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The Newsletter Gets a Face Lift

The CTA Newsletter has undergone a lot of changes over the years and now in the 25th year of the club I thought it was time for another change.

Making major changes to the layout of the newsletter has taken a lot longer than I originally thought which has unfortunately led to this edition being a bit late.

But that aside, I hope the new format will make the newsletter more interesting and easier to read. The major change has been the relocation of the address label to the back cover freeing up more space on the front for a major eye-catching article and picture/s. The rides calendar has also moved and now has a double page spread inside the back cover.

Some other new features have also been added to the newsletter including a table of contents, to help you find that article you were looking for, and a Tours and Weekends section to keep you up to date with upcoming tours and weekends away (page 2).

As this is the first issue with the new format there may be some further minor changes over the next two or three issues as I try to streamline and refine the new format.

You may have noticed that Desama, Steve and I have also given the newsletter a name. I didn't mention it earlier just to see if you were paying attention.

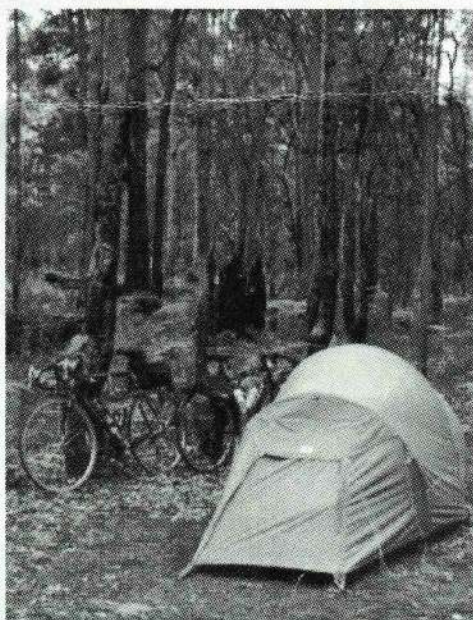
I must give a special thank you to Desama and Steve who have given me an enormous amount of help to get this newsletter out.

Thanks and bye for now.

Terry, Newsletter Editor



The big roundup of CTA cyclists for the 25th year



Touring at its best (see page 8)

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NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter.

Gregory Bowerin James Buxton

Richard Nabbs Bryan Wood

Hope to see you "on your bike" on one of the rides!

FOR SALE/WANTED

Members can place advertisements under this heading free of charge and may include anything cycling related.

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For more information contact Steve Blackburn ☎ 9313 2814.

Tours and Weekends

A WILLIAMS WEEKEND OF WRONGDOING

Have you ever wished you "could just murder someone"? Is someone on the CTA Committee so obnoxious that you hope someone strangles them with their own CTA cycling shirt? Now's your chance to try it out - and get away with it! The long weekend of February 27 to March 1 will be held at Duff's Farm in Williams. For those that want an early start, set up your tent on the backyard lawn on Friday night and sleep under the millions of stars that hover over this idyllic camping area. Those finding their way on Saturday can join the early birds on the farm tour and enjoy a traditional farm lunch at the house before riding it off in the surrounding district. Saturday night will be a trip for entertainment and an organised murder mystery evening. Sunday will be a full day ride with morning tea on the road and a BBQ dinner under the stars. Monday's ride will be a short morning ride to allow everyone to get home with plenty of time to organise an alibi if necessary! We will be going through several towns if special food is required. All you need to provide is sleeping gear and tents if you want to prevent the friendly critters (2, 4, 6 and 8-legged varieties) from joining you during the night.

We need a reasonable number to make the murder evening a success so please advise Steve if you are intending to take part by 10th February. You will be given a telephone interview by Steve and on the basis of your answers will be allocated a character to portray. The more you "get into character" the more fun it is for everyone. Don't worry if you haven't organised to get a character by the weekend since many extras will also be needed! If numbers are reasonably high (and given sufficient notice!) we may be able to organise some transport and a bike trailer to help people get there. It's up to you to support the club and encourage more weekends of this sort. Contact Steve NOW!! Those of you that have cycled through this area on the 'On Your Bike' tours know how fantastic the day rides can be.

Organisers: Steve & Janet ☎ 9313 2814

BACK TO NATURE TOUR

Another "Back to Nature Tour" will be held around the Margaret River area on the week of February 27 to March 6 1999 (8 days). The itinerary will be as follows:

Day 1: Leave Margaret River at midday, visit

the lovely shell museum, before travelling down Caves Road and camp overnight at Contos Reserve.

Day 2: Into Hamelin Bay, Cosy Corner and then to Augusta for a night of luxury in a caravan park.

Day 3: Head for Warner Glen and camp for the night next to the Blackwood River.

Day 4: On Brockman Highway towards Nannup, along Sues Road towards Busselton and camp at Sues Bridge by the Blackwood River.

Day 5: Along Sues Road and into Rosa Brook for supplies then on to Canebrake Pool, a waterhole near Osmington.

Day 6: From there to the luxury of the Cowaramup Caravan Park for two nights.

Day 7: Explore the coast, the side roads between Cowaramup and Dunsborough and visit the wineries nearby.

Day 8: Return back to Margaret River, visit the Eagles Heritage Sanctuary and thence to home.

This will be a self supported pannier tour but a backup vehicle is likely. It is intended as a down to earth experience with songs, yarns, poems, etc. round the evening fire and relax for 8 days. The distances will not be great and reasonably wide tyres will be an advantage as some roads are not sealed (but most are now). Please contact the organiser for further details.

