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The Newsletter of the Quad Cities

**2002 QCBC Fall Foliage Ride
October 12-13
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin
Deb and Dean**

- We have been there.
- We have driven it.
- We have biked it.
- We have mapped it.

We will be riding on ridges, up and down hills (and up and down and...), and through valleys.

Two days to enjoy scenic Wisconsin from a bicycle.
No better way to take it all in!

We are referring to the QCBC Fall Foliage ride to be held the weekend of October 12-13, 2002 in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. We will ride approximately 55



From the Headset Kathy Storm

This newsletter is again packed with a number of articles from many club members who have taken the time to write up an article on a bike ride they have participated in. I wish to thank all those authors.

After my 2 year term as President ends this November, I will continue on as Newsletter Editor and this column will pass on to Warren Power. Elections for Officers and Board Members will be held at the October 15th General Meeting.

During October, the Ride Schedule will switch to its

“winter schedule”. Due to decreasing daylight hours, our weekend rides will begin at 9am instead of 8am. The Leisure rides will return again next spring, the MidPaced and FastPaced rides will continue through the end of October. The Tuesday and Thursday evening rides will switch to Night Rides starting at 6:30pm at Eastern Ave. Park in Davenport.

There are 2 great weekend rides during October that our club is sponsoring. On October 12 & 13, Deb and Dean Matthias will be hosting the annual Fall Foliage Ride. October 19 & 20 are the dates of the 2nd Annual Thomson Causeway Campout hosted by Dave Alftine.

Elections Kathy Storm

Welcome New QCBC Members Anne Fleischmann, Membership Coordinator

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At the October 15th General Meeting, elections will be held for the 4 club officers (elected to a 1 year term) and 1/3 of the Board Members (3 year term) according to our Bylaws. The following club members are running for these positions. We are still in need of 1 Board Member and a Vice President.

If you have a suggestion for a club member that you feel would be a good representative on the Board, please contact Jim Merritt (563) 285-4284 or Bill Storm (563) 355-2564.

- President – Warren Power
- Vice President - Open
- Treasurer – Darlene Moritz
- Recording Secretary – Jane Garrett
- Board Member – Terry Burke
- Board Member – Karen Nord
- Board Member - Open

“Chili Lunch in the Park” – MidPaced Ride Saturday, October 5th Bill and Kathy Storm

We would like to invite all club members who would enjoy a nice fall ride of approx. 40 miles at a 13-16 MPH pace to join us for this ride. See details on page 9 of this newsletter. You need to make a reservation for this ride.

May 2001 Tail Wind Report The 18th Official Tail Wind Doug Nelson

Although the QCBC sponsors a one-day Tail Wind ride and other groups have tailwinds, none are *official*. Official rides start with a prayer at Jerry and Sparky's, last seven days, always go with the wind, and require frequent pie stops. Photos are taken of every bridge, town sign, waitress, wayside marker, and stray dog or cat. Rotary meetings are attended as often as possible. Cocktail hours end the day's ride, along with daily doses of CNBC and Wheel of Fortune, an evening meal and a great deal of snoring.

Our 18th Tail Wind came close to being unofficial because of one day of side winds. Only the good fortune of being on the front page of the La Salle, Illinois News Tribune kept us official. More about that later.

After an excellent prayer by Jerry Sr. our ride started at 8:30 AM May 21, 2001. By 8:40 Carter LeBeau had already taken 24 photos and we could actually start riding. Riders included Carter LeBeau, Dean Arney, John Keane, Harold Reuter, and your reporter Doug Nelson. I reminded them all to take good care of me as I am the only one still paying into their Social Security.

A west-southwest wind took us first to the Rapid City Maid Rite and then Princeton, Illinois. Where others would push on, it was time for CNBC and cocktail hour. Carter found a 30-can deal on Red Dog. Dinner was at a cook-your own-steak restaurant; a great first day.

The second day had a moderate west wind that took us farther east through Central Illinois on Highway 6. (Why bother with state or county roads when the Fed's spent so much more money on theirs). At Peru, my friend Ron Malooley met us for an early lunch. Ron called his friends at the News Tribune. We became the feature article on the front page of the May 23rd edition. Somehow Carter became our spokesman.

The afternoon of day 2 brought a west-southwest wind. A light shower put Carter and Hal into a barn. Unknown to them, the farmer was working in the barn. He was more shocked than they were and said he thought he was being invaded by aliens (both were wearing the

fluorescent yellow club vests).

