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FELLOW UNICYCLISTS: With the coming of summer, activities of unicycling groups all over the country are resuming and many are getting ready for what is expected to be the biggest and best National Unicycle Meet ever. It will be held in Pontiac, Michigan on Aug. 16, 17 1975. Bernie Crandall, whose Pontiac Unicyclists are sponsoring the meet this year, reports the arrangements for the meet are going smoothly and if weatherman favors us with a couple good days it will be one tremendous meet. Much material has come in for this issue and it is hoped that selected will meet the approval of readers - it's your N.L. and we want to print what you like.

Page 4 this issue has story of Father Moran, a man for whom your Editor has greatest admiration and respect & for whom we all wish the greatest happiness in his retirement. Fr. Moran is one of our USA Inc. Founders. As founder, and prime mover behind St. Helen Unicyclists, he has probably promoted unicycling more than any other person in this century. For some 10 yrs now St. Helen Unicyclists have basked in coast to coast & world-wide TV news media coverage. It's for sure Father Moran's hope is the same as ours - that it will go on for many more.
 Our Hats Off to
 One Great Friend
 Fr. James J. Moran



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Craig & Dawn Rogers

Photo by Hal Tritel

Wonderwheels, a performing unicycle drill team, was established in 1964 by Charlotte Fox Rogers and Miles S. Rogers in a community which later became the city of Carson, Calif. Between November 1964 and December 1968, the team consisted of Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, their children Craig, Dawn, Bruce, and Valerie, and 30 neighborhood children with a maximum membership of 20 persons at one time. Since Jan. 1969 the team consisted of the Rogers family only with headquarters in their new home in Cerritos, Calif. as of 1970.

Wonderwheels made 155 costumed public appearances before disbanding on August 31, 1974. They were primarily in parades but included performances in half-time shows and other events in the Los Angeles Sports Arena and Memorial Coliseum, in Watts, and at children's picnics and school assemblies. The Rogers family performed at Expo 67 and the Calgary Stampede in Canada, Illinois State Fair, Disneyland, Parada Del Sol, Knott's Berry Farm, Mother Goose Parade, Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade, Palm Springs Desert Circus, and numerous other parades throughout Southern California and the west the last three of which were: A 4th of July parade in Ojai, Calif. where Bruce was a National Science Foundation summer science student at the Thacher School; the Wayne County Fair parade in Loa, Utah Aug. 24, 1974 and the San Gabriel Mission Parade Aug. 31, 1974. In addition Dr. Rogers and the Rogers children rode unicycles informally in about 35 states, 4 Canadian provinces, and 3 Mexican states. In the Novelty category of 92 Southern California competitive parades which Wonderwheels entered during its career, the team won 1 marching sweepstakes, 1 special award, 48 first place trophies, 21 second place and 8 third.

In 1970 the Cerritos City Council issued a proclamation honoring the Rogers Family and Wonderwheels for unicycling skill and community service. The team also received congratulatory letters from its State Assemblyman and U.S. Congressman.

The Wonderwheels emphasis was on neither speed nor individual trick riding but rather on precision team performance and an æsthetic approach which resulted in numerous sets of costumes and the development of several unicycle ballets. Choreography was a joint project with most routines developed by Dr. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers designed and made all the costumes and the hundreds of color-keyed tissue paper flowers which trimmed the "parade lead vehicle" (adult tricycle) which she rode in parades.

The Rogers children's present ages and activities are: Craig, 19, was a National Merit Scholar who attended California Institute of Technology for 2 years and is currently working as a computer programmer at UCLA; Dawn, 18, is a freshman at UCLA School of Engineering and is one of the first 50 women to have won an Army ROTC 4 year scholarship. Aside from also being one of the top students at Cerritos High from which she graduated last year Dawn was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the Mentally Gifted Minor program and won several best student, speech, and essay awards. She was elected to membership in Outstanding Teenagers of America and in her senior year at Cerritos High carried a full college prep schedule in math and science. In addition she took courses in drama, modern dance and auto mechanics the latter of which helped her keep her dune buggy in running condition; Bruce, 16, a senior at Cerritos High School where he is a sports editor and track and cross country letterman, will study geophysical engineering at Colorado School of Mines next fall; and Valerie, 14, a sophomore at Cerritos High School is a flute and piccolo player, singer, modern jazz and ballet dancer, and gymnast. Dr. Rogers is a research psychologist at UCLA's center for Computer-based Behavioral Studies. Mrs. Rogers is a former clinical research psychologist. Both Dr. and Mrs. Rogers are founder members of the Unicycling Society of America, Inc.

Editor's Note:

The picture appearing on the cover of this issue is of Craig and Dawn Rogers doing a coordinated kick as part of a unicycle ballet called "Recycling" (originally called "The Cyclamates")

The silver/gold metallic cloth costumes with green eyelash "labels" were designed to look like soft drink cans. The picture was taken by Hal Tritel on October 15, 1972 in Cerritos Park East when Craig was 17 and Dawn 15½.



WONDERWHEELS - Harbor Day Parade - Wilmington, California - Sept. 1969



WONDERWHEELS - Posed with trophies arranged to form distinctive WONDERWHEELS letter "W"
Photo by Bob Shumway - Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram

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THE PLAIN DEALER, SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1975

Geauga 'unicycle priest' will be honored today

By Lou Mio

Lake County Bureau

The Rev. James J. Moran is retiring as pastor of St. Helen parish with his record intact—he has never ridden one of the unicycles that have brought fame to the little parish in Newbury Township, Geauga County.

"I've got better sense," said Father Moran. "When adults fall down they don't bounce back like kids."

Father Moran, who came to the parish as its first pastor, started in 1952 with a gym and two classrooms.

"I wanted the kids to have a gym first," he said.

Father Moran picked up the school's first unicycle in 1962 for no particular reason at a sporting goods store. It took two years for somebody to learn to ride it because it had the wrong kind of seat. Once that was taken care of the unicycle "idea went like hot cakes," Father Moran said.

Youngsters on St. Helen's unicycle team have pedaled their 9-inch to 23-foot unicycles in everything from parades to appearances on national television. Several rode down a television studio aisle after the "To Tell the Truth" panel split 2-2 on guessing Father Moran's identity.

The youngsters have been so popular that once, following a half-time performance at a basketball tournament in Florida, the crowd boomed when the teams returned to the floor.

St. Helen parishioners will honor Father Moran at a special mass today

celebrating his ordination, his birthday and his retirement.

Father Moran will be 70 Thursday. He will leave the parish with an unsorted file of pictures and press clippings, boxes of trophies, and a stack of business cards he once had printed as a gag that refer to the parish as "St. Unicycle (Formerly, St. Helen's)."

Father Moran won't be going far from the parish—just down Kinsman Rd. to a two-room apartment.

During his 22 years at St. Helen, Father Moran has overseen remodeling of the original church (it was a barn) and additions to the school that includes grades four through eight.