Organiser: Brian Gale ☎ 9757 2431

PROGRESSIVE DINNERS 1999

You have asked... and we will deliver! No, not the catchcry of a pizza place - but the promise of not one, but two progressive dinners this year! Our first journey into a cyclist paradise is through the slums of that mystical region... North Of The River on Saturday March 6. Starting from Simon's hovel (where Oliver will relive his historical role and ask for seconds of soup... More?!), we travel to Stan's pitiful bachelor pad for entree and drinks. A short ride then takes us to Ann's rocket parking space (it's next to a swamp named after a dog - does that tell you anything?) where we will enjoy a main course extraordinaire. Nearly replete, we waddle back to Simon's for dessert and ...? Cost is \$25 a head and bookings are essential. Contact the organiser who, not surprisingly, lives South Of The River! (The magnificent site of the 2nd progressive dinner for the year.)

Organiser: Steve Blackburn ☎ 9313 2814

Tom's All Smiles After the 1998 AGM

CYCLE TOURIST OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Tom Wall who is the winner of the Cycle Tourist of the Year award for 1998. Tom receives the new Cycle Tourist of the Year perpetual trophy and free CTA membership for 1999.

RIDE OF THE YEAR

This year's most popular ride was Christmas in July at Wellington Mills. Congratulations to Tony Humphreys and Ann Wilson for a well organised and enjoyable ride. (See article about the ride on page 4.)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE OF THE YEAR

The best newsletter article for 1998 was awarded to Janet Deverill for her article on the Progressive Fairytale. Janet wins a \$20 gift voucher from Fleet Cycles.

THE 1999 CTA COMMITTEE

The new CTA Committee for 1999 is as follows:

President	Mark Elliott
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Treasurer	Ann Wilson
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Rides Committee	David Stobie
Committee	Lance Whiteford
Committee	Patricia Whiteford

Welcome to the new committee and a big thank you to the outgoing committee for 1998.

SUPER ACHIEVER AND CHALLENGE AWARDS

Super Achiever Award

Congratulations to Kleber Claux and Steve Blackbourn who successfully completed the Achievement series in 1998. They both completed a 50km, 100km, 200km, 300km and 10,000 in 8 ride.

Challenge Award

There were seven people that successfully completed the Challenge series in 1998. Congratulations to Dennis Braddon, Mark Boulton, Janet Deverill, Mark Elliott, Malcolm Evans, Michael Hook and Ann Wilson who successfully completed the Challenge series in 1998. They each completed a 50km, 100km, 100mile, 200km and 10,000 in 8 ride.



Tom can't stop smiling when Terry presents him with the new Perpetual Trophy for Cycle Tourist of the Year



The new CTA Committee (Absent - David Stobie)



The Super Achiever and Challenge Award recipients with their hard earned commemorative mugs (Absent - Malcolm Evans)



Graham's not impressed by Kleber's amorous response to receiving his third consecutive Super Achiever Mug.

Xmas in July - The True Story

Firstly, I would like to thank the CTA members present at the AGM for voting Xmas in July as the "Ride of the Year" which was organised by Tony and myself. And now an account of what really did happen (from my eyes) (and my eyes).

The weekend for me started on Friday night transporting "the Guys" in my Laser down to Wellington Mills. The poor car had never been so full: 3 guys, Mark, Kleber and Andrew; 3½ lots of luggage (Kleber only had a small bag); 2 bikes (the other 2 had luckily been transported down the week prior) and "moi" the chauffeur. We arrived safely and were greeted by something extremely HOT fuming from the cottage where we were staying. "Gees, what did you guys have for dinner?" Janet, Steve and Rhys were just finishing off the remains of something very spicy. After unloading the car in the freezing cold, we huddled around the gas heater and had a good ole chit chat while waiting for our other intrepid leader, Tony, to arrive.

Having already been to a C in J dinner after work and as a result feeling decidedly full, the thought crossed ones mind not to front on Friday at Wellington Mills! Then I thought better of it as I had Ann's bike and some gear in the car.

On arrival at Wellington Mills only 10 minutes from home, I found Ann, Mark, Kleber, Andrew, Rhys, Janet and Steve telling stories about Nats and the trip down via Halls Creek. * The forecast for Saturday was rain, but we hoped for the best. At the worst we could use the cars and check out the local wineries.

At first wakening in the morning, it looked quite sunny with clearing blue sky. Good weather for mountain biking. However, this

Kleber and Ann washing off the mud after arriving at Tony's Ferguson Valley home



was not to be since by the time we had all eventually got up and had brekkie it was not looking so good. The plan for Saturday was for two groups to set out for home in the Ferguson Valley for lunch. The road group consisting of Steve, Janet and Andrew was to go down via Pile Road which is about 20km and 90% down hill (an awesome down hill), then meander back after lunch along the Ferguson Valley via Wellington Mills back to the cottages. The members of the group coming up from Bindoon, Busselton and Perth were scheduled to meet at the farm for lunch.

Us mountain bikers, Tony, Mark, Kleber and myself were not to be deterred and before setting off we gave Rhys our lunches and keys as the road group would most likely arrive before us, estimating it would take us some 2½ hours to get there. We then set off

in earnest taking a different route to last year's MTB weekend after a request for NO water crossings. Pity, I like water! Instead of taking the firebreaks as we did the previous year, which involved quite a bit of walking, or climbing the bikes up and down the hills, we took a series of tracks used infrequently by trail bikes and 4WD's. These tracks left me pleasantly surprised at how easy they were.

About half an hour into the ride we encountered a shower or two, and then it was looking decidedly black and definitely time to put the rain jackets on. Suddenly there was an almighty flash of lightning, a crack of thunder and then the rain just fell down. Ah well, we were now wet (no, drenched!) so no point in turning back. Ann's quote for the ride "You get that wet you stop worrying about it". The tracks were now flowing like rivers of mud and water, so much for no water crossings. As we struggled up a slippery track in the pouring rain, we heard a cry of anguish from Kleber as he fell into the muddy track behind us. Kleber had decided he would go for a slide just to make himself really muddy. "Having a good time there, Kleber, slip-sliding away?"

