



Pedalwheeling - 2000

The Newsletter of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club - April, 2000

RIDE WITH THE BEST!



“FAST TRAINING RIDES”

NEW FOR 2000

Mark your calendar now! It's your opportunity to ride with the best riders that the Quad Cities has to offer.

These rides are geared for the serious bicycling enthusiast! They will have something to offer all. From riding with a retired Professional Cyclist to riding with the current race team to riding with the Midwest Endurance Cyclists.

These rides will be structured toward fast training, but not towards racing. Riders can expect fast paces with the group working together in packs, pacelines, echelons, etc. The stronger riders will be encouraged to pull the group rather than to break away. The distances will range from 50 to 60 miles.

RIDE WITH JEFF BRADLEY
– Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 am. Meet at On Two Wheels (Kimberly and Eastern in Davenport). Ride the roads that Jeff Bradley, a former pro cyclist and Tour de France participant trains on.

RIDE WITH JOHN PUNKIEWICZ
– Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 am. Meet at Jaydon, Andalusia Rd, Milan, IL. Ride with John Punkiewicz, a local triathlete and Hawaii Ironman participant.

RIDE WITH THE HAMMERHEADS
– Saturday, July 15 at 8:00 am. Meet at the east end of the Ben Butterworth Parkway near Case IH. Ride with an informal group of retired bike racers and current duathletes and triathletes.

RIDE WITH THE MIDWEST ENDURANCE CYCLISTS

– Saturday, August 5 at 8:00 am. Meet at North Scott High School in Eldridge, IA. Ride with the long distance riders on the roads that they train on.

Reminder!

New Meeting Location

The April and May meetings of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club will be at Rock Island Arsenal's Caisson Room. The Caisson Room is located in building 60, with the Post Restaurant. Building 60 is on the Northeast corner of Rodman Avenue and Gillespie Street, opposite the fire station. Park in the level lot across from and north of the building.

Access is through the door under the canopy on Gillespie Avenue. Enter, take the doors to your right and walk through the cafeteria to the end of the building. Turn left and walk to the Caisson Room.

There are road signs and a security guard on duty for directions. You have to stop and state your destination after 6:30 PM. Ask the guard if you need help. Riders must wear a helmet, have a working headlight and tail light, and should consider wearing bright or reflective clothing(vest).

RIDE WITH THE QCBC RACING TEAM

- Saturday, September 23 at 8:00 am. Meet at the east end of the Ben Butterworth Parkway near Case IH. Ride with the local race team on the route that they train on.

There will be no charge for the rides. The rides are open to all participants. Bring non-members and encourage them to join the QCBC.


For more information: Contact Bill Wiebel 309-755-1859.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Corner Marshalls for Criterium

Be a part of the best Criterium in the Midwest.

FREE T-shirts, FREE vendor coupons, and volunteer Thank You Party.

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QCBC Information

The mission of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club: to promote, encourage, and support the safe participation in bicycle riding of all types of people of all ages and abilities; to anticipate and address the needs and interest of all aspects of bicycling in the Quad Cities area.

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Pedalwheeling is published for distribution to the club's membership and to the general public at local bike shops. Submission of bicycle related articles is encouraged. Member may place free classified ads, notices of companions wanted, and reports of stolen bicycles.

The Quad cities Bicycle Club was established in 1964 to encourage and promote bicycle riding and safety for its members and the general public.

Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month throughout the year. Check the newsletter for specifics.

Members receive a 10% discount on many items at most Quad Cities bicycle shops, including Bike & Hike, Healthy Habits, Jerry & Sparky's, Ye Olde Village Bike Shop, On Two Wheels, and Pro Bicycle.

Major activities of the club include the Tour of the Mississippi River Valley (TOMRV) in June, the Criterium on Memorial Day, the Heartland Century in September, and the club gives camping support to RAGBRAI riders in July. Other rides and activities occur every week of the year.

Private business ads: full page—\$50; half page—\$25; quarter page—\$15; business card—\$5.

Members may place free ads for cycling items.



Off the Back - with the editor

Charlie Swanson...

Okay. By now it's dawned on people that I'm new at this. I've always thought that Chuck Oestreich did a wonderful job with Pedalwheeling. I still do. My admiration has increased ten-fold during the last month or so, now that I've tried **my** hand at the newsletter. Right now, I'm smug if I can get the pages numbered right. Contents? Well, that's another item that needs discussing.

