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## NEWSLETTER

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We did it again, This year's National Unicycle Meet was the best yet. It brought together more unicyclists than ever before. The good fellowship of those attending was evidenced by the friendly spirit in which unicyclists from everywhere were swapping ideas and trying out each others unicycles and props. Bernie Crandall and The Pontiac Unicyclists did a superb job of hosting the meet, and the smoothness with which the events took place was a real tribute to them. Along with Bernie and his most charming and efficient wife Pauline there were many who helped make this meet such a great one. On page 4 there is a list of those in charge of various facets of the meet, and to whom we wish to make known our appreciation. Our special thanks go to the five hard working judges: Charles Berry of Watsonville, Ca., David Jenkins of Mansfield, Ohio, John Jenack of Westbury, N.Y., Bill Putas of Longview, Washington, and Wally Watts of Edmonton, Alberta. Also to Donald Berman and the Redford Union H.S. Band, whose costuming and music lent such a festive air to the Parade & entertainment on Sunday; to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Upham for their hospitality in making their property and facilities available free to campers; To Manfred Heuser whose professional handling of the microphone kept us informed of all that went on both at the races on Sat. and the Finals and Entertainment on Sunday; To Judy Hutchinson whose gigantic National Meet Cake was truly a work of art, and under the icing of which we discovered was hidden a variety of cakes, one to please everyone; To the people who donated and served the delicious hot dishes, salads, and drinks at the close of the Sat. races; and to anyone we may have overlooked who contributed in any way to the success of the 1975 National Unicycle Meet.



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The outstanding personality from the realm of unicycling for our feature write-up this issue is none other than our esteemed President Mr. Bernard Crandall of Pontiac, Michigan. Although Bernie hails from the state of West Virginia he has made Michigan his home for some 16 years now. About the year 1968 the unicycling bug got to Bernie. He and his two sons Floyd and Clyde all learned to ride. It wasn't long thereafter that he started the Pontiac Unicyclists, a group that was destined to become well known not only in the midwest but throughout this country and in Europe.

Last year Bernie, his wife Pauline, and 22 of the Pontiac Unicyclists made a 25 day tour of Europe where they performed in Austria, Italy, and Germany. They took part in some 13 parades including ones in Salzburg and Munich. They also put on 11 shows, one of which was televised throughout Europe. Upon returning from Europe Bernie conducted early morning practice sessions (7 AM) for his group to prepare them for the National Unicycle Meet that was to be held in Marion, Ohio in August 1974. The sessions paid off and the Pontiac Unicyclists won all the major trophies and a good share of the medals.

Bernie, an excellent mechanic and welder, made all of the club's dozens of chain driven unicycles which vary in height from 4 to 20 feet. Most of these are in the six to fourteen foot range while the 20 foot one is a show cycle that is expertly ridden by his son Floyd. Floyd is one of the country's most outstanding amateur unicyclists. He not only rides the mile in 4:36.6 but has mastered an impressive array of tricks that includes an Evel Knievel type jump in which he clears seven people laying prone in front of a take-off ramp.

When the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. was formally organized in 1973, by 14 of the nation's outstanding leaders of the sport, Bernie Crandall was chosen to be the first president. He took office in January 1974. Under his leadership the Society grew from less than 100 members to over 600 in two years. At the annual membership meeting, immediately following the National Meet in 1974, Bernie was re-elected for a second term. Although a tireless worker, and a real pro at conducting races and competitions, reading a list of his last year's activities will explain why Bernie decided not to run for a third term. In the past year the Pontiac Unicyclists have participated in 105 parades and entertainments. In addition to these activities Bernie, in the past 7 years, has completed construction of some 200 unicycles in his shop and still found time to make a few visits to relatives in West Virginia and to correspond with many unicyclists about the country.

Bernie's better half, Pauline, is likewise a tireless worker. Her beaming smile, calm disposition, and down to earth friendliness makes the Crandall house seem like home to any visitor 2 minutes after he sets foot therein. Between them Bernie and Pauline manage to keep up with an unimaginable schedule and are rightfully proud of the accomplishments of their two boys Floyd and Clyde, and of the entire group of Pontiac Unicyclists. At the recent 1975 National Unicycle Meet Aug. 16, 17th the Pontiac Unicyclists once more took the lion's share of the trophies and medals.

Aside from his outstanding giraffe cycles Bernie has constructed some beautiful large wheel unicycles from wooden buggy wheels. Some even have rubber tires and have diameters as large as hhm. When the Crandalls pack their unicycles, ramps, and other props on top of their camper and start driving to an engagement it is a sight to behold. The lh' & 20' unicycles strapped lengthwise on top of the camper are always an eyecatcher and enough to make fellow motorists suspect they are following a circus.

Too often credit and thanks are given to fellow humans only after they have made their demise. Bernie is only 63, and, with his present energy and health, it appears he will be around for some time to come. Even so, your ed. is certain that those of us who know him would like to express their thanks to him publicly for all that he has done for the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. and for unicycling in general, and to wish him the best of everything in years to come.



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

The 1975 National Unicycle Meet would never have been the success it was without the help of many dedicated groups and individuals. Following is a list of the general staff of the 1975 Meet. To them and to our tireless President, Bernie Crandall, who was also the Gen. Mgr. and conducted the Races and Competitions we can only offer a big THANKS.

Gen. Mgr. Bernard Crandall

Announcer

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Paul Donovan

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Concessions

Carol Joyner

Vernon Price

Ron Frost

Sherry Joyner

Charles Elliott

Mary Ann Swackhamer

Ken Joyner

JUDGES:

Charles Berry, Watsonville, California William Putas, Longview, Washington

David Jenkins, Mansfield, Ohio

John Jenack, Westbury, L.I., New York Wally Watts, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA

Immediately after the close of the 1975 National Unicycle Meet the Annual Membership meeting of the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. was called to order. It was held in the southeast corner of the Pontiac Mall and utilized chairs and tables rented for the Meet. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved Bill Jenack, founder and incorporator of the U-S-A Inc. read the annual report of directors and gave a general progress report. Highlights were: Since last year our membership has increased from 272 to 602, many of which consist of families with 3 or more active unicyclists .- Sales of Dr. Wiley's THE UNICYCLE BOOK and BASIC CIRCUS SKILLS books through the newsletter resulted in sufficient added income to enable the newsletter to be increased to its present size .- Copies of the Director's Report and Financial Statements are on file with the secretary in the organisation files. Election of Officers for 1976 was held and the new officers are:

Paul Fox, 983 East Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302 President: John White, 1311 North Curtin, State College, Pa. 16801

Sec'y Treas. Dick Haines, 592 Miami, Marion, Chio 43302

The January 1976 issue of the newsletter will contain an introduction to each of the above.

