

# THE CHAIN LETTER

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## Tales from Europe (the saga continues...)

As many of you are aware, a contingent of CTA members recently returned from a cycle tour through Europe. Tim has been busy again sending emails and keeping us up to date. A copy of the final four emails has been printed below for your enjoyment.

### UPDATE #7 (22 JULY)

Hello all, and welcome to the next exciting installment of Tim's European Tour...

Now we are two! The seven who gathered to conquer Europe in Paris in the start of June have now gone home or scattered across the continent. Mike O flew out of Budapest today, while Norman and I remain here until Wednesday. Mike H was contemplating heading south towards Greece when we last heard from him, which is over a week ago.

With some regret we said our fond farewells to the city of Vienna, and we caught a train into Budapest from Vienna, in order for Mike to make his plane flight in time, and have been here since Friday. For those who are unaware of this, Budapest was actually originally 2 towns, Buda on one side

of the Danube, and Pest on the other. We are staying near the Danube in Pest. At night the old palaces and castles in Buda are lit up (with flood-lights), and one of the bridges is illuminated with hundreds of tiny lights. As a result the view of Buda across the Danube last night was truly one of the highlights of the trip. Norman visited Budapest about 10 years ago, when it was a much dirtier (and cheaper) city. It still has a long way to go to reach the standards of Paris or Vienna, but they have tried very hard and it is now a truly



nice place to stay. Some of the buildings are somewhat dilapidated still, however, many have been restored and there is a great deal of restoration work underway.

We were greeted on the train by a young lady from the Hungarian tourist bureau who advised us on accommodation and provided us with information of the city before we had even got off the train. There are tourist information bureaux, internet cafés, money changers, and other facilities all around the tourist area, which makes this a very nice place to stay, even if there is less to see than in some other cities. Most people in the tourist district speak very good English. We

have encountered a few quite humorous exchanges with many of the Hungarians we have spoken to. For example, on one occasion we went to a coffee shop to buy some cake. Norman asked, "Do you serve coffee here?" The response was "Of course we do, sir. This is a coffee shop!" At a kebab place Mike O, after conversing for a few sentences with the girl behind the counter in English, asked her "Do you speak English?" Her response was "What do you think I am speaking to you now - Hungarian?"

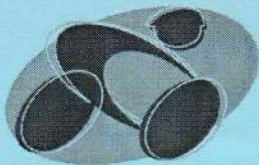
One spot we are particularly looking forward to visiting (tomorrow) is "Statue Park". With the fall of communism, the statues of Lenin, Marx, productive workers etc. were gathered up and sent to a junkyard. In the new capitalist Hungary this junkyard has been turned into a park for tourists, some of which has been apparently done in a very tongue-in-cheek way.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

Andrea Davy  
Sheila Howard  
Matthew Norman  
Don Reece  
Susan Thomas  
Malcolm Wilcox

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

## QUEENSLAND TOUR

2003

Preliminary planning is underway for an unsupported pannier tour to Queensland in 2003. Stay tuned for further details or contact the organiser.

Organiser: Stan ☎ 9444 4207 (H)  
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# Tours and Weekends

## A YEARNING FOR YANCHEP

28 - 30 September 2002

Pack your tent and camp cooker for a weekend of cycle touring, travelling the back roads from Joondalup to Yanchep and then spending two nights camping out at Club Capricorn. Spend the day in Yanchep walking, caving, seeing koalas plus more. Dinner options include Club Capricorn, Yanchep Inn or other local eateries. Bookings are essential and must be made no later than September 25 as a minimum number of people are required for the weekend to go ahead.

Organisers: Lance & Patricia ☎ 9249 1970

## THAT DAM WEEKEND AGAIN

19 - 20 October 2002

Yes, that's right. It's on again. A weekend at Mundaring Weir that promises to be very relaxing, cycling through the countryside in the spring air, and with a whole day to cover 60km.

Meeting at Charles Paterson Park (near the children's playground near Burswood Casino) at 9:00am, we ride via backstreets to Midland, before embracing the verdant countryside of the hills in spring. Morning tea/lunch will be at the Mundaring Township, and then it's only a short 11km hop to the end of the first day.

Mundaring Weir itself is picturesque at this time of year, with many bushwalks in the area, as well as the O'Connor Museum.

Accommodation for the night is at the Youth hostel, and with a group of 12, we can completely book the self-contained cottage. Any others can be accommodated in the main hall, or can camp. The price is \$20 per person.

That evening the Mundaring Weir hotel will host dinner. They offer a 3-course menu, entrée, main, dessert and coffee for \$27.50. Counter meals are also available, and range in price from \$8.00 to \$18.00.

