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Fellow bicyclists, we are faced with an immediate threat to our wallets unless our elected representatives hear from us. Representative William Boner of Tennessee has introduced a bill in Congress that will raise the import duty on bicycles and components to 24%. This means the price of a \$300 bicycle will increase by about \$50, with similar increases on all bicycle parts which are purchased separately. Representative Boner introduced

this bill at the request of the Murray Corporation, and it is supported by the Bicycle Manufacturers Association (BMA) which consists of Murray, Huffy and Roadmaster. The BMA states that imported bicycles are hurting American manufacturers. However, an analysis of the facts reveals several other unstated reasons.

Huffy and Murray currently manufacture 70% of the bicycles sold in America, with almost all of this volume sold through department and discount stores. Murray also makes some of the Schwinn line, and Huffy entered into a manufacturing and marketing agreement with Raleigh two years ago. If the tariff increase is approved, Schwinn would probably be forced to drop some of its imported lines or have Murray make them. Raleigh would be under the same pressure as Schwinn, with Huffy manufacturing most of the Raleigh line. Domestic frame builders, like Trek, and hundreds of custom frame builders would also see their costs rise substantially.

Caught in the middle are the bike store owners, who will be forced to carry less inventory or a narrower product line. The end result is higher prices and less choice for the serious bicyclist.

Now, what should you do? The bill is scheduled to come out of the House Trade Subcommittee on September 25th, so by mid-October when you read this, the bill will be on the House floor. Write to your representatives to tell them you oppose House Bill H.R. 5754, sponsored by Representative William Boner of Tennessee. State why you oppose in a brief letter, be courteous and personal, and indicate how you will be affected. Urge your congressmen to actively oppose the bill.

In spite of President Reagan's free trade talk, he did approve a similar measure last year on imported motorcycles, at the request of Harley-Davidson. The time to act is now!

---Paul Scheibelhut



## Join Us This Month

QCBC MEETING

Tuesday, October 16th

Browning Museum

Rock Island Arsenal

7:00 P.M.



The Halloween Patch Ride will be on Sunday, October 28th, beginning at 1p.m. Wear your favorite disguise, and join the QCBC for our first patch ride of the season. Meet the ghoulies at the Duck Creek Park entrance to the Davenport Bike Path:

Once again, it is time to dress up your bicycle for one of the year's best fun rides, the Davenport Halloween Parade. The parade will be on Wednesday, October 31st, with formation starting at 6:00 P.M. and the parade starting at 7:00 P.M. We will line up on the drive between the LeClaire bandshell and John O'Donnell Stadium. This year's theme is Ghosts, Goblins and Witches, and trophies will be awarded to groups in various categories. This is a great family ride, the route is short and the pace is slow, so let's see all the kids, buggers, tandems and anyone else who wants a good time. For more information, contact Margaret Paulos (323-5745) or Paul Scheibelhut. We will even have our own contest, with a club T-shirt awarded for the best costume. Margaret and I will be the judges.

---Paul Scheibelhut

# Meeting Of The Board

The September 11, 1984, QCBC board meeting was held at the home of Paul Scheibelhut at 7:30 P.M. Those in attendance were Jerry Yeast, Paul Scheibelhut, Charles Sattler, Terry Burke, Leon VanCamp, Mary Dorch, Barb Tucker, Bill Langan, Warren Power, Denny Peterson, Lorraine Roth, and Jean Kelly.

Barb Tucker, treasurer, reported a balance of \$9100.27. Net amounts from the Moline Criterion, TOMRV, and RAGBRAI VII were as follows: \$1019.97, \$7889.17, \$1186.19. It was decided that a stipend of \$400 be given for the TOMRV secretary's out of pocket expenses, retroactive to include this year.

Warren Power, secretary, reported that membership is at about 654, with 45 of those being complimentary. The club may have a membership drive in the spring.

The Annual Dinner at the Viking Club, November 20th, was discussed. Denny Peterson and Bill Langan are putting it together. The meal will consist of two meats, vegetable, dessert, drinks and condiments for \$4, with the club subsidizing \$2 for each meal.

The club century ride is Sunday, September 23rd, under organization of Bruce Perry. LAW patches, part of a series of four, will be available.

The slate of officers has been printed in the newsletter, and will be voted upon at the October meeting.