To the consternation of Carter we continued east, first to a so-so lunch at Betty Boops Cafe in Marseilles and on to Wilmington. Wilmington's only motel was booked with construction workers. As we pondered our situation these guys wondered if we were a little nuts. After a couple of phone calls we located rooms at the I-55 Motel. This involved backtracking about 8 miles.

The motel proved adequate for our needs. Beverages were located and we spotted a double rainbow and watched CNBC before walking to the adjacent truck stop for supper. It was a modern, clean facility. The restaurant waitress immediately had Hal's number. He was issued a stuffed rooster and told to behave. The next time you see him, ask about his big rooster award. Carter was disappointed we did not get to see the nearby Route 66 attraction, The Launching Pad Cafe. All in all we all found day two enjoyable.

Day 3 provided an even stronger south wind. We continued east to attempt a sweep around Lake Michigan. Carter again objected, but demurred as we were heading for Manteno and breakfast at Yamies. Carter spent his childhood summers near here. We also were able to stop at Carter's family cemetery. He was able to visit his parents' and grandparents' graves. Tailwinds have a way of producing unusual destinations.

We then proceeded east to Grant Park. The south wind was fantastic. Highway 1 or the Dixie Highway would carry us directly into the South side of Chicago. After studying the weather channel at the local police station, a very long and unusually quiet pie stop, it was agreed to proceed east and avoid Chicago.

For the next 24 hours someone reminded us that we were no longer on a Tail Wind ride, but a destination ride (getting around the south end of Lake Michigan). God wanted us to go north. We didn't, and God was going to punish us.

God did exactly that. First was a couple miles due south into a 30 knot wind, and then 10 miles east on the busiest two lane road I have ever seen. At the beginning of this road we were stopped temporarily for a bridge construction project. (cont. on page 5)

**May 2001 Tail Wind Report
The 18th Official Tail Wind**
(cont. from page 4)

The workers informed us that our road was a short cut for semis heading south from Chicago. They told us to be very careful; most of the truckers didn't speak English and were very aggressive.

At the bridge project the road was limited to one lane. This is all that saved us. The trucks were bunched into packs. When a pack approached we headed for the ditch or a farm lane (there was no, and I mean no, shoulder). I counted 156 trucks in that 10 mile stretch. As we neared the end it began raining again. Luckily there was a cafe at the end. After a good pie stop, it was an easy and quick trip up Highway 41 to our overnight town, Lowell.

From Lowell it was on to Valparaiso and breakfast at Susies. Grits were on the menu and we were at least quartering with the wind. Someone was much happier. We proceeded on Highways 2 and 39 to New Buffalo, Michigan. This town provided our best motel and best supper club. The motel owner drove us to and from the supper club.

This restaurant had real class. When we ordered Martinis, they asked if we wanted Absolute, Smirnoffs, or one of several other vodkas. Then they asked if you wanted an anchovy or Spanish Olive. We thought we were at the Ritz-Carlton, not on a bike ride. Tonight was Hal's birthday. We all enjoyed the party, including the waitress who was selected as waitress of the week.

From New Buffalo we followed the Red Arrow Highway to South Haven. This route included St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. There are numerous summer houses here for Chicagoans. Some of them are huge. Carter asked my professional opinion as to their value. When I told him I had not studied the local market he proceeded to tell me their value to the nearest dollar. In case you didn't know it, he is also able to ascertain corn and bean yields by simply peddling past the field.

That evening we stayed at the same motel and ate at the same restaurant as was enjoyed by Jerry Legget on his one and only Tail Wind ride. The most vivid memory was how much he enjoyed tailwinds. In his write up he said "I'm planning to do lots more in the future". He died before he saw his write up in the newsletter.

Food is an important part of the Tail Wind experience. This may be because it means another stop. One of the favorites of this trip was the Kalico Kitchen in Douglas, Michigan. "Breakas" included bakon, hen aigs, biskits and grits. We assumed that's the way the Dutch spell eggs.

Another great stop on the Blue Highway was at the Glenn Restaurant. Glenn is on old US 31, the main highway in Western Michigan. On December 7, 1937 a severe blizzard stranded hundreds of travelers here. Local food supplies were quickly exhausted and for three more days the town fed their guests "pancakes with no sausage" for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The event generated national publicity about the "Pancake Town". For many years the town even had a pancake festival drawing thousands. Aunt Jemima made appearances. World War II ended the festivals.

