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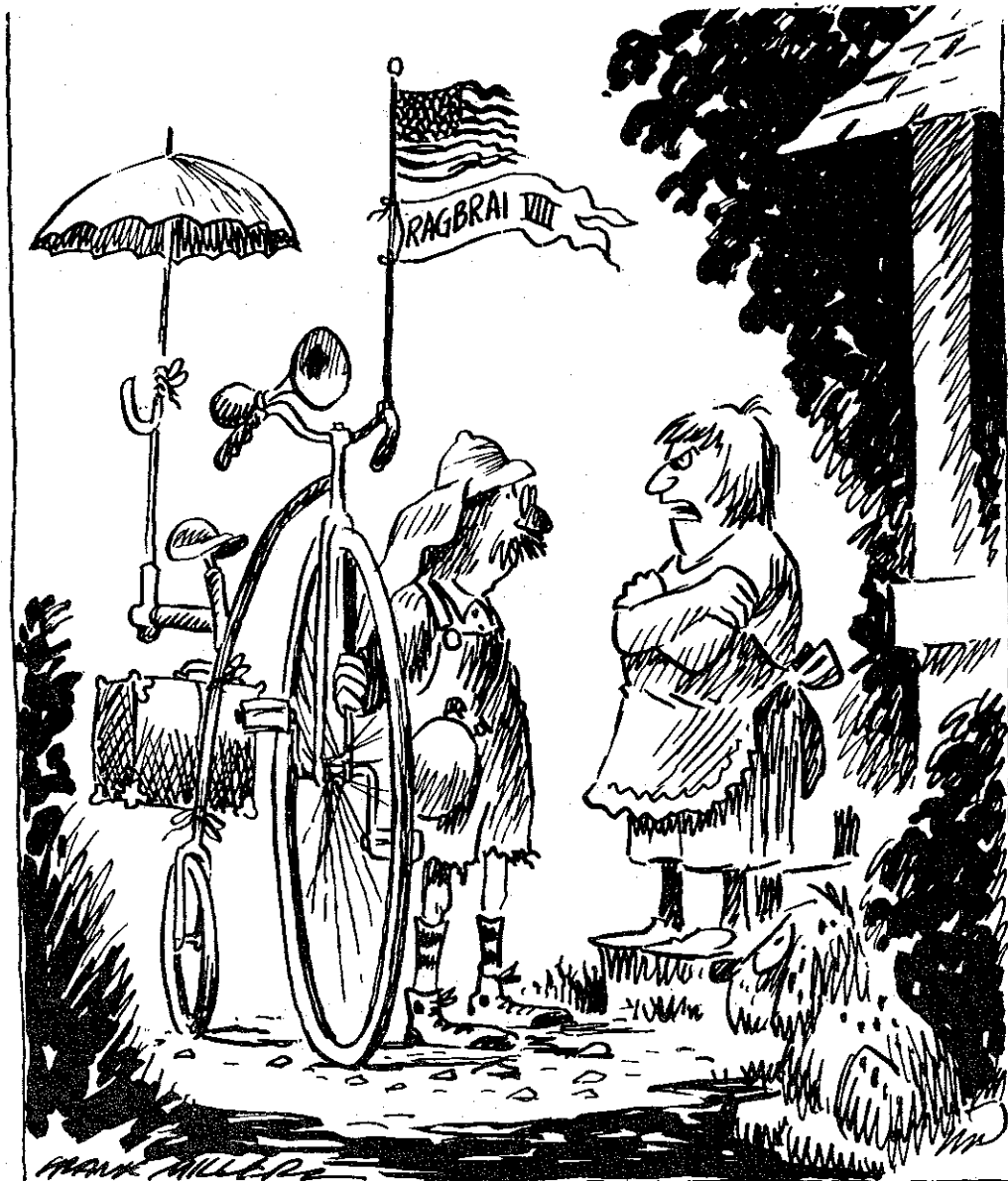
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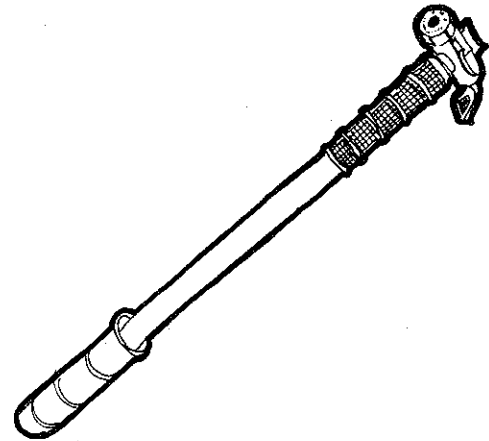
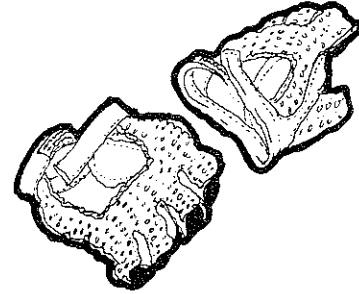
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DES MOINES REGISTER

