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APRIL 1984

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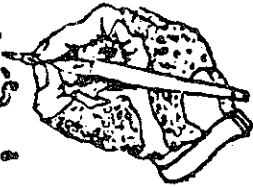
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from the
president's
pen ...



The snow is melting, the temperature is beginning to stay above freezing, and the ride schedules are out, so spring is officially here. My thanks to Les Truelson, who has organized several well-attended Saturday rides during the interim period not covered by last year's schedule.

Danny Smith and company did an excellent job on the 1984 Ride Schedule, and Danny is already working on the 1985 edition. He welcomes comments and contributions for next year's

book. If you haven't received your schedule, check with Warren Power to make sure the club has your current address. The post office does not forward third class mail.

The QCBC display, which is used at RIBRAC, the Criterium, and other major bike gatherings, is in need of a home, preferably the corner of a two-car garage. Contrary to what Ray Torresdal or Verle Dau might tell you, it does not take three millwrights and a one-ton crane to move. It is 4 feet wide, 1 foot deep, and 6½ feet high, and now has a dolly for help in moving. If anyone knows of a good home for the display, contact me.

Several officer changes were made this month. Ray Torresdal has resigned as treasurer due to other commitments. Barb Tucker will take over as treasurer, and Warren Power will be the club secretary. Ray has done a fine job keeping the club's books up to date for the past year and a half.

Don't forget the April meeting, and the Easter Patch Ride.

---Paul Scheibelhut



Don't Forget!

The April meeting of the QCBC will be on Tuesday, April 17th, at 7:00p.m. The group will meet in the usual room above the Browning Museum, Rock Island Arsenal.

Remember, if you plan to move, let us know your new address as soon as possible, so that you will continue to receive your QCBC newsletter. Check your newsletter mailing label to see when your membership expires, to save us some expense in mailing reminders. Be sure to sign your application form before sending it in.

Newsletter contributions are to be received by the 20th of each month!! Cartoons, articles, ride reports, etc., original or reprints, are welcome. Send your contributions to:

Lorraine Roth
2521 Hawthorne Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722



Coors TourPak

The 1984 Coors International Bicycle Classic will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary, July 14-22, by hosting over 30 men's and women's Olympic cycling teams one week before the XXIII Classic, as their final destination for conditioning and training before the Games. This will give spectators a unique and rare opportunity to observe and associate with the greatest amateur cyclists on earth for eleven days in the setting of the Colorado Rocky Mountain West. As the result of tremendous interest, the organizers of the Classic have developed a 10th Anniversary TourPak, designed to offer a "survival" package for bike clubs, students, and individuals. The package includes transportation to various vantage points along the road race routes, housing at stages "on-the-road", a special spectator zone at the start/finish line, a ticket to an exhibition between the Czechs and the West German World Champion Cycleball teams, and other "extras". For a copy of the brochure, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Lorraine Roth, 2521 Hawthorne Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722.

For further information, or to make reservations, call or write: Coors Classic TourPak, 1540 Lehigh Street, Boulder, Colorado 80303, 1-800-525-0368.

Inflating Ranks

As spring has officially arrived, and occasional glimpses of spring weather have been viewed, memberships are once again piling in to the Quad Cities Bicycle Club mailbox. We welcome all these new members, and those who are joining for another year, and hope they will be active participants in club activities and rides. Remember, beginning this month, there will be "sweep" riders in charge of making all rides comfortable for beginners and those of us who are out of condition, or those of us who just like a slower pace. In fact, Jerry Yeast took me at my word (in last month's newsletter, I challenged all out-of-shape riders to meet me on the first ride in April), and assigned me to be the first sweep rider, on April first. Well, at least I know of one person who reads the newsletter!

Welcome, new and re-signing members, to our QCBC family. Come join me at the back of the pack this month!!

ALBANY, IL: James Schnitzmeyer.

BETTENDORF, IA: Sharon White Anderson, Carl and Denise Bulat Family, Louie and Beth Fisher Family, Nancy Howes, Robert and Holly Ramsay Family, and Jim Tiedje.

CLINTON, IA: Don Jessen.

DAVENPORT, IA: Tom and Janette Felts Family, Maureen Fitzgerald, Joseph and Linda Getz Family, Nancy Goppelt, Jeanne Jurgens, John Keils, Jerry King, Jim and Mary Martin Family, Larry Meyer, Terry and Joan Russell Family, and Gary Schafer.