The ride back will be through Kalamunda, with a spectacular view from Kalamunda Road, before descending back to the coastal plain to return to Charles Paterson Park.

Bookings with a \$10 deposit are essential prior to October 5. However, given the size of the hostel (it sleeps up to 36!), places after that date may still be available. For all enquires, please contact the organiser.

Organiser: Simon ☎ 9271 2959 (H).

## ON YOUR BIKE TOUR - A WHALE OF A TOUR

2 - 10 November 2002

This year's tour will start with participants being coached from Perth to Kendenup where we will have a scrumptious lunch. All fuelled up it will be time to start pedalling. Our first night's stopover is in Mount Barker, followed by the historic whaling town of Albany. Here we will have a rest day where there are plenty of interesting places to visit. The next day we will head west to Denmark and then onto Walpole. The coastal scenery is spectacular and the aspiring Karri forests meet the sea. We will have another rest day at Walpole where you might want to cycle around the magnificent Valley of the Giants and also take the famous Tree Top Walk. Now refreshed we will backtrack to Denmark and finally to Mount Barker. As this will be our last stopover it is the 'On Your Bike' traditional concert night where all hidden wondrous talents from participants are revealed - not to be missed - a guaranteed highlight of the tour!

After surviving the concert it will be a short ride back to Kendenup for morning tea and then farewell 'til next year.

**Please note: The tour is now FULLY BOOKED.**

Congratulations to all of you who were lucky enough (and quick enough) to get in. We will see you in November.

Tour Organiser:  
John Meakin  
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oyb@ctawa.asn.au



## PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS

7 December 2002

The annual CTA Progressive Dinner is here again. This time the event will be held north of the river and take in the latest cycle routes. So come dressed in the spirit of the season for a "Progressive Christmas".

This is a fun evening where we cycle from house to house and devour a four course meal along the way. The cost will be \$20 and payment in FULL before the date is required. Numbers are limited so book early. Further details in the next newsletter.

Organiser: Terry ☎ 9472 9887 (H)

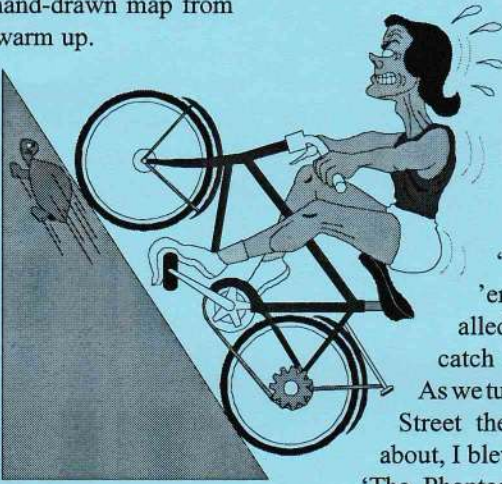


# Why do we do it?

It all depends on how many k's you put into training. An example would be the 5,000 in 4 (Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>). It was a cool start with six riders: Boris & Mary, Warren, 'The Phantom', Colin P (the ride leader) and I. After a short briefing and a hand-drawn map from Colin, it was time to warm up.

Churchman Brook Road seemed to be the longest mountain to climb as we saw a group of motorbikers waking the country air as we scuttled down to Albany Highway for another steady climb to Canning Dam. The ride leader told us a story of when he used to cycle this road years ago. With little light and a road surface much worse, he was confronted by a HUGE Yowie! More than six feet tall it was. Both man and beast frightened each other, and Colin never again cycled that road at night.

As we cycled up Brookton Highway some of us were tiring, making sure not to disturb a Yellow-Bellied snake sunbaking on the road, as we reached Chevin Road. Boris had a slow leak so he had to keep moving. Up and down



we went, anticipating the BIG downhill of Canning Mills Road (I live for the big downhills). "C'mon Devo" said 'The Phantom' as he streaked past me. "What's going on 'ere?" I said as I pedalled all the way down to catch him, but I couldn't. As we turned right into Clifton Street there is a new round-about, I blew the whistle to bring 'The Phantom' back as our ride leader led us to the finish. Where's Boris? Stopped to pump up his tyre? Went past the round-about? Has he done this route before? It was up to the 'Whistle-blower' to bring him back. We all did very well, a little tired and under four hours. It was a beaut day for cycling.

What was the hardest part of the ride?

Mary: "The uphill to Chevin Road."

Are you flying back to catch up to the boys?

Warren: "Not really".

