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Club

YOU ASKED FOR IT!!!

by Lori Walker

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Several people turned in their questionnaire with the comments that they would come to the monthly meetings except for: meetings all day, too much traffic, kid's functions on meeting's day and on and on.... SO THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR JUNE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE 7TH AT ZUBE PARK AFTER THE CLUB RIDE. No, we will not have a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the shop. This month only will we have a meeting on Saturday after the club ride.

Ms. Peri will be offering food (real food, not just cookies) and drinks and who knows what else will be available. The meeting is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM after everyone returns from riding.

Other items for the meeting on June 7th: we will be voting on donating \$5,000 toward Jr. Nationals, and the clothing order has been put together and we thought it would be a "good idea" to order extra clothing for new members. The additional clothing will cost about \$2775.00, so we must vote to approve the additional cost.

Don't forget to volunteer for the Katy Flatland and Jr. Nationals both in July. We need everyone's help. More pleas will be coming at the meeting on Saturday, June 7th at 11:00 AM.

ROUND THE CORNER

June 7 Special Saturday Club Meeting and Picnic, after the Club Ride, Zube Park, starting at 11:00 AM. Barbecue Provided!

KFC, July 20 will start at the SE corner of Katy Mills Mall instead of Rhodes Stadium. (See add, Page 9).

NWCC Annual Blood Drive, July 26, Noon to 5:00 PM @ NWC

Jr. Nationals are scheduled for July 3-6.

TMBRA 2003 Subaru Fall Cup Dates

August 31	Kerrville, Tx
Sept 14	XBAR
Sept 28	Huntsville, Tx
Oct 5	Lake Bryan
Oct 19	Double Lake
Nov 9	Ruston

TXBRA Texas Cup Calendar for 2003

June 14	Badlands Classic, Bluegrove
June 15	Victory Circle Road Race, Texas Motor Speed way
June 22	Matrix Challenge, Palisades Circuit, Richardson, Tx
June 28	Mineral Wells Road Race, Mineral Wells, Tx
June 29	Tbi—Alverado Time Trial, Alvarado, Tx
July 13	Bicycle Heaven Circuiterium, Texas Research Park, San Antonio, Tx
July 20	James Bailey-Top Gun Criterium, Irving, Tx

PEDAL PUSHER DEADLINES

Monday following the club meeting.

The newsletter is published monthly. Have an article for the newsletter? Please submit it by the Monday following the NWCC club meeting, or the 15th of the month, whichever comes first. Submissions should be sent to wes.morrow@natoil.com

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- National Off Road Bicycle Association (NORBA)
- League of American Bicyclists (LAB)
- International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)
- Texas Mountain Bike Racing Assoc. (TMBRA)
- Board Member Texas Bicycle Coalition

The History of Night Riding

by Bertha Ashtabula

Thank goodness for Daylight Savings Time! Here it is almost mid-summer and nearly all of us can enjoy getting a few miles on the bicycle during the week after work or school. But you know, there are still a lot of folk that love to ride their bikes at night – especially through the woods when all the ‘creatures’ come out to play. It’s because of people like this that bike shops are able to sell the latest, greatest, mega-halogen, mama-there’s-a-train-a-comin’-straight-at-us lamp system for our bikes – and this is fine. But, before you consider rigging up your bicycle with some sort of lighting apparatus, take a moment to realize how good you’ve got it now-a-days.

Back in the old days, before electricity, no one gave much concern about bike riding after dark. The roads weren’t even paved so you’d hit just as many potholes during the daylight when you COULD see as you would at night when you couldn’t. Besides, there wasn’t anything else on the road moving faster than you anyway, so who cared?

After the invention of the horseless carriage it became more common to see paved roads. The first paved roads were simply run over bicycles that eventually

smoothed out a little over time. Seems that the horseless carriages would come upon the unsuspecting cyclists, send them flying off into the corn and wheat fields, and grind their two-wheeled machines into the ground. All the cyclist could do was to shout 19th century obscenities and wave their fists, unnoticed, into the nighttime air. As the number of bicycles dwindled (down to about a dozen nationwide, if I remember correctly), people realized that something must be done to bring a halt to any more bicycles being ground into pavement by the wheels of these petrol and steam powered wagons. Thus was born the League of American Wheelmen – an organization determined to get the cyclist out of the cornfields and back on their bicycles.