The rain eased a number of times and the clouds moved on leaving the surrounding countryside looking very picturesque. We even managed to stop for a few photo shots. However, as we left the bush and entered the farming land, a downhill run to the farm, it was raining that heavy that you could not see 20m in front of you let alone the house. The ground was that wet we proceeded down the hill in a controlled slide, only letting go of



Tony's house at Ferguson Valley

the brakes when the back wheel overtook the front. Not to mention the knee high grass which required good navigational skills. Kleber did not seem very impressed when we passed through a mob of cattle and they started to follow, "They're only curious", says Tony. "Oh yeah, I've heard that before." After warning the group that the fence was "hot" and feel free to touch if they wished, to the amusement of the others I got an electric shock while opening the cocky's gate – everything was wet. Our intrepid leader was literally struck down!

Without more misadventure we arrived at the farmhouse as Terry and Desama were opening the house gate. No one else was there! We were wet through and the road group had not arrived with the lunch and the keys – it should have taken them less than an hour to get here. They could not have gotten lost as the route had been marked prior to the ride with flagging tape. We arrived at 12 – under 2 hours. However, we found another way into the house and started preparing the cup-of-soups that were much appreciated. While Tony was busy making soup, Kleber and myself washed off all the mud and hung our clothes up in hope that they would dry

out. As the soup was ready Rhys arrived (on motorbike) with the lunches and keys and Matthew shortly afterwards. The rain had stopped and so we sat in the warming sun on the front verandah eating lunch and drinking hot soup to warm up. Rhys informed us that the others had WOOSSED OUT! – Softies! Desama and Terry had brought a basket full of eggs (chocolate variety) and these were quickly consumed for desert.

Luckily the weather stayed fine for the ride back to Wellington Mills taking us along very pleasant scenery and it only took about 45 minutes. As we the Mountain Men (and girlie) popped out of the bush we were surprised to find the hut dwellers out and about looking to go for a ride. Hooky and Debbie had arrived and were going for a ride also. The mob headed up the road for a very short sojourn before returning to the cottages. Hands go out to Desama who rode out to the TV tower and back and Andrew continued on and completed the loop through the valleys. The rest of the weekend has pretty much been told (see article in previous newsletter) and so until next year.....

Ann and Tony

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President's Piece

One of the duties of the President is to write a short dissertation for the Newsletter. Sometimes, it can be quite difficult to know what to write about, especially if nothing significant or interesting has happened. However, there are some things of interest, so read on.

Cycle Tourist of the Year Award

An item that came up in general business at the AGM was the issue of how many times an individual can be awarded the Cycle Tourist of the Year. The issue had been raised at committee level, and as we couldn't come to a unanimous agreement, we decided to agree a position and raise it at the AGM for discussion and vote.

Basically the convention has been that the Cycle Tourist of the Year could only be won once by an individual. This was questioned from the point of view that if a person puts in a lot of effort towards the club, why couldn't that effort be recognised more than once.

The issue was discussed at length at the AGM. Two proposals were put forward at the AGM and voted on. The first proposal was to allow an individual to receive the award any number of times, including consecutive years. This proposal was defeated by a narrow margin. A second proposal was then put forward to allow an individual to

receive the award any number of times, but not in two consecutive years. This proposal was passed by a narrow margin.

Obviously, it is an issue of contention. Although it was agreed at the AGM, there is room for further discussion and perhaps further amendments to the proposal. One thing to note is that those at the forum of the AGM only represent about a quarter of the total club membership, so there is in fact a silent majority.

So, if you are one of the normally silent majority, then we would like to hear from you on this particular issue. At the AGM, it was suggested that the item be raised again at the next AGM. This is a reasonable suggestion, so we would like some comments from members with that aim in mind.

Silver Anniversary Year

Another significant happening is that 1999 is the twenty fifth year for the CTA. This marks an auspicious time for the club, and is something to be regarded with pride. I for one am a relatively new arrival on the scene, but there are those of you who were around in the early days and are still involved.

It is a time for reflection on the current state of the club, and for planning for the future as

we move toward the new millennium. The committee are currently planning some events for the year, and we would welcome suggestions from members as to what sort of things they would like to see and do, and what might be appropriate to celebrate the 25th Anniversary. It would be nice to see more members willing to participate in and be involved in such things as tours and weekends away.

We as a committee decide upon and programme things which we think members will enjoy. However, if you the membership aren't willing to say what you like to do in the club, then you may only get a choice of those things that the CTA committee enjoy doing! This is not a bad thing in itself, but you may find this to be a bit limiting. So then, let's be hearing from you!

Safe cycling.

Mark

CONGRATULATIONS



The members of the CTA would like to congratulate Lance and Patricia on their wedding in December 1998 and wish them both all the best for the future.

A Tale of Ten Terrific Tours

Written by Charles Lockwood on the 1998 City to Surf Tour

Pre '88 they thought of it, a tour upon a bike

Yes that's what the people want
For sure that's what they'd like
The problem was who was to fix the
culinary sort

The porridge with the brown things in
And who was to lug the port?
But not put off by this small load
"We'll competitively cook"
They all took turns after they rode
Three are still here, just look!

In '89 the ride it was at some times rather hot

The tops in sweat did really drip
But they were a supportive lot
They helped each other through the day
By slowing down the clip
And all together with one voice
"We'll complete this bloody trip"
"How can we cool ourselves of this?"
The bidons full of drink
They sprayed each other it was bliss,
They've got herpes now I think!

The '90 Wheatbelt Tour did start
It blew a headwind yet
Some didn't make it to Bolgart
Some haven't made it yet
But not to be outdone, the team
Though with an odd word crude
Decided to bring on a dream
And they carried out the food

The third year of the Tour took place
They drank bottles, no more kegs
But they who shall remain unknown
Stole everyone's tent pegs
The next day they were on their way
This act had raised their ire
But more drama was to come that day
To ride through a dense bush fire

It's the Tour de Capes of which we speak
By now they were all chums
Who cares if skinny dipping in the creek
Gave them all sunburned bums
In preparation for this hack
They drove around in nicks
Not so young, with crooked backs
But all with crooked smiles

'93 a Wandering Star
Into the bush we go
The wind was rough
So was the rain
The going rather slow

In Darkan there was a friend of Ros
A motor biker gent
Fell out with her, could not get his oats
And tried to run down the tents

'94 was my first ride
Anticipated delight
I'd ride my treadly all through the day
And drink grog all the night
But who would know it in that dell
The calm, the peace, the sight
And that bloody bell in that bloody tower
That kept us up all night!