So why do we punish ourselves when we can easily ride a motorbike or drive the car? Is it a personal thing, setting an example, making a difference, increasing horsepower or just enjoyment? Everybody's reasons could be different, but if in doubt ask the masters who've done it all before including Kleber, John M, Jim Harwood, Mark E and Dale Neill just to name a few.

Devo: "Colin, why can't you write this story?"

Colin: "I can't write".

## Rain Jackets



Get ready for winter with these popular rain jackets made by Maresa, available to CTA members at the low price of \$155. The jacket is made from 'Breathalon' and is breathable, waterproof and wind-proof. It is well made and highly visible.

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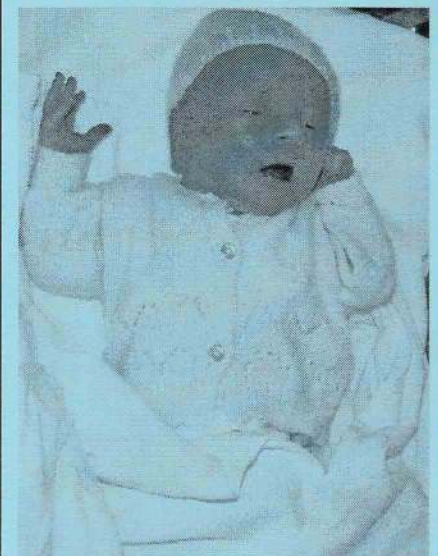
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## It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Helen and Chris Lund on the safe arrival of their son James Howard. The Lund's little bundle of joy arrived 3 weeks early by Caesarean Section on August 8 weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces in the old currency, or 2440 grams. Mother and James are both doing well. Energy researchers are investigating the feasibility of using Chris' smile as a renewable energy source!!!!!!





# Tales from Europe (continued from Page 1...)

My one gripe about Hungary is the train system. The train to Budapest was badly over-booked. As a result it was standing room only on a three-hour trip. We staked out a place in the restaurant car for all of the trip, and ordered a coffee every half hour or so in order to be allowed to stay in there. Booking a ticket out of Budapest has been somewhat problematic. We have been travelling between train stations (sent from one to another) all day today to get to a place where they would permit us to make a reservation for our bikes. It is a great relief to finally have a booking out of the country - we were beginning to think escape was not possible! We wanted to reserve train tickets all the way to Berlin (our next stop). However, we have had to settle for making our way to Vienna, where it will be easier to make a booking to Berlin with bikes.

So, don't forget to tune in to the next exciting e-mail installment as we move closer to the conclusion of Norm and Tim's excellent adventure...

## UPDATE #8 (AUGUST 2)

Greetings from Berlin. Norman and I have now travelled by train from Budapest to Berlin via Vienna.

We have had some interesting experiences in Budapest. We were wandering up to the citadel overlooking the city, through some parkland and were approached by a group of young men carrying a tourist map who were asking us directions. We told them that we were also tourists, and they asked us where we were from. When we said "Australia"

they asked us whether Australians competed in Judo, and told us that they were from Greece and were in a Judo team. They started saying "black belt" and tugging at Norman and my belts. They told us that we had nice clothes and started pulling at our shorts and shirts and asking where we got them. I kept my hand firmly over my wallet, and they kept wanting to shake hands with me. Whenever one of them tried to grab my hand to shake it, the other one's hand would start reaching for my wallet, and I would pull my hand out to bring it back over the wallet. Norman finally said to them "I have no money" then we left. As you may have guessed, these were not really Greek tourists, but were in fact Gypsies. We escaped without any losses, although they had managed to partially unzip Norman's money belt.

We had been warned that in Budapest there are bar girls. These girls roam the streets at night seeking men to drag off to outrageously overpriced bars, so that they can talk them into buying outrageously overpriced drinks, leaving the naive tourist with an incredibly expensive bar tab at the end of the night. Two of these bar girls walked up to Mike, Norman and I in Budapest one night, as we contemplated where to have a coffee and said "Perhaps you are waiting for us?" On another evening I was walking through the tourist mall when two girls walked up to me with a map and asked if I knew the way somewhere. I found myself explaining once again that I was just a tourist here, and was once again asked where I was from. These sequinned, bleach-blond girls were apparently from a

small town in the South of Hungary, and were in town for a fencing tournament! "Say, what are you doing now? Perhaps you would like to have a drink with us?" they asked. I thanked them for their kind offer, but explained that I had to unfortunately decline it because I didn't have any money with me to buy a drink.

On our last day in Budapest we cycled around the outer parts of the city. We had read a tour book which said, under the heading "Cycling in Budapest", simply "Good luck!". However, our experience was entirely the opposite. The cycleways were very good, and there is an island in the middle of the Danube which is connected by bridges, and has excellent cycleways through parkland.