One of the first things the new group did was to form a committee to investigate the rash of ‘paving’ incidents. (Editor’s note: ‘paving’ is just Bertha’s abbreviated way of saying ‘crunching and grinding the bicycle and all of its components into fresh road surface’!) Right off the bat, the committee discovered that most of these paving incidents occurred during the nighttime hours. Another committee was formed and it came to the conclusion that, maybe, if the

bicycle could be SEEN at night then maybe the paving wouldn’t happen. The chairman of the latter committee, Herbert Ulysses Bendix (or HUB, as he was commonly known), was the first cyclist to attempt lighted night riding. He devised a plan to put a thin coat of kerosene on his rims and then put a torch to them when he rode at night. Since most wheels were made of wood back then, Hub didn’t take too many long trips.

A few years later, my great-grandfather, Huey Ashtabula, invented the candelabrum handlebar. The handlebar had twenty ornamental candleholders welded across the top. He then inserted twenty candles and, after they were lit, the resulting light could be seen for several hundred feet. Great-Grandpa Huey only made one trip with his candle-handlebar bicycle. Ever since then he’s been on display at the Wax Museum of America in Dodge City, Kansas.

Later, electricity was discovered and the possibilities seemed endless. As more and more bicycles were fitted with electric lights on their handlebars and fenders, less and less met an untimely paving incident. Of course, the number of cyclists that were strangled by extension cords rose quite drasti-

(See “Night Riding,” Continued on page 11)

Some Days are Diamonds...

by a NWCC Rider

One Saturday morning in April I went for my usual bike ride with NWCC, which I have done off and on for the last 15 years. I had called a friend to have lunch at 11:30 and another friend to play bridge at 1:00. All should be ok per my schedule. I had purchased a new car the previous Wednesday, so I wanted to be very careful to keep it clean. I took 2 towels and a clean tee shirt to wear after my ride. The ride was really great, one of my best. I tied my record for the fastest time. After the ride, I opened the trunk, put my helmet, bike shirt, etc in the trunk, and took out the bike rack. I put the rack and bike on the car and shut the trunk. Then I started looking for my key. Bad news. The key was in my bike shirt pocket, which was in the trunk.

I'm starting to panic now since I am 35 miles from my house, my daughter is in Austin visiting a friend. I don't know either of my friend's phone numbers and I've got no one else to call. Well, now I remember the salesman telling me I've got "teleaid" like onstar on this car for free for the 1st year. They can open up the car by remote control. Great! I find someone

who will lend me a cell phone. I call the dealership, 'cause the phone # is in my wallet, which is locked in my car with my cell phone. Information gives me the dealership # and I call them. They give me the 800 number to teleaid. Then the phone battery dies. I borrow another phone and call them. They tell me how to unlock the door. We try it 3 times, no help. I call the dealership back and tell them I need someone to come here and unlock the door. They say its Sat A.M. and they have to get a special locksmith; with all the security on this new car, the dealership cannot open it. The guy says he will call me back. when he finds a locksmith. But the guy who's phone I'm borrowing has to leave now.

About 15 minutes later I borrow another phone and call dealership back. The guy is not in. All I get is his voice mail. I get hold of the service manager & go through the whole story again. He promises to call me back. This story goes on and on. Finally guy #3 has to go. He leaves his phone with me (I told him I would return it that afternoon) and I wait. At 11:30 I find

a guy who will take me and my bicycle to my house. I get home at noon and call my friends and my parents. My parents come over and take me, with my spare key, back to my car. I get home about 2:00 P.M. I'm really angry at myself. The teleaid did not work because I was parked under a BIG tree, they think. Lest you think me mentally deficient let me say in my defense that I don't think I've ever locked myself out of my car. My house yes, but not my car.

The point of this story is two fold. First it should warn all members to plan for the problems you think will never happen to you, and second I want to thank everyone who helped me with a most aggravating Saturday. I really appreciate so many club members taking time out of their Saturday to help me. Whenever I get mad about riding with a group that is averaging 2+ MPH over the "correct" group speed, I'll try to suck in some air and remember even though some members of our club have no sense of honest speed, we do have a lot of members who will go the extra mile to help out the less fortunate members.

Editor's Note: This is a true story submitted by one of our members who asked that his name be withheld. Rarely a Saturday goes by without someone helping out someone else before or after a ride. This rider says that is one of the main reasons he rides with NWCC! Keep up the good work, guys and gals!