'95 was Beach to Bush
We anticipated fun
Some blokes thought they'd meet a sort
But thankfully there were none (to spare)
But who would know it on that day
The power in the brew
Two crock pots smashed, most on the floor
But I ate mine, did you?

Tall Timber Tour was next to come
Our rest day was in vain
And I'm not coming back mi chum
If John Meakin drives the train
The rain it came
It came in cats and dogged
Remember some of you were there
Your tents got water logged

It's here by heaven, ride '97
From Midland we did start
Some they snored all through the night
But some just had one turn
The towns folk let us in their showers
In Bolgart they'd insist
But me, I also did my part
By winding up the pianist

Some new chums came with us this year
Among them Bern Pearn-Rowe
He brought with him all sorts of gear
And a power cord you know
He has a telly in his tent
And a fan and electric socks
And he gets more gear nearly every night
From the lost property box

And now we've come to '98
An anniversary tour
We all had fun, the weather is best
I'm coming back for sure
Except for one slight mishap
It's all been rather fair
A new rule will come in next year
NO BLOODY KOALA BEARS

There's '88 and '89, '90 and '91
There's '92 and '93 and '94 by gum
And '95 and '96 and now it won't take
long
With '97 and '98 we'll finish with a song

EXPLANATORY NOTES BY RON BOWYER

1988

The CTA ran a very successful tour for its members in 1988, the 'Albany to Perth' Tour. You may remember seeing the distinctive green and white T-shirts being worn by some of the club "wrinklies". The tour leader on this occasion was Geoff Creighton and there were 24 in the group that were bussed to Albany and who took the next fortnight riding back to Perth. One memorable event was the 'boys' versus 'girls' cooking competition which was staged over the two evenings we stayed at the Pemberton Youth Hostel. I forget who won in the end, but it was a lot of fun!

News of the great success of this tour reached official ears in Bikewest, and the CTA Committee received a request to consider establishing a similar type of tour for the general public, with the aim of encouraging more people in the community to take up cycling and cycle touring.

The Committee agreed to take up the Bikewest proposal and their nominee for the first tour leader (yours truly) was approached by the CTA Secretary of the time, Aileen Martin. I agreed to take on the job - with the proviso that Aileen help me - and the first tour grew from that.

1989

The final day of the '89 Tour was hot as we rode from Collie back to Bunbury. Some of the early riders back discovered the cooling effects possible with bidons, so riders arriving later were greeted with a deluge from scores of well-aimed bidon jets.

1990

Due to a very late start on the Toodyay to Calingiri leg (yes, it was the coffee set on this occasion too), many riders were caught by a strong wind and rain storm coming down from the north. The closer they got to the lunch stop at Bolgart, the worse the wind and the cold. The lunch slot of 12noon to 2pm was well passed with a considerable number of riders still to come. We therefore decided that as they couldn't get to the food we would

bring the food to them, and the little Mazda mini bus was greeted warmly by the group when it appeared bearing hot soup and sandwiches.

1991

There was a little bit of drama in the campsite the first night we spent at Albany. An unknown person ran through the site in the wee small hours and quickly pulled out several dozen tent pegs. Although it was reported to police, the culprits were never caught. As a result of this incident, we instituted voluntary security patrols for the remaining 2 nights we spent at Albany. Of course, nothing else happened.

Later in the tour (Charles used some artistic licence in his verse), we sent out a precautionary, early morning patrol to the Denmark - Mt Barker area because there had been dense bush-fires the previous day and night. However, the area was clear by the time we rode through later in the day.

1992

The little item about skinny-dipping occurred at that well-known spot on the Blackwood River, Alexandra Bridge. It was the day of our longest ride for the Tour, nearly 100 km from Augusta to Nannup, and several hardy souls decided to take advantage of the cooling waters on a hot day!

Charles' cruel, cruel words about the "Not so young, with crooked backs...." recalls the recce tours undertaken with Ross Cussons, John Sherwood and myself. It so happened that just at this time, John had hurt a foot, Ross' hip was badly in need of a replacement job and my back was playing up. As we creaked, limped and crabbed our way up the main street of Busselton, Ross remarked that we were a fine advertisement for the great sport of cycling when the three of us could hardly walk.

1993

The Darkan incident concerned one of our tourists who had a bikie boy friend. Unfortun-

nately, he turned up very drunk in the middle of the night, had a noisy argument with her, and then run his very loud Harley around and through the tents before disappearing into the night. I think Ross still flinches at the sound of a noisy motor bike!

1994

Charles' rhyme reminds us all of the charm and peace to be experienced at New Norcia - except when you are trying to get to sleep while the clock strikes every quarter-hour!

1995

The story of the crock-pots has been modified (and somewhat besmirched) by Charles' version. What really happened (this is the true, inside story!) was that on the last morning of the Tour, at 5:30am, we discovered that the crock-pots had tripped a circuit breaker early on the previous evening and that there was therefore no porridge for the massed assembly. Being the last morning, reserves of the other cereals had been run down to a minimum, so we were facing STARVATION. Although we were in a well-appointed kitchen, with a large electric stove, there were no saucepans of any size in which we could heat our oatmeal. John Meakin, my trusted assistant, and I held a hasty council of war. We decided that we had to try heating the crock pots very slowly and gently on the electric elements. And it worked!! Gradually we brought the heat up and soon there were unmistakable signs that the porridge was cooking. Our joy quickly turned to despair when the front left pot gave out an immense "CRACK" and 4 litres of gruel flowed quickly and messily over the element, into and over the spill tray below and into the grill compartment of the stove. We surveyed the situation again with all switches turned off and decided that we had to proceed, even if it was at an even slower pace.