Norman, Mike O'Hara and I had met some German girls, Sibylle and Susan, who were cycle-touring along the Danube in the same direction as us. We all got on like a house on fire and we were invited to Berlin to visit them and see the sights. Norman and I have come to Berlin and have been staying at Sibylle's place, while Sibylle and Susan show us some of the sights of Berlin.

It might just be that we are staying out of town a little way, but it seems to me that Berlin is truly a beautiful city. It is very green, with lots of parks and much more space than other European cities we have visited.

We have seen the surviving bit of the wall, which is only 1km long, but which artists from around the world come to paint. Every so often the walls are white-washed, and other artists are invited to put new artwork on the walls. Norman found a small piece of concrete next to the wall, which seems to be from the wall, that he has delightedly souvenired as his own little bit of history. The wall itself has largely gone, having been pulled down as quickly as it went up (it went up in just 3 days in 1961).

We also went to the famous Checkpoint Charlie, which in the time of the Cold War was the only place where foreigners could travel between East and West Berlin. At Checkpoint Charlie there is a museum with the history of the wall, which shows the many ways that people escaped East Germany, many of which were ingenious. People tunneled. Visitors from West Berlin on day passes would return with hidden passengers in all sorts of hiding places in luggage or cars. People even escaped in home-built light aircraft, using motorbike engines!



Tim and Sibylle at the Berlin Wall.



*Norman and Tim at the infamous Checkpoint Charlie.*



We cycled out to Potsdam, where the end of war conference between Truman, Stalin and Churchill took place. Along the way we crossed Glienicke Bridge which in former times was a crossing point between East and West Germany. This bridge was used only by diplomats, and was famous as the bridge where the East and West exchanged captured spies.

Yesterday afternoon I went cycling along a really beautiful cycleway that travels where the Berlin Wall used to be. The land which used to be "Death Land" is now lush green parkland.

We went out to a lake in the Spreewald (to South of Berlin) for lunch, travelling along one of the infamous German Autobahns. Norman was absolutely ecstatic! Susan was speeding along at speeds of up to 150km/h while other cars rocketed past us, some doing speeds of 200km/h+ !!! Each time one of these cars passed, Norman would giggle with child-like delight at the incredulous speeds they were doing. (A note for those not aware - Norman has once lost his license for speeding in Australia, and has come within a hairs-breadth of losing it a second time).

The rumours you have heard are true! Many Germans do bathe naked in very public places. Sibylle and Susan have told us that these are East Germans. Apparently it was a form of protest in the time of the Communist regime - they were saying "We are part of nature, and not part of the artificial system you are creating."

This weekend we will probably go on a short (3 day) cycling tour of areas near Berlin, before Norman and I say a very sad farewell to the wunderbar city of Berlin to head off to Eire in search of our cultural heritage.

### UPDATE #9 (AUGUST 9)

After two weeks in Berlin, Norman and I have flown by Ryanair to Ireland, having arrived yesterday at Shannon Airport. My daypack currently smells like Yogurt because some idiot (Norman) put a yogurt drink in the overhead luggage compartment of the plane. He had opened it, then closed it, such that the change in air pressure was enough to open it in flight. Yogurt spilled out over my daypack and the hand luggage of a delightful Swiss man named Steve who had been sitting with us. However, in a way that defies imagination, the yogurt drink managed to coat the contents of the overhead compartment in a way that completely avoided anything belonging to Norman! Sometimes life is not fair.

We have sent our bikes back by airfreight to Perth, to arrive about the same time as us, because we did not want the hassle of carting our bikes through Frankfurt-Hahn, Shannon, Dublin, Heathrow, Malaysia and Perth Airports. We have hired a small car to give us a much quicker tour of Ireland.

It was sunny when we arrived at Shannon Airport. This was a surprise, because we did not see any of the Irish countryside as we flew over the country, due to a blanket of thick cloud beneath us. The second surprise for

those of us unaware of Irish geography is that Shannon Airport is not next to Dublin. In fact Shannon Airport is on the West Coast, while Dublin is on the East Coast. We found a wonderful holiday home in Ennis last night, which we will stay at tonight.

The temperament of the Irish people is uplifting as their weather is poor. From the bus driver at the airport onwards, anyone with whom we have been dealing has been friendly and smiling. We have met many wonderful people in our travels, and experienced friendly and helpful service wherever we have been, but have not experienced anything quite like this!

I was surprised at the airport, when booking our ticket to London that the lady behind the counter went to spell my name incorrectly, asking if Timothy was spelt with a double-m. "It's an Irish name!", I exclaimed.