NWCC Team Race Results

from TXBRA and TMBRA
Tracy Meixensperger

*TMBRA Flat Creek Crossing
Ranch, Johnson City (4/27/2003)*

Expert M 40-49

David James - 16th

Sport M 40-44

Lee Troy - 3rd

Sport M 45-49

Jeff Elliot - 9th

Sport W 30-39

Elena Capsuto - 8th

Beginner M 40-44

Doug Lamond - 12th

Drew Hazzlerigg-DNF

*TMBRA Swan Cycle Park, Tyler,
(5/11/2003)*

Expert M 40-49

David James - 9th

Sport M 40-44

Lee Troy-10th

*TXBRA Ft. Davis Hammerfest, Fort
Davis (4/26/2003)*

Pro 1/2

Troy Dunton - 17th

Eric Warnsman - 25th

Mike Nelson - 28th

Men 4

Luis Torres-47th

Men 5

Juan Barboza-12th

Women 3

Steffi Penco - 5th

Masters 35+

David Bumbaugh - 6th

Masters 45+

Dana Chamness - 5th

*USCF Joe Martin Memorial Stage
Race Fayetteville, AR (5/11/2003)*

Pro 1/2

Troy Dunton - 31st

Eric Warnsman - 47th

Mike Nelson - 19th

*TXBRA San Felipe Road Race, San
Felipe (5/3/2003)*

Pro 1/2

Mike Nelson - 2nd

Men 3

Scott Orgish - 12th

Men 5

Gavin Kaszynski -2nd

Juan Barboza-23rd

Womens 4

Kristen Friedman - 4th

Diana Zbornak - 12th

Masters 35+

Tom Reed - 7th

Bill Reilly - 16th

Masters 45+

Dana Chamness - 5th

Craig Rennpage - 15th

Masters 55+

Greg Smith - 3rd

Luther Odom - 5th

Juniors

Troy Dunton - 1st

*TXBRA Cico de Maya Road Race
Cold Spring (5/4/2003)*

Pro 1/2

Eric Warnsman - 15th

Men 3

Mark Dearing - 9th

Men 4

Gary Rennie - 7th

Lamar Curtis - 19th

Womens 3

Steffi Penco - 1st

Masters 35+

Scott Orgish - 15th

Masters 45+

Dana Chamness - 4th

Bill Reilly - 11th

Juniors

Cristin Walker - 9th

Youth (10-14)

Daniel Walker - 3rd

Track Results:

* Racing for Memorial Hermann
4/18/03

Sr 1-2

Mark Dearing*- 6th

Troy Dunton - 7th

Chris Grusendorf - 9th

Sr 3

Pat Dunton - 8th

Women

Cristin Walker* - 2nd

Jr Men

Mark Dearing*- 2nd

Troy Dunton - 3rd

Youth

Daniel Walker* - 1st
4/25/03

Sr 1-2

Mark Dearing*- 3rd

Jr Men

Mark Dearing*- 2nd

Daniel Walker* - 5th

Youth

Daniel Walker* - 1st
4/26/03

Sr 4-5

Bill Reilly - 3rd
5/2/03

Sr 1-2

Mark Dearing* - 3rd

Jr. Men

Mark Dearing*- 1st

Daniel Walker* - 4th

Women

Cristin Walker* - 1st

Youth

Daniel Walker* - 1st
5/3/03

Sr 4-5

Daniel Walker* - 2nd

Women

Cristin Walker* - 1st

JUNE 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Club Meeting Moved to June 7 @ Zube Park!	4	5	6	7 CLUB RIDE Zube Park 7:30AM Club Mtg./Picnic 11:00 AM Food, Fun & Games
8 Fat Tire Sunday	9	10 Club Time Trial 6:00 PM @ Sharp Road and Katy Hockley	11	12	13	14 CLUB RIDE Zube Park 7:30AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 CLUB RIDE Zube Park 7:30AM
22	23	24	25	26 Repair Class 7:30PM @ 	27	28 CLUB RIDE Zube Park 7:30AM
29	30 Board Meeting 7pm @ 					

Calendar Key

Saturday Club Ride. Road bike ride. Meeting location is Zube Park, Roberts Road and Hwy 290.

Mountain Bike Rides. Once or twice a month "Fat Tire Sunday". Generally meets at the NW Cycle Shop and caravan out to one of the several trails within a two-hour drive. After work Cypresswood ride during the late light months Wednesday and Fridays.

Winter Trainer Classes. Wednesdays 6:30 pm (at Northwest Cyclery. Bring bike, front tire block, towel and water bottles. Late autumn and winter months only.

Informal Sunday Road Rides. Ride starts are the same time as Saturday's. Magnolia meets at Magnolia junior high on 1774, 60 and 80 mile routes. Pattison ride meets at Royal Jr. high school on Dirkin road. Chappell Hill turn right off Hwy 290 onto FM1155. West Oaks meets on the west side of the West Oaks Mall parking lot, hwy 6 and Westheimer. *If the predicted low temperature is 40 degrees or less, a mountain bike ride at Double Lake or Huntsville is assumed with camping the Saturday evening. The Sunday rides are more informal than Saturday, so check before with a NWCC member, especially during ATTN and road race weekends.*

Race Team Saturday Routes. The race team will vary its Saturday routes with the destinations noted on the calendar: Whitehall (75 miles), Bellville (80), Monaville (65) and Kirkwood. *Kirkwood ride meets at Kirkwood. Park on the southwestern corner of the intersection of I-10 and Kirkwood.*

The Saturday rides start per the following schedule:

- Jan thru Mar 8:00AM
- Apr thru Sep 7:30AM
- Oct thru Dec 8:00AM

Interested in a Sunday ride? NWCC makes sure that there are some of those also. See the new schedule above for Sunday rides. These rides are more informal than Saturday's big club ride, so check with a club officer or call Northwest Cyclery for additional info on these rides.

