

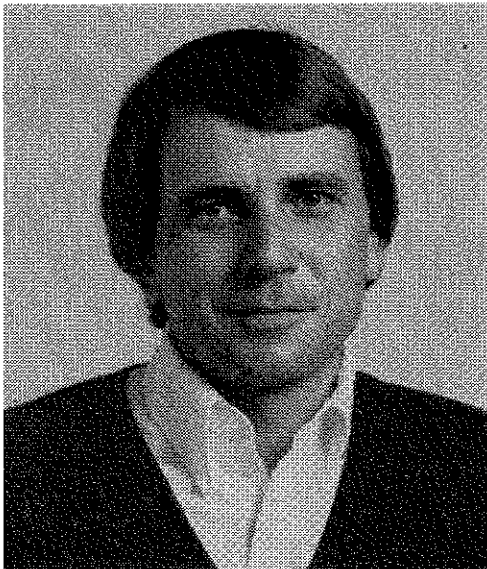


QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB

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"AT THE HUB OF TWO STATES"



Don't miss the Quad City Bicycle Club Annual Dinner! Good food, good company, and a chance to hear Iowa Boy Chuck Offenburger speak on "An Iowa Perspective." An Iowa native, Offenburger is the winner of more than 35 journalism awards. The QCBC knows him better as the co-leader of RAGBRAI. Much in demand as a public speaker, we are fortunate to have Chuck with us. Come and meet him.

DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 1987
TIME: Social hour - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Davenport Holiday Inn
North Brady Street
TICKETS: \$6.00 per person

Tickets are available until November 13 at:
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No tickets available at the door.

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President's Letter

It's hard to believe that my term of office will end this month. It seems like only weeks, not months, since I've taken over this position. But thinking over the past several months, much has been accomplished. We instituted a new Spring Picnic, which was one of the better attended events of the year. TOMRV had 1,000 registered riders for the first time in several years. Our club had about 350 riders on RAGBRAI, which was the largest contingent of any club. The Moline Criterium continued to grow in both participants and spectators. Both of the Century Rides and Double Century Rides were well attended. The Fall Picnic was another great success. All of our special rides, i.e. Patch Rides, Chili Ride, etc. were well attended. But probably most important is the fact that we had a significant increase in club membership over the past year, from about 650 to 750.

I wish I could take credit for all of these great accomplishments, but I can't. Instead, we have literally hundreds involved, some club members and some not, who volunteered to be committee chairpersons, committee members, sag drivers, corner marshalls, secretaries, board members, officers, editors, coordinators, and who knows what else. These are the people who make the above events, and the Club, a success. I just want to say thanks to all of you. Without you our club cannot be what it is today. Keep up the good work.

**Warren Power
President**

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Welcome New Members!

Jo Ann Moeller, Bettendorf, Iowa
Richard Walters, Davenport, Iowa
Judy & Steve Davis, Davenport, Iowa
Sheila & Ed Lillis, Rock Island, Illinois
Shirley Bost, Colona, Illinois
George Leiner, Moline, Illinois
Sandra Sedlock, Moline, Illinois

Thank you's

R.A.C.E.R. '87

(Rut's Annual Chili Eaters Ride '87)

Q.C.B.C. Ride "R.A.C.E.R. '87" held at Galesburg, Illinois, October 4 is "in the book."

People who helped make it all happen - sons, Dave and Jim; daughter-in-law, Rita; niece, Sue Jones; grandchildren, Chris and Jeannie; and Aunt Mary Shjeets. A big "thank you" to them is in order.

Also, a special thank you to all riders, who make it worthwhile.

WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME!!

Co-Chairmen:

The Ruts

Bob & Kate

To the QCBC RAGBRAI Planners:

To the Quad City Bike Club, from a satisfied RAGBRAI'er . . . "thank you for providing such excellent services the past two years on RAGBRAI . . . Keep up the great work!"

Joan Jensen Moran

The Club welcomes contributions to the newsletter from all members. You may submit your letters or articles or pictures to Cindy Mohr, Editor, QCBC, 3561 No. Willow Court, Bettendorf, Iowa, 52722., or P. O. Box 3575, Davenport, IA, 52808. The deadline is the 20th of each month.



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October 7, 1987

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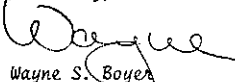
Dear David:

On behalf of the City of Davenport and its Park and Recreation staff, I would like to personally thank you and the representatives of the Quad-City Bicycle Club for participating in our dedication of the Duck Creek Parkway extension on Saturday, September 26, 1987.

The Quad-City Bicycle Club has a reputation as one of the finest in the country, and we are indeed fortunate to have you as an active part of our recreational community. Your attendance at this ceremony validates our concept of a multi-use trail system and adds support for our continuation of the project to the western part of the community.