A motion was made and carried to increase annual membership dues to \$5.00 beginning Jan. 1, 1976. This was deemed necessary because of rising printing costs, postal rates, and the tapering off of our book sales (most everyone has a book now).

After a lengthy discussion in regard to holding the 1976 national meet in another area of the country, namely Longview, Washington, to make our organization appear more national in character, it was felt that a much larger participation would result if it were held in the more dense unicycle belt in midwest ac Marion, Ohio was chosen for 1976. As far as being national in scope our membership list itself affirms that we are not only national but international in character. Many of us after hearing Bill Putas describe beautiful Longview, and seeing some of their Chamber of Commerce literature, felt like saying Yes, by all means, lets hold it there. However for the good of the largest number of members and the society itself it was deemed most expedient to hold the 1976 Meet in Marion, Ohio. Serious consideration is being given however to holding the 1967 meet in Longview or the far west.

The annual meeting lasted close to an hour with considerable participation from the fifty one members who stayed for the meeting. From the interest shown it appears we have a very enthusiastic mambership and the coming year promises to be one of even more rapid growth.

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Boys 24" 220 Yds  1st Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich. 3rd Kevin Tilton, Pontiac, Mich.	:30.4 :31.4 :32.0
Girls under 12 20" 100 Yds lst Laura Donovan, Pontiac, Mich.  2nd Debbie Fox, Marion, Ohio  3rd Becky McKinnis, Marion, Ohio	:19.2 :21.5 :21.8
Boys under 12 20" 100 Yds lst Paul Donovan, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Wayne Haines, Marion, Ohio 3rd Jeff Dean, Pontiac, Mich.	:19.6 :21.7 :22.5
Girls under 12 24 100 Yds 1st Marie Barrett, Pontiac, Mich.	:21.2
Boys under 12 24" 100 Yds lst Mark Eaglen, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Todd Bass, Pontiac, Mich. 3rd Kevin Eaglen, Pontiac, Mich.	:16.5 :19.6 :20.3
Girls under 12 20" 220 Yds lst Laura Donovan, Pontiac, Nich.  2nd Karen Hill, Pontiac, Mich.  3rd Susie Schwab, Tiffin, Ohio	:43.6 :46.2 :50.7
Boys under 12 20" 220 Yds lst. Paul Donovan, Pontiac, Nich. 2nd Jeff Dean, Pontiac, Nich. 3rd Shannon Upham, Pontiac, Nich.	:49.0 :56.9
	:45.6
Boys under 12 24" 220 Yds lst Mark Eaglen, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Bill Brickford, Redford, Mich. 3rd Todd Bass, Pontiac, Mich.	:37.6 :41.1 :44.2
Girls under 12 20" 440 Yds 1st Laura Donovan, Pontiac, Mich.	1:35.1

EVENT			
	PLACE	WINNER	TIME
Boys under 12 20" 440 Yds	1st	Paul Donovan, Pontiac, Mich.	1:33.2
	2nd	Jeff Dean, Pontiac, Mich.	1:44.8
	3rd	Shannon Upham, Pontiac, Mich.	1:51.8
Cirls under 12 24" 440 Yds	1st 2nd	Marie Barrett, Pontiac, Mich. Ami Lair, Barberton, Ohio	1:35.7
Boys under 12 24" 440 Yds	1st 2nd 3rd	Mark Eaglen, Pontiac, Lich. Tom Sedden, Marion, Ohio Todd Bass, Pontiac, Lich.	1:20.1 1:30.5 1:36.1
Girls 20m 440 Yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	1:28.2
	2nd	Gwyn McIntosh, Pontiac, Mich.	1:32.1
	3rd	Robin Dean, Pontiac, Mich.	1:34.3
Boys 20" LLLO Yds	1st	Davey Upham, Pontiac, Mich.	1:20.6
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	1:22.1
	3rd	Steve Poindexter, Barberton, Ohio	1:58.7
Girls 24° 440 Yds	1st	Penny Elliott, Pontiac, Mich.	1:11.8
	2nd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich.	1:12.4
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Mich.	1:14.7
Boys 24" 1440 Yds .	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	1:02.0
	2nd	John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	1:08.2
	3rd	Jim Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	1:09.8
Girls 20 880 Yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	3:08.5
	2nd	Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio	3:16.4
	3rd	Robin Dean, Pontiac, Mich.	3:16.7
Boys 20" 880 Yds	1st	Davey Upham, Pontiac, Mich.	2:25.2
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	3:00
	3rd	Paul Pratt, Marion, Ohio	3:23.2
Girls 24" 880 Yds	1st 2nd 3rd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Nich. Penny Elliott, Pontiac, Nich. Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Mich.	2:37.1 2:39.1 2:48.7
Boys 24" 880 Yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	2:12.8
	2nd	Kevin Tilton, Pontiac, Mich.	2:26.7
	3rd	Dwayne Tilton, Pontiac, Mich.	2:27.6
Girls One Leg 50 Yds	1st 2nd 3rd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich. Penny Elliott, Pontiac, Mich. Robin Dean, Pontiac, Lich.	:10.2 :11.8 :11.9
Boys One Leg 50 Yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	:08.42
	2nd	John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	:10.01
	3rd	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich	:10.02
Girls Backward 50 Yds	1st	Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Mich.	:11.9
	2nd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich.	:12.4
	3rd	Gwyn McIntosh, Pontiac, Mich.	:13.4
Boys Backward 50 Yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Nich.	:10.8
	2nd	Jim Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	:11.9
	3rd	John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	:12.0
Girls 1/1 Chain Drive 100 Yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	:20.5
	2nd	Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio	:20.6
	3rd	Sharon Novik, Marion, Ohio	:22.7
Boys 1/1 Chain Drive 100 Yds .	1st	Paul Pratt, Marion, Ohio	:21.3
	2nd	Ralph Stock, Marion, Ohio	:21.4
	3rd	Fred Miller, Marion, Ohio	:22.6

