

Extra^ordinary Reflections

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Fall BBC Meeting—Final Notice

Where: Shorewood Community Center
901 Swarthmore Court, Madison

When: Sunday, November 5, 5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Agenda:

- 4:30 - BBC Board arrives to set up.
- 5:00 - Socializing. Soda will be available compliments of the BBC, but bring your own beer. Delinquents will have an opportunity to pay up their dues.
- 5:30 - Pizza spread—Free to BBC Members (with the form on page 11.)
- 6:00 - BBC Business Meeting.
- 6:30 - “Biking the Swiss Alps”—slide show by Jerry McAdow and Jim Miller. One of the passes they made was on the route of last summer’s Tour de France.
- 7:00 - Door prizes
- 7:15 - Clean up



... Or could it? BBC member Frank LaRosa saw this former bicycle on some street in the Big Apple, and so reminds us of the amateurish talents of Wisconsin bike thieves.

From the President

Looking back in time a bit, it’s good to report that the Bombay Bicycle Club’s Wright Stuff Century experienced another successful year with over five hundred cyclists registered to ride; many came from Wisconsin towns outside of Madison, as well as from Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois. I must congratulate the die-hard riders who signed up during a down-pour for their optimism; the day did eventually turn around and become quite beautiful, sunny, and hot. Of course that was after the rain, then the incredible headwinds and the cold temperatures. Truly this year’s crop of cyclists lived up to the “Right Stuff” in our century’s title. With the late start, the last of the participants rolled into Tyrol just as the sun was setting, still aglow with the thought that they had completed the whole one hundred and four challenging miles. Congratulations to all who participated on any section of the route!

I must now thank the incredible number of volunteers who helped make this ride a successful one. Elsewhere in this issue will be a listing of all who helped (at least we will try to list all.) It takes a lot of people to run this ride and we are fortunate to have so many members and non-members willing to pitch in when and where needed. Wright Stuff Century riders told me all afternoon at Tyrol how much they had enjoyed the ride; how well supported and planned it was; and how nice all the volunteers were to them. Thank you all so much for your hard work on the club’s behalf.

We also need to thank both the Mobile Mechanics Bicycle Repair and the Williamson Bicycle Works mechanics who helped with bicycle repairs all day, throughout the whole route; please thank them by supporting their businesses whenever you can. We also owe a big thanks to The Madison Area Repeater Association whose members supplied the line of communication to our SAG vehicles and to the command center at Tyrol Basin, and another thank you to Bill Hauda and Bike Wisconsin for the extra water stop and help on Percussion Rock Road. Thank you all again and again!

Looking ahead, please come and enjoy the Fall meeting on the evening of November 5th; the Pack doesn’t play until Monday night. Preview the new design for a Bombay Jersey and get your order in for one; they will arrive in the spring just in time for the cycling season. Scott Pauli, who designed this year’s Century ride t-shirt, is incorporating some of the Frank Lloyd Wright “look” in his design. I guarantee it will be quite different from our original jersey—come and check it out.

Do attend. We need your input in our annual survey and we will have a slate of officers for the BBC board to be elected. I will be retiring as president, so come and introduce yourself to the new president of the club. I’m sure our slide show will be entertaining and we will order lots of pizza and goodies to feast upon. See you there. p —Sarah Grimes

Pumpkin Pie Ride Retrospect

Story and photographs by G. Rae Van Sluys
(aka The Predestined Pedaler)

It was a nose-running kind of day. Similar to the last two years, the three-day forecast predicted wet weather. But mid-40s temperatures and a northeast breeze were tamed by solar warmth while cyclists gathered at Lakeview Park in Middleton for this year's 14th annual Lendved Homestead trek in search of homemade pumpkin pie.

The cooperative group listened intently to the ride leader's com-



ments before zooming away. Most of the cyclists indicated they were bound to brave 60 hilly miles for the notorious pie; only five of the 45 riders decided to take the 38-mile medium route. The ride leader waffled slightly as she watched the last group (aka "the gang") leave the lot. Then, suddenly, with next to no trepidation, she cached a few maps on a friend's car (for latecomers), reloaded her Peugeot into her trusty Trooper, and headed up the road. Within two miles a flat tire was reinflated for a hapless rider who wisely decided to cycle the medium route.

