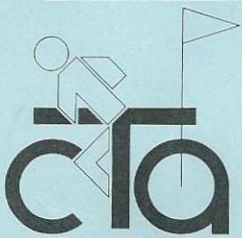
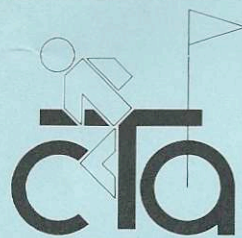


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

According to my calculations CTA members have now cycled more than 460,000 kilometres on official CTA rides and probably double that again getting to and from rides. That in itself is an achievement. But a far greater achievement is that in covering that distance over a six year period only 3 riders have ever required medical treatment resulting from injuries incurred on rides.

We should not become complacent with this record and I would urge all members to ride safely and act courteously to fellow road users. However, if there is a misadventure and you or your machine suffer through the fault of another party, do not hesitate to contact us and you can be assured of our utmost support. The complacency of many cyclists and the 'she'll be right mate' attitude does nothing to help our fellow cyclist. So if you are aware of a specific road where dangerous conditions prevail or dangerous driving by a motorist, don't just forget about it, but pick up the telephone and telephone a CTA Committee member.

Happy Cycling

DALE NEILL

TOMORROW'S TOURISTS

BOB STOCKMAN

A line of 22 young cyclists riding in a well disciplined, two abreast formation is proof that cycling is becoming increasingly popular with high school boys and girls.

Credit goes to Lesmurdie high school manual arts teacher, Ray Stevens, who has arranged an afternoon a week during which his class enlarges their cycling knowledge. There are lectures on cycle safety, group riding, etc., interspersed with rides around the Lesmurdie area to put the theory into practice.

Ray Stevens bike class is a popular one with his students, and let us hope some of them will have their appetites whetted for longer tours.

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

Isabel. Isabel who?

Isabel necessary-on-a-bicycle



A CHALLENGE WITH A DIFFERENCE

by

Nicole Cyr-Harrison

On Saturday, June 27th, some 250 cyclists 'headed west' on a once-a-year rather unique tour: across the 220 km distance between West Berlin and the rest of Germany along Highway 5, the only transit route not an 'autobahn'.

Riders came in all shapes and sizes: from racing cyclists to girls on roadsters, with the whole range in between. We saw a few young boys with their dads, two or three tandems, and a variety of what could loosely be termed 'touring cyclists'. A young man named Erwin was one of my favourites: he rode a one-speed ladies' roadster, in jeans and wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a camera around his neck and a radio in the front basket of his bike.

One must understand that all transit travellers from W. Berlin (irrespective of mode of transport) *MUST* cross East German territory within 24 hours of entry and with stops in only those restaurants allowed by GDR authorities (only ONE on Highway 5). One must not speak to GDR citizens, or stop in any towns - that cuts out all bakeries! - and photography could be troublesome if the background included more than trees and fields.

Departure times varied greatly, with some starting out as early as 4 am, in small groups, or even alone. Our group of 4 crossed the border at 5.45, after only 10 minutes of formalities, a record of efficiency and goodwill on the part of the border guards. We cycled along at a snappy 25 km average all morning, with our first Mars bar stop after we had overtaken 20 riders, reaching our lunch stop at 140 km after about 5½ hours of riding.

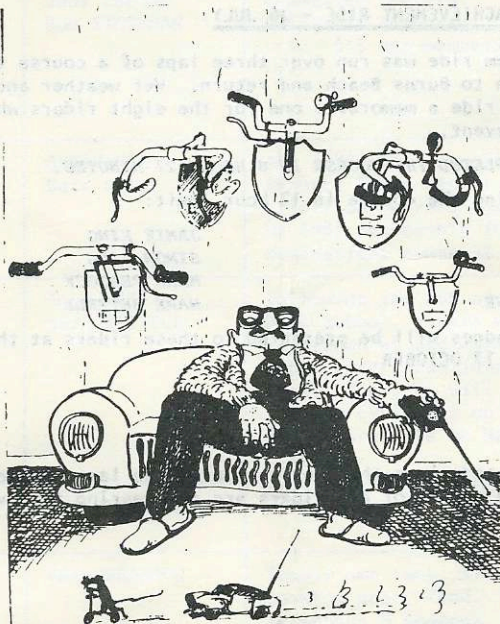
Our afternoon pace was a bit more erratic, slower, the pauses more numerous. My biggest difficulty for a while was due to an encounter between my legs and stinging (and how!) nettle, in an attempt to go a bit further into the bush than my three male companions! Our only mechanical complaint was a single puncture, and we crossed the border into Lauenburg, 240 km from our starting point, exactly 12 hours after our departure. Cyclists poured in all evening, with travel times ranging from 8½ to 16 hours; the local camping ground and the Youth Hostel quickly filled up with weary people eager for food, drink and showers.

