

# QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB

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Linda Simander, Earl Strupp,  
Dick Wagner, Jerry Yeast

Южной Кореи Штат Аляска, где находится мой родной город, до сих пор помнит визит Хрущева на ферму Гарста... Я хорошо знаю историю второй мировой войны — сколько ваших городов было разрушено, сколько миллионов людей погибло. Третья мировая война была бы просто безумием. Поймите, это не просто слова ради какого-то политического престижа, это почувствовано и осознано всеми трезвомыслящими американцами»

Джим Олсон знакомит меня с 72-летним участником велопробега Джеком Тессманом: «Я увидел среди встречающих пожилого человека с орденами на планках на пиджаке. Узнал насколько мне позволяют знания русского языка, что здесь, в Сытьковке, есть братская могила, в которой захоронены около трех тысяч советских воинов, погибших в годы второй мировой войны. Я считаю себя сопричастным к событиям тех лет — с декабря 1942 по февраль 1943 года я служил на одной из авиабаз в штате Аляска, на которую прилетали советские летчики и переправляли американские самолеты (я даже помню их марку — Б-25 и Б-27) на советско-германский фронт. Эти самолеты поставались по ледяной дорожке. Вспоминаю как в тяжелых метеорологических условиях приходилось рука об руку помогать друг другу, чтобы дать старт этим самолетам в Россию, где шла ужасная война».

Снимок на память: Джек Тессман с ветераном Великой Отечественной войны Василием Михайловичем Полозовым, пенсионером, бывшим директором и учителем Сытьковской школы.

И совсем неожиданно... Пенсионерка Александра Семеновна Иванова, которая помогала готовить ужин, попросила перевести, что ее родной брат Иван Филимонов 1910 года рождения, боец Красной Армии, в годы Оккупации на 4 стр.

## Biking in the Soviet Union

Tuesday, October 17, 1989

7:00 p.m.

Palmer College Auditorium

MOSCOW - LENINGRAD

10.07.1989 - 21.07.1989

CYCLE PATHS FOR PEACE

Come and join members of the Russian cycling trip for an interesting and fun presentation of their experiences in the Soviet Union. The group travelled from Moscow to Leningrad in July of this year. Along with a slide presentation, there will be a display of photographs and souvenirs.

Members of the group are -  
Cindy Bottrell  
Dave Cinotto  
Linda Genther  
Dan Klutho  
Bill Noble  
Jim Olson  
Chuck Osteriech  
Jayne Phelps  
Judith Sargent  
Betty Sears  
Thiara Smith  
Amy Wall  
Dotty Weber  
Mike Woods

## From the President

I am trying to think of something clever to write about that will be of interest to you, but sometimes it just doesn't come. One thing of interest that I do want to share with you is that Steve Gay and his wife made an excellent presentation of their recent cycling experiences - primarily the Spenco 500. It wasn't your basic "Rocky" theme but one of the disappointment with training and sacrifice and settling for less than your goal. Luckily for Steve this was just one bike event and not life.

By the time you read, this the Fall Foliage Ride will have already taken place, and again I am one of the cyclists that stayed at home. Earl Strupp has put together a guaranteed good time, but the soccer games prevail. I trust you all saw some of the prettiest landscapes known to mankind.

I hope Dave Holmes has a good time doing the RAAM Qualifier in California during the month of October. We all wish him well and good luck.

Don't forget the overnigher on October 14 and 15 at Scott County Park's Sac Fox Campground. We will leave Eastern Avenue and the Davenport bike path at 1:00 p.m. Call me if you have questions at 381-3058.

The nominations were held and you will find the people and a brief summary of each in this newsletter. Please come to the October meeting and cast your vote. The nominations are as follows:

President - Griff Tucker  
Vice President - Dick Wagner  
Secretary - Bill Langan  
Treasurer - Eileen Wosoba

Board of Directors:  
Earl Strupp - 3 yr. term  
Randy Huebner - 3 yr. term  
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Three 3-year terms will be elected and one 1-year term.

Special thanks to Paul Scheibelhut, Warren Power, and Dave Lefever for putting together the slate of officer nominations.

I am hopeful that you will be calling me soon and volunteering to chair one or more of our committees for next year.