DEWITT, IA: Doug Lomsdaler.

ELDRIDGE, IA: Bobbi Alpers and Kurt Ullrich.

GENESECO, IL: Jack and Frances Drews Family.

MADISON, WI: John Fluette.

MANITOWOE, WI: Charles Perdue.

MOLINE, IL: Robert Dick, and Greg and Cathy Spoon Family.

PORT BYRON, IL: Laura Foster, and Terry and Judy Spencer Family.

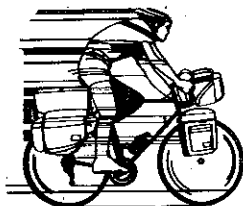
PROPHETSTOWN, IL: Joel Johnson.

RIVERDALE, IA: William and Mary Rehmann Family.

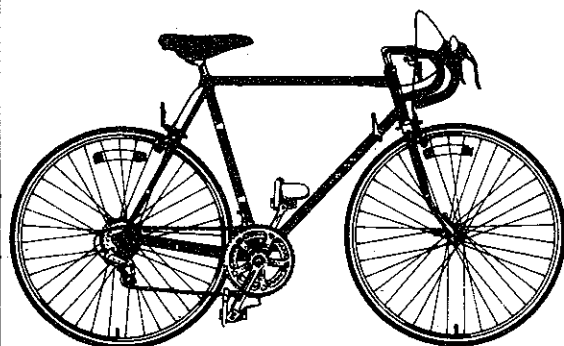
ROCK FALLS, IL: Roy Sharp.

ROCK ISLAND, IL: Ronald and Julie Gardner Family, Steve Lousberg, and Kris Strayer.

SILVIS, IL: Joe Hernandez.



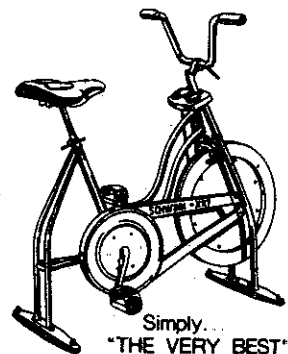
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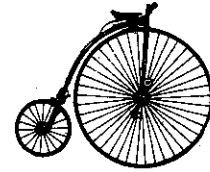
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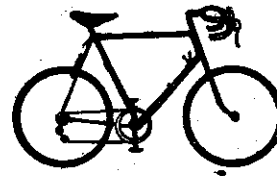
If you haven't mailed in your TOMRV registration yet, you should not delay much longer, because registrations are running ahead of previous years, and it appears the limit of 1000 will be reached before the final cutoff date of June 1.

A change in the Saturday night entertainment has also been announced. The committee felt that most TOMRV participants had tired of the awards program which had been held for the past several years in the Clarke Auditorium. This year, a band has been hired, and will perform on the patio of the Union for dancing and listening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Beer and soft drinks will be for sale in the Union.

An adequate supply of TOMRV brochures is still available. If you know of persons or groups that want them, have them write to: Sheri Power, 5450 Taylor St., Davenport, IA 52806, or call her at 391-5466. Brochures are also available at local bicycle shops.

ABC Ride...

Don't miss this one on May 27th. The ABC Ride, sponsored by Jerry and Sparky's. There will be three rides of different distances, with refreshments and prize drawings. Watch for registration and details in next month's newsletter!



RAGBRAI XII...

QCBC RAGBRAI XII CHARTER NEWS

The QCBC has again arranged for transportation to the starting point of RAGBRAI. The club will secure "Fee Paid" tags for members at a cost of \$15 each. Transportation will again be \$50.00 per person. Make your check payable to QCBC for \$65.00, and mail to:

Dave Lefever
1126 Bunker Hill Court
Bettendorf, IA 52722

You will receive confirmation upon receipt of your check. No reservations will be held without a check.

Due to an early cutoff date by the Des Moines Register, your reservation should be in as soon as possible.

Additional information will be in next month's newsletter.

Bike-A-Thon...

The American Cancer Society's Illinois Adult Bike-A-Thon will be held Sunday, May 6th, 4:00-7:00 PM on the Rock Island Arsenal. There will be prizes for: highest team pledge, highest individual pledge, highest pledge-sponsor, most team laps, most individual laps, and most cleverly dressed team. Teams consist of 4-6 riders. Prize night will be held after May 23rd.

