Drive to Johnstone Park where they have a picnic. This will be Sunday May 6 at about 12:45 p.m. It should only take about 45 minutes to do the inspections in the Wesleyan Church parking lot. All volunteers are also invited to ride and eat with them (this is optional). This is a list of possible items to be checked: tires (inflation and damage), brakes, chain, spokes, headsets, etc. I think we could also add a helmet check to make sure they are wearing them correctly. I plan to go help so if you could spare the time I would appreciate your help. Please call me at 333 -8294 if you can.

I guess that is all for now. Hope to see you on a club ride.

Keep on pedaling! Shirley

“There are three ways to pedal a bike. With the legs, with the lungs, or with the heart.”

- ***Mandible Jones. “Carpet Particles”***

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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: _____

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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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