A native Clevelander, Father Moran was doubles runnerup champion in the state tennis tournament while attending Cathedral Latin School. At Western Reserve University, he won four light-weight boxing championships and a law degree. He entered St. Mary's Seminary the same day he passed the Ohio Bar examination. Eight years later he won a Silver Star during the battle of the Philippines for helping to evacuate the wounded. He splashed ashore at Leyte a few feet behind Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Reflecting on his years at St. Helen, Father Moran said he never thought the parish would be famous for its unicycles. But, he pointed out, it has been worth it.

"You don't see many kids sitting around sucking their thumbs at St. Helen's," he explained.

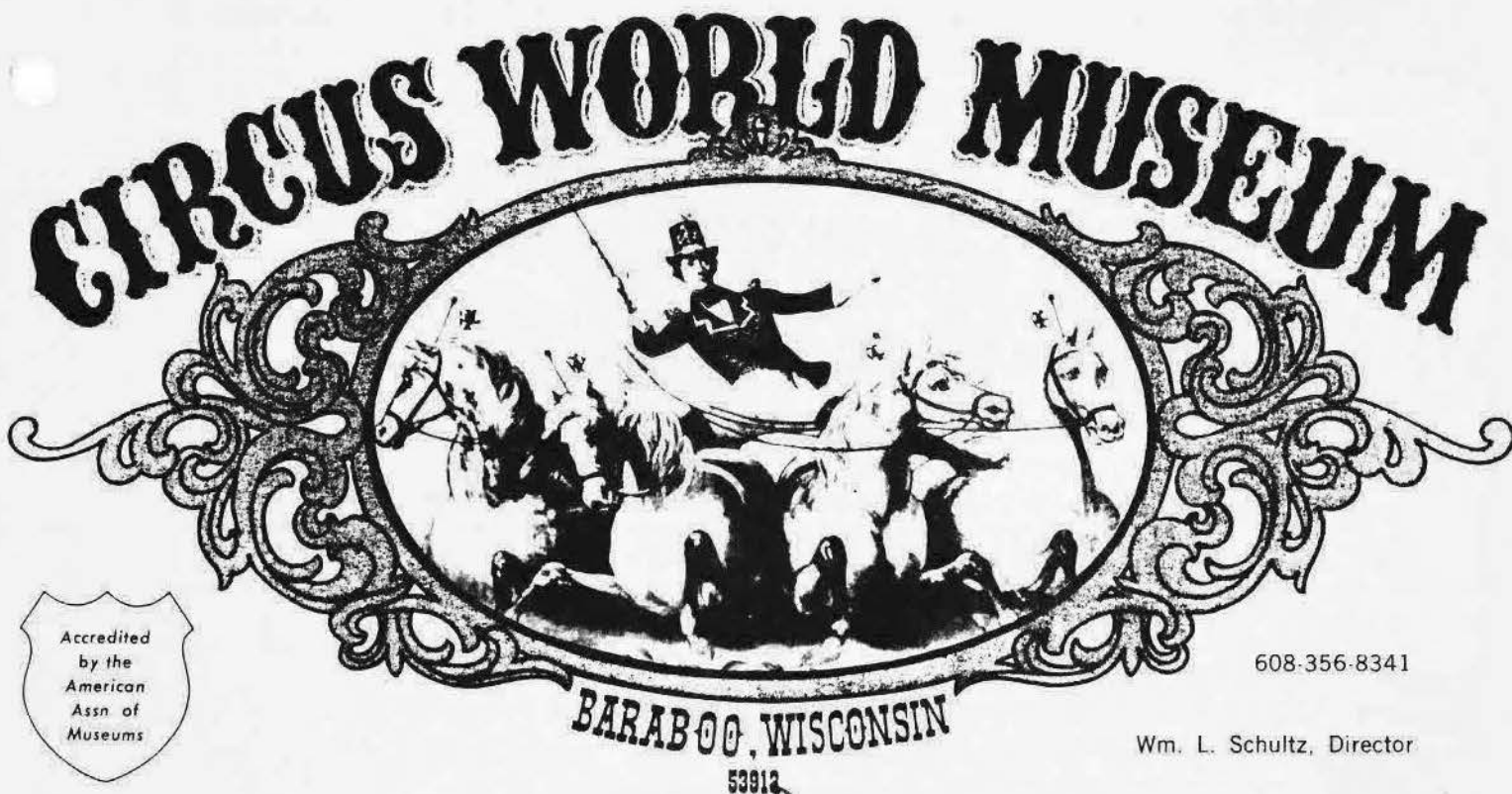
THE PLAIN DEALER of Cleveland, Ohio has given us permission to reprint the above article on FATHER MORAN who without doubt will go down in history as one of the greatest proponents ever of the sport of unicycling.

Father Moran is one of the founders of our Unicycling Society of America, Inc. and although he is retiring we're sure he hopes, as we do, that the sport of unicycling at St. Helens will go on forever.



The Plain Dealer/J. Hel

The Rev. James Moran holds one of the unicycles used to bring national recognition to his parish in Newbury Township, Geauga County.



From Wm. L. Schultz, Executive Director of the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin, we learn that they have a very exciting youth program called The Circus Acrobatic School. One of the outstanding acts which the youth are participating in is "unicycling". Every day for 18 weeks throughout the summer, a quarter million people watch the LIVE circus acts perform under their Big Top; and periodically throughout the summer, the youth from the Acrobatic School perform with the professionals. In addition to the Big Top Show, the 25 acre Circus World Museum offers just about everything a circus buff could ask for - and it all is happening in the very buildings and on the very grounds where Ringling Bros. Circus winterquartered for some 34 years during the heyday of the outdoor circus. Should any readers find themselves in the State of Wisconsin between May and September, the Circus World Museum is a must. If you are planning a trip to that part of the U.S.A. your Editor suggests you send for a copy of their beautiful color circular and acquaint yourself with the wonderful world of the circus that the State Historical Society of Wisconsin has made available to the public -- and be sure to stop in and say hello to our good friend, the Executive Director, Bill Schultz.



TAMI MARTIN

MIKE NORTH

10 Years with CHILDREN'S CLUB OF CONCORD
Unicycle Drill Team



TAMI MARTIN and MIKE NORTH were honored at a reception Feb. 7, 1975 in Concord, California for ten years of participation in the CHILDREN'S CLUB OF CONCORD Unicycle Drill Team. The award each received was a one hundred dollar bill and a commemorative plaque.

The Children's Club of Concord is now in its 22nd year and consists of members ranging in age from 5 to 18 yrs. It was started as a Bicycle Safety Club by Margie Coragliotti, owner of the Concord Cycle Center, after the tragic death of John Piller, a newsboy, who was struck down while delivering papers.