The annual banquet is in for a new twist. It will be held at Velie's, on November 19, 6:00 p.m. Watch the next newsletter for updates from Dave Lefever.

We had a fun time at the picnic and century ride, and the weather was fantastic. Thanks to Jeannie O'Mellia and Ken Hall for their efforts.

One rather difficult subject is riding safety on the roads. Please understand; I am trying to be helpful. When cycling, try to be aware of the vehicles coming toward you and from behind. If you are riding two or more abreast, please get into single file on the right side of the road. That will slow the traffic for more than a few seconds. I know there are times when you feel a need to ride in a pack. (I know - I do sometimes.) But there are also times when we don't need to. Let's be considerate and safe and minimize the hazards for all of us.

**Bill**

## Welcome New Members !

Becki Krusick, Florham Pk., NJ

From Bettendorf, IA:  
Mike & Roberta Barrer  
Michelle Kelly  
David & Catherine Thetford

Jerry Ewoldt, Donahue, IA

From Davenport, IA:  
Elizabeth Wallace  
Michael Waskowiak  
Don Barchman  
Jerome Straughter  
Jay Flaherty

Mara Greenwood, Oswego, IL

From Rock Island, IL:  
Doug Ball  
Trevor Collie

Craig Bruegger, Cambridge, IL  
Matt Litchfield, Orion, IL  
Dennis Herron &  
Sharon Lawrence,  
Spring Valley, CA

## Bicycle-Truck Accident

For the second time in 16 months Walt Stuedemann, a Quad City biking enthusiast, has been seriously injured in a bicycle-truck accident.

At press time, Walt, who farms near Elvira, was listed in serious condition at St. Vincent's Hospital, Green Bay, Wisconsin. The accident occurred September 17 near Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

He and his wife, Darlene, were in Manitowoc, Wisconsin for a dog show, and he went for his usual daily bike ride. When he didn't return, a search was started; but he still was not located. Darlene began calling hospitals and learned he had been taken first to a hospital in Two Rivers. Because of his injuries, Walt had been

unable to communicate with hospital emergency workers.

Walt is a regular on just about every organized tour in the Quad City area, including TOMRV, TOGIR and RAGBRAI.

On May 8, 1988, his bike was hit from behind near Low Moor, Iowa by a pickup whose driver said he had fallen asleep at the wheel.

If you want to send Walt a card, the address is St. Vincent's Hospital, 835 S. Van Buren, P. O. Box 13508, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54307-3508.

**Carle Dann**

## A Special Thank You

On the night of June 24, after falling off my bike, I found myself in the emergency room at Davenport Medical Center. I wasn't in much pain, but my left foot was laying on its side. I really didn't know what to think. I could move all my toes, and the doctor said I had a good pulse at both feet.

A specialist was called in around midnight. He informed me that I had a broken hip, and he would operate on Sunday morning.

At this point, I figured it would take about a month for everything to heal, and I would be able to go back to work. When the doctor talked to me after the operation, he said I would need to use a walker for the next 12 weeks. Well, my dream of 30 days was quickly disillusioned.

Then I started to receive cards, flowers, gifts and visits from friends. What an inspiration! I knew I had the support of my family, but I realized that I had many warm and caring people behind me also.

After three days, I was finally

released from the hospital. When I got home, I tried to learn to be as mobile as possible. It was probably quite comical watching me trying to transport coffee and other things with my walker. I was still getting cards and visits from my friends, which kept my spirits up.

I will never forget the day Jerry Yeast came to see us at our home. He told my wife and I that several people wanted to help us out by having a raffle. He said the Neffs from Jerry & Sparky's had agreed to donate a bike. After some reservations, we agreed to go along with the idea.

I kept working with the walker knowing I had so much support from all my friends. It was getting to the point that no matter where I went - around the block, to the store, to the mall - people I met said I was doing so much better everyday. I walked about 2 to 2 1/2 miles everyday trying to get stronger and hopefully go back to work sooner.

About this time, Sharon and I found out what kind of bike was being raffled. What a surprise! We knew the Neffs were special but never thought they would donate such an expensive bike. Once again we were overwhelmed with a wonderful feeling of caring. Never a day went by that someone didn't show their support and concern for Sharon and me.