JUNE RIDES

Good Old Summertime

Classic June 1 Fayetteville, TX
<http://www.bicycletexas.com/fayetteville Ride.htm>

Tour de Braz

June 8 Alvin, Tx
<http://www.tourdebraz.com/>

Fire-Ant 100K Bicycle Tour

June 14 Gatesville, Tx
<http://www.bicycletexas.com/fireant100k.htm>

Berges Fest

June 15, Boerne, Tx
<http://www.bicycletexas.com/bergesfest.htm>

Tour de Italia

June 21, Italy, Tx
<http://home.att.net/~lscyclists/>

JULY RIDES

Firecracker 100 July 5, Stephenville, Tx <http://www.stephenvilletexas.org/firecracker100/index.htm>

(Best Value Award: 15 min. pickup from your breakdown, or your money back!)

Peach Pedal July 12,

Weatherford, Tx <http://www.weatherford-chamber.com/peachpedal.htm>

Katy Flatland Century July

20 Katy, Tx <http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/rides/KFC%202003%20reg%20KMM.pdf> (SE Corner of Katy Mills Mall)

NWCC CLASSIFIED

Wanted to Buy: Used road bike for daughter, nothing fancy. She rides 4 months out of the year to train and ride MS-150. She is 5'-2", so small to medium range. Contact Dee Akers, delia.akers@mortgagesdirect.com

Didyaknow? The Katy Flatland Century is starting this year at the southeast corner of the Katy Mills Mall near Julian's instead of the more traditional Rhodes Stadium. Parking will be in designated areas only.

Wanted: FREE used bicycle, road or mountain. I'm interested in getting into cycling for the exercise but don't want to lay out a lot of dollars until I'm sure this is what I want to do. So, If you have a usable bike stashed in your garage gathering dust and you'd like to donate it to a potential future cyclist, please consider my needs. I need a bike that could be fitted to a 6 foot person. Please contact Joe Griffin at 713-744-9865.

**GOT ONE!
THANKS!**

For Sale: 1996 Trek 5200, 58 cm. Asking \$1,300.00. Contact Terry Huntzicker at 281-468-8796 or Huntzic@aol.com

For Sale: 47cm Trek 1420. Aluminum frame, custom drop bars and stem, Terry saddle, Campy Record Ergopower equipment, Continental touring tires, Onza pedals, Vetta odometer with heart monitor, Zefal frame pump, saddle bag: \$650. This is a great road bike in excellent condition. Contact Lorraine at 713-868-4714 or yogababe@ev1.net.

For Sale: 2000 Trek 7500 FX. model, 15" hybrid. \$400

2001 Trek 2200 WSD, 47 cm frame with original 650 cc Rolf Vector Wheels, \$900 or with 650 cc Bontrager Race X Light Wheels (upgraded), \$1100.

Or, will sell 650 cc Bontrager Race X Light Wheel set separately, \$400. Wheels are low mileage, 200-250 miles at most.

Contact Susan Nalley at 800-241-8191 or babyeagle@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: Cannondale R600, 54cm, Black, Shimano 105, Thompson seat post, New Mavic rims, Look pedals. Low hours. \$600 obo. Contact: t3mx5@hotmail.com or 281-304-5352

For Sale: 1981 54cm Bianchi with sew-ups \$150.00

1982 54cm Grandis with Campy Wheels \$225.00

1983 54cm hand built Italian bike with new paint \$275.00. all Campy equipped.

1997 54-55cm Ralieggh aluminum road bike with Spinergy wheel set, all ultegra, 39 & 42 chainwheel, LOOK Pedals, Selle Flite - Excellent Condition. Asking \$1300

Roland Tandem, Great Shape ...\$650.00

Boy's 24" Gary Fisher Full Suspension Mtn. Bike (less than 100 miles!) - \$275.00

All prices negotiable! Any offer considered. Contact Ed Mancuso at 281-373-5960 or at penandoml@ev1.net

Have an advertisement or announcement for the Pedal Pusher's classified section? Send submissions to wes.morrow@natoil.com. Please notify us once the ad should be discontinued. Adds are due by the second Tuesday of the month. For best results, include size, age, condition, etc. of all items.