As a final result of our perseverance, we finally served five full crock-pots of porridge that morning, all cooked on an electric element. My worthy assistant John can now be nominated for a well-deserved cleaning medal for clearing away all that wasted gruel. Despite Charles' story, I can state quite categorically that we did not attempt to recycle any porridge from that first mishap. However, to complete the story, a second bowl did give out a warning crack in plenty of time and we were able to salvage that entire load into another pot - this was duly served. Hence the snide comments about the grit!

Our losses at the time were put down as two bowls. However, on the next tour, and over twelve months later, the bottom of a third bowl just dropped out after it had been



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scrubbed clean and rinsed - and this was following several days of normal porridge duty. They make those units tough!

1996

Those on the Tall Timber Tour will not forget the two days of almost continuous rain in Pemberton; most of us had taken the opportunity to go on the special steam train ride, but we probably wouldn't have if we had known that John Meakin was going to be awarded a turn at the controls. Is that why we stopped in the middle of the level crossing?

1997

No comment need be made concerning sounds emanating from tents at night. We hear it on every Tour! Note that the townfolk of Bolgart figure once again in our memorabilia. Some explanation needs to be offered concerning the pianist. One of the local ladies had offered her services as accompanist and was playing for an after dinner sing-a-long. However, her repertoire was limited to the really old tunes and she could not be encouraged either to stop or to go faster. Charles' task as MC on this occasion was to speed up proceedings or to bring them to a halt - which ever version of "winding up" you prefer!

1998

The legends surrounding Bernard Pearn-Rowe are bound to grow with time. The early rumour was that he had rather more interesting electrically-powered equipment in his tent than is mentioned in Charles' version, but there has as yet been no independent confirmation of that.

The 'slight mishap' occurred when Patricia's koala mascot chose a very bad moment to fall from grace and jam her front wheel. This courageous lady had the inner strength to return to the Tour with physical bruises showing, but this allowed both ourselves and her to recuperate more rapidly from the shock of a bicycle-related accident, which was felt so keenly by us all.

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1998 City to Surf Tour Highlights



Ann models the latest range in mosquito protection.



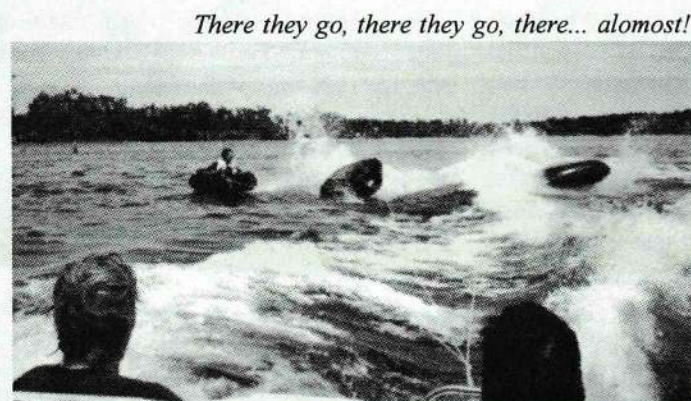
A well earned tea break under the shade of a lovely old tree.



Here we go, here we go, here we go...



Wishful cyclists waiting at an abandoned railway station.



There they go, there they go, there... almost!



Friends depart with fond memories on the final morning.

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The CTA Achievement and Challenge Series

Once again we are running a series of rides that will allow you to qualify as a receiver of the Super Achiever or Challenge Award for 1999. Each ride of the series must be completed in a set time limit but is otherwise non-competitive in nature.

The Achievement Series

To become a Super Achiever you must complete a 50km, 100km, 200km, 300km and the 10,000 in 8 brevet or official ride.

The Challenge Series

The Challenge Award will be obtained with a 50km, 100km, 100 mile, 200km and 10,000 in 8 brevet or official ride.

Using Brevets and Audax Rides

The brevets can be either CTA or Audax rides which have been approved by a member of the CTA Committee (preferably the Rides Co-ordinator for CTA brevets - see below). Note that this year we have included two separate series in the calendar to allow the maximum number of riders to participate in either of the rides programmes.

Any person intending to use a CTA brevet card for a ride must contact the Rides Co-ordinator to select one of the approved routes at least one week prior to the ride (you do not need to book for an official CTA ride of the series). After completing a brevet, the member must deliver the card to the Rides Co-ordinator to record the ride and ensure that the ride is officially recognised at a Committee Meeting. If you require further details please contact Steve on Ph: 9313 2814 (H).

AUDAX FOR CTA RIDES SERIES

From now on if you want to take part in an Audax ride you **MUST** complete an entry form and get it to the ride organiser **BEFORE** the day of the ride.

Forms are available from the CTA Rides Coordinator. I would suggest you fill out this form with your details in the Rider section and then **PHOTOCOPY** the form to give yourself the opportunity to enter multiple rides. If you don't put down an Audax membership number, you will be charged \$2 extra as a non-member.

Then:

1. Fill in the Ride details with the distance and date of the ride.

2. Determine the ride fee as follows:

all unsupported rides - \$5

supported: 200km - \$8

300km - \$12

3. Sign the form and send the form and correct money to the ride organiser (make cheques payable to Audax Australia) before the day of the ride. Also note that if your form does not reach the ride organiser by the Tuesday before the ride, there will be a \$2 late fee.

4. Maps and route notes can be collected from the ride organiser 2 weeks before the ride. If you want it mailed to you, send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your entry form. Otherwise you will get a map and route notes with your brevet at the start.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

A list of members who have successfully completed a ride for the Achievement or Challenge series will be printed here in each newsletter. Stay tuned for the first batch of eager cyclists.



