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FELLOW UNICYCLISTS: Summer is rapidly approaching and we are all looking forward to our National Unicycle Meet, Aug. 20-21, in Marion, Ohio. The Planning Meeting for this event, announced in the Jan. newsletter, was held Mar 6 and arrangements finalized for the rules and regulations governing the meet. Information for those planning to attend will be found on pages 12,13,14. We would like to remind participants to register early by mail and avoid the 50¢ late registration fee. The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for 9:30 on Sun. Aug 21. Since your present Newsletter Editor does not feel he can continue after Jan. 1978 it is suggested some serious thought be given ahead of time to appointing or electing his successor. Your Ed. Bill Jenack



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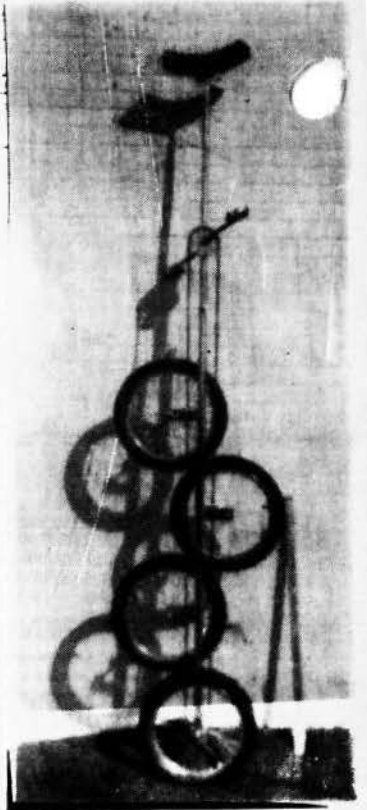
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UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, I.C. - NUMBER 4-77

Back in the year 1910, in Wichita, Kansas, Cecil B.T. Hamilton opened up a bike shop that was destined to become one of the outstanding custom cycle shops in the country. Prior to settling in Wichita he had taken up the bike business in the year 1895 in Columbus, Ohio. "Hammy" as he was affectionately called, built many cycles for handicapped people and many special cycles for circus use. Whenever a circus played the area he would visit the performers and ask them what repairs they needed or what special cycles they would like to have constructed. His shop also sponsored bicycle racers and from 1925 to 1935 one of his outstanding riders was EMMETT CARPENTER who in 1932 wound up as the Kansas State Champion. Emmett went on to college, became interested in cars, and obtained a degree in engineering with an engine design option. He worked for Chrysler as an engine designer, with Beach Aircraft Co. on the design of an electric car, and finally with Boeing Aircraft Co. designing test equipment. Emmett also married Hammy's daughter BETTIE and they maintained contact with the bike shop in Wichita. In 1954 Hammy sold the business to Emmett and Bettie but continued to work in the shop himself until his death in 1966 at age 86. Until 1970 Emmett continued to work at Boeing while Bettie ran the store. In 1970 Emmett took over and put his 25 years experience as a design engineer to work in the cycle shop. He redesigned their standard unicycle so it would have sealed bearings and for awhile built his own saddles until upholstery costs went up so much and the less expensive Messinger saddle came along. In addition to regular unicycles many chain driven giraffes were built by his shop and some of these have been seen all over the country in the performances of the MELVIN ROLER family of Greenville, Indiana. The Rolers are a family group of cyclists who have performed coast to coast in such events as the Cotton Bowl Parade etc.

The Carpenters, Emmett and Bettie maintained the good will and name of Hamilton's Bicycles East and when it came to custom built cycles became known for their originality and fine craftsmanship. In addition to unicycles Hamilton's also built a 7' bicycle for the circus act KLAUSER'S BEARS (Now HERTA'S) and a number of 8 man tandem bicycles that allowed all 8 riders to pedal. The first two of these mammoth tandems were built for the Shriners. The first for the Shrine at Coeur D'Alene in Idaho in 1956 and the second for the Shrine in Rock Springs, Wyoming in 1971. These were both 23 ft long, weighed 500 lbs, and took a 105' circle to turn.

Hamilton's shop foreman DAN DAFRON is also a former State Champion and first started to work for Hammy in the early 20's. His experience later as a tool and die maker in an aircraft factory was of particular value when he returned to the bike shop. He now builds all the unicycles and special bikes.

Of only 2 or 3 custom cycle shops in the entire nation Hamilton's is now probably the largest and they average 50 to 60 custom cycles a year. About a third of these are for professional entertainers. Over the past 5 years the demand has increased greatly for custom cycles and many of Hamilton's creations have been for aspiring young amateurs who want something they cannot buy over the counter. Some of the performing groups and customers Hamilton's has built cycles for, in addition to the Rolers of Indiana are: THE GREAT Y CIRCUS of Redlands, California, BOUNCE AND CY of The Loco-Motion Circus, Amherst, Massachusetts, MIKE HOL-U-BAR of Baton Rouge, La., PATRICIA SHARON SOUTH of Bordentown, N.J., EUGENE BALMAIN of Las Vegas, and THE DETROIT ZOO (for chimps)

Each new custom cycle is a challenge and after Emmett completes the design his long time assistant Dan Daffron, age 72, welds them together and puts on the finishing touches. For a custom cycle shop with a personal touch, that is a boon to unicyclists who want something special, we salute Hamilton's Bicycles East, 1622 S. Parkwood Lane, Wichita Kansas 67218 and their outstanding staff EMMETT & BETTIE CARPENTER and DAN DAFFRON.

The GREAT Y CIRCUS, some of whose cycles appear in photos in connection with the above story, recently completed nine performances at San Bernadino Central City Mall in Calif. March 11-13 and played to audiences of 800-1000 each performance. Aside from unicycles their act included Artistic Bicycling, Teeterboard, Juggling, Handbalancing, Rola Bola, and Trampoline. Local news media gave excellent reviews and a return engagement is planned for the fall.

RED UNIT



Mar.29-June 5	New York City - Madison Square Garden
June 7-19	Philadelphia, PA - The Spectrum
June 23-26	Oklahoma City, Okla. - The Myriad
June 29-July 4	Phoenix, Arizona - Ariz. Coliseum & Expo Ctr
July 6-10	Tucson, Arizona - Tucson Community Center
July 13-17	San Diego, CA - San Diego Sport Arena

INTERNATIONAL JUGGLERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
JULY 13-17, 1977 - NEWARK, DELAWARE



UNICYCLISTS WELCOME

Scene of this year's convention will be:
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - NEWARK, DELAWARE



Dormitory housing available at about \$7.50 a nite.
Campsites may be reserved in both commercial camps
and State Parks in nearby Del., Maryland, & Penna.

On your roadmap the Newark location of the University will be found within the half circle that is cut out of the southeastern corner of the state of Pennsylvania, not far from I-195. Tentative program in chronological order is: 1. Convention Eve Party Wed.-Informal Picnic 2. Members show - for members and guests 3. Business Meeting 4. Annual competition 5. Big Public Vaudeville Type Show 6. Convention Banquet.

