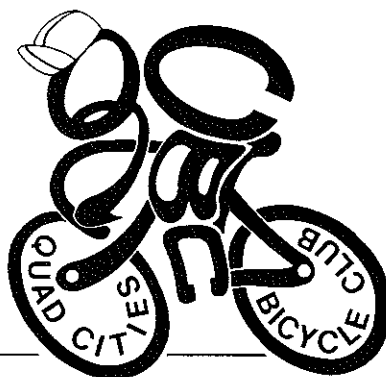


QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB

March 1990 ● Cindy Mohr - Editor



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TOGIR IX
The Other Great
Iowa Ride

June 23 - 29, 1990
436 miles - 7 days

LION VI
Loop Iowa's
Outstanding Northeast

July 7 & 8, 1990
2-day loop

BEAR V
Bicycle Early
Agricultural Roads

August 10, 11, 12
130 or 225 miles

TIGER VII
Tour Iowa's Great
Eastern Region

August 4 & 5, 1990
157 miles
2 days

B BIKE ACROSS NEBRASKA

R June 10 - 16, 1990
A 455 miles - 7 days
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16th Annual
Silver Springs

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Sponsored by
Aurora Bicycle
Club

Sunday, April 22
Bike the
Fox River Valley

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JUNE 10 - 15, 1990
386 MILES

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TOUR OF THE
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
VALLEY

JUNE 9 & 10, 1990
200 MILES
Bettendorf - Dubuque
and back

A.I.B.R. Across
Illinois Bike Ride

August 4 - 7, 1990
300 miles

Moline to Joliet

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The Western Iowa Tour

June 20 - 24, 1990
325 miles - 5 days
start and end in Sioux
City

Many, many more rides scheduled - call Cindy at 319-332-6075 for registration forms and more information on other rides.

From the President

Well, another month of winter is behind us, and summer is that much closer. It won't be long before it will be time to start the old annual bicycle overhaul.

This month's article may seem a little out of place to you at first. This is my opinion and not necessarily that of the Club's, but I wonder . . .

A landfill is a landfill, no matter what you do or how well you do it. It is still a collection of anything and everything discarded by the human race. A landfill placed in the watershed feeding a small fresh water stream really scares me. A landfill placed in the watershed feeding a small fresh water stream that runs through the middle of my hometown scares me even more. Think back ten years when Davenport's bike path was just getting started. That stream I have been mentioning was for all practical purposes a dead body of water. Fifteen years prior to that it was a stream full of fish, crayfish, frogs and all kinds of aquatic life, not to mention a kid or two. Then came the raw sewage, and there went the wildlife. No fish. No frogs. No nothing. Only the scavengers were left, and they were only near the mouth of the creek where escape to the river was possible.

Right now you can see snails, frogs, fish and what amazes me the most, ducks - ducks everywhere. As a young boy, playing in that stream some thirty years ago, I don't remember ever seeing so many ducks. I was amazed to find out that the state of Iowa lists Duck Creek as a class "A" swimming water for all of its length through Bettendorf and most of its length through Davenport. It is also listed as a class "B" fishery all the way to its beginning. How long do you think that will last? Even with the best

of intentions, any seepage into that stream, and it will be LOST - LOST FOR ANOTHER GENERATION. I don't want that. I don't want that because I'm selfish. I like to watch the ducks as I ride along the path. I like to watch the children playing, as I once did, in the clean waters of Duck Creek.

How about it Scott County Landfill Committee? A little common sense can go a long way. My greatest hope, right now, is that by the time you get a chance to read this, enough people have let themselves be heard and one of our prettiest natural resources is safe - if not for ever - at least for now.

Thank you for listening, and do ride carefully.

Griff

Welcome New Members!

