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WOODS & LARSON  
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# NEWSLETTER

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**FELLOW UNICYCLISTS:** The 1977 National Unicycle Meet went off on schedule Aug. 20, 21st in Marion, Ohio and the general consensus seems to be that it was even better than last year's. Saturday's weather was a bit cooler than previous years, a truly beautiful day, and just perfect for unicycling. At last minute the meet host The Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc. of Marion was able to make arrangements to hold the races at the Tri Rivers School about two miles from the site of the morning activities at the Marion Catholic High School. The races were run off there Saturday afternoon and many boys and girls made happy. A comment received by your ed. in mail this week from one contestant stated: "I liked the informality of the races and believe most of the kids did - it took a lot of pressure off everyone and made the whole meet most enjoyable". The Sunday morning meeting at McDonalds proved to be an excellent idea with a far larger attendance than ever before and the business meeting was carried on smoothly and quickly and was over by noon. Following is a list of the new officers for 1978:

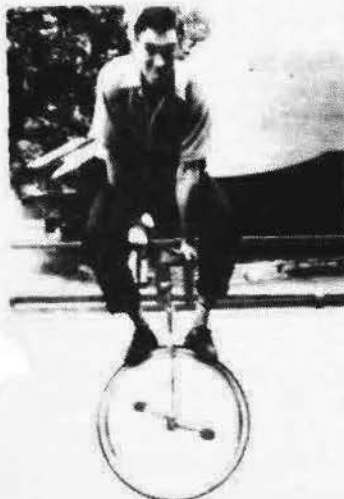
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An introduction to each will be carried in the Jan. '78 newsletter. Threatening weather Sunday just about parade time necessitated the parade itself being called off last minute but a substitute show of participants was put on at the coliseum instead. Many people helped make this meet the success it was. In addition to the hosting club the PAUL FOX UNICYCLE CLUB, INC. and their hard working members and supporters in Marion, Ohio, some of those to whom we owe particular thanks are: JOHN JENACK of Westbury, N.Y. for taking on the duties of Emcee at both the High School on Saturday nite and (cont. Pg 3)



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The FAMOUS PERFORMERS article on MEL HALL in our July newsletter resulted in your editor receiving a number of letters from unicyclists far and wide, and all agreed that Mel Hall was one of the greatest unicyclists ever. Since there appears to be an increasing interest in the unicycling activities of old timers and human interest stories in connection with them, it is felt that the following letter received from one of our members might make good reading for new and old time unicyclists alike. The letter is from DICK LARSON of 2609 Columbus Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 and reads as follows:

Dear Bill:

Aug. 27, 1977

The unicycle pin ordered through the newsletter arrived and I find it most attractive. The following is in regard to the unicycling careers of WOODS and LARSON of which you inquired. Ken and I both derived much pleasure from performing on our unicycles and trick bicycles and perhaps the following information is what you are looking for:

**CHARDY**  
**"Wizard of the Wheels"**  
For Parades and Private Entertainments

*Cyclist Extraordinaire*

My own interest in unicycling and trick riding started in 1931 when a 6 day bicycle race came to Minneapolis. One evening before the Wheelers started to "jam" a Swiss cyclist gave a marvelous performance on one and two wheelers. It was a performance not to be forgotten. It turned out he was far better at trick riding than as a 6 day racer and some years later the great Canadian

biker TORCHY PEDEN told me the Swiss fellow, whose name I can't recall, was doing great in show business. As the years went by I thought now and then of that trick rider but nothing came of it immediately. In 1935 a group of us started to race bikes. KEN WOODS was also a biker and he and I became good friends. In late 1938 Ken visited a night club where he saw a unicycle-bicycle act. The next day he told me we should get a unicycle and the two of us could keep in shape during the winter. Early in 1939 an elderly bike shop man, R. ADAMS, made us a fine unicycle - the cost \$25. By the way, I still have it. Incidentally Mr. Adams had spent many years in show business himself so recognized our deep feelings and encouraged us. We learned to ride the unicycle in the basement of my folks home. After a few evenings we found we could ride a little and then began to make rapid progress. Ken had another one-wheeler made and then the two of us had a ball riding all over town, in and out of bars, and even in one large ice cream store. We learned a number of tricks and got a surprise one evening when the manager of a Hennepin Ave. Theatre requested that we not perform in front of his place any more - seems people were staying outside to watch our 'free' performance. During the summer of 1939 we "worked" the city parks and any place that had a "Square". In early 1940 GROVER O'DAY, his wife, and daughter came to town with a circus. We made friends with them and saw this friendly cycling family from time to time until both Ken and I went with the Army in early 1942. Grover told us about other "Cycle Acts" which traveled about the world. He was especially keen on a young fellow by the name of MEL HALL. It so happened that Mel came to town later that year and we became friends with him - in our book Mel has to be the greatest on one wheel. One evening in late 1940 we went to downtown St. Paul with our cycles, walked into a bar and asked the owner if we could "work our act" for the customers. He said "Yes, go ahead" so we did. The act must have pleased the owner - he gave us each 10¢ and a glass of beer - up until then we had just received pennies thrown on the floor. A little later we did begin to pick up a dollar bill now and then. In 1941 Mel Hall turned down a Minneapolis club date at the top class Nicollet Hotel. We got it and were pleased as 'punch'. WOODS AND LARSON performed in front of the then famous GUS ARNHEIM band. We also worked our first county fair that year. By now I was also using a trick bike in the act. Then came the war. I went to Camp Barkley, Texas in Apr '42 and ended up in the Medical Battalion Hdqtrs 90th Division. Three months later the Army told me to send for my bikes. This I did gladly and for the next 2 years, until we went to England, I performed from time to time in various Division Shows. I was not in special service. However they did let me practice at the service club quite often. My favorite time to practice was Saturday morning - when the Division had Full Field Inspection. While in Texas I performed in several towns and enjoyed it immensely but you know I never met another unicyclist while in the states. In a major army show in Texas I worked on the same bill with DALE EVANS, Roy Roger's wife, and went on next to last on the program. Our division went into Normandy on D Day and there was no more unicycling for some time. My division, the 90th, was then stationed in Weiden, (cont. Pg 3)





Germany for a few months. I took part in several Army Shows throughout southern Germany during that time. While in Weiden I met a Latvian DP (my future wife Vera) and we became good friends. I left the service in May 1946 and in June '47 Vera joined me in Minneapolis and we were married. Not long ago we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

In Oct 1947 I started working for the Veterans Administration but wanted very much to get back to full time in show business. Due to a heart condition however I had to forego it although my first love will always be show biz. Until 1952 I gave an occasional performance but then had to give it up. On the other hand my partner, who worked Army shows out East during 1942-43 returned to Minneapolis in 1945 to work a popular Minneapolis night club using both low and high unicycles. He also got back to his bicycling and the enclosed story from a July 1977 St. Paul newspaper will give you the latest on him. ED'S NOTE: The lengthy and interesting newspaper article and pictures on Kenny Woods described his return to bicycling as one of the GOPHER WHEELMEN of Minneapolis and how at age 60 he is still racing bicycles and averaging about 75 miles of training a week just for, as he puts it, "The Hell Of It".

Your recent article about Mel Hall and his family was of much interest to me. A book could be written about him. He indeed came up the hard way - quite a guy. Bill, this letter is too long already - best wishes for now - Sincerely, DICK LARSON.