If you are a unicyclist who also enjoys juggling, and can get to this convention by all means do. You will find the IJA members a friendly lot and will come away with a wealth of ideas. Regardless of your degree of juggling skill you will find a warm welcome. Do take along your unicycle - there are still some jugglers who do not ride and who would appreciate a few tips.

For further info contact: Stu Reynolds, 2716 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, Del. 19810

CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM

BARABOO, WISCONSIN 53913

... where circus history comes to life

The ACROBATIC SCHOOL of CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM in Baraboo, Wisconsin, will not be a part of the 1977 program. After four great years during which many young people were trained in the Circus Arts and allowed to perform under the Big Top during the summer the Acrobatic School has come to an end. This because of insurance problems. The State of Wisconsin, under which the Circus World Museum operates, changed their insurance plan and no insurance company could be found that will write a policy for the Acrobatic School. This is despite the fact that in their four years existance there had not been a single accident. What a shame - and what a loss to aspiring young circus performers.

The Circus World Museum will continue to present its Big Top Show with professional performers however from Mid May to Mid September and if you have never visited Baraboo (where Ringling Bros. Circus winterquartered for some 34 years during the hey-day of the outdoor circus) you should try to work it into your vacation schedule.

As a result of closing of the Acrobatic School the Circus World Museum has a couple of used unicycles for sale both regular and giraffe. If interested contact Bill Schultz, Executive Director, Circus World Museum, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

GARBO AND JILLIAN the "Celebration Duet" from the CELEBRATION MIME THEATRE, So. Paris, Me. were guests of the Jenacks in March while fulfilling engagements in New York, New Jersey, and Long Island. Additional performances they have scheduled in near future are:

April 24-25 - Philadelphia School for The Deaf, Philadelphia, Pa.


June 21 - Penn State 4H Conference, Penn State Univ. University Park, Pa. 8:30 PM

July 11 - Monmouth Theatre, Monmouth, Maine, Evening performance

If you get the opportunity to catch these performers in action you will wonder how two such young and good looking people could be so talented in so many fields.

Enrollment for the third annual "Clownshop" (School for Buffoons) staged by GARBO & BERKY and noted in the Newsletter, Jan. '77, is complete reports Garbo and the 20 students, including JOHN JENACK, are eagerly looking forward to the three week session at the Celebration Mime Theatre in Maine that has proved so popular in the past.

GARBO AND JILLIAN



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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
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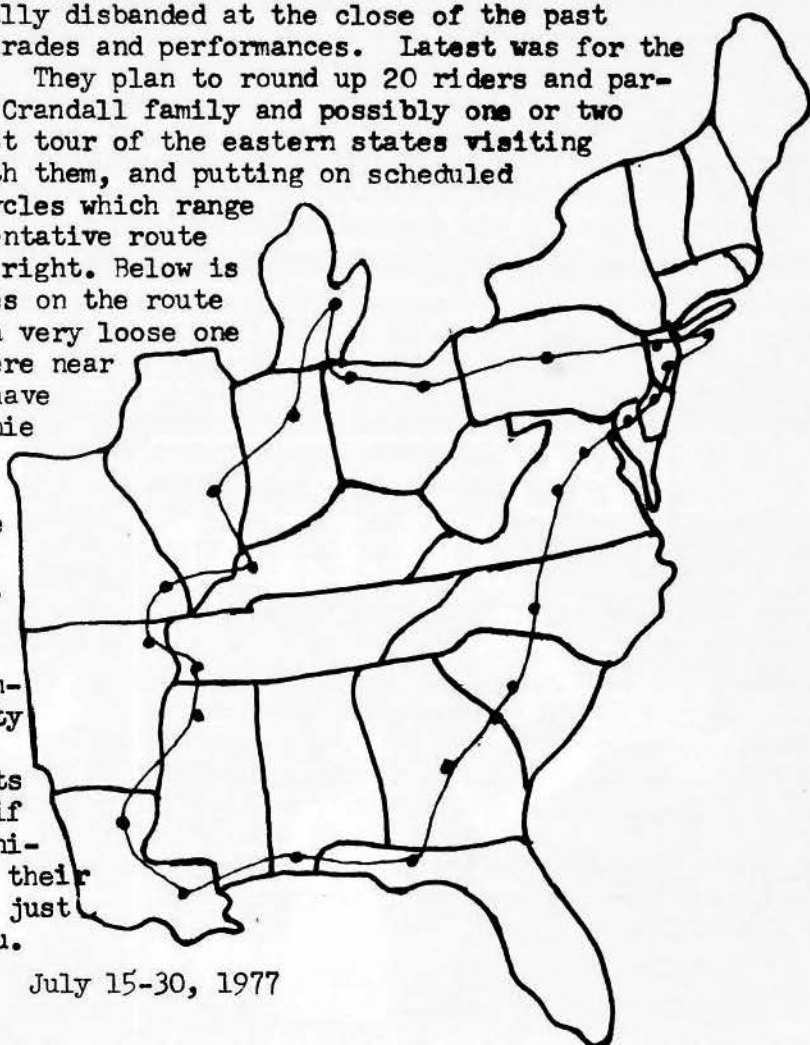
CIRCUS DATES: JULY 16, 20, 21, 23, 1977

No vacation in America's Midwest is complete unless one spends a day in the "Circus Capital of the World", Peru, Indiana. Each summer, about the middle 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. During the hey-day of the pro 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 1880's and early 1900's. From looking at latest brochure from BETTY BLACK, Executive Secretary of Circus City Festival, your Ed. highly recommends you include it in your vacation plans for 1977.

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When the DAVID FROST "Guinness Bk of Records" show was aired Feb. 9, 1977 and Steve McPeak was shown riding his 41' unicycle on highwire a unicyclist appeared in background wearing a PAUL FOX UNICYCLE CLUB emblem. It was BUTCH BALMAIN of Las Vegas and he picked it up when he attended the National Unicycle Meet last year in Marion, Ohio.

Although the PONTIAC UNICYCLISTS officially disbanded at the close of the past season they continue to get calls for parades and performances. Latest was for the INDIANAPOLIS 500 Parade on Memorial Day. They plan to round up 20 riders and participate. About the middle of July the Crandall family and possibly one or two others with campers plan to make one last tour of the eastern states visiting other unicyclists on the way, riding with them, and putting on scheduled and impromptu performances with their cycles which range in size up to 20 ft tall. They have a tentative route planned the map of which appears at the right. Below is a listing of some of the towns and cities on the route between July 15 - 30. The schedule is a very loose one at this point and should you live anywhere near their proposed route and would like to have them stop and ride with you do give Bernie Crandall a call (313) 682-5650 or drop him a line: Bernard Crandall, 124 South Josephine, Pontiac, MI 48053. He will be happy to modify their route plans so as to meet as many unicyclists as possible. The Crandall's sons FLOYD and CLYDE are now grown up and both have licenses and will be driving their unicycle laden campers. This summer presents an opportunity for them to have one last go at meeting and riding with other gung-ho unicyclists in the east. Do get in touch with them if there is anything doing in the way of unicycling in your area during the time of their schedule July 15 - 30, or if you would just like to have them stop and ride with you.