Marvin S. Reed
Syracuse, NY

Thomas Maddux
Newark, DE

Daniel J. & Katherine Phelan
Dover, DE

Pat Campbell
Toledo, OH

Gwen Rospierski
Parma Hts., OH

Robert & Carol Sanderbeck
Louisville, OH

James & Marilyn Dean
Maquoketa, IA

David Jeffries
Cedar Rapids, IA

From Bettendorf, IA:
Randy Corzette
Teresa Grimes
John Kaddatz

Ed Speer

Angie Mason
Blue Grass, IA

John & Marilyn Cammant
Eldridge, IA

Dennis Dull
LeClaire, IA

From Davenport:
Greg Reitan
Susan Bobenmoyer
Judy Hankemeier
James Blunk
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Valerie C. Clark
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Dale Mathias
F. Bruce Perry
Kent Turner
Adam X. Piceno

John Kale
Rock Island, IL

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Rock Island, IL

From East Moline, IL:
Chip Aubry
Larry Hosford
Rick Roher

Jeff Weil
Geneseo, IL

Allen J. Neumann
Milan, IL

Stan & Vicki Tyler
Milan, IL

From Moline, IL:
Jim & Sandy Houston
Ralph Horton
Bob YEager

Stephen & Janice Dixon
Taylor Ridge, IL

Oscar Halpert
Springfield, IL

Michael Bowers
Portland, OR

STATS on the QCBC

Thanks to Sue Dau and Sam Norwood, I have learned the following as of February 15, 1990, about our club membership:

Number of memberships 904
Number of members 1602

League of American Wheelman (LAW) members 60

Tandem owners 62

Cycling interests:

- * Commuting 137
- * Touring 614
- * Racing 77
- * Tri/Biathlon 94
- * Camping 147

Also, if you indicated that you would help with a certain activity (century, TOMRV, etc.) your name is now in the hands of the chair, who will be in contact if volunteers are needed.

Bill Langan

Letter of Thanks From The University of Iowa in memory of Milan Fritz

February 2, 1990

Quad City Bicycle Club
c/o Mr. William Langan
2720 W. 37th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52806

Dear Mr. Langan:

I wish to thank you very much for your most generous contribution, in the name of Milan H. Fritz, to our investigative program concerned with malignant brain tumors. The Division of Neurological Surgery continues with an active laboratory concerned primarily with the investigation of primary malignant brain tumors. We now have the capability of growing these tumors in tissue culture and are able to study the molecular characteristics of the abnormal tumor cells. We are also continuing aggressive management of these primary malignant brain tumors. Although there has been some success with prolongation of life, we are far from achieving a clinical cure at this point.

Sincerely yours,

John C. VanGilder, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
Division of Neurosurgery"

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Novice Rides - Don't Say "No One Told Me About Them!!"

We are planning four notice rides - two will be on Saturday mornings, at 9:00 a.m., April 28 and May 12 - two more will be on Sunday, 2:00 p.m., May 6 and May 20. More details on the route will be in future newsletters

We have had novice rides in the past with many new people coming out. But when the novice rides are no longer scheduled we don't see those new people. In an attempt to keep the interest of the new riders, we will have two people on all June and July weekend rides whose sole responsibility will be to host the new riders. We will be asking for

volunteers to help with this effort. We will also be having a sign-up sheet for all new people to sign. We will then distribute the list to everyone on the rides. The objective is to help people find someone who rides their speed.

If you are an experienced rider, please help by being a leader on one of these rides. If you have felt uncomfortable riding with some of the stronger riders, this could be your opportunity to meet people who ride your speed and develop new riding friendships. So, write down those date and look for more information in future newsletters.

Ride Reports

Wednesday, January 31, 1990
contributed by **Earl Strupp**

It's Wednesday and another ride with "The Over the Hill Gang". The weather was a little brisk, and the temperature was at 17 degrees - just a gentle breeze out of the east. Fred, Leon and I arrived at McDonald's about the same time. We had a pleasant surprise; Dean Arney was sitting there drinking coffee. Since his retirement, Dean has been working in France for Case Company (it is rumored that his wife, Joey, and his mother-in-law made arrangements for this job to get him out of the house). Dean had some interesting items to share. I was surprised to hear that the cost of living in France is high and the wages low. Dean was able to borrow a bike and ride some of the trails in the nearby villages. Most of the trails share with cars, but there is very little traffic. He is looking forward to more riding on his return to France, which will be soon to complete his temporary assignment.