We continued on the Blue Highway to Holland, our final overnight town. The Tulip Festival had been one or two weeks earlier. The Dutch had cleaned up and few tulips were to be seen. They also had cleaned up most chances at adult beverages. However, we did locate some adjacent to our motel. As we peddled through town there was a Dutch Reformed church about every four blocks.

Sunday morning saw us heading to Grand Rapids and the Gerald R. Ford Airport to pick up our rental cars. Sunday morning in Holland everyone is at church and nothing is open. Only when we got to Grand Rapids were any restaurants found. Thanks to John we rented two full size Mercury Marquis at a reasonable price. And thanks to Dean we packed all five bikes and ourselves quite comfortably. We arrived in the Quad-Cities by late Sunday afternoon. We all agreed this was a fine tailwind and look forward to many more.

Increase in Membership Dues

Kathy Storm, President

Effective December 1, 2002, membership dues in the Quad Cities Bicycle Club will increase to \$15.00 (from \$10.00) for an Individual Membership and \$20.00 (from \$15.00) for a Couple/Family Membership. It has been 15 years since the QCBC has had an increase in dues. Many of our costs such as printing (newsletter and Ride Schedule Booklet), postage, room rental fees, insurance, and activities that we subsidize have increased during this time.

At the end of 2001, the cost of providing every mailing address with a monthly (11 issues) newsletter and hard copy Ride Schedule Booklet and Membership Directory was \$15.50.

The Quad Cities Bicycle Club is very fortunate to have a few events that generate some extra income for us in

addition to those monies collected from Membership Dues. These include TOMRV, the Heartland Century and the RAGBRAI Charter. In the past 3 - 5 years, the proceeds of these events have had to subsidize an increasing percentage of the normal operating costs of the club.

Your membership in the QCBC provides you with: a monthly newsletter, an Annual Ride Schedule and Membership Booklet, a club web site, free ad space in the newsletter and the web site to list used bicycle items, a spring and winter picnic, a subsidized Annual Dinner, discounted registration fee for TOMRV (\$5.00) and the Heartland Century (\$3.00), and a 10% discount at QC Area bike shops.

In comparison to other bike clubs, the membership dues that the QCBC has charged have been on the low side. Listed below are some other bike clubs and their current dues:

Name of Bike Club	City	St
BC of Irvine	Irvine	C
Denver Bicycle Touring Club	Denver	C
Des Moines BC	Des Moines	I
Bicyclists of Iowa City	Iowa City	I
Hawkeye Bicycle Association	Cedar Rapids	I
BC of Lake County	Libertyville	I
Bike Psychos	Oak Lawn	I
Blackhawk Bicycle and Ski Club	Rockford	I
Chicago Cycling Club	Chicago	I
Elmhurst BC	Elmhurst	I
Evanston BC	Evanston	I
Folks on Spokes	Homewood	I
Fox Valley	St. Charles	I
Schaumburg BC	Schaumburg	I
Omaha Pedalers	Omaha	N

Want Ads Column (Additional Items on page 7)

FOR SALE: KSYRUM SSC 700c clincher Wheelset. \$800 retail, used 1 month, only \$575. Includes wheels, tires and tubes. Contact John Grice at (309) 852-5243.

**Night Rides on the Du
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November**

New for 2002

Due to numerous requests to extend these rides and to offer them on the Great River Trail will continue as usual along the Duck Creek Parkway. In November

Tuesday & Thursday Nights October 1 – 31, 2002: Duck Creek Parkway
November 5 – 26, 2002: Grand Ill

Meeting Place: October - Eastern Ave. entrance to Duck Creek Parkway
November – TGI Friday's parking

Starting Time: 6:30PM

Mileage: 22 - 23 miles (Round Trip)

Equipment Needed: Headlight and/or helmet light with reflective tape or strapping
Reflective tape or strapping on your shoulders
Rear red light visible from at least 200 feet
And, put the reflectors back on your bike

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FOR SALE: 2001 Trek Fuel 90. Excellent condition, never raced, low miles, \$800. Contact Jeff Hogue: (309) 944-5407 or jahogue@mchsi.com

“Hikemabika” – An Activity Festival on the Hennepin Canal

Bruce Perry

On Sunday October 13th, the Friends of the Hennepin Canal, Illinois Trail Conservatory and Henry County Tourism are sponsoring an “Activity Festival” on the Hennepin Canal. Biking, Hiking or Canoeing/Kayaking are being encouraged on this date.