The Irish accent is delightful. However, many of them talk really, really fast, and that combined with the accent means that it takes a few seconds for what they have said to set in. That being said, it is good to be back in a country where everybody speaks English and they drive on the left hand side of the road. Norman and I have relied on the English speaking abilities of people from non-English speaking countries, and upon the translation of friends for a couple of months now. It is good to be able to fend for ourselves. In particular, the headache of negotiating transport of our bikes from Berlin to Perth would have been impossible without the aid of our wonderful Berliner friends.

The other thing about Ireland is it is really, really, really Green. I guess that's why they call it the Emerald Isle! All of the places we have been have been really green (especially compared to Australia); however, Ireland is green beyond all description - no postcard or photo can possibly do it justice.

Tomorrow we will drive out to Milton Malbay, birthplace and former home-town of Norman's mother. The plan is to visit Tipperary on the way back to Dublin, which my mum assures me is the ancestral home of the Ryan family (my maternal heritage).

We fly to London on the 14th of August, and out to Malaysia on the 16th, returning home to Perth on the 23rd (I think). In some ways it seems time has run so short, but when I think of all we have done, it seems a satisfyingly long time.

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# Tales from Europe (continued from Page 5...)

## UPDATE #10 (AUGUST 20)

And now the final chapter of my public travel diary.

This should be my last e-mail before I return home on Friday.

Following our arrival in Ireland we have seen some of the sights of the east coast before we headed across the country to Dublin for a few days, where we stayed with Norman's Uncle Gerry. We visited the Cliffs of Moher where I respected the signs. However, I am sad to report that Norman ignored the danger signs, crossed a fence, and walked to the edge to look over. I am somewhat happier to report that he is still alive.

Norman's family in Ireland are real characters, and I am coming to understand and appreciate the Irish sense of humour.

Before flying out to Malaysia I spent a couple of days in London, being put up by Amanda, an Australian girl we met in Switzerland, who gave an excellent guided tour of London on my birthday, and organised

for me to go to dinner with some fellow Australians in London for the day. In one day I managed to see Buckingham Palace, including the Changing of the Guard, Cleopatra's Needle, the Tower of London, the Tower Bridge, Number 10 Downing Street, as well as a ride on the tube, on the top of a double decker bus, and in a bona-fide London Black Cab.

I'm now in Malaysia with Norman. It has been a long flight, and I am still a bit jet-lagged. Malaysia is in the same time-zone as Perth, so hopefully I will be over the jet-lag when I return.

We are spending a lot of time with his cousins. His cousin Jerry, in particular, has a personality which is a lot like Norman's - it's like having two Norman's alongside me (this is not necessarily a good thing!) We went to the Malaysian National Museum today, and will see the Batu Caves (full of Bats) and the view from the Petronis Towers (I think they're still the world's tallest building) tomorrow.

Norman (who is quite competitive) is very upset because his cousin Jerry has beaten him twice at Badminton, 21-14 in the first game, and then 17-4 when the second game was aborted. I have promised Norman that I would report the scores back to you.




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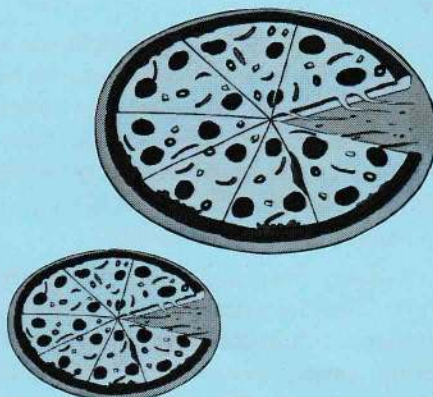
## Mind Teaser

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

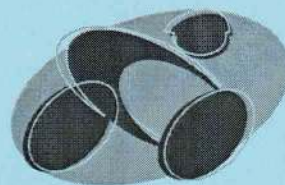
Ma Baker made some pizza dough using extra strong yeast. When left in a warm place it always doubles in size every 24 hours. If it takes 4 days to rise to the top of her extra large bowl, after how long would it be exactly half way up the bowl?

### ISSUE 165 ANSWER

**Mystery Purchase** - House numbers at \$0.60 per digit.



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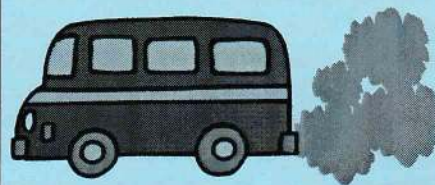
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# The CTA Achievement Ride Series

The CTA conducts a series of Achievement Rides each year that will allow you to qualify for an award. A cloth badge is also available for each of the individual rides and cost \$5 each.