Sometimes "cheating" becomes a noble action. Our ride leader, hereafter referred to as "the Pedaler," drove merrily up Highway 12 to the intersection of Highway 19 and met two friends who had persuaded her to do an "altered" route that eventually rejoined the long route. Just prior to merging at Fish Lake Road, two red-tailed hawks circled high over Lueth Road and joined talons, spinning themselves into the whirling mid-air dance of their mating ritual. On the pavement below, brown fuzzy caterpillars slow-motioned across the roadway.

Either I was dozing during the Pedaler's pre-ride spiel, or the element of surprise is ever-present on Bombay rides. Knowing the Pedaler's affinity for all creatures great or small, there were no warnings alerting nor pleas issued begging cyclists to avoid wheeling over the copious numbers of Banded Woolly Bear caterpillars in their season of abundance. Nor was there mention of the gravel/dirt stretch of "road work" for several hundred feet on Barta Road and 1/4 mile on Hwy 60. But the Pedaler apologizes profusely for this negligence, as well as the fact that a Gastrow Road sign was nonexistent until her arrival to post a handwritten directional. Fortunately, thoughts of pumpkin pie only four miles

distant kept everyone tightly focused.

And good pie it was, too! Accompanied by the usual whipped cream, apples, and juice, each slice was savored amid Homestead hospitality.

One and one-half year old golden retriever, Zydeco, smiled riders into dosing her with lots of affection. Thirteen year-old Chris greeted arrivals with signs pointing toward the pie and bathroom for the com-



fort of shy riders. Eleven-year-old John wielded a swatter to keep wasps at bay on the deck, allowing guests to relax and enjoy the dessert du jour. Nine year-old Casey deftly played several renditions of "new" tunes on his harmonica, obliging every request for another. And Casey's twin brother, Nolan, assisted in the rescue of a rider stranded on Barta Road.

Despite John Coover's irreparable tire (after seven years without a single flat and being definitely overdue), he was well-equipped with high spirits and a great attitude. Pie, coffee, and a lift back to Madison didn't spoil anyone's day.

The Bombay Bicycle Club once again thanks Shirlee, Dave, and the boys for making another September pumpkin pie ride one of the best the club can offer! If next year allows, young Chris will arrange a jazz band to perform at least one popular tune to entertain our intrepid cyclists. While Shirlee creates the pies that have drawn riders to the Homestead for 14 years, Dave will conduct his young musicians (Chris on trumpet, John on clarinet, Nolan on piano, and Casey, of course, on harmonica) to perform at the 15th annual Lendved Homestead Pumpkin Pie Ride. p



22nd Century Ride Draws 500 Riders in Spite of Rain Threat

By all accounts the 22nd Wright Stuff Century Ride was a great success. It turned out that way largely because of the efforts of some 50+ volunteers who gave much of their time and energy to help the big event go smoothly.

The Century co-chairs were Sarah Grimes, Johanna Bierwirth, and Bob Steinberg; the registration desk at Tyrol Basin was staffed by Sarah Hole (registration chair), Gail and Willy Van Heren, Kathy Konicek, Margaret Peterson, and Fred Gooding; pre-registration was handled by Carolyn Senty.

Operation of the rest stops was co-chaired by Max Austin and Johanna Bierwirth, with the following large staff to help: Norm Dullum, Barb and Linda Lukes, Judy Allison, Marcia Cohen, Michael Pressmen, Eric and Kathy Schramm, Karen Matteoni. Ron Drunasky, Kathleen Myhre, Kafryn Lieder, Jan Jankowski and Craig Katz. Organizing the food for the rest stops was under the charge of Kafryn Lieder and Dave Callan.

Preparation of the maps and all of the route marking was executed by Dean Schroeder, as well as Neil Forney and his son Alex; parking at Tyrol Basin was the responsibility of Bob Steinberg as well as Allan Clark and Lou Bruch.

The Ham Radio Operators and Sag Support was under the general direction of BBC Membership Chair Don Michalski;

assisting Don was a veritable Ham Army: Bruce Micales (WA2DEU), Bob Aspinwall (WB9RND), Dave Deiler (KB9JQV), John Deiler (KB9TQQ), Zach Spoehr (KB9UAK), Mike Leggett and his wife (N9IHR), Becky Toussaint (N9XJD), Paul and Matthew Toussaint (N9VWH), Sam Rowe (KG9NG), Jim Kalrath (N9KAN), Don Michalski (W9IXG), Barbara Elliott (KB9VIL), Jack Wright (KB9VGL), and Gary Fineout (KF4ZAA).