JUNE

Great Deals from Houston's Cycling Super Store

Hwy 290 @
Jones Rd.



713-466-1240

www.northwestcycle.com
M-F 10-7 • Sat 10-5 • Sun 12-4

Repair Class Schedule

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME
June 26, 2003	Thursday	7-9PM
July	No Class	
August	No Class	

Fall Classes Begin in September

Hydra Paks
20% OFF
Get Ready for
Summer
Hydration
Systems!

**TUNE-UP
SPECIAL**
\$34⁹⁹
reg 49⁹⁹

**COMPLETE
OVERHAUL**
\$90⁹⁹
reg 120⁹⁹

Northwest Cycling Club presents



Registration:

\$20.00 if postmarked by July 1, 2003 \$ _____
\$25.00 after July 2, 2003 and day of event \$ _____
Total \$ _____

On line Registration is available at additional cost. See our web site at Northwestcyclingclub.com.

Packet Pickup:

At Northwest Cyclery (US 290 @ Jones Rd.)
Friday, July 18 from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM
Saturday, July 19 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

At Start, Sunday, July 20 from 5:30 AM to 8:00 AM

The first 2,200 riders registered are guaranteed an event T-shirt and water bottle.

For information call 713-466-1240

Helmets are required. Radios and Headphones are prohibited on the ride.

Make checks payable to NWCC

**Mail to: Katy Flatland Century
PO Box 1494
Cypress, Tx. 77410**

Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip:** _____

T-Shirt Size: M L XL XXL

Route: 30 50 62 100

**Sunday, July 20 at 7:00AM
South East Corner
Katy Mills Mall
Katy, Texas**

Directions to the Start:

Take Interstate 10 to Katy, Texas. Follow the signs to Katy Mills Mall. Volunteers will direct all riders to designated parking areas.

Start time:

7:00 AM 100 mile and tandem start, followed by 62, 50 and 30 mile groups. Be aware that riders will be started in groups of approximately 200 to 300 to accommodate your safety.

I fully realize the dangers of participating in a bicycle ride and fully assume the risk associated with such participation, including by way of example, and not limitation, the following: the danger of collision with pedestrians, vehicles, other riders and fixed or moving objects; the danger arising from surface hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma or injury associated with athletic cycling participation. I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, signers, successors in interest and all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me against, the sponsors of this event, the organizers and any promoting organizations, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, and special districts, through or by which the event will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with the event, or travel to or return from the event. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the ride course and special regulations for the event. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the ride, which may be beyond the immediate control of the ride officials or organizers, and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger others or myself. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I will wear an ANSI approved helmet at all times while riding my bicycle. I have no physical or mental condition, which, to my knowledge, would endanger others or myself if I participate in this event, or would interfere with my ability to participate in this event.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian if under 18: _____

Emergency Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____

(*"Night Riding," Continued from page 3*)

cally. This prompted the League of American Wheelmen to form a committee to invent the battery (or else face the possibility of changing their name to the League of American Cordmen).

Sometime during the 40's or 50's, someone invented the bicycle generator. This was a little gizmo you could mount on your fork or seat stay that would grind

noisily against your tire and, as long as you were pedaling, you would get a little faint light shining out a couple of feet in front of you. We went through quite a few tires in the 40's and 50's for that faint little ray of light. This pretty much leads me to believe that the bicycle generator was invented by a consortium of the major rubber companies.

Well, here we are now, the 21st

Century and, for a mere \$400, you can get 80 gazillion watts of stadium lighting out of a teeny-tiny little bulb mounted to your front fender. Gosh, Hub and Grandpa Huey would sure be proud of what they started.

Enjoy!

(What? You don't HAVE a front fender?)



Come join Northwest Cycling Club at one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held at Northwest Cyclery on the corner of Hwy 290 and Jones Road.

Meeting dates and times are:

First Tuesday of the month (except December)

Race Team Meeting at 6:45 pm

General Club Meeting at 7:30 pm

**TIME TO RENEW? CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL! NOT A MEMBER?
IT'S TIME TO JOIN! FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON PAGE 19 AND MAIL IT IN
OR BRING IT BY NWC JONES RD & 290**

Picked Up Pedaling By by Sam Wright

May was a slow month. The Bluebonnet is a fading memory, all of the bills are paid, the volunteers thanked, and everything is put away. The MS-150 is done, and the dust has settled. We are still two months off from the Katy Flatland, and a little less this year from hosting the Junior Nationals. It really doesn't seem like there is anything to write about.