EVENT	PLACE	WINNER	TIME
Girls Special Ch. Drive 100 Yds	1st 2nd 3rd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Michigan Gwyn McIntosh, Pontiac, Mich. Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Mich.	:17.3 :17.4 :18.6
Boys Special Ch. Drive 100 Yds	1st 2nd 3rd	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich. Davey Upham, Pontiac, Mich. John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich.	:15.5 :15.9 :16.3
Girls Relay 1440 Yds	lst	Sue Donovan, Penny Elliott, Kathy	1:08.6
	2nd	Skinner, Robin Dean, Pontiac, Mich. Mary Suchta, Ruth Ann McNeill, Dorothy	1:19.1
	3rd	Fisher, Linda Donovan, Pontiac, Mich. Cathy Fox, Sharon Novik, Holly Baker, Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	1:21.9
Boys Relay 110 Yds	lst	Floyd Crandall, Jim Kruse, John	1:02.4
	2nd	Kruse, Davey Upham, Pontiac, Mich. Kevin Tilton, Dwayne Tilton, Clyde	1:06.7
	3rd	Crandall, Aaron Swackhamer, Pontiac 1 i. Wayne Starner, Mike & Steve Poindexter Mark Douglas, Barberton, Ohio	1:15.8
Girls One Mile	1st 2nd	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	5:24.5
*	3rd	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich. Penny Elliott, Pontiac, Mich.	5:25.4 5:35.6
Boys One Mile	1st 2nd 3rd	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich. Davey Upham, Pontiac, Mich. Dwayne Tilton, Pontiac, Mich.	4:36.8 5:00 5:02.7
Jver age 30 One Mile	1st 2nd 3rd	Orland Reynolds, Marquette, Mich. Jay Upham, Pontiac, Mich. Paul Fox, Marion, Ohio	6:23.6 6:26 6:26.1
One Mile Open - for those who did not compete in other mile races	1st 2nd 3rd	John Kruse, Pontiac, Mich. Mike Wilson, Redford, Mich. Mark Eaglen, Pontiac, Mich.	5:26.1 5:31 5:32.7

#### FINAL TROPHY WINNERS - INDIVIDUAL & GROUP FORMATION & TRICK RIDING & OBSTACLE COURSE

Girls Individual Trick Riding:

lst Sally White, State College, Pa.

2nd Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio

Girls Chain Drive Trick Riding:

lst TIE Kathy Skinner, Pontiac

Carol Haines, Marion

2nd Permy Elliott, Pontiac, Mich.

Group Formation Riding:

lst Paul Fox Unicyclists, Marion, Ohio

2nd Pontiac Unicyclists, Pontiac, Mich.

Girls Obstacle Course:

1st Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Mich. :23.6
2nd Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich. :23.9

Boys Individual Trick Riding:

1st Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.

Boys Chain Drive Trick Riding:

1st Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.

Group Trick Riding:

1st Pontiac Unicyclists, Pontiac, Mich. 2nd Paul Fox Unicyclists, Marion, Ohio

Boys Obstacle Course:

1st Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, :20.9 2nd Jim Kruse, Pontiac, Mich. :22.1

Best Uni Group in Parade - Pontiac Unicyclists Best Non Uni - Redford Union H.S. Band

.. UNICYCLE 1975 - Floyd Crandall, Pontiac MISS UNICYCLE 1975 - Penny Elliott, Pontiac Best Overall Group - Pontiac Unicyclists, Pontiac, Michigan

PRIZES: 8' Uni - Doris Harris, Pontiac 6' Uni - Michael Epcak - Dearborn, Mich.

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#### PAGE 9 1-5 Floyd Crandall in trouble on 20' See paragraph at bottom of page Mark Douglas - Uniques' Zig Zag Whirlwheels - clown w Big Feet Penny Elliott, Kathy Skinner 1975 and 1974 Queens 9 MR. AND MISS UNICYCLE 1975 Floyd Crandall, Penny Elliott 10 Elaine Bass, Bill Jenack See par. 4, page 12 11 Uniques - Gymnastics on wheels 12 The National Meet Cake Jeff Dean, Jackie Robertson 13 Our V.P. Paul Fox Ron Reynolds, Skipping Rope 15 Sally White - Whirlwheels One footing it on wagon wheel 16 Dr. Reynolds - Ultimate Wheel See paragraph 1, page 12 17 4 on 1 Floyd and Clyde Crandall

Julie Heuser, Dayna Nixon

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Club Banners
18 Pontiac Unicyclists
19 Paul Fox Unicycla Club
20 The Uniques
21 Whirl Wheels

22 Redford Township

23 Off and Running - the races

24 Clown with Streaker Tie Bill Mayfield 25 Elaine Bass See paragraph 4, page 12

26 Ken Britton, Canandaigua, N.Y. & our Pres. Bernie Crandall

27 Dave Marty - Tiffin Ohio of Cyclathon For World Hunger

28 Penny Elliott - Our Queen

29 Kathy Skinner, Ruth McNeil Giraffe races

#### BOTTOM INSERT

Floyd Crandall gaing into his Hair-Raising Spin

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30 Our Colorful Clowns: B. Dean, R.Frost, J. Upham, B. Mayfield, S. Upham, B. Nixon, K. Joyner