---Fred Carman
Bike-A-Thon Committee Person
and QCBC Member

Upcoming Races

The following central region race schedule was sent to the club in late 1983, and therefore should not be considered etched in concrete. The Dubuque Eagle Point Criterium, April 28, for instance, has been cancelled.

APRIL

- 21--Cyclone 500, Ames, Iowa
- 22--Encantadas II, Roland, Iowa
- 29--Old Capitol Criterium, Iowa City, Iowa

MAY

- 4-6--Criteriums, Chicago Area
- 5--St. Charles Road Race, St. Charles, IL
- 5--Waukeee Olympic Qualifying Bicycle Races
- 6--Crystal Lake, Illinois, Criterium
- 6--Terrace Hill Climb, Des Moines, Iowa
- 6--Governor's Cup Criterium, Des Moines, IA
- 6--Oak Park, Illinois, Criterium
- 6--Capital Concourse, Madison, Wisconsin
- 19--Milwaukee Cat. 2-3-4 Jr. and Women's
SELF Event
- 25--Muscatine-Burlington Road Race
- 26--Snake Alley Criterium, Burlington, IA
- 27--Melon City Criterium, Muscatine, IA
- 28--Moline Bud Light Criterium

JUNE

- 9--Galesburg, Illinois, Criterium
- 16--Sterling, Illinois, Criterium
- 17--Off to the Races, Rockford, Illinois
- 23--Illinois District T.T.
- 24--Illinois District Road and Criterium,
Des Moines, Iowa
- 30--Leroy, Illinois, Criterium

JULY

- 1--Criterium, Springfield, Illinois
- 4--St. Louis, Missouri, Criterium
- 14-22--Milwaukee Superweek

AUGUST

- 5--Chicago Criterium
- 25--Moonlight Criterium, St. Louis, MO
- 25--Stage Race, St. Louis to Chicago

SEPTEMBER

- 8--Pekin, Illinois, Road Race
- 8--Milwaukee Race
- 9--Wuchter Memorial Race, St. Louis, MO
- 9--Bloomington, Illinois, Race

Contact Terry Burke, 797-3790, for further details.

CBONPW

The Chief Blackhawk Overnight PowWow #6 (CBONPW) is scheduled for May 12-13, 1984. Many QCBC members have attended this very fine ride in past years, and highly recommend it. This is a two-day bicycle tour of a small area of North-Central Illinois. It covers a scenic area of the Rock River Valley from Sterling, Illinois, to the White Pines State Park and back. Total mileage will vary from 70 to 90 miles, as there is a choice of routes on the first day's ride. The route passes through seven towns, and provides several interesting historical points.

The NorthWest Illinois Bicycle Club will provide food stops each day, and will provide vehicles to carry luggage. Overnight accommodations will be in the White Pines State Park in a reserved group area, with ample space to set up tents. Cabins are also available.

A \$16 registration fee includes two big meals (Saturday night hog roast and Sunday morning all-you-can-eat breakfast), patch, camping fees, and "guaranteed weather of some kind". Due to past history of the ride, the NWIBC recommends that "part of your necessary travel wardrobe be scuba gear, with cleated flippers".

Applications must be received before May 1st, and are limited to 200. I have an extra brochure, if you're interested, or you may register by contacting:

Jerry Knox CBONPW
3802 Woodlawn Road
Sterling, Illinois 61081



Easter Patch Ride

April 22nd - 1:00

Arsenal Island

Thinking About Fall?

Here I am again, writing about fall with spring still around the corner. But if you wish to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage of Wisconsin, spring is the time to begin planning. This year's Fall Foliage Ride centers around Platteville, Wisconsin. Platteville is located 95 miles north of the Quad Cities (about 2 hours' drive) in a wooded and hilly region of southwestern Wisconsin. The ride will be a two-day tour on October 13th and 14th. We have moved the date a weekend later, hoping to hit the peak of fall color.

