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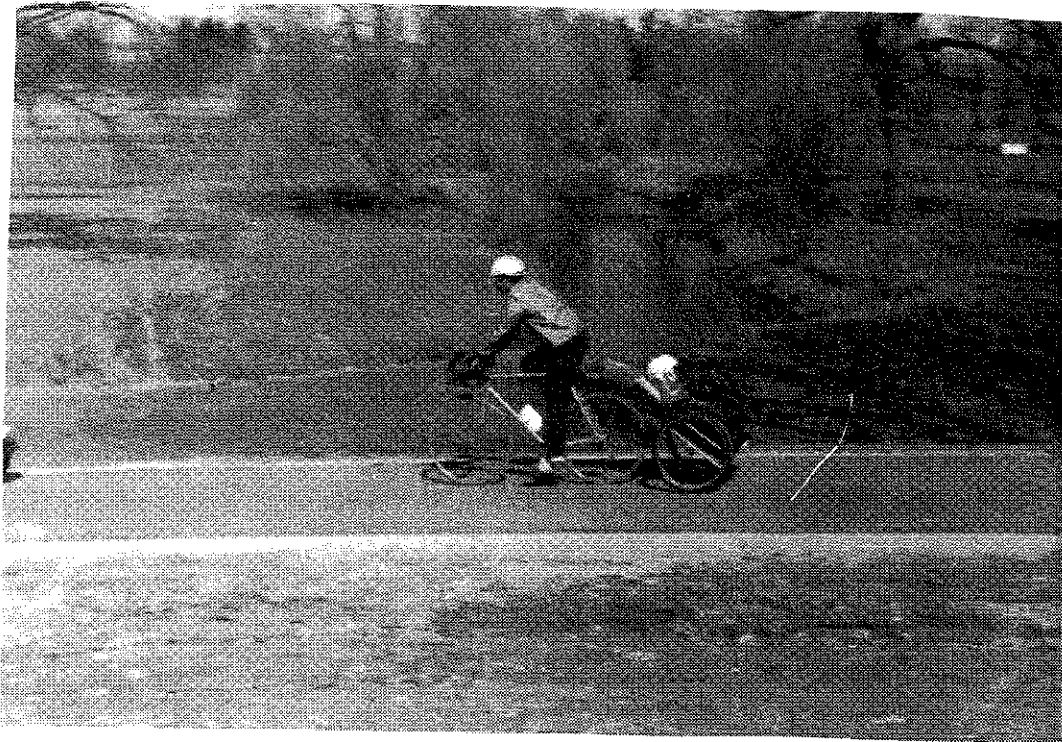
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WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS!

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From the President's Saddle

Jim and Karen Duda pulled off the biggest patch ride on St. Pat's in the history of our club. In fact, we know of no other club that has ever had 200 riders on a winter patch ride. Club congratulations to you. After trying to get into McDonald's, I'd say they thank you also.

When Mary Keane agreed to be your club secretary no one told her we would be receiving 25 or more new members a month. Besides handling this increased business Mary has initiated a welcome letter that explains the materials the new member will receive and includes their membership card. She is also typing the mailing sticker for Sylvia Nuckles now. I was over at Mary's last week and her dining room looked like one large office. If it keeps up Mary, we'll have to get the secretary a secretary. Would anyone enjoy helping Mary? Am sure you would enjoy it.

Linda Powers first ride on Saturday March 7th was well attended and enjoyed by all. So were the March 8th, March 14th and even her first Wednesday ladies ride on March 11th. Only Elaine Page and Eleanor Koenig showed up but they had a good time and look forward to more women as the weather warms. The March 14th Sow and Boar Special was another thing!!!