After 8 1/2 weeks, I was able to walk without the walker. At this time I also started to drive again. This was quite a relief for my wife. Finally I wasn't so demanding and could be a little more independent. I was also about 3 1/2 weeks ahead of schedule. I believe that my determination and all the support I received was the reason for this. The doctor agreed to my continued walking and also allowed me to ride my Schwinn Airdyne moderately.

My next visit to the doctor gave me the best news yet. I was told that I could ride my bike 15 miles or one hour, which ever came first. When I started this, it felt great, but I still tired rapidly. As each day passed I could feel my strength improving.

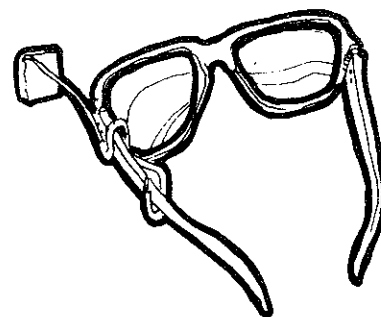
The day finally arrived for the drawing of the bike. Our first thought was not for ourselves, but we hoped enough tickets were sold so as not to be embarrass either the Neffs or Jerry Yeast. We should have known the raffle could never fail with the knowledge of so many caring friends.

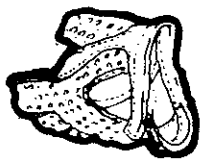
We want to give a very special thanks to the Neffs and Jerry Yeast and also to everyone else for all the concern and support they have given my wife and me throughout this past summer. We appreciate all everyone has done for us - more than we can possibly say.

Thank you again everyone for caring

**Charlie Sattler**

**FYI** - The raffle for Charlie raised \$1,182. The bike was won by Scott Wiley, West Des Moines.





## **Thank You QCBC From TransAmerica Bicycle-Trek**

Your contribution helped make the 1989 TransAmerica Bicycle Trek the largest special event in the history of the American Lung Association. The 300 trekkers who finished in Atlantic City on July 21, 1989 raised a total of \$1,865,000 for the ALA affiliates they represent.

We're looking forward to an even larger and better trek next year. We hope you will continue your support for the American Lung Association and its programs

**Gayle Delanty &  
Dave Shaw,  
Trek Coordinators**

### **Dear TransAmerica Sponsor,**

By prepaying your generous pledge you have made it even more effective in support of your local Lung Association programs.

**Thank you from your local Lung  
Association and your  
TransAmerica Trekkers -**

**Jane A. Garrett &  
Bonnie Gay Bobet-Beyhl**

## **Ride Reports Wednesday, August 30**

The "Over the Hill Gang" met at 7:30 a.m. at Davenport McDonalds. We had some new recruits that didn't meet the minimum age limit of 70 - but what the heck - we let them ride along if they wouldn't slow us down. The regulars were Fred,

Leon, Barney and myself. The youngsters were Carter, Molly, Terry, Jack, Gene, Pat and Mary. We had a staggered start so some of the group could get their caffeine. Barney said he was one pint low. The plan was to meet in downtown Eldridge at the Turner Hall. By the time we hit Old 61, Molly was long gone. She was probably having breakfast in Dubuque. Jack, Fred and I arrived first. Carter and Leon rode up and continued on to Long Grove to return later for breakfast. Meanwhile, Gene extended his ride to Princeton. Pat, Mary, Barney, and Terry thought they would ride to DeWitt for breakfast. The rest of us solved all the local gambling problems of the area. We wondered if the next problem would be whether or not to legalize prostitution. Carter and the owner, Leo, compared surgery scars and it was a draw. We finally finished our breakfast and headed home. At Mt. Joy, Fred and Jack headed west while the rest of us went down Jersey Ridge Road. Why don't you join us some Wednesday morning - we need new "lies."

**Earl Strupp**

### **Labor Day Ride**

On September 10, we had our first annual Labor Day patch ride. It turned out to be a beautiful day for a bike ride. With the help of Charlie and our grandson, Jesse, we arrived at Duck Creek ready to greet the first arrivals. We just barely made it before the first bikers.