Tentative schedule of Crandall's Tour - July 15-30, 1977

Toledo, Ohio
Akron, Ohio
State College, PA
Westbury, N.Y.
Elizabeth, N.J.
Wilmington, Del.
Baltimore, MD
Washington, D.C.

Luray, VA
Roanoke, VA
Charlotte, N.C.
Columbia, S.C.
Augusta, GA
Plains, GA
Tallahassee, FL
Mobile, Ala.

New Orleans LA
Jonesville, LA
Oxford, Miss.
Memphis, Tenn.
Blythesville, Ark
Sikeston, MD
Paducah, KY
Mt. Vernon, Ill
Ft. Wayne, IN

MISC. NEWS:

From 19 yr old SP/4 STEVE BUELL who is stationed in Germany comes word that the unicycle club he founded recently is going great and they are looking forward to an active summer. On Feb. 28 Steve participated in his first parade and since unicycles are a rarity there received considerable attention. If any readers would like to correspond with this new club write to: SP/4 Steve E. Buell 378-64-9212
Bad Kreuznach Unicycle Assoc.
A.Co. S&T BN APO N.Y. 09111

If readers are wondering who the unicyclists are in the MacDonald's Mac Attack commercial in which a tandem bicycle suddenly breaks into two unicycles we can tell you one of them is one of our members CHUCK CRAW of THE GREAT Y CIRCUS, Redlands, California. On the MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW March 30, 1977 the unicyclists appearing were MARVIN MATTHOW and BILLY MURK. Billy was the rider on the giraffe and Marvin the one who balanced the unicycle on his chin and climbed the ladder.

THE NEW YORK TIMES of Sunday, March 13, 1977 carried two pages of pictures and an article on the European Style Circus playing at ONSTAGE in Freeport, Long Island. ONSTAGE has some 111 performances of the Circus scheduled up to April 17th and has been displaying some top talent. Your ed. finally got to take in an afternoon performance one weekend in March and was so impressed that he and Mrs. Jenack stayed for the evening performance. Between times he had a chance to talk with performers and explore the fabulous big building. Years ago it was a famous vaudeville theater that later turned into a movie house. About three years ago Arnold Carlson, a Long Island Businessman and circus fanatic bought the Freeport theater and hit upon the idea of turning it into a disco-cabaret-theater and feature circus acts a-la European one ring style. This he did and is featuring circus acts gathered from all over the world. In addition some local talent is appearing including John Jenack who goes under the name JeanPaul. In connection with this a humorous incident involving newspaper reporters occurred one evening and your ed. would like to share it with you. The eloquent ringmaster Vincent Gaeta in his booming voice introduces John's act each time by saying something like: "And now ladies and gentlemen the gregarious young Lord-Of-The-Wheel JeanPaul" After the show that evening the reporters gathered about and were talking to John and calling him GREG. John corrected them and said his name was JeanPaul. They immediately replied that they distinctly heard the ringmaster introduce him as GREGARIOUS YOUNG. Another humorous incident that occurred the day your ed. attended was when John whispered to his father "Did you see that baboon ride the giraffe unicycle? - he can ride smoother than I". He was referring to Mel Hall's baboon act in which one of Mel's baboons actually does ride a giraffe unicycle about 8' tall - and with little effort. Mel Hall by the way is one of the most famous of the all time greats in unicycling. He no longer performs himself but, as he says, lets the baboons do all the hard work and he collects the pay. Your ed. had the opportunity to meet Mel's beautiful and charming daughter Mini who was also on the program that evening with the Castle Bears Act. Mini has the distinction of being probably the youngest person ever to learn to ride a unicycle. When she was only 18 months, and in diapers, Mel had her riding around the stage on a tiny unicycle. In a future issue your ed. hopes to bring you more about Mel Hall and his unicycling.

THE DAILY WORLD of Aberdeen, Washington, Sun. Feb. 13, 1977 carried a full page article on STEVE and JOHN McPEAK titled: "A New High For Hoquiam Men". Steve and John, two of our members, graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1964 about the same time they started their unicycling, juggling, and highwire walking. The Daily World article carried the photo of Steve setting a new world record riding his 41' unicycle on highwire and a photo of John Juggling at Circus Circus in Las Vegas where, on the same date, Oct. 28, 1976, he set a new world's juggling endurance record by juggling for 6 hrs and 45 minutes. Both Steve and John came to visit your ed. shortly thereafter and then each took off in a different direction. Steve flew to Rio de Janeiro where, with CBS producer LARRY LINDBERG, he set up the CBS SPORTS SPECTACULAR seen on TV on March 18th in which Steve walked the 1300 ft high tramway cable 2700 ft to SUGARLOAF PEAK over the Rio Skyline. John took off for Amsterdam on a juggling tour of Europe. At present he is performing at the Friedrichstadtpalast in East Berlin and is receiving tremendous ovations for his spectacular juggling act. Congratulations to BETTY BUTLER of The Daily World for her great write-up on these two outstanding members.

THE NEW YORKER Magazine, January 10, 1977 carried a full page cartoon (p.24) that must have tickled unicyclists who ran across it in the course of their reading. The cartoon portrays a big game hunter reading by the fireplace in his den. Hanging on the walls, and satisfying his ego, are the stuffed heads of various big game which he has, with his prowess, overcome. Hanging there with the mounted heads, in what almost appears out of place at first, is another trophy of perhaps an even greater challenge he has met and conquered - A GIRAFFE UNICYCLE.

Another humorous cartoon in this month's Saturday Evening Post depicts a Sunday Drive-in church service and ushers on unicycles riding out among the cars taking up the collection. WALLY WATTS expects to return soon to Greece and continue his round the world unicycle ride

One of our members KIT SUMMERS, of 4522 Newport Ave. San Diego, Calif. 92107 - Ph 714-224-3887 was seen recently on THE GONG SHOW on TV. Kit, an outstanding unicyclist was tops in the show and walked off with 30 points and the money. Aside from unicycling Kit is also a juggler (I juggled fire clubs while rocking on his beautiful chrome giraffe. This summer Kit and JON HELD, Kit is 18 and Jon 17, are planning to drive across the USA to the International Jugglers Convention being held in Newark, Delaware July 17-20. They will be taking US Route 70 most of the way east and then on their return plan to go to Montreal, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and the northern Route 94 home. They would like to meet, swap ideas, and ride with other gung-ho unicyclists on their journey. If any readers live close to their proposed route and would enjoy meeting a couple of sharp young fellow unicyclists who are also jugglers drop Kit a line or call him at the above mentioned number. They will try to plan their itinerary accordingly. Should you happen to have a place where they might put down their sleeping bags for the night your ed. is sure they would appreciate that also. Recently Kit and John have been getting together with JACK WILEY (author of The Unicycle Book) in Balboa Park, San Diego and having a great time with their unicycling, juggling and gymnastics. Incidentally two pictures of Jon Held appeared on page 12 of our Oct. '76 newsletter. He was shown riding an ultimate wheel and also a unicycle without pedals - the pics were taken at KATIE HORTON'S 1976 New Year's party for unicyclists in Pasadena.