I'm going to need input to make this newsletter informative and interesting, and I'll take this opportunity to beg for some. Send me your classifieds; your letters—with opinions; your ride reports; upcoming rides of interest; pictures; whatever you have. I'll also accept gift certificates.

Send your items in by e-mail, USPS, UPS, floppy disk, mule train or Garcia's messenger. I'll gladly accept it. I'll even edit it, if you like, dotting "eyes" and crossing "tease" in my finest fashion. Seize the opportunity to see just how much and what I'll publish. Test me.

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This month I've sort of dedicated the issue to **Ultra Event** and **fast riding** information. The riders who participate in these events should be commended for their dedication to **increasing** their performance level. It shows me that the possibilities for extended achievement while cycling are staggering. I might add that I have a great deal in common with these ultra event riders; I own a bike and I like pancakes...just to mention a couple.

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There have been some issues come to my attention during the last few weeks, mostly through *Pedalwheeling* input. There really isn't anything earth-shaking, but it sure seems like its the **minor** irritants that bother people the most. Still, it gave me reason to look at my own cycling habits and to realize just how fortunate we are in the Quad-Cities area.

First and foremost, we have a very active bicycle club that offers you a minimum of 3 activities per week. That's right—minimum! During the summer months, the number of activities increases to 5 or 6 per week. (I lose track quickly after counting to 5.)

You have to be pleased with the roads in the area. They're varied and, for the most part, they're in very good condition. I'm especially fond of the Iowa secondary roads, most of which have been resurfaced recently. The Iowa-side cities offers a multitude of roads in and out of town. The Illinois side is a bit stingier with their routes, but there's a fair-sized [Rock] river to negotiate to our south.

Crossing the Mississippi River narrows the cyclist's choice to 2 bridges in and out of Iowa and 3 bridges in and out of Illinois. These bridges aren't the greatest, since you have to share the space with joggers, walkers, and other cyclists. Its not a big inconvenience when you consider that most places have only one bridge to cross the river and many have none at all. Couple the bridges with the Water Taxi in warm months and we must consider ourselves very fortunate.

We also have a wonderful, growing, network of recreational paths for our use. When I made my first ride along the newly opened path from Illiniwek Park to Cordova, I was impressed by the other users. They were mostly seniors and families with pre-teens riding discount-store bikes. There they were, traveling from town to town along the river, on bicycles costing less than \$100. How can you top this for recreational cycling?

Finally, the vehicle traffic in this locale is used to sharing the road with the bicycles. Looking back over my last 25,000 miles of local riding, I can remember only 3 occasions when I had a bad experience while riding. I have that many conflicts a month when I'm driving a car. Without a doubt, we have some of the finest cycling imaginable, right here in the Quad Cities. 🚲

Let's Plug the Grand River Trail Gaps

Chuck Oestreich

All riders of the newly opened Great River Trail are aware of the gaps in the trail at Illiniwek Park, just north of Hampton; and between Cordova and Albany. The problem is caused by a dispute over a railroad crossing and railroad right-of-way. In a nutshell, the Illinois Department of Transportation now is demanding easements, while in the past leases were acceptable. The railroads affected will not sign easements.

In both of the sites, cyclists will have to use busy Highway 84 to make connections, an unsafe alternative for many bicyclists.

We need to change that. Take a few minutes and write notes to the following gentlemen:

Director Kirk Brown
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Road
Springfield, IL 62703

Richard Batie,
Manager, Short Line Development
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company
2600 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Dennis Anderson
President and CEO
I & M Rail Link
1910 E. Kimberly Road
Davenport, IA 52807

WANTED - USED ROAD BIKE

58 to 60 cm (for 6'1" man)

James Paul

Home: (319)262-9316 Work: (309)765-3011

Pick Up the Paths

Chuck Oestreich

It's about time to give a spring-cleaning to our wonderful river-based recreational paths? Much trash has accumulated over the winter, marring the beauty of our rides, runs, or walks along these trails. Individuals, families, or groups of friends can help out — and have a fun time — by spending a little time and effort in walking a section of a path and picking it up.

Here's the plan!

What: Pick Up the Paths is a volunteer effort to clean up easily removable debris and trash from the recreation paths in the Quad Cities.

When: Saturday, April 8, 2000 — anytime from early in the morning to dusk.

Who: Both River Action and the Quad Cities Bicycle Club are spearheading the effort. But they want all of the trail users in the Quad Cities to participate — individuals, families, or groups of friends.