Editor's Note: Although as retiring editor this will be my last newsletter I will continue to pass along information and news of my many fellow unicyclists the world over to new editors to do with as they see fit. I'm sure it would be of help to future editors if members would drop them a line and let them know what they would like to see most in the newsletter. There is such a wealth of material on all facets of the sport now that a little guidance from members would be most welcome. Also while memories of the National Meet are still fresh members should jot down some comments and suggestions for bettering future meets and forward them to our new President Brett Shockley, 2605 Co Rd H, Mpls MN 55432. Such will enable him to establish desirable guidelines for 1978 - do it today.

#### 1977 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET (Cont. from Page 1)

the Show at the Coliseum on Sunday as well as his tireless efforts in taking care of paperwork in connection with the races and awards. PENNY ELLIOTT, ROSE HAINES, KAY REINKE, JAMES RILEY, JOHN KUMMER, and others who assisted at the various events and took care of clerical duties also deserve special thanks. Also thanks go to the donors of the giraffe unicycles: SCHWINN BICYCLE COMPANY, OXFORD INTERNATIONAL CORP., CYCLE COMPONENTS, and to the donors of additional prizes: KINGS DEPT. STORE, HAINES FAMILY CIRCUS, BERRY'S OAKLAND MARKET, & F.W. WOOLWORTH. By having so many giraffes as prizes the seller of the winning cash doorprize ticket was able to choose the cycle that best fit his particular need and the auctioning off of the remaining ones helped defray the cost of renting the coliseum for the day. Help from ROCKY'S CYCLERY in making some last minute cycle repairs was also greatly appreciated as was the outstanding aid from the Unicyclists from Pontiac FLOYD, CLYDE, DON, MARK, PENNY & KATHY in running the Obstacle Course Event. Thanks also to the performers who added much to our Sunday show at the coliseum: DR REYNOLDS, STEVE McPEAK, BRETT SHOCKLEY, JOHN JENACK & JOHN PALMSTROM, and of course FLOYD CRANDALL on his amazing 20 footer, and to DEL GITTENGER who supplied the great organ music during the show. If in the above listing we've missed extending our appreciation to anyone it is not intentional and our thanks to everyone who in any way contributed to the success of this the greatest National Unicycle Meet in history.

FOR MORE COMMENTS ON MEET SEE PAGE 16

Your Ed. *Bill Jenack*

# Neodesha Register

NEODESHA, KANSAS

MAY 26, 1977

TOM PARISH - KING of the 1977 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET  
Through the courtesy of SHIRLEY HANSON, Editor and Publisher of the NEODESHA REGISTER we are able to reprint this fine article on Tom Parish and his group the ONE WAY WONDER WHEELS.

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## CLOWNING UNICYCLISTS

The One Way Wonder Wheels are a local group of young clown-unicyclists who perform acts of agility, juggling, comedy, and magic routines. Members of the group are Tom Parish III, Andy and Bette Parish, Jon Cunningham, Tammy and Kellie Klingenberg, Merle Nickell, Larry McKellar, Jack Dixon, Roger Banning, Keith Hastings and Jon Justice. Just was not present when the picture was taken.

Photo by Darren Livingston

By Shirley Hanson

Those of you who have trouble mastering the art of riding a two-wheel bike, or even a three-wheeler, will stand in awe of a group of 12 wonders in Neodesha. They use only one wheel, and enjoy it tremendously.

The young unicyclists have formed a club called the One Way Wonder Wheels and are performing their acts of agility for various groups. Dressed in colorful clown costumes with expertly applied clown make-up, they do a routine of riding, juggling, comedy, and magic.

Members of the troupe are Tom Parish III, who organized the group, Andy and Bette Parish, Jon Cunningham, Tammy and Kellie Klingenberg, Merle Nickell, Larry McKellar, Jack Dixon, Roger Banning, Keith Hastings and Jon Justice. Mrs. Beverly Parish is the club manager, and also made many of the clown costumes.

Tom is a member of the Unicycling Society of America, International Jugglers Association, Clowns of America, and Kansas Klowns Alley 45. In relating the history of the Wonder Wheels, he said his brother, Andy, was looking through a Christmas catalog to decide what he wanted for Christmas. After using some expert persuasion tactics on his grandmother, he received a unicycle.

Tom said, "A few days later it was in the basement and he had given up. That summer we attended a large circus that had some unicycles. It made me want to try, so I dug it out and four hours later I could ride the length of our sidewalk. Since that time, my brother, sister, and many of our friends have learned to ride."

The public will have an opportunity to see the unicyclists in action at the F.H.A. Talent Revue, beginning at 8 p.m. next Monday in the high school gym.

Anyone who is interested in learning the skill of riding a unicycle is invited to become a Wonder. Tom says they would be glad to help anyone who wants to learn, as they hope to make the One Way Wonder Wheels an even larger group.

The unicyclists have performed several times recently before audiences of all ages. "We are all Christians," Tom said, "who want to share some of our joy with others and, hopefully, make people smile and laugh."

He thinks unicycling has a lot to offer. "It is fun, good exercise, excellent relaxation, a challenge, and good training for other sports. Almost anyone who wants to learn, and who sticks with it, can. An important aspect of learning to ride a unicycle is gaining the confidence that you can do it."

As an encouragement to non-riders, Tom related the story of a 63-year-old man who purchased a unicycle despite the salesman's efforts to dissuade him. Tom said, "It took him three months to get the knack of it, but he did learn in spite of the fact that he never learned to ride a bicycle. There have been several blind people who have learned to ride."

Tom also lauds the benefits of juggling. "It tones and also strengthens various parts of your body—your hands, wrists and arms, your nervous system, and especially your eyes. Even picking up the balls you drop can help you take off some of the extra poundage around your mid-section."





While in Atlantic City recently for his stunt on the wire STEVE McPEAK was able to get together with Patti Hand's SUPERCYCLES who were also performing at the time in the TONY GRANT'S STARS OF TOMORROW show there. He had his camera along and took the above photos of this colorful group. The SuperWheels appearing above from left to right are:

GIRLS: ELLEN MORRIS, SUSAN RHIEL, BONNIE MORGAN, LOIS GRIMM, CHRISTINE CROUCH, DONNA BOWMAN  
 BOY: DOUG HUNSUCKER, STEVE MARTIN, JAY MORGAN, MARK HERNDON, GEORGE MAY

The Supercycles, numbering approximately 60 at present, have been busy with performances this past season. Some of the events or places where they performed other than at the Steel Pier were: The Wolf Trap Park International Children's Festival, Smithsonian Institution, Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, and various Banks, Schools, Churches & Hospitals in the Arlington VA area.

#### THE CYCLONIANS

A week after the National Unicycle Meet your ed. managed to get back home on a Sunday night just in time to catch the closing performance of THE EMMETT KELLY JR. CIRCUS that was playing at Eisenhower Park on Long Island. For many years he had heard and seen articles about a unicycle act THE CYCLONIANS. At last he got the opportunity to meet CHARLEY and JOYCE VAN-BUSKIRK in person and after the performance the Jenacks and VanBuskirks got together and talked until security police finally reminded them the park was closed and they would have to 'break it up'. Charley does a first class job as Ringmaster and during the performance that evening he and his beautiful, and petite, wife Joyce also did their unicycle act. The act clearly reflects their diligence in practicing until they have some very difficult and novel tricks on their unicycle down perfect. Charley's one foot arabesque pirouettes are a sight to behold and the adagio routine the two of them do on his giraffe reminiscent of the late JIM DANDY. In a future newsletter we hope to have a feature write-up on THE CYCLONIANS. Meanwhile if you see them listed with circus in your area do get to see them - they're great.