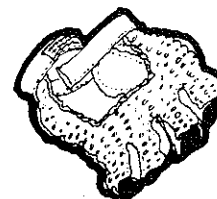
Everyone enjoyed cold lemonade, Rice Krispie bars and lots of good conversation. If you have never been on a patch ride before, give it a try. It only lasts about an hour or so and you'll enjoy it. It's a chance to meet new people and also go for a short ride if you wish - not to mention enjoy homemade treats and last of all receive a patch to remember the day.

Please come and join us. Our next ride will be the Halloween patch ride on October 29.

Those riders getting their Labor Day patches are:

Linda Simander  
Ron Schmidt  
Margaret Paulos  
Leon Van Camp  
Judy Karr  
Steve Conrad  
Mike Wasbowick  
Epifanio Gutierrez  
Joanne Sullivan  
John Chebuhar  
Gene Pritchett  
Larry Calahan  
Claudia Calahan  
Tracy Calahan  
Dan Conrad  
Michael Conrad  
Mollie Conrad  
Gene Conrad  
William Chamberlin  
Charlie Sattler  
Jesse Neitzel  
Dave Parker  
Blaise Parker  
Jack Thode  
Joe Jamison  
Molly Teigland  
John Bowman  
Kathy Bowman  
Jan Bowman  
Lynn Bowman  
Jay Bowman  
Judith Sargent  
Don Sargent  
Matt Sargent

**Sharon Sattler**



# Cast Your Vote October 17!

A new Quad Cities Bike Club board of Directors will be elected at the October QCBC membership meeting.

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Following are short biographies on  
some of those running for office.

## Griff Tucker

Davenport

Member since 1982  
Vice President 1989  
Board of Directors 1987-88  
Patch Ride Chairman 1986-88  
TOMRV Committee 1986-89  
Criterium Volunteer 1983-89  
Iowa 24 Hr. Challenge Volunteer  
1989

I want to make the QCBC more  
visible in the community. I would  
also like to get across to riders  
that they have a responsibility to  
obey traffic laws, both those on  
the books and those dictated by  
common sense. Bicycles can and  
should be a safe mode of  
transportation.

## Bill Langan

Davenport

President 1989  
TOMRV Committee 1989  
Board of Directors 1988  
Helmet Promotion 1987, 88, 89  
Ride Schedule Committee 1986

Co-Chair Annual Banquet 1984  
Chair Fall Picnic 1982

### Other memberships:

Cornbelt Running Club  
League of American Wheelman  
since 1982  
Effective Cycling Instructor  
BikeCentennial since 1983

If elected as secretary, I hope to  
offer more benefits to the QCBC  
members and help be of  
assistance to a greater number of  
cyclists and their needs.

## Earl Strupp

Bettendorf

Member 5 years  
Director 1989  
Fall Foliage Ride Chairman 1989  
Set up John Deere Grand Detour  
Ride 1987-89  
Set up Bettendorf News Spring  
Brake Ride 1988-89

I want to promote bicycling safety  
and more harmony between bikers  
and motorists.

## Randy Huebner

Davenport

Member since 1982  
Member Tandem Club of America  
Past Member League of American  
Wheelmen

I hope to encourage more  
members to participate in group  
activities.

## Dean Arney

Bettendorf

Past President  
Board of Directors  
Committee Chairman  
I hope to promote bicycle touring.

## Russell Bloomer

Bettendorf

Century Ride Chairman

### Other affiliations:

Vice President Cedar Tree Village  
Homeowners' Association

If elected to a QCBC office, I hope  
to make more people aware of the  
benefits of bicycling, expand the  
participation of the century ride  
and the QCBC fall picnic.

## Eileen Wosoba

Coal Valley, IL

Member over 8 years  
Treasurer 1989  
Chairman of Annual Picnic  
1986 & 87

### Other affiliations:

Member Cornbelt Running Club

I hope to get other club members  
active and give them  
encouragement and support.

## Gabe Verstraete

E. Moline, IL

Member over 6 years  
Century Chairman  
Metric & Double Metric Chairman  
Criterium Volunteer

### Other affiliations:

Member of BikeCentennial  
League of American Wheelman  
Board of Directors of East  
Moline/Silvis Exchange Club

I would like to promote safety in  
schools and get people out to ride.