Where: Volunteers will be assigned particular sections (either a mile or a half mile, approximately) of the Mississippi River trails on both sides of the river, and the Duck Creek Trail in both Davenport and Bettendorf.


How: Give River Action a call (322-2969) right

now. Tell us in what vicinity you would like to work, and we'll assign you a particular location.

Then anytime during the daylight hours of April 8th, you, your family, or your friends meet at the section of the path you have been assigned. Bring trash bags and gloves, and wear old clothes. Walk the path and pick up any trash that has accumulated on the path or within a reasonable distance on either side of it. When you're finished, dispose of the trash bags properly and give River Action another call. We want to know how you did.

Trash bags and gloves may be picked up at River Action's office — 111 Perry Street in downtown Davenport. For assistance in disposing of filled trash bags, call River Action at 322-2969 anytime on Saturday, April 8.

Pick Up the Paths is designed for the clean up of easily disposed debris — paper, bottles, aluminum cans, etc. If you find large items of trash, make a note of the location, and let River Action know about it. You don't have to sweep the paths — most of the cities have a regular path sweeping procedure. However, if you want to bring along a broom, feel welcome.

Both River Action and the QCBC are working with the communities on the newly opened Great River Trail to develop a regular schedule of path sweeping. 

The 2000 Quad Cities Criterium

Raising the Bar at least 2 Notches!

Terry Burke - Race Director

Two major program changes this year will attract major media and public attention . First, the **Sunday night street sprints and track stands** are bound to fit in with the festival atmosphere of the District, which also features a concert starting at 9:00 PM. Evening cycling events are becoming popular throughout the country: Athens, Georgia and the Austin, Texas Lance Armstrong weekend are good examples. Even if you're not a party type, seeing four cyclists in a 2 block drag race is as exciting as the last minute of any athletic contest.

Second, the addition of the unique **hand cycle races** on **Memorial Day** has already brought interest from the Hand Cycling Federation. There were only 10 hand cycle races in the U.S. in 1999, but they are growing in popularity quickly.

The third and most important part of the program we're not changing at all: criterium bicycle racing by over 550 intense competitors. If anything, the addition of street sprints and hand cycles will add to the crowd watching the main attraction.

Winners from 1999 criterium are in this year's program as well as: recreational & competitive inline skate races, BMX trick riders, tricycle races for the kids, and a good variety of wheels without motors. Other carryovers from 1999 are; a full array of food and vendor booths, the QCBC booth, TOGIR Booth, three great announcers, and one of the best wheel pits in the country.

For those who like to watch (or participate) the Memorial Weekend starts with the Burlington Road Race on Friday, followed by the Burlington Snake Alley Criterium (a steep, crooked, brick-surfaced hill), on Saturday, and Muscatine's Melon City Criterium on Sunday. The Burlington and the Quad Cities Criterium are part of the popular Heartland Criterium series.

We certainly could not present the Quad Cities Criterium without the excellent QCBC volunteers who marshal corners and pedestrian walks, register riders, sell T-shirts, staff the wheel pit and QCBC Booth. Besides a full day of entertainment, volunteers will receive a Quad Cities Criterium T-shirt, an invitation to the after race volunteer party, a vendor coupon, and for the last shift of corner marshals, two vendor coupons. Chairpersons to call or email are:

Corner Marshals - Cathy & Bill Wiebel 755-1859
billwiebel@aol.com

QCBC Booth - To be announced.

Registration - Don Davis 788-0753
dondavis@aol.com

T-shirt Sales - Don & Carol Arp 359-4732
cndarp@excelonline.com

Wheel Pit - Darryl Blackburn 386-6425
dablackburn@home.com

Prize Desk - Doug Nelson, 359-3253
dougmai@aol.com

Plan to spend May 28 & 29 in the District, with a little volunteer work, watching colorful bicycle races and for some good times socializing with other QCBC members. See you Memorial Day weekend! 🚲

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

The program for the April meeting will be all about racing. It will feature Lance Armstrong in the 1999 Tour de France, in an edited tape cut down to about 1/2 hour.

In addition to the Lance Armstrong tape, there will be other racing information and a drawing for rides in the pace car at the Criterium.

Don't miss this meeting, to be held at the Rock Island Arsenal's Caisson Room.