Starting time is 11:30 AM at the Geneseo Campground on the trail at Geneseo. For more information, contact Bruce Perry at (309) 523-9220 or visit the web site for the Friends of the Hennepin Canal at <http://fhcanal.home.mchsi.com>. Registration is \$15.00 on or before October 1st and \$20.00 after October 1st. Registration forms may be downloaded from their web site.

New and Old Faces On Leisure Rides

Vivian Norton

The Leisure Rides are gaining in popularity as new riders show up, have a good time, and bring a friend along the next week.

Designated ride leaders have made sure that all riders return to “home base” with an experienced rider who knows the route. Usually the leader asks a rider familiar with the route to take the lead and then acts as sweep.

That method seems to work well to make new riders comfortable with Club rides. As they gain in riding skill and speed they may try the mid and fast paced rides. The club appeals to a wider range of riders when we offer three levels of riding speed. Having more members gives the Club more members to call on when we need volunteers for our many events.

On June 22, Joanne Sullivan had 8 riders along: Rita Meeker, George Graves, Linda Barchman, Jim Karr, Jane Garrett, Vivian Norton, Brian DeClerk,

and Richard DeClerk.

Linda and the DeClerks rode recumbent bikes.

An interesting note: Brian won his spiffy recumbent from his dad by agreeing to ride with Dad if he quit smoking. They both won in that deal!

On July 13, seventeen cyclists met at Culver’s in Davenport for the “Custard Ride” to DeWitt, led by Vivian Norton. Ride participants were: Rodger Horst, Kelly Otto, Linda Barchman, Dan Sear, Barb Donald, Marge Dixon, Dodie Robers, Kathy Doyle, Dottie Willits, Ron Paasch, Eileen McDeid, Joy Duex, Pat DeKeper, Audrey Mabis, Jim Karr, Doug Nelson, and Emily Nelson.

We took pictures at Culver’s. A few people missed the pictures, Audrey because he was busy getting his bike together, Vivian because she was taking the pictures.

Doug Nelson used his cell phone to call the Sunrise restaurant in DeWitt to tell them how many riders were coming. The restaurant server said they appreciated knowing how many people were coming. Tables were set for the group when we arrived. The service was prompt and the food was great.

Having everyone together for a meal gave us time to eat and share ride stories and learn who was going to be leaving for RAGBRAI. Doug Nelson and his daughter Emily were using the ride to prepare for her first RAGBRAI.. Dan Sear, a former Clinton resident, was visiting friends and was asked to come along for the Club ride. He told us about riding in Texas. He gets in a lot of riding with some of the active riding groups there.

After having a good meal, the group was ready to roll. Kelly Otto elected to visit an old friend who lived in De Witt and the rest of the group headed back to Davenport.

The group split up on the way back to accommodate the faster and the more leisurely riders. Everyone got back safe and sound.

Thanks go to Vivian Norton and my husband, Bill, for helping proof read this issue of Pedalwheeling.

LeClaire Report "Off to LeClaire" ir
August 10 2002 b
Carte by Kaye LeBeau b
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It was perfect weather as instructions and the route
 were great. The 2002 QBC Ride was a great success. The
 race, which was won by the team of John Parker and Bill Hai
 The riders were: Carter & Kaye LeBeau, Marge
 were Ales Zajic (Chicago) at 1:00:15 and Larry Sullivan (Clim
 Dixon, Sheila Dixon, Kathleen & Cher Doyle, Joy
 (Bettendorf) at 1:07:19, and Tonya Armstrong (Muscatine) at
 Duex, Judy Kerkhoven, Audrey Mabis, Rita Meeker,
 http://home.revealed.net/dthompson. We had participants,
 Doug Nelson, Vivian Norton, Janice Reynolds,
 Dottie Walker, and Bruce Mow with a temperature of 60°F at race
 wind, and sun. After the race, most people stayed around for
 Our first regrouping, as planned, was at the State St.
 out over 80 trophies, so lots of people went home with some
 end of the bike path. A good shoulder on Rt. 67, and
 a slight dip in this area is a nice riding to Pleasant with the race p
 Valley of the Mississippi. After a good day of riding there is ple
 leisure ride. We continued as planned and had participants. ri
 into LeClaire - 1.7 miles of beauty along the al
 Many thanks to the QBC members who participated in the t
 Mississippi. race management. Volunteers are just as important as partic
 The plan has been to do it on August 10, 2002. It is on you
 how little going. They had to offer a great experience. t
 but just some wimpy muffins and kolaches, about the n
 size of a poker chip. It's a nice place, with outside and