One of the best commentaries (on performers - amateur and professional) that your editor has ever seen appeared in the Sept. 12, 1977 THE CIRCUS REPORT. It was written by Charley Van-Buskirk and gives readers an insight into life in show biz and the advantages and disadvantages of professionals and amateurs when it comes to building props or developing new tricks or routines. Incidentally, in connection with the original subject matter of the article mentioned, your editor having visited THE GREAT Y CIRCUS in Redlands, CA (members of our organization), and following their progress over the years, must agree that the June 13th review they received in THE CIRCUS REPORT was an unfair one and was happy to see the rebuttal of Aug. 15th.



Final quarter schedule for RBBB RED UNIT is as follows:

Oct. 6-16 Denver Coliseum, Denver, Colorado  
 Oct. 19-Nov. 20 International Amphitheater Chicago, Illinois  
 Nov. 23-Dec. 4 Nassau Vets Mem. Coliseum, Nassau, New York

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE - DETROIT Although disbanded the PONTIAC UNICYCLISTS will get together once more for the J.I. HUDSON parade which starts at 10 AM and will be seen nationally on TV.

1978 INTERNATIONAL JUGGLERS CONVENTION



Next year's IJA Convention is scheduled for July 13-16 in EUGENE, OREGON with a Pre-Convention party on July 12. Future newsletters will contain additional detailed information as the convention time approaches and plans are finalized. This year's convention July 13-17 at the University of Delaware had the largest attendance in history, about 300, and many of our members, who are also jugglers, took part. Among USA Inc. Members who competed in the championships and placed were: BOUNCE THE CLOWN who took 3rd in Club Juggling and STEVE MILLS who took 2nd in Numbers and also 2nd

in Auxiliary Equipment (Unicycle). If you've never attended an IJA Convention keep in mind the above dates for 1978. Regardless of your degree of proficiency you will find that the Jugglers' Convention, like the National Unicycle Meet, is a place where you can acquire a wealth of information on the art, have a few fun packed days meeting all kinds of jugglers, and go home with the determination to make next year's convention or bust.

Registration for the 4th annual CLOWNSHOP (School for Buffoons) May 22-June 10, 1978 run by GARBO & BERKY in Maine is just about complete. As we go to press they have three openings - for women - remaining (See pg 8 of your Jan. '77 Newsletter for description of their course). If interested contact Garbo Clownshop, Celebration Mime Theatre, So. Paris, Maine 04281. (

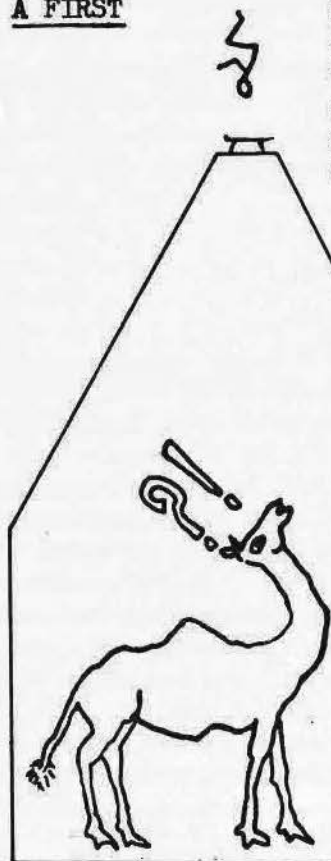
Two of our members GARBO & JILLIAN, The Celebration Mime Theatre Duet from So. Paris, Maine have been invited to perform at the LOU TANNEN'S 15th ANNUAL MAGICIAN'S JUBILEE being held at Brown's Hotel, Lake Sheldrake, N.Y. Oct. 7-9 1977. Along with other professional magicians from Europe and USA they will present a portion of their Duet Show as well as conduct a lecture demonstration. Although "Magic Tricks" per se are not the focal point of Garbo & Jillian's work they are flattered none the less to be part of one of the major magic events in this country.

At the time of the International Jugglers Convention July 13-17, held at Univ. of Delaware, the Wilmington News Journal carried a pre convention piece featuring the attendance at the convention of Garbo & Jillian. Editor of the Aug-Sept '77 Newsletter of the IJA DAVE WALDEN notes that at the convention's public show the first act on the bill was Garbo & Jillian, and to him their mime routine about "the tickle monster" was the hit of the show. After playing engagements in New England this fall Garbo and Jillian will be touring under CMT's auspices in New Jersey and Louisiana until May 1978 at which time they plan to take a year's sabbatical from their performing program. It will be a sabbatical of rest and re-training so that they may continue the exploration of theatre forms in the future. Scheduled New England performances where readers might catch a performance of this fabulous young couple are:

- Oct. 19 Berlin School System, Berlin, New Hampshire PM
- 20 Berlin School System, Berlin, New Hampshire AM
- Gorham Schools, Gorham, New Hampshire PM
- 21 Stratford School, Stratford, New Hampshire 9 AM
- Public Performance, Errol, New Hampshire 7 PM
- 22 New Hamp. Assoc. for Deaf. Ramada Inn, Keene, New Hampshire 7 PM
- Nov. 14-18 5 day residency for Crossroads Arts Council, Rutland, VT.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 7 8 day residency for Lilliput Children's Theatre, Charlotte, VT.
- Dec. 9 The Mime Workshop - Rochester, N.Y. 8 PM

A little late for this issue but THE SILENT PERFORMER WORKSHOP, Hudson Street Studio, 1 Hudson Street, New York, N.Y. 10013 Phone (212) 349-4251 is conducting Workshops starting Oct. 3, 1977 for anyone seriously interested in the areas of non-verbal performing. The history, philosophy and technique of each art will be taught. Ten week workshops are being conducted in: COMMEDIA/MASK, ACROBATICS, MIME, CLOWN, PUPPETRY. For future workshops contact JIM MOORE at above addr.



A FIRST

One of our members GEORGE NISSEN accomplished a gymnastic first recently when he did what is believed to be the first back flip on the top of the GREAT PYRAMID in Egypt. George, who is well known throughout the world for his "Nissen" Trampolines and Gymnastic Equipment, accompanied the United States Gymnastic and Trampoline Exhibition Team earlier this year on a 10 day visit to Egypt. The June 1977 International GYMNAST magazine carried a striking photo of the Great Pyramid and an insert photo of George and the Trampoline Team.

Originally it was planned to put a full size trampoline on the very top of the pyramid via a helicopter but high winds made that impossible. So GEORGE HERY and RON MUNN carried a small tramp to the summit and there George Nissen did the first back flip on the peak of the pyramid. Then Hery and Munn also did some flips and balances just for the record. GLENN SUNDBY, editor and publisher of International GYMNAST magazine who was also present, and to whom your Ed. is indebted for this bit of news, also did a handstand atop the Great Pyramid as well as on top of a lesser pyramid there.

For unicycling historians who may not be aware of it - George Nissen is one of the Old Timers in the sport and at one time manufactured unicycles that were the pride of many circus performers. Your Ed. will never forget the occasion years ago when George, who was judging Olympic Gymnastic Trials at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., took time out and spent his lunch hour riding unicycles with a group of JENACK CYCLISTS.