After Clyde (Mr. Coragliotti) made the first unicycle for the group the one wheel caught on rapidly and soon he was making another and another until the Drill Team evolved. The club supplied the unicycles in a unique way - each child paid \$10 for the use of a uni as long as they are in the club. The club has had the honor to perform for the Oakland A's and the San Francisco 49 ers. The highlite of their parade season is the annual invitation to the "Santa Claus Lane, Parade of Stars" in Hollywood, Calif. in late November. The group was very proud to receive the most unique entry award ever given. The club has a specialty group which does square dancing and other acts on unicycles. They are available for benefits, schools, hospitals, churches, service clubs etc. and recently performed for the National Campers and Hikers Association annual Campvention. In their Spanish Don uniforms - and jackets and black pants and skirts braided with silver they represent the city of Concord in 25 or more parades a year. They have won at least 4 sweepstakes and several 1st and 2nd place awards and trophies. They also win money which is used for more unicycles and to keep the club going. Over the years they have participated in approximately 500 parades.

Tami Martin and Mike North are two of the outstanding members of which the entire club and city of Concord are rightly proud. For ten years these two have sparked the club with their outstanding unicycle performances with such things as Fire Batons, Square Dancing, and on their tall giraffes. What are their plans for the future? Tami plans to continue her unicycling and to combine it with her other major interest ice skating (Roy Rivers watch out) while Mike whose major interest is in diving hopes to become an oceanographer and someday have his own diving shop.

Ward Payn is the president of the Children's Club of Concord this year. He and the other parents and grandparents who have provided such wholehearted support are also to be praised.

On March 27th your Ed. visited the Palmquist's 12' x 80' miniature RINGLING BROS. BARNUM AND BAILEY circus that is on display at the Mid-Island Shopping Plaza on Long Island. For circus lovers the thousands of tiny circus figures and props, all hand carved and decorated over a period of many years by Mr. and Mrs. Palmquist, is a joy to behold. The colorful tents and complete layout of an old time circus lot makes one feel he is actually attending the real thing. The top of the main tent and others have sections cut away so that the action inside may be observed. Didn't see any unicyclists but there was a high wire bicycle act over the main ring. Many of the little figures are animated and very realistic. A pickpocket is seen lifting a wallet out of a hip pocket but a nearby cop turns his head and sees it whereupon the pickpocket returns the wallet. This display on Long Island was timed to coincide with the appearance of the actual RBBB CIRCUS (Red Unit) at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The Red Unit will be playing in New York City through May 26th and is the unit in which BARRY LAPPY and PHILIPPE PETIT are featured. Upon leaving New York the Red Unit of RBBB is tentatively scheduled to appear as follows in case you wish to catch it:

May 28 - June 8	Philadelphia, Pa.	July 1 - 6	Phoenix, Ariz.
June 12 - 15	Huntsville Ala.	July 8 - 13	San Diego, Calif.
June 18 - 22	Oklahoma City, Okla.	July 15 - 30	Los Angeles
June 25 - 29	Tucson, Arizona	July 31 - Aug 12	Anaheim, Calif.

For the July issue of the newsletter we will try to obtain listings for rest of season.

Don't forget the INTERNATIONAL JUGGLERS CONVENTION is being held in YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO July 31 - Aug. 3 and all unicyclists are welcome. If you now juggle, or plan to combine juggling with your unicycling, these four days will give you an opportunity to pick up a lot of ideas and to see the world's greatest jugglers in action. Chairman for event is: DICK FRANCIS, 2122 WINDSOR AVE., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44502

Just before going to press your Ed. talked with JOE RUSSO, President of the HAMILTON MINI-CIRCUS of Hamilton, Ohio. He reports JIM SMITH has retired as Director and TED MCGUIRE, a college phys. ed. major senior has taken over the job. One of the Hamilton Mini-Circus performers DANNY HAYNES, age 17, set what may soon be acclaimed a new world's record when on Aug. 22, 1974 he rode a unicycle that is 34'5" tall. Radio Station WMOH personnel signed an affidavit and it has been forwarded to Business Book of Records for recognition.

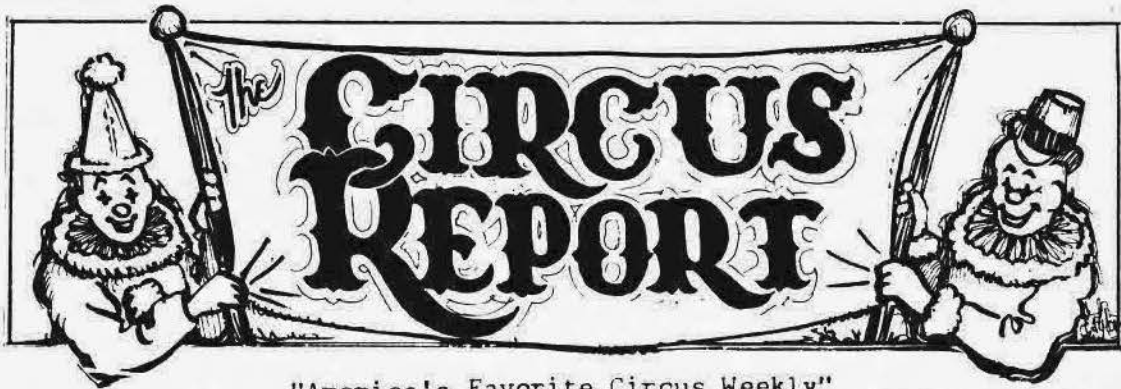
With true concern over the world hunger crisis DAVE MARTY, a sophomore at HEIDELBERG COLLEGE and youth director at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH there in TIFFIN, OHIO has organized a CYCLATHON FOR WORLD HUNGER to be held on APRIL 19, 1975 (rain date 4-26). Dave, who has ridden as far as 16 miles on his unicycle in the past, hopes to cover at least 20 in the cyclathon and has challenged members of the PAUL FOX UNICYCLISTS of Marion, Ohio to match him. If any of you unicyclists with a lot of stamina would like to participate in this worthy cause, contact Dave for brochure and sponsor sheets. Address: Dave Marty, 298 Melmore St. Tiffin, Ohio 44883

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

10 yr. old BOBBY FUGH of Madison Hts. Va. took 1st place in talent show mentioned on pg 11 of Jan. issue. Bobby reports he has received 3 uni patches so far in response to request

The CRANDALLS of Pontiac, Michigan have made a number of trips to FAIRMONT, VIRGINIA in recent weeks and from the interest they've stirred up in unicycling there we can expect some tough competition soon from those Virginia Unicyclists.

KATIE HORTON reports from California that she and her unicycling partner PARKER MACCREADY are now attending CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL in Pasadena but that the unicycling group the two of them started in the lower school is firmly established and is carrying on. As a result of Katie and Parker's efforts there are now about 40 unicyclists in the area and the sport continues to grow.



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The Circus Report

At 81 He's Plenty Active

A former wild west show star keeps busy these days at his home town of Ponca City (Okla.) teaching local 4-H Club members some of his tricks. At 81 Mike Sokoll seems inexhaustible as he helps youngsters learn the art of 'rope spinning.

Sokoll, a native of Hungary, was a potato peeler on the 101 Ranch when trick roper Joe Borrero befriended him and started to teach him rope spinning. Soon he was a star with the 101 Ranch Wild West and toured with them everywhere, including Europe.