31 Blind Unicyclist John Lizza in parade with your ed.

32 Pontiac Unicyclists go into a drill during prade

33 Fred Miller, Rhonda Rentscheler

34 Pauline Crandall, Bob Dean with VROOM engine unicycle

35 Jeff Dean with perky
"Small Fry Giraffe"

36 Wally Watts & Ken Britton Swapping cycles

37 Andrea Eaglen - Even the spectators are happy at a NUM

38 Sue Dean, Ken Britton "Someone has to be last"

39 John Jenack - Juggling 3 clubs & 5 balls

40 The Amazing Dr. Reynolds See Paragraph 1, page 12

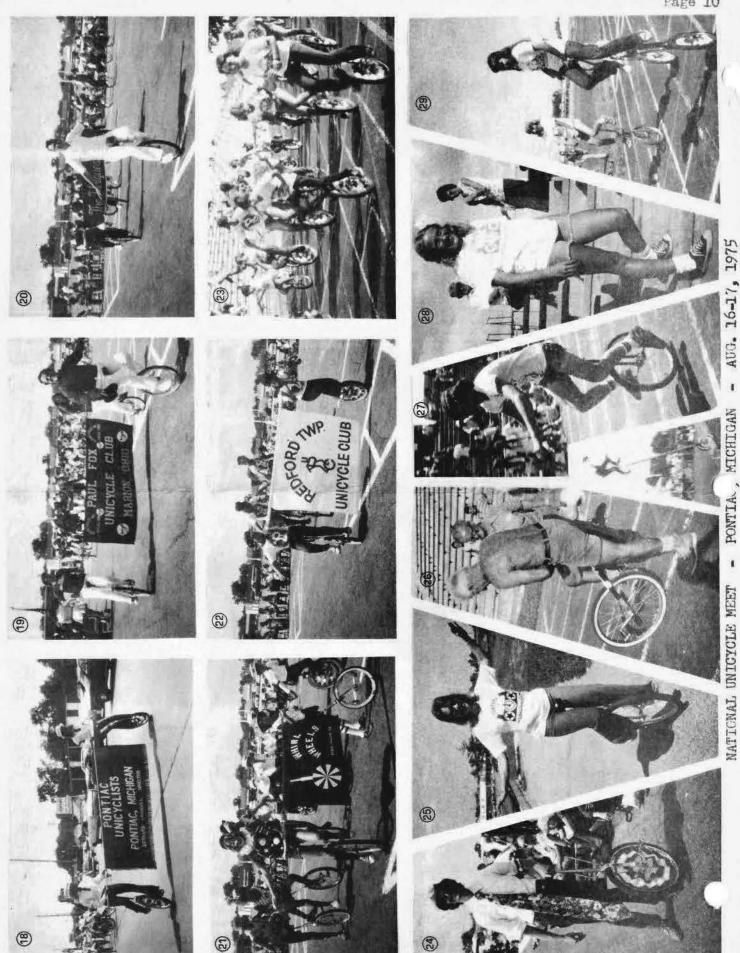
hl Floyd "Evel Knievel" Crandall leaping six girls from ramp

One of the thrills and chills spectators received at the 1975 National Unicycle Meet was when FLOYD CRANDALL had to abort his exhibition ride on the 20 foot unicycle. Immediately after leaving his starting place (lamp post & extension ladder), Floyd ran into difficulty with roughness in his chain drive and panic ensued. He was afraid to attempt a 180 turn to get back to the lamp post for fear of losing the chain altogether. Instead he elected to stick with it and very slowly and carefully rode toward the narrow grass curb strip directly across the parking field at Elizabeth Lake Road. The sequence of photos at top of next page, taken by your ed. is a pictorial account of the 30 sec. drama. Pic #1 shows Floyd climbing on at lamp post. Pic #2 shows him starting to ride toward the judges stand. Pic #3 he is in trouble - his Dad has run out, and is prepared to hold bottom of cycle so it will fall more slowly if chain comes off completely. Pic #4 he is within 15 ft of the grassy curb strip, his Dad and Jim Kruse are holding the bottom of the cycle, Don Jyner is waiting to catch upper part, and Floyd and the cycle are on their way down. Pic #5 Floyd is just leaving the saddle, Don catches the cycle, and Don Morgan is waiting on the highway to catch Floyd if he overshoots. Floyd did a beautiful roll on the grass and came up on his feet, unhurt, on Elizabeth Lake Road. There was a moment of silence, followed by a few Whews, then a big cheer went up for Floyd.

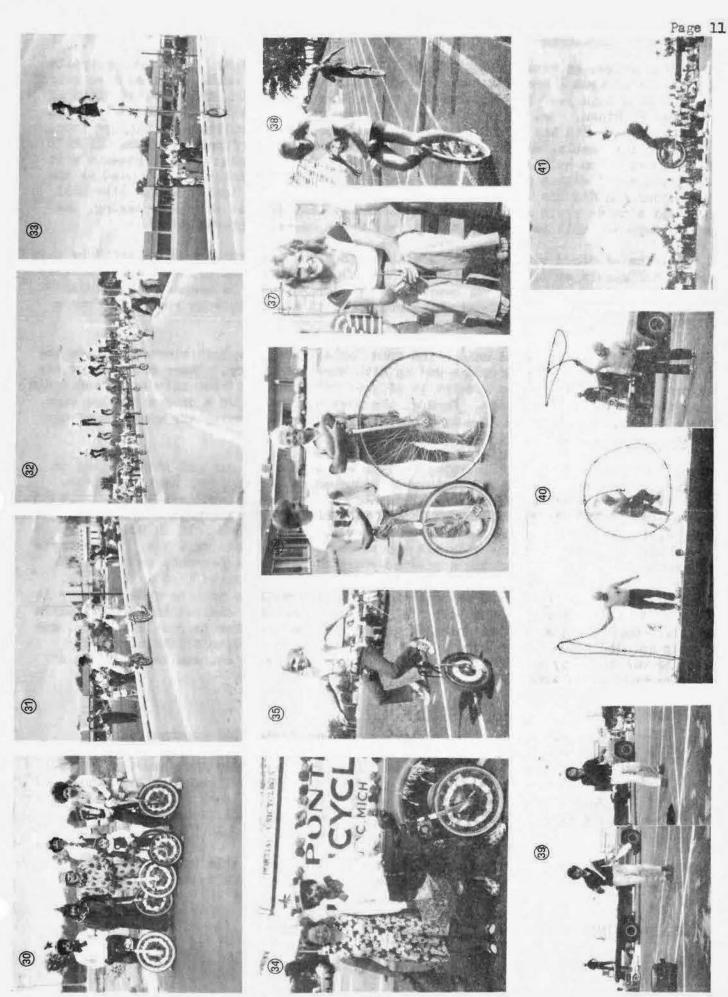
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It has been suggested that a new LORD OF THE WHEEL trophy might be an appropriate award to bestow upon a most outstanding unicyclist in future meets. Had such an award been presented this year it very probably would have gone to DR. ORLAND B. REYNOLDS of Marquette, Michigan. Dr. Reynolds amazed everyone not only with his speed and stamina in the races but with his outstanding riding and performing ability. He skipped rope, He rode the big wheels, and he astounded everyone with his performance on the ULTIMATE WHEEL. In addition he held the audience spellbound during Sunday's entertainment with his amazing skill with a rope. When he got up on the large flat-bed truck used as the judges stand and did his Texas Skip and other routines with a lariat it was like Will Rogers was with us again and people could scarcely believe what they were seeing. We hope Dr. Reynolds will return again next year for a repeat performance.

And, speaking of 'Lord of the Wheel' - after witnessing the exhibitions of skill by this year's trick riders at the National Meet one could conclude that Dr. Shannon's requirements for that title (see Apr '74 newsletter Pg 7) might well be amended to include: "Ride an Off-center Ultimate Wheel, with one foot, up a straightedge ramp, and down a set of steps".