FOOTNOTE: The above group trip to Egypt occurred last April. In May GEO. NISSEN & RON MUNN returned to Egypt on a business trip and while there accomplished their original mission - They had a ball bouncing on the larger trampoline atop the world's biggest pyramid.

WALLY WATTS - ROUND THE WORLD ON A UNICYCLE:

Latest news on Wally is that he plans to celebrate his 29th birthday in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 2nd if all goes well. As predicted in last newsletter this particular part of his journey is the toughest and he was almost tempted to throw in the towel after a number of disheartening events recently. These included having a stomach ache and diarrhea for 4 days, being run off the road in Turkey, Robbed in Herat, Afganistan, suffering a chipped elbow requiring a cast, being caught in Monsoon season in India and having to live on a barge till the rains let up, and losing all his traveler's checks. If he can keep going for another month or two and then take a boat to Australia he will be over the hardest part and once in English speaking territory again will find the strain much less. His frequent letters that he writes from his daily diary are being saved for him by your ed. and upon his return he will have a wealth of information from which to write a book on his incredible journey. We all wish him luck and will be awaiting the day when he pedals into New York City to complete his round the world ride on a 43" wheel unicycle.

An article that might interest WALLY WATTS was received recently from LLOYD TIMBERLAKE, one of our members from London, England. Lloyd is Science Editor for Reuters Ltd and sent a copy of a recent news flash about the Russian Atomic Ice Breaker ARKTIKA, the first surface ship to reach the North Pole (Aug 17, 1977). In the concluding paragraph Pravda stated that Seaman ALFRED SHPRING celebrated the event by riding round and round the North Pole on a home-made monocycle. Your Editor has written to our embassy to see if more information can be obtained about this novel feat and Seaman Shpring and his cycle. Wonder if this will make Wally feel he is going at it the hard way. MORE ON WALLY on Page 21

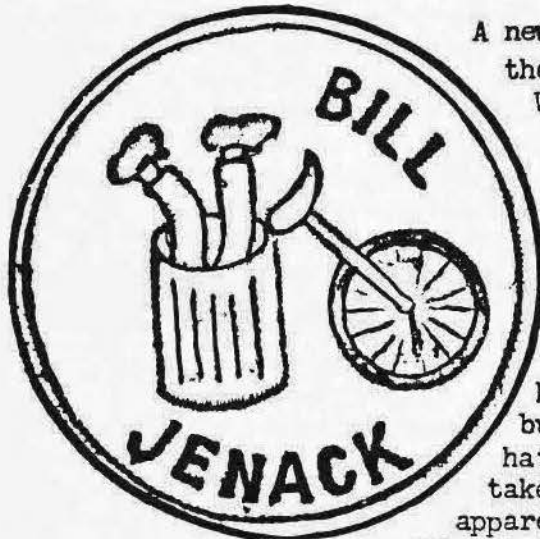
After heavy rain early Oct. 8th the MINI-MEET in REDFORD, MICHIGAN finally got under way at 2:30PM and ran until 8:30PM. There were several out of town clubs in attendance and the meet was considered a huge success. Congratulations Redford

After spending 2 weeks on a 318 ft highwire stretched over the Atlantic Ocean between two piers at Atlantic City, N. J. to set a new world's endurance record for the GUINNESS BOOK STEVE McPEAK came to visit your editor and rest up a few weeks while making plans for other appearances in the Metropolitan New York area. Incidentally the 1978 Guinness Book of Records will carry a beautiful color photo of Steve on the back cover. It is of him walking the Tramway cable to Sugar Loaf Peak in Rio de Janeiro March 18th and was taken during the live CBS Sports Spectacular that was aired earlier this year on TV. On Aug. 20,21 Steve was able to make the National Unicycle Meet in Marion, Ohio. Members attending the meet had the opportunity to meet him there and see the 41 ft unicycle he had strapped to the top of his van. It was the unicycle he rode in the DAVID FROST GUINNESS BK OF RECORDS TV show to set a new record last October 28 for riding the 41' unicycle on a highwire 40 ft above the ground in the CIRCUS CIRCUS parking field in Las Vegas.

During the time Steve was on the wire in Atlantic City he had a telephone up there and TV and Radio Stations all over the country were interviewing him while he was walking, sitting on a chair, or riding his bicycle or unicycle back and forth across the wire. At night Steve climbed into a little tentlike hammock he had suspended from the wire and attempted to sleep while it swayed in the breeze. It was at this time that the storm came up the east coast and knocked the lights out in New York City for its second big blackout. Steve lost his balance pole in the ocean and also dropped 2 phones during his two weeks on the wire. Skin divers retrieved his pole for him and Ma Bell had new phones up there within an hour each time he lost them. Some of the unicyclists about the country who phoned him while he was up on the wire and offered him encouragement were at the National Meet and were able to meet him in person there. Brett Shockley, who exceeded Steve's record for the highest unicycle by riding one 50 ft high July 15th, also called Steve and talked to him on the wire. Then later the two of them got together at the NUM. Although strangers up until that time they hit it off real well and after a little practice put on a couple trick riding performance on Brett's circus bike much to the delight of unicyclists attending the meet.

Shortly after the National Unicycle Meet, and just before he had to return to college, BRETT SHOCKLEY took a motoring trip to California. He took along some of his unicycles (and met with other U-S-A Inc. members on the West Coast. Early in Sept. your Ed. received a surprise call from the HORTONS in Beverly Hills. Brett had made it to their place safely and was enjoying riding with KATIE and WINTER. Brett is our new President for 1978 and made quite a hit at the NUM with the neat Zig Zag Giraffe he built and rode so well.

#### FROM THE NATIONAL MEET:



A newcomer at the National Meet this year was TOM PARISH of the ONE WAY WONDER WHEELS (Not to be confused with the Roger's WONDERWHEELS of California), of Neodesha, Kansas. Although it was his first meet Tom is not likely to forget it for he was chosen to be KING. From a letter just received Tom had the time of his life. Although your editor has corresponded with the One Way Wonder Wheels in the past he had never met any of them and in fact didn't know how to pronounce Neodesha (accent is on the 'O') Tom brought along a colorful hat for your ed. and the emblem on it is as seen at the left. At first your ed. didn't know if this was a hint to go fall in a garbage can or not but decided it wasn't when he saw Tom and another member's hat carried the same insignia. Then he realized the emblem, taken from PETER SENGHAS' letter in the July 1975 newsletter, apparently tickled the group and was most appropo for their clowns to wear. Incidentally this sketch always tickled your ed.

also. Some 15 years ago a group of Jenack Cyclists were practicing by riding around block. A new member BOB ANTUNES, who was still pretty shaky, lost his balance and actually fell into a garbage can placed by the curb. So, as mentioned in the July '75 newsletter, moral of this story must be: Don't depend on garbage cans for support while learning - lid may flip and gobble you up. For more on Tom Parish and the One Way Wonder Wheels see pg. 4



Winner of the SCHWINN U-72 Giraffe at the 1977 National Unicycle Meet Aug. 20-21 in Marion, Ohio was SHELLY LAYNE of Findlay, Ohio. As seller of the winning ticket for the cash door prize Shelly had her choice of 4 different giraffe models and she chose the Schwinn U-72.