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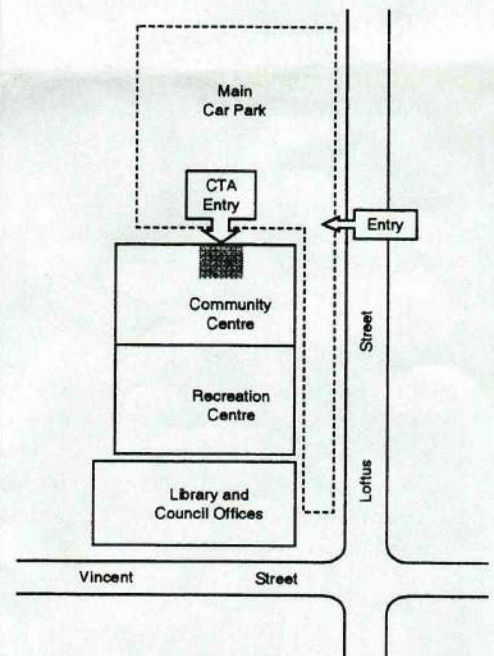
Audax is an international long distance cycling club. The first club originated in France in 1904. The name is a loose translation from the latin and means "courage". All rides are non-competitive and conducted over specified routes and distances within set time periods.

At the successful completion of each event, the rider is eligible for a certificate and a patch or medallion. Rides range from 50km to 1500km in length and are open to all CTA members, though membership of Audax Australia Club is encouraged if you envisage participating regularly. Very generous personal injury and income protection cover are afforded from such membership.

PLEASE NOTE - Notification of participation is required at least one week prior to the event and there is a cost to enter dependent on the distance to be travelled. Further information and a program of events is available by contacting the CTA Rides Co-ordinator, Steve Blackburn, on 9313 2814 or by checking the Rides Calendar.

CTA Social Evenings

The Social Nights are usually (but not always) held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Loftus Community Centre on the corner of Loftus Street and Vincent Street, Leederville. Enter from the main carpark on the north side of the complex (see map below). For further details contact Desama on 9472 9887 (H).



Rides Calendar — January to February 1999

For any cyclist coming on a ride for the first time, it would be wise to start with an 'Easy' ride. If you are unsure of your suitability for a particular ride, please telephone the Ride Leader. You will need to wear a helmet and bring a spare tube, puncture repair kit, tyre levers, pump and a spanner (to fit the axle nuts if your bike is not fitted with quick release hubs). Most importantly, bring water!

RIDE GRADINGS

Easy - anyone

Medium - fit with geared bikes

Medium Hard - fit and experienced. Distances < 100km

Hard - fit, experienced and strong. Distances > 100km over hard terrain

* *Indicates ride suitable for Achievement/Challenge series.*

SATURDAY JANUARY 16

100KM AUDAX

*100km Medium/Hard, 7:00am Start. Gneral Jim's Jaunt is a 100km Audax ride (contact organiser one week before ride).

Organiser: Jim Matthews ☎ 9457 5126

SUNDAY JANUARY 17

FREEWAY CYCLE DAY

9km Your Pace, 7:45am for 8:00am Start. If you would like to join in the CTA group, meet at the Pagoda car park near the Comer Reserve in Eric Street South Perth, (don't forget to register and where your CTA clothing). Join in a novel ride on the Kwinana Freeway to Canning Bridge before turning around to head for the Judd Street overpass and then back to the start. This ride is a fund raiser for the National Heart Foundation and is well worth the \$10 fee (\$15 on the day). For further information on the event itself phone the coordinator on 9382 5925.

Leader: Steve Blackburn ☎ 9313 2814 (H)

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

GET A LITTLE BIT

10km Medium, 6:30pm Start. Meet at the Barrack Street jetty for a ride to get a little bit fitter. A Southern meal stop is also thrown in allow you to get a little bit to eat. Post ride relaxation will also allow you to get a little bit of rest. Once you are home you can hopefully. Note: small change is handy when paying bills. *Lights essential and reflective vests recommended.*

Leader: Steve Blackburn ☎ 9313 2814 (H)

SUNDAY JANUARY 24 THE LONG WAY TO MUNDIJONG

60km Medium, ONE hill, 8:30am Start. Meet at the Armadale train station for a ride through tree lined back roads to Byford then to Jarrahdale via the scenic Nettleton road before dropping down to Mundijong. After a well earned refreshment stop it's back to Armadale completely satisfied.

Leader: Kleber Claix ☎ 9458 7519 (H)

TUESDAY JANUARY 26

DAMP SQUIB RIDE

20km Medium, 4:30pm Start. Meet at the Coode Street Jetty car park for a ride around the river and suburbs to work up an appetite before heading back to South Perth. Bring along a blanket and picnic supper for the eagerly anticipated fireworks display just off the foreshore. Arrive early to ensure a great parking spot if you are car/biking.

Leader: Noel ☎ 041 896 7553 (M)

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 ANN'S ONE WAY TICKET

60km Medium, 8:30am Start. Meet at the Carriage Coffee Shop in Fremantle for a ride up the coast to Joondalup. We will stop en route for the keen beach goers and for those that require a caffeine fix.

Leader: Ann ☎ 9444 5160 (H)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3

A LATE DAWN PATROL

35km Medium/Fast, 6:30pm Start. Meet at the Barrack Street jetty for a ride across 4 bridges and around 2 rivers. A Southern meal stop is also thrown in to make it interesting as well as edible! A free ecology lecture/discussion is certainly a possibility. Note: small change is handy when paying bills. *Lights essential and reflective vests recommended.*

Leader: Andrew ☎ 9381 6417 (H)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

300KM AUDAX

*300km Hard, 5:00pm Start. The Midland Meander is a 300km Audax ride (contact organiser one week before ride).