Thanks again to you and all the members of the club whom I hope will enjoy the Parkway for many years to come.

Sincerely,


Wayne S. Boyer
Director

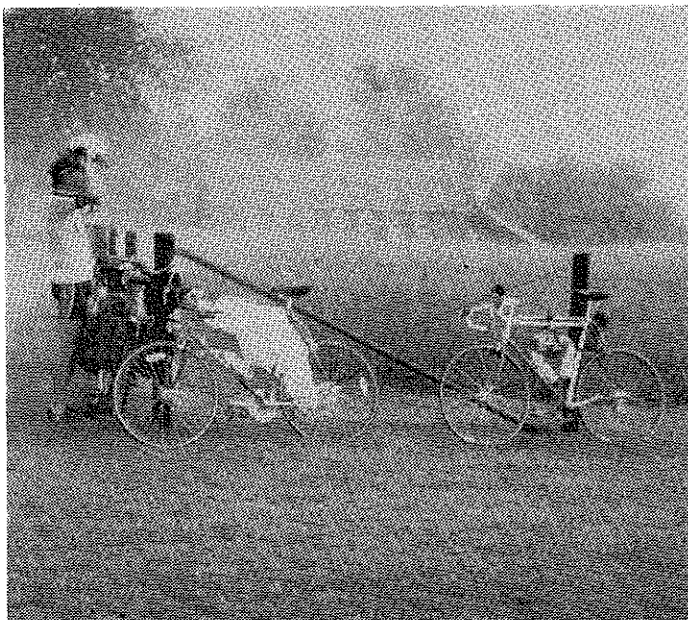
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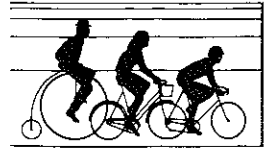
QCBC Fall Foliage Ride

Seventeen hearty bikers took part in the QCBC Fall Foliage Ride October 10 and 11. On Saturday, we rode from New Glarus to Brodhead, some 25 miles each way. The county roads were excellent, good surfaces and little traffic. Dave O'Melia had a flat tire outside of Brodhead and while several of us stopped to watch him repair it, a dalmation romped over to his bike and promptly marked his territory on Dave's bike bag. Leon VanCamp's rear wheel was also marked while the rest of us guarded our bikes. Saturday's ride was overcast and cool but everyone enjoyed the lovely scenery. Sunday was sunny and warmer as the day progressed, although the temperature was 24 degrees at 7:00 a.m. We rode to Mt. Horeb amid challenging hills and brilliant colored trees. An apple farm, outside of New Glarus, was a must stop for all riders and the sag wagon team. Hope to see all of you on next year's ride.

**Linda Howe
Reporter**



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Ride Reports

Sunday, September 20 - September Roll

It's a gloomy morning but five of us show up for a ride to Princeton. The group is Gayle Campbell; Bob from Bettendorf; Carter; Laurie, a new member on her first club ride; and myself. We stop in LeClaire and discover Sneaky Pete's is open. After breakfast and a decision to turn back and face the headwind, we visit the LeClaire Arts and Crafts Fair along the riverfront. Our return route takes us along Canal Shore Drive and the old highway through Pleasant Valley. At Bettendorf we continue our ride along the bike path to check the progress of the connecting link, which will be officially opened in one week. Back to Eastern Avenue and the end of a ride that would have been enjoyed by all those who say club rides are only for fast riders. There weren't any racers with us today.

**Linda Simander
Ride Reporter**

Fall Foliage '87

Thanks to creative planning by Linda and Clark Howe, Fall Foliage '87 was a weekend of super biking. Utilizing the scenic Sugar River Trail and county roads, Saturday's ride took us to lunch in Brodhead, WI. The return trip via tree shaded Park Road presented another sense around view of foliage color. Awe gave way to heartbreak when a long downhill loomed before us and a route arrow marked a right turn just over the rim of the downhill. Ahhh - the traditional hills of southwest Wisconsin. Not too many but just enough. One sooo steep that my nose dug the pavement at the bottom of a valley between two. Alas, a left turn and our long downhill to the Sugar River Trail. All rides are not without humorous incidences, as a friendly dog attempted to claim everyone's bike. Unfortunately he was successful in claiming

the bike of an unsuspecting biker changing a flat tire. Dinner at New Glarus Hotel - grrreat as usual.

Sunday and sunshine to enhance the fall color. County roads and a taste of the Military Ridge Trail took the group to Mt. Horeb. Shop tours and lunch at the best place in town - at least I think it was, since everyone was trying to eat there. The return route was new but still carried us past the Swiss Valley Apple Orchard. A favorite place to stop and load bikes and tummies with all kinds of apple foods and drinks. Brian and I enjoyed the ride in the van and Sue did the biking. P.S. - Brian slept most of the way.

