

FEBRUARY, 1986

ELEANOR'S WHEEL

Mountain Bike-West Virginia is the meeting this month. Mark Nissley will be the speaker. Please come to the Wellness Center at 7:30 on Monday, February 10. Maintenance is the topic for the March meeting.

January's Buffet meeting was most enjoyable, and I appreciated the excellent turnout and help after the meeting.

Everyone--please return your ballots--please vote for choices for elected club officers.

See ya at the Wellness Center!

TOURING

Last week we held a Touring Committee meeting; club members Dave and Nancy Cary and Donna and Bruce Werner were present. We hashed over the past year's touring successes and failures, where improvements can be made, and some possible rides for 1986. It was agreed that the theme of the 1986 Touring Calendar should be "quality and not quantity". There will be a Touring Committee meeting in March to lay serious plans for what rides will be offered. So stay tuned.

AGVITHH V (Annual Great Valley Interstate Tour Harrisonburg, VA to Harrisburg, PA) is on schedule for Friday, June 20 to Sunday, June 22 this year. The SVBC is taking a greater role this year in the planning and pre-ride activities. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants. Cost is \$90, which includes 2 nights lodging, meals, snacks, T-shirts, maps and sag. You will cycle about 75 miles per day; overnight stops are in Winchester, VA and Emmitsburg, MD. If you desire further info, call myself (433-9247) or Donna Werner (433-8977). If you would like to help out with preride activities, the next AGVITHH-V meeting is 9 AM, Saturday, February 8 at the Heritage Restaurant.

For February we will continue to have impromptu rides on Sunday afternoons, 1 PM, meet at Waterman Elementary.

----Art Fovargue

CLEVELAND WELDING COMPANY

In digging into your past, you can find some interesting roots. Turns out my great uncle Homer L. Mueller was VP and sales manager for Cleveland Welding, which started making bicycles in 1935. After WW II, it was one of the leading producers in the country and its president, H.W. Kranz said the saturation point for bicycles wasn't even in sight. "During the War, only a few bicycles were made. That pent-up demand is not yet satisfied. As a result of the high birth rate during wartime a greater number of children are approaching the bicycle-riding age. Further, there are no cheap, secondhand automobiles anymore, so teenagers are turning to bicycles for transportation."

Cleveland Welding entered the bicycle market as a hedge against the seasonal fluctuations it was seeing in auto rim and other circular welding product business. After the war, with bicycles accounting for two-thirds of their business, Cleveland Welding employed 1300, more than during the war when it made ammo and tank wheels.

Cleveland Welding became a division of American Machine and Foundry Co. (AMF) in 1953 and the bicycle manufacturing operations were moved to Little Rock, AR.

Does anyone out there have any other info on Cleveland Welding and bicycles? If so, let me know.

--Art Fovargue

FAT TIRE TIPS

The MKS Graphite 2000 pedal is a light, unbreakable, unbendable copy of the classic Suntour XC-2. The maker recommends disassembling the new (or used, if you already have them) and replacing with Loc-Tite or similar bonding agent on the cage butts. Otherwise, these great pedals may fall apart.

Winter training is safer on fat tires.

---Craig

SUPER SUNDAY 1986

January 26 - Super Sunday had it all...thrills, chills, spills. While the lowland precip amounted to rain, slush and a generally muddy outlook, atop the mountain was glorious in deep, fluffy whiteness.

Part of our adventure was the considerable difficulty in even reaching Briery Branch Gap. When the bikes were removed from Les' van so we couldn't lose THEM too...ask Ed, Al, Les, Sue or Joelle for details. Mountainmen Dennis and Craig arrived on the scene coming back from the Gap ahead of us, and in doing so, Craig had gotten too cold to continue. The group, united now, from this point about a mile downhill from the Gap, abandoned the van and started to climb.

Drifting across our path, the snow of 6" to a foot in some places, provided the day's entertainment. Off-road (or on) NOTHING held traction...every tire, every bike, every body...slippin' and a slidin'. We'd ride as far as we could, we'd walk when we couldn't, we'd try to ride some more. It went on like that. Dennis got the idea to push the bike of the bank on the side, get on, and charge down to gain the needed momentum to get started. All of us enjoyed witnessing Al on his maiden voyage in deep snow and with that same contagious enthusiasm, just a game of "who can stay up the longest" going.

Conditions as they were, it took so long to reach even where Flagpole drops off to the right, that we there reluctantly decided to turn back. More of a downhill slant that way provided much slidin', ridin', and glidin' in every direction. At one point, Dennis flew a little on his own as Ed, Al, Sue and Dennis all skidded into the same place at the same time, and someone got the ditch.

We stopped, we munched, we marveled at the scenery, and after a long, stingingly cold ride down the mountain to the van, which had mysteriously moved a considerable ways further down (guess how), six invigorated people and six well-used machines rolled back to civilization. Joelle has a great story of the look on Les' face when he thought he'd lost his van.

The beauty of mountainbiking is going no matter when, no matter where, no matter what...it's all fun. Next year we'll do it again. COME ALONG!!

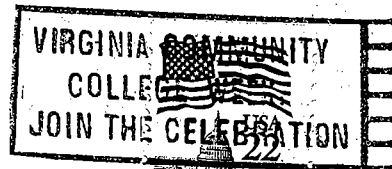
---Sue

FAT TIRE TRAINING RIDES: Every Saturday at 3, fat tires head out for a few fun, fast hours to beat the dark and those "cabin fever" blues. Meet Craig at the Old Virginia Ham cafe on Liberty and Market.

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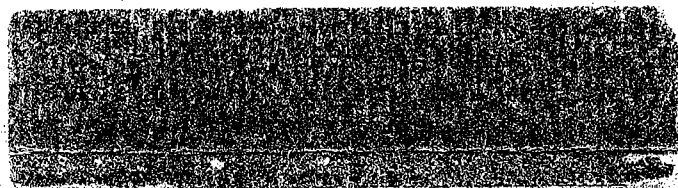
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SVBC MEETING:

MONDAY - FEB. 10, 7:30 PM
WELLNESS CENTER

WEST VA - MOUNTAIN BIKING
SLIDE SHOW



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VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS

AAA BICYCLE REPAIR, BACK ALLEY BIKES, AND MARK'S BIKE SHOP
GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF THE SVBC NEWSLETTER