JOHN LIZZA, the totally blind unicyclist from Carle Place, New York elected to ride the entire parade route this year and ended up with energy to spare. Those who knew of his handicap were thrilled to see him let go of your Ed's hand and ride solo again and again during the course of the parade. During the meet John provided a unique service when it came to drawing names out of a hat for prizes. There was never any question of him sneaking a peek while drawing was being made.

Did you ever hear of a person learning to ride a unicycle one day and then putting on a public performance the next? Such is what happened at the National Meet this year. ELAINE BASS, a non unicycling mother, of two of the Pontiac Unicyclists, suddenly decided she would like to try riding and asked your Ed. if he would give her his short course during a hull in the activities on Saturday. He did, and half an hour later she was riding up and down the sidewalk and around the buildings with him. For Sunday's program the following day someone suggested your Ed. make an appearance on a unicycle. Seems some members had never seen him on one and some even doubted that he knew how. As a compromise your Ed. agreed to do a ride on with Mrs. Bass just to show how easy it really is to learn to ride a unicycle. Elaine had apparently sneaked in a little extra practice Sunday morning and was doing so great that, in addition to just riding on, she and your ed. did a few fancy turns and as luck would have it didn't fall off once. Guess she was as happy with the way it all worked out as your ed. was to have such a pretty partner for his public appearance.

# SOCIETY ON THE POWER MENT

#### NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET TEE SHIRTS

To cover costs of printing program and incidental expenses of the National Unicycle Meet, Paul Fox had some souvenir Tee Shirts made up which were sold at the meet. There were a few left over and if any members are interested in obtaining this collector's item send Paul \$3.50 (\$3 for shirt plus 50¢ postage) for each shirt desired and specify size - He has adult sizes Small, Med. & Lg. Address is:

Paul Fox, 983 E. Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302

Should you also be interested in obtaining one of the neat little Pins or Charms sold at the National Meet see note in middle of page 19 of this issue of newsletter.

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MISC. NEWS ITEMS: Page 13

The SUNDAY DAILY RECORD of July 27, 1975 ran a beautiful full page color photo of 14 year WALTER SCHWARE of Whippany, New Jersey, delivering newspapers on his unicycle. Walt also had another photo in the newspapers this summer. It was of him riding his unicycle on his way to the airport in Flanders, a distance of 20 miles. Latest word is that Walt can now scramble on his 6' giraffe without a curb or starting block. He just got his giraffe the middle of July so congratulations are in order for such rapid progress. We're sure to hear more of Walt in days to come.

With money saved mostly from baby sitting jobs ll year old KATIE HORTON of Pasadena, Calif. recently flew to New York to visit your ed. Object of the trip was to rendezvous with a girlfriend BETSY LANGAN of Greenwich, Conn. and with help of your ed. teach Betsy to ride the unicycle. A Saturday afternoon session was so successful that on Sunday Betsy rode with your ed. entirely around the lake as Nassau County's beautiful Eisenhower Park. Highlight of the ride was when passengers in a passing steamboat on the lake stood up and cheered. Needless to say Betsy was elated and Katie delighted that her trip east was such a success. Betsy, who is quite a sailor, has visions of trying to ride a unicycle on the deck of a large sailboat while it is under sail. It goes without saying - we hope she remembers to don a life jacket.

After the National Meet WALLY WATTS, with his 42" wheel uni upon which he rode 4550 miles across Canada in 1973, came east to visit the New England area. For his round-the-world trip starting in April 1976 Wally plans to use a somewhat similar cycle which he now has under construction. He phoned High Step Bicycle Co. in Milwaukee, ordered the spokes, & picked them up on his way back to Edmonton. Incidentally, like everything else, cost of spokes has gone up so if you are planning to build such a large wheel unicycle yourself be prepared to pay as much as a dollar each for the long heavy duty spokes. Wally went home almost broke after his stop in Milwaukee. His old 42" wheel he left with your ed. as a back up cycle to be shipped to him in an emergency. Although a Japanese unicyclist traveled around the world with a unicycle a few years ago Wally plans to actually ride his unicycle as much of the trip as possible, using public transportation only to cross bodies of water on the route. His trip is tentatively planned to start with a flight from New York City to Northern Scotland from whence he will start pedaling south, fly across the channel, and continue pedaling south and east. He eventually plans to arrive on west coast of USA and complete his round-the-world ride by riding his unicycle the breadth of U.S. to his starting point New York City.

JIM DANDY, professional unicyclist of Concord, California sent your ed. a novel picture recently. Its a photo of him riding a giraffe and balancing a dollar bill on his nose. Looks like this might be strictly an indoor stunt, with spectators being requested to kindly hold their breath. Jim, who is 69, is one of the old time top vaudeville unicyclists and has performed all over the world. In an upcoming issue of this newsletter his life story and the incredible things he does on his novel unicycles will both entertain and amaze you. Most recently (Sept. 13,11, 1975) he performed his unicycle/balancing act with Kaye Continental, a Shrine sponsored circus, that played San Jose, California.

FRANCIS SMITH of Seattle, Washington, a flight engineer with United Airlines, flew to New York Sept. 4th and was picked up by your ed. at JFK Airport. For two days he and your ed. had a busy time riding and discussing unicycles and unicycling. Smitty recently purchased one of Frank Malick's motorized unicycles and has spent some time with Frank in Pittsburgh learning about the circuitry associated with its electronic control. Someday your ed. hopes to check out on such a vehicle. Sounds like fun - riding a unicycle you don't have to pedal.

Upon returning from the National Unicycle Meet JOHN JENACK joined THE CIRCUS KINGDOM and performed with them for the remainder of their tour in New York, New Jersey, Penna. and Washington D.C. It was a fun way to end the summer and John thoroughly enjoyed the prortunity to meet other performers and to make use of the circus skills developed the past few years. He has now returned to college where he will again assist in teaching juggling and unicycling in the Circus Arts Program of Nassau Community College, Garden City, New York.