The ride itself was interesting. The first 30 km out of Berlin were almost eerie: early morning mist, a road almost lined with barracks, and soldiers - Russian soldiers. As we made our way further from the Berlin enclave and towards a more 'civilised' time of day, we exchanged greetings with school children, housewives cycling to the shops, people in their gardens, and even one old man on an even older bike who asked if we had any sweets for his grand-children. He was afraid to cross the road to us, and asked us to leave the two Mars bars we offered on the edge of the road. The towns along the way were all remarkably similar - colourless but clean, with sad-looking churches and ubiquitous propaganda posters: "Down with NATO armament" or "Solidarity with our brothers of the Warsaw Pact".

The stretch was pleasantly flat, with only a few hills just before the end (*how nasty!*). The elements were clement: changing winds, but always light, only one half-hour long shower, and low 20's. It was fun to see so many other cyclists along the way, and interesting to note all the details one usually misses from a car.

For some, the ride was an incredible accomplishment; for others, just a longish training ride. To the best of my knowledge, most finished. There wasn't much choice, except if one had arranged for a personal back-up vehicle: giving up along the way was just NOT allowed.

The only sad - very sad - note to the day was that it was the last time such a ride was possible. Two days later, a section of the Berlin → Hamburg autobahn was opened, and the parallel bit of Highway 5 closed to transit travel. Citizen groups and bike activists are pressuring the W. Berlin and W. German authorities to negotiate with East Germany to keep the highway open for cyclists, but with unlikely chances of success. Meanwhile, unless cyclists can ride at the legal minimal speed on the new autobahn, rides like last week-end's marathon are unfortunately over.



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40 KILOMETRE TIME TRIAL:

The CTA's first official time trial was held on a relatively hilly course on Sunday, 9 August. Northerly winds gusting up to 70 km/h prevailed for most of the event and heavy rain fell just after the last rider completed the course. 12 riders started and 8 riders completed the course:

MARK BETTELL	1hr13m30s	32.65 km/h	20.00 m/h
JAMIE KING	1hr13m35s	32.61 km/h	19.98 m/h
MERV GIRDLESTONE	1hr23m47s	28.65 km/h	17.55 m/h
MATT KING	1hr24m51s (punctured)	28.28 km/h	17.33 m/h
DENNIS BRADDON	1hr30m58s	26.38 km/h	16.16 m/h
IAN HORE	1hr31m03s	26.36 km/h	16.15 m/h
ROMNEY PHILLIPS	1hr40m01s	23.99 km/h	14.70 m/h
DANNY BOULTER	1hr45m08s	22.83 km/h	13.99 m/h

*Certificates showing names and official times will be presented to riders at the CTA's FILM NIGHT on 17 OCTOBER.

200 KILOMETRE ACHIEVEMENT RIDE - 26 JULY:

The 1981, 200 km ride was run over three laps of a course that ran from City Beach to Burns Beach and return. Wet weather and strong winds made the ride a memorable one for the eight riders who completed the event.

JAMIE KING COMPLETED THE COURSE IN 8 HOURS 27 MINUTES.

Riders completing the course in 12 hour limit:

ALAN BOOTH	JAMIE KING
DENNIS BRADDON	SIMON KING
PETER COOKSEY	MARK PEACOCK
MERV GIRDLESTONE	MARK BETTELL


*Achievement Badges will be presented to these riders at the CTA's FILM NIGHT on 17 OCTOBER.

HELMETS:

A survey conducted since the publication of the last newsletter shows that an average of 78% of all riders are now wearing approved helmets on CTA rides.

RAILWAYS:

Members will be pleased to learn that recent talks between the Minister for Transport, Mr Cyril Rushton and CTA representatives, Dale Neill and Bob Stockman resulted in the CTA once again being able to make use of railway guards' vans for country tours.



HINTS FOR CTA RIDERS:

1. BE ON TIME.
2. BE CORRECTLY DRESSED (e.g., thongs & bare feet are out!).
3. ENSURE CYCLE IS SAFE AND CORRECTLY ADJUSTED.
4. CARRY YOUR OWN SPARES, TOOL KIT, ETC.
5. INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO NEW RIDERS AND LOOK AFTER THEM.
6. LISTEN TO THE RIDE LEADER'S INSTRUCTIONS (e.g., route, re-grouping points, pace).
7. IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE THE RIDE BEFORE THE OFFICIAL END, BE COURTEOUS AND INFORM THE LEADER.
8. KEEP UP WITH MAIN BUNCH.
9. ALWAYS RIDE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SAFETY OF GROUP.
10. OBEY THE ROAD RULES.