The T-shirts (as well as the new BBC logo on the back cover) were designed by Scott Pauli, and the brochure design and printing were again done by Diane Schwartz.

Other credits go to Pure Sweet Honey Farm for the donation of the power drink for the rest stops.

Here are some comments the BBC has received: "Excellent ride Sunday - well done - and the shirt - great design !!! this is by far the best ride I [did] all year." "Sarah, Yup, I made the ride and had a heck of a time. It was a well set up and supported ride. Thanks for the consideration and hope to see y'all next year."

The BBC thanks all the volunteers and riders for making this ride such a success. Even the rain let up, eventually.

Next 2 pages: Pictures!

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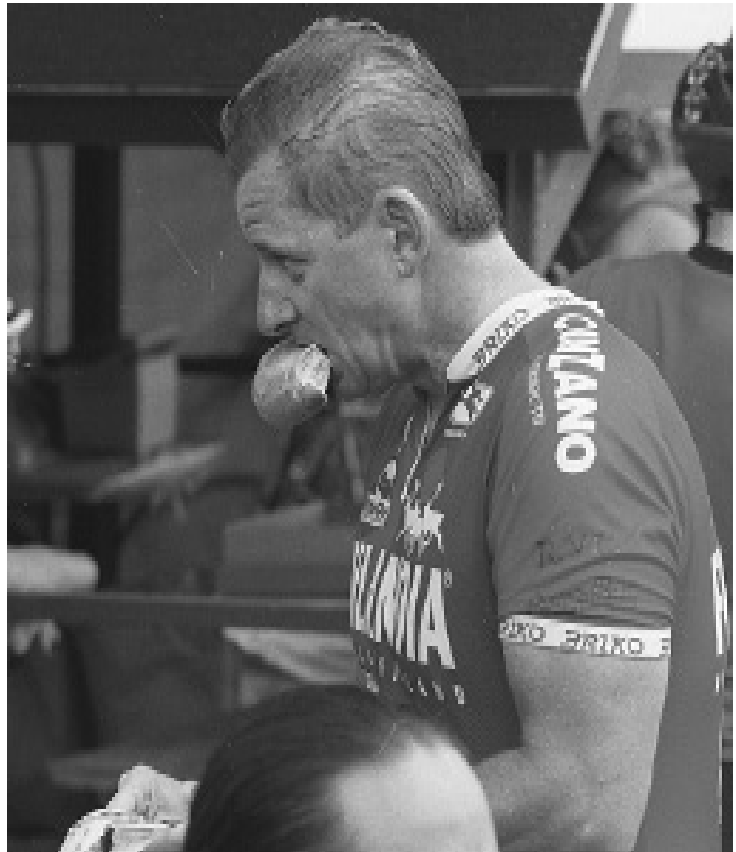
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Scenes from the 22nd Wright Stuff Century Ride of 3 September 2000



Clockwise from above: the scene at one of the rest stops; wet, wet ground awaited some early starters while the others attempted to wait it out at Tyrol Basin; a bagel lover; and one of those infamous hills. Next page, clockwise from upper left: former Century chair John Stockham (right) finally takes his busman's holiday; the crew at Barneveld; and more hills. —Photos by Fred Gooding





Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

This was the first time I have attempted a century ride. I thought that I had trained well enough, but this was the hardest thing I have ever done. I had learned on BBC rides that I need to start out slowly in order to have a strong finish. That wind after that rain took the slow start out of the equation. I was pretty well shot by the first rest stop. I am still not quite sure how I ever finished. My computer said 7-1/2 hours of riding time but it felt like much more. I salute all who finished and all who can do this type of thing easier than I. Don't think that I will ever join the 5 hour club but I have great respect for all the members. The part of me that hurt the most at the end was my bronchial network. I would have paid \$100 for coffee at the rest stops—maybe next time? I finally wore my T-shirt today for the first time. We definitely earned them.