Three series are available: the Super Achiever, Challenge and the new Merit Series. Each ride of the series must be completed in a set time limit but is otherwise non-competitive in nature. A member can only nominate for one award per year. The three series are detailed below:

## Super Achiever Series

To become a Super Achiever you must complete the following five rides in the specified time limits:

- 50 km (3 hours)
- 100 km (6 hours)
- 200 km (13½ hours)
- 300 km (20 hours)
- 10,000 in 8 (10,000 vertical feet in 8 hours)

## Challenge Series

To receive the Challenge Award you must complete the following five rides in the specified time limits:

- 50 km (3 hours)
- 100 km (6 hours)
- 100 mile (10 hours)
- 200 km (13½ hours)
- 10,000 in 8 (10,000 vertical feet in 8 hours)

## Merit Series

To receive the Merit Award you must complete the following three rides in the specified time limits:

- 50 km (3 hours)
- 100 km (6 hours)
- 5,000 in 4 (5,000 vertical feet in 4 hours)

## Using Brevets and Audax Rides

Each Achievement Ride will be held twice during the year to provide the maximum opportunity for members to complete one of the series. However, if you are unable to attend one of the official CTA rides, then a CTA brevet card can be used to complete the ride. Contact the Rides Co-ordinator to get your brevet card and route description. After completing a brevet, the card must be returned to the Rides Co-ordinator to record the ride and ensure that the ride is officially verified by the CTA Committee.

In addition to brevet cards, official Audax rides can also be used to complete the 200km and 300km rides (Refer below for additional information on using Audax rides).

To qualify for an award, all rides for a series must be completed and verified by the CTA Committee **two weeks before the AGM**.

If you require further details please contact Mark on 9382 1961 (H).

## AUDAX FOR CTA RIDE 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 at least one week **BEFORE** the ride.

Forms are available from Audax (contact Brian Hawes on 9398 4724). There is an extra \$2 fee for non-Audax members. 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) at least one week before the ride.
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.

If you have any queries, please contact Mark on 9382 1961 (H).

# Audax Australia

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 Brian Hawes on 9398 4724.

## THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Congratulations to the following people who were successful in completing the following achievement rides.

### 100km

Dennis Braddon  
Ron Kruijer  
Malcolm Wilcox

### 200km

Mark Boulton	Devo
Mark Corbett	Ann Wilson
Mark Elliott	

### 5,000 in 4

Dan Boulter	Colin Pearce
Warren Hinscliff	Boris Roglich
Devo	Mary Roglich

Congratulations to all those that have already qualified for an award. Keep up the good work.

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# Rides Calendar — September to October 2002

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

**Moderate** - fit with geared bikes

**Moderately Hard** - fit and experienced. Distances < 100km

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

*If you are interested in doing a particular ride, but you feel it may be too long for you, don't be put off. Contact the ride leader to see if you can do part of the route.*

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 CENTURY CHALLENGE TAKE 2

100 miles Hard, 7:30am for an 8:00am sharp Start. Meet at the Lakes BP Service Station on Great Eastern Highway. The scenic course includes Wooroloo, Toodyay, Northam and York. The time limit is 10 hours (average 16km/h). Participants MUST BOOK at least one week prior to the ride and there is a \$10 fee for non-members.

Organiser: Simon ☎ 9271 2959 (H)

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15 SEASIDE SAUNTER

35km Easy, 8:45am for a 9:00am sharp Start. Meet at the Campsie Street car park at Charles Veryard Reserve, North Perth for a relaxed ride up the coast. There will be a refreshment stop before returning via an inland route.

Leader: Karen ☎ 9228 3838 (H)

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 10,000 IN 8 ACHIEVEMENT RIDE TAKE 2

110km Hard, 8:00am for an 8:30am sharp Start. Meet at the Kelmscott railway station for the club's hilliest ride, requiring you to climb up and down 10,000 feet of hills in under 8 hours. Required for both the Super Achiever and Challenge Series. Participants MUST BOOK at least one week prior to the ride and there is a \$10 fee for non-members.

Organiser: Lorraine ☎ 9271 1540 (H)

Sunday September 22 Northward Bound

65km Moderate, 9:00am Start. Meet at Warwick railway station for a flat ride to Mindarie for morning tea, via Freeway dual use paths and Two Rocks, returning home via Hillarys Marina.