Oh, yeah, I nearly forgot. The new jersey kits have been ordered. We made minimum quantities or more on almost all of the items, and the club will be voting soon on putting a few items away for new members. All orders were cash in advance, and the committee did a great job of fitting and taking orders.

As reported last month, Bill Duckworth landed hard in a commuting spill. His cast is team colors, of course, and he is doing fine. The race team put together a benefit ride for him May 18 at Chappell Hill.

On May 10, about a dozen riders met after the club ride with pickups and SUV's and moved all of the club's stored stuff from American Storage unit 57 to unit 84. The most fun came when we realized the shelving units had been built in place, and were lar-

ger than the door. And, of course, no one brought a saw. Never fear. Several engineers put their heads together, and out they came. The slightly larger storage unit was neat and organized when everyone left at 1:00 PM. And of course, everyone was already worn out from the mornings ride when they arrived.

May 16 was NWCC night at the races. Lori and Ed Walker, Dave Collins, and several others iced down drinks, lit the charcoal, and served hot dogs and hamburgers to NWCC members and their families, as we watched the TXBRA Alkek Velodrome races. Who says you have to get sweaty to enjoy cycling?

Melanie Lacy is making sure we have opportunities to ride off road. The next Fat Tire Sunday is June 8. Check with her for the location.

Bill Mitchell is our New Ride Leader, and is doing a great job.

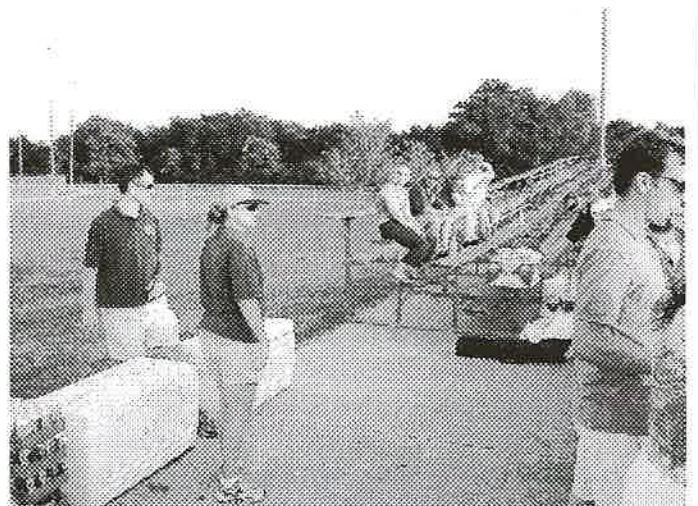
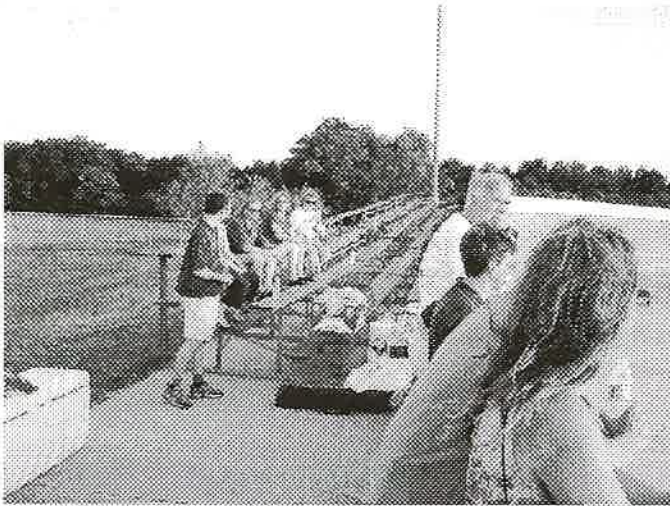
Chuck Martin has been scrambling to get all of his ducks in a row for the Katy Flatland. Construction required a change of venue, and he has arranged for us to use the Katy Mills Mall. Lots of volunteers have already been working on this ride, and we will need lots of help the day of the

ride, especially since we will have to redirect many riders to the new start.

We will be trying something new for the June Club meeting. Instead of the Tuesday night meeting at the shop, we will be meeting after the June 7 Saturday ride at Zube park. The meeting will start at 11:00, and lunch will be served. There are some activities planned before the meeting for those who get back early. Bring your off road bike if you want to play soccer. And bring chairs and other picnic type stuff, but the food will be furnished. So, hire the neighborhood kid to mow your lawn this one Saturday, bring the whole family, and lets make a day of it!

We need lots of volunteers for Junior Nationals, too. All of the standard things will be happening, including registration, parking, lead and follow vehicles, etc. Find out more details at the club meeting. This event is only a month off!

Did I say May was a slow month? I lied! Unless you compare it to June and July. Zeke and Diana Zbornak have been working hard coordinating (and manufacturing) volunteers! But their job is just starting. Please let them know how you can help.