The terms of Mary Dorch, Linda Powers and Terry Burke are terminating, but they are eligible for reappointment. The president will make the final appointments.

The Moline Criterion has grown to the point that it may be necessary to incorporate a new organization to handle the work.

More club T-shirts are in the process of being ordered. New "Share the Road" bumper stickers are going to be ordered.

There is legislation pending in the House of Representatives that would place an import duties tax of 24% on bikes and parts. The Bicycle Manufacturers Association, comprised of Huffy, Roadmaster and Columbia, are promoting it.

---Jean Kelly  
Recording Secretary

An attempt to inventory and audit club property is under way. If you currently have any of the QCBC's equipment in your possession, please notify Warren Power in writing at 5450 Taylor Street, Davenport, IA 52806, as soon as possible. We need a COMPLETE listing of exactly WHAT we own, and WHO has it!

Just a reminder, club jerseys are still available, at a cost of only \$22 each. Now is the perfect weather for wearing jerseys. If you don't have one yet, or need a replacement, contact Mike Smith, 386-5424.

Send newsletter contributions to:  
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# Treasurer's Report

Sept. 10, 1984 -- Balance on Hand -- \$9100.27

Cash	\$ 7.68
Checking	245.14
Money Market	8714.22
Savings	133.23

Criterion Fund	\$1019.97
General Fund	8088.30

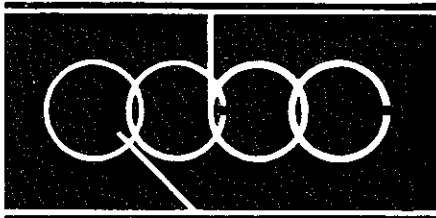
Balance -- August 10, 1984 \$9178.82

Receipts through September 10  
\$1743.69

RAGBRAI	\$962.19
Membership	284.00
Picnic	270.00
Jerseys	177.50
Other	50.00

Disbursements	\$1822.24
Service Fees	\$175.00
Newsletter	701.30
RAGBRAI	115.00
Picnic	728.84
Moline Criterion	102.10

---Barbara Tucker



# Welcome!

With the onset of fall, our membership applications are coming at a slower pace. We do, however, encourage quality as well as quantity, and are pleased to welcome the following quality people to the QCBC roster:

Amy Burt -- Coal Valley, IL  
Joyce Herman -- Moline, IL  
The Joe and Mavis Jordan Family --  
Orion, IL  
Brian Kinman -- Silvis, IL

## Annual Dinner

The QCBC Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 20th, at the Viking Club in Moline. Chairpersons Denny Peterson and Bill Langan have the plans well under way for this event, and are in the process of getting tickets made, gathering door prizes, and finding volunteers to help pull it all off.

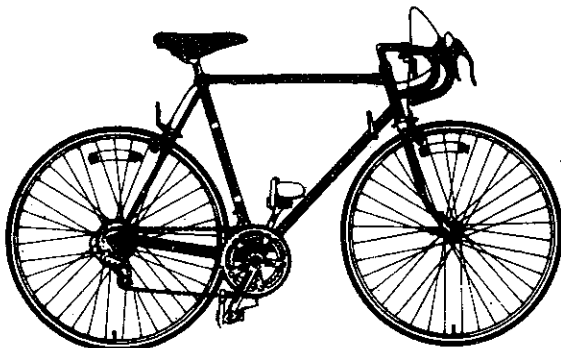
The program and awards will be kept to a minimum, so that members attending may enjoy the slides, pictures, videos, and movies which will be available for viewing.

The club is subsidizing a third of the cost, so dinner tickets will be only \$4.00 per person. They will be available in local bike shops soon, and MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. There will be no sales of meal tickets sold at the door on the 20th.

Denny and Bill would like to hear from you, if you'd like to help in making this a successful evening. If you can lend a hand, please call Denny at 391-3877.

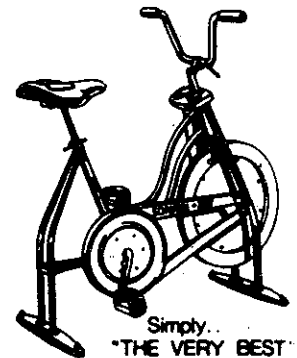
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# Another Great Dentist's Ride

On Wednesday, September 5th, 13 riders met at Bike America for a ride to Prophetstown. We prepared for the 70-plus mile trek by downing coffee cake and juice in a belated birthday celebration for Tom Duke.