FRANK MILLER

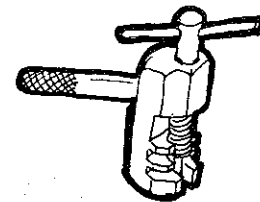
## RAGBRAI BUS & BAGGAGE

We will have four or five buses going from Davenport to Akron for the beginning of RAGBRAI. This means many more people than we have had in the past so we need your cooperation. Please bring your bike to 1010 East Kimberly Road in Davenport (formerly the Plywood Minnesota and Murrays parking lot) between 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday July 23rd. Have the pedals removed and handlebars turned. We will leave at 7 a.m. on Saturday the 24th. You may leave your car at that parking lot during the trip, where it will be watched by a local watchman and the Davenport police. We will make one stop at Bishop's Merle Hay in Des Moines. They have agreed to open early to get us in and out in a hurry. Baggage will be returned to the same parking lot on Saturday, July 31st. Please try to claim your baggage as soon as possible. It will be unattended after 5 p.m. The QCBC will not be responsible for baggage left after that time.



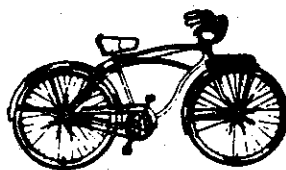
## FOUND

Found on Sunday, June 13th, in Savanna, Illinois, in the men's room at a restaurant: a "Titus" brand men's wristwatch. It is believed to have been abandoned by a TOMRV'er in an attempt to lighten his load. Mary Shanks, who does not wish to explain how she found your watch in the men's room, has the watch and can be reached at 319-242-2289.



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# 1982 MOLINE CRITERIUM

In its 16th year, it was fitting that this year's version of the criterium was a "National Prestige Classic". Even with some negative media coverage on insurance and the partial cancellation of the citizen's races, the offsetting increase in the number and quality of USCF riders more than compensated. USCF riders increased from 350 a year ago to 400 this year with riders of national stature like Wayne Stetina, Sheila Young Ochowitz, and the Doctor sisters in the field. Rain did not prevent a substantial number of spectators from watching a well organized show of races throughout the day, ending in a climactic duel between Wayne Stetina and Mike Farrel in the main event.

Each year a devoted group of QCBC members donate some of their time for necessary tasks such as corner marshalls, registration, starters, etc., without any reward or recognition. Without their help this event would be impossible. We would like to thank the following people for an outstanding job on a rainy day:

Bob Nuckles  
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Further thanks go to the following who took up the slack while my wife was ill in Iowa City: John and Deb Bolton, Wayne Eppard, Mac MacKusick, John Hendricks, Roger and Irene DeLanghe, and Butch Bobbenmeyer.

Although the activity of meetings, phone calls, and letters subsides in June after the race, plans are already forming for the improved 1983 Moline Criterium.

Terry Burke  
Race Director

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# RACE RESULTS

## 1982 IOWA STATE CRITERIUM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st place Mark Waechter  
5th place Jerry Friedman

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

### BURLINGTON

Jamie Otis, 6th place intermediates  
Don Bates Jr., 4th place juniors  
John Cofrin, 3rd place juniors  
Pete Bystead, 5th place juniors  
John Bolton, 16th place senior men IV  
Deb Bolton, 6th place women

### MUSCATINE

Don Bates Jr., 7th place juniors  
John Cofrin, 2nd place juniors  
Deb Bolton, 9th place women

### MOLINE

John Cofrin, 3rd place juniors  
Deb Bolton, 20th place women  
John Wagner, 7th place juniors