The two LAYNE Families made out very well at the meet this year. In photo #1 at left JAMES RILEY, Sec'y Treas. of the Paul Fox Unicycle Club, Inc., the sponsors of this year's meet, presents Shelly's Dad NORMAN LAYNE with the \$300 cash door prize. Shelly happened to sell the winning ticket to him. The smile on Shelly's face as she holds her new Schwinn U-72 indicates not only how she felt about winning the U-72 but that she is a member of the SMILING FACES Unicycle Club of Findlay, Ohio. Shelly's younger cousin ANDY LAYNE was also a winner at the meet, taking 1st place in the 100 yard race for 8-10 yrs on 20" wheel cycles. In photo #2 Shelly's attractive cousin



Nan Layne, the Farrah Fawcett of the Smiling Faces Club shows how to rest on your unicycle between events. Nan rides a 24" Schwinn and with her colorfully costumed group, took first place in the Coliseum Parade on Aug. 21st. Nan's mother JANET LAYNE (Mrs. Emil Layne) is the leader of the Smiling Faces Unicycle Club. Her husband EMIL is the twin brother of Norman Layne so don't be upset some day at a future meet if you suddenly think you are seeing double.

One of our senior members KEN BRITTON of 3984 W. Lake Rd. Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424 took up unicycling after he retired from Eastman Kodak Co. in 1971. His interest in the sport has increased over the past few years and not only has he become very proficient himself (backward, one-foot, & Giraffe riding) but has coached some neighborhood kids and now has a group known as THE GREAT BRITTONS. This past summer they performed in a number of events in the Rochester New York area. Ken was also written up in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Aug. 30, 1977 as: A Triple Threat Man. The substance of the article was that since Ken retired he has become 1. A four mile a day jogger (an ardent jogger Ken's New York State auto license plate is simply J O G ) 2. An expert unicyclist 3. Owner of a large vegetable garden that required no plowing or cultivating, and needs no weeding. Cyclists attending the Meet in Marion will remember Ken as that tanned, healthy looking, friendly unicyclist with the big smile.

19 yr old STEVEN E. BUELL who is in the U.S. Army in Germany would like to hear from others who are interested in unicycling. Steve originally hailed from Taylor, Michigan but has been in the army for two years and just started unicycling in 1976. He has organized a Unicycle Club in the service there in Germany and as of July 21 they had 65 members. He would like to correspond with others interested in the sport. His address is: SP/4 Steven E. Buell, A Co. 8th S & T BN, APO New York 09111

Next year THE CHILDREN'S CLUB OF CONCORD, Concord, California, will celebrate its twenty fifth anniversary. Wonder if there are any other active unicycle groups who have been in existence that long. They have recently instituted an annual JIM DANDY AWARD for the Most Unique Novelty Act by a Single Performer. What a wonderful way to perpetuate the memory of one of our greatest unicyclists.

STEVE MILLS, one of our members who is an outstanding juggler as well as unicyclist, and who has turned pro, signed up with a School Assembly Service and has been playing school dates in Michigan and Ohio. A surprise call from BERNIE CRANDALL, Pontiac, on Sept. 27 brought news that Steve was playing there and got to visit some of the Pontiac Unicyclists before departing for Ohio. Steve is one of the outstanding up-and-coming jugglers of the country today.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TIME</u>
7 yrs & under Girls 100 yds	1st	Stacey White, Redford, Michigan	28.0
	2nd	Laura Ann Boucher, Columbus, Ohio	34.0
8-10 yrs 20" Girls 100 yds	1st	Cindy Fox, Marion, Ohio	21.5
	2nd	Kris Shockley, Minneapolis, Minnesota	24.55
	3rd	Lisa Reinke, Marion, Ohio	25.0
11-13 yrs 20" Girls 100 yds	1st	Tracy Wilson, Redford, Michigan	17.0
	2nd	Chris Adams, Tiffin, Ohio	17.7
	3rd	Dawn Merchant, Marion, Ohio	18.7
14 yrs & over 20" Girls 100 yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	19.5
	2nd	Paulette Gaietto, Tiffin, Ohio	20.1
	3rd	Kim Fitch, Marion, Ohio	20.5
8-10 yrs 20" Boys 100 yds	1st	Andy Layne, Findlay, Ohio	23.8
	2nd	Chris Evans, Newbury, Ohio	24.3
	3rd	Bob Kirwin, New Brighton, Minnesota	34.0
11-13 yrs 20" Boys 100 yds	1st	Dennis Dewitt, Redford, Michigan	19.0
	2nd	Mark Sheaffer, Redford, Michigan	20.15
14 yrs & over 20" Boys 100 yds	1st	Ralph Stock, Marion, Ohio	17.9
	2nd	Paul Pratt, Marion, Ohio	18.4
8-10 yrs 24" Boys 100 yds	1st	Rodney Richards, Redford, Michigan	
11-13 yrs 24" Boys 100 yds	1st	John Padrick, Redford, Michigan	15.5
	2nd	Bob Johnson, Redford, Michigan	15.7
	3rd	Bill Brichford, Redford, Michigan	16.0
14 yrs & over 24" Girls 100 yds	1st	Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio	16.1
	2nd	Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Michigan	16.8
	3rd	Sally White, State College, PA	18.7
14 yrs & over 24" Boys 100 yds	1st	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	15.0
	2nd	Ted Wade, Kokomo, Indiana	16.1
	3rd	Dave Brichford, Redford / Larry Evans Newbury, Ohio	16.3
Backward - Girls	1st	Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Michigan	12.6
	2nd	Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio	13.2
	3rd	Tracy Wilson, Redford, Michigan	14.6
Backward - Boys	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	10.4
	2nd	Mike Wilson, Redford, Michigan	10.7
	3rd	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	11.4
One Foot - Girls	1st	Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Michigan	11.5
	2nd	Paulette Gaietto, Tiffin, Ohio	13.0
	3rd	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	13.5
One Foot - Boys	1st	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	10.5
	2nd	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	10.8
	3rd	John Padrick, Redford, Michigan	12.0
Girl's Mile - 1st Cathy Fox, Marion 5.31.1	2nd	Carol Haines, Marion 5.53.1	Tracy Wilson 6.14.5 Redford
Boys Slow Mile		Boys Fast Mile	
1st Bill Steele, Edina MN 5.14		1st Mike Wilson, Redford, MI 4.57.7	
2nd John Padrick, Redford MI 5.19		2nd Floyd Crandall, Pontiac MI 4.59.7	
3rd Wayne Haines, Marion O 5.19.8		3rd Clyde Crandall, Pontiac MI 5.05.3	
Big Wheels	1st	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	2.53
	2nd	Sally White, State College Pa.	2.55
	3rd	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac, Michigan	3.29

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KING - TOM PARISH, One Way Wonder Wheels, Neodesha, Kansas  
 QUEEN - CATHY FOX, Paul Fox Unicycle Club, Inc., Marion, Ohio  
 BEST IN PARADE - 1st Smiling Faces Unicycle Club, Findlay, Ohio  
 2nd Redford Township Unicycle Club, Redford, Michigan  
 3rd Specialty Cycles, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 GROUP 1st Unicyclists from Pontiac, Pontiac, Michigan  
 2nd Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc., Marion, Ohio  
 3rd Redford Township Unicycle Club, Redford, Michigan  
 COUPLES FIGURE 1st Clyde Crandall, Kathy Skinner, Pontiac, Michigan  
 2nd Mike Wilson, Lindy White, Redford, Michigan  
 GIRLS Individual 1st Lindy White, Redford GIRLS CHAIN 1st Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio  
 2nd Cathy Fox, Marion 2nd Kris Shockley, Minnesota  
 BOYS CHAIN 1st Luc Tremblay, Quebec 2nd Nick Brown, Minneapolis  
 YOUNGEST TO COMPLETE MILE - Laura Boucher, Columbus, Ohio OLDEST - Bill Jenack, N.Y.  
 OLDEST TO PARTICIPATE - Charley Berry, Watsonville, California