HINTS FOR RIDE LEADERS:

1. KNOW THE COURSE.
2. PREPARE A ROUTE MAP IF WARRANTED.
3. CARRY YOUR FIRST AID KIT.
4. BE ON TIME.
5. INTRODUCE NEW RIDERS TO GROUP.
6. BEFORE STARTING, BRIEF RIDERS AS TO COURSE, PACE, RIDING FORMATION, RE-GROUPING POINT, PARTICULAR COURSE HAZARDS.
7. CHECK RIDERS' CYCLES ARE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE FOR RIDE.
8. COUNT NUMBER OF RIDERS.
9. SPLIT GROUP ACCORDING TO ABILITY IF NUMBERS WARRANT IT.
10. APPOINT A 'TAIL-END CHARLIE'.
11. SET A PACE CONDUCIVE TO ADVERTISED GRADE AND MEMBERS' ABILITIES.
12. AT FINAL RE-GROUPING, COUNT NUMBERS, DECLARE RIDE COMPLETE.

Did you hear about the Irish Cycle Accessory manufacturer who went broke making panniers for exercise bikes?

CYCLISTS' ACTION GROUP NEWS



We are still trying to get the State Government to do something for cyclists. With the State Budget coming soon we have been contacting Ministers and Members of Parliament with the following points:

W.A. Bicycle Accidents : an epidemic ignored.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that some 400 cyclists, mainly children, are hospitalised each year in W.A. by bicycle accidents. This is about 5% of all casualty road accidents.

In 1976, 3.5% of trips in the Perth region were taken by bicycle (bus 8.3% , train 1%) but bicycle transportation is currently allocated funding of less than 0.07% of that allocated to the M.R.D. alone.

In 1980-81 only \$100,000 was allocated to the Department of Local Government for bicycle projects. Even this very small amount of money was inefficiently spent due to the lack of any Government commitment to continuing funding for bicycle safety. The current system of ad-hoc financing means that funds are allocated in haste, late in the financial year, and hastily and often unwisely spent due to the lack of opportunity for any long-term planning.

In June 1980, the Advisory Committee on Bicycle Policy recommended a five-year allocation of \$200,000 per annum for bicycle safety. This has so far been rejected.

The Geelong Bike Plan model has been accepted Australia-wide as a rational cost-effective approach to bicycle safety. It is based on the 4E's...

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There is no sign of a coordinated 4E's approach to improving bicycle safety in W.A.

A very high proportion of the community share our concern about the lack of provision for cyclists. Surveys by Stirling and Fremantle City Councils have shown that about 90% of people feel that more money should be spent to provide facilities for cyclists rather than on roads in general or public transport.

We ask for your support to ensure that the bicycle accident epidemic receives the urgent attention of the State Government.

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CYCLISTS ACTION GROUP

The CAG is now holding monthly meetings at its headquarters (2 Barsden St., Cottesloe. 384 7409) at 8 pm on the third thursday of each month. All cyclists are invited.

SEX & CYCLING:

According to Dr John Snowden of Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital, there are quite a few similarities between cycling and sex, particularly as one approaches old age.

Speaking at a seminar on 7 August, Dr Snowden said:

"The things that stop you having sex with age are things that stop you riding a bicycle - bad health, thinking it looks silly and no bicycle."

For those CTA members who own 2 or 3 bicycles, there must surely be a message in this.

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SEPT. 13	GARLOK DINNER	15	*	4.30 pm	GARLOK RESTAURANT	J MILLOY CHEYNE	Cost \$8 - \$10. TO BE ADVISED.
SEPT. 19/20	MUMBERKINE CAMPING WEEKEND	240	XH	9.00 am	MIDLAND TOWN HALL	I STANILAND	BRING OWN TENT, SLEEPING BAG & FOOD.
SEPT. 27	BURNS BEACH	140 100 80	H	9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	PERTH RAILWAY STATION CITY BEACH SURF CLUB TRIGG ISLAND SURF CLUB (JOIN IN AT ANY OF THESE POINTS)	Dale NEILL	Picturesque and peaceful ride along Joondalup Drive to Burns Beach. Buy or bring lunch. An all day ride.
OCT. 3/4/5	NOGGERUP WEEKEND RIDE (NOTE: First 8 bookings have hostel beds. Others take tents, sleeping bags and camp under the pine trees - \$2 reduction for campers)		H	OCT. 3 8.45 am	PERTH RAILWAY STATION Wellington Street	Dave MILLWARD	Travel by train to and from Bunbury. Returning approx. 6 pm, 5 October. COST: \$18 members (\$12 Juniors) \$22 non-members (\$15 Juniors). BOOKINGS CLOSE with D. Millward on 25 SEPTEMBER 1981. (Telephone 385 8371)
OCT. 11	KINGS PARK & FORESHORE RIDE (& 1981 Association Photograph).	50	**	11.00 am	CNR SAW AVE & MAY DRIVE, KINGS PARK	John CHEYNE	Pleasant, casual ride ending with BBQ lunch at meeting point at 1 pm. Supply own food *OFFICIAL 1981 CTA PHOTOGRAPH will be taken at 11 am of all riders in attendance. Individual copies will be available later to members.
OCT. 17 (Saturday)	FILM PRESENTATION EVENING. Film & slide night. Presentation of 200 km, 40 km Time Trial and 10000 in 8 awards. SUPPER	-	-	7.30 pm	KARRINYUP CULTURAL CENTRE, Davenport Street, Karrinyup	Dale NEILL	Members are invited to bring along their favourite slides and prints. The 4 most popular photographs will be selected to be added to our official album. A selection of 16 mm films will also be shown. AWARDS PRESENTED COST: \$1 members; \$2 non-members
OCT. 18	CHITTERING VALLEY	140	XH	9.00 am 10.00 am	PERTH RAILWAY STATION MIDLAND TOWN HALL	Mark PEACOCK	Some shops available on route. BRING OR BUY LUNCH.
OCT. 25	BBQ LUNCH RIDE	60 30	*** **	9.30 am 10.30 am	29 GARLAND WAY, TRIGG PERTH RAILWAY STATION	Dale NEILL Mark BETTELL	Starts at Trigg, picks up Group 2 in Perth, ride to Fremantle, return to Trigg via coast. BBQ Lunch approx. 12.30 pm. BRING OWN MEAT. COST: \$1 members; \$2 non-members