After Dean left, we were joined by my wife, Mary Ellen, who decided to ride a ways with us. Fred and I were pouring over a Wisconsin highway map, and Fred was pointing out a ride across that state that perhaps some of us from the YMCA will do in June. There were raised eyebrows from some of the people thinking we were planning our day's ride. Fred is the "Top Banana" of bikers in the area. He has 55 years of riding, and we estimate that he has ridden over 300,000 miles. He knows all about bikes from repairs to trails. It is very comforting to be riding alongside him.

We rode the bike trail east heading for Pleasant Valley. There were a few icy spots but nothing serious. There were few on the trail, just several joggers and walkers. My bike developed trouble with the free wheel, and I wound up with

just a three speed. I think the salt on the highway jammed the shifting cable. Fred offered to repair it, but I thought my warm garage would be more comfortable.

We stopped at the Valley Vittles restaurant and ordered pancakes because they always spell our first name on top with pancake dough.

It was a good short ride. We would sure like to have you join us next Wednesday.

February 16, 1990, MACKINAC ISLAND

Last fall, Mary Ellen and I visited Michigan's famous Mackinac Island. It is a 15-minute boat ride from Mackinaw City docks. The cost is only \$8 per person. This includes hauling your bike. We started from the visitor's center and rode the island shore road. This paved road around the island is eight miles. It is level, uncongested, safe and easy for young and old. There are many interesting sites along this road - Arch Rock, Chimney Rock, Lover's Leap, Devils Kitchen, to name a few. We cut inland at the British landing site. This is hilly but worth the trip. There are many side roads to bike with no danger of cars because they are not permitted on the island. We would see a few tourist carriages along the way and some bicycles. We stopped at the military cemetery with its very old graves. There are some old churches and several caves you can visit. Of course, there is Fort Mackinac with its 14 buildings, and costumed guides conducting hourly tours. The Biddle house contains original furnishings and is said to be the oldest house on the island. Of course, a visit to the Grand Hotel is a must. They have a luncheon that is expensive but "live it up." Go in hungry because they have food piled on food, and it is all good. The sail boat race from Chicago was finishing the day we were there, and we watched them

cross the finish line. The shopping area is a must with its many unique stores and, of course, you must buy some of the fancy fudge. We covered most of the area in a day, and we recommend the visit.

Earl Strupp

Valentine's Day Patch Ride

The day started out sunny but turned overcast by afternoon. Over 40 bikers showed up at the Duck Creek Park pavillion for the patch ride.

There were treats galore - M&M cookies brought by Judy Karr, chocolate chip bars brought by Tom Bolton and made by Pat, popcorn and caramel popcorn brought by the Langans, brownies and sugar cookies brought by me. Last of all, there was a lot of hot chocolate for everyone. My thanks to all of you who brought treats for everyone to enjoy.

Unfortunately, the patches hadn't arrived in time to be given out on the Sunday ride. They will be mailed as soon as they are available. Even so, everyone had a good time visiting with friends before moving on to McDonalds or a short ride on the bike path.

If you enjoy riding only a short distance or even just showing up, then the patch ride is the one for you. The next patch ride is on Sunday, March 18, 1990. Everyone is welcome to come.