MISC. NEWS ITEMS:

As predicted in the July newsletter the INTERNATIONAL JUGGLER'S CONVENTION held in Youngstown, Ohio July 31 - Aug 3, 1975 was the greatest in history with close to 200 jugglers in attendance. Although the thermometer outside hovered around 100 degrees the air conditioned IMCA Gym, in which the convention was held, was the scene of constant activity. The number of new ideas and the help jugglers, new and old, received and gave to each other plus the showing of old films of such incredible jugglers as Bobby May was most impressive. Also impressive were many incidental things noted by your ed. such as: KEN BENGE holding a juggling club in each of his outstretched arms and sitting completely motionless of a unicycle for some time; HOVEY & JUDY BURGESS displaying their extreme versatility in all types of juggling; the amazing young WEINHOLDT boys RICK and TOM juggling and passing clubs while rocking on their giraffes; PAM DOYLE of Lexington, Kentucky doing her first-place winning juggling of five batons and then later amazing the other jugglers by learning to ride a unicycle sufficiently well in ten minutes to ride with your ed. entirely around the gym without falling. Your Ed's only disappointment came when he had to leave early and was unable to meet in person BOBBY MAY and ART JENNINGS, two of the world's greatest, who were in attendance at the closing ceremonies. President DICK FRANCIS and the entire IJA staff are to be congratulated for putting on this greatest jugglers convention of all time.

The Aug 18, 1975 issue of HANG GLIDER WEEKLY carried a complete account of one of our members, DON BOYLES flight from the world's highest suspension bridge, Royal Gorge, Colorado. Concluding paragraph states: "The Hanglider used by Don was a steerable no-tube canopy type also used for jumping out of perfectly good airplanes" (a parachute). Don, an experienced sky diver, made the leap from the bridge in 1970 and landed safely. His Self-Soar leap has won him OTTO #9431 and it is listed as: "The Royal Gorge Limp Hanglider Jump". Don is now an avid unicyclist and aside from teachingfamily is responsible for much of the unicycling activity seen in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RON REYNOLDS of Marquette, Michigan is in the midst of an all out effort to locate ANDY LINCOLN. Andy, as you may recall, was the boy who very much wanted information on unicycling but failed to enclose his address. (see Apr issue pg ll4) With just the first three digits of the zip code from the postmark for a clue, Ron is determined to find him. Since Ron's zip code is somewhere near Andy's he is certain Andy lives fairly close and has narrowed it down to about 80 towns. Perhaps phone directories will help but he is also endisting aid of a radio announcer in the area. If he succeeds in digging up Andy's address it will be one more example of the persistence of unicyclists - good luck Ron.

From KEN BRITTON and THE DAILY MESSENGER of Canandaigua, N.Y. Aug 11, 1975 comes a UPI article on KEVIN ERSKINE, a 20 yr old unicyclist from Denver who is out to better a 2000 Mi. record set for distance traveled on a unicycle by a Las Vegas man (STEVE MCPEAK - one of our founder members). The article states he started his trip June 9th from Denver, Colo. and had already cycled some 1500 miles through Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Washington and hoped to complete his trip by his 21st birthday Nov. 16. An interesting note - your Ed's unicycling niece FAYE SULLIVAN, met him by coincidence in Denver last June just as he was starting on his trip. A 2000 mile plus ride on a unicycle is not to be sneezed at but we wonder if Kevin is aware of another of our member, WALLY WATTS' 14550 mile unicycle ride, coast to coast, across Canada in 1973. His story was featured in our April 1974 newsletter.

On Pg 12 of the Sept. 1975 issue of THE NEWS, a publication of the State University of New York, JOHN JENACK is seen juggling clubs and riding his unicycle. In the article entitled "Nassau Phys. Ed. Option Gives Theatre Students Big-Top-Jitters" another of our members, DR. KENNETH VESELAK, describes the new Physical Education concept at NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE where a CIRCUS ARTS course is available to Theatre Majors. The course was developed along with others to offer a meaningful choice of physical activities to the average student. John Jenack assisted in the 1974-75 program by teaching the juggling and unicycling.

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The SIKORSKI Brothers, TOM, ALBERT, & LARRY, Unicycling & Juggling Clowns of Baltimore, Md. have a great 2 page write-up, with photos, in the Sept. 1975 issue of BOYS' LIFE magazine. Their Dad, Bert, "TREBLA SR." is also a clown and former presedent of CLOWNS OF AMERICA INC. Larry "TREBLA JR." has worked summers recently with MUDY BROS. CIRCUS and CIRCUS KIRK and is carrying on the tradition. Should any of our readers be serious about Clowning, it is suggested they write to CALLIOPE Magazine (Official publication of Clowns of America, Inc.) Address is 717 Beverly Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21222. They will do everything they can to help.

THE PAUL FOX UNICYCLISTS of Marion, Ohio have had a busy summer. They held their 4th annual RIDE-A-THON on Sun. Sept 21, at the Southland Mall from 12 noon to 6 PM. The first male and female cyclists to complete the 26 mile course were FRED MILLER and CATHY FOX. Miller's time was 2 hrs, 47 min. and Fox's 3 hrs, 10 min. Trophies also went to the oldest and the youngest unicyclists to finish the course. The oldest went to DICK HAINES (our new Sec'y Treas. for 1976) and to Richie Riley. Of the 37 riders that started, 19 were able to complete the course in the alotted time. ROCKY'S CYCLERY of Marion furnished the trophies for the event and the local McDonalds supplied orange drink for the cyclists.

At the INTERNATIONAL MINING FESTIVAL held in Cadiz, Ohio, Sept. 20th the Paul Fox Unicyclists took 3rd place in the 'best entertainment' category.

After attending the INTERNATIONAL JUGGLERS CONVENTION in Youngstown, Ohio, July 31 - Aug 3, JOHN JENACK continued on to Marion where he spent two weeks with the Paul Fox unicyclists then accompanied them to Pontiac for the National Meet. While a guest in Marion John rode with the Fox Cyclists. The BELLEFONTAINE EXAMINER of Sat. Aug 9, carried a picture of him juggling and riding his giraffe as he accompanied the unicyclists in a parade in that city.

Following the National Meet, BILL and MARY JENACK spent two days in Hamilton, Chic, visiting with JOE RUSSO, Pres. and TED McGUIRE, Director of "The Greatest Little show on Earth" the HAMILTON MINI-CIRCUS. In addition to looking over their equipment, visiting their Circus Lot, and meeting some of their youthful performers the Jenacks had an opportunity to see first hand the 34'5" unicycle built by HECKY PRATT'S Dad and ridden by DANNY HAYNES on Aug. 22. 1974 to set a new world's record for the highest unicycle.