—David Bell, Middleton



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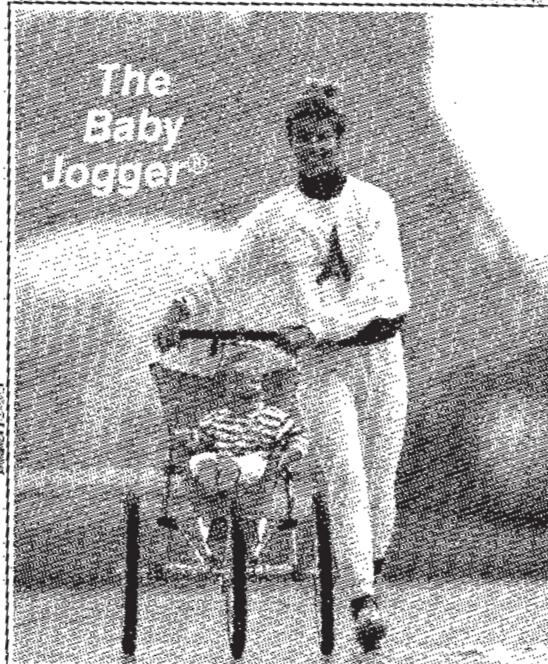
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An Idaho SPUDS Tour 438 Miles for \$400

Story and Photographs by G.Rae Van Sluys

Yellowstone wildfires and a Targhee Pass hailstorm hasten me toward the starting point of an exceptional six-day tour with 43 Cyclevents participants. Since a 1984 bicycle venture along Idaho's Snake and Salmon Rivers and through the Bitterroot range over Lolo Pass, I yearned to return to this beautiful state. Two years ago Adventure Cycling magazine's brief description of the SPUDS tour cited a 150-rider limit. I said, "Time to go."

Cyclevents owner Tom Sheehan has been operating tours for 12 years, and it shows. From well-equipped sag-support vehicles to an accurate array of maps to a knowledgeable "ace" mechanic to satisfyingly scrumptious meals, this year's SPUDS tour exceeded my expectations. The 72-mile per day average was reasonable and tailored for each day's terrain: lighter on climbing days and longer on the flats. Although dangerously dry weather prevailed, temperatures in the 80's were tolerable and a 35 mph tail/tacking wind on our 89-mile day through high desert was a relief to everyone. Imagine having a headwind for that distance!



Luggage arrangements and getting to the start of the tour requires much logistical planning. Flying out of Chicago an hour late meant missing my connecting flight in Salt Lake City. Upon arriving in West Yellowstone, Montana five hours later than anticipated, I assemble my Peugeot Canyon Express ATB at dusk against a backdrop of

impressive lightning bolts. The 3-mile jaunt from West Yellowstone airport into town on a paved shoulder of lightly-trafficked road leads me to the Madison Hotel and Youth Hostel for a \$22.00 four-bunk room that I have to myself for a solid night's sleep.

Breakfast at Mountain Mike's Café on the main drag is highly recommended, and it fueled me up and over 7,072 foot Continental Divide Targhee Pass on my way to the far end of Island Park where SPUDS tour members would meet the next morning to catch a bus to the other side of Idaho. At the 24-mile mark I stop at the 1600-acre Flat Ranch, a Nature Conservancy preserve of the Upper Henry's River Fork. The extensive wetlands and grasslands support a native yellow cutthroat trout fishery, pronghorn antelope, elk, golden and bald eagles, sandhill cranes, moose, and a working cattle ranch.

Pedaling on past several National Forest campgrounds, I cross the Snake and Buffalo Rivers, take refuge under some lodgepole pines during a 3-minute hailstorm, and discover a short stretch of paved bicycle path that brings me within 5 miles of the south end of Island Park, where I settle in a tall-grass field at Snowy River campground. I treat myself to an excellent dinner at the Riverfront Restaurant housed in the Angler's Inn nearby. From my table on the deck I watch flyfisherfolk and loons until sunset, then spend a chilly evening in my tent. At 3 a.m. I awake to the sound of panting followed by splashing and slurping at the creek less than 10 feet from my door. A member of the canine family, I suspect. I don't move.