Organiser: Paul Dransfield ☎ 9276 6232

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

EAT A LIFESAVER RIDE

40km Medium, 9:00am Start. Meet at the University of WA boatshed car park (just off the Mounts Bay Road cycleway) for a chance to practice your irregular verbs and conjugate a few bidons. The French Mistress will be very strict with you if you attempt to deviate from her trip to eat a lifesaver at Port Beach. Black rubber is compulsory on your rims.

Leader: Christel ☎ 9382 2237 (H)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

SOCIAL NIGHT

Meet at 7:30pm at the Loftus Community Centre in Leederville (see map on page 9). Tonight will be an informative display from Kleber and John about the 25 YEARS of the CTA. There will be past newsletters and photo's, funny stories, a few jokes and lots of fun! A super supper will be provided with drinks, so come learn the history of our club.

Contact: Desama ☎ 9472 9887 (H)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

RIDE & PADDLE

20km Easy, 9:00am Start. Meet at the Causeway car park and enjoy a ride to Deep Water Point for a drink and snack stop before riding to a magical place where they will let you hire their unsinkable kayaks. A mix of single and double beasts should ensure a fun time on the river before returning to the car park. Please book with the leader by the previous weekend to ensure a paddle if you want to get seriously funned-out!

Leader: Craig Abernethie ☎ 9361 0292 (H)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

HO CHI MIN MY DONG

20km Easy, 6:30pm Start. Meet at the Causeway car park for a sunset flight to a Vietnamese restaurant in Inglewood. Your flight captain will return you to the Causeway with a full stomach and a not too empty wallet. Note: small change is handy when paying bills. *Lights essential and reflective vests recommended.*

Leader: Marion ☎ 9271 9409 (H)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 A NORTHERN ADVENTURE

60km Medium, 8:30am Start. Meet at the Big Log in Kings Park for a guided tour of the northern wonders. A special invite is given to all you southerners out there.

Leader: Ann ☎ 9444 5160 (H)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27 200KM AUDAX

*200km Hard, 8:00am Start. The Big Apple Bight is a 200km Audax ride (contact organiser one week before ride).

Organiser: Don Briggs ☎ 9458 8175

SAT FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 MURDER SHE WROTE

Long Weekend in Williams at Christine & Allan Duff's farm. See page 2 for further details.

Organisers: Steve & Janet ☎ 9313 2814 (H)

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 6 BACK TO NATURE TOUR

This will be a self supported pannier tour around the Margaret River area. It is intended as a down to earth experience with songs, yarns, poems, etc. around the evening camp fire and relax for 8 days. See page 2 for further details.

Organisers: Brian Gale ☎ 9757 2431 (H)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 INFORMAL RIDE

Meet at 9:00am at the Causeway car park for a trip to wherever the majority of the riders want to go. It could be a buzz if you give it a chance! Why not use this opportunity to try out some of the rides you have been dying to inflict on the regular ride leaders.

SATURDAY MARCH 6 PROGRESSIVE DINNER

We head for the Northern Lights this time, with the theme for this dinner being an "S". The cost will be \$25, with a four course meal provided at Simon's, Ann's and Stan's houses. Some suggestions - come dressed as a snake, sausage, sneezy (dwarf) or sexy! Please book before February 26. See page 2 for further details.

Organiser: Steve Blackburn ☎ 9313 2814 (H)

SUNDAY MARCH 7 CRUISE OR COAST?

RIDE 1 - 60km Medium/Fast (Cruise), 9:30am Start - Terry

RIDE 2 - 30km Medium (Coast), 10:00am Start - Desama

Meet outside the Claremont Showgrounds on the corner of Ashton Ave and Judge Ave. BYO bathers for a choice of two rides and a swim at the beach. We will both head North through the suburbs and sail around to the ocean, where the two groups will meet, swim, then travel back to the start.

Leaders: Desama & Terry ☎ 9472 9887 (H)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10 SOCIAL NIGHT

Meet at 7:30pm at the Loftus Community Centre in Leederville (see map on page 9). Join Max and his merry little helpers who will endeavour to impart their bicycle knowledge onto you. This will be a maintenance evening, so bring along your troubles and find some useful tips for looking after your bike. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided for all.

Contact: Desama ☎ 9472 9887 (H)

COMING SOON**BIKE WEEK '99**

Friday March 12 - Bike to Work Breakfast

Sunday March 14 - Winery Ride

Wednesday March 17 - CTA Bikeweek BBQ Ride

Sunday March 21 - Tour De Cure

King of the Tours

From "Jesus Christ Superstar" with apologies to Tim Rice

Written by Desama Bailey and Simon Koek on the 1998 Surf to City Tour

Kleber we are overjoyed, we've come from far and wide
You've been making quite a name around the countryside
Leading tours, showing you have heart
And now I really think you're great, but then I'm not that smart

You are the King, you're the great Tourist King
Prove to us that you're divine, tell it to us one more time
So you can do that for us, and we'll stay off the bus
Come on King of the Tours!

Kleber you just won't believe the hit you've made 'round here
You are all we talk about, the wonder of the year
Oh, what a pity if it's all a lie
Still, we're sure that you can get them cycling if you try

So you are the Man, you're the great Mountain Man
Prove to us you can't be beat, get your bum on that bike seat
That's all you need do, and we'll know it's all true
Come on King of the Tours!

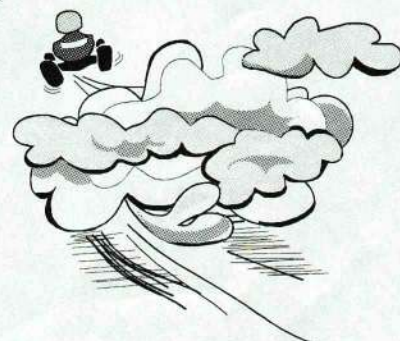
We'd only ask these things of someone we admire
What is it that you have got that makes you never tire
Mmmm we are waiting to hear what you have planned
Reading from your lists, but then we just don't understand

So you are the Claux, you're the great Kleber Claux
Feed your tourists with fresh bread, you can do it on your head
Or has something gone wrong, why do you take so long?
Come on King of the Tours!