On Saturday, the ride will begin at 10:00a.m. at the Governor Dodge Motel in Platteville. The 10:00a.m. start will allow ample time to drive from the Quad Cities on Saturday morning. The ride will be to Mineral Point, with stops at First Capital State Park, Belmont Mound observation tower (provides a scenic view of surrounding countryside), and Belmont, with occasional regrouping. Mineral Point will be the lunch stop, and also will provide a look into the historic past of Wisconsin.

Returning to Platteville, we will stop and climb the big "M", a tribute to the mining engineers of Wisconsin. The ride will total 52 miles. Time now for a swim and sauna at the Governor Dodge Motel, to rest and relax that tired body. Then off to the Timbers Supper Club for a family-style dinner at reasonable cost (approximately \$6.55 with tax and tip). Dinner will be in the main dining room, highlighted by the playing of an incredible theater organ. Dinner reservations must be made through me by September 15th.

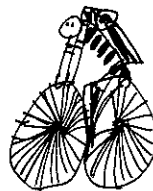
Sunday's ride will again begin at the Governor Dodge Motel. This ride will be to Lancaster, with stops at Potosi (Potosi beer) and occasional regrouping. Sunday's ride is challenging and very scenic, with the road curving through river valleys or climbing to ridges high above the surrounding countryside. Lunch will be in Lancaster. Note the glass-domed County Courthouse. Returning to Platteville, the ride will total 47 miles.

This year's Fall Foliage Ride could be the most scenic tour of Wisconsin yet. The rivers, valleys, ridges, and parks will provide a spectacular view of the Wisconsin foliage. The ride route uses lightly-traveled county roads as often as possible, and main highways are traveled only short distances, and during periods of light traffic. This will be a social (slow paced-approximately 10 miles per hour) but challenging ride, where low gears, hearty meals, and some pre-Fall Foliage Ride training are strongly recommended.

The Governor Dodge Motel is the only available motel in Platteville. Accommodations should be made as soon as possible. There are only 75 units available, but all will be taken by October tourists. The next closest motel is in Dickeyville, 11 miles away. Reservations should be made now! I will attempt to coordinate rooms for those wishing to share costs. I will also attempt to connect people wishing to ride by bicycle to Platteville, as some have done in the past.

If you would like to attend the Fall Foliage Ride and have questions or problems, or if you would like additional information or dinner reservations, feel free to call Verle or Sue Dau at 386-1224 (evenings).

For motel reservations, contact:
Best Western Governor Dodge Motor Inn
Highway 151
Platteville, Wisconsin 83818
(608)348-2301



Please state you're with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club, as we may be able to obtain a discount if we qualify.

Additional motel in Dickeyville:
Plaza Motel
Highways 151, 61 & 35
Dickeyville, Wisconsin 53808
(608)568-7562

---Verle Dau

There will be no sag wagon to haul gear for the April 7th campout ride to Loud Thunder. Each person will be responsible for his/her own gear. Cooking equipment would be appreciated, if someone has suitable gear. Check your ride schedule for starting time and place.

Free Criterium T-Shirts*

*Will be given to volunteers who help with the Moline Criterium.

This year's Criterium will be bigger and more exciting than ever before. This year for the first time, there will be a 10k running race before the bicycle races, sponsored by the Easter Seal Foundation. There will also be a 1-mile run, and the Criterium will be a National Prestige Classic. So, there will be more jobs to be done the day of the race.

Help is still needed with:

1. Course Preparation---6:00a.m.
Sweeping, fencing, hay bales and barricades
2. Corner Marshalls---10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.
4 shifts (corner marshalls are also needed for the running race)
3. Registration---9:00a.m.
4. Cleanup---5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Sign up early to get the job you want. Call Don Davis at 788-0753, until 11:00p.m.

Bike and Hike Fair

I am inviting you to participate in a bicycling event that will be the first of its kind in Iowa. Many clubs have annual swap and sell type meetings. Many clubs promote bicycling through educational endeavors. Many encourage bicycle touring and fellowship with other cyclists by providing special rides. We know that there are many beginning and experienced cyclists that because of communication gaps, lack of quality bicycle shops or few cycling friends; simply do not hear about fine opportunities available. We intend to bring all facets of bicycling under one roof for a short one day exposure opportunity for all cyclists in Iowa. A Bike and Hike Fair.