Waking up to a frosty morning demands a hot shower followed by breakfast at the Riverfront Restaurant where two friendly couples invite me to join them, guessing that I'm a fellow SPUDS tourer. These introductions are a prelude to meeting the remaining SPUDS participants at 9 a.m. to catch the westbound bus for a 7-hour drive to the Emmet High School, where the heat descends heavily on the flat, unshaded lawn. Cyclists from California, Oregon, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Belgium, and myriad other locations spill out of the bus to watch a variety of bicycles emerge from the U-Haul truck: Trek, Motobecane, Klein, Cannondale, Specialized, Litespeed, and Seven are just a few representa-



tive makes, including a tandem and recumbent. Within an hour of setting up tents, the sprinkler system stirs things up a bit and causes frantic scrambling with a few hard spurts of pulsating water, surprising the few who are trying to doze before dinner.

Finally! Our first day of biking SPUDS! Monday morning is deceptively cool. Somewhere along the way the heat sets in, but at 39 miles we enter paradise named Banks-Lowman Road on the "Wildlife Canyon Scenic Byway" in the Sawtooth Wilderness. Rolling along the Payette River on a gradual uphill is a pleasant 1521 foot climb to where the South Fork of the Payette delivers us through a rugged canyon to Kirkham Hot Springs. Ahhh — after pedaling 75 miles, relaxation arrives in the form of several pools of varying temperatures to suit individual desires. The clarity and colors are stunning, and a few adventurous souls jump into the cold river upstream to float down with the current to a warmer pool. Only hunger can coax us out of the springs for a dinner of spaghetti with salad, tastefully prepared. Some folks whine about the absence of dessert, but every night except one ice cream is available within a mile of camp. And the cooler (aka ice chest) is always stocked with ice-cold soda and beer for a nominal additional fee. A quiet evening amid chirruping crickets and trickling hot spring streams allows a restful sleep.



Tuesday morning's chill is chased by a hearty pancake breakfast. The route resumes along the lively Payette with an immediate 13 mile climb to Banner Summit at 7200 feet. We're entertained by whitewater rafters and kayakers seeking thrills and testing skills in the rapids. The Cyclevents crew accommodates us with a water stop offering orange quarters for refreshment. The Summit is well-forested, dropping down easily into picturesque Stanley where ice cream is mandatory before connecting with the Snake River only 6 miles from our destination in the Boise National Forest. At Glacier View campground amid towering Ponderosa and Lodgepole pines I pitch my tent in the company of three good-spirited Californians who provide great company for the remainder of the tour. An indulgent swim in Redfish Lake's refreshingly clear and cool water precedes an ample taco/tortilla dinner followed by a walk along the shoreline to a nature program. A few rainsprinkles through the evening enhance this 61-mile day totaling a 2360 foot altitude gain.

And we thought yesterday was beautiful! Enter Wednesday, with a substantial breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, red and yellow pepper and onion potatoes with a side of oatmeal and plenty of coffee. A gorgeous ride out of Redfish Lake as we skirt the jagged Sawtooth Mountains takes us to the Galena Scenic Overlook, the

highest point of the tour summing at 8701 feet. My "sturdy beast" and I climb five miles of this at a leisurely pace with Renee from Belgium and her "sweet machine," another trusty ATB. A breezy lunch at the summit consists of the usual choice of pasta salad, potato salad, peanut butter and jelly or meat and cheese sandwiches, and an assortment of fruit — usually bananas, oranges, and juicy ripe Idaho peaches — plus cookies and energy drinks. Another day we'll be treated to tuna fish salad and a melon salad. I'm usually one of the last five people to reach each lunch stop and find fresh, well-prepared food.

Wednesday continues with building thunderheads chasing us down on a long grade where, at 58 miles, we jump onto a paved bike trail to bypass the crazy downtown traffic of Sun Valley and Ketchum. An early afternoon cloudburst soaks us in a 10-minute downpour, cleansing our dusty bikes and restoring hope that the wildfires won't reroute us. I take the opportunity to visit a local office of The Nature Conservancy on the far edge of town to meet my western colleagues. Now I'm last in the line of SPUDS cyclists with only eight flat bike trail miles to reach Hailey's Wood River High School and an excellent dinner of stir-fry broccoli and Szechuan veggies with rice. A nice amenity in Hailey is the adjacent aquatic center's olympic-size pool and shower facility. A short jaunt into town for ice cream tops off a stellar 72-mile day with an elevation drop from 6260 to 5900 feet.