Through the lifting fog, we rode a meandering route to avoid the morning traffic of East Moline and Silvis. The fog lifted, and the warming rays of the sun allowed us to begin peeling off the extra layers of clothing. Experienced QCBC members commented that the day's ride was a perfect warmup for fall rides.

Carter kept us on a tight schedule for the first half of the ride. There were more women than men on this ride, so someone had to keep us in line! On to Prophetstown, and the promise of a longer stop for lunch.

I had never pedaled on Hurd Road before. Everyone should do it once. But maybe once is enough unless you have a good chamois. Stomachs were beginning to growl, and Jean Kelly began pulling out in search of food.

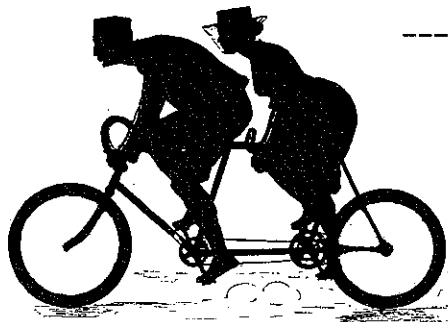
The big decision had arrived. Which establishment would we eat at? Would it be the Coffee Shop, the Pizza Pit, or the new place in town; Lawrence's Eatery? When in doubt, ask a local, right? Wrong! The "local" must have had shares of stock in Lawrence's Eatery.

I shouldn't be so critical of Lawrence's. They did serve their pop in bottles at the table, to the delight of Pat Larson and Celeste Tapia. But waiting an hour for hamburgers, soup, BLT's and tuna salad sandwiches was more than the hungry female bikers could take. Maybe the male bikers' table (excluding Jan Burke and Eleanor Koenig) were out to test our patience when they ordered breakfast items for lunch.

One and a half hours later, we began the trek back to East Moline. We bypassed Hurd Road on the way back, but we did stop at the Spring Hill Grocery Store. Many of us needed a sweet reward for surviving Lawrence's Eatery. On to Wainwright's. This time our excuse was caramel apples, and apple cider. Thank goodness for a tail wind after the last stop!

All in all, another great Wednesday Dentist Ride.

---Kathy, the Unemployed Teacher



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# Thanks!

A "Great Big Thank You" to Les and Jan Truelson and Carter LeBeau for helping to make the QCBC Picnic a big success. Without them, and the support of all you members, it could not have happened.

Thank you again! See you next year.

---Eleanor Koenig  
Chairperson

I would like to thank all the QCBC members who came up to Clinton on August 26th for the Clinton National Bank - Ride Around Clinton. You helped to make this ride a success, and we appreciate it. We hope all of you will be back in '85.

Thanks again!

---George Davis  
President  
Riverbend Bicycle Club

# Great Fun

250 people attended the QCBC Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 25th, at Emeis Park. Iowa pork chops and Whitey's ice cream highlighted the wonderful homemade dishes brought by our members. Old-fashioned children's games, as well as adult games, highlighted a very fine afternoon.

Thanks to the following merchants for their prizes provided:

Bike America-5 \$10 gift certificates  
Jerry & Sparky's-5 \$10 gift certificates  
Bike & Hike-5 \$10 gift certificates  
Anderson Schwinn-bike bag

Thanks to Eleanor Koenig for a job well done. Also, Brian Gittings really helped tremendously.

---Les Truelson

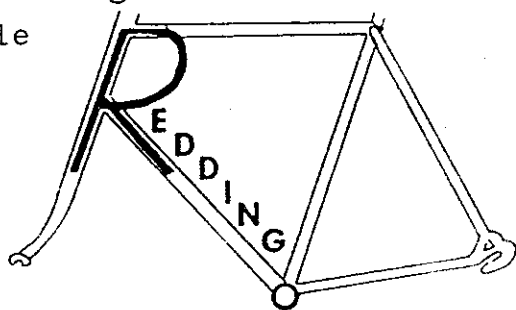
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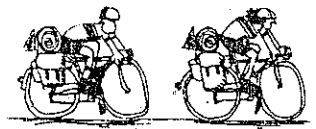
FOR SALE: Gitane Tandem. 23" front and 21" mixte rear, TA triple crossover, Avocets, all alloy. Like new. Asking \$650.00. Trades considered. Call Mike Smith at 386-5424.