Refreshments will be served. 🚲

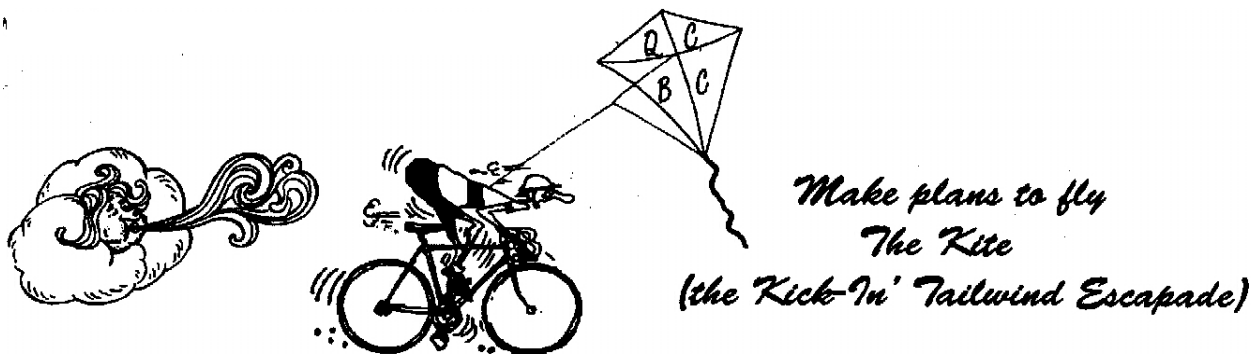
Wanted!

New and Used Bike Parts
Cycling Clothing in good condition
And especially

German Potato Salad
Home-made Baked Beans
Bring any and all items to:

QCBC Picnic & Swap Meet
Sunday April 30th, 12:00 Noon
Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

Kick - In' Tailwind Escapade



Here comes spring and its time for our annual tailwind ride.

Here's the scoop: The ride will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2000, and we'll bike from any of four locations, depending upon which way the wind is blowing that morning. We'll load bikes at one of two locations—the Butterworth parking lot near the Case/New Holland plant if we're going east or south, or Scott Community College if we're heading west or north. How will you know which way to go? The information will be on Dan DeMay's answering machine—after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19. You'll also find out if the ride's a go for Saturday, or put off until Sunday because of extreme weather.

Promptly at 6:00 a.m. our bus transportation will leave for an approximately two hour ride into the wind. Around 8:00 a.m. we'll disembark, unload the bikes and you'll take off for a 100 mile **KITE** ride, with the wind at your back the whole way (we hope). Be there about 5:30 a.m. to load bikes. You can bring a blanket to protect your bike during transit.

There will be SAG with refreshments during the ride.

Fill out the form on this page, sign the waiver, and send it along with a check of \$15.00 made out to **QCBC - KITE Ride**. Do it quickly because registration is limited. It'll be first-come-first-serve, with postmarks determining the cut-off. Also, if you wait until April 30th or later, your registration fee will be \$20.00!

Dan's phone is (309) 755-6768. Call him if you have questions. And, make sure you call him on Friday, May 19th, after 6:30 p.m., to find out where to meet. Mail the form and fee to: Dan DeMay, 356 - 38th Avenue, East Moline, IL 61244.

Name _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Here's my \$15.00. Please register me for KITE, the Kick-In' Tailwind Escapade of the spring.

In order to participate in KITE the following must be completed fully and signed in ink.

I, the undersigned, knowingly accept and fully understand the inherent risks involved in bicycle touring. I understand and agree that I must wear my helmet at all time while riding KITE. In consideration of the QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB, its directors, officers, employees, agents and participants who may be performing official functions for the ride, from any and all actions, claims, demands, administrative proceedings, judgements, or decrees, including attorney's fees, of any kind that may arise out of my participation in the KITE ride.

I also hereby consent to and authorize emergency medical treatment in case of injury. I understand that any medical costs will be my responsibility. I represent that my physical condition, as well as my equipment, is to the best of my knowledge adequate to allow me to safely participate in the tour event.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (If under 18): _____ Date: _____