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Your ed. recently made arrangements to get a giraffe unicycle to CHRISTIAN HERDT, one of our new members whose home is in Athens, Greece. Chris had mastered a regular unicycle and was looking for something bigger and more exciting.

Did you know they have something called a "MONOSKI" that is used on the slopes of the French Alps? In the action photo at left Chris is shown aboard the novel monoski which he rented there this past Xmas. Looks like it has provision so rider can place feet side by side.

From the ease and grace with which Chris appears to be handling this monovehicle he should should have little difficulty mastering his new giraffe uni.

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GOOD IDEA

In a recent performance of CARROUSEL at TRESPER CLARKE JR. H.S. in Westbury, New York, produced by JOHN McDONALD, a number of unicycles were used in the opening amusement park scene. The effort was coordinated by BARBARA CLARK of the CLARKE SR. H.S. If your school is planning to present "Carrousel" it's a great opportunity to work in some unicycles.

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Between his cycle acts in the circus playing at ONSTAGE in Freeport, N.Y. JOHN JENACK has been assisting the famous MIRKO de YORK and partner by handing them some of the marionettes as needed. Mirko puts such life into the marionettes and John becomes so engrossed in their lifelike actions, right up to the instant he takes them, that it is always a shock when the little fellows go limp in John's hands. To see how a master gets thru to his audience is quite an experience - and Mirko really gets thru. In one skit his little clown Marionette gets a balloon, blows it up, and dances about very elated and happy - only to have a meanie come along and prick it with a pin. The little clown is then very sad, leans on a chair, and starts to sob uncontrollably as the skit ends. Would you believe it some of the children in the audience are so touched that they go home and bug their parents until they buy a new balloon and mail it in to the little clown. To your ed. this is one of the greatest compliments an act could receive.

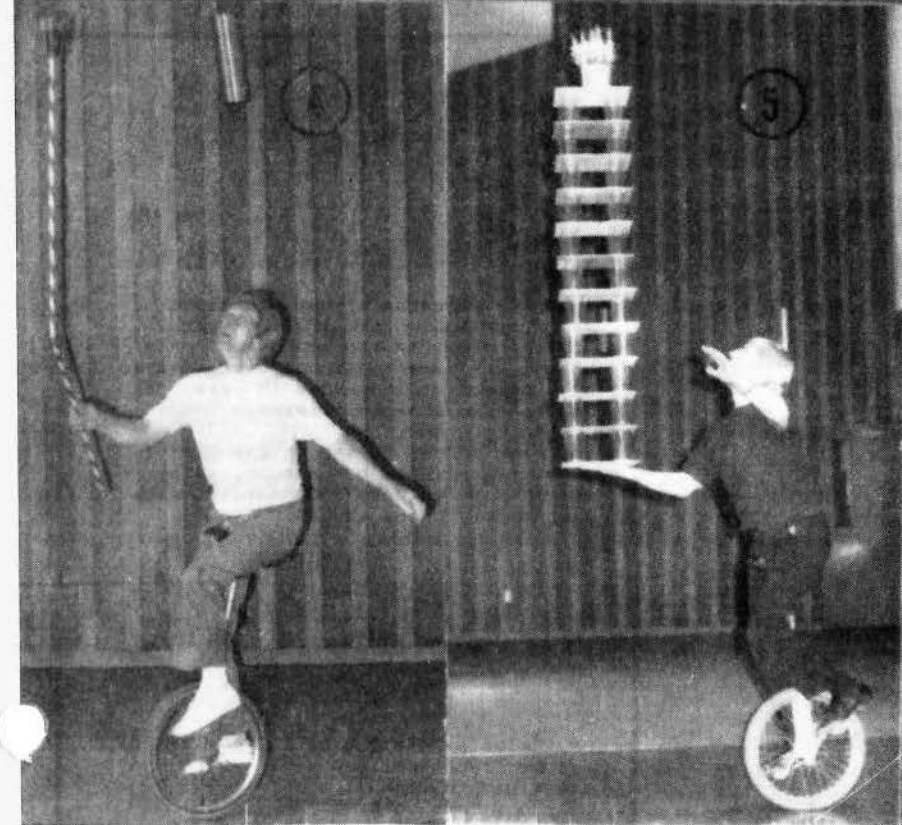
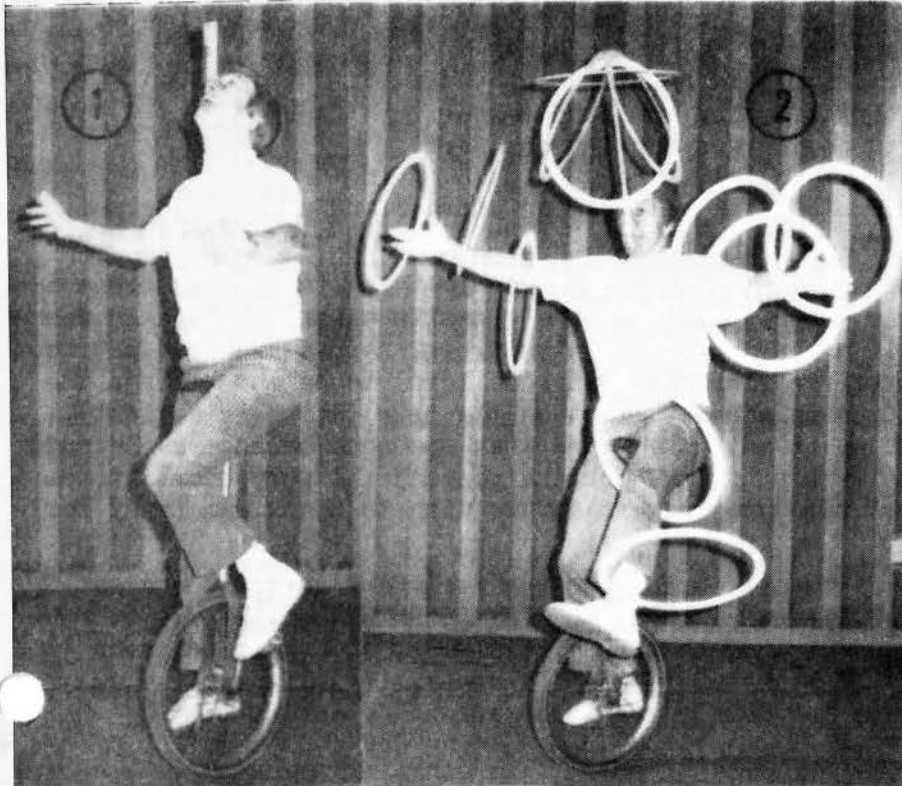
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Jess Monefeldt

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO TRY ON YOUR UNICYCLE?