One of Sokoll's best tricks was a backward somersault off a galloping horse, landing on his feet, while continuing to spin a big rope loop above his head. Then with the loop still spinning he would jump back on the horse.

A high point of his career, says Sokoll, was the time he appeared before the king and queen of England in 1914. Also at this same show were the queens of Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Right after the grand entry, he said, the show was stopped and it was announced that war had been declared between Germany and England.

The show broke up and returned home, minus its horses and equipment, which was taken over by the British. Later on they sent checks to pay for our losses, he added, but they never did make any compensation of my special custom made saddle.

In 1915, Sokoll quit the 101 Ranch Show and went out on another wild west show, but it just wasn't the same, so I went back home.

He's lived in Ponca City ever since and for the last decade has been teaching the 4-H Club members how to handle a rope. Most of my advance students know dozens of routines he says proudly.

Dear Readers:

This page is a reprint from the CIRCUS REPORT, a weekly publication of Don Marcks, 525 Oak St., El Cerrito, Calif. 94530. Don has kindly given us permission to carry this reprint in our newsletter.

In connection with our last month's list of Juggling Prop Builders, readers might like to add MIKE SOKOLL's name to the list. Mike also builds the swivel type easy spinning lariats that he sells for \$2 and up. His \$2 ones are ideal for unicycling drill teams to spin while riding and because of the built in swivel and finger loop, are extremely easy to master. (See photos - page 11)

If you are interested in obtaining such a lariat or even a larger one, of the easy spinning type, drop Mike a line at 611 N. 3rd, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601 and be sure to enclose a stamped return envelope.

Mike is one of the few real old timers left and he is to be complimented for passing on his talents to the 4H Club youth of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Your Ed.

The January 23, 1975 edition of "THE STAGE and TELEVISION TODAY", a professional paper in England carried the following article on ROY RIVERS and ALF TABB who first met as a result of unicycling correspondence carried on with your Ed. (See story Oct '74 newsletter pg 15)

"Another graduate from the Preston police force is unicyclist ROY RIVERS, son of the famous FRANK WILSON (Bo-Bo the Australian Sundowner and International Clown). Roy rides what is claimed to be the tallest bike in the world - but when recently challenged to ride the smallest, he found he couldn't. The owner of this tiny velocipede, 91 yr old ALFRED TABB, of Kidderminster, is the maker of a miniscule bike with a height of only five and one half inches. Roy is now a humble pupil of the nonagenarian maestro. Alf gave Roy his first lesson in the WINTER GARDENS PLANET ROOM in BLACKPOOL. As yet I have no progress report from Mr. Tabb, but knowing the indomitable Roy, I am convinced he will prove an apt pupil. Specialties of the calibre of Roy Rivers are hard to come by, so that his diary is always well filled. Not only is he an outstanding unicyclist, he is the master of more than a dozen musical instruments which he plays while performing spectacular feats on his unicycle. His catalogue of instruments ranges from a mini-concertina to a full set of bagpipes, a tin whistle to a trumpet - and he makes real music. Still based in his native Preston, young Rivers has travelled almost as far as his recently retired father. Blackpool, Mecca of the showbiz world, saw his last season in the PLANET ROOM, and doubtless he will be returning to the resort by popular demand in due course."

DAVE CLARK, who is co-ordinator for all the elementary school physical education in Mentor, Ohio instituted a unicycling program several years ago at the Fairfax School there. A report just received indicates it is going stronger than ever. They start as low as kindergarten & go up to 6th year. Many continue after leaving the elementary school and each year many of the unicyclists are seen in the local circus and 4th of July parades.

MARK SANDERS, whose picture appeared on pg 5 of the Jan. issue, took second place in his school's talent show and his unicycle act won him a trophy. When the Hanneford Circus played Greenville, South Carolina recently, Mark got a job selling balloons and had the opportunity to meet personally the VALLAS whose unicycle act was featured in the circus.

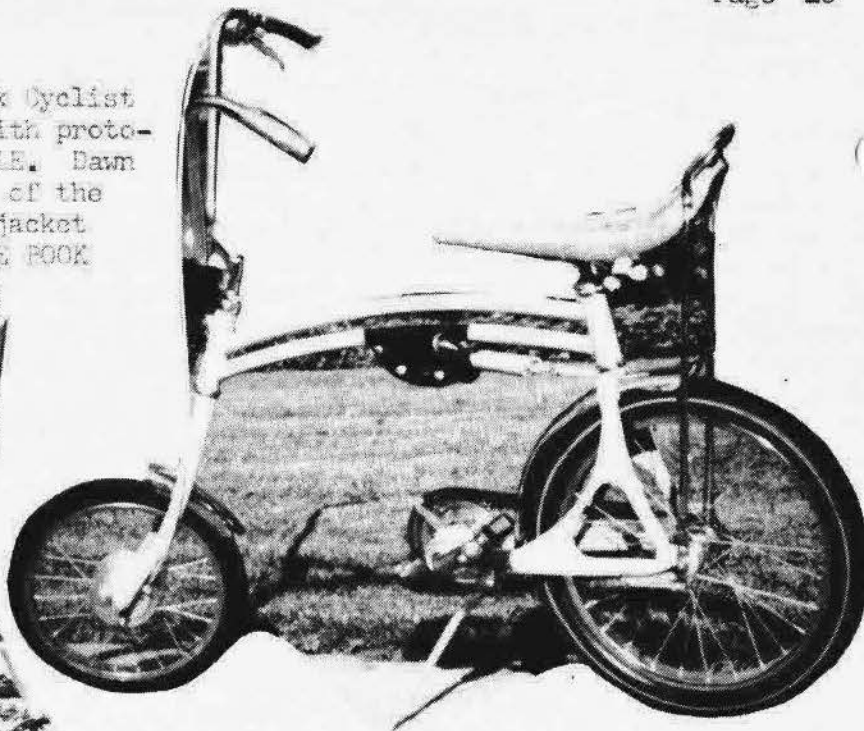
JAN W. STEENBLIK of Boys' Life magazine has a unicycle article in the March '75 issue with a catchy caption "Half a Bike, Twice the Fun". The article also has an action photo of a unicyclist, possibly Jan or one of his brothers, in what appears to be a pretty tight spin. Since seeing pictures in Parachutist magazine, of the British Skydiving Team riding Raleigh Motorbikes out of an airplane Jan, who is also an ardent skydiver, would like to be the first to ride out of an airplane in flight on a unicycle. If he does we hope he has a chase plane taking pictures and will send us one for our newsletter. Your Ed. who has also done considerable skydiving would like to suggest that while Jan is at it he utilize a 32' instead of regular 28' parachute and try for a stand-up landing at termination of his jump - it sure would make a great propaganda film for the sport.

On January 30, 1975 one of our new members, HANK WILSON of Lake Wales, Florida was featured on Channel five's THIS WEEK'S COMMUNITY SERVICE program in that area. Hank's activities as a unicycling instructor includes plans to interest some 1000 unicyclists in pedaling around the bicycle path there in connection with the bicentennial celebration. THE LAKE WALES NEWS which ran an article on Hank's plans, was kind in forwarding a letter to Hank from your Ed. for which your Ed. wishes to say 'Thanks' - and to Hank - 'Welcome Aboard'.