Thursday begins with an easy 5-mile coast along the bike path, after which I divert for 6 miles of washboard gravel and dirt road to be richly rewarded with extensive views of



anglers fishing the pristine winding waterway of The Nature Conservancy's Silver Creek Preserve. After chatting with a few stewardship volunteers, I reconnect with the SPUDS route and some cyclists at the Picabo general store. Leaving the

mountains behind, we enter the ancient lava fields laid by volcanic activity a millennium ago. Today's highlight is Craters of the Moon National Monument, where, the SPUDS literature mentions, "our astronauts trained for their moon landings." After resting for lunch and refreshments catered by the SPUDS crew, and perusing the Visitor Center's information, an optional 7-mile loop through the park offers sidetrips to explore "spatter cones" and other unusual lava formations. Despite the mightily hot, dry heat, the "we may never pass this way again" frame of mind is irresistible and the additional 7 miles beckon.

Twelve miles from the monument another superb dinner satiates the appetites of 44 hungry cyclists at Arco's Mountain View campground. In dwindling daylight the tour's competent mechanic, Chandler, trues my ATB's front wheel to perfection and lubes the chain in preparation for tomorrow's long trek. We dropped 582 feet in elevation today over 77 miles (85 for me), but most of us retire early in anticipation of Friday's 89-mile day.

Thursday's terrain proves there aren't enough songs to sing a cyclist across the vast, hot, open high desert chaparral before a lone pedaler is lured off the road to commune with rabbitbrush and sagebrush. Aside from wildfire haze hanging low in an otherwise crystal clear blue sky, we're blessed with the good fortune of enjoying a 30 mph tail/tacking wind while traversing 12 miles of INEEL territory (Idaho Natural Environmental Engineering Laboratories — I didn't stop on the restricted grounds to determine what this meant, aware that Arco has "the dubious distinction of being the first town to have atomic generated electricity"). A welcome rest stop appears at the Terrington fairgrounds where a dose of rodeo, livestock judging, and the congeniality of the local townfolk flavors the day.

A second rest break 10 miles before Rexburg assures survival through our long trek. Arriving in this bustling college town is a step back into the reality of civilization. The high school located on the outskirts hosts our last night of camping and the services of the massage therapist who kneaded sore muscles for a nominal fee at the end of each day in the company of her friendly Akita, Sophie. Following an extraordinary mesquite chicken salad and pesto pasta dinner, we pile together for a group photo before hiking into town for the traditional after-dinner ice cream. With just enough light and energy to spare upon returning to the high school field, 71-year old Bob from California joins me in tossing my traveling frisbee that has accompanied me on every cycletour I've done over the past 17 years. Nightfall gently summons a full moon rising slowly and gracefully in a sky that fills with northern lights in the wee morning hours.

Saturday's final group breakfast boasts huge cinnamon-apple-sauce pancakes before we begin zig-zagging along country roads where Australian shepherds and labradors greet and try to herd us into their fold. Construction on the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway deters the temptation to leave Hwy 20 for an additional 10-12 miles on this 61-mile day. A wide shoulder rolls through cropland and wheat fields before lifting into Targhee National Forest's thick pines toward Island Park where we bid farewell to the tour guides and fellow cyclists. Six of us meet for dinner at the Riverfront Restaurant and exchange addresses before departing for home,

hoping to tour together in the future.

Sunday is truly a solo day for me. It begins with the good omen of six pelicans flying in formation overhead as I step out of my cabin door into full sunlight. On my way to breakfast, five river otter alert me to their presence with snorts, snuffles, and playful splashing along the banks of the Snake River. From my window table at the restaurant, I watch a bald eagle swoop along the water, then spot a great blue heron preening in a tree across the river. Reluctantly I return to my cabin and load my bike for a 44-mile day of exploring my way back over Targhee Pass to West Yellowstone.

Several miles of off-road exploration result in the discovery of a beautiful box canyon where I sit to eat lunch and reflect on what a grand tour it's been. Had it been possible, I would have preferred a layover day in Boise National Forest to hike the trails near Redfish Lake. Everything else places this tour in the top five of my cycling experiences, earning high commendation as a well-organized weeklong western state tour. Don't risk becoming a couch-spud this winter — check out the opportunity to be a road-spudster by visiting the website at <http://spuds.cyclevents.com.p>

From the Editor

Once again, it's time to give credit to the many BBC members who helped bring this year's issues of ExtraOrdinary Reflections into existence.

— G. Rae Van Sluys must set some new record in this issue with her three articles about touring in Idaho, on the Rock River, and her own Pumpkin Pie ride. Gail also contributed an article earlier this season on "Commuting By-Cycle."