Unicyclist HAL RADIN of Verona, New York attended the GARBO & BERKY Clown Workshop (School for Buffoons) held Aug 18 - Sept 6 in South Paris, Maine, as noted in July newsletter pg 5. He reports the three week comprehensive course was most interesting and was particularly fascinated with the actual field work carried on in nearby towns. He had his unicycle with him and was able to make use of it in the above mentioned activity. Indications are that Garbo and Berky will be holding more of these Clown Workshops and your ed. will try to keep you posted on the dates.

Last minute letter from WARREN WOOD, Director of THE GREAT Y CIRCUS, Redlands, California brings news of their busier than ever season. Warren reports their 37th annual show in May was sold out for all 5 performances and was very well received. They had 29 unicyclists performing and their colorful new costumes and bright spiral designs in wheels made it a very showy act. With the help of BOB YERKES they finally got their new trapeze rigging up the first of Aug. and have been holding practices since then. Already they are catching & returning many stunts and are looking forward to a super trapeze presentation in 1976. In addition to their annual show The Great Y Circus enjoyed guest performances with several west coast circuses including the SHRINE CIRCUS mentioned in last newsletter, THE PAUL WRIGHT CIRCUS, THE YERKES AERIAL - STUNT & THRILL SHOW, and the LONG BEACH FIREMEN'S MEM-ORIAL ASSOC. 4th OF JULY show. RAY DUNCAN of Los Angeles based KNBC TV station also filmed a short report at Redlands that was aired during the regular 5PM News on May 15th. Photos included in Warren's letter indicates they now have a number of Rudy Yung's novel cycles restored and in use. We hope to include photos or sketches of some of them in future issue.

One of Great Y's current acts includes DAVE OLSON riding Ultimate Wheel of unique design. Sketch at left shows how cross braces instead of spokes are used thus enabling pedals to be inboard as close as possible facilitating riding. The Great Y Circus plans to have 6 performances in 1976 - we'll keep you posted on dates.

MISC.NEWS (Cont. on Pg 18)

Many unicyclists are also avid bicyclists and perhaps some would be interested in the following press release just received from GREG SIPLE of BIKECENTENNIAL 76. Greg has suggested that some of our more active unicyclists might even think about forming an All Unicycle group and get in on a part or all of the transcontinental ride in 1976.



LEADERSHIP COURSE OFFERED
ON BICYCLE TOURING

### BIKECENTENNIAL



BIKECENTENNIAL needs 1,400 leaders to run its 1976 tours across America. Over 60 separate courses are being offered throughout the United States during the next nine months. The seven day sessions include classroom and field instruction in bicycle technique, safety, repair, group dynamics, touring and special bike camping skills, and first aid. College credit is available on an optional basis.

The first two courses will be offered concurrently November 23-29 in Antioch (Yellow Springs), Ohio and Bowmansville, Pa. Cost, including food, lodging, instruction, books and materials is \$75.00. Four additional courses to be given December 17-23 and Dec. 26 to January 1, 1976 will also take place concurrently in Hemet, Ca. and Pt. Reyes, Ca.

Tours along the Trans-America Bicycle Trail vary in length from 12 to 84 days, covering up to 4,200 miles of America's most historic and scenic regions. Leaders may elect to take groups along any of the shorter sections or across the entire continent.

For further details on Leadership Training Courses and an application write:



P. O. Box 1034 Missoula, Montana 59801

Dates for CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL BICENTENNIAL SPECTACULAR 76 in PERU, INDIANA are July 16, 17, and 21 thru 24, 1976. Information contained in last newsletter didn't give vacationists much chance to plan ahead, but with the above 1976 dates you have close to 9 months to plan for next year's Super Spectacular in Peru, Indiana.

And, if you are traveling in the midwest in 1976 keep in mind that the CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM in BARABOO, WISCONSIN is open 7 days a week from mid May thru mid Sept. In addition to their outstanding Museum and collection of circus memorabilia from the 34 years that RING-LING BROS. CIRCUS winterquartered there they now have the youth from the CIRCUS ACROBATIC SCHOOL performing daily under the BIG-TOP (See Apr '75 newsletter - Pg 5) One of their fast growing and popular acts is UNICYCLING.

RINGLING BROS. & BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS (Red Unit) will be returning to eastern U.S. and has the following dates tentatively scheduled for November:

Wed. Nov. 5 - Sun. Nov. 16 Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale, Long Island, N.Y.

Wed. Nov. 19 - Sun. Nov. 23 Springfield, Massachusetts

Tues. Nov. 25 - Sun. Nov. 30 New Haven, Connecticut

It is said that BARRY LAPPY, the outstanding 10 yr. old unicyclist from England who is a featured performer with RBBB this year, has changed his act somewhat. After riding up the ramps on his giraffe, the first section of the ramp is removed and on his way down he comes to a dead end. He is still quite high off ground and it appears to be too high to jump, especially on a giraffe - but jump he does - and lands safely. If you haven't seen his neat unicycle act, and live in the east, you may wish to catch it at one of the above places before the Circus returns to winterquarters in Florida





Our July '75 issue, pg 11 carried sketches of two types of three wheel unicycles. A recent issue of the BICYCLE JOURNAL also carried an article and photo of a 3 wheeler made by one of our members EMMETT CARPENTER of HAMILTON'S BICYCLES EAST, 1622 S. Parkwood, wichita, Kans. 67218. Emmett sent us a snapshot of same and he is shown holding it at the left. With spiral or other colored decorations in the wheels it would really stand out in a parade. Emmett's cleverly simplified design and construction as shown should be of great help to others who may wish to construct a similar novel cycle. Just before going to press your ed. received a clipping from the SUNDAY ADVOCATE of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Sept. 21, 1975 with a picture and write-up that included the above mentioned uni. The article was about another U-S-A Inc. member MIKE HOL-U-BAR of that city. Mike turns out to be the customer for whom Hamilton's built the 3 wheeler. Mike is a member of THE WHEELMEN, and in addition to owning and riding an old fashioned Penny Farthing and pushing their preservation is an avid unicyclist. The picture accompanying the article showed Mike with his regular unicycle and two giraffes in addition to the old time Penny Farthing bicycle.

OPTIMISTISKA CYKLAR — särskilt användbara för timida och glada människor, som inte ser så allvarligt på saker och ting.

Det måste medges, att hjulen på den bakre cykeln inte är vår egen uppfinning. De är framställda av en skotsk hjulfabrikant.