### RAILROAD DAYS CRIT, JUNE 5TH

Bob Buzzell, 11th place III & junior  
Don Bates Jr., 12th place III & junior  
Jeff Cozad, 25th place senior IV  
Lee Haigwood, 29th place senior IV

### WEDNESDAY TIME TRIAL

Molly Tieglund.....15:10  
Don Davis.....14:32  
John Hendricks.....12:44  
Jerry Friedman.....12:02  
Bob Buzzell.....11:54  
Eric Paterson.....15:09  
Jon Gertner.....14:13  
Wayne Judkins.....12:56  
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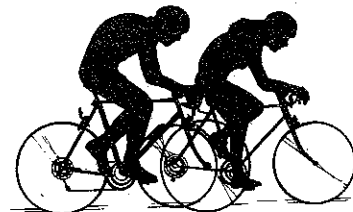
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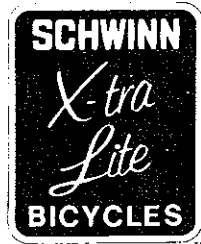
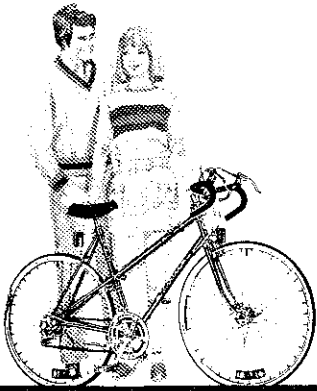
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### BOWS AND ARROWS OVERNIGHTER SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19

A pleasant and scenic new autumn ride and overnighiter has been planned for your biking pleasure. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19 and join us for this great ride in an almost untouched part of Iowa, Lacey-Keosauqua State Park near Keosauqua, Iowa.

We found the roads to be a biker's dream with the surfaces in the finest condition and the traffic flow so light that you could call this route a giant bike path. Rolling hills and level valley stretches of country roads bring you through the Des Moines river valley into the historic towns of Keosauqua, Bonapart, and Bentonsport.

For brochures describing Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Bentonsport, and the Hotel Manning located in this area, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to Sue Sharp, 4023 Lillie #414, Davenport, Iowa, 52806 ---- or pick them up at the monthly club meeting.

### BOWS AND ARROWS OVERNIGHTER DETAILS

- MEETING PLACE: Entrance to Lacey-Keosauqua State Park.
- DATE: September 18 and 19.
- TIME: 9 A.M.
- MILEAGE: 55 to 60 miles each day.
- FACILITIES: Camping/Tenting/Cabins in park.  
Hotel/Motel in Keosauqua.  
Shower facilities in park.
- FOOD/DINING: Cafes/Hotels/Delicatessen/Country Store.
- ATTRACTIONS: Historic area to visit.  
Swimming at lake in park.  
Hiking trails to walk.  
Indian mounds to explore.



# BMX HEADQUARTERS

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## DENTIST'S RIDE, JUNE 2

The day started at 7:30 at Bob Frey's house. Dr. Frey led us to Port Byron, Erie, Hillsdale (lunch at the Rustic Inn) and home to Les' house for food and beverage. Carter formed a group which went to Albany. After much discussion, it was decided that this group should be rewarded with a picture (which turned into a group execution using dog guns as weapons). A new rule was proclaimed - always follow the leader. Bob Nuckles agreed although Herb Page tried to scare the brave people by shooting a loud farewell with his dog gun upon his departure. All in all, it was done in good fun and a beautiful day was had by all.

Les Truelsen

## DENTIST'S RIDE, JUNE 9

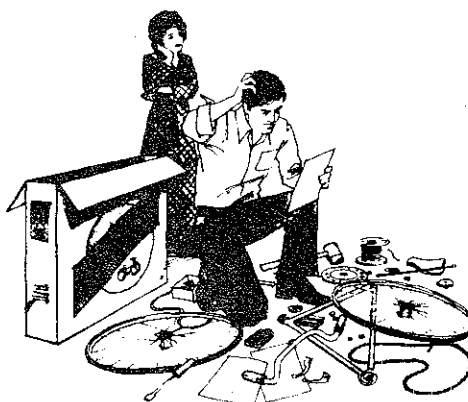
Twelve riders, including new club members Kirsten Houtman, JoAnn Frey, and Lorraine Roth darted between raindrops to begin the ride from Carter's home at 8:00 a.m. As the weather gradually cleared, the group road to Princeton for coffee, then back to LeClair for lunch at Sneaky Pete's. We followed the duck path along the river and saw several families of ducks along the scenic route, on an almost sunny afternoon. The sun came out in full force as the group returned for an early afternoon debriefing at LeBeau's.