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>OBSTACLE COURSE WINNERS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>DOOR PRIZES</u>
1-7 yrs 1st Stacy White	8-10 yrs 1st Rodney Richards	Grand Prize \$300 Norman Layne	
8-10 yrs 1st Cindy Fox	2nd Andy Layne	Schwinn U-72 - Shelly Layne	
2nd Lisa Matunowski	3rd Chris Evans	Plush Bull - Dennis Young	
3rd Nancy Brichford	11-13 yrs 1st John Padrick	Teddy Bear - Cathy Fox	
11-13yrs 1st Becky Slough	2nd Wayne Haines	Juggling Clubs - Bruce Bibler	
2nd Sara Sshrier	3rd Robbie Richards	Bike Lock - Shelly Layne	
3rd Deborah Jones	Bob Johnson		
14-Over 1st Kathy Skinner	14-Over 1st Floyd Crandall		
2nd Sally White	2nd Clyde Crandall		
3rd Lindy White	3rd Mike Wilson		

OFFICIALS: HOST - Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc., Marion, Ohio EMCEE - John Jenack, Westbury NY  
 JUDGES: - Colin Milliron, Sharon Novik, Sally White, Steve McPeak, Eddy Lux  
 TABULATOR - James Riley TIMER - John Kummer

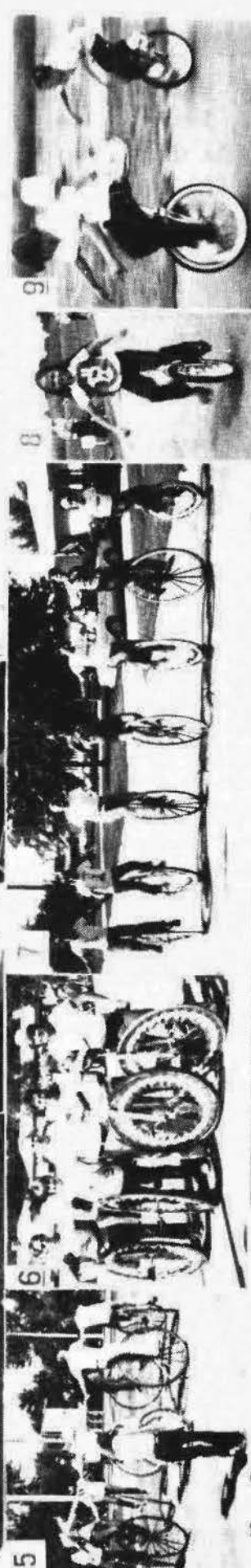
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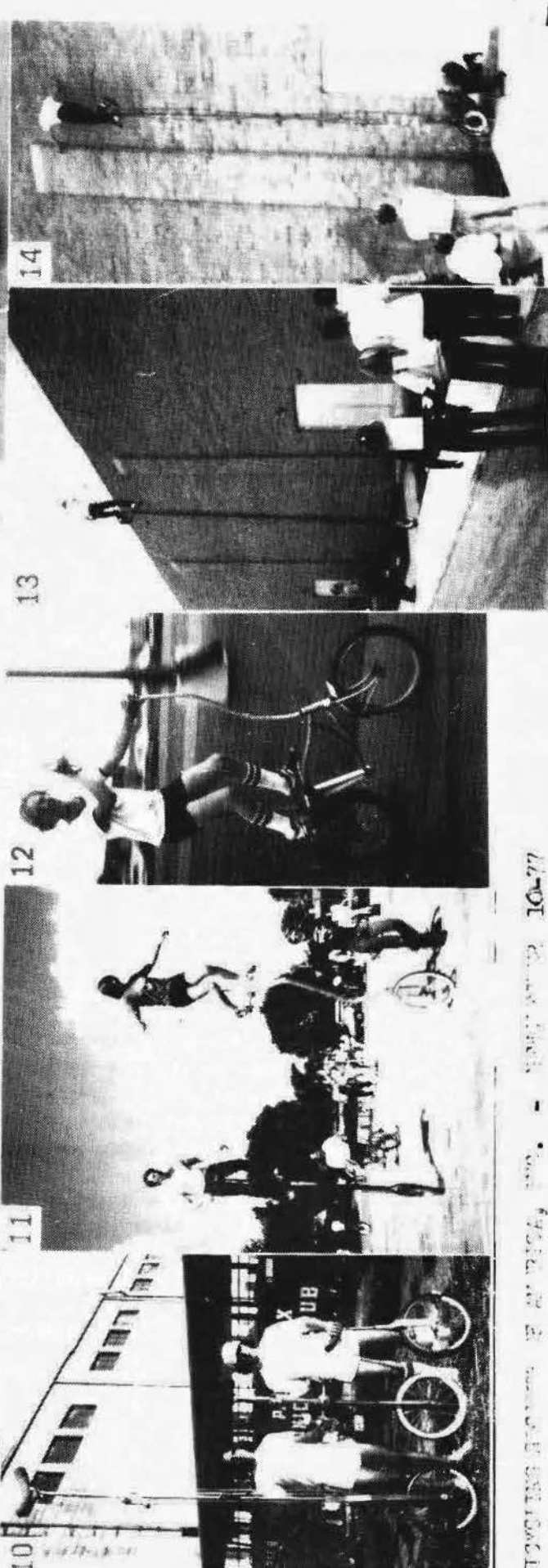
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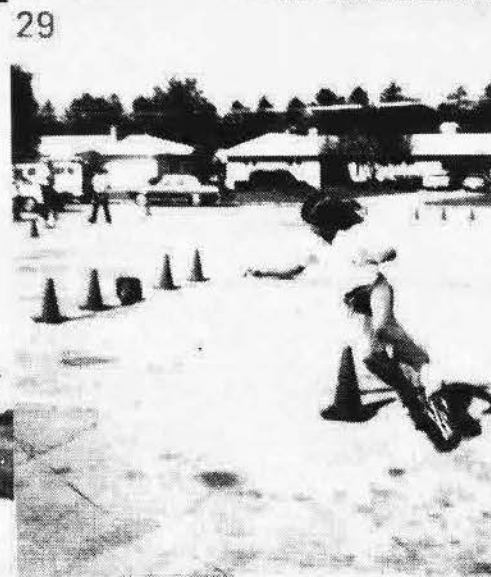
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The Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc., sponsors of the '77 National Meet still have on hand a few of the Meet and Organization Buttons, Tee Shirts, and Iron-On Decals that were offered for sale to help defray the cost of the meet. If you are interested in obtaining any of these collector's items the prices postpaid are:



TEE-SHIRTS with UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA Emblem \$5 ea.  
(Specify **SOLD OUT** Medium, Large)

MEET Button \$1 ea. Blue & Gold  
(See size and design at left)

ORGANIZATION Button 50¢ each  
(See size and design at right)

**IRON-ON DECALS:**

Small About 2½" 50¢ each

Medium " 3½" 75¢ "

(Design same as at right)



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1977 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET - as noted by your editor

Your editor missed a number of events at the Meet (he was having so much fun riding with the big wheel cyclists) but the following he will long remember:

FLOYD CRANDALL climbing up his 20' unicycle via the wall of the school and then riding it.