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FOR SALE: 912 Miyata 19½" frame. Orange. Turbo-S tires. \$250. Excellent condition. Call Reuben Aukee at 755-9084 after 5 p.m.



# TIGER TALES: The Final Chapter



(continued from the September newsletter)

Sunday dawns with a bright promise of being as perfect a day as Saturday. A thick mist clings to the valley beyond the campus as we head for breakfast, which is another heavy-duty feed. Fueled up, we set our sights on Anamosa some fifteen miles away.

The big attraction in Anamosa is Slate's Clothing Store. Run by Price Slate, this store has much more than clothes. It is a museum and monument to one man, Grant Wood, and to one painting by Grant Wood, American Gothic. Slate has gathered into his store every available bit of information about Grant Wood's American Gothic, including a Russian magazine featuring an article about the famed artist. His walls are covered with the various renditions of the painting created by political cartoonists and advertisers; he has pictures of the house used as a backdrop in the painting (the house still stands near Eldon, Iowa). In the front window, draped on a clothing mannequin, a TIGER tee-shirt bears yet another version of the painting. And Price Slate, more Grant Wood cheerleader than museum curator, eagerly tells all he knows to the steady stream of bikers coming through his front door.

Our next stop, a few miles east of Anamosa, is another shrine to the memory of Grant Wood: the one-room schoolhouse where the artist learned his three R's as a child. "In memory of Grant Wood, 1982-1942, who attended this school from 1897 to 1901," says a small bronze plaque near the front door. Carma Thompson, a small woman old enough perhaps to have been a classmate of the Antioch School's most famous son, directs traffic to the various highlights around the room, which include reproductions of the artist's work.

As we roll away from the Anamosa area, I note we are still captive participants in a huge Grant Wood landscape of round hills, neat rows of corn and beans, round haystacks, men with big square shoulders, and women with stern, caring faces.

In Wyoming we stop at O'Brien's Swinging Door, which is the only open tavern in this two-tavern town, the other being Charlie Brown's Bar directly across the street. This is a dimly lit, stale-smelling sort of a place--but homey. And for Iowa on a Sunday, it will have to do. Before leaving town, we check with Denny Smallfelt, a local boy of 11 who rides a ravaged ten-speed with no brakes and a back wheel that looks like a pretzel, on the progress of the ride. He says they started coming through at 7 this morning. It is now 11; so, once again we are off the back.

Down the road in Oxford Junction (O.J. to the people in surrounding areas) life has not yet begun on this sunny Sunday. Main Street is very nearly an audible snore. We find provisions in the gas stations before going on to look for Lost Nation.

In Lost Nation, the Bethlehem Luther League has set up a food stand at the edge of town and is doing a land office business with the hungry bikers. Lynnette Pithan set up the food operation after hearing about the ride only last Tuesday. The money, she says, will help send about forty kids to a Luther League convention in Denver next year. She and several friends are eager to answer my main question about Lost Nation: "How did the town get its name?" Out of the many stories and legends purporting to explain the origin of the name, the one they agreed was probably most accurate told of a group of Indians who migrated from Canada, never to be seen again. The rest of the tribe came looking for the lost nation a few years later, did not find them, but settled in the area. Sounds reasonable.

Long Grove, that bend in the road just north of Eldridge, is closed on Sundays; so we forged ahead, reaching ride's end by 4 o'clock. At Eldridge we sample the porkburgers and watch the slide show. For two days a photographer has shadowed the ride, taking pictures of the people and places, and somehow has managed to develop the film (some 10 rolls of 36 pictures each, he tells us) into a slide show, complete with music. Awesome! Deja vu! We are surprised to see the star of the show, in the leadoff frame, is the stuffed tiger we bought yesterday in Tipton.

The painting has faded now into the long shadows of an Iowa evening. Rounded hills with their rounded trees and round haystacks and neatly ordered rows of corn slip now into the deep Iowa night; and we, with our broad backs and square shoulders and our sincere, stern faces will quietly leave this scene, hoping to return someday to again be a part of it, to bring it once again to life.

---William Leibman