Club members and their families enjoy the races at Alkek Velodrome May 16. NWCC furnished hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Several NWCC members were among the riders.



Steve Hoza, equipment chairman, and his team of volunteers moved NWCC stored equipment into a larger storage unit May 10 after the club ride. We were finished and had the doors locked at 1:00PM. Our club has some super organized people, and all of the KFC equipment is now ready!

Northwest Cycling Club Collegiate Scholarship Application

Northwest Cycling Club is one of the premier cycling clubs in the state of Texas. The club hosts two top-quality, successful rides each year that draw close-to, or over, 2000 riders to each event, along with hosting an USCF-sanctioned road race. The club has a weekly scheduled ride that typically has 100+ riders in attendance. On top of this, the club has several other events that are put on by the club members whose activities add benefit to the cycling community.

Northwest realizes it owes the club's success to its active members who volunteer to assist at club functions as well as other activities and projects to improve the sport of cycling. Thus, providing collegiate scholarships is viewed as another way that Northwest can give back to the cycling community. By financially assisting cyclists that are attending college the club feels that young cyclists will continue in the sport after they have gone off to achieve their academic foundations and also invite others in the collegiate cycling community to join and become more actively involved with furthering the sport.

The Northwest Cycling Club scholarships are awarded to college students who: are active members of NWCC, are active cyclists even during their school terms, show evidence of extraordinary constructive involvement in the cycling community and strive for excellence in their academics. For Spring 2003, and future semesters, there will be up to three scholarships awarded in the amount of \$500 each.

Eligibility: Must be a currently enrolled student for the school session in which the applicant is applying at a 2 or 4-year collegiate institution or graduate school. The applicant must be an active member of NWCC and have demonstrated involvement by participating in and supporting the club's activities. Those with grades of 3.0, or higher, during the previous semester, preferred.

How to apply: Please fill out the following application completely, and mail to the address below. All applications for the Fall 2003 semester must be received by July 31, 2003. After review of applications by the club's board, the scholarship recipients will be announced at the September club meeting.

Important: Please provide the following in support of your application:

- Official record of your grades for the previous semester
- Confirmation of status during the current/upcoming semester.

You may include any copies of awards received, letters of recommendations, and other appropriate documentation, which may supplement your application.

Remit to:
NWCC
Attn: Lori Walker
P.O. BOX 1494
Cypress, Texas 77410

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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Permanent Address _____

E-mail: _____

College or University currently attending: _____

Major: _____

Current Academic Status:

High School Senior _____

College Freshman _____

College Sophomore _____

College Junior _____

College Senior _____

Graduate Student _____

GPA for last semester: _____

Please list all academic honors or awards:

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Are you an active cyclist? _____

Are you currently a member of a cycling club? _____

If so, what club? _____

What cycling club activities have you participated in within the last twelve months?

In what manner, other than club activities, have you made a contribution to the sport of cycling? (you may use additional paper if needed)

What contributions do you plan to make in the future to the sport of cycling?

Dog Incident Report Form

Cyclists must contend with dogs from time to time. Dr. Tom Vining states that dogs are either playful, protecting their territory, or they simply want your leg. Below is a form that we ask to be filled out in the event of an unpleasant encounter with a dog. Mail the completed form to NWCC, PO BOX 1494, Cypress, TX 77410, to the attention of the NWCC's secretary. A decision will be made at the next board meeting on whether to contact the owners or the authorities.

DOG INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Your Name

Your Address

Date and Time of Incident

Location of Incident

Description of Dog or Dogs

Describe the Incident:

Mail form to:

NWCC, PO BOX 1494, Cypress, TX 77410
attn: Club Secretary

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May Time Trial

by Dana Chamness

Club Time Trials are the second Tuesday of the months that have daylight savings time. The next time trial is Tuesday June 10th 2003 - 6:00pm. Thanks to all those that helped me. There was more traffic than I expected and it sure was nice having people watch the blind corners.

From Downtown take HWY 290 to Badtke Rd, U-turn under the freeway and go back to Roberts road (the same road as Zube Park is on) turn right. Follow Roberts it turns into Katy Hockley. Follow it South to Katy Hockley Cutoff, turn right and park in the park on the left. Ride your bike west on Sharp Road to the Start/Finish line.

The time trial is 10 meters long, is an out and back, and is open to all club members. The course has several curves, be sure to watch for cars.