## TOMRV WARM-UP TO IOWA CITY

Several "early bird" riders left at 6:30 a.m. for Iowa City. With a nice tailwind we were blown to West Liberty where we ate a good hearty breakfast served by the world's worst waitress. While eating, several 8:00 riders passed us! Carter knocked over his 8 oz. water glass and Leon took a sponge bath.

On to Iowa City and the Applegate Restaurant for more food and a very nice atmosphere. There was a slight headwind on the return trip but the thought of malts and shakes from the Candy Kitchen in Wilton kept us all going. It was a great day and a great ride.

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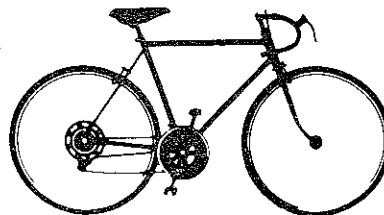
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## Tour Four: Iowa's Great River Road

Judy Sherkow

Iowa's 'Little Switzerland' is one of the most scenic areas of the state, especially in the fall when the oaks and maples begin turning colors. The Mississippi River Valley and adjacent tree-covered bluffs offer the traveler a splendid view of the brilliant autumn foliage.

Northeastern Iowa is characterized by rapidly changing topography. Gently rolling hills quickly give way to steep, wooded slopes and limestone bluffs. Numerous small towns and seasonal settlements are scattered along the river and fishing, boating, and water sports are available at several locations. Camping facilities are also available at several state parks.

The entire area is easily accessible by highway. Lansing, McGregor, and Dubuque are served by intercity bus lines, and Dubuque is also served by Amtrak and several major commercial airlines.

Sites along the Great River Road offer a wide variety of things to see and do. In Allamakee County the route takes you through the Yellow River Forest and Effigy Mounds National Monument (a series of ancient Indian mounds, visitor center, hiking trails, etc.). Clayton County has numerous state parks, canoeing on the Volga and Turkey Rivers and Turkey River Mounds, a state preserve containing conical and linear Indian mounds, geologic features, and scenic overlooks of the Mississippi and Turkey Rivers.

Once in Dubuque, you'll find numerous sites to visit. History buffs will enjoy a visit to the Shot Tower used to make lead shot during the Civil War, the Ham House Museum, and the Julien Dubuque Monument burial place of Iowa's first white settler. Take a ride to the top of the bluffs on the cable car for a spectacular view of the city and river valley including Wisconsin and Illinois. Spend some time at Lock and Dam 11 watching the river traffic "lock-through," take a ride on a river boat, or visit the riverfront museum. Eagle Point Park offers a panoramic view of the river valley, complete with viewing telescopes for a closer look at life on the river. Dubuque is also home to three colleges and universities, and its downtown boasts a restored theater and a new civic center.

Iowa's 'Great Rivers Region' offers rivers, lakes, historic sites, and peaceful, rolling countryside. The area is predominantly rural in nature, with some of the state's richest farmland. Much of this section of the Great River Road is located farther inland than the northern section, providing the visitor with a different view and perspective of the state.

Again, the area is easily accessible by highway. Amtrak service is available at Burlington and Fort Madison. Intercity bus lines serve Burlington, Fort Madison, and

Keokuk, with commercial air service at Burlington.

Beginning in Muscatine, visit the riverfront area—a port of call for national, regional, and local marine vessels, including the Delta Queen. The Laura Musser Art Gallery and Museum displays memorabilia from pioneering days and art from around the world. Turn-of-the-century homes offer excellent examples of the ornate gingerbread-style architecture. Weed Park includes a zoo, swimming pool, toboggan hill, picnic area, children's playground, and fishing pond. Special events include Muscatine's Great River Days held in mid-August.

The confluence of the Iowa and Mississippi Rivers in Louisa County is a major historical site in the Midwest. The Joliet-Marquette expedition landed here at Toolesboro in 1673. A museum, Indian mounds, picnic site, and scenic overlook of the valley are located here. The Mark Twain Wildlife Refuge and Lake Odessa are just north of Toolesboro.