On Saturday, April 14th in the Des Moines South Suburban YMCA Building from 8:00 to 1:00 will be found:

1. League of American Wheelmen---Bicycle USA Booth
2. League of Iowa Bicyclists Booth
3. Booths containing information on various rides and events in Iowa, 1984
4. Bicycle and hiking shops displaying merchandise
5. Workshops on topics like; proper bike fit, basic bike maintenance, cycling in traffic, injury prevention, tandeming, and others
6. Biking and hiking equipment to swap or sell
7. Numerous people to talk bicycling and events to any who ask.



The Y is about 1 mile east of the Des Moines Airport at 1000 SE Porter. Areas for display of goods and/or services will be set up in the gymnasium with workshops scheduled in classrooms and auditorium. Food will be available in the hallway. Items to swap or sell will be labeled, identified and priced on tags, and money collected at a central location. Groups or persons displaying ride information may wish to actually sign up interested persons and hand out brochures. Bicycle shops may set out any variety of merchandise. We wish to inform, teach, interest and encourage cyclists to participate in not only your ride or club, but to get involved in bicycling.

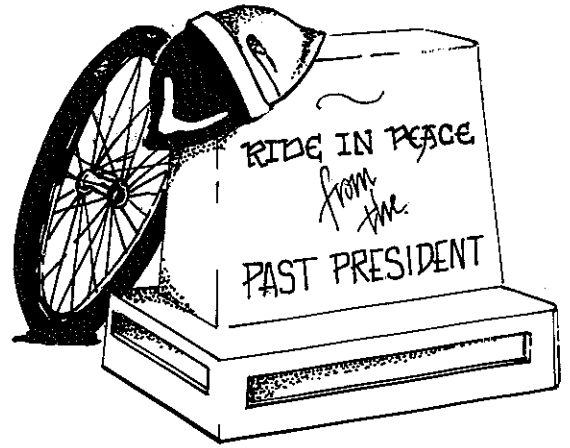
We also plan to offer bike riding opportunities that afternoon, beginning around 1:15 to 1:30 with various difficulties and distances for the many experience levels represented. Contact Linda Orvis, South Suburban YMCA Center, 1000 SW Porter, Des Moines, IA 50315, phone at 515-285-0444.

SINCERELY THROUGH BICYCLING,

Ernie Fisher

ERNIE FISHER
LAW NORTH CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVE
PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE OF IOWA BICYCLISTS

This is the second report from your past president, and Lorraine said I could even have a masthead for the column this time. Continuing with my observations, it was gratifying to attend the new administration's first board meeting and see such an excellent attendance at Paul's home. I was impressed with the business atmosphere, and all the plans for 1984 that were being formulated. Cindy Scheibelhut's apple pie made the biggest hit of the evening, and as a result, future excellent attendance should be assured.



Winter bicycling started early this year, and at least someone has shown up for the scheduled rides. Saturday, December 3rd, was nice enough for 22 QCBC members for a ride to Walcott. Jeanne O'Melia and her son, Bryan, were among the group enjoying the day. Only Butch Bobenmoyer and Shell Dhuyvetter were in attendance on the more snowy, cold day of December 10th. Regulars on the Wednesday rides are Leon VanCamp, Bob Nuckles, Eleanor Koenig, Danny Smith, Jean Kelly, and not-so-regulars such as Jerry Yeast, Bill Schaumber, Mary Dorsch, and Carol Feeny at least show up for breakfast and conversation.

One of the stronger winter riders is a new member, Tina Nelson. She normally rides off with more avid winter riders such as Dennis Buckley, Jim Keyoth, Errol McCollum, etc. I understand she plans to race next year.

My final comment concerns the Winter Picnic. It was a typical Les and Jan Truelson performance. You know it's going to be a success when Les is in charge. Thanks to Brian Gittings for the excellent fire, Tom Duke of Bike America for the generous door prize won by John Thier, the great chili prepared by Les and Jan, and the nice turnout by all of you. Some rode out to Scott County Park, and the rest came to enjoy the skiing, tobogganing, and just good fellowship. We received coverage by TV 4 and 6. Hope those who weren't there saw it. A good time was had by all, and am sure it will be remembered.

---Carter LeBeau





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Unsung Heroes?