April Road Schedule

- April 1, Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. **Ruffles Ridges Ride** Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway. (35 miles) Terry Burke, 309-797-3790
- April 2, Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. **Cruisin' to Cordova** Arsenal Visitor Center parking lot by swing bridge. (42 miles) Barb Donald, 319-332-4878
- April 5, Wednesday** - 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Ride** McDonald's, Brady St. and Duck Creek Parkway, for rider's choice.
- April 8, Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. **Smokin' To Smokey's** Arsenal Visitor Center parking lot.. (42 miles) Melinda Thompson, 309-764-5030
- April 9, Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. **Spring's First Gasp** Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway. (46 Miles) Bill Wiebel, 309-755-1859
- April 12, Wednesday** - 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Ride** McDonald's, Brady St. and Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.
- April 15, Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. **The 3 B's Bike It** Eastern Ave entrance, Duck Creek Parkway. (43 miles) George Van Thorre, 309-755-1734
9:00 a.m. **Light Touring - Butterworth Bash** East end of the Butterworth Parkway near the Case/IH plant, Moline, for a ride to Illiniwek Forest Preserve, Hampton and back. (15 miles) Carl Davis, 309-788-0753
- April 16, Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. - **Zefal Zinger** Jaydon Distributing Co. Andalusia Rd., Milan. (42 miles) Mike Moritz, 319-386-3499
- April 19, Wednesday** - 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Ride** McDonald's, Brady St. and Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.
7:00 p.m. **QCBC Monthly Meeting** Caisson Room, Post Restaurant, Rock Island Arsenal.
- April 22, Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. **Swingin' Into Spring** Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway. (26 miles) Ken Werthmann, 309-764-6527
- April 23, Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. **Country Ramble** Butterworth Parkway, Moline, by Case/ IH. (50 miles) Dave Thompson, 309-764-5030
- April 26, Wednesday** - 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Ride** McDonald's, Brady St. and Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.
1:00 p.m. **Light Touring - Pioneer Push Off** Walnut Pioneer Village, north end of Scott County Park to McCausland and back. (17 miles) Merle Schleusener, 309-355-8191
- April 29, Saturday** - 9:00 a.m. **Over Hill and Dale** Colona Grade School. (42 miles) Chuck Oestreich, 309-788-1845
9:00 a.m. **Light Touring - Wild Life in the City** Lindsay Boat Club parking lot, Mound Street and River Drive, Davenport for a ride to see the sculptures plus the wild life on the river front, Arsenal and Credit Islands. (25 miles) Cathy Wiebel, 309-755-1859
- April 30, Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. **Let's Loop Iowa** Eastern Ave and Duck Creek Parkway. (53 Miles) Bill & Kathy Storm, 319-355-2564

12:00 noon **Spring Picnic and Swap Meet** Loud Thunder Forest Preserve Horse Coral, Andalusia, Illinois for a picnic and a chance to swap or sell used biking gear. Bring a dish to pass, along with items to sell. New members welcome.

Picnic Chairmen: Rick Wren, 309-786-7979

Dean Mayne, 319-355-0995



April Mountain Bike Schedule

April 1, Saturday - 1:00 p.m. **MTB Local Ride** Hennepin Canal, Milan in parking lot west of the route 67 bridge. (5-10) miles

April 3, Monday - 6:00 p.m. **MTB Monthly Meeting** Front Street Brewery, 208 E River Drive, Davenport.

April 5, Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. **MTB Evening Ride** Meet at Scott County Park for easy ride.

April 9, Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **MTB Trail Work Day** Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Loud Thunder. Rick Wren, 309-786-7979

April 12, Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. **MTB Evening Ride** Meet at the Sugar Shack, ride to Scott County Park

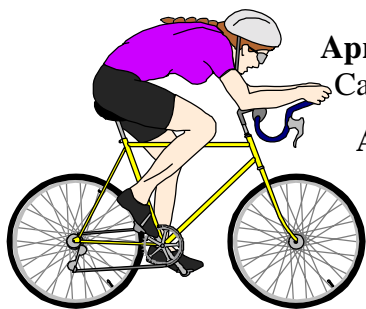
April 16, Sunday - 7:00 a.m. **MTB Away Ride** Mark of QC, Moline, commute to Illinois' Hennepin Canal. Pack a lunch and a set of dry clothes. (10-20 miles)

April 19, Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. **MTB Evening Ride** Boat Docks West Lake Park, Davenport, rider's choice.

April 29, Saturday - 1:00 p.m. **MTB Local Ride** Sugar Shack, Scott County Park



April Evening and Women's Schedule



April 4, Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. **Women's Ride** Butterworth Parkway, Moline, near Case/IH plant, rider's choice. Patti Bradley, 309-762-7766

April 4, Tuesday 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Iowa Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.

April 6, Thursday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Illinois Butterworth Parkway near Case IH, rider's choice.

April 13, Thursday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Illinois Butterworth Parkway near Case IH, rider's choice.