Leader: Peter ☎ 9246 5061 (H)

### SEPTEMBER 28-30 A YEARNING FOR YANCHEP

50km Moderate, 10:00am Start. Meet at Joondalup railway station to cycle loaded to Yanchep and spend two nights camping out. So pack your tent and camp cooker to enjoy a weekend of cycle touring. You need to contact the ride organiser by Wednesday Evening September 25 to confirm the trip. See page 2 for further details.

Organisers: Lance & Patricia ☎ 9249 1970 (H)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

## MEET YOUR FELLOW 2002 WHALE TOURERS

50km Moderate, 9:00am Start. Meet at Point Walter for a social ride along the river to a delicious morning tea. All 2002 Whale Tourers are especially encouraged to come along to meet and ride with your fellow tourers.

Leader: John ☎ 9332 5550 (H)

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9 CYCLERAMA SOCIAL NIGHT

6:00-7:30pm at the Cyclorama Bike Shop, 1234 Albany Highway, Cannington. Come along to Cyclorama to take advantage of attractive discounts for CTA members and On Your Bike participants. This is a good chance to kit your bike out, or yourself, with the latest gizmos or clothing. It could make your riding much safer, faster, more comfortable and maybe even more fun! Supper provided. Bring along that coloured paper stuff to wave in Jeff's direction.

Organiser: Lorraine ☎ 9271 1540 (H)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

## COASTAL CRUISE

30km Easy, 10:00am Start. Meet at Whitfords railway station to go cycling along the coast.

Leader: Melanie ☎ 9351 9260 (H)

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

## AUDAX CLASSIC 200KM

200km Hard, 7:00am Start. Meet at the Midland Police Station (please do not park at the police station) for the annual Audax Classic cycling up over Redhill to Toodyay, Bindoon and so on. As for all Audax rides, bookings MUST BE made at least one week before the ride. *Note lights and reflective vests are required for all Audax rides.*

Contact: Rod Marston ☎ 9368 4552

## OCTOBER 19-20

## THAT DAM WEEKEND AGAIN

60km per day, Moderately Hard, 9:00am Start. Meet at Charles Paterson Park (near the children's playground near Burswood Casino) for a scenic ride to Mundaring Weir to stay overnight before returning home. See page 2 for further details or contact Simon.

Organiser: Simon ☎ 9271 2959 (H)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

## SOUTHERN SOJOURN

35km Easy, 9:00am Start. Meet at Charles Paterson Park (near the children's playground near Burswood Casino) for an easy paced ride south of the river stopping for coffee at Shelley before heading back.

Leader: Liz ☎ 9291 6126 (H)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 A GOOD CHIN-WAG BBQ RIDE

40km Easy, 9:00am Start. Meet at Charles Paterson Park (near the children's playground near Burswood Casino). Come one, come all. Yep, the ol' "Onenite" Stan is leading a ride and would like to see not only new and regular members but some "oldies" as well. Good ride for those Onya Bikers to come and meet some of their fellow tour participants. Cycle along the river and through old areas of Maylands



and Mt Lawley on the way to Yokine for a BBQ. BYO meat, bread rolls and drinks. Can pick up along the way. Club is generously providing salad (plus more if I can sweet talk the Pres a bit more).

Leader: Stan ☎ 9444 4207 (H)

## 2002 ON YOUR BIKE TOUR A WHALE OF A TOUR

NOVEMBER 2-10

For those members that have booked their passage on this year's 'On Your Bike' tour, you will experience a nine day cycling tour through the south west area of the State. Book early for next year's tour!



### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

### LAKES END

25km Easy, 9:00am Start. Meet at the Raffles Hotel car park for a leisurely saunter around North Lake and Bibra Lake before returning to Deep Water Point for refreshments.

Leader: Terry ☎ 9472 9887 (H)

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

### DEVO'S KIOSK RIDE

50km Moderate, 10:00am Start. Meet at Kings Park Kiosk to cycle down to Riverton Kiosk returning via Mount Street.

Leader: Devo ☎ 9486 1072 (H)

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

### POST TOUR BLUES

50km Moderate, 9:00am Start. Meet at Charles Paterson Park (near the children's playground near Burwood Casino) for a ride around our beautiful city with a refreshment stop en route. This is an ideal ride for the new members from On Your Bike to join in the club's activities.