Again, thanks to Linda and Clark for bringing new ideas and routes to the ride and doing a sooper job with sagging and marking the route.



**Ride Reporter
(ex-Fall Foliage
Chairman)
Verle Dau**

On the International Scene

The 750-mile bicycle tour from Paris to Brest and back to Paris, better know as Paris-Brest-Paris, took place in August.

Results were:

First Place man - Scott Dixon, Des Moines, Iowa

First Place Women - Kay Lynn Ryschon, Omaha, Nebraska

First Place Womens' Tandem - Patricia Brechler, Clawson, Missouri and Lou Hotton, Bloomfield, Missouri

First Place Mens' Tandem - Lon Haldeman and Bob Breedlove - they set a new record of 55 hours and 15 minute

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Scheduled Rides

Join the Club on one of their scheduled rides, it doesn't seem so cold when there is a large group of us riding together!

Sunday rides:

November 1 - ON THE ROAD
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path
48 miles

November 8 - ZEFAL ZINGER
Jaydon Distributing, Andalusia Rd.,
Milan
42 miles

November 15 - LONG GROVE
LOAFER
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path
34 miles

November 22 - NOT FAR TO GO TO
ARGO
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path
40 miles

November 22
THANKSGIVING DAY PATCH RIDE
1:00 p.m. - Duck Creek Park entrance
to Bike Path

November 29 - FALL'S LAST GASP
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path
26 miles

Saturday Rides:

November 7 - THE THREE B's BIKE IT
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path
37 miles

November 14 - UP RIVER PEDAL
Riverside Park, Moline, 45 miles

November 21 - TURKEY'S RIDE
Horace Mann School, Moline
50 miles

November 28 - GOBBLERS GAMBOL
Riverside Park, Moline, 42 miles

Wednesday, Dentists' Rides:

November 4 & November 18
Village Inn Pancake House,
53rd & 23rd Ave., Moline

November 25
McDonalds, Davenport Bike Path

Thanksgiving Day Ride - BIG BIRD'S LAST BASH

November 26
Eastern Avenue entrance to Bike Path

All rides start at 8:00 a.m. Refer to your
Ride Schedule for more information.

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Editor's Page

Cindy Mohr

I believe one of the best things to happen to bikers has been the development of bike trails throughout our state. While doing my research on the trails, I have become excited about what has been done by interested groups and individuals who have worked hard to convert railroad beds into nature trails for our enjoyment.

Iowa leads the nation in the conversion of abandoned railroad right of ways to bicycle trails with over 180 miles of trails in the state. Is this a surprise from a state that boasts one of the largest and best organized bicycle clubs as well as one of the largest, most successful organized bike tours in the world! We are truly a biking state. There's good news for the future also, as Governor Branstad has proposed another 400 miles be developed.

Towns Along the Way:

Elroy

Elroy is a scenic city of 1,600 winding through unglaciated splendor in southwest Juneau County. Situated on the Baraboo River.

Kendall

Kendall is located near the south end of the bike trail on Highway 71. The Department of Natural Resources has restored the Kendall train depot which is the major concessionaire and headquarters for the trail.

Sparta

Sparta, the seat of Monroe County, is a friendly Wisconsin community ready to welcome visitors. It is located on west end of the trail.

More good news is that the bad publicity in past years about unhappy farmers and land owners along the abandoned beds has subsided. They have realized the caliber of bikers is much higher than they anticipated and development along the trails in the way of snack bars and bed & breakfast inns has been a economic shot in the arm for some people. Motels, hotels and restaurants in the larger towns are also feeling the impact of the popularity of the trails.

As the Governor's office put it - there are 82 million bicyclists in the United States and with the additional 400 miles in Iowa, Iowa would become the place to go to ride bikes. Just think, we could be to bicyclists what Colorado is to skiers! Nice thought.

Enjoy the Elroy-Sparta State trail. Here, the old Chicago & Northwestern railroad bed has been converted to a hiking, bicycling and snowbiling trail. The trail is 32 level miles in length and passes through three tunnels and beautiful hills of the Hidden Valley's Country.

Wilton

Wilton is located between Tunnels No. 1 and No. 2 just about mid-trail. The village is a starting place for your trek on the trail. Pancake and sausage breakfasts are served Sunday mornings by the Wilton Lions Club, June through September.

Norwalk

The village of Norwalk is located on Highway 71 and is about four miles southeast of the longest tunnel on the trail. The area where the trail runs through has a restaurant with bike rentals, two excellent shelters, picnic tables, fireplaces and restrooms.