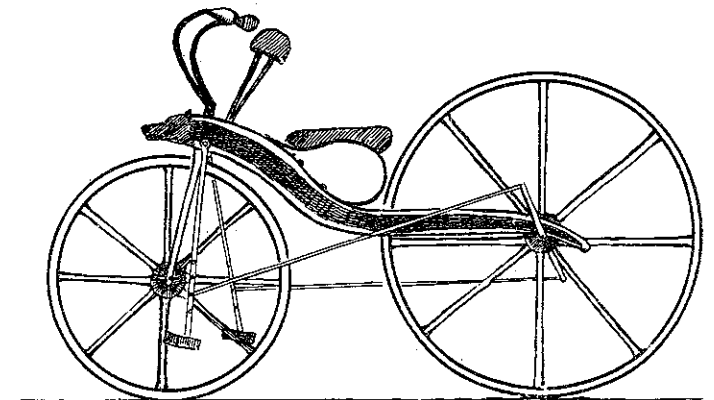
Almost 50 attended even though it was colder than most weekends in January and February. A tribute to Linda's new schedule. Everybody likes it. The variety and the thought that went into the schedule is really appreciated by your club.

One last comment. It is obvious we will have even more than 50 on our weekend rides. This is great because you certainly ought to be able to find someone to ride with comfortably. Don't try to keep up with faster riders. They may have been riding all winter and you may be just getting started. Remember, on a ride you have to get back so don't go farther than you can handle. We don't have sag wagons and as the club policy statement says (page 5 of Linda's ride schedule) "Cycling is for fun—not for pain and suffering." Please read this page if you have not done so. Finally, we do not offer a baby sitting service. Not even a ride leader. Just a starting point—a "suggested" destination and an opportunity to ride with the greatest people in the world. Have fun!

Carter LeBeau

Easter Patch Ride—April 19th

This is the last patch ride until next fall. The QCBC will meet at 1 pm and this time we return to the Rock Island Arsenal. Meet at the picnic shelter but if you transport your bike, park your car by the Clock Tower. Patches will be provided to the first 200 riders. There will be refreshments of some kind but you will have to bring your own eggs and chocolate bunnies.



WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS!

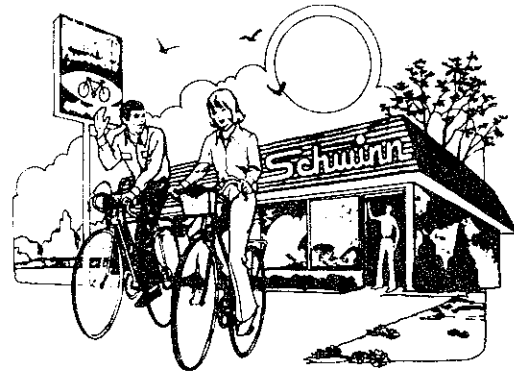
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Michael Whitmer	Davenport, Iowa
Beverly Steffin	Davenport, Iowa
Henry Blake	Davenport, Iowa
Scott E. Nagel	Long Grove, Iowa
G. Brian Paprocki	Rock Island, Illinois
Roy Congrove	Bettendorf, Iowa
Leon Werthmann	Davenport, Iowa
F. Larry LePrevost	Clinton, Iowa
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SPRING WIND

When you are out and about this spring on your shiny and meticulously cleaned and lubricated bicycle (which you have had all winter to do) I thought perhaps you would like some help in judging how hard the wind is blowing. Here follows the SRC Wind Guestimation Chart:

- Calm: Flag hangs limp & smoke goes straight up
- Light Air (1-3 mph): Slight smoke drift and barest flag motion
- Slight Breeze (4-7 mph): Some flag motion work a little harder at peddling
- Gentle Breeze (8-12 mph): Extends light flag, drop down a gear or work harder if your knees are up to it
- Moderate Breeze (13-18 mph): Raises dust and blows trash around, flag stands out straight, drop down a couple of gears depending on your freewheel spacing
- Fresh Breeze (19-24 mph): Small trees sway, flag snaps out straight You wish you were home
- Strong Breeze (25-31 mph): Large branches sway flag snaps and thrums You wish you were dead

We all know the wind sometimes blows harder than 31 mph, but let's not think about it. (From the SRC Newsletter, Ames.) MG