The following riders will receive a Valentines Day patch:

Jan Burt, Jerry Sears, Jeff Spiegel, Mary Spiegel, Adam Spiegel, Warren Power, Don Barchman, Gary Patch, William Chamberlin, Jeff McCoy, Michaele McCoy, Emmalee McCoy, Jo Burwinkel, Michael Foss, Sr. Michael Foss, Jr., Penny Foss, Leon Van Camp, Judy Karr, John Greve, Joanne Sullivan, Tom



Cycle Path for Peace - Iowa

James J. Olson, Sr.
President

SOVIET & AMERICAN BICYCLE RIDE (CAB/SAB-90) BE ONE OF THE AMERICAN BIKERS

So you missed the June 1990 Soviet bike ride, here is your second chance and an experience of a lifetime, to bike ride with about 30 Soviet Bikers this summer. The bike ride will be for 10 days, from 17th to 26th August 1990. Starting in Eldridge, Iowa going up to LaCrescent, Minnesota and returning to Eldridge, Iowa. You can either stay in homes camp during the bike ride. Following, is the registration fee information:

\$440.00, staying in home each night (2 meals provide most day)
\$250.00, camping each night (some evening meal provided)

Camping is \$27.00 per day
CAB/SAB-90 t-shirt at \$15.00 each
CAB/SAB-90 bike patch at \$15.00 each
CAB/SAB-90 sponsor t-shirt or bike patch at \$15.00 each

Registration fees included: sagwagon, mino repair available, daily route map, campsite or homesite, first aid, baggage vehicle (limit two baggage), staff vehicle, snacks available, adminstration cost, showers available, name tag, and membership card.

Registration fee, t-shirt, bike patch fee, payable to:
Cycle Path for Peace - Iowa
Treasure: Mary Jane Olson
209 East 13th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52803

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REGISTRATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE #: _____ t-shirt size: S M L XL XXL
Home fee \$440.00 Camping fee \$250.00
CAMPING per day at \$27.00 Total day X \$27.00== _____

Selected bike cities; Savannah,IL Duqubue,IA McGregor,IA,
LaCrescent,MN Mauston,WI Dodgeville,WI Freeport,IL Dixon,IL
Genenseo,IL and Eldridge, Iowa.....



January 22, 1990 RAGBRAI P O BOX 622

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RAGBRAI Bicycle Clubs:

It's come to our attention that because there are new club officers and probably new club RAGBRAI chairpersons we should restate the ground rules for the passes we have set aside for your group for the 1990 ride. Although these guidelines usually are republished annually, we did not include them in the letter you received last month.

So, here they are:

1. These wristbands can go only to members of your club.
2. These people must have been members of your club prior to January 1 of this year.
3. Club members who obtain wristbands through your club are expected to use your club baggage service or put their baggage on our truck. We don't want them bringing vehicles on the ride.
4. Club members who do not obtain wristbands/passes through the club will have to go through the regular drawing process.
5. If your club provides a charter service, it is the responsibility of the club to make sure that no one is accepted for the charter who does not have the necessary wristbands. No wristband, no ride.
6. Clubs are responsible for the conduct of all minors included in their group. Non-member minors who are part of the charter MUST be accompanied by a parent or adult relative.
7. If a club has more wristbands allotted than members need, the extra wristbands will be retained by the RAGBRAI office for distribution through the drawing.
8. We hope you will encourage club members to order the package of Register Souvenir editions.

Don't forget that we must have the name, address, age and telephone number of each person in your club for whom you are requesting wristbands. For our own file we would also like to have a roster of your club members. If you have questions, please call 515-284-8282.

Regards,

Don Benson



LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN COALITION OF CONNECTICUT BICYCLISTS INC



New London, Connecticut
Friday, June 8 -- Monday, June 11, 1990

LAW CLUB

One person to a form Form may be duplicated PLEASE PRINT!

Last Name		First		Middle	
Street Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone		Age		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Name of Emergency Contact			Phone		
Club Affiliation (if any):			I wish to room with (send registrations together):		

CHILDREN: Age 10 and under discounts apply See Registration Information fact sheet.