Here are a few of JIM DANDY'S (Jess Monefeldt) favorites that he is still doing on the west coast at age 70. Our January 1976 newsletter carried a feature story, and additional photos of other amazing cycle feats this "Legend In His Own Time" Unicyclist has been doing to amaze spectators for over half a century.



After reading the feature write-up in the January 1976 newsletter a number of readers have written to ask: "Is it really true that Jim Dandy can ride his unicycle and balance a ball point pen or dollar bill on his nose at the same time?" Your editor must confess that when he first heard about this feat he thought it must be a rubber cement trick of some sort. However just a year ago while visiting in California he had the good fortune to spend some time with Jim Dandy and to see him actually perform these tricks (and with no gimmicks). In hopes that some of our members would like to become adept at a few of these super feats, and with Jim Dandy's kind permission, the photos of him in action are printed on page 9. These photos in the order numbered are of him:

1. Balancing a dollar bill on nose while riding unicycle
2. Spinning eight rings in various directions on arms and legs while balancing four others on mouthstick and rocking one foot
3. Balancing ball point pen on nose while on unicycle
4. Balancing glass of punch on top of one stick balanced on another and also riding uni
5. Balancing 12 trays filled with 44 glasses and a vase of flowers one hand while riding

In connection with the above no gimmicks are employed and the only thing that comes close to such is that in number 4 the top of the stick upon which the glass is balanced has a 1" washer attached. For learning the ball point pen balance Jim suggests beginners start with a 3 foot dowel and keep making it shorter as skill develops. He says to learn to balance things the fastest way start with the 3 ft dowel and balance it first on the chin (which is easiest). Then when one has that perfect move it up to the nose - and when the nose balance is learned move it to forehead. The nose balance is best suited for the pen and all very short items. Tips of this nature are greatly appreciated by beginners and we wish to thank Jim Dandy for sharing this one with us.

Although now 70 years of age Jim Dandy is still performing regularly and one of the great shows he appeared in recently was the BING CROSBY FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW, Dec. 21, 1976. He writes that he enjoyed every minute of it and that Bing, his wife, and their two sons are one beautiful family. To Jim Dandy (Jess Monefeldt) and his charming wife Gertrud we wish continued good health and happiness for many years to come.



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For a look at St. Helen's Drill Team in action riding down Pennsylvania Avenue and more information on this outstanding group turn to page 11

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1977

To the St. Helen's Unicycle Drill Team

I deeply appreciate your excellent participation in the 1977 inaugural parade. Your appearance helped make one of the finest parades ever, shared by hundreds of thousands in person and millions more by television.

You have helped to set an example of what we Americans can accomplish by sharing our talents and energies with each other. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

St. Helen's Unicycle Drill Team
c/o Mr. James Holland
13094 Ravenna Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

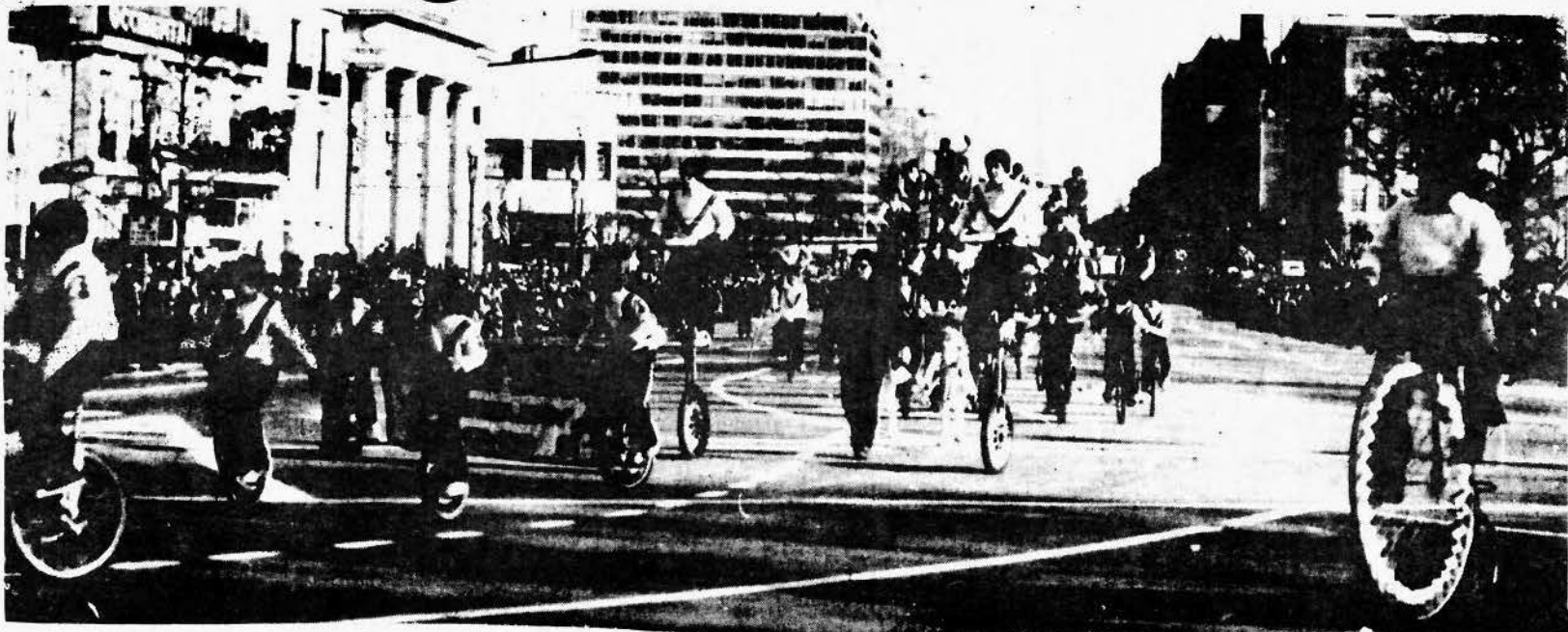
St. Helen's unicyclists in Washington

For presidential inauguration

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UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
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If you attended or Watched the INAUGURAL PARADE on TV Jan.20 you no doubt noticed the unicyclists taking part. They were the ST. HELEN'S UNICYCLE DRILL TEAM of Newbury, Ohio. Although St. Helen's Drill Team has performed in events all over USA including the ORANGE BOWL this past year, where they took top honors, this was the first inaugural parade for most of them and riding down Pennsylvania Ave. was a real thrill. They were applauded along the entire parade route but their biggest thrill came when both PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE gave them a standing applause. Some of the 45 cyclists who took part in this parade and their outstanding specialties are:

DAVID BUTCHER, who at age 11 rides an 8 footer and is very skilled - CINDY GORDON and STARR FINN who also ride 8 footers STACEY STILKE who rides 7 footer and has advanced to this in less than one year - CINDY ZSEBEDICS, PAT BURCH & MARK GIEL who all ride 10 footers - SHERRY QUINN who rides 5 footer and jumps rope - DICK BUTCHER who rides a 12 footer (Dick also rode a 23 footer last fall) - MARY BETH HOLLAND who rides an off-center 5 footer - JUDY VINECOURT who jumps rope on her 3 ft unicycle - FRANK MIRAGLIA who rode the Old Fashioned High Wheeler in parade - LARRY EVANS and BILL NYMAN who rode their unicycles and carried the little ones on a bar as they performed acrobatics.