Hey aren't you proud of us Claux, mister wonderful Claux?
You're a joke. You forgot your cup, oh no did the King mess up?
Get on your way, you've got nothing to say
Peddle on, you King of the - peddle on!
Peddle on, you King of the Tours!

SMOKEY CAR SPOTTER

Ever notice how difficult it is to breathe when smokey exhaust fumes are choking up the atmosphere? Well here's your chance to strike back! Report smokey vehicles by giving the registration number, make and colour of a smokey car, together with the time and place that you spotted it, to the Department of Environmental Protection by telephoning 9324 2835.



1999 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 1999 have been set as indicated below:

1. Individual membership \$35.00
2. New members \$30.00
3. Full-time Students/Pensioners \$18.00
4. Dependants under 18 no charge

Existing members should note that there is a \$5 discount on fees (resulting in a \$30 fee) if they pay before the end of January. *Note that this does not apply to the student/pensioner membership fees.* Part year memberships are available after June.

The CTA is a non-Government organisation relying on membership fees, donations and volunteer labour to achieve our aims and objectives. These monies help to provide each member with six Newsletters per year, a social evening venue and tea and coffee making facilities, weekend trips and tours "at cost", a library, an indemnity to cover property to name a few of the obvious benefits.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The CTA has some equipment (as listed below) which is available for members to hire for \$5 for 2 weeks or \$10 per month plus a bond. This is a great way to try out cycle touring without having to layout a large amount of money to equip yourself with the right gear.

- Rear Panniers (pair)
- Small Rack Bag (sits on top of pannier rack)
- Trangia

Please contact a committee member if you are interested in using this equipment.

CTA CLOTHING

The CTA has its own clothing available in two colour schemes - yellow with red stripes, or turquoise with green stripes. The design is available in short and long sleeved Coolmax tops, and black lycra knicks with a coloured side panel. The clothing is available in a range of sizes from XS, S, M, L, XL and XXL and costs \$55 for knicks, \$65 for short sleeve tops and \$75 for long sleeve tops (note that long sleeve tops have white sleeves).

Please enclose a cheque with your order made payable to "CTA Clothing" and send to:

Lance Whiteford
6 Hakea Close
Ballajura WA 6066.

If you require any further information you can contact Lance on 9249 1970.



WHERE ARE YOU?

If you are lucky enough to move to a bright sparkling new place of abode, please share your good news with us. All members are asked to confirm their current address and phone numbers with Committee members.

CTA LIBRARY

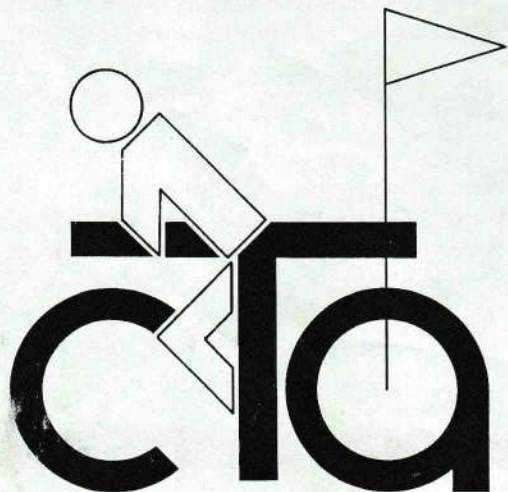
The CTA has a small library of books and magazines relating to all facets of cycling and cycle touring. These are available for all members to borrow or just read at each of the social evenings. The books may only be borrowed for 4 weeks by contacting a committee member on the night. Contributions to the library would be greatly appreciated, so do not dispose of any cycling literature which you feel may be relevant.

POLICE BICYCLE REPORTS

The Police Bicycle Section would like to hear your reports of harassment, abuse or other serious incidents involving motor vehicles.

In order for the police to investigate an incident, you must be able to provide the registration number of the vehicle involved and the time and place of the incident. A description of the motor vehicle and the age and sex of the driver are also useful. You should always carry a pen and paper on your bike to record important details should you become involved in an incident. If the offense is serious, you should try to obtain the names of other witnesses who can verify your account. You can contact Officer in Charge at the Police Bicycle Section on 9222 1923 during working hours.

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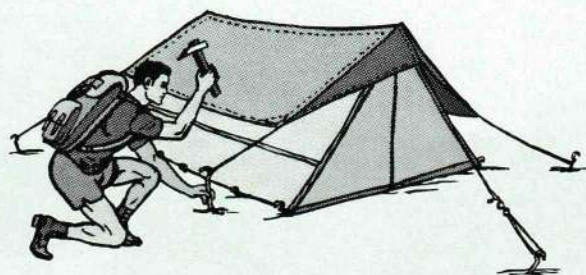


Main Events Calendar 1999

Tours and Rides

January 26
February 27
February 27 - March 6
March 6
March 12
March 14
March 17
March 21
April 2-5
April 24-26
June 5-7
July 24-25
September 25-27
October 22-29
November 13

Australia Day Firworks Ride
long Weekend Murder Mystery at Williams
Back to Nature Tour
Progressive Dinner (North of River)
Bike to Work Breakfast
Ride to Grape Country
BBQ Ride to Kings Park
Tour de Cure
Easter Weekend at Busselton
Weekend at Rottenest
Margaret River Rendezvous
Xmas in July at Yanchep
Fairbridge Too Far Fling
On Your Bike Tour '99
Progressive Dinner (South of River)



Social Evenings

Social Evenings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10



Achievement/Challenge Rides

March 28	50km
April 10	200km Audax
April 18	100km
May 16	100 miles
May 22	300km Audax
June 5	300km Audax
June 20	10,000 in 8
July 18	50km
July 24	200km
August 15	100km
September 12	100 miles
October 9	200km Classic Audax
October 10	10,000 in 8
October 30	200km Audax



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