April 18, Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. **Women's Ride** Butterworth Parkway, Moline, near Case/IH plant, rider's choice. Patti Bradley, 309-762-7766

April 18, Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Iowa Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.

April 20, Thursday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Illinois Butterworth Parkway near Case IH, rider's choice.

April 25, Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Iowa Eastern Avenue entrance, Duck Creek Parkway, rider's choice.

April 25, Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. **Women's Ride** Bettendorf Middle Park Lagoon Shelter, rider's choice. Patti Bradley, 309-762-7766

April 27, Thursday - 5:30 p.m. **Summer Evening Ride** – Illinois Butterworth Parkway near Case/IH plant, rider's choice.

IOWA ULTRA EVENTS FOR 2000

David Holmes - Director

Well, 2000 is fast approaching. Thought I would get out a note to all interested riders and give them a run down of ultra events for 2000 here in Iowa.

As in the past we start the season off with our brevet series. On April 22nd our 200 kilometer brevet will start from Hardee's in Eldridge at 7:00 AM and take a north-eastern route up to Bellevue, IA and return. This route is moderate with a few long climbs.

On May 20th our 300 kilometer brevet will be run from Hardee's in Eldridge starting at 7:00 AM. This route follows the same route to Bellevue with an additional loop ridden beyond Bellevue.

June 10th we are starting at 6:00 a.m. from Hardee's in Eldridge. New routes will be ridden into Illinois and Wisconsin with the turn around being Livingston, WI. Many long steep climbs will be encountered on this ride. The roads are well paved and scenic with very little traffic.

July 7th will be the 3rd running of the Firecracker 500. This is a 541 mile RAAM qualifier event. The event is modeled after Race Across America and it doesn't get any more real than this. Two-person support is required for each rider. We follow our brevet routes up to the 600 kilometers, then its more hills and long lonely roads. The total elevation gain is over 18,000 ft.. Last year Tom Buckley from Keokuk, Iowa won the event with a record time of 34 hours 54 minutes. No woman has yet to attempt this event!

Our last brevet will start July 22nd at 6:00 AM from Hardee's in Eldridge. This is our longest and most difficult brevet, with a lot of climbing throughout the 375 miles. Riders are responsible for their own motel on this ride. We'll provide phone numbers for motel registration.

Our last event for 2000 will be the UMCA World 24 Hour Cycling Championships on Sept 16th. North Scott High School is the starting point with a 152 mile day

loop followed by a 15 mile night loop, the same route as in the past. The first rider will start at 6:30 AM. This is a non drafting event with solo and team divisions .

We have added a new event to coincide with the 24 hour, it is the Y2K 6 & 12 Hour Cycling Classic. This will start at 7:30 a.m. and use the night loop route for the entire event. Drafting will be allowed for this event.

Our web site has been updated for the 2000 events. All entry forms can be downloaded from this site. We hope to see some new faces this year and, of course, the old ones too.


IUE WEB SITE: <http://denali.physics.uiowa.edu/iue>

The Y2K 6/12 Hour Cycling Classic Sept 16th, 2000

New for 2000 is a 6 or 12 hour endurance race to be run along with the World 24 Hour Cycling Championships. The Y2K 6/12 Hour Cycling Classic is a drafting event so friends can ride together and socialize, if they care to, or race until their time is up! The 6 and 12 hour race will begin at 7:30 AM September 16th at North Scott High School in Eldridge, IA.

A rider has a choice between a 6 hour classic or a 12 hour classic but must decide prior to the start. Since the race is drafting, it is a totally separate race from the 24 hour. The 6/12 hour race will use the same small loop as the 24 hour riders. This loop will be 15 to 22 miles long, in and around Eldridge. Different color race numbers will determine who is in which race. This will be strictly monitored, for no 24 hour rider is allowed to draft and will be disqualified if caught doing so.

There will be food and drink for all riders. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 mileage riders in 6/12 hour races for male and female. An event tee-shirt will be given to each entrant.

Come out and experience what Eldridge has to offer in the sport of endurance riding! 

UPDATE ON BIG DOGS CENTURY CHALLENGE

The Big Dogs Century Challenge is to complete a century in every month of the year within the states of Iowa/Illinois. This is a new event for 2000 that originally was posted in the Jan/Feb 2000 issue of Pedalwheeling.