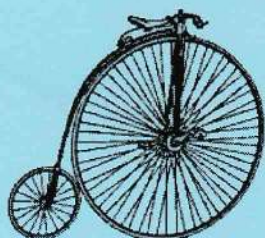
Leader: Ann ☎ 9444 5160 (H)

## COMING EVENTS

Sunday November 24CTA Annual General Meeting

Saturday December 7Progressive Christmas

**If you are interested in leading a ride, or you have a suggestion for a ride that you would like to do, please contact the Rides Co-ordinator by October 15 on 9271 1540 or email: [mondo\\_zac@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mondo_zac@optusnet.com.au)**

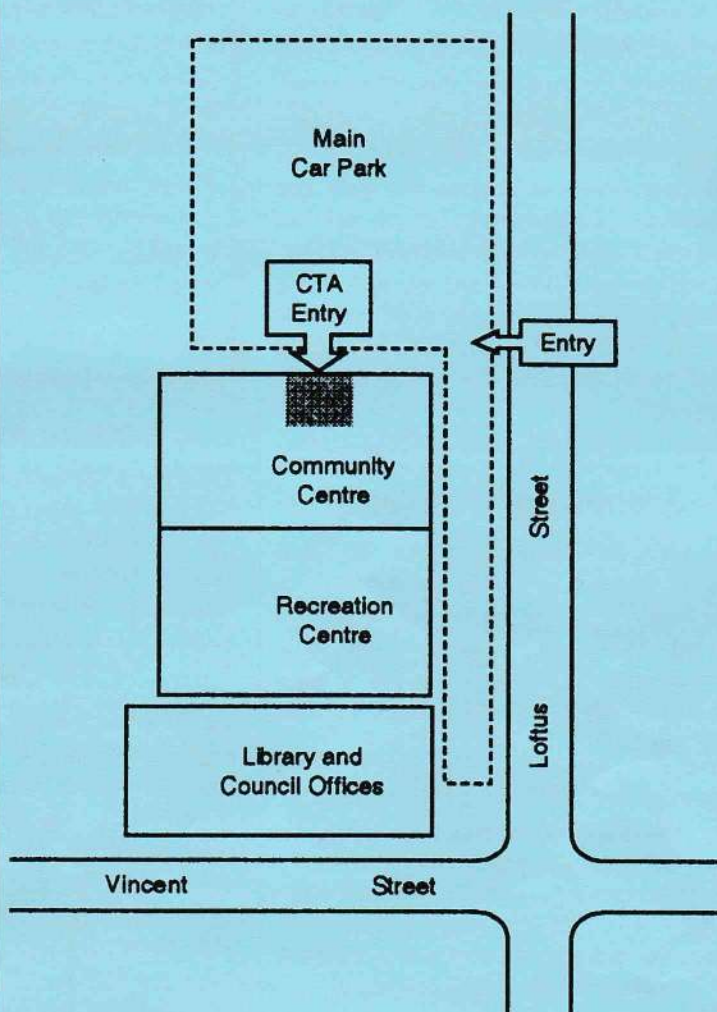


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## CTA AGM Venue

The Social Nights are usually (but not always) held 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 Janet on 9319 9526 (H).



## Reporting Cycling Hazards

All riders are encouraged to make a note of hazards observed during rides on roads and paths, especially newly installed ones, and to submit a hazard report to Bikewest. Nearly all ride routes are likely to include hazards, even if minor ones, like centre-mounted grab rails on paths, lips on kerb ramps and drive entrances from roads, or drainage grates with gaps to trap skinny tyres. The aim is to get these fixed, and more importantly, to stop new hazards being installed.

About 80% of hospitalised cyclist crashes did not involve a motor vehicle. Most were "loss-of-control" crashes, and an unknown proportion of these were due to hazards on paths and roads.

The hazard reports should be submitted to Bikewest, either using the freepost cards provided by Bikewest or by e-mail. Sending an e-mail is an easy way of submitting a hazard report with HAZARD REPORT in the subject and a good description of the location and the hazard. The e-mail address is [bikewest@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:bikewest@transport.wa.gov.au) with a copy to the BTA at [bta\\_wa@hotmail.com](mailto:bta_wa@hotmail.com) please.



## 2002 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The CTA Membership is from January 1 to December 31 each year. Membership fees for 2002 have been set as indicated below:

1. Adult membership \$40.00
2. New members \$35.00
3. Full-time Students/Pensioners \$23.00
4. Dependants under 18 no charge

Note that part year memberships apply after June 30 and the above fees should be halved.

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 that is highly visible being yellow with red stripes (some tops and knicks in turquoise and green are still available).

The design is available in short sleeved Coolmax tops and black lycra knicks with a coloured side panel.

Some stocks are available in a range of sizes from S, M, L, XL and XXL and costs \$70 for knicks and \$75 for tops.

Please contact Mark or Melanie on 9351 9260 if you require any further information.

Cheques should be made payable to "CTA Clothing".



## 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 the Officer in Charge of Cycling at the Cottesloe Police Station on 9284 5058 during working hours.

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