



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BLUEGRASS CYCLING CLUB

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Club Notes

1. Interested in being a BCC officer or committee chairperson? If you haven't mentioned it already, give a current officer a call today!
2. Good to see several BCC members participate in the successful Bluegrass State Games in July! Way to go!
3. Thursday's leaderless rides from Hartland Shopping Center in Lexington are for all riders. Speed and distance will depend on those who show that evening.
4. Practice Safe Riding. Ride Protected. Wear a Helmet and Gloves.
5. If you haven't received your new club jersey yet, contact Bill Daniels or Woodson Smith.
6. Start sending in your banquet award topics and nominees to Bill Daniels. Also don't forget about sending in those biking photos from this year!
7. Check out the club's free mailing-list list-serve bulletin board at <http://www.bgcycling.org/list/>

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From the President

Bill Daniels

I do hope everyone has been enjoying the summer's riding season and has had the chance to participate in a couple of club rides. We have had plenty of rides going on these past two months and the ones that I've been on have been well attended. I'm curious to find out who will be in the lead in the mileage competition when this newsletter comes out. I have a feeling (actually I know) I will have been shot out the back like an old, stale energy-bar.

So, moving right along... it's time to start thinking of fall and the activities that go along with the season. Regional fall rides will start showing up on our calendars as thoughts of the banquet in November run through our heads. If people have suggestions or nominees for any fun or serious awards to be presented at the annual banquet, please send them to me, Bill Daniels, and I'll pass them on to the appropriate people helping with the banquet. Any volunteers?

Some of our own fall activities of course, include the Red River Rally, Oct. 14, at Natural Bridge State Park and the annual Halloween Ride out of Midway on Oct. 27. I'd like to see more people attend the RRR this year, despite the unpredictable weather. This is a beautiful and fun ride and is open to everyone! So put the RRR down on your calendar for sure. It's a good one. And the Halloween Ride will be the last ride where your club miles will be tracked. So wear a costume and make this year's last few miles Count Dracula!

Before I start wishing everyone a happy new year (I'm getting way ahead of myself here), I'd like to mention that we had a great turnout for the club picnic in July. Thanks to all those who brought their favorite food dish or who were brave enough to try out a new one. There was plenty of food and it all was so good! Bill Chase won the

croquet tournament; receiving the center flamingo wicket which he promptly gave to his guest. A nice gesture, but really I think he's not into that kind of yard-art.

On club business matters - You will find an article within this newsletter, put together by the club officers, talking about a plan which we would like to implement to attract more riders who are interested in racing. It is a draft and is not set in stone - we welcome your comments.

So... as the newscasters say... "Go out there and make it a great day!"
See ya!

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BCC Sponsorship of BCC Racers

2001 BCC Officers

(Preliminary draft - comments are welcome.)

Something new? Maybe. Maybe not. As in the past, the Bluegrass Cycling Club (BCC) has helped club members who race with some of the expenses associated with racing and the current officers have agreed to continue this policy.

The BCC would like to implement a written plan where the BCC covers registration fees, up to a certain limit, based on the number of races in which a rider competes. We would like to remind everyone that the term "racing" is all-inclusive. It includes any type of a racing venue and at any level. Whether it is road, mountain, cross, time trials or whatever, if the event is officially considered some type of a bicycle race, it will be covered under this revised plan. Basically, this would cover any competitive event where a registration or license fee is charged. We would like to implement this revised program to balance out what the club does, in general, for the touring rider; which it does by providing club-sponsored rides as a venue to train and ride in a common arena with like-minded cyclists. What the BCC strives to achieve is to encourage cyclists, through club sponsored activities, to ride in those events which they enjoy and where they can excel personally while promoting cycling as a whole.

The BCC officers and the racing committee chair have gotten together to develop an improved format with hopes that it will encourage members (male and female) to try racing and stick with it for a while. The intent is to encourage racing as a whole and to help retain those people who are indeed interested. The Plan described here is to be used to cover the registration fees incurred in such events and would not cover food, lodging or gas money etc..

THE PLAN*:

For a racer to gain BCC sponsorship, he/she must volunteer his/her time in one [this number may be increased] of the events listed below, as well as meet the requirements listed within the incentive ranges. Race entry verification is required to obtain sponsorship (see "Valid Forms of Entry Verification"). The more one races, the more the Club puts up for sponsorship. Racers will be encouraged to find other means of business or corporate sponsorship if necessary. To qualify for sponsorship a racer must volunteer his/her time by working in or leading at least [one] of the following club activities - more is encouraged:

- BCC sponsored racing event
- BCC sponsored time trial
- BCC weekend club ride
- Horsey Hundred
- Red River Rally

Sponsorship Level Incentives** & Requirements in addition to volunteering:

- \$125.00 Sponsorship: Race under the BCC name in 5 sanctioned races
- \$250.00 Sponsorship: Race under the BCC name in 6-10 sanctioned races
- \$375.00 Sponsorship: Race under the BCC name in 11-15 sanctioned races
- \$500.00 Sponsorship: Race under the BCC name in 16-20 sanctioned races

* The "Plan" will be active for 6 months as a trial period, starting [to be announced]. A feasibility review will be done after said period of time. All sponsorships are to be handled on a reimbursement type

plan, being distributed at the end of the calendar year, on verification of requirements.