The remaining team members also did an outstanding job in their formation riding and STEPHANIE ZSEBEDICS, age 5 and COLLEEN MURPHY, age 9 were the two tiny acrobats. St. Helens is a real together group with dedicated parents who helped put the whole thing together under the direction of FATHER JAMES J. MORAN, founder of the group. Father Moran is also a founder of our UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. Your Ed. is indebted to FATHER MORAN and to MRS. BUTCHER for keeping him in touch with the activities of this outstanding group of young unicyclists.



MARION, OHIO
NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET

SATURDAY AUGUST 20 AND SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 1977



Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Club Affiliation _____

In signing this release for myself or the above named person (if under 21), I understand and agree to absolve all of the sponsors and organizations of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as a result of participating in the NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET or in any activity associated with it. I also permit emergency treatment in the event of injury or illness. I shall abide by local and traffic laws and practice courtesy and safety in cycling.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name of Group: _____ Name of Figure Riders: _____
 Group Trick Riding 15 Minutes - Couple Figure Riding 3 Minutes -
 & _____

You will be racing against time in all races.

Check races you want to be in.

Check only one

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- Girls 20 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 100 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 100 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 100 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 100 yards
- Girls 20 inch wheel 100 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 100 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 100 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 100 yards

- Girls individual trick riding - May use any unicycle except chain driven.
- Boys individual trick riding - May use any unicycle except chain driven.
- Girls individual trick riding - Chain driven only.
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Check only one

- Girls Pee Wee 20" wheel 7 yrs & under 50 yards
- Boys Pee Wee 20" wheel 7 yrs & under 50 yards

You must return by 3:00 p.m. for the final races. There will be NO FINALS in 11 yrs and under 100 yards and 220 yards or 12 yrs and older 440 and 880 yards. The best six times 12 yrs and older will race in the finals in 100 yards and 220 yards.

*****FINALS*****

Check only one

- Girls 20 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 220 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 220 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 220 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 11 yrs & under 220 yards
- Girls 20 inch wheel 220 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 220 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 220 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 220 yards

Relay races - No more than two teams per club.

- Girls 440 yard relay team
- Boys 440 yard relay team

Check only one

- Girls 20 inch wheel 440 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 440 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 440 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 440 yards

- Backwards race

- One foot race

Mile Race

* Six best times in 880 yard race qualifies you for fast mile race.

Check only one

- Girls 20 inch wheel 880 yards
- Boys 20 inch wheel 880 yards
- Girls 24 inch wheel 880 yards
- Boys 24 inch wheel 880 yards

- Girls 1 mile
- Boys 1 mile
- * Best to use 24 inch wheel
- All 30 years and younger 1 mile
- All over 30 years old 1 mile
- Obstacle Course

In the races, if you get off or falloff you will be disqualified with the exception of the relay, half mile and mile race, but if you run with the unicycle you will also be disqualified. Races will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp, August 20 at Southland Mall.

The Meet will resume at the Marion Catholic High School for the Obstacle Course. The first and second place winners in each group (girls and boys) will be chosen and given an award on Saturday night. The first place girl and the first place boy will demonstrate their abilities on August 21 at the Coliseum.



1977 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET

MARION, OHIO - AUG. 20-21, 1977



WINNERS
MEDALS



AWARDS



BUTTONS On
Sale At Meet
(Pin On)

Approximately 90 medals will be presented to the winners of the races Saturday night, August 21, in the Marion Catholic High School gym. The King and Queen will also be chosen at this time. There will be approximately 27 trophies to be awarded Sunday, August 21, at the Marion Coliseum in the following categories: Best overall unicycle group, including racing ability; 1st, 2nd and 3rd best in parade; 1st, 2nd and 3rd in group trick riding; 1st and 2nd in individual girl trick riding; 1st and 2nd in boy individual trick riding; 1st and 2nd in individual girl chaindriven trick riding; 1st and 2nd individual boy chaindriven trick riding; 1st and 2nd girl obstacle riding; 1st and 2nd boy obstacle riding; and 1st and 2nd couple figure riding. There will be five appreciation trophies given to the judges of the Meet and there will be trophies given to the oldest and the youngest person who completes the mile, the furthest travelled participant, and 1st and 2nd group trick riding.

SHOW

The National Unicycle Meet Show will be held Sunday, August 21, in the Marion Coliseum. We are asking for a \$1.00 donation to see the show (The people who participate in the National Unicycle Meet parade will be admitted free). Show time is 3:00 until 5:30 p.m.

KING AND QUEEN

Each unicycling group present will give the nomination of one boy and one girl to represent their club as King and Queen to be in a drawing. The boy and the girl must be present to accept this honor. The nominations must be signed by the leadership representative from their club so only one boy and one girls for each club.

Racing awards will be awarded and a Unicycle King and Queen will be announced in the Marion Catholic High School gymnasium. The Mayor of Marion, Donald E. Quaintance, will crown the King and Queen. The Unicycle King and Queen will lead the Grand March August 21 at the Coliseum.