— Alice Honeywell wrote the main story in the September/October issue about her tour to the Finger Lakes region of New York, and also continued her relentless proofreading. The errors that remain are all mine, of course.

— Johanna Bierwirth sent in a marvelous story and photographs about touring in China.

— And Ann Pollock continued her thankless task of mailing all the issues.

— Fred Gooding

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Rock River Rendevous Ride Review

by G. Rae Van Sluys (aka The Predestined Pedaler)

Madison's own BBC'ers convened at Vilas Park at 8 a.m. minus scheduled leader Kathy Zuelsdorff who was on a Colorado tour. The audacity! Had she known this was going to be a perfect pedaling day along the Rock River

One glance at the colorful well-lycra'd group told me I would likely be riding solo. But Levi Wood dispelled that notion at the 3-mile mark climbing Seminole hill, and within 5 miles I was riding in the congenial company of John Stockham et alia for 20-some miles of flat, well-paved road. Even Netherwood's gravel was innocuous. John's group headed for Stoughton while I continued alone with some trepidation into the great "out there" (substitute ride leader's words) in search of rediscovered roads and a palatable lunch.

Hammond Road stretched beside and at times across the lovely Rock River for 7.3 miles toward the destination of Neville, a tiny touristy town teeming with highway and Lake Koshkonong traffic. Listen up, people: across from the busy Red Apple restaurant at the Mallwood Road intersection, the Lakeside Deli is a delightful lunch spot where reasonably priced sandwiches, soup, and desserts can be eaten in or picnic-style on the outdoor deck. Situated one block from the Lakeside Deli is the marina where the Anchor Inn offers more outdoor tables where refreshment is served overlooking the waterfront with a "no wake" rule enforced to minimize motorboat and jetski noise.

The return route was equally pleasant. For those of you who still

carry their lunch (handlebar bags, anyone?), Albion has a lovely full-block length park with plenty of shade trees and tables, but unfortunately lacking a water source. Albion's pride is Kumlien Hall built in 1853, a magnificent cream city brick structure that houses author and general editor of North Star books Sterling North's manuscripts of Rascal and The Wolfling. Each of the museum's rooms exude historical significance, but the relics can only be visited from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays between Memorial and Labor Day (so you have another chance next year).

With a sidetrip to Lake Kegonsa State Park, this 80-mile route became a 96-mile day, helping me prepare for an Idaho Cyclevents SPUDS tour in early August. Rarely cycling Wisconsin's southeastern terrain, I'll keep this ride in mind again in the summer of 2001, and hope that another beautiful breezeless day will accommodate the club. p

David LeMahieu, Realtor

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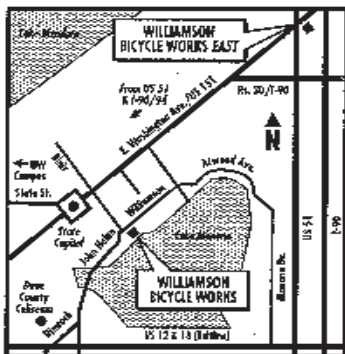
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Your name: _____ Phone(s): Home _____ Work _____

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Here's how I'd like to help Bombay work even better:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading a ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with the Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing a Food Stop on a Ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Members and New Riders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a Future Officer (Board Member) | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Organize a National LAB Rally here |

Helping with the Century Ride:

- Work at one of the aid stations
- Help organize food
- Drive a sag wagon
- Work the registration desk
- Help park cars

Here are my suggestions for improving:

The Newsletter:

The Ride Schedule:

The Century Ride:

Anything else:

I am interested in purchasing the new BBC Jersey at \$39 (member-only price; non-members: \$54.) The new design for the Bombay Bicycle Club jersey will be available to see at the November 5 meeting at the Shorewood Community Center. Please contact Dory Blobner or Dave Peterson at the meeting to order yours.

Turn in your completed survey and receive a free meal!

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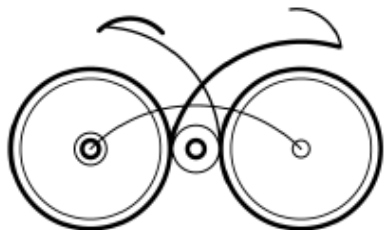
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