** This is an "Up to" policy limit. The money amount indicated is the maximum amount given for the number of races specified. Example: If a qualifying racer turns in 5 races and the registration fees total \$90.00, then \$90.00 will be the reimbursement, not the \$125.00.

VALID FORMS OF ENTRY VERIFICATION:

- Copy of cancelled check (front/ back)

- Receipt or copy of payment, of entry form, of day-of license form

- Actual race number with race name printed on tag (will not be returned)

- A "visual" by a racing committee member

- An actual published placing listed on the Internet, in a newspaper or flier

- A medal, trophy or prize-check. These will be returned. Way to go!

This all may sound like a lot restrictions, but we are putting this in front of the BCC membership so as to allow everyone an opportunity to make comments and give suggestions before we move any further with regards to club sponsorship of its own racing members. We, as officers and committee members, believe this is a good, workable plan. Under the current plan, about 4 or 5 riders qualify for the current reimbursements. Reimbursements are planned and kept within the annual budget.

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Flash Flood!

Steve Royse

Gay Williams, Johnny Bertrand and I headed out from Johnny's house on Carrick Pike 7 AM Sunday July 22 headed for Butler in Carroll County-about 110 miles. Local weather on AOL predicted 50% chance of rain. Well, it started to sprinkle about 15 miles into the ride, and progressed to a gentle pleasant warm rain soon thereafter-a joy to ride in. We headed down Newtown Pike to Turkeyfoot-Davis zigzagging to Dividing Ridge Road north to Alberta; across into Harrison County on Whitson Road. Gay at some point noted that her rear derailleur cable had come off-we couldn't get it back on, so she only had her 12 in the rear (and lots of hills to go). The rain was quite heavy at this point and eventually Whitson road was rained out with floodwaters. We walked our bikes across a large cool lake of brown water, which came up to just below my bike shorts. In the distance we could see another flooded area blocking the road which was much larger and much more turbulent with brown rapids completely obscuring the way north. It was obvious we could not safely cross here and considering Gay's bike impairment, we decided to head back. We re-crossed the first pond and biked back to Davis Pike. We found Davis Pike blocked with a large collection of turbulent flood water, requiring back-tracking on KY 32 toward Cynthia

To make a long story short, at the bottom of every hill which met a creek or creeklet there was flooding of variable degrees. Most were impassable. Johnny was incredibly resourceful in finding new routes to try to get us back home. Gay never complained about all the hills which were added to the day's journey due to backtracking. The heavy rains, the gravel washed out on the roads, the floods reminded me of EcoChallenge Borneo, only 30 degrees cooler -- with paved roads. To see the progression of a flood in development was amazing--waters rising and entering a home, and then receding (as we passed

by several times). We saw home construction sites with dry wall panels washed off and flowing downstream. Tobacco and corn fields flattened. The residents were watching, amazed, on the road, near the road or on their porches, all expressing good humor towards us.

It rained hard for about two and a half hours, and then the sun came out. The word in Lee's Lick was that they had had 6 inches of rain. That community was impassible with floodwater.

We waded up to our waists (and over) several times, and Johnny asked if the novelty was wearing off. It didn't. The water was cool and felt good on my legs but there was a moment of anxiety when a driver watching us from the edge of the flood told us he had seen a snake. Otherwise, it seemed like a fine adventure.

The waters finally receded a bit, and on about the tenth try to find an open road, we went back to Alberta, back to Whitson road (now cleared of flood water) and took 32 back to Cynthiana and made our way back to Carrick Pike, 80 miles all told and quite an experience.

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A Visitor's View

Neil Simon

Dear Dave and the others who took part in my personal day of misery with the BGCC. My apologies for taking so long to send this, but I have almost fully recovered from my day with you. Despite Dave Scott's blatant misrepresentations (which I know Phil Needham will attest) about a flat 60 miler, I wanted to thank you all for a day of enjoyable pain on a hilly 80 mile ride. From what I have been told, the countryside in and around Lexington is beautiful. Personally, I was too busy trying to "hammer" the smallest gear I could find to notice. On those few moments I could look up to notice (with special thanks to Bena H. and Dave Blackburn for help in those instances), all I could see was a road whose grade seemed to get steeper and steeper.

All kidding aside, I want you all to know that I spent the rest of the day telling everyone about what a great time I had (I think it is important to get you're a** kicked every now and then.) I just wanted to thank you all for one of the most enjoyable workouts I have had in a long time. Who would have thought that crashing a bike and then going another 45 miles could be fun? Special thanks to Bena H. and Dave B. for the push(s)-literally and figuratively, Lee for the gloves (my hands still look like hell) and Phil for the great attitude (the hardest working guy out there).

