



# Bartlesville Pedalers Gazette



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The Newsletter of the Pedalers Bicycle Club, Bartlesville, Ok

## Annual Meeting

The 2005 Pedalers Annual Pot luck Dinner/Meeting will be held on **December 6th, 6:00 p.m., at Disciples Christian Church.** Be sure to mark this date on your calendars now and plan on attending. Helpers can come early to set up.

During this meeting we will vote on the officers for the 2006 year. Membership dues for 2006 will be collected before the meeting. There will be the drawing for free membership from the 2006 paid up members. Also there will be some door prizes for those in attendance.

So plan on attending this fun event.

## 2006 Nominations

The nominating committee proposes the following officers/directors for the coming year.

President:	<b>Bruce Sturges</b>
VP/Treasurer:	<b>Keith Clark</b>
Secretary:	<b>Joanne Estes</b>
Road Bike Director:	<b>Kevin Doggett</b>
Mountain Bike Director:	<b>Randall Clayborn</b>
Director at Large:	<b>Joel Martin</b>
Director at Large:	<b>Dan Schultes</b>
Newsletter Editor:	<b>Dale Munn</b>

All have agreed to serve if elected. There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor prior to the election.

## Spinning Wheels

By Dale Munn



Here we are again looking toward the end of another exciting year with the Bartlesville Pedalers. There has been a full year of activities. We started with a ride on Jan 1 to start the year out right. We will probably finish the year with scheduled rides right up to the end of the year, including riding through Johnstone Park to check out the fantasy lights.

Our membership has grown this year and I think we have had more Bartians participate in FreeWheel than any time I can remember. Also, there has been more continued par-

ticipation in club rides during the summer and fall.

The Tues/Thurs fair weather friends rides are well attended and we have had some great riding weather. If you have extra vacation or need a break from work come to Sooner Park at 2:00 pm. It is a great time to get a way, enjoy some exercise and get rid of some stress.

We recently enjoyed a week end with Bob Lummis at his new house in hilly Marshfield. The weather turned out to be great for the Saturday ride. Sunday was not as good, so we received a tour in Bob's Yukon. The foliage was turning and we were able to see some of the Amish residences in the neighborhood.

Another event the club participated in was the Walk This Weigh event. I received many complements on the club for leading the bicycle ride. Also, there were several Pedalers at the Dam Jam and Hotter'n Hell rides as well as the Tulsa Fall Century.

That's it for this rambling note. Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting and on the road!

# Confessions from the Food Ride to Ramona

By Dana Jordan

I am a newspaper junkie, I read it all! So on one Wednesday I spotted a large ad stating that the new Ramona bank was having a grand opening on Thursday with Dink's B-B-Q serving food, and it said 'Open to all'.

Let's go for it", I enthusiastically shouted to my fellow Thursday riders. "Did you say food?", murmured the group of 10 that day. "Well Yeah, here is the ad, read it for yourself". I saw several already start to salivate as they scanned it, and in two seconds flat it was decided. You see, for 99% of us we ride hard so we can eat more food. Matter of fact, for several in the group this is all they talk about for 2 plus hours. Yes we are the Food, Fitness and Funny Riders!

So promptly, (ahhmn) at 2:00 (for Joel is riding that day) some started out with a fast pace from the starting gates. Yes, we do have a destination that day of---FOOD (and it is even free). Joel decides to lead the group thru Oglesby and east of Ramona which adds about 15 extra miles instead of going the Silver Lake Ochelata route. O.K., reluctantly some take off in not quite so fast pursuit for that means a very long ride round trip. I had it already figured up at close to 48 miles for myself RT., and an arrival time of around 4:00 in Ramona. For gosh sakes, I have a 6:00 meeting that night downtown!

Anyway, the late arrivals which were about half of our riders, come into Ramona and

find the party group despondent at the local gas station east of the new bank and the smell of BBQ wafting in the air. "We have been turned away, we are not part of the in-crowd of Ramona". I am overwhelmed with absolute fury after taking a glance down at my computer and seeing 30 miles. "They will feed me, and I will call you guys back and tell you about it!" I tell Shirley as I pedal away with a mission at hand. I turn around and look, for just like a mother hen with chicks close behind, we find new purpose!

I come into the eating line, reminding the locals that I was raised in this community and yes I am now a Bartian, but have peddled 30 miles to eat, and yes, also to see them again. These are also my fellow riders behind me, looking more like Martians with funny rear-view mirrors attached to their glasses and lots of spandex encasing rock hard bodies. What a day----You see what others are missing at work by not riding with us? We all kept saying, "Where are our cameras?", for it really was a memory I will cherish for a long time, just being with my friends. As we left, we kept saying to one another, "I wonder who will win the drawing for that flat screen TV?" Well, needless to say, none of us were ever called to come and pick it up, but from now on Ramona will hold a special place in our hearts---especially when we reminiscence about food!

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## Urban Assault

Have you guys tried night riding??! If not, get good lights (head and tail) on the mountain bike, bundle up, get a couple of friends and go out. Hit the alleyways, bike ways, city parks, urban dirt paths, then go downtown!

I did that the other night in Bartlesville and had a blast! We pre-rode the local cyclocross-to-be course in the city park, then hopped onto the cross town paved

trail. We detoured off onto the kids BMX dirt paths, went to what the kids call the crazy 8 (dirt jumps) blasted down the streets across and couple of grass lots and ended up at the skatepark, Where we tried our best to jump on and off from everything. Well until my light's battery began to die.

We got about an hour and a half of riding and about 12.5 miles in. It really is a whole new world out there with lights, and a lot more fun than going to the gym or riding indoors!

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# Bartlesville Fall Bike Festival

By Bill Estes

Bob and Patsy Lummis opened their home in rural Marshfield Missouri, to all of the Bartlesville Pedalers the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a fall bike ride. Those attending were Joel and Shirley Martin, Dale and Judy Munn, Rod and Joyce Harwood and Joanne and I. The weather was cool when we arrived Friday so Bob built a fire in his new stove. This made all of us comfortable, that is after we opened all of the windows in their home. Needless to say the Lummis's will be completely comfortable this winter and their heating bills won't be bad as Bob has a life time of fire wood available which will also keep him in shape.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect on Saturday for our 50-mile ride. Bob lulled us into thinking the hills would not be bad. While they weren't terrible, I don't think I have ever been on a ride where there were any more hills to climb and they came in all sizes. Bob said he took us on the flat ride Saturday and we would do the hilly ride on Sunday. Fortunately the weather wasn't conducive for riding on Sunday so those still there used that as a reason not to ride. Those of us attending want to thank Bob and Patsy for their wonderful hospitality and hope to have another opportunity to ride in the Ozarks again as the fall foliage was beautiful and the ride was wonderful.

## Thank You

In recognition of the many years of service to the Pedalers, we presented Bob Lummis with an Inclinator so he would be able to know what kind of hills he is riding.

*Dale,*

*Please thank the board and all the rest of the club for me for the nice inclinometer you guys gave me. I installed it on my mountain bike this afternoon but haven't had an opportunity to test it out yet. I plan to do that tomorrow or the next day though. (If I can find any hills around here.)*

*Bob*

Recently I talked to Bob and he said he has the inclinometer installed on his mountain bike. In testing it out he has measured a 20% incline on one of his mountain bike routes.—Dale

Jack Tatum congratulates fellow Pedaler Robert Booth on his new recumbent, all ready for a hill test



## The Photonic Trail

Randall C. and I went out to Osage Hills State Park to ride the trails after dark one Thursday. We equipped ourselves with lights that we had to rig up. Randall's didn't have enough charge time and mine had to have a spliced power wire due to a broken wire and a bad switch needing to be bypassed.

My mtb skills are a bit rusty and I fell once in a corner. One doesn't think of it at the time, but falling in the dark can have a bit greater risk as it is nearly impossible to see what you might be falling upon. With better lighting than what we had, you could really open up the pace there.

In spite of that, we had a great time riding what will probably become the "Intermediate" loop there. After riding the loop once, I got the feel for the trail and we took the second loop at a bit faster pace. We got in over an hours worth of riding.

Corey

Bill & Dale gear up for a great Dam Jam in Pryor



# Board Meeting

## Pedalers October 2005 Board Meeting

On Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., several Bartlesville Pedalers gathered at the Madison Pizza Hut for the monthly board meeting and pizza dining! These were present: President Dale Munn and Judy, Rod Harwood, Joel and Shirley Martin, Bill & Joanne Estes, Jack Tatum and Suzanne, Darlene and Randall Clayborne.

Dale asked for any December plans, announcing the Annual Christmas Party, Pot luck Dinner for Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m, Disciples Christian Church.. Rod will check calendar to see about an evening Christmas Lights bike ride. Joanne mentioned the Downtown Christmas Parade is set for Friday night, the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Bob & Patsy Lummis Fall Bike

Weekend in Missouri was October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Several pedalers enjoyed the luxurious indoor camping and cycling the colorful hills near Marshfield, Bob & Patsy's new home place.

Joel lined up rides for November and December. Dale has appointed a Nominating Committee who will present a 2006 slate of officers in the next newsletter or group e-mail. These will be elected at the Christmas Party, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Randall gave a good report on the Bartlesville's first "Little 100." He also provided an update on the great mountain bike trails being prepared at Osage State Park. A big "thanks" to Randall, Rod, Jim Black, and to the Keystone Off-Road group.

A Cycle-Cross Race (State Championships) will be held in Bartlesville December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2005, same time, same place!



Caleb, Keith & Bruce gas up on the turnpike with Bill, Joanne & Dale on the way to Wichita Falls, Tx.



Bruce shares a tent with Dale at the Burk-burnett Camp Ground.



Dale, Keith, Caleb, Bruce, Bill & Joanne arrive at the HHH headquarters



Caleb is a Pro at setting up his tent.



Great T-Shirts this year—modeled by Dale & Bill

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## Christmas Parade

The Bartlesville Christmas parade will be on December 9th at 7:00 pm. Since this is an evening ride it doesn't conflict with any of our normal rides. The Pedalers are planning on being in the parade, so get your decorations ready for your Bicycle—or just come and enjoy the evening with the rest of the group.

## *Pedalers Membership*

Membership dues are \$16 per household for the calendar year. Anyone joining during the last quarter of the year is paid through the next year.

Among the super reasons for joining the Bartlesville Pedalers are:

- Access to the members area of the web page;
- The super newsletter you are reading;
- Many club activities;
- Comradery with many area cyclists;
- Part of a collective voice for cycling in Bartlesville;
- Discount at Bartlesville Adventure Bicycle Center.