KING AND QUEEN REGISTRATION FORM

Group or club name _____

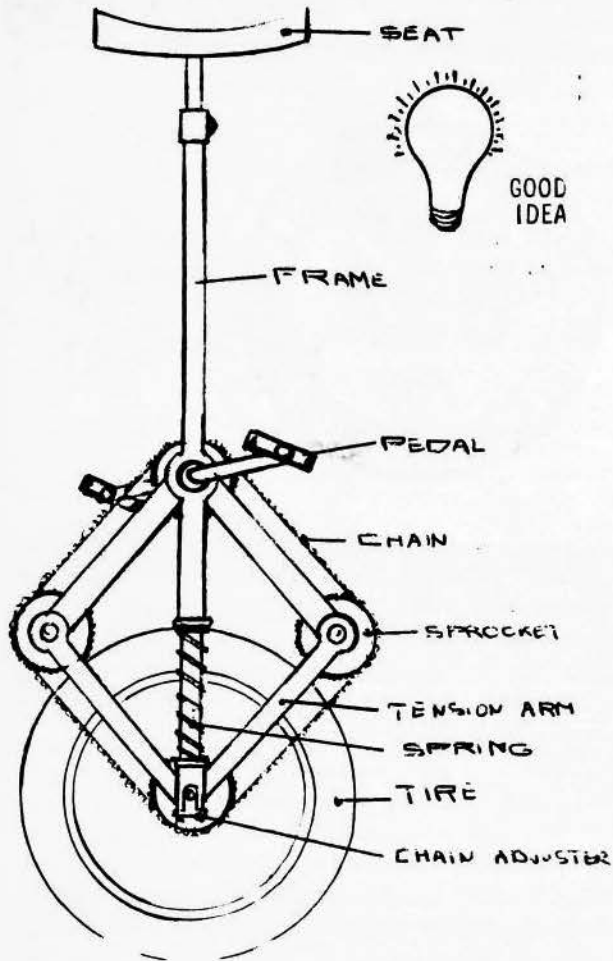
Leadership name _____

Nomination for King _____

Nomination for Queen _____

Pogo-Cycle

Gary Lightner 11/20/76



One of our members GARY LIGHTNER of 99 Tower St. Sayville, N.Y. 11796 has a hobby of designing all types of vehicles, buildings, and anything functional. With his recent mastery of a 6' giraffe he has turned to sketching up novel unicycles and recently sent your ed. a whole batch of novel ideas. One that particularly caught your ed's attention was his Pogo Cycle - sketch appears at left. If joint tolerances are kept close to avoid sloppiness about the vertical axis this cycle might work and could be quite a humorous eyecatcher with a clown on top. When MARK DOUGLAS of The Uniques rode his Zig-Zag giraffe at one of the National Meets your Ed. and Dr. ORLAND REYNOLDS discussed the possibility of adding movable joints and a hydraulic cylinder to achieve an adjustable height control. Sure would be funny to see a clown, while in motion, lower his giraffe to enable him to ride thru an exit door or something of that sort. Should any of you unicycle builders make up such a cycle please let us know about it. ED's note: If you wonder how people like Gary can figure out things like this perhaps the answer is an environmental one - you see Gary works for the Internal Revenue Service and for someone who can figure out those IRS forms at this time of year simple things like unicycle design come easy.

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A Do-It-Yourself project appears at the right. Get yourself a large washer and some pieces of metal, or some cardboard, and make one of these clever jumping-jack type cyclists which you can pose in any position you wish.

We are indebted to GORAN LUNDSTROM of Sweden for this clever project. It was taken from magazine DESIGN ART DIRECTION '75 and the uni-man was designed by ALAN FLETCHER





TOM MILLER our prolific builder of big wheel unicycles completed five of them recently for members of the KOKOMO ROAD RUNNERS of which he is the leader. Pictured above are five of them riding their big wheels which range in size from 39" to 45" in diameter. Left to Rt. in photo No. 1 Greg McElwain, Ted Wade, Tom Miller, Steve Black, and Jeff Sexton. At the right in photo No. 2 stands Tom with two of his creations. The cycle on right is his 45½" big wheel which is the largest he has built to date. On the left is his 39" wheel which is a first, as far as your editor knows, in that it has a pneumatic tire. Tom took two regular cycle tires, cut the wired edge and refitted them to make a single large tire by silver soldering the wired edges and smoothing the skived joint with a rubber compound. The small photo No. 3 shows what a neat job he did on the joint. You can see where he made the splice but it is smooth and neat and according to Tom rides like a dream. For an inner tube he simply cut and cemented two regular tubes together with rubber cement telescoping one inside the other to achieve the correct size. Tom has just enlisted in the Air Force but after basic expects to be able to pursue his hobby while in the service and will be building more big wheel and novel cycles. He even hopes to be able to supply others with special parts and in our July issue perhaps we can give interested readers more on that. Tom just built your ed. a fork for his 44" rubber tired buggy wheel and it is a work of art. Our best wishes to Tom on his chosen career in the Air Force and we will be looking forward to additional news on his big wheel construction projects.

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BRETT SHOCKLEY the Univ. of Minnesota unicyclist whose AP photo appeared in the news recently purportedly riding a 50 foot unicycle informs your ed. that it was really his 16 footer and that the reporters were confused. He does plan to ride a 50 footer on the Fourth of July in a local amusement park in the area. An accomplished cyclist Brett is also another prolific builder and BEFNIE CRANDALL, who has now stopped building giraffes, has turned his customers over to Brett. Photos received and correspondence with Brett leads your ed. to believe that he is another excellent source of custom built cycles. If you have something special you want built drop him a line - his address: SPECIALTY CYCLES, 2605 Co Rd H, Minneapolis, MN 55432 phone (612) 744-4132. For some time your ed. has wondered if just an off-center wheel on a regular unicycle (with no crank arms or pedals) could be ridden similar to a kangaroo unicycle utilizing the off-center in place of cranks and resting the feet on dorns on the axle. Brett is constructing such a cycle and will let us know how he makes out.

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ERRATA: On page 15 of the January 1977 issue reference was made to sketches of a leaded glass and design in Jan '75 issue - it should have been the April 1975 issue

While attending the annual International Cycle Show in N.Y.C. Feb. 20-22 your ed. spent considerable time with GENE SMITH of CYCLE COMPONENTS CO. of California. Was happy to learn they are planning to market a 5' giraffe in the near future. Since a safe, comfortable saddle is one of the prime requirements of a good giraffe your ed. reworked a standard Japanese unicycle saddle and supplied it to them as a model. It is hoped they can have something similar made up for their giraffe and that it will also be available as a replacement part. He will keep you informed of progress. A good giraffe saddle that can be climbed into without catching clothing and that is comfortable riding once you do get into it is still unavailable commercially.

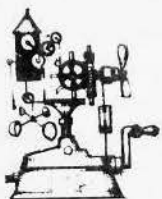
At the same show your ed. noticed a young man admiring the giraffe uni that was on display. Reading his name card rang a bell and resulted in your ed. meeting another interesting U-S-A Inc. member in person. It was MARK HASTINGS of Ardmore, PA. Mark is not only an ardent unicyclist but editor of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club's PBC SPOKESMAN.

The new President of the CHILDREN'S CLUB OF CONCORD, Concord, California is BOB PAYN, 982 Temple Drive, Pacheco, CA 94533. Your ed. would like to thank the new publicity chairman (whoever) for continuing to send him their monthly UNI NEWS. The club has regular Thurs. nite square dance practice on their unicycles and it must be a lot of fun.

The DAVID FROST "GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS SHOW" featuring STEVE McPEAK riding his 41 foot unicycle on highwire and his brother JOHN McPEAK setting endurance record juggling for six yours and 45 minutes as noted on pages 6 and 7 of our January issue was finally aired on TV on Feb. 10, 1977. Too bad it came on after midnite as the 41' uni is truly spectacular.

The Sat. March 19, 1977 issue of THE PERU TRIBUNE, Peru, Indiana, carried a front page story on TOM MILLER and the KOKOMO ROAD RUNNERS. In addition to the large photo of Tom skipping rope on his unicycle there is a second large photo of five of the Kokomo Road Runners riding a tandem bicycle built for five that Tom constructed recently. For more news and pics of this group see page 16.

BARRY LAPPY the sensational young British cyclist who was featured in our last newsletter recently signed up with the State Circus in Rumania until October and is now performing in Bucharest.