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March Program Report

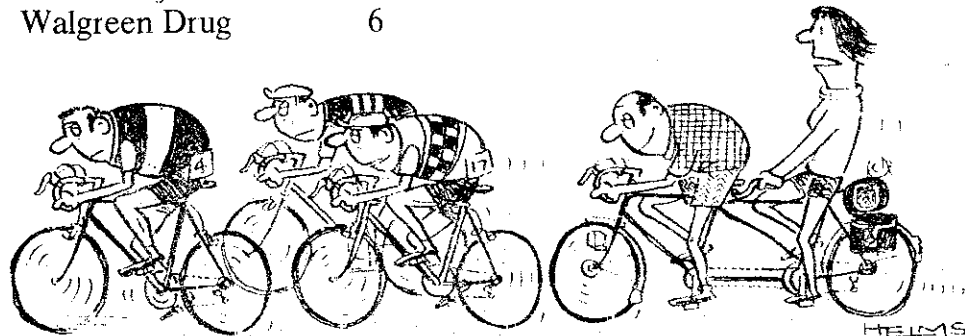
QCBC club member Dick Jirus was applauded enthusiastically by an appreciative audience March 17th after presenting his program on bicycle commuting. If you missed it, you missed one of our best programs in a long time. Dick's style and experiences were truly enjoyable. We are confident that many more QCBC members will be considering the benefits of bicycle commuting after hearing him.

Dick asked for those in the audience to indicate how many were already commuting and we were surprised to have 15 advise us they were commuting on a fairly regular basis. The list included the following along with the company or location and the mileage involved:

NAME	LOCATION	ROUND-TRIP MILEAGE
Dick Jirus	Alcoa	10
Bob Nuckles	Oscar Mayer	10
Jim Newton	Franciscan Hospital	20
Dianne Newton	Franciscan Hospital	20
Linda Ballard	Bendix	4
Leon Werthmann	Oscar Mayer	14
Joel McChesney	Walgreen Drug	6

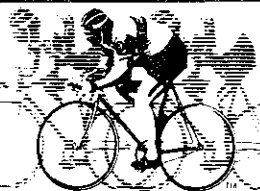
Dwight Amato	Midwest White	6
Janice Amato	Franciscan Hospital	4
Ray Torresdal	Swan Engineering	16
Steve Verstraete	Farmall	6
Andy Fuller	Farmall	6
Bill Langan	Social Services	10
Dennis Peterson	Palmer College	6
Barb Liljequist	Liljequist, Inc.	4

The reason we asked for the destination was because Steve and Andy were not happy with the cooperation from Farmall in providing a safe parking place for their bikes. We felt that showing the companies who do allow and encourage commuting might help them in appealing their case to Farmall management. One of Farmall's executives was in the room and took some barbs from Steve and Andy over this situation. It didn't seem to bother him too much but it was reported that while a good group of QCBC members were celebrating St. Pat's day after the meeting at Frisbees, he was noted downing Manhattans while we were all having green beer. Being an executive at Farmall these days is tough enough without having problems arise at the bike meeting.



* Please don't get involved, George.

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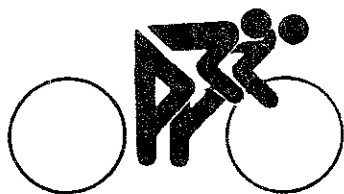
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Those of you who were not at the meeting could help us by indicating if you are a commuter. Notify Dick Jirus 786-7867. 2721 Middle Road. Davenport, Iowa 52803. We hope to identify as many commuters as possible and then advise the newspapers so we can obtain some publicity.

The Strawberry Sundae Special — March 8th

The Illinois side of the river was the site of our second scheduled ride of the year. Airport park made a perfect meeting location and even though it was rather cool, 20 riders were present. Some rode from Davenport, some from Moline, and some transported to the park. It was a beautiful clear day and all enjoyed the ride through Coal Valley, up the long hill on Route 150 and into Orion. The surprise of the day was the fact that the bowling alley in Orion serves breakfast—and on Sunday. Great food and reasonable prices. Again the group divided—some went to Cambridge—some went back to the park. This is the way it should be—enough riders so you can always find someone to ride with the way you want to ride.



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Sow and Boar Special — March 14th

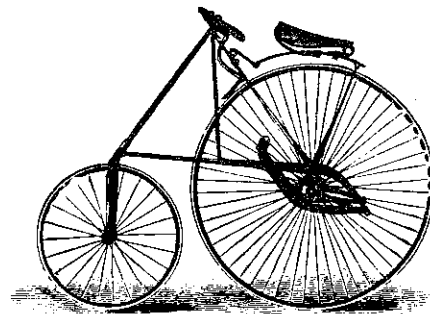
The ride to McCausland and back this day took 42 riders out Jersey Ridge Road at 8 a.m. on a sunshiny morning. As usual of late, Butch Bobenmoyer broke away and was the first one into "Boobs" tavern in McCausland.

