

QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1976

As the Summer bicycling season draws to a close, we still have a few new members to welcome to the club: Salvatore Amato, William Powers, Tom Wheelan, and J. Witmer of Rock Island; Ann Wagener of Davenport; Robert Banash of Bettendorf and Mike Romanowski of East Moline.

Regular meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in rooms above the drive-in of The Rock Island Bank at 5th Ave. & 17th St., Rock Island

OCTOBER SCHEDULED RIDES * * * * *

Sun., Oct. 10, 1:30 p.m. Savanna Ridge Road - Meet at Judd Law farm, 1 mi. N. of the Savanna Hospital. Ride part or all of the scenic ridge road, 16 miles to its junction with highway 20, easy pace. Handel's Steak House is 5 miles up the road. Ask the Pattons to reserve for you if you want to join the group for dinner after the ride. Leaders, Claude & Gwen Patton (762-4566).

Sun., Oct. 17, 10 a.m. Scott County Park ride and picnic, - Meet in main parking area, ride 7 miles in the park and to Walnut Grove Pioneer Village and 12 mile circuit through Long Grove with return to park for picnic. Bring your own lunch. Easy pace. Leader, Ed Anderson (391-8709).

Sat., Oct. 23, 8 a.m. North Scott County Circuit - Choice of either 50 mi. or 25 mi. Meet at East end of Lindsay Park, Davenport, ride through Bettendorf, Argo, McCausland, Scott County Park, Long Grove, Eldridge. Medium pace. Leader, Roy Rousseau (355-6562).

REVIEW OF LATE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER RIDES

'Twas a great ride to Dixon and Lost Nation on August 21 - the corn was pretty tough but otherwise all had a good day.

Seeing the fun to be had in Dixon, several unscheduled rides were taken to DeWitt on Aug. 28, Donahus on Sept. 5 and McCausland on Sept. 6. All these towns had celebrations with tractor pulls, horse shows and food. They should be considered for next year.

The first annual couples ride to West Branch was held Sept. 4. The Kayoths, Freys, LeBeaus and Mike Romanowski and Ann Wagener enjoyed the great weather and the many stops. Bob Frey was in charge of "beverage stops" which he found in Wilton, Moscow, Attalissa, West Branch, etc. He failed in Downey and Spring Grove. Maybe this ride could be called a "Happiness Tour"?

The Sauk Trail Century Sept. 12 had 48 riders, 30 completing the Century and 18 the Half Century. Temperature was in the 70's with a strong Southwind that made it hard going at times. Riders ranged in age from 11 to 68. The 68 year old was biking to St. Louis for a football game, says he does it every year. Also one rider did the 108 miles on a balloon-tire single-speed Schwinn.

Denny Murphy and Elisabeth Schwogler were the first to return from the 108-mile ride about 4 p.m. Bob Frey, Carter LeBeau, Gordon Hautman and Steve Smith were among the last to come back between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

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Lorraine Roth attended the Gemuetlichkeit Days in Jefferson, Wis. on Sept. 18. There were about 80 riders participating.

On Sept. 19, 44 were out on the Scott County Loop with Don Bates. Bob Banash said the 45 miles seemed like nothing after completing his first Century the week before.

Several members rode the Iowa City Century on a cold, dark Sept. 25. Among them were Jim Keyoth, Kent Kraft, Todd Windeknecht, Don Bates, Sr. & Jr. and Carter LeBeau. Terry Burke, Fred Blessin, Lorraine Roth and Elizabeth Schwægler rode the half century. The route was very pleasant and traffic free, through North Liberty, Oxford, West Liberty and West Branch.

CARTER LE BEAU notes some interesting experiences as follows: "Had two confrontations with motorists who dusted us off. Frank Wallace and I experienced one near Walcott Sept. 11. The driver stopped and we read him the Iowa bike rules. Had the same thing with Bob Frey on Sept. 4 and was again glad to have the 1976 Iowa rule to quote. The three of us would recommend everyone carry this map at all times. Frank Wallace will attempt to get the Illinois Legislature to adopt it on their map. What we really need is the language on signs all over the country plus, "Violators will be prosecuted" (the statement follows):

BICYCLISTS

Iowa's roadways are shared by all vehicles. The Bicyclist rides with the traffic stream and is entitled to a full lane for his use. He is subject to all rules of the road as is the motor vehicle. Head lamp and rear reflectors are required for night operation.

Iowa's extensive paved county road system, local city streets, and special bicycle paths, where available, provide excellent route selections for the Bicyclist.

Bicycling the Iowa countryside is fun and energy efficient. Motorists, please have patience and share the roadway safely.

ELDRIDGE RACES GAIN POPULARITY IN 1976 * * * * *

Participation in the weekly Wednesday night races and training rides increased this Summer with outside USCF competition for Jeff Bradley and tourist riders training for RAGBRAI (some tavern training included). Some nights had 12 - 15 participants in the racing group alone, which provided some exciting competition for the 40 miles. Undoubtedly the weekly "bike nite" and a place to sit down and talk about racing and training are excellent inducements.

In the points department, the seasons total were as follows:

Jeff Bradley (SRC)	78
Mel Bradley (QCBC)	54
Neil Davis "	37
Todd Windeknecht "	36
Jacque Bradley (SRC)	36
Kent Kraft (QCBC)	32

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Several riders show promise of placing in USCF races next year. Todd Windknecht, riding in the Junior class, improved greatly but had several typical first-year accidents. Kent Kraft had similar problems in Cat. III & IV, and "Campy Knees" Keyoth has much potential in Veterans Time Trial. Both Reed Loeffgren and Don Michael seem to have the necessary horsepower to compete in USCF races.

Neil Davie, Mel Bradley, Jeff and Jackie Bradley (SRC) already are at the top or near the top of their respective USCF classes and none of them shows any let up of the hard determination necessary for a successful racer. All in all, next year looks like a good one for QCBC area racing.

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Fred Blessin throws in this question for your consideration:

SHOULD THE CLUB FURNISH INSTRUCTION IN CORRECT CYCLING?

The League of American Wheelmen is beginning a project of training courses directed by John Forester, author of EFFECTIVE CYCLING. He is setting up 11 week courses consisting of about 1/3 lectures and 2/3 actual cycling. Graduates will be awarded Effective Cyclist Certificates and Patches issued by the League.

Burton Persson, Superintendent of Davenport Schools Adult Education, said that if the Club wants to put on a course, or a special program, the schools would furnish classroom or auditorium and schedule it in their adult education brochure which goes to 30,000 people.

Think about it and be ready for some decision-making at our meeting next Tuesday.

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In case you weren't at the September meeting, the slate of officers presented by the Board of Directors is as follows:

President - Don Bates / Carter LaBeau
Vice President - Ben Gero / Judy Anderson
Treasurer - Dennis Murphy
Secretary - Jo Ann Lambrecht
Publicity - Brian Major
Newsletter Editor - Lorraine Roth

Further nominations from the floor will be encouraged prior to the election which will be held in November. Tentative plans are for a dinner meeting at Bishop's Cafeteria, Duck Creek Plaza on the second Tuesday of November (9th) with the program on the Bike-Centennial.