Through the courtesy of DEBI DIVELBISS, Office Secretary of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE of BOULDER, COLORADO, your Ed. was able to track down JAMIE KIBBEN who received considerable publicity in the news media recently after riding his unicycle to top of FLAGSTAFF MOUNTAIN and back. The 2500 ft. mountain is quite steep and rough going on a unicycle but he made the 9.8 mile trip in 2½ hours. Jamie was quite thrilled to hear of our organization and the many things we have to offer unicyclists.

The M.I.T. UNICYCLE CLUB of Cambridge, Mass. had a great spread in THE SEATTLE TIMES Sat. March 8, 1975. The club, started by one of our founder members ANBY RUBEL in 1970 now has more than 100 members who ride to classes, tour the Boston Common on Giraffes, and play polo and basketball on their cycles. The newspaper article covered several columns and carried a picture of an attractive coed CAROL MACDONALD

DAWN FISCHER, Jenack Cyclist of Westbury, N.Y. with prototype of the PIVICYCLE. Dawn happens to be one of the cover girls on jacket of THE UNICYCLE BOOK



THE PIVICYCLE

About to be marketed by EBM Corp. of Santa Barbara, California

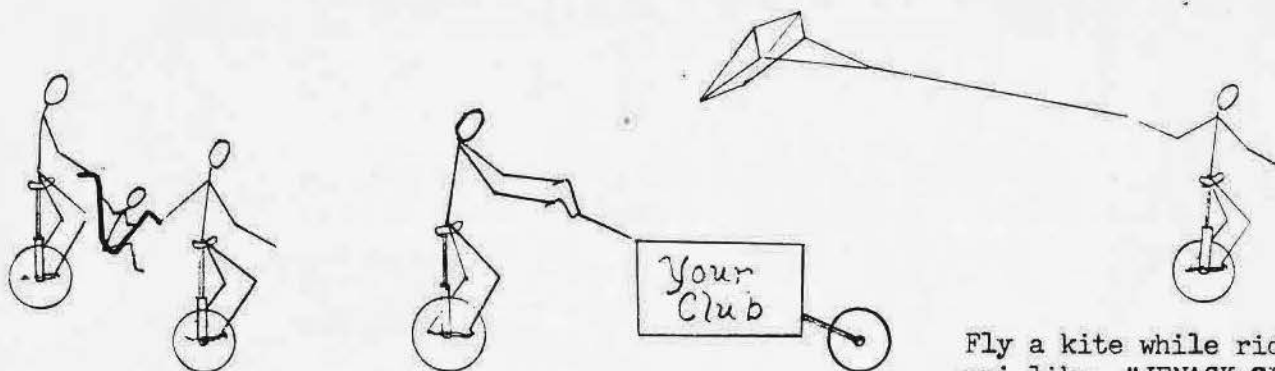
The Bonneville Pivicycle was displayed again this year at the INTERNATIONAL CYCLE SHOW in New York City Feb. 16-18 and it appears it may soon be in production in this country as well as in the far east. It is a very cleverly designed Hi-Rise type bicycle which steers in the back as well as front and would make an excellent prop for any cycle act. A couple years ago your Ed. had loan of a prototype for six months and worked out a number of interesting maneuvers to perform on it. On Feb. 16th he had a chance to perform on it again at the Cycle Show and its possible some of the photos taken at that time may appear soon in one of the bicycle journals. If and when this fabulous bicycle becomes available he will let you know. He can foresee every clown in the country scrambling to get one.

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Another novel vehicle on display this year at the International Cycle Show in N.Y.C. was the Cannondale Bugger. The Cannondale Bugger, a two wheel trailer designed for use as a luggage carrier behind 10 speed bicycles also attaches readily to most unicycles. They also come now with a removable fiberglass seat which can be utilized to carry people. Jenack Cyclists have used a Bugger in their unicycle performances ever since they made their appearance in 1971. They make a novel vehicle in which to transport youngsters or an animal pet in a parade and as such receive much favorable attention from spectators. Bicycle shops carry the Cannondale Bugger or can get them for you from Cannondale Corp., 35 Pulaski Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902



Patricia Herron using Bugger as sagwagon for tired unicyclist Lisa Maiello



Use Hi-Rise handlebars to carry a younger member of your group in a parade as the "CHILDREN'S CLUB OF CONCORD" Unicycling drill team does in Concord, Ca.

Extend your Handlebar Unit and use it to carry your club's banner in parades as the "CYCLE-DELICS" of Arlington, Texas have.

Fly a kite while riding your uni like "JENACK CYCLISTS" of Westbury, Long Island, N.Y. Most stable kite for this is the "Scott Sled" Mfd. by: Airplane Kite Co. 1702 West 3rd St. Roswell, N.M. 88201

Get yourself a lariat or two and do some fancy spinning while riding your unicycle Your Ed. shows you how with some of Hamilton Floyd's and Mike Sokoll's lariats



Floyd 6'6" EZ Spin



Sokoll & Floyd Lariats



The Floyd "Texas-Skip" Lariat



BIG WHEEL BUILDERS: Another source of spokes and parts for building up large wheel unis is: Uccellini Mfg. Co. Inc. Rte 16 West, Greencastle, Pa. 17225

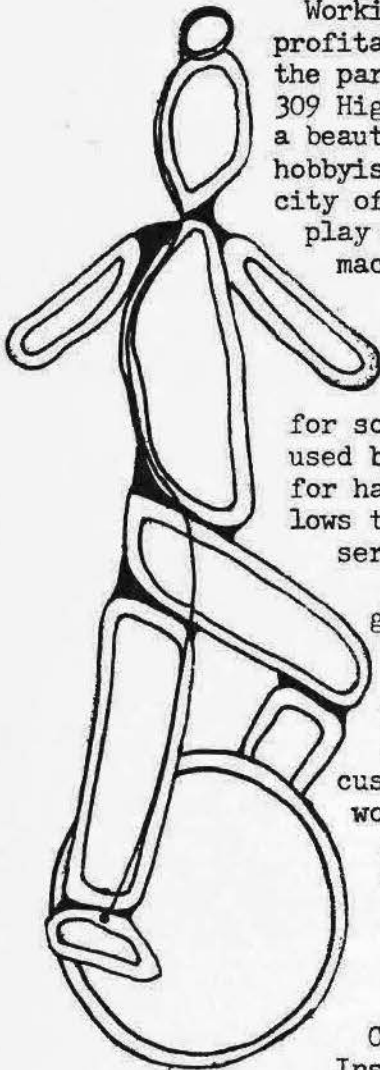
They offer: .105 diam. x 24 5/16" long spokes @ \$.50 each
 .105 diam. x 19 5/16" long spokes @ .50 each
 Nipples for the above @ .15 each

42" Big Wheel @ 95.00 each complete - 20 lbs
 52" Big Wheel @ 105.00 each complete - 23 lbs