Quite some time ago Goran Lundstrom, the prime mover behind unicycling in Sweden, sent your ed. this interesting cartoon by the famous Danish humorist Storm Pedersen. For those who do not read Swedish, the following is a literal translation of the paragraph above:

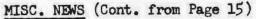
"OPTIMISTIC CYCLES - Of special use to modest and happy people, who do not take things too serious. It must be admitted that the wheels of the aft cycle are not of our invention however. They are manufactured by a Scottish manufacturer.

Goran is with the FLYTEKNISKA FORSOKSAN-STALTEN (Aeronautical Research Institute) of Sweden and recently spent 3 wks in U.S. attending symposiums and giving lectures on robots (the kind that assemble automobiles etc.) He spent the weekend of Sept. 12th with your ed. riding and talking unicycles. Hopped on Wally Watts' 42" wheel & rode it like a toy. You see Goran is something of a giant and at home in Sweden has one with a 56" wheel. UNICYCLE in Swedish by the way is ENHJULING according to Goran. In response to questionnaire sent out to members at random in regard to: Pictures in the newsletter, Publishing a roster of members and addresses, and Selection of King and Queen at National Meets, the following is the consensus of members polled.

Since the cost of printing runs so high, it might be best to limit the number of pictures used with the feature write-up each issue and to use pre-screened newspaper pictures in other articles where ever possible. Also to use more line drawings and sketches in place of photos.

In regard to roster of members - most felt the space required should not be sacrificed but rather that a separate roster of members be made available for those interested for say 25¢ plus a self addressed return envelope. It is hoped to have such available 1-1-76.

Selection of King and Queen for the National Meet seemed to boil down to what one senior member summed up very succinctly as follows: "Most of us know its a publicity gimmick, and we're careful about our public image. It is only right therefore that we take precautions. A lot of votes could be cast out of sympathy, pity, or to show how tolerant we are of underprivileged minorities - or we might permit a pushy person to get in, and then have them say all the wrong things at the wrong time. If we go to the trouble and expense of having such an election we want it to work FOR us. We could have a committee, or group of judges, approve candidates. They could narrow the field to a dozen or fewer. Then, whether elected by the members, by applause from an audience, or from names drawn out of a hat, we'll get a King and Queen who is good for our image." Incidentally the 1975 candidates were picked by our meet judges who, over the two day period, observed and wrote down the registration numbers worn by the cyclists they thought best fit the role of a clean cut, happy, well liked, accomplished unicyclist who was solicitous of others welfare, and who would be good for our public image. This turned out to be quite a task as so many of our members fit into that category. In the end the judges wrote down the numbers of five boys and five girls they deemed best qualified and put them in a hat. Our blind unicyclist John Lizza then drew the name of the boy and girl who were given the title Mr. and Miss Unicycle 1975. From your editor's point of view this seemed to be as fair a way as possible. Almost 100% of the replies received from members on this question favored abolishing the titles completely if it results in any discord or hard feelings among members. Your ed. would like to see it retained but possibly a stipulation made that a member could accept Bill Jenack the honor but once.



Sketch at left was taken from recent letter of one of our members MIKE LAIER, who is attending Art School in Minneapolis. It looks like Mike has a good start in the right direction.

A Bike Shop patronized by the WHIRLWHEELS of State College, Pa. offers cyclists the following tip to extend life of unicycle tire:

"Let air out and carefully rotate tire about 90 degrees being careful not to move or tear the innertube. This moves the worn spot to a less used area".

RAY EROUGHTON of THE UNIQUES, Barberton, Ohio reports 28 of their riders made their annual trip to St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada for the Grape Festival and as usual they were very well received. Additional news is that Local KIWANIS CLUB has given them financial support and they are having some giraffes built for club. ROUNDUP, Oct. 5 in PONTIAC had some 60 cyclists participating. This event usually concluded season but PONTIAC UNICYCLISTS have become so well known they now keep busy most of the year. Oct.13 they will be in Columbus Day Parade, N.Y.City, Oct. 25 they will be in Terra Haute, Ind., Nov 22 in Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 23, in Wheeling, W.Va., Nov. 27 in Detroit, and Nov. 29 in Canada. January newsletter will carry more about those activities.

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Again we would like to remind readers that this is your newsletter. It is our desire to include things that are 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.

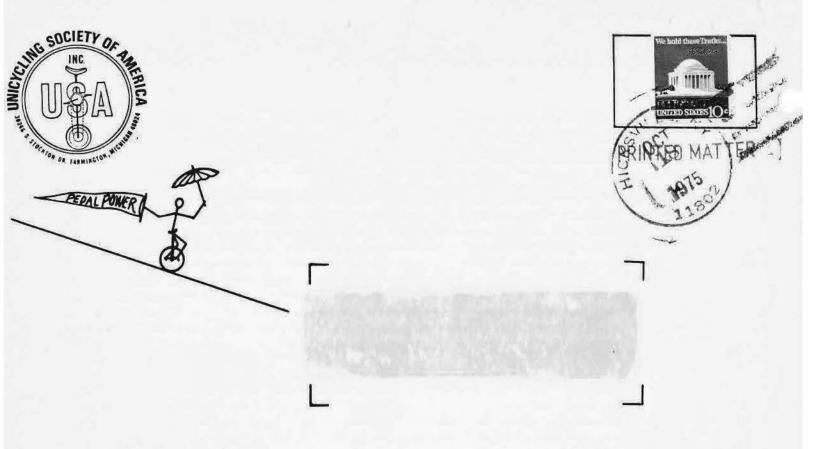
Because of increased postal rates and printing costs it was voted at the annual meeting Aug. 17, 1975 to increase the Membership Dues and Newsletter Subscription to 5 starting Jan. 1, 1976. Additional family memberships however will remain at 50¢ each for members of same household. Renewals and/or extensions of current memberships will be accepted at the old rate of 63 until Jan 1, 1976. If you are looking to save a couple bucks send in your renewal immediately. Upon looking at address label on your last newsletter you will note the "X" and number following your name denotes with which issue your present subscription expires. For example a (X 4-76) after your name would indicate the last issue you would receive under present subscription would be Apr. '76. Check your label-denew today.



#### UNICYCLE PINS AND CHARMS

Bernie Crandall had a number of neat little Unicycle Pins and Charns made up and when sold at the Meet went like hotcakes. There were two styles - one with pin and one with loop for chain, for boy or girl. Full size appearance of this neat silver like pin is as at left. An additional 50 of each were procured for sale through your newsletter editor © 32.00 each plus a stamped return envelope. Specify whether you wish Pin or Charm. Your Mewsletter Editor's address appears below.

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