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DATE	EVENT	KM (approx)	GRADE	TIME	START POINT	LEADER	COMMENT
OCT. 30/ NOV. 1	TOODYAY WEEKEND RIDE	160	H	9.00 am	MIDLAND TOWN HALL	Bob STOCKMAN	\$2.50 (J) \$3.50 (S) members \$3.50 (J) \$4.50 (S) non-members NOTE: First 8 bookings get hostel. Rest to hotel. Sleeping sheet <i>ESSENTIAL</i> for hostel users. BOOKINGS CLOSE 17 OCTOBER. Telephone: B Stockman - 293 5278.
NOV. 8	ARALUEN PICNIC RIDE	90 35	H **	9.00 am 10.30 am	CAUSEWAY CAR PARK KELMSCOTT RAILWAY STATION	Jamie KING Lisa LOBRY de BRUYN	Bring or buy lunch. Meeting at Chalet Healet, Araluen at approx. 12 - 12.30pm
NOV. 15 (Sunday)	DALKEITH HISTORICAL RIDE	10	*	2.00 pm	126 VICTORIA AVE, DALKEITH	Mathew KING	Taking in places of interest in Dalkeith.
NOV. 22	GIDGEGANNUP 'ELEVENSES' RIDE	60	H	9.30 am	GUILDFORD POST OFFICE	Roy TINDALL	Up Red Hill to 'Gidgie' for 'eleveneses'. Back through Mt Helena, Greenmount & Midland
NOV. 25	CTA ANNUAL DINNER and presentation of the 'CYCLE TOURIST OF THE YEAR' award. The CTA has booked Hugo's Restaurant and their Chefs will be preparing a special menu for the CTA. Members & their friends are welcome.	-	-	8.00 pm	-	ORGANISERS: Dale NEILL Jane CHEYNE Bob STOCKMAN	Dinner Tickets can be purchased prior to 11 NOVEMBER from Committee members. COST: \$13 members; \$15 non-members
NOV. 29	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981	-	-	10.00 am	FLOREAT PARK SCHOOL	ORGANISER: Dale NEILL	AGM 1980 minutes; Treasurer's Report; Tours Report; Election of office bearers 1982. Setting of 1982 membership fees. Nominations close 30 OCTOBER
NOV. 29	RIDE TO HEIRISSON ISLAND	40 20	*** **	12.30 pm 2.00 pm	RED BULL, JOLIMONT KINGS PARK LOOK-OUT	Tony PETTIT Mark BETTELL	Following the AGM at Floreat Park School, riders will gather for lunch at Red Bull, Joliment Other riders can join at Kings Park. The ride will then follow the new cycleways on the Swan River foreshore to Heirisson Island.
DEC. 6	TREASURE HUNT RIDE	50	***	8.30 am	CNR SAW AVE & MAY DRIVE, KINGS PARK	Ian STANILAND	Bring a pencil.
DEC. 12/13	MOORE RIVER CAMP	200	H	DEC. 12 8.30 am	CITY BEACH SURF CLUB	Mark PEACOCK	Supply own tent, sleeping bag, cooking gear, food. For details Telephone M Peacock - 446 3009. BOOK BY 29 NOVEMBER.
DEC. 20	CITY LIGHTS RIDE	10	*	6.30 pm	KINGS PARK LOG	Tony PETTIT	Easy ride through city to view Christmas Lights. Lights on cycle <i>ESSENTIAL</i> .