MOUNTAIN BIKE ODYSSEY---SUNDAY, MARCH 4th

Though this was not an extended journey, I'll call it an Odyssey anyhow. During the Club road ride under beautiful clear skies on the 3rd, Tom Duke, of Bike America, suggested getting together the following morning for a MB ride. At 8:30, four riders left from Bike America. If any of you happened to poke your nose out from under the covers that morning, you know that the snow was really coming down.

Tom led us over no roads and back roads to Illiniwek Forest Preserve. From there, it was all following "The Duke". All the trails were obscured by 3 inches of snow. On the last downhill, we had to hang onto the bike with one hand while we slid down, grabbing a tree now and then to stop. From there, it was off along the "Old Miss", railroad tracks, and back to Bike America.

I wish all of you could have been along. It was what Mountain Bikes are all about!

---Jim O. Hanson

RIDE TO WILTON---SUNDAY, MARCH 4th

After 45 QCBC members enjoyed a beautiful Les Truelson production on Saturday, March 3rd, which was a ride from the Village Pancake House in Moline to Shadow Lake, a few of us decided to plan a ride to Wilton on Sunday. We met at 7:30a.m. at the Eastern Avenue Bike Path, and took off promptly.

The weather was beautiful--just like Saturday. But at 8:00a.m., after we crossed the interstate on Rt. 6, it started to snow. We all agreed it would just be a few flurries, and so kept going west to Walcott. One of the group said he had a memory of a snowstorm that had stopped us on a similar ride to Wilton some years ago. In fact it was, as they recalled, the first weekend in March, also. Could lightning strike again? Someone remembered Lorraine Roth was part of that infamous event. In fact, we discussed how we were saved by a kind citizen with a van that picked up all six of the riders and their bikes, and returned us to Davenport. This was documented by a club photographer, and the evidence still is in the archives of the Candy Kitchen in Wilton.

Anyway, the March 4, 1984, gang kept going. The snow flurries started to cover the grass and fields. Next, we noted it was staying on the highway. Could we make it to Walcott? It was snowing so hard, we had to get off and walk.

Someone said, "This is impossible! We need help!" Recalling the van episode prompted someone to hitchhike for the group. Several vans, pickups and cars passed us--but all smiled kindly. Finally, a semi-trailer stopped, and it looked like our prayers were answered. The driver said he was a long distance hog transporter, but we were welcome to ride into Durant if we wished. Condition of the trailer didn't seem to discourage anyone. We all boarded, as the snow was really heavy now. It looked like a good day for cross country skiing--not bicycling.

We arrived in Durant, and the driver dropped us at the convenience store. We took turns calling home, until we got a couple cars to drive out and pick us up. Photos were taken, and we all agreed to show them at the next annual meeting.

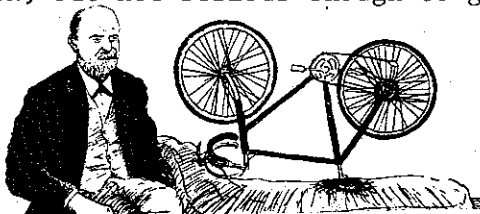
You will note no names of this group have been mentioned. This was decided by the reporter to protect the identity of the stupidity of this venture. Possibly by the annual meeting, we won't care!

---Anonymous

MARCH 7th

Just returned from the Wednesday ride, which went to Buffalo and return. Snow all the way back, but not serious enough to get into a cattle truck. Spring only 14 days away!

---Still Anonymous



HELP!

Moline Bike-Running Trail Clean Up Trash and Brush Day will be April 21 (Saturday) starting at 8:00AM, until completion. Volunteers needed--please bring work gloves and tools for clearing brush. Parking at Greenvalley Park Ball Diamonds, located at the end of 6th Street, Moline. If you have questions, contact Tom Duke at 755-5575 or 787-8716.

Criterion Raffle

MOLINE CRITERIUM FEATURES
BICYCLE AND AIRLINE TICKETS

In addition to the bicycle offered previously as a raffle ticket prize, this year we will also offer a pair of MVA system tickets (donated by Mississippi Airlines). A 12-speed Nisiki has been donated by World of Bikes Ltd. Three thousand \$1.00 tickets were printed, but historically only half are ever sold, which translates to pretty good odds for winning.

Raffle tickets for club members to sell in support of the Criterion will be available at the April club meeting, or from Terry Burke, 5617 - 32nd Ave. Ct., Moline, 797-3790. These tickets are relatively easy to sell; in 1983, Bob Banach and family sold over 100, Don Davis sold at least 65, and Les Truelson over 40.