## Dick Wagner

Davenport

Member 3 years  
TOMRV Committee 1989 (sags)  
Co-Chaired RAGBRAI 1988

**QUAD CITIES BICYCLE CLUB  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday  
November 19, 1989**

**Dillie's "Back Door"  
3551 7th Street  
Moline, IL**

**5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting & Installation of  
Directors and Officers**

**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Food - Prizes - Awards - Drawing  
\$0.50 Drafts - Cash Bar  
Mileage Awards - Favors  
Fellowship  
D.J. Music**

**Open Letter to All  
QCBC Members**

On October 21, 1989 my wife, Tracy, and I (Dave Holmes) and Steve Lawrence will attempt to qualify me for Race Across America 1990. The place is Valencia, California where the west regional RAAM qualifier will be held.

For me getting the chance to qualify for RAAM is a dream come true. It's been only two years since getting into Ultra Marathon bicycling; but I've learned so much in that time, and I believe I can qualify for RAAM 1990.

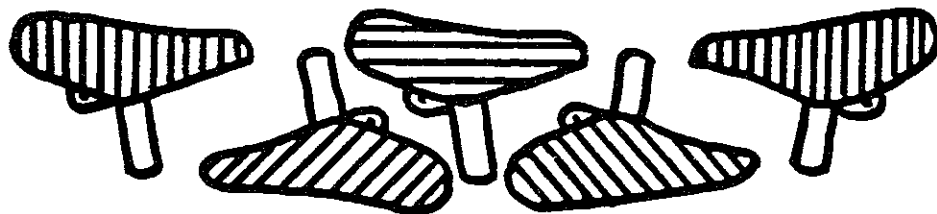
The course in California suits my style of riding very well. The race starts in Valencia and ends in 29-Palms, 508 miles later. The route heads north via Death Valley and has a total elevation gain of 30,000 feet, so there is some serious climbing involved.

I wish to thank all officers of the QCBC who have helped me with expenses. This is a very costly ride to go to. Entry fee is \$110. Then you have to drive out 1,800 miles, race 500 miles, and drive back 1,800 miles. So any help I get along the way is greatly appreciated.

Also, I would like to thank Jerry and Sparky's for donating a Kestrel 4000 bike for my use in attempting to qualify. It helps mentally and physically knowing your riding one of the finest bikes available.

If I qualify, will I do RAAM 1990?  
YES!

**David Holmes**



# COME RIDE WITH US! QUAD CITIES BICYCLE CLUB

## Dentists' Rides:

Rides are held on Wednesdays of each week starting from McDonalds, Davenport Bike Path on October 4 and Village Inn Pancake House, 53rd St. & 23rd Ave., Moline on September 13 - alternate starting place each week thereafter. Starting time is 8:00 a.m.

## Saturday Rides:

### October - 14 - LABORING ON THE ERIE CANAL

8:00 a.m. Riverside Park, Moline  
28 miles

### October 21 - WILD CAT SPOOK

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
24 miles

### October 28 - AVOCET AUTUMN ODYSSEY

8:00 a.m. - Riverside Park, Moline  
36 miles

### November 4 - THE THREE B'S BIKE IT

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
37 miles

### November 11 - UP RIVER PEDAL

8:00 a.m. - Riverside Park, Moline  
45 miles

### November 18 - TURKEY'S RIDE

8:00 a.m. - Horace Mann School, Moline  
50 miles

**Check your ride schedule for details and optional rides.**

## Sunday Rides:

### October 15 - TRUCKSTOP STOMP

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
40 miles

### October 22 - CHOWHOUNDS CHARGE

8:00 a.m. - Riverside Park, Moline  
45 miles

### October 29 - Option to Patch Ride

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
40 miles

### November 5 - ZEFAL ZINGER

8:00 a.m. - Jaydon Distributing Co., Andalusia Rd., Milan  
42 miles

### November 12 - LONG GROVE LOAFER

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
34 miles

### November 19 - FALL'S LAST GASP

8:00 a.m. - Eastern Ave. entrance, Davenport Bike Path  
26 miles

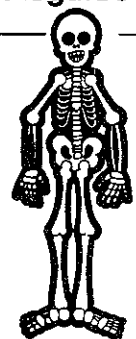
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**Club Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 17, 1989**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Palmer Library Auditorium**

**Program - Biking in the Soviet Union**