Another group turned at the bottom of McCausland hill and rode to Princeton and breakfast plus an extra ten miles of riding. Most rode the forty plus miles and were back in by one o'clock.

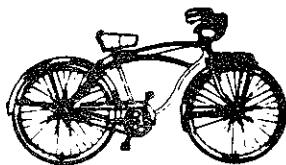
**Great to see so many new riders on this ride:

Jane Stotts	Troy Thiem
Rick Schaefer	Ron Bolser
Marilyn Klansek	Jon Davis
Steve Luetje	Richard Cragge
Kendra Butts	Bill, Pegi and Bryant Langan

Steve Verstraete



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Unscheduled Ride – March 15th

It was a blustery March day, but warm, so nine bikers couldn't pass up the chance for some extra miles before the St. Patty's ride. We'd planned on a ride to Walcott, but settled for Mary's Donut Shop, in view of the westerly winds (and the tired muscles from the day before!) After we each ate breakfast-for-two, we were refreshed enough to go on to Buffalo and back up to Blue Grass. Still don't know if 30 miles of head and cross-winds were justified by only 10 miles of tailwind, even if it was the "flying-est kind"! We all made it back for a patch, a lap on the bike path, and the obligatory stop at McDonald's!

Sue Nuckles

St. Pat's/Dorothy LeBeau Memorial Ride – March 15th

"The St. Pat's Day/Dorothy LeBeau Memorial
'Ran Out' Ride"

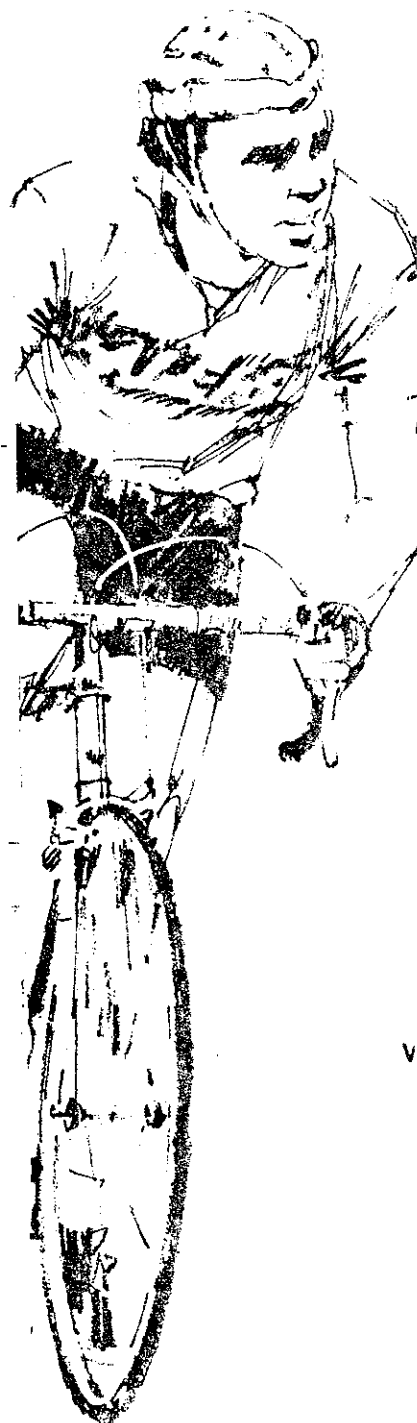
If two's company, and three's a crowd, what
would over 200 be?????????

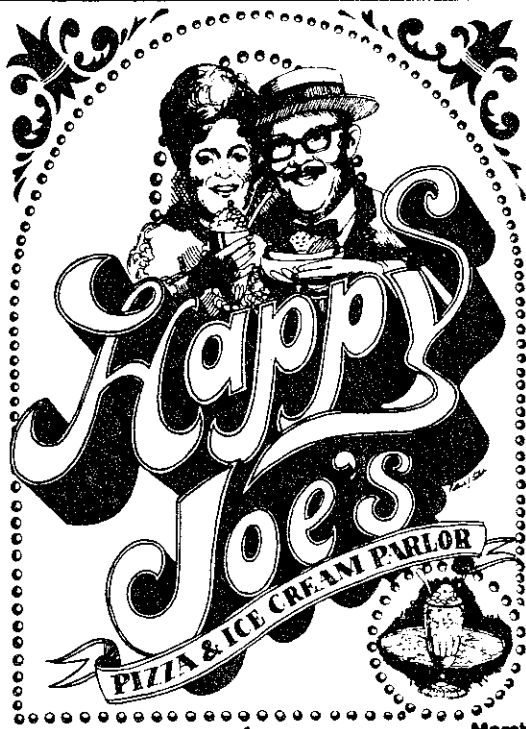
We found out as the largest number of QCBC
people to attend a patch ride so far paid tribute
to a fine lady and enjoyed the spring weather on
the St. Patrick's Day patch ride.

We ran out of 12 gallons of liquid refreshment,
200 patches, room on the bike path, and
strength going to the end of the path into the
wind. Officially, we had 197 signatures on the
sign-in sheets, but some people were grouped
under a single family name, so a reasonable
guesstimate might be 210 to 225 riders.

Anyway, all us leprechauns sharpened our
"group riding" technique as we dodged the run-
ners, the joggers, the walkers, the skaters, the
tricycles, the big wheels, etc. on the Bike Path.
The safety consciousness of the QCBC was
continually demonstrated as we did our own
version of RAGBRAI on the path.

It appears we have outgrown this facility with
such a large turnout, so we will return to the
Rock Island Arsenal Path for our Easter Patch
Ride. (1 p.m. Easter Sunday—picnic area.)





Ames	Iowa	Marshalltown
Arnolds Park	Des Moines (2)	Mason City
Bettendorf	De Witt	Muscatine
Burlington	Dubuque	Newton
Cedar Rapids (3)	Eldridge	Oskaloosa
Clinton	Ft. Dodge	Ottumwa
Coralville	Ft. Madison	Spencer
Davenport (4)	Iowa City	Waterloo (2)
Decorah	Keokuk	Waukon
		West Des Moines

TOMRV IV REPORT

Ken Buse advises we have received over 500 Tomrv IV applications as of March 16th. We still have 2 weeks before the price change so anticipate a surge shortly. Ken has been handicapped by medication during the past few weeks but has still continued to handle the Tomrv secretary position. We all wish Ken a speedy recovery from his illness.

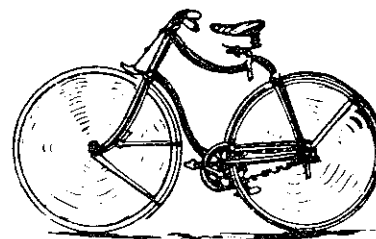
Your Tomrv chairman Bob Nuckles reports that the patches designed by Jim Keane again this year have arrived. They are more beautiful than ever. Also he has received acceptance from Elaine Page to handle the Tomrv sag wagon duties. Ann Mayfield is placing the orders for the fanny bumpers and the award ribbons and Bob expects to assign the balance of the chairman shortly. Of course everyone is awaiting the big announcement: Who will be the Banana Chairman????

INVITATION

EXTENDED

AGAIN

Kathy of Kathy's Restaurant in Muscatine has again extended an invitation to QCBC members who have patronized her restaurant to be her guests at her annual Lilac Breakfast for her employees and special friends. For those of you who have never made this, it's a gourmet's delight. Strawberry crepes, melons, eggs, sausage, juice and more. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Davenport Band Shell at 7:30 a.m. on the 3rd of May for the ride to Weed Park in Muscatine



Rover of 1886

Cancer Bikeathon

The Lute Olson American Cancer Bikeathon will take place on May 5th at 5 p.m. in Davenport at Northpark Mall. Lots of celebrities besides Lute will be available to ride with. Lots of great prizes for those who ride and obtain pledges. Lots of fun. Obtain application from any Happy Joe's pizza parlor in the Quad Cities.

We might also mention here that one of those celebrities is our own Carter LeBeau, who is the 1981 Iowa State Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society, and who is, as always, letting his actions speak louder than words.

More and more new faces and different bicycles appear at these rides—it's gratifying that so many people with so many interests, abilities, and ideas can get together and enjoy themselves.

Jim Duda

I wish to personally thank Linda Powers and all those who helped establish the 1981 ride schedule—it is certainly superb! (I can hardly wait for the August 15th "Moonlight Madness" thing.) Quite a few people I know go mad 'neath the moon ...

Jim Duda

*The new ride schedule is great! If you haven't gotten yours yet, come to the next meeting and pick one up.

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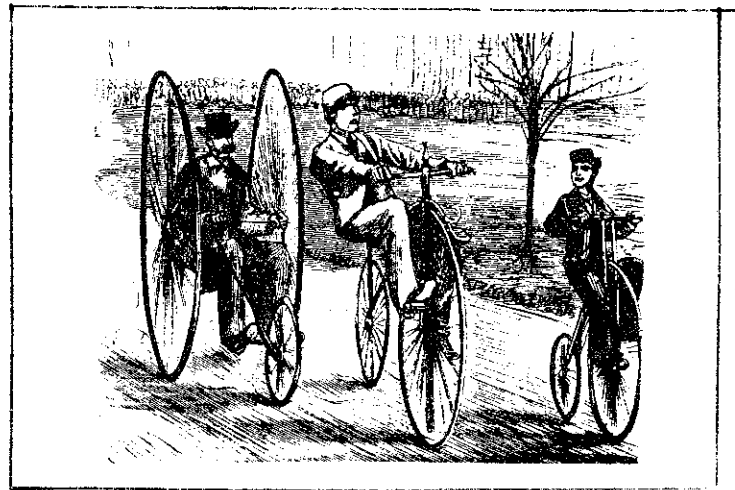
Stephen Verstraete

The Iowa Department of Transportation has published a pamphlet on commuting by bicycle. For your copy, write to Judy Sherkow, Bicycle Program Coordinator, Iowa DOT—Planning and Research Division, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010.

Newsletter Folding Bee Grows

Where will it stop? Sylvia Nuckles group of newsletter folders almost took over her house Friday, March 6th. It was decided if we have more folders than there are newsletters we'll discontinue the mailing process. Several members of this fun group were trying to determine why this has been such an enjoyable volunteer project.

Was it because they couldn't wait for the Leibman newsletter to hit the mails? Are they just curious and always wanted to see the inside of the Nuckles unusual home? Is it the Picketts beer that flows so freely? Is it that no one can say no to Sylvia? Is it just a fun way to spend an evening? No conclusions were drawn. Maybe you should join us before we have to move into Palmer Auditorium.





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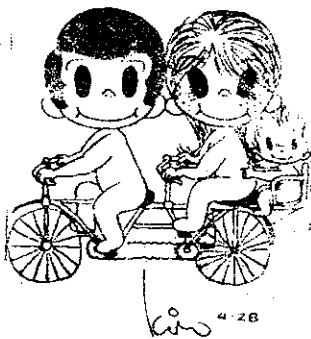
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April Meeting: Annual Racing Program

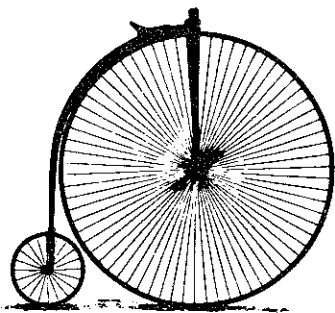
This is our annual meeting that features our racing division. Terry Burke and Don Bates will present a program which no one will want to miss. This is once again your opportunity to learn about how this group trains and prepares for racing. They will show you how to enjoy either the thrill of spectating or actually joining in as a participant this year.

The meeting place as always is in the auditorium over the Browning Museum on Rock Island Arsenal on April 21st at 7 a.m. A short business meeting will be held prior to the program and a door prize will be awarded.

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Color:	Pink
Frame Builders:	Bill & Sheila

News from Upstream

Mary Shanks, biker extraordinaire from Clinton's Riverbend Bicycle Club, invites us all to attend their meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Interstate Power Company, 201 North 2nd Street. Dr. John O'Shea, a member of both clubs, will present a program on fitness.