TIME TRIAL RESULTS - MAY 13TH, 2003 10 k+ (6.2 miles) approximately

ORDER	NAME	TIME	MPH
1	Tom Reed	0:15:04	24.7
2	Craig Rennpage	0:15:12	24.5
3	Damon VanZandt	0:15:26	24.1
4	Kurt Weisen	0:15:32	23.9
5	Ryan Nelman	0:15:39	23.8
6	Michael Shepherd	0:15:42	23.7
7	Keith Ford	0:15:56	23.3
8	Joseph Delillier	0:16:01	23.2
9	David Lynch	0:16:06	23.1
10	Julius Stuart	0:16:11	23.0
11	David Newkirk	0:16:21	22.8
12	Jim Rodgers	0:16:36	22.4
13	Gavin Kaszynski	0:16:44	22.2
14	Ron Grabau	0:16:57	21.9
15	Lisa Reed	0:17:02	21.8
16	Mike Wells	0:17:38	21.1
17	Chris Albarran	0:17:47	20.9
18	Frank Thayer	0:18:01	20.6
19	Kevin Hopper	0:18:23	20.2
20	Gary Zbornak	0:18:32	20.1
21	John Mesiroff	0:19:05	19.5
22	Doug Lamond	0:19:10	19.4
23	Diana Zbornak	0:19:22	19.2
24	Ed Mancuso	0:19:28	19.1
25	Steve Scott	0:19:29	19.1
26	Bill Mitchel	0:21:09	17.6
27	Bryan Levack	0:21:46	17.1
28	Ward Hruza	0:23:45	15.7
29	Sam Mancuso	0:24:33	15.2

NWCC Membership Application

CHECK ONE: NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Family Membership Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Medical Condition: _____

Birth Date(s): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Willing to Volunteer Skills? _____

Permission to publish contact information (phone numbers & e-mail address) in password protected online Member Directory? (Circle One) YES NO

Primary Reason for Joining NWCC? _____

AREAS OF INTEREST (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Road Riding | ☐ Volunteer Opportunities | Racing: (team affiliation _____) |
| ☐ Mountain Biking | ☐ Fitness Education/Nutrition | ☐ not yet, but interested |
| ☐ Bike Commuter | ☐ Cycling Education, Skills & Safety | ☐ Off-Road, cat |
| ☐ Tri-Athlete | ☐ Bike Maintenance Education | ☐ Road, cat |
| ☐ Adventure Racing | ☐ Out of Town Rides/Tours | ☐ Track |
| ☐ Cycling Advocacy | ☐ Houston Area Group Rides | ☐ Cyclocross |

MEMBER DUES

Dues are \$20.00 per year for single membership and \$30.00 per year for family membership. Your membership will expire 12 months from the date you join. Your expiration date will be printed on your newsletter label. One newsletter will be mailed for each single or family membership.

Thank you for joining Northwest Cycling Club!

****IF THIS RELEASE IS NOT SIGNED, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU****

In signing this release for myself or for the above named applicant(s), I agree to absolve all of the sponsors, organizers, and associated entities, be they individuals or organizations, singly or collectively, of any injury or misadventure suffered as a result of taking part in any activities associated with or related to the NORTHWEST CYCLING CLUB, or NORTHWEST CYCLERY, INC.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount Paid: _____

(circle one) \$20.00 single \$30.00 Family Check Number _____ CASH Rec'd by _____

Make Checks payable to: NWCC

Mail to: NWCC Membership, PO Box 1494, Cypress, Texas 77410

The Pedal Pusher

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The Pedal Pusher

...And Way in the Back...

by Wes Morrow

Do you drive a car? Fine, what type of motorist are you, Sport or Recreational? What, you want more choices? You either race, or not, right? Can there be any other categories?

This seems a little silly when applied to driving? Very few of us race our motor vehicles, although some of us drive like that is what we think we are doing. But, even fewer of us would claim that the majority of our driving is "recreational." For the life of me, I can't seem to come up with good words to describe the type of driving we usually do. Maybe transportation, or transitorial would work, but neither of those

are listed in the dictionary.

When it comes to our cycling, it is a little easier, at least for some. Our club is blessed with many cyclists who have taken their cycling "to the next level" and compete on their bikes. But, does that mean that the rest of us can correctly be called recreational cyclists. We are an awfully diverse group to be stuck with just one label.

It seems to me that even those of us who race do not really fit into one or two categories. Not only are there different types of racing (off road, road, track, etc) but there are very many different lev-

els, ages, abilities, attitudes, and desires among our competition cyclists.

And, what about categorizing each other, anyway. Does this really help us to understand our views and attitudes, or merely allow them to be dismissed? Those of us who cycle to stay (or become) fit or healthy are certainly involved in recreation in the truest sense of the word. But the connotation of recreation today is one of an after work hobby rather than a way of restoring one's health. Cycling is either a hobby or a job for all of us, but it is a lot more than that to many. It is primarily a lot of fun!