Seriously, though, you all deserve the thanks. I could not have asked to have met up with (and then trail behind) a nicer group. If any of you are ever in Atlanta and I can do anything to help (other than ride with you) please let me know. Thanks again!

All my best and ride safe, Neil Simon



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Red River Rally

Nancy Moore

Don't forget to look for the Red River Rally registration form in the center of the ride schedule! It's on Sunday, October 14th this year. We'll have the same 38 and 65 mile options, with a rest stop at the top of Sky Bridge Hill. See the details on the registration form.

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BCC Ride Stats

Dave Scott

	Miles	Rides
Dave Scott	1708	38
Bena Halecky	1162	25
Marilynn Hartman	1059	23
Michael Montros	858	19
Herb Goff	841	26
David Farmer	825	21
Stan Betsworth	762	21
Woodson Smith	752	16
Bill Daniels	733	19
David Earle	732	22
James Woods	724	20

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Club Meetings Resume!

Bill Daniels

Plan to attend these fall meetings where we'll make plans for upcoming club activities and programs.

Sept. 5, 2001, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m, Beaumont Branch Library, 3080 Fieldstone Way, Lexington - in the Beaumont Center off Harrodsburg Rd. Racing Sponsorship and what's in store for the rest of the year will be discussed.

Oct. 11. 2001, Thursday at 7:00 p.m, Tates Creek Branch Library, 3628 Walden Dr., Lexington - at the corner of Tates Creek Rd. and Laredo Dr. There will be an open discussion and club business.

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Bluegrass State Games

Nancy Moore

BCC members were successful again at this year's Bluegrass Games in Danville. Club members winning a medal were: Lee Mullins, first in 30-34 Citizen, Alan Mullins, first in 35-44 Citizen, Melanie Bailey, first in 35 & over Citizen, Doug Riffe, second in 45 & over Citizen, Rachael Peake, second in USCF, Royden Kern, third in USCF Senior 4, Woodson Smith, second in USCF Senior 5, and Alex Meade, third in USCF Senior 5. Congratulations all!

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New and Renewing Members

Woodson Smith

BCC welcomes these new members: Bruce Belin, Melody Hunsinger, Brad Jones, Paul Joseph, John Klus, Mary Beth and Matt MacBeth, John Mackey, Chris McCrory, Ed Moore, Philip Needham, Jeffrey J. Rulis, Theo, Elizabeth, and Margaret Scripps, and Shane White of Lexington; Tom Coward and Steven Varney of Paris; and Joyce Fogleman of Versailles. A big thank you, too, to the following members who recently renewed: Morgan Jones of Bagdad; Stan Betsworth and Nancy Moore of Frankfort; Donald Crowe, Tom Eblen, Bill Fortune, Julie Harris, Marianne Long, Dave Martin, Anne McDonald, Bernie Miller, Michael Montross, and John and Pam Taylor of Lexington; Jim Johnson of Nicholasville; Charles Lambert of Versailles; Frank Loudermilk of Winchester; and Frank Osborne of San Rafael, California.

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Touring Director Needed

Julie Harris

I have truly enjoyed being the Touring Director for the BCC over the past two years! However, I do feel that it is time for me to move on and let some fresh person, with new ideas and energy fill this role. If you are interested, please contact me (859-272-2882) or Mr President, Bill Daniels (859-271-6001) to let us know. I would be very happy to work with a new person through the transition, so the rides as well as the new Director can move smoothly into a new riding season.

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Monday Night Rides

Julie Harris

The Monday night rides in Lexington have been a great success. We have many new riders who are excited about being a part of the Bluegrass Cycling Club. These rides will continue with leaders and maps through September. Susan Dugan will lead them at 6pm from the Police Firing Range on Parkers Mill Road. Due to weather and daylight changes, there will be NO lead Monday night rides in October. We hope to resume these rides in May or June of 2002.

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WANTED

Looking for a few good people to form a Horsey Hundred Review Group. This group will not necessarily be asked to head any committees but just to talk about and check into any new ideas concerning our main event. Contact Bill Daniels.

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If You Move...

Be sure to let club secretary Woodson Smith know your new address so you'll get your newsletter, the are not forwarded by the post office. Contact Woodson via e-mail at jwsmith@plangraphics.com or send a change of address card to the club address: BCC, PO Box 1397, Lexington, KY 40588-1397.

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Copy Due Dates

Nov.-Dec. Issue-Wed., October 3rd.

Jan.-Feb. Issue-Wed., December 5th.

Submit copy to Nancy Moore, 753 Sulphur Lick Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, 502 223-5164, or Nancy753@aol.com

To lead a ride please contact Julie Harris at 859 272-2882, e-mail marta@lex.infi.net

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Check Your Label!

Look at your mailing label **RIGHT NOW** and see if your membership is about to expire. If so, renew it now with the form at the end of the ride schedule, or from the form on the web site.

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