Des Moines County is the site of the grave of Chief Tama, and Burlington has "Snake Alley," the most crooked street in the world according to Ripley. Special events include Burlington Steamboat Days, the third week in June, featuring entertainment, dixieland music, parades, arts and crafts, water events, and carnival.

In Lee County, Fort Madison offers the Lee County Historic Center located in the old Santa Fe Railroad Station. Nearby is an authentic old country schoolhouse, "Brush College." Fishing and boating on the Mississippi are also available. To the south, visit Keokuk, Iowa's oldest permanent community. The George M. Verity, a historic stern wheel Steamboat is located on the riverfront along with a river museum. Nearby is the largest hydroelectric power plant dam and lock on the upper Mississippi. Keokuk also boasts several beautiful old Victorian homes, the grave and monument of Chief Keokuk, and Iowa's only national cemetery. O



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## Name Vote

In a binding vote, League members voted last autumn to keep the name League of American Wheelmen rather than change it to League of American Bicyclists.

A total of 7,946 valid ballots were returned (52 percent of those eligible). The vote was 4,165 for "League of American Wheelmen," and 3,781 for "League of American Bicyclists," a difference of 384.

# New Members

Dale Whiteside family  
 LaVern Hovenga family  
 David Milt family  
 Allison West family  
 Cindy Langtimm family  
 Trudy Pohlman family  
 John Schwartz family  
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## ...off the back

A wise biker, seasoned by years on the road, once said that cycling is a social activity, the physical aspects of riding are just fringe benefits. For me, no worshiper of the flesh, especially my own flesh which tends to be too plentiful in spots, the words hold truth. The best moments and the brightest that shine in memory are those those of the people on the road, both biker and bystander, the things we said and the things we did. For some reason, the people you meet on bicycles tend to be more interesting than say, people in the accounting department. Not to imply that accountants are without interest, some are after all bikers, and one who rode often with us even coined the phrase "wind debit", which is what you build up after flying on the heels of a tailwind all morning. I remember him and his wind debit every time I catch a tailwind.

From a bike the scenery is always nice, but even the best of it sometimes begins to look so like a movie set that you would swear that if you went behind the cornfield you would find that it is just a painting on plywood supported in back by two-by-fours. The people, now they are always for real. In the midwest, which is where Iowa and Illinois happen to be, the scenery is most likely to be cornfield, and the people you meet are most likely to be farmers. Farmers seem to have the best understanding among non-bikers of the biking mentality. They are usually quick to ask, "Where you from?" and "Where You headed?". They never ask "What for?". It's like the reply Louis Armstrong gave to the man who asked him what jazz was. If you have to ask, he said, you'll never know. Farmers seem to know.

Farmer watching RAGBRAI stream through his little town: "What disease is this for anyhow?". He knew far more than he was letting on.

This is a fast moving life we lead in the last quarter of the 20th century. Like that commercial on the tube for some overnight package delivery service, the one where the boss is on the phone talking so fast that it is hard to understand what he is saying, "Good-deal-in-Denver-Dave-I'm-putting-you-down-to-deal-with-Dallas...". That is meant to be more than a little facetious, but strikes uncomfortably close to the truth. We do seem to talk quickly and bluntly at people, and get much of the same fare in return, and accept it as conversation. It was not so long ago that people got together frequently for social functions which on the surface were organized around work. The barn raising, for example, where the men hammered together a barn and the women cooked and when the work was done everyone sat down to eat. We just don't do those kinds of things much any more. But isn't a bike ride with a group of people pretty much the same thing? We ride, we talk, we swap stories, we sit down together and eat. Sure, we don't have a barn to show for our efforts, but then again most of us aren't farmers and don't really need barns. We all do need that good old fashioned social contact.

Biker, hot afternoon, drinking beer in an Iowa tavern: "That Mountain Dew is really the best thing to drink on a day like this, but it just doesn't do anything for me"

The ride, our modern version of a quilting bee, is our chance to share our thoughts, ideas and experiences with friend new and old. On the road the stories are swapped like so many old but dear dog-eared baseball cards. Everyone has their favorite dog story, and flat tire story, and bad weather story, and we listen to each of them, intent on the telling because the joy is in the telling and the punch line is just the end. Aren't some of the best stories you hear ones you've heard before? Rare are the opportunities to talk and listen today. A ride is one of those few. Share one soon.