Registration includes GEAR 90 T-shirt. Circle size: S M L XL

Special needs: Handicap facilities Tandem/recumbent Child care

RELEASE:

I understand that I may be injured while bicycling or otherwise participating in this event, and I agree to be responsible for my own actions. I promise to release and hold harmless the officers, volunteers, and staff of GEAR '90, the Coalition of Connecticut Bicyclists, Inc., the League of American Wheelmen, Connecticut College, and the City of New London from any claims for injury or damage resulting from my participation in this event. In case of a minor entrant, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above mentioned parties from any claims for injury or damages which said minor may sustain. I consent to emergency medical treatment in the event of injury. I promise to obey traffic laws and to practice courtesy and safety in bicycling.

X _____ X _____
Signature of Registrant Date Parent or guardian of minor (under 18)

REGISTRATION FEE: _____	\$45	\$ _____
L.A.W. MEMBERSHIP (Required - see info form):		
Members:		
Enter L.A.W. membership #: _____		\$ _____
Upgrade individual membership to Family: _____		\$ _____
Nonmembers:		
Individual: _____		\$25 or Family: _____
Individual: _____		\$30
MEAL PLAN:		
Vegetarian selections available at every meal		
Saturday breakfast through Monday lunch _____		\$85
Friday Dinner _____		\$15
HOUSING:		
Per person cost for three nights _____		
Dormitory (Connecticut College) _____		\$75
Luxury Hotel (Radisson or Holiday Inn) _____		\$135
Economy Hotel (Red Roof Inn) _____		\$90
If postmarked after April 1, 1990 add _____		\$20
(No mail-in registration accepted after May 21, 1990)		
Donation to Bicyclists' Education and Legal Foundation (tax deductible) _____		\$ _____
PAYMENT: _____		TOTAL
Check _____	Visa _____	Mastercard _____
Account _____		
Exp Date _____ / _____	Signature _____	

Send form(s) and payment (add 20% for Canadian funds) to:

GEAR '90, PO Box 514,
East Lyme CT 06333

Date Rec'd _____
Reg # _____
Amt. _____

Registration Information

REGISTRATION: Includes all rides, special events, workshops and exhibits. Other than a few remote ride starts, all activities will be held on the Connecticut College campus.

L.A.W. MEMBERSHIP: GEAR participants must be L.A.W. members. Current members enter your membership number (from *BICYCLE USA* mailing label) in the space provided. Spouses/children of a League member may convert an individual membership to family status. Membership includes nine issues of *BICYCLE USA*, promotion rights as a cyclist, touring info, camaraderie with other cyclists, and more.

MEAL PLAN: Includes three breakfasts, two portable lunches (fix-in's available at Saturday and Sunday breakfasts) and two dinners. Participants will be served meals at Connecticut College regardless of housing location. Friday dinner is available as an option.

ROOMS: Offered through GEAR'90 at Connecticut College dormitories, or at hotels that are within 1.5 miles of the campus: Radisson, Holiday Inn or Red Roof Inn. Single rooms are available only on the college campus. A roommate will be assigned if you

select a hotel option and do not list a roommate on the registration form. If you prefer to make your own housing arrangements, you can obtain information on hotels, motels and tent and RV camping from the Southeastern Connecticut Tourism District, PO Box 89, 27 Masonic St., New London, CT 06320. (203)444-2206.

LATE FEE: Register by April 1st to save \$20

CHILDREN: Complete a separate form for each child. Specify age. AGE 10 AND UNDER: registration free (no T-shirt); housing free in parents' hotel room. AGE 3 AND UNDER: free meals. AGE 4 AND OLDER: separate meal plan must be purchased.

CONFIRMATION: You will receive a confirmation mailing as soon as your registration material is received. In May you will receive an Advance Program including directions and schedules of rides, workshops and special events.

QUESTIONS? Write GEAR'90, PO Box 514, East Lyme, CT 06333, or call 1-800-562-BIKE (in Connecticut, 1-800-462-BIKE) for a recorded announcement; leave your message for answer by phone or mail.