Note: Hub width is 5" (special width price on request) Reg. hub \$12.00 each

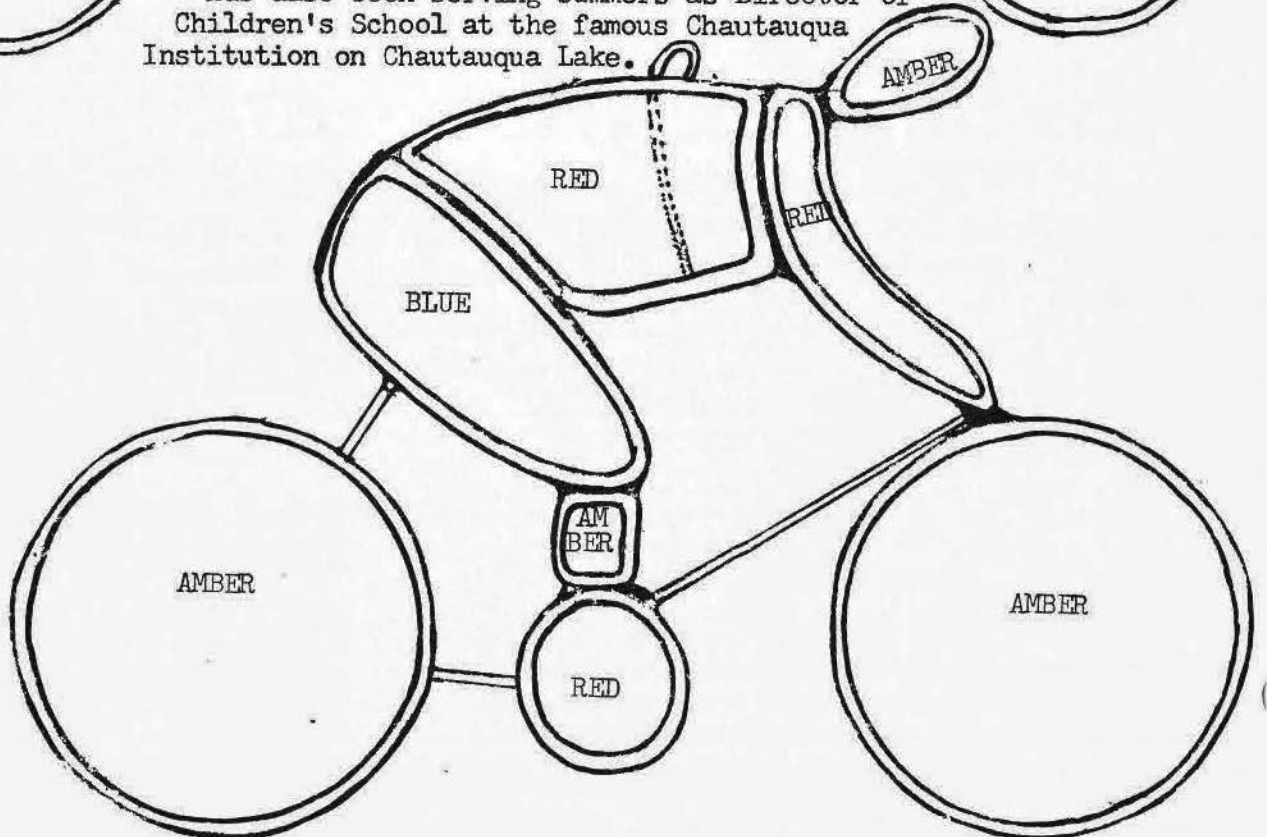
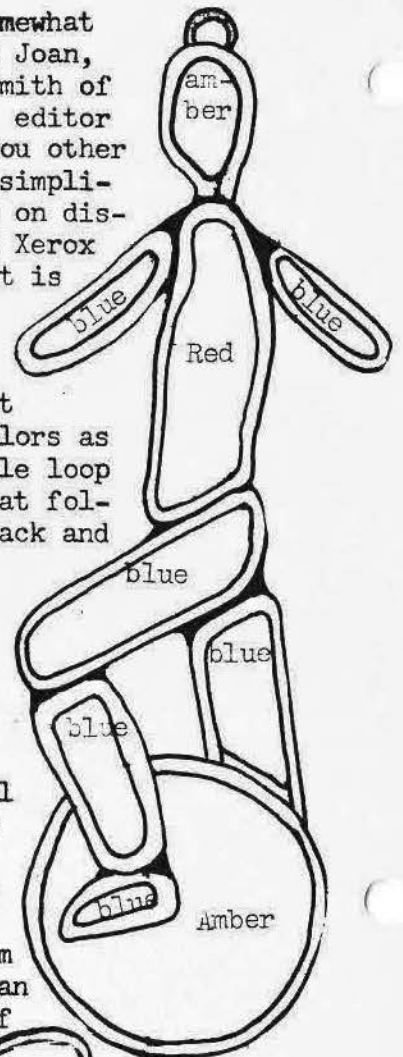
Bernie Crandall recently made a couple beautiful large wheel unis from rubber tired buggy wheels obtained from Schrock's Buggy Works in Millersburg, Ohio. The hubs must be reworked by cutting off part of each side to reduce width to 3 1/2" after which large washers must be welded on each side along with an axle in center. Bearing system also must be made up to fit available forks. It involves considerable work and mechanical ability but if you are so inclined and have access to tools and welding equipment this could be a way of making up a beautiful large wheel uni. Cost of wheels Bernie used was under \$50. He will have them at the meet in August where you may inspect his beautiful handwork if you wish.

Working with leaded glass is a fascinating and somewhat profitable sideline with W. Merle Smith. Merle and Joan, the parents of unicyclists Robin, Clay, and Megan Smith of 309 Highland Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14222 sent your editor a beautiful stained glass unicyclist that some of you other hobbyists might like to duplicate. The beauty and simplicity of the piece is delightful and your Ed. has it on display in his U-S-A Inc. office. By placing it on a Xerox machine, a full size outline was obtained and it is shown here at left and right.



Although Merle, or "Bill" as he is known to his friends, made this one of actual textured glass, it might be more convenient for some to substitute the colored plastic. The colors as used by Bill are indicated in the sketch. The little loop for hanging, seen at the top, is part of a wire that follows the leaded edges from top to bottom, on the back and serves to strengthen the assembly.

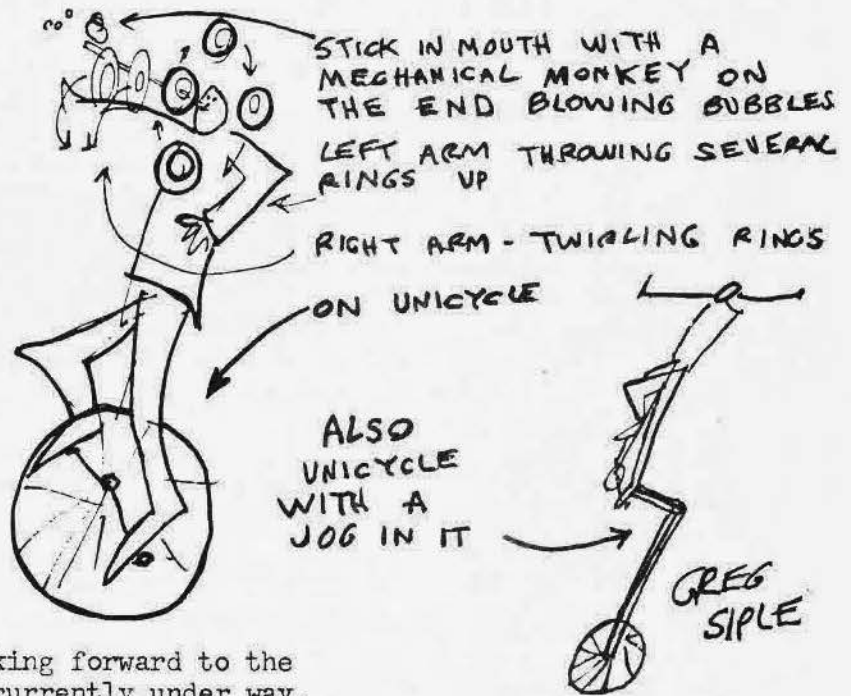
Hung in a window, or in front of a frosted glass frame, a little figure like this makes a very attractive conversation piece for the unicycle buff. If you are an ardent bicyclist, Bill's cyclist design below may appeal to you. Should you be interested in custom built leaded glass work of any type, Bill would be happy to hear from you at the address above. Incidentally Joan is the Joan Smith of the BIKEWAYS FOR BUFFALO movement and has been responsible for much of the progress made by that group in the area. Aside from teaching in Buffalo during school year, Joan has also been serving summers as Director of Children's School at the famous Chautauqua Institution on Chautauqua Lake.



At the right is a sketch and some notes taken from Greg Siple's letter of Jan 18, 1975. At the time Greg & June were riding their bikes through Patagonia in South America on the final 1000 miles of their fabulous "Hemistour" bike ride from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego - close to 20,000 miles. A more recent communication brought news that they completed the ride on Feb. 25, 1975 just 2 years, 8 months, and 9 days after leaving Anchorage, Alaska. By time this newsletter goes to press they will be back in USA and working on BIKE-CENTENNIAL 76, another colossal undertaking involving up to 10,000 cyclists in a bike ride from Calif. to New York as part of the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 as mentioned in the January Newsletter.

Since Greg's sketch presents a number of things unicyclists might like to try your Ed. is passing it along - and to Greg and June - "Congratulations for completing one of the most outstanding feats ever in the history of cycling". We will be looking forward to the book on Hemistour, plans for which are currently under way.

WE VISITED A CIRCUS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO — IN A BIG TENT LIKE THE OLD DAYS. THERE WAS A GOOD JUGGLING ACT WITH THE USE OF UNICYCLES



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From Sweden, Goran Lundstrom reports the unicycle supply situation there is starting to look better and that they anticipate receiving some direct from Japan this season.

In case readers would like to know how to write or say "Unicycle" in Japanese here it is direct from Goran's letter:

一輪車

ICHIRINSHA OR UNICYCLE
(in Japanese)

If you know how to say or write the word "Unicycle" in some other language how about dropping your Ed. a line and we'll see about including it next issue. To the right we see Goran on his 56" wheel unicycle



THE MACOMB DAILY, a Macomb County, Michigan newspaper recently carried a rather disconcerting article on unicycling in the town of Roseville. Seems some of the homeowners are upset and friction has built up to the point where ten of them have filed a petition with City Hall to have an ordinance enacted that will ban one wheel vehicles from the streets and sidewalks of Roseville. Many of you unicyclists who read this will no doubt think "How could this possibly be when many places such as Father Moran's St. Helen's Parochial school in Newbury, Ohio push unicycling as the healthiest most wholesome activity ever and boys and girls there ride them not only to and from school but in school as well". Nevertheless the situation in Roseville is real and those against unicycles claim the unicyclists ride up and down the street, do not care where they fall, and constitute a real traffic hazard. They cite that because unicycles cannot be controlled as easily as bicycles, (a statement unicyclists know is untrue) the cyclists bump into pedestrians and they should be banned.

It is the opinion of your editor that this situation has probably come about as a result of a personality clash or clashes between perhaps one or more small children and/or parents of others and that the unicycling is just providing fuel for a fire. If people could just step back and look at the sport itself, without the personality clashes that undoubtedly exist in this particular case, they would realize as most recreation and youth leaders do - what the youth in our country need today is more of the healthy wholesome activities of this sort that satisfy both the mind and body of growing boys and girls. The alternative is higher taxes later on to rehabilitate what today is the bored street corner groups with nothing to do but smoke, drink, experiment with drugs, and build up disdain for the establishment.

How unfortunate it is that many did not start riding unicycles at once in Roseville. Then perhaps some other less wholesome activity would be the focal point of the neighborhood unrest.

Let us all take a lesson from this incident. Should you find yourself the only unicyclist, or one of a few unicyclists in a community, be extra considerate of pedestrians and do your best to help and encourage others to participate in this most satisfying sport. They will love you and your community will be the richer for it.

Somewhere in Wisconsin, in a zip code area starting with 530, there is a boy named Andy Lincoln. Andy has been riding a unicycle for about five years now and would like to know all about our Unicycling Society. Perhaps by now he thinks we are a bunch of snobs, but we really aren't. Its just that no-where in the beautiful letter he wrote, or on the envelope, did Andy put his address. The new postal service postmarks are of no help - they do not even include the town. So all we have is a zip code starting with 530 and the name ANDY LINCOLN. Does anyone know Andy? If so please let your Ed. know and perhaps we can gather him into the fold.

Your Ed. was somewhat embarrassed when the Jan. newsletter came back from printer and the picture of Joe Mole on cover reproduced so poorly. The story is your Ed. mailed his original picture to Joe Mole and because of time element had to substitute a copy at last minute. Since then your Ed. has received an original from Joe Mole Jr. and it is reprinted here at the right. It is a three in one picture of Joe Mole with some of his novel vaudeville cycles during time he was billed as "Professor of Cycles"

UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

NEWSLETTER - 4-75

JOE MOLE



PROFESSOR OF CYCLES



NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET - PONTIAC, MICHIGAN AUG. 16, 17, 1975

An official announcement, invitation, and parade entry form from Bernie Crandall and the Pontiac Unicyclists who are sponsoring this year's National Meet appears on the flip side of this page. If you are planning to attend and join in the parade an early return of the parade entry form will facilitate setting up the parade. There are no entry fees.

As with last year, the July issue of the Newsletter will carry a complete chronological schedule of events for the meet which is scheduled for Sat. and Sun. Aug 16, 17 at the Pontiac Mall in Pontiac, Michigan. In addition it will contain registration blank and complete information on lodging, church services, the parade, and the prizes and awards being offered.

For those who would like to know a little more in advance about such things as lodging and plans for the program, here is some information your Ed. just received from Bernie:

For camping, tents, mobile homes, trailers, etc. Mr. Upham is making his property available along with free electricity and use of bath facility. His place is about ten minutes from the track and 15 minutes from the parade and competition area.

For motels there are several in the area with prices varying a few dollars the Holiday Inn probably being the premium one. The closest is the Savoy Motel. It is 9/10 of a mile from the Pontiac Mall. There are also five restaurants and a donut shop between the two. The Savoy has TV, Dining Rm., Cocktail lounge, Bowling lanes, and a Heated Pool. Also a large blacktop parking lot. Prices are \$13 single, \$15 double, and \$17 two double beds.

In connection with the races being held on Saturday at Waterford Township High School:

There will be separate races for the boys and girls

There will be 3 races 100, 220, 440, yds for cyclists under 12 yrs of age

Races for 12 and over will be 100, 220, 440, 880 yds and one mile

Backward and one legged races are 50 yds

Chain drive, both 1 to 1 and special gear will be 100 yds

Relays are 440 yds

One mile race for boys will be for those who can ride mile within 5 min, 30 sec.

For girls the one mile qualifying time is 6 minutes

There will be a one mile race for those who are 30 yrs or older

Another mile race will be held for those who do not fit in any of the above categories.

No one may ride in two races of the same distance

In connection with the Trick Riding and Formations:

Individual trick riding, both regular and chain drive, will be limited to 3 minutes

Group Trick Riding and Group Formations will be limited to 10 minutes.



1975 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 16th, 17th, 1975

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

On Sat. and Sun., Aug. 16th, 17th, 1975, we, The Pontiac Unicyclists are sponsoring the 1975 National Unicycle Meet in Pontiac, Michigan.

The racing competition will be held Sat. at the Waterford Township H.S. Athletic Field. The Drills, formations, and trick riding competition will be on Sun. at the Pontiac Mall parking lot.

Preceding the Sunday events, we will have a parade starting at 1 PM consisting of high school bands, horses, antique cars, clowns, basketball and football teams, bagpipes, etc. as well as unicycle riders from about 20 states. We would like to invite your group to participate in this parade.

We will assemble at the Pontiac Mall Parking Lot and move promptly at 1 PM to Elizabeth Lake Rd., west to Scott Lake Road intersection, and return to the starting point. The distance is 1.5 miles. The street is 5 lanes, giving the paraders 2 1/2 lanes each way and allowing spectators and judges an opportunity to view each entry twice. A trophy will be awarded to the best unicycling group and to the best non unicycling group.

If interested, we would appreciate hearing from you soon as possible. All events are sanctioned by the Unicycling Society of America, Inc.

B. Crandall

Bernard Crandall
Director & Parade Chairman



NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET

1975

PARADE ENTRY FORM

(No Charge)

Name of Organization _____

Name of Contact _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

OUR ENTRY WILL BE: Please check One

Unicycles Horses Clowns Marching Unit
 Float Decorated Vehicle Other

Brief Description of Entry, Number in group, etc. _____

Return Entry Form to: B. Crandall, Parade Chairman
124 South Josephine
Pontiac, Michigan 48053 Phone (313) 682-5650

Once again we would like to remind readers that this is your newsletter and we want to include what is of most interest to you and consistent with our aims which are:

To foster social and athletic interest in, and promote the healthy, wholesome sport of unicycling among youth and adults of the country by establishing voluntary standards of performance and sponsoring and overseeing local and national meets.

To disseminate knowledge and information on all phases of the sport to all interested parties throughout the country via a newsletter and information service.

Your suggestions are always welcome and thanks for your ideas and suggestions in the past.

In line with our aim to disseminate information and be of service we have made arrangements with a number of publishers and can now offer the following books which we feel will be of interest to unicyclists. The proceeds from sale of these books will help defray the cost of this newsletter. In addition to the books listed you will note we also still have back issues of the newsletter available at \$1.00 each or complete set of 1974 newsletters plus the 1973 National Meet Bulletin for just \$3.00 postpaid.

A number of interesting and novel ideas for a new masthead and title for our newsletter have been submitted by members in recent months. These will be presented and discussed at our annual membership meeting immediately following the National Meet on Aug. 17th. If you have an idea and haven't sent it in yet, please do.

If you ride an Ultimate Wheel (wheel with pedals but no fork or seat) and have a small snapshot of yourself in action won't you please send it in. We'll try to work it into the July issue and satisfy requests from members who haven't mastered the feat but would like to see photos of others who have.

Your Ed. *Bill Jenack*

William Jenack, Newsletter Editor
Unicycling Society of America, Inc.
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Westbury, L.I., New York 11590

Date _____

Dear Ed:

Enclosed find check, or money order for \$ _____ for which send postpaid:

<u>No. of Copies</u>	<u>Name of Publication</u>		<u>Totals</u>
_____	BASIC CIRCUS SKILLS by Jack Wiley	@ 6.95	_____
_____	THE UNICYCLE BOOK by Jack Wiley	@ 7.95	_____
_____	THE JUGGLING BOOK by Carlo	@ 2.95	_____
_____	THE DRAMA REVIEW NYU March '74 issue	@ 3.00	_____
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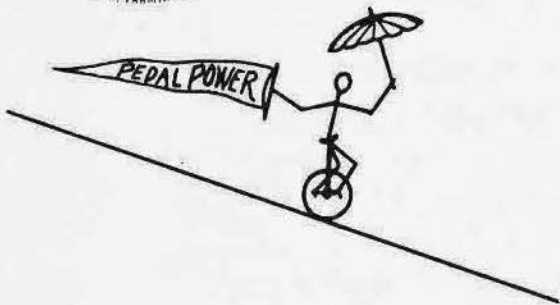
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 24460 Lyndon
 Detroit, Michigan 48239]

Dear Members: As a Not-For-Profit Corporation we are not in business to make money. However on the reverse side of this page you will find a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you, and which if ordered thru your newsletter editor will not only be of service to you but will aid our treasury and enable us to award more trophies etc. at future unicycle meets.

If you know of any unicyclist who might be interested in joining our organization please pass along the form below. Your Ed. Bill Jenack 4-75

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. Date _____

Check type membership desired and issue with which you wish newsletter subscription to start, fill in blanks and mail with appropriate amount to the Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Gordon Kruse, 30246 S. Stockton Dr., Farmington, Mich. 48024. Make Checks payable to UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

MEMBER, \$3.00 annual dues includes subscription to quarterly newsletter (with quarterly expiration policy) plus membership card and voting privilege.

FOREIGN MEMBERS - same price - newsletter mailed as PRINTED MATTER - same postage

FAMILY MEMBER, 50¢ annual dues - for members of the immediate family of a member, residing in same household - same benefits as member except the newsletter.

NAME OF APPLICANT (please print) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ (for statistical purposes) Phone No. _____

Field of Interest: Amateur _____ Professional _____

Check issue with which you wish your subscription to start: Jan. _____ Apr. _____ July _____ Oct _____

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