

SHENANDOAH VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 1986

ELEANOR'S CORNER

Let's start 1986 as the year that we attend as many rides as we can. This month is our annual banquet and slide show. February will host Mark Nissley, discussing his West Virginia trip.

Please bring your food at 6:00 PM to the Valley Wellness Center. We will eat at 6:30. Remember to also bring your own plate and utensils, and please, no alcohol.

1986 ANNUAL POTLUCK BANQUET

The Annual Potluck Banquet will be held Monday, January 13th at the Valley Wellness Center. Please prepare a dish to share (an entree, salad, bread, dessert, etc.), and utensils for your family. The club will provide beverages, extra utensils, and CAKE!! The slide show, following the meal, is always a treat, so bundle up the family and brave the cold temperatures and join us!

SUPER SUNDAY RIDE

You know you're gonna spend the evening in front of the TV set, so why not ease your conscience by working up an appetite on FAT tires? Ride from REDDISH KNOB to UNION SPRINGS, approximately 4 hours. Dress appropriately, carry water and munchies. Congenial pace, regrouping. Note: Route not recommended for beginners, however, passable for anyone willing to try. Meet at entrance to Hillendale Park, 10 AM, Sunday, January 26, for group car pooling to Briery Branch Gap. Ride leader: Sue Rippy (433-3017, home; 568-6363, work). Call for information.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI WEEKEND

The date has been changed for the cross country ski weekend. It will be held on the weekend of January 25-27th. So far, three couples have made housing reservations at the Pendeltonheim condominium complex in Davis. Anyone wishing to go, please contact Art and Kathy Fovargue (433-9247) or Mario and Mur Dennis (434-3521). The more the merrier!

THE LAST 1985 MOONLIGHT RIDE

When we last left the terrible trio (L.B. Branner, Ed Funkhouser and Rodney Yankey) they were planning a mountain bike trip from Woodstock Reservoir to Sugar Knob cabin and back.

We all left around dinner time and proceeded to push our bikes for 2 hours up a ridge with 4" of snow, stopping only to watch raccoons and take pictures. We then proceeded down the steep, icy ridges to Columbia Furnace, just in time to read a map to find out where we weren't, before it got dark. After figuring out where we weren't, we then went on a 1-1/2 hour moonlight ride, back to the white Bikemobile. We all swore we would do it again in '86, even though we were totally exhausted. The terrific trio (same as the terrible trio, but Ray Miller replaced Rodney, adding a rider who hadn't yet lost his mind) did the ride again the very next weekend, and had a great time.

---Rodney

VOYAGEUR

Although the SVBC official year is not yet over, the new cycling year is not that far away. It's especially hard to keep your thoughts off bicycling after you found the following goody under your tree Christmas morning! (Select one):

- a) Titanium crank
- b) HON convertible
- c) A year's supply of HALT!
- d) A 16-bit, many function cycling computer
- e) Rainbow jersey
- f) Polycarb all-around glasses
- g) A custom shaped saddle
- h) All of the above (be honest, Eleanor!)

So, come to the 1986 Touring planning session, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 29 at Art and Kathy's house (call for directions, if needed, 433-9247). This will be a get-together to discuss the general scope of the 1986 ride schedule, not to get into detailed planning of any rides. If you think the SVBC touring needs re-direction, please come and submit ideas--all welcome.

Not much going on in touring right now, so here are a few items from the odds and ends department:

Cool off with "Vehicle Air Conditioner--Ground Wheel Driven". Just the thing for those time trials on hot summer evenings. Guaranteed not to take more than 3 minutes off your time. Contact Ike Kusisto, Prescott Valley, Arizona, and ask for Patent #4555911.

Be the first on your block to own the "Bye Bike", a uni-bike by Zeta Gi of Italy. This "cross between a knock-around dirt bike and cross-country racer" has a 24" rear and a 12" front wheel. Turning radius is 20", giving it applications in industry and library stacks. There is also a "Bye Bike Boy" model with a 20" and 10" wheel combo, and a "Bye Bike Baby" with a 12" and 6" wheel combo. Bye-bye.

From Safe-Lite Manufacturing comes a spoke guard designed to prevent your chain from jamming into the rear spokes, "a relatively common occurrence." For all you material freaks, this one is made of "Kodar" PETG, a clear copolyester from Kodak. Injection molding is the process. (calm down, Eleanor)

And for the mountain bike crowd, next time you're on your Huffy roadster, give thanks to old McDonnell Douglas. To try to stay ahead of competition, Huffy is using the Unigraphics II CAD system to give birth to new designs. Brought to you by the makers of the DC-10.

More design drivel next time. Until then, remember, impromptu rides, Sunday afternoons at 1 PM--leave from Waterman Elementary. Happy New Year!!

---Art

RACING NEWS

by Craig Mauck

EASTERN STATES OPEN CYCLO-CROSS

Craig Mauck and Sue Rippy traveled to Westchester, PA, November 24, to see just what all this skinny-tire off-road mania was about. Craig placed 19th of 65 on his mountain bike in the 1.5 mile time trial in 8:01:38, and Sue whipped some butt herself with a near 10-minute time. Craig was the only qualifier on fat tires for the Grass Criterium, but lack of training kept him out of the money in XC race. Paul Curley of Fuji-Suntour won all 3 events, in his tune-up for the USCF National Cyclo-Cross, December 1.

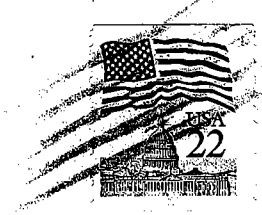
USCF NATIONAL CYCLO-CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 1 found over 100 riders ready for a very sloppy, classic cyclo-cross race in Nutley, NJ. SVBC Newsletter reporters Sue Rippy and Craig Mauck, in possible new careers as spectators, cheered on the 3 top world-class mountain bikers on skinny tires who broke into the top 10: Ned Overnel, 2nd; Casey Kuncelman, 3rd; and Todd deAngelis, 8th. But Paul Curley showed his homework from cyclo-crossing in Europe in '84 to win way out ahead for his first national title. His smoothness at mounts and dismounts and road strength put him in a class by himself as he trotted non-stop for over an hour through ankle deep mud and up steep, short hills, lap after lap. Tech support by Suntour with a clean bike every lap certainly didn't hurt.

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SVBC MEETING:
POTLUCK DINNER
&
SLIDE SHOW
6:00 - JAN. 13TH
VALLEY WELLNESS CENTER

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