What is a Big Dog? One who seeks out new challenges; shows dedication towards a goal; and has the courage, desire, and endurance to succeed. Seventeen Big Dogs who have reported centuries for the months of January and February include:



Dave Alftine (Bettendorf, IA)

Steve Bagby (Knoxville, IA)

Joe Camp (Washington, IL)

Lynn Cox (Moline, IL)

Wayne Hanno (Davenport, IA)

Jim Hanson (Moline, IL)

Dave Holmes (Eldridge, IA)

Joe Jamison (East Moline, IL)

Dave Lefever (Davenport, IA)

Tom McCarthy (Bettendorf, IA)

Rick Meredith (Davenport, IA)

Dave Parker (Davenport, IA)

Lisa Paulos (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Bob Replinger (Moline, IL)

Elizabeth Young (Farmington, IL)

Leonard Young (Farmington, IL)

Greg Zaborac (Canton, IL)

Wayne Hanno currently leads the century tally with 8, not counting a Hawaii century (against Big Dog regulations) in January. 24 Big Dogs reported January centuries with the list shrinking to 17 (as reported on March 4).

Reporting deadline for the previous month is the end of the current month (example: March centuries shall be reported no later than end of April). Report your centuries to Wayne Hanno at (319)-355-3596, whanno@yahoo.com, or post your report on the Big Dogs Doghouse forum at <http://www.delphi.com/arfarf>. You may also contact Joe Jamison at 309-755-6801. 🚲

Chicago Area Bike Dealers Association (CABDA)

The QCBC was well represented at the show with a booth and numerous volunteers. Its rumored that Carter Lebeau rode to this years show on I-88.



Doug Nelson brags up TOMRV to an exhibitor at the QCBC booth.



Dean Arney, Mark Pealstrom and Carter Lebeau (L-R) pose in front of Mark's Fox Valley display booth.

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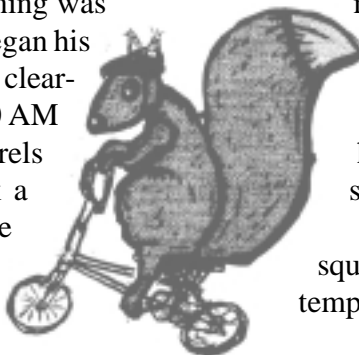
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Early Season Squirrel Alert

(AP) Davenport, IA March 2, 2000. As the wave of unseasonably warm weather continues, thoughts are turning to more than trees budding, flowers blooming, grass greening, and boys and girls dreaming of the birds and the bees. Yes, we are also being besieged by a wave of "squirrel fever".

The day for Mr. Gary Jones of Bettendorf started innocently enough. As he is wont to do when he enjoys a day of vacation, Mr. Jones decided to go for a bicycle ride. "It is such a beautiful morning, I think I'll go for a bike ride," Mr. Jones had said to himself as he prepared his bike. Little did he know that his morning was about to take a tragic turn. As Mr. Jones began his ride he was enjoying the cold, crisp, windy, clear-skied sunny day. At approximately 9:30 AM it happened. "I had noticed a lot of squirrels frolicking about, but didn't really think a whole lot about them," said Mr. Jones. The Duck Creek bike path is shared by lots of squirrels, both two- and four-legged, but they are usually not a problem. This day was to be different. As Mr. Jones approached at 18.7 M.P.H., a large red fox squirrel on the right side of the path made a fatal decision to cross to the other side.



"Since then I always wear my helmet and look both ways before I cross the path."

This futile decision to cross to the other side of the path was squashed. "I saw him sit up and decide he wanted to cross over to the left side of the path," explained Mr. Jones. "He ran towards me, saw the bike, jumped straight up in the air, and then tried to cut between my tires. I felt a large thump and as I turned to look behind me I could see the squirrel spinning donuts in the center of the bike path." As the distraught Mr. Jones slowed down he could see the squirrel crawl off to the side of the path. "I felt terrible," lamented Mr. Jones as he recounted the tragic event. "I have had a squirrel race me before, and beat me by a tail." (Actually, this squirrel had foolishly cut in front of the speedy Mr. Jones, who ran over and severed the tail from said squirrel.) "In 20+ years of riding, however, I have never ran over and killed a squirrel before!"

This should serve as a warning that the squirrels are getting goofy with all of the warm temperatures, and are obviously thinking about a lot more than just gathering nuts or eating their winter supplies. Asked if he had any final comments on the incident, Mr. Jones exclaimed "Better him than me!" 🚲