BRETT SHOCKLEY'S smooth Zig Zag Giraffe and the ease with which he rode it.

The clever ladder arrangement on back of the camper of the UNIWHEELERS from Stow and the good use everyone was making of it to climb onto their giraffe unicycles.

The large number of BIG WHEEL UNICYCLES at the meet this year and their group ride

The professional appearance of the props of the HAINES FAMILY CIRCUS and the equally professional appearance of Wayne and Carol as they made use of them and took first place in the Boy's individual standard and Girls individual chain drive events respectively.

The Olympic type precision of LUC TREMBLAY of QUEBEC, CANADA as he took first in Chain Drive.

The novel Road Runner Bird ridden by CAROL MORAN of the KOKOMO ROAD RUNNERS

The very colorful clown costume and props of TOM PARISH of Neodesha, Kansas

The spectacular club passing juggling of JOHN JENACK AND JOHN PALMSTROM (once they got going)

The incredible backward Ultimate Wheel ride of DR. REYNOLDS and his skillful Rope Spinning

The impromptu couple act on Circus Bike by BRETT SHOCKLEY and STEVE McPEAK

The extreme ease with which the German Artistic Bike Rider did those Boomerangs on the bike in the KUNSTRADFahren film shown Saturday night in the Gym.

The look on MIKE WILSON'S face as he came in just 2 seconds ahead of FLOYD in the Fast Mile.

The darling appearance of KIM SHOCKLEY riding her Giraffe and Twirling her Baton.

The striking appearance of two outstanding Giraffe riders NANCY LAYNE (The Farrah Fawcett of the SMILING FACES of FINDLAY) and LINDY WHITE (First place Standard Trick Winner) from REDFORD. If a prize were awarded for excellent riding posture it would be a toss up.

The speed and angles of some of the riders as they negotiated the Obstacle Course (See photo #29 Page 16 of this issue. Will someone please identify this rider for your ed.

The sight of a 41 foot unicycle strapped on the top of STEVE McPEAK'S van.

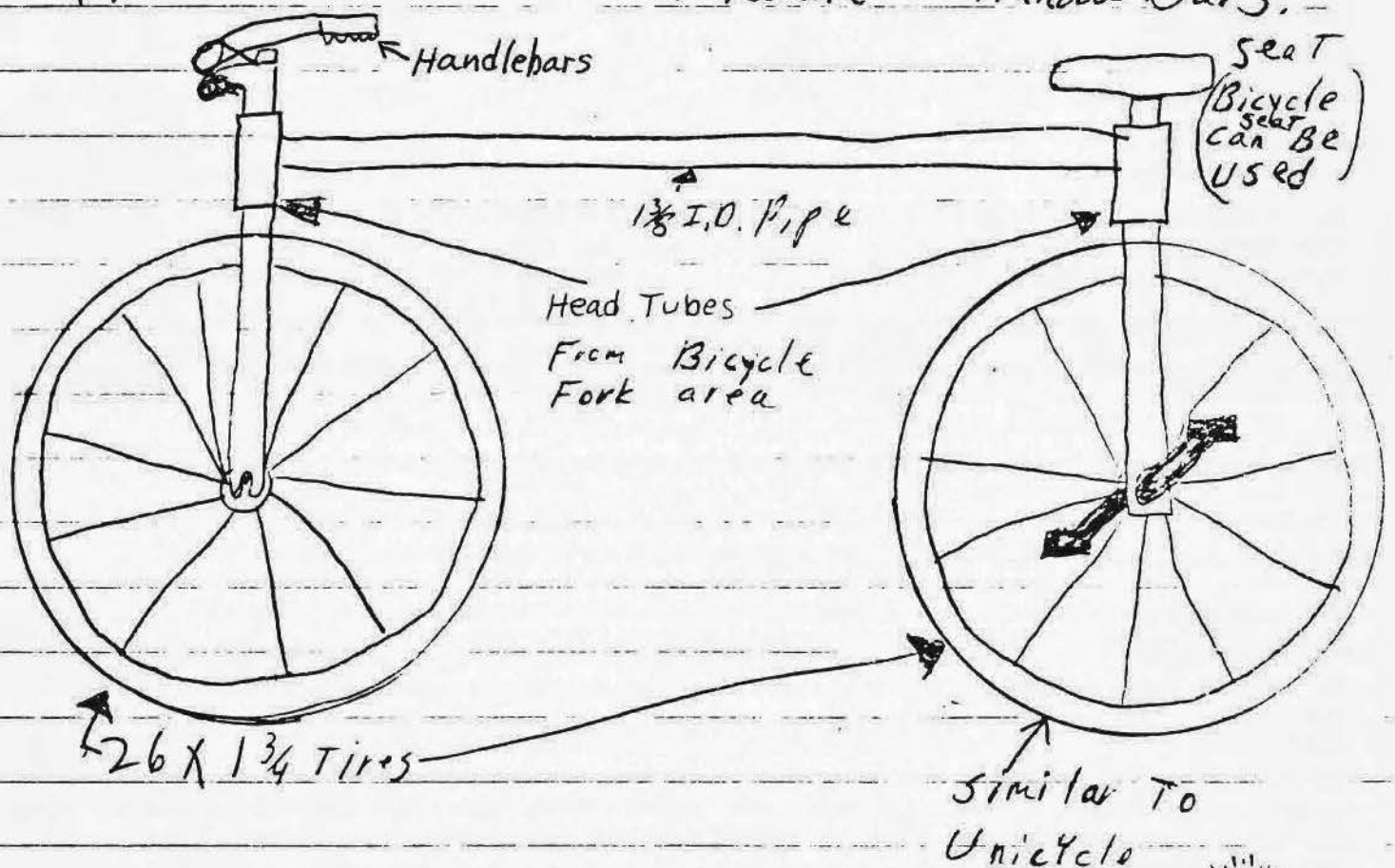
The astonished grin on the face of JAN STEENBLIK (Writer for Boy's Life) as he saw things being done on unicycles that he never dreamed of.



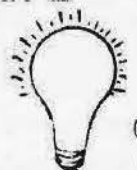
With the increasing interest in circus bikes and artistic bike riding a number of readers have inquired if there isn't some simple inexpensive way they could make up a sight gag bicycle or bicycle-unicorn that their clowns could use in their parades or acts. The answer is yes and while old fashioned double crossbar bikes provide the best raw material a plenty serviceable one can be constructed from two old single crossbar type bike frames. RANDY WALLICK, one of our members from Peru, Indiana has such a bike that was made by his Dad and Randy has used it in the CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL there. TOM "Big Wheel" MILLER of Kokomo, who also performed with Circus City Festival sent your ed. a sketch of its simple construction and some notes on what can be done on it. His sketch appears below:

This Pivicycle probably can be built with little effort and you can do many tricks on it such as:

1. Ride same as The "Pivicycle" or "Swingbike"
2. Ride Backwards
3. Ride Wheelies
4. " " " + Rotate Handle Bars.

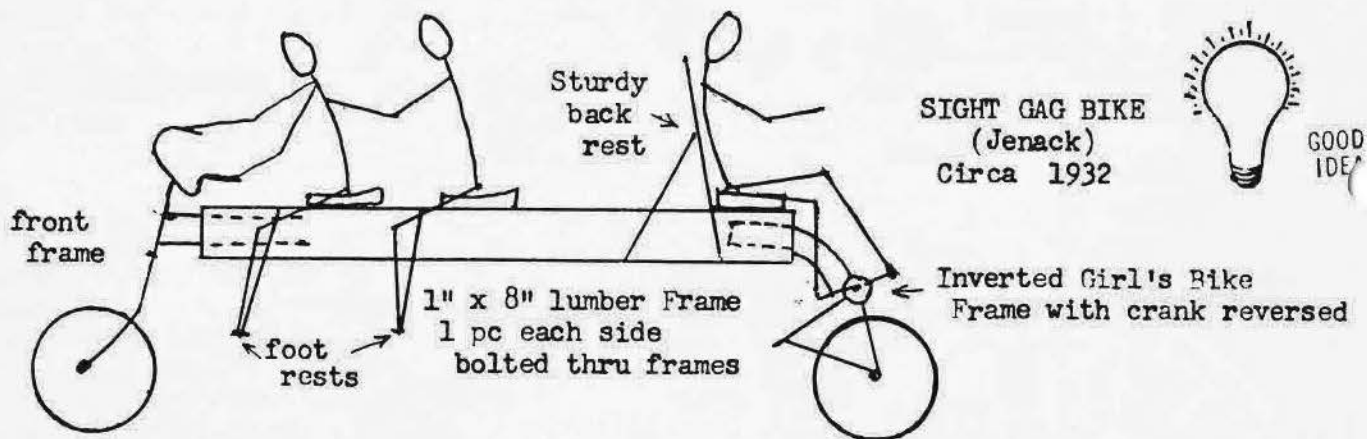


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GOOD IDEA

Editor's note: Back in the 30's your ed. constructed a trick bike similar to the one shown on the previous page but used double bar frames for additional strength and rigidity. Another real eye catching bike your constructed long ago was an extremely long bicycle that carried half a dozen riders and was propelled only by the rear rider who had to pedal backwards. For simplicity the line sketch below shows just a three place job. Note how a girl's bike frame, without the front end, was turned upside down at the rear and two pieces of 1"x8" lumber used to splint together the rear and front sections of frame. Some 1"x2" strips were nailed vertically in front of the forward saddles and foot rests attached to their bottoms. The rear seat faced backwards and had a beefed up backrest as the rear rider did all the work and had to pedal backwards. In order to achieve a forward drive it was necessary to remove the crank and insert it from the opposite side and to turn the rear wheel around so chain was on proper side to match the crank. With the extra long version your ed. constructed he was amazed to find how stable a long bike can be and he was able to ride it solo sitting in the rear seat and pedaling backwards. A couple of lengths of clothesline rope attached to the handlebars in front and extended to screw eyes in the back rest were found to be unnecessary but they do add to the sight gag if such a cycle is ridden solo. The 1"x8" pieces of lumber used to fasten the front and rear frames together simplified construction and eliminated the need for welding. Bolts were strategically placed so they passed through both the lumber and the frame stubbs and large washers were used on each side to prevent the bolt heads and nuts from pulling into the wood. The saddles and back rest were simply scrap pieces of wood nailed in place. The black and white striped paint job given it at the time made it resemble a railroad crossing gate more than a bike but it was fun and sure attracted a lot of attention.



**SPECIAL NOTE TO GIRAFFE OWNERS:** If you have one of the neat new  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft PENGUIN giraffes made by CYCLE COMPONENTS and displayed at the National Meet do spend a little extra time when you first assemble it to make sure you have perfect alignment of the chain. The shorter distance between the upper and lower sprockets means such alignment is more critical and unless you do it right you may find you have a lot of chain clicking and resultant wear. An 18" straightedge placed against one face of the upper and lower sprockets simultaneously will enable you to do the job properly. The absence of banjo bolts to assist you on this particular cycle means you will have to spend more time getting it perfect but it is well worth it.

As with other commercially made giraffes if you experience difficulty with a loose lower sprocket simply back the cycle up to a curb with the chain on the left side, (rather than rt) and make a false climb on with a little extra oomph on the pedal as you go up. This will tighten the lower sprocket against the hub. Then with a drift pin or large screwdriver tighten the jam nut by inserting the tool into one of the notches and driving it to the left via a tap or two with a hammer. If you haven't mastered the solo climb on and must rely on a curb or starting block it might be a good idea to turn your saddle around and always ride with chain on left side. Then each time you climb on you will be tightening rather than loosening the lower sprocket. If you do reverse your saddle make sure you check your pedals frequently and make sure they are on very tight.

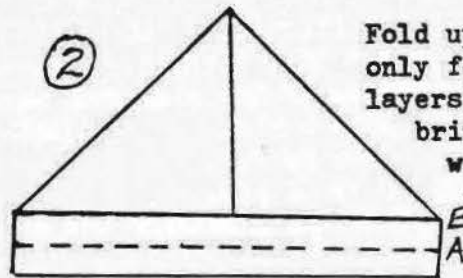
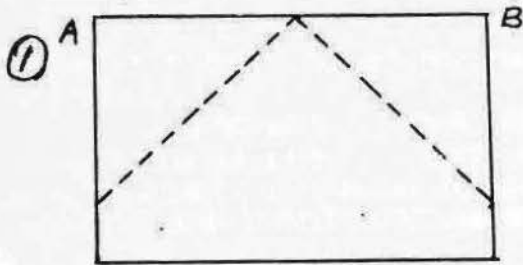
The above information also applies to the new SCHWINN U-72 Giraffe which just came out and which was also on display at our National Unicycle Meet in Marion, Ohio Aug. 20, 21st.



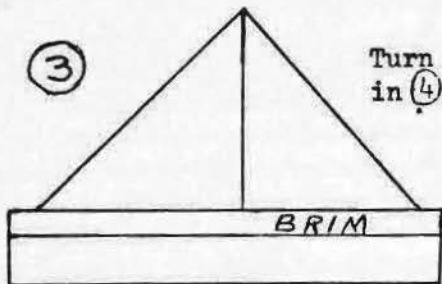
A number of cyclists attending the NUM noticed the novel "Pressman's Hat", folded up from old newspapers, that Dr. Reynolds was wearing during his Rope Spinning Act. Afterwards he showed a number of members how to fold one up for themselves. It has just occurred to your Ed. that this type hat might make a novel and very inexpensive costume hat for unicycle groups if made of 'construction' or other colored paper. With a little experimentation he discovered that if you start with two different color pieces of paper you will wind up with a hat that has the top one color and the brim the other. Dr. Reynolds has kindly sketched the steps in folding up the pressman's hat and his instructions appear below. This is a clever paper folding project and if you practice with old newspapers first to find the size that fits you best you can then make a novel and useful costume hat of colored paper of your choice. Note Dr. Reynolds footnote that at step 6 and 7 the different appearance is also attractive and suitable for children's hats. Our thanks to Dr. Reynolds of Marquette, Michigan for this and for his terrific Rope Spinning and Ultimate Wheel act at the NUM.

**PRESSMAN'S HAT**

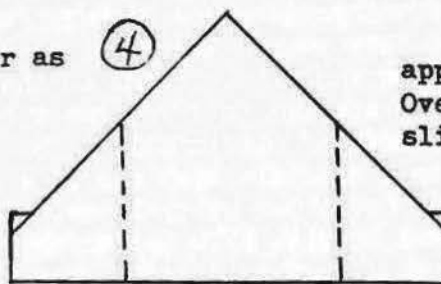
Start with a double layer of full size newspaper (2 sheets) folded to single page size which will be about 23x15½ or 14½ inