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# NEWSLETT

Official Organ UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA Inc. (c) 1975 All Rts Res. Yearly Membership \$3 Includes Newsletter (4) ID Card See Blank Pg. 18 FELLOW UNICYCLISTS:

A good portion of this issue is devoted to our annual National Meet Herewith is a brief outline of what will be taking place at that time

#### NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET - AUG. 16-17 1975 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 AM SAT. AUG. 16 - WATERFORD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL TRACK - See Map P.14 Racing Competition - see page 15 for list of races A break will be taken at noon for lunch

7 PM SAT. AUG. 16 - PONTIAC MALL PARKING FIELD - See Map P.14 Location Preliminaries for Group, Trick, & Obstacle Course riding Five best in each category will enter finals on Sunday

1 PM SUN. AUG. 17 - PONTIAC MALL PARKING FIELD - PARADE Parade starts promptly at 1 PM

2 PM SUN. AUG. 17 - PONTIAC MALL PARKING FIELD Immediately after Parade Finals - Group, Trick, & Obstacle Course Riding Competition

## IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION THERE WILL BE:

Entertainment and Exhibition of Tall Unicycle Riding Awarding of Trophies Selection of King and Queen Drawing for Unicycles and Door Prizes

ANNUAL MEETING OF USA INC. (All interested parties welcome) And Regular Order of Business - Election of Officers for 1976 Selection of Time and Site of 176 National Meet - c u there



Dr. Wiley - Writing THE UNICYCLE BOOK

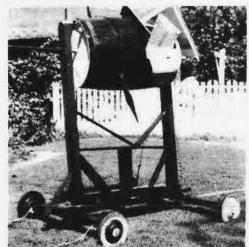
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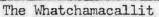


Although last (alphabetically) on our list of Founder Rembers, Dr. Jack Wiley's name ranks first when it comes to outstanding contributions in the way of promoting unicycling and the Unicycling Society of America. His The Unicycle Book, the first complete manual ever putlished on the sport, has served to fill a great void. At the same time, via sales through our newsletter, it has enabled

us to publish a quarterly that is half again as large as our originally planned format.

Those who know Jack only as the author of The Unicycle Book, are in for a surprise when they read what an action packed life he has led. In early childhood he found the projects shown in the tinker-toy manual too mind confining so he broke up pieces to make "originals," much to the dismay of his parents. In later years he constructed a number of projects of his own conception, including the Whatchamacallit (when he was eleven), Air Jumping Shoes, a Ball Pogo Stick, a Trampoline Teeter-board, and a variety of exercise Physiology Research equipment. During junior high and high school his back yard was literally filled with symnastic and circus equipment, much of which he designed and built himself. At one point there were, among other things: a trapeze ric, horizontal and parallel bars, a trampoline, a mini-trampoline, and a tightwire.







Air Jumping Shoes



Ball Pogo Stick

Jack competed in tumbling from the seventh grade to graduation from Southern Illinois University in 1960. Included in his repertoire of ground tumbling stunts were the coveted double backward somersault and the even more difficult backward somersault with two and one half twists. His regular competition forward routine was a run, forward somersault with step out, front handspring, forward somersault, forward, somersault, forward somersault. In the 1959 National Collegiate Championships in Berkeley, Ca. Jack placed 2nd in tumbling.

Following his B.S. degree he was drafted into the Army. He was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone for most of his two years in the service. After the Army, he did graduate study at Sacramento State College, earning a M.A. degree. He then traveled overland by public transportation (except for a short air-hop to bridge the Darien Jungle) from the United States to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he arrived 72 days after leaving the States. He traveled back through Brazil and the Amazon, returning finally to the States for another dose of graduate study, this time at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana campus, where he received his Ph.D. in 1968.

For two years he was an assistant professor at the University of South Alabama. In his free time he built a 30-ft trimaran sailboat, then sold it soon after completion. He spent a year as assistant professor at the University of Illinois, then another year as an assistant research physiologist at the Institute of Environmental Stress, University of California Santa Barbara. He resigned in 1972 and became a freelance writer, living aboard and cruising in his small English-built sailboat, Sea Puppy, which he had precised the year before.

To date Jack has had five books published, including The Unit cle Book and Basic Circus Skills, both of which are offered for sale through this newsletter, eight research study reports, and 2 Hagazine articles.

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Jack's 30-ft Trimaran under construction

Jack's interest in unicycling started when in the 7th grade he purchased the remains of a unicycle, that had been in a garage fire, for a dollar. With the help of a man at a bicycle shop, and \$12.60 worth of parts, the unicycle was restored, and by trial and error Jack learned to ride it. A friend learned too, and before long they worked their way up to gira? fe unis. Jack experimented with various methods of constructing them from bicycle parts and also built handlebar-units, midget unicycles, and circus bicycles. Jack and his friend worked up an amateur act and performed in many shows in and around Fresno, Talifornia, including the annual Fresno YMCA Circus. They also rode their unicycles in parades.

After fruitless searches through libraries trying to find information on unicycles or unicycling, Jack decided he would someday write a book on the subject. (Don't know just how he got your editor's address, but your ed. recalls receiving a letter from him in which he stated he was planning to write such a book and asked if your ed. might have something to contribute. Your ed. replied that he was also considering writing such a book. Next thing you know the manuscript for a ccuple of chapters arrived with a note inquiring "Am T



Aboard Sea Puppy - San Tioro, Calif.



Writing Aboard Sea Puppy

on the right track?" or something to that effect. Upon reading the manuscript and realizing what a much more opportune set-up Jack had for researching and writing such a book, your edereplied that he would be most happy to help in any way possible to expedite getting such a book on the market.) The rest is history, and in 1973 The Unicycle Book, a long awaited text, finally came off the presses and was available to the public.

Jack was unavailable for comment about his plans for the future. He was last seen sailing off into the sunset accompanied by the staccato beat of his typewriter. For all unicyclists who have read his book and appreciate his great contribution to the sport, your ed. would like to say -"Thanks Jack for a job well done".



THE CIRCUS KINGDOM is a Youth Ministrie project of Capitol Hill Methodist Church in Washington DC. It is the brain-child of Rev. L. David Harris, who for many years dreamed of having a circus that would travel throughout the country "Doing Good" - playing jails, orphanages, county homes, ghettoes-raising money for "seemingly hopeless causes", and doing things that no professional circus would dare.

While members of The Circus Kingdom represent virtually all religious persuasions, the circus itself reflects the willingness and desires of Capitol Hill Church to support a project in which

young persons are given opportunities to expand their skills while performing for others.

From a modest 5 week start, in 1973, with just 25 members, The Circus Kingdom has grown to its present impressive size. Its 1975 summer season's tour encompasses 26 states, D.C. and two Canadian Provinces. The troupe now numbers like persons, who are performing a 15 week season in more than 100 different communities. Their schedule includes over 175 public performances and more than 100 charity performances or appearances.

A number of The Circus Kingdom's performers are skilled unicyclists. If you wish to see a great group of young performers doing a real professional job, try to take in one of their performances when they play near you. Listed below are the remaining dates and places of their 1975 summer tour throughout United States and Canada.

THE CIRCUS KINGDOM - Remaining Schedule 1975

July 1 Gene Autry, Oklahoma G.A.School

2 Okla. State Univ. Stillwater

4 Wellington, Kansas H.S.

5 Cheney, Kansas High School

6-7 Wichita, Kansas

8 Hesston, Kansas High School

9 Humboldt, Kansas High School 10 Columbus, Kansas High School

12 Louisiana, Missouri H.S.

13 Springfield, Ill. Lincolnland College

14 Vincennes, Indiana High School

15 Clarksville, Ind. Providence H.S.

16 Florence, Kentucky Boone Co. H.S.

17 Springfield, Ohio North High School

18 Westerville, Ohio South High School

19 Cambridge, Ohio High School

20 Senecaville, Ohio High School

22 Lewiston, Pa. Chief Logan H.S.

23 Hershey, Pa. H.S. or M.H.S.

24 Bowie, Maryland High School

25 Sterling Pk. Va. Sterling Middle Sch.

26 Shenandoah Jct. W.Va. Jeff. Co. H.S.

27 Front Royal, Va. 15th St. Elem. Sch.

28 Warrenton, Va. Fauquier High School

30 Mount Airy, Md. Mt. Airy Middle Sch.

31 LaPlata, Md. LaPlata High School

Aug. 1 Annapolis, Md. Geo.tn. E. Elem Sch.

2 Ewell (Smith Island) Maryland

5 Dover, Del. Wesley College

6 Newark, Del. Glasgow High School

7 Haddonfield, N.J. High School

8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Johnson Mem. U.Meth. Ch. 10 AM Newton High School 8 PM

9 New Brunswick or Princeton N.J.

LI Garden City, NY Nassau Comm. College Brentwood NY Suffolk Comm. College

12 Somers, N.Y. High School

13 Fairfield, Conn. Andrew Warde H.S.

Li Wakefield, R.I. So.Kingstown H.S.

16 Somerville, Mass. High School

17 Westford, Mass. Westford Academy

18 York, Maine High School

19 Gilford, New Hamp. Middle H.S.

20 N. Sutton, New Hamp. Kearsage H.S.

21 Newport, New Hamp. Towle H.S.

22 White River Jct. Vt. Hartford H.S.

23 Waterbury, Vt. Harwood Union H.S.

24 Enosburg Falls, Vt. High School

25 Montreal, Canada Concordia College

27 Clintonville, N.Y. 8:00 PM

Ausable Central School 5:00 PM

28 Mechanicville, N.Y. High School

29 Freedom Plains, N.Y. Arlington H.S.

30 Phillipsburg, N.Y. High School

31 Boiling Springs, Pa. S.M.T.H.S.

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 aggling with your unicycling, these four days will give you an opportunity to pick up lot of ideas and to see the world's greatest jugglers in action. From the list of outstanding jugglers who have indicated they plan to be there, it appears that this may go down in history as the greatest juggler's convention ever. If you can make it for one or more days and would like additional information on lodging contact the convention chairman Mr. Dick Francis, 2122 Windsor Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502.

The Following is a Tentative Schedule of Major Events:

Thurs. July 31 - Juggling Sat. Aug. 2 Public Show S.Park Mall 2PM Fri. Aug. 1 - Competition 11:30AM Business Feeting 6 PM Sun. Aug. 3 Juggling

The RED UNIT of RBBB CIRCUS in which Barry Lappy, the ten year old unicyclist from England is featured, is tentatively scheduled for dates below (See April issue for previous dates)

July 15-30	Los Angeles, Ca.	Sept 16-17	Spokane, Wash.
July 31-Aug 12		Sept 19-21	Portland, Oregon
	Long Beach, Ca.	Sept 24-28	Denver, Colorado
Aug 19-25		Oct. 1-20	Chicago, Illinois
	San Francisco Ca.	Mov. 5-16	Nassau Co. L.I., N.Y.
	Fresno, Ca.	Nov. 19-23	Springfield, Mass.
Sept 10-11:	Seattle, Wash.	Nov. 25-30	New Haven, Conn.

GARBO & BERKY, avid unicyclists, who operate THE CLOWN SHOP in South Paris, Maine have announced they will be holding a WORKSHOP (SCHOOL FOR BUFFOONS) Aug. 18 - Sept 6, 1975. Classes will be held six days a week and aside from the unicycle will include Prop Bldg., Symnastics, Improvisation, Make-Up, Juggling, Balloon Tying and Mime. Fee for the three seks is \$160 which includes use of all facilities - Dormitory, Showers, Kitchen etc. (Food will be individual's responsibility) Field work will be carried on in nearby towns and cities. Unicyclists seriously interested in Clowning here's your chance - for further info write: Garbo & Berky, "The Clown Shop", Celebration Mime Theatre, So. Paris Me. 04281

JULY 11 & 12, 16,17,18,19, 1975 CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL, PERU, INDIANA

No vacation in America's Midwest is complete unless you spend a day in the "Circus Capital of the World", Peru, Indiana. Each summer during the second and third weeks of July, residents of this community present a full youth three-ring circus which is so good that many visitors have to be told that it is not a professional show. Many readers have no doubt seen the hour-long TV Documentary "Circus Town U.S.A." filmed by NBC and shown coast to coast. It is very fitting that Peru is the setting for this yearly extravaganza. During the hey-dey of the professional circus, Peru was the winter quarters for seven of the world's major circuses. Children and young adults take a part in staging this colorful display - thrilling trapeze acts, aerial artistry, all expertly rendered, whisk the audience back to the late 1380's and the early 1900's.

One of our Unicycling Society of America members, RANDY WALLICK, is also a member of this youth circus and his dad BUD, one of the mainstays of the organization.

LARRY KINDLESPARKER, Executive Director of Circus City Festival, Inc. very kindly sent us a copy of their latest brochure and some literature on the history of Circus City. From reading it and viewing the pictures of the many young performers, your Ed. would recommend you schedule it in your summer vacation plans.

The TV show BIG BLUE MARBLE, between the segments of which have been shown a number of humorous Unicycle and Novel Cycle Skits by JENACK CYCLISTS, is now being re-run on various channels about the country. Next year the series will be syndicated around the world to about 70 nations, or roughly 50% of the children of the world. At present it is aired in the Metropolitan N.Y. area on channels 11 & 13 at 9AM & 8AM Sun. & Fri. respectively.

OAK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, in its annual physical education show in April at a nearby secondary school field house, presented several circus acts for the first time as part of the demonstration. Circus acts included plate-spinning, pyramids, tumbling gymnastics, Roman ladders, juggling, rolo bolo, and unicycle riding. The giraffe unicycles were built by Mr. Bernard Crandall of Pontiac, Michigan. The show, involving over 700 students and attracting an audience of over 3000 spectators, was directed by Mr. JIM MOYER Oak View physical education teacher who spent several days last summer with hr. JIM SMITH and the Hamilton, Ohio MINI-CIRCUS, learning circus skills.

JIM MOYER of the above mentioned school sent in suggestions and sketches for making up your own spinning plates and setting them up for use in a unicycle act. Since your Ed. was unable to locate a current source of spinning plates or bowls in his survey of prop makers for the Jan '75 newsletter Jim's suggestion to use "Melmac" dishes, with a very small hole drilled in the exact center of the bottom, is most timely. One suggestion is for a single spinning plate to be balanced by a unicyclist in motion. The other a multiple set that can be affixed to a table, or perhaps two tables, and a skilled unicyclist, riding back and forth, could keep a maximum number of them spinning. A good suspense act yet a relatively easy one to make up yourself. - Our thanks to Jim Moyer
Editor's Note: The decorative "Ball Fringe" mentioned on pg 8 of the Jan '75 newsletter

can be taped to edge of the Melmac dishes with Scotch Brand Magic Transparent Tape to enhance the appearance if so desired.

to will plate - wood Lowel and

Use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wood dowel - length as desired Hammer nail into one end of dowel Cut off head and grind to sharp point

Use Melmac dish with very small hole drilled in exact center of bottom

Place dish on point and stroke edge to get it up to speed. Then hold high as you ride about on unicycle.

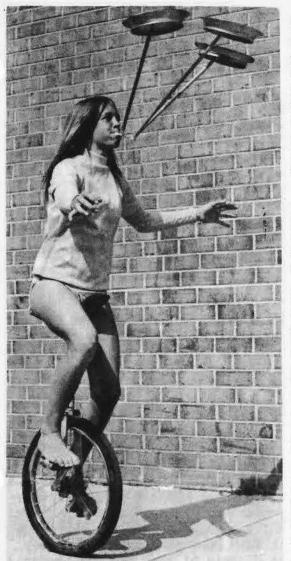
12" Steel Rods with sharp point 4'-5' long

\_ 2"x4" approximately 6' long- Clamp to table

Steel rods set into one size larger steel tubes which have lock wing bolts as below

Steel rods may be taken out for knockdown Just reinsert and tighten to set up

If any reader knows where professional spinning plates or bowls can be purchased your Newsletter Editor would appreciate receiving info.



In answer to question at bottom of previous page your Ed. has just received a letter from Jack Miller which may be of interest to readers. Jack reports that in addition to the props listed under his name in the Jan. 1975 newsletter (Pg 15), he can now supply spinning plates and mouthpieces. Jack recently moved from his former address so you may wish to correct the address on pg 15. New address is: JACK MILLER, P.O. Box 621 Brighton, Missouri 65617. If interested send him a stamped return envelope and request info and prices.

Jim Moyer sent in the photo shown at the left. it is of ANN TOLBERT, a sixth grader at the Oak View School in Fairfax, Virginia and shows her riding her unicycle and balancing three spinning plates using mouthpiece and cues such as Jack Miller's.

Received too late for inclusion in the Jan. 1975 listing of juggling prop builders, and then omitted by mistake from the April issue, was the information that juggling clubs can also be obtained from DON DONNELLY, 1108 S. Melton Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33803. Don has been making clubs for over twelve years. You may wish to add his name and address to the list in the January newsletter for future reference. Send Don a stamped return envelope if you wish additional information on size, color, and cost.

JOHN SENGHAS of Hopkinton, Mass. included the sketch, at the right below, in a recent letter. I think what he was trying to convey is that "Beginners should not back up to a garbage can to climb on their unicycle" If the lid flips - you're gone.

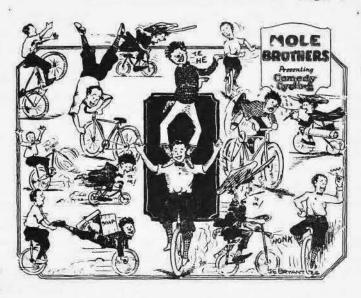
John is quite a clown as you may gather from the

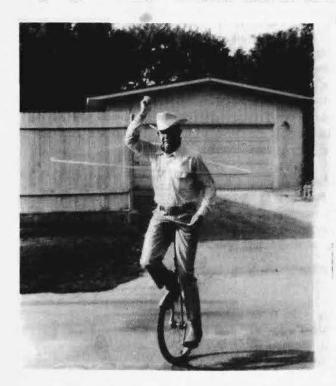
following account of one of his recent escapades:

Just before Xmas 1974, John received a 6' giraffe uni. He practiced diligently and worked up a comedy skit that recently won him second place, out of 23 acts, in their Jr. High School Talent Show. His "Drunk" act consisted of riding out on stage with a beer bottle. waving to audience, amid much hiccup-ing take a few drinks from the bottle. Then upon careful scrutiny he discovers the bottle empty. rides offstage and immediately returns with a half gallon wine bottle. After more unsteady riding during which he spills some of the contents and backs into the backdrops now and then or lets one foot come off a pedal, he discovers it too is empty. Next time he returns with a plastic pail. After more awkward riding he suddenly rides down a heretofore unseen ramp, about 15" wide, into the audience. A gasp goes up from the audience but there is more to come. After riding to rear of hall he turns around and makes a dash to ride back up the ramp. Part way up he goes off sideways and the bucket goes flying upward. It is jerked back by a string on his wrist but the blue and white confetti it contained looks like water as the spotlight hits it and another gasp is heard. A second later the audience realizes they have been fooled and. amid the applause, John runs up the ramp to the stage and takes his bow (facing the rear of the stage)

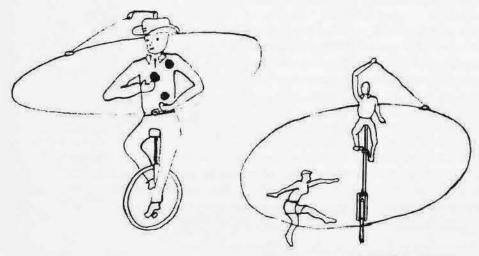
Anyone else have a neat skit they would like to share with others? Send it in to your Ed. UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. - NEWSLETTER 7-75

Via VELMA SCHULD of Westminster, Ca. Chamber of Commerce JOE MOLE sent this sketch. It appeared on penny postcards used to advertise his act. Card itself is quite a collector's item - imagine a penny postcard. Joe hopes the sketch will give other cyclists ideas for rounding out their acts. In her letter Velma mentioned Joe's grandson TOM NARDINE was in N.Y. and staying at the Piccadilly so your Ed. gave him a call. Caught him just in time as he was about to depart for Ca. for another movie. Tom, who was taught by his grand dad and rides giraffes, is also an actor and has appeared in such movies as CAT BALLOU with Lee Marvin; COWBOY TEXAS STYLE with Hugh O'Brien and has also done a series on TV with Chuck Connors. Your Ed. looks forward to getting together with Tom next time he is in N.Y.





HAM FLOYD, The Lariat Man, of San Antonio sent your Ed. this snapshot of him doing the "Wedding Ring" while riding his uni. He also enclosed a couple sketches of other stunts unicyclists can add to their repertoire. One consists of spinning his #1 Texas Skip Lariat with head while riding uni and juggling a few balls. The other is taking advantage of added height of a giraffe to spin a larger "Wedding Ring" and have one or more dancers skip in and out. Ham, who himself has mastered spinning a lariat with his head (A tightly fitted) helmet under his ten gallon hat, and a ball bearing swivel in center helps) is an expert juggler and fairly recently took up unicycling. He manufactures lariats with special gimmicks for easy spinning and his EZ Spin 6' ones are particularly easy to learn and suitable for unicycle groups using a western theme. When Barry Lappy visited your Ed. recently he picked it up almost at once and is shown spinning one below. Information on where unicyclists may obtain such lariats appears in Jan '75 newsletter Pg 15 and Apr '75 Pg 8.





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The May 1975 BIKE WORLD magazine has a two page article "FUN ON ONE - UNICYCLING" by JON STALEY. Readers may enjoy the style in which the article is written. While in an essentially humorous vein, the material included indicates the author has give, the art unicycling considerable serious thought. Your Ed. particularly liked his reference to what in German is called "Funktionlust" or the sheer pleasure of functioning, as a reason why some people enjoy unicycling. As he states: "Unicycling Justifies Itself". Its a neat thing to do.

The WEEKEND section of the Sunday "NEWS JOURNAL" of MANSFIELD, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1975 ran a full page story and pictures of the REBECCA GRUBAUGH SCHOOL'S unicycling activity. Inspired by DICK MORROW'S Worthing Ohio FLIPTWISTERS (see Pg 11 of Jan '75 newsletter), Physical Education Teacher DAVID JENKINS of Mansfield has done a remarkable job in a very short period of time. The darling pictures of his boys and girls in action are evidence of his dedication to his profession.

The PITT UNICYCLE CLUB of University of Pittsburgh had a big three page spread in the Roto section of THE PITTSBURGH PRESS, Sunday May 11, 1975. The article has 9 large size photos of them in action and a pretty complete history of the club which has been in existance about five years. One of the more novel pictures included in the article shows two club members, JOHN CANDEE and TIM SWEENEY, using padded poles and 'jousting' on their unicycles. A little demonstration of this knightly art at our National Neet would be most entertaining don't you think? - How about it fellows?

Although we have failed so far, to establish contact with any unicyclists of the "OLD TYME HILLER CIRCUS" of Madison Heights, Michigan we note in THE CIRCUS REPORT, May 12, that their performances this year drew capacity audiences on April 17-19. Their circus which includes unicyclists, has been an annual event since 1971. It is put on by the Hillyer Elementary School Students under the direction of ROBERT ELLER.

A recent letter from WILLIAM BAILEY of East Lansing, Michigan reports that they now have about 50 unicyclists there. Bill is a member of the MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY UNICYCLE LUB in East Lansing and says they particularly enjoy basketball on their unicycles.

JOHN JENACK'S picture, juggling clubs while riding unicycle, appeared simultaneously in two Metropolitan New York newspapers recently. The May 18, 1975 N.Y.SUNDAY NEWS and the LONG ISLAND PRESS both carried his-picture in connection with an article on NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S health, Phys. ed and recreation dept. In addition to taking the Circus Arts course himself the past year, John served as an assistant instructor and taught the juggling and unicycling.

The influence of the PAUL FOX UNICYCLE CLUB INC. of MARION, OHIO is reflected in the design on cover of the annual statement of THE NATIONAL CITY BANK of that city. It is a clever shadow design of wheels running around a wheel (with unicyclists on top of course) and a brief paragraph explaining that a UNICYCLE is not a mythical beast but a vehicle upon which many of the local kids can be seen riding from place to place. What it all adds up to is: "Marion is an interesting place to live".

TIM NOLL of LONGVIEW, TEXAS rode his 6' giraffe in a fund raising BIKE HIKE there in April. Aside from receiving an award for the most unique vehicle in the event, Tom had his picture appear in the local newspaper. Two other unicyclists who also participated in the event were NATHAN COOPER and JOHNNY HARDWICK.

SALLY WHITE of State College, Pa. has been making the local newspapers so often lately with her unicycling and high school track accomplishments that people are beginning to ask who her press agent is. Recent items in the news media included picture of her unicycle club WHIRL WHEELS completing a fund raising BIKE MIKE for the Mentally Retarded.

THE GREAT Y CIRCUS of REDLANDS, Calif. under the direction of WARREN C. WOOD took part in the annual Shrine Circus in LONG BEACH April 12 - 13 along with the GEORGE MATTHEWS circus. The Shrine Circus there this year was produced by Sam T. Polack and featured a number of Great Y performers including 12 unicyclists.

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While attending RBBB CIRCUS (Red Unit) in Madison Square Garden April 23rd the JENACKS were able to see his novel act and make contact with 10 yr old Barry Lappy the fe tured unicyclist from England. A couple weeks later on their day off Barry and his Hom and Dad were able to get out to Westbury for a visit. The novel Jenack Cycles were just being taken out of storage preparatory for the summer's activity and Barry had a chance to test ride each one. Ray and Phyllis, his Dad and Mom, also joined in the fun and proved to be great sports. Pictures of Ray riding a pony uni and Phyllis riding a miniature penny farthing while towing Parry in a Cannondale Bugger (2 wheel trailer used with 10 speed bikes) are now treasured pages in the 1975 Jenack photo album. Unicyclists in the area who showed up, rode with, and watched Barry on the unicycles were greatly impressed with both his skill and his charming personality. If the Ringling Bros. Red Unit plays in your area by all

means try to get to see Barry's novel act.

(See RBBB Red Unit Schedule Page 5)

During the past winter, THE UNIQUES of Clinton,
Chio have been working on some novel cycles for
their 1975 season. RAY BROUGHTON, one of their
leaders, just sent in the photo at right which
shows two of their recently constructed cycles.
One is a Pony Saddle Unicycle with the whoel
laced off center so that it appears to gallop
when ridden. The other is a novel "Z" frame or
Zis Zag Giraffe. Pictured here with these two
clever cycles is MIKE POINDEXTER & MARK DOUGLAS
respectively.

We hope The Uniques will bring these cycles with them to the National Meet in Pontiac Aug. 16,17, and let us see them in action.



WARREN BACON, Coordinator of Circus Arts at the State University of New York College at Purchase, New York, 10577 reports that just two years after its inception the CIRCUS ARTS program at the college is well under way. This past year they even put on a number of performances outside the college. During the summer of 1975 approximately ten of their Circus Arts students will be spending the summer performing with an actual circus or road show. Warren himself will be returning to his alma mater FLORIDA STATE MINERSITY for the summer to teach at their FLYING WIGH CIRCUS and GYNNASTICS CAMP. Professionally Warren has appeared in the past with the "FLYING LANKS", a flying return trapeze act. During the past year Warren mastered the unicycle himself and was even seen riding about on a giraffe. If any unicyclists are interested in attending a h yr state college where you can continue your unicycling and receive credit, and also learn other circus arts, your Ed. suggests you drop a line to the college in Purchase, N.Y. at address given above.

While looking through some ancient issues of BICYCLING WORLD AND L.A.W. BULLETIN our friend ED BERRY of THE WHEELMEN ran across some early speed records he thought would be of interest to our readers. With thanks to Ed, here are copies of two articles taken from the Aug. 31 and Sept. 8, 1888 issues of the above mentioned weekly:

## 31 Aug. 1888 - SOME UNICYCLE RECORDS

W. H. Barber, the fancy rider of Rochester, made a mile on his unicycle, Aug. 21st, in 3.27, ten seconds faster the world's record.

ANOTHER

A telegram, dated Peoria, August 23, (too late for our last issue), states that "Bert Myers broke all unicycle records, one to 14 miles. One mile 3.34 1-2, 14 miles one hour 7 seconds without dismount." This gives Barber the one mile record, and the hour record goes to Myers. The best previous hour record was 12 11-16 miles.

## 8 Sept. 1888 UNICYCLE RECORDS FROM 2 TO 14 MILES

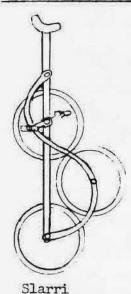
Last week at Lake View Park, Peoria, Ill., Bert Myers upset the unicycle records from two to fourteen miles, inclusive as follows:

Miles	Time	Miles	Time	Miles	Time
1	3.34 1-2	6	24.40	11	47.27
2	7.21 1-2	7	29.02	12	52.00
3	11.23 3-4	8	33.20	13	56.46
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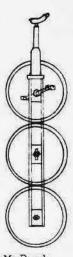
This is the greatest distance ever ridden on one wheel without a dismount. Myers rode the front wheel of a "Light Champion".

Editor's Note: The "Light Champion" was a high wheeler manufactured by Gormully and Jeffery and according to an 1886 catalog came in wheel sizes 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, or 60 inches. Ed says your guess is good as his as to size used by Myers.

#### THREE WHEELED UNICYCLES



ED BERRY also mentioned a fairly recent book (1973) on Bicycling that has a chapter on FREAKS OF THE CYCLING WORLD. Your Ed. borrowed a copy from local library and found it most interesting. For anyone connected with cycles it is 144 pages of fascinating reading and traces the invention and development of the bicycle, describes some unusual models, and discusses its use in peace and war. Name of the book is "THE BICYCLE That Curious Invention" by Sybil and Stephen Leek, Thomas Nelson Co., Nashville. In the chapter on Freaks of the Cycling World a picture of a three wheel unicycle being ridden by Clown Slarri appears on page 70. If some of our readers are thinking about constructing a novel unicycle this type should be quite an eye catcher. Your Ed. has a somewhat similar unicycle ridden by the McPeaks which he is restoring as a museum piece. The wheels in the McPeak cycle however are in line one above the other and the frame consists of two vertical members on each side.



McPeak

These parallel pieces of vertical tubing hide an internal chain extending from the top sprocket to the bottom wheel. Although one tire does ride on and drive another, and gives the desired effect, the hidden chain makes it a safer vehicle and its drive is not dependent on only the pressure of the tires against each other. Like most complex cycles of the giraffe family the whole assembly is apt to wind up being quite heavy and letting it fall just once may result in time-consuming realignment problems. With contra rotating decorative disks in the wheels a cycle like this can be a real attention getter in a parade.

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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 PN 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  $2\frac{1}{2}$  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.

Bernard Crandall

Director & Parade Chairman



NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET

1975

PARADE ENTRY FORM
(No Charge)

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Information For Contestants



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 previous page. If you are planning to attend and take part, an early return of entry form will be of help.

#### SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR OUT-OF-TOWNERS IS LISTED BELOW

The Pontiac Mall is located on the western side of the city of Pontiac and is located just a few blocks north of where route 10/21 crosses route 59. If used in conjunction with your own road map, the local area map appearing on Pg 14 of this newsletter should help you to quickly pinpoint the scene of action of this National Meet.

For Camping: Tents, mobile homes, trailers, etc. - One of our members, Mr. Upham, is generously making his property available along with free electricity and use of bath facility. If you are planning to avail yourself of this campsite please send Mr. Upham a card or phone him as soon as possible so he can arrange sites for the various types of campers and tents. His address: Mr. JAY UPHAM, 10770 HIGHLAND RD., MILFORD, MICH. 48042 His phone is (313) 698-3137. A note in upper left corner of map on pg l4 will help you find it. (Highland Rd. is also Michigan Route #59)

There are several motels in the area with prices varying a few dollars. One of the closest and most reasonable is The SAVOY MOTEL. It is but 9/10 of a mile south of the Pontiac Mall and there are 5 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. See 6 on map.

Catholic Church services at St. Benedicts near the Mall, see 5 on map, are: Sat. Masses 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM Sun. Masses 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM A number of Protestant Churches have worship services mostly at 10:30 & 11:00 AM on Sunday

The Complete List of Sat. and Sun. Competitions appears on page 16 of this newsletter

The Races will be held on Sat. starting at 10 AM at the Waterford Township High School Track 2 NOTE: All riders for all events must be registered at least 15 minutes before event.

Look for the Registration Tables and get signed up ahead of time.

There are NO REGISTRATION FEES - Feel free to ask questions of registraars if there is anything you do not understand about events.

Saturday at 7PM at PONTIAC MALL the PRELIMINARIES will be held for the TRICK, GROUP, AND OBSTACLE COURSE RIDING. Diagram at right shows layout of Obstacle Course. Again REGISTRATION IS FREE and do not hesitate to ask questions.

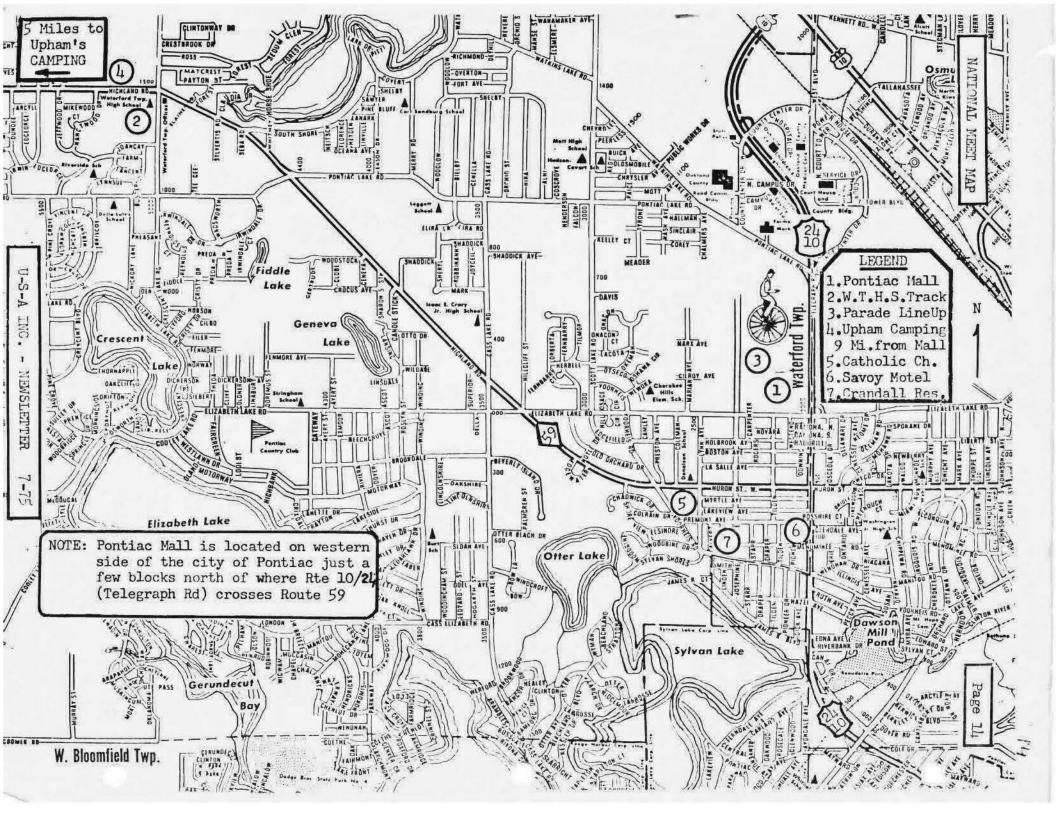
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DIAGRAM OF OBSTACLE COURSE

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## SATURDAY AUG. 16, 1975

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7:00 PM PONTIAC MALL - Trick Riding and Obstacle Course Riding Preliminaries 5 best in each category chosen for finals on Sunday

# SUNDAY AUG. 17, 1975

1:00 PM PONTIAC MALL - Parade starts promptly at 1 PM

2:00 PM Competition starts immediately after parade

GROUP FORMATIONS - TEN (10 Minute Time Limit)
GROUP TRICK RIDING-TEN (10 Minute Time Limit)

OBSTACLE COURSE FINALS

INDIVIDUAL TRICK RIDING-THREE (3 Minute Time Limit) Finals IND. CHAIN DRIVE TRICK -THREE (3 Linute Time Limit) Finals

ENTERTAINMENT - EXHIBITION OF HIGH UNICYCLE RIDING (Over 12 Ft) No Awards

AWARDING OF TROPHIES

SELECTION OF KING AND QUEEN

DRAWING FOR UNICYCLES AND DOOR PRIZES

ANNUAL MEETING OF USA INC. (All interested parties welcome)
Regular Order of Business - Election of Officers for 1976
Selection of Time and Site of '76 National Meet

Program Subject to Minor Changes



Bernie Crandall has had a limited number of neat little pins made up and they will be available at the Meet for \$2.00 each while quantities last. There are two styles - one with pin and other with a chain - to suit boy or girl.