Mary also reports that the knee she injured skiing is mending slowly, but her doctor won't let her ride yet. Furthermore, her knee will not be ready to tackle the hills of Tomrv come June, so she has volunteered to pilot a sag wagon for the big event. That's good. Those of us who were not smart enough to injure ourselves will need all the help we can get!

... Off the Back

Sometimes I get these feelings of paranoia about automobiles. I've always felt that my fear and loathing of internal combustion were unique to me here in late 20th century America; that I was an infidel in the midst of true believers; a meat eater in Vatican City on Good Friday. But more and more lately I am finding company. I read a story recently by T. Coraghessan Boyle in a book of his stories called *Descent of Man* (Little, Brown & Co.). The story is called "The Big Garage," and is the best ever verbalization of the paranoia we all (come on, admit it) feel about our automobiles.

The story is about a man who finds himself stranded at night on a lonely stretch of highway after his car dies on the road. He is not about to fix the problem, whatever it is; he doesn't even know how to open the hood. But, before long, apparent salvation appears in the form of a tow truck. A short ride in the tow truck and 45 bucks later, the man and his dead car are at a place called "Tegeler's Big Garage." After a brief run around, he is told that Diagnosis is closed for the night, and the head diagnostician has gone home. He is told he will have to spend the night, and is led away to a small room deep in the bowels of this immense garage that holds hundreds, perhaps thousands of cars waiting to be repaired. In the little room, there are cots to sleep on, and other people, apparently in the same predicament.

He begins to worry.

It is not until the next morning that he begins to gauge the true dimensions of his hopeless situation. He is told that he must make application for an appointment to see the head diagnostician. The man who tells him this knows: he has been there 6 days trying to get his application approved. Our poor protagonist can't leave; the Big Garage is in the middle of nowhere, and he certainly wouldn't leave without his car even if he could because, in his words, "I'm a busy man and I depend entirely on the car for transportation... (sound familiar?)

After two days of this nightmare, he sees what appears to be the only way out. Across the street from Tegeler's Big Garage is Tegeler's Big Lot, a place where cars are sold, a place where brand new Tegeler's are sold. In the last scene of the story, he eyes the new cars, and reaches for his checkbook.

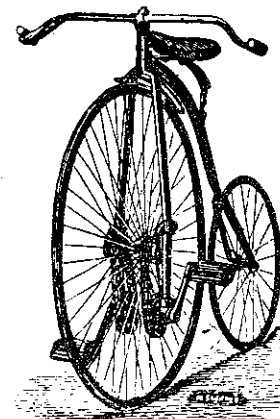
Now, nothing like that has ever happened to me, but every time my car needs fixing, I feel that it could. I'm paranoid. I admit it. But remember, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.

Favorite biking stories: Bill Powers, John (son of Don and Megan) Horton and I were making our way across Iowa in the summer of '78. We were riding from the QC's to Omaha, planning to catch a ride back on the RAGBRAI. On the second day out, after cranking away the entire morning into a hot headwind, we took refuge in a tavern for lunch and an attitude readjustment. The woman tending bar saw the Bell helmets and asked, "Bikers, huh?"

"Yes, bikers," we replied.

"Where you going?"

"Omaha."



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"Wow! That's a long way. My son is quite a biker too, you know."

"Oh yeah?"; we prompted.

"Sure, he rode his bike all the way out to Denver last summer. Rode it down to Florida this spring."

We were impressed, and happy to hear tell of the exploits of a fellow biker. Then she dropped the bomb.

"Yeah," she said, "he's got himself a big ole Harley."

Pretty tough to keep a straight face after that one.

Later the same day, after an extremely unforgiving 100 miles, we limped into Knoxville, Iowa, hoping to find food and a place to camp. If the nearest campground was more than 10

or 15 miles away, we were in trouble, we wouldn't be able to make it before dark, if indeed we could make it at all. We slid into a restaurant and asked the waitress if there was a campground in the area.

"Well, yes there is," she said, "but aren't you on bicycles?"

"Yes."

"Well, the campground is kinda far away."

I recall a wave of nausea hitting the three of us simultaneously. "How far?"; we asked.

"Oh, it's at least a mile, maybe a mile and a half from here."

Sometimes I get the feeling that nobody understands us bikers.

Sometimes I get these feelings of paranoia...

Bill Leibman



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