THE
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MACHINE

The novel logo at the left is that of KEN BENGES company. Ken is one of our outstanding juggler unicyclists and a real go-getter. The Idea Machine is a public relations concern. The work they do is in the area of visual communication at Trade Shows and Sales and Business Meetings for such concerns as Ford, Standard Oil, Energy Services International, West Bend Co. etc.

For years one of the outstanding books on juggling has been Ken's THREE BALL JUGGLING and we are pleased to announce that he has just completed a new more comprehensive book titled THE ART OF JUGGLING that promises to eclipse all others. Popularly priced at \$3.95 it is written by a top juggler who knows how to get his subject across. It is a must for your library if you are involved in any way with juggling. In the book Ken includes everything you could possibly need to know, from where to buy props to beginning patterns to juggling fire torches to staging a juggling show. And Ken certainly knows what he is talking about. He's been a professional juggler since he was 17, was former president of the International Juggler's Association and was a multi-medal winner at the World Juggling Championships. Arrangements have been made with World Publications, the publisher, and the book may now be ordered through your newsletter editor - see listing in order blank on page 19.

The 1977 annual meeting of the U-S-A Inc. will be held in Marion, Ohio on Sun. Aug. 21 from 9:30AM to Noon. Exact location will be announced in July - probably L-K Restaurant or Holiday Inn Motel. By scheduling the meeting Sun. AM rather than at end of meet it is hoped a larger attendance will result. Your ed. and the officers of the U-S-A Inc. would like to request the members give some thought to this meeting ahead of time as there are some very important items on the agenda. Among these are: The Election of Officers for 1978, The selection of a new Newsletter Editor, and the selection of the host for and tentative date of a National Meet or Convention in 1978. In regard to the last two of these your ed. would like to offer some information and suggestions. The first is in connection with a new Newsletter Editor (Your present ed. feels he will be unable to handle the job after Dec. 31st) - In a letter recently mailed to members who attended the March meeting in Marion and others who have taken an active part in the organization your ed. suggested that the new editor be made responsible for just the paste-up of the newsletter each quarter and that the actual printing, mailing, and the handling of orders for books, back issues, and other items be taken care of by the Sec'y Treasurer. In the past the lag that occurred between membership applications being received by the sec'y and transmitted to the newsletter editor has resulted in a continual state of confusion as to who was paid up and until when. Having the Sec'y Treas. handle this directly would eliminate the middleman and streamline the whole bookkeeping system. To relieve some of the resulting burden on the Sec'y Treas. the newsletter paste-up received each quarter from the editor, could be simply turned over to the printer, along with the mailing list, and the collating left up to him. The additional cost of having all this done by the printer could be paid for out of the treasury and would be offset by the Sec'y Treas. having more time to devote to taking care of the sale of books, back issues, and other items which has proved such a welcome source of income for us in the past. With the above in mind members should give these things serious thought and if anyone feels they could take on the job of Sec'y Treas. or Newsletter Editor to make such known at the meeting. Actually the writing up of the newsletter each quarter could be a most interesting and satisfying experience were the editor relieved of all other tasks. In connection with business matters associated with the newsletter your present ed. has kept a day by day account of every transaction and the money involved and each quarter submitted these complete records to the Sec'y Treas. along with a financial report for the quarter. An exact accounting can be made of every transaction and the quarterly financial reports checked against the day by day records. These should be made available for the new ed's use as a reference to check past procedures. Your present ed is sorry he cannot continue in the position but feels that over the past 4 years he has given his best and has established sufficient contacts and procedures to enable other dedicated members of the organization to carry on in a sound financial manner. He will be happy to meet with anyone accepting the position and assist him in getting under way as smoothly as possible. The selection of the new editor is quite urgent in that the October newsletter, being the last issue of 1977, should carry the new editor's name and address and the Jan. 1978 issue should be a product of the new editor.

On the matter of selecting the host of next year's meet or convention and the tentative date - members are reminded once more that our not-for-profit organization is not able to finance these meets from the organization's treasury and that the club that hosts them is expected to take care of all the financing, INSURANCE, and related expenses. Insurance is mentioned in caps because your ed. as a Director, and the sole incorporator of the U-S-A Inc. would be remiss if he did not bring to your attention the present climate in regard to liability suits. The size of current court settlements in such cases makes it almost imperative that a club conducting such an activity be a corporation (to limit liability of members). Either that or they must take out insurance for the occasion - if such can be obtained. Some of us including your ed. have had first hand experience with having a liability suit brought against them. As unicyclists we feel the sport is fairly safe but insurance companies view it otherwise. Unicycling and other forms of circus arts are very suspect to them as noted on page 4 of this issue in connection with shutting down of Circus World young people's school in Baraboo. At the annual meeting Aug 21 it would be well for all of us to consider the future of the U-S-A Inc. rather than our own immediate interests. In the event many controversial questions come up as to how and where a '78 meet should be held perhaps a Convention next year rather than a meet will be the answer. Please dig out pg 22 of your Oct 1976 newsletter and reread it.

See you all in Marion in August, Your ed.

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.

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The neat little unicycle pins and charms that first made their appearance at the 1975 National Unicycle Meet and were then offered for sale through the newsletter have proved very popular. We therefore have been placing additional orders and are still offering them at \$2.00 each plus stamped return envelope from your Newsletter Editor whose address appears below. Full size appearance is as shown at left. When ordering be sure to state whether you wish Pin or Charm. Pin has pin on back while charm has loop on top for use with chain.

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William Jenack, Newsletter Editor
Unicycling Society of America, Inc.
67 Lion Lane
Westbury, New York 11590

Date _____

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

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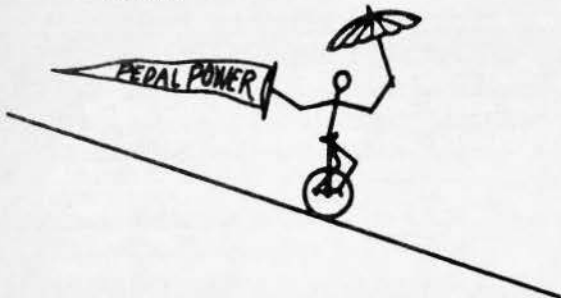
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Dear Members: As a Not-For-Profit Corp. we are not in business to make money. However on the reverse side of this page you will find a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you, and which if ordered thru your newsletter editor will not only be of service to you but will aid our treasury and enable us to award more trophies etc. at meets. Please pass along the membership application below to other unicyclists. Your Ed. Bill Jenack

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.



Fill in and mail to the Sec'y Treas.
Dick Haines
UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
592 Miami Street
Marion, Ohio 43302

Make all Checks payable to:
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Member, \$5.00 annual dues - includes subscription to quarterly newsletter plus membership card and voting privilege. (Foreign members - same price - newsletter mailed as printed matter.)

PRINT your name _____ Date _____
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Additional family members. 50¢ ea. (For members of the immediate family of a member residing in the same household - same benefits as member except no newsletter.)

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