Please turn stubs and money into Terry Burke by May 25th.

McBicycle Parking

McDonald's on the Bike Path have announced that they will provide a new parking place for their customers' bicycles early this spring. A paved area with racks will be constructed just outside the dining room windows to the north, above the path. Access will be from the parking lot only.

McDonald's hopes to provide better bike security for you, and to eliminate the inconvenience to other customers caused by bikes parked on the walk-way into the building.

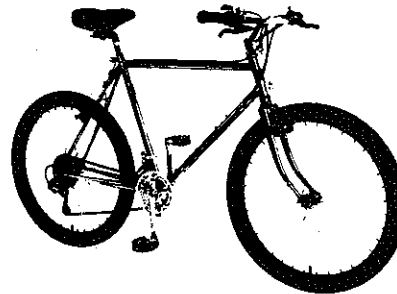
---Bob Nuckles

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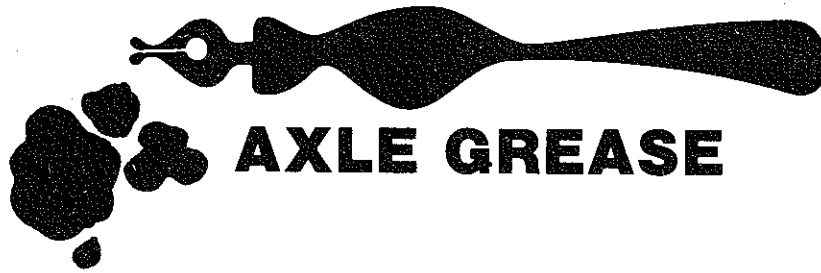
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WANTED: Bugger trailer. Call Don at 391-2244 or 386-2941.



AXLE GREASE'S GLOSSARY OF QCBC BIKING TERMS

- 1) Piece of Cake: an arduous 95-plus-mile ride in 96-plus-degree weather, or similar expenditure of energy.
- 2) A Walk in the Park: same as above, with a 25-mile-an-hour headwind.
- 3) A Hanger: a bike that is left hanging in the garage year round, e.g. a heavy, balloon-tired bike you thought was a good buy.
- 4) Riding Sweep: the last person to come in after a day-long bike tour, e.g. a new rider, or more likely an older rider with frequent stops for a cold one.
- 5) A Cold One: a cold one.
- 6) Frey Factor: subtract 20%, e.g. a 100-miler is an 80-miler.
- 7) "Great Weather for Biking": less than 1 foot of snow on the roadways.
- 8) A Tight Cluster: a) a closely-packed tour group
b) a group of gears with very slight variation from one to another, as in road racing gears
c) the crowd at Boob's in McCausland.
- 9) Committee Chairperson: you're it, baby, unless you are very persuasive and get some other fish to help you.
- 10) Stiff Muscles, or Sore From Riding, or I Feel It, or Got to Get in Shape: all are polite ways of saying "sore fanny".
- 11) Regroup: to drop exhausted at a stop sign with the excuse that you are waiting for the rest of your gang to catch up and reaggregate.
- 12) Gear Ratios, Down Tubes, Spoke Variations, Frame Angles: something that the other guy always knows about.
- 13) Sag Wagon: a motor vehicle with bikers' supplies, especially love and understanding.
- 14) Patch Ride: the participants are awarded a cloth emblem; the insignia may be insignificant, but it's neat.
- 15) Eight O'Clock: that's when the rides start.
- 16) Eight-o-four O'Clock: you missed it.
- 17) Debriefing: review of a ride, immediately following the ride, over pop and cookies; usually personal exploits, valor and bravado are included.

Hardcore Haven

SATURDAY, MARCH 10th

Twelve riders met at Hardee's for coffee to ride on a very cold day. Bob Frey entertained us all with "war stories", and we invented a new table game. It is called "my favorite restaurant, movie, actor, etc." This happened at Kuehl's Tavern (best ham sandwiches in Iowa). Thanks to Danny Smith for providing homemade pizza, beverages, hospitality, etc., after this ride. Thanks also to Danny for his uninterrupted Bike Across America videotapes!

---Les Truelson