Full size appearance is shown at left. They consist of a bright silver raised unicycle on a background of mottled silver, and have a quality look about them that is most appealing - look for them at the Meet.

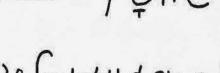
RICHARD TOLLNER of Westbury, W.Y. has been pushing unicycling in his neighborhood and they now have a total of 8 riders. Aside from purchasing untamed unicycles, from Flee Markets or Garage Sales, some of the boys have taken to making their own. Richie has even built himself a handlebar unicycle and at present is working on the next step- an Ultimate Wheel. In response to your Ed's querry in last issue, on how to say or write 'unicycle' in other languages, Richie, after consulting with FATHER PLACA of St. Pius X Prep Seminary in Uniondale, N.Y., has come up with the spelling in a number of languages:

Spanish and Italian (unicicleta) French (unicyclette) Polish (unocicletus) Greek (unicyclos or unicleta)

Richie also came up with a hierglyphic for unicycle. Since, as Father Placa says, Hierglyphics is a picture language and must be written as you see it, a sketch such as at right might convey the proper image. - Thanks Richie.

From HANNA SAGENDORPH whose brother DAVID DeBEER is one of our members in Israel we learn that this is how unicycle might be written in Hebrew

PRAKASH PAINGANKAR of India says its a little difficult to find a word in his language that will fit and convey the meaning, but to spell it out would be as at right. Often, as Prakash notes, it is difficult to find a word that will be meaningful. Sometimes it is necessary to use a phrase such as "wheel with seat on top". If any other readers have a way of saying or writing unicycle in another language send it in to your &d. He can visualize a Unicycling Tee Shirt completely covered with silk screened words of dozens of countries all saying 'Unicycle'.



WALLY WATTS of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, who in 1973 rode his 12" wheel unicycle some 1550 miles across Canada (see feature write-up in Apr. '74 newsletter) has just announced his tentative plan to embark on a round-the-world-by-unicycle trip, starting Apr. 1,1976. He has been doing considerable research and by the time Apr 1 comes expects to be familiar with a few useful phrases in each of the languages he will encounter on the trip. Already he has a general idea of the route he intends to follow. He will start and end in N.Y.City. He plans to first fly to Northern Scotland and there begin his unicycling south and east, eventually winding up flying the Pacific back to west coast of U.S.A.. He then plans to cycle coast to coast across U.S.A. to return to his starting point in N.Y. City. The mechanical aspect doesn't seem to faze him in the least. He is working on a newer model of a large wheel unicycle similar to the one he used on his 4550 mile ride in '73 and is convinced the hard rubber tire will go the entire distance without need of repair. Those of us who rode his large wheel at last year's Mational Meet will attest to the fact that it was capable of taking quite a beating and the tire still looked great. In the midst of his studying and preparation for the trip, if Wally can get to the National Meet again this summer, we will all be waiting to greet him. It was a real treat last year to see Wally "Pour it on" and ride his big wheel full speed at the track and in the coliseum in Marion. Added treat was when he let all who wish check out on it and got the thrill of flying along on such a juggernaut. In addition to his world trip plans Wally is also at present working on a geared-down, 10 ft wheel unicycle upon which he hopes to solo sometime this summer. Future newsletters will keep you posted on Wally's activities.

Once again we would like to remind readers that this is your newsletter and it is our desire 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.

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, in addition to the books listed below, some 45 other outdoor type books as noted in the brochure that accompanies this issue of the newsletter. These books are published by Stackpole and, as with the Unicycle and Basic Circus Skills books, the profit from their sales will go to our treasury and help us continue publishing bigger and better-than-ever quarterly newsletters.

At the close of the 1975 National Meet in Pontiac on Aug. 17, the annual meeting of the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. will be held. One of the items on the agenda will be the selection of time and place for next year's meet. To make our organization more national in scope, and to give more unicyclists from other parts of the country an opportunity to participate, we would very much like to hold the next national meet somewhere in the west. If any group from the west would like to sponsor such an event our officers will be happy to give them complete information on past meets and how they were run. From past experience we have learned how to conduct such a meet in the simplest possible manner and so that the sponsoring organization comes out in the black rather than red. If you would like more information on the subject prior to the meeting on Aug. 17, Contact either Bernie Crandall or Paul Fox before or during the National Meet in Pontiac.

Your Ed. Bill Jenach

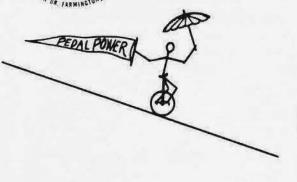
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Dear Members: As a Not-For-Profit Corporation we are not in business to make money. However on the reverse side of this page you will find a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you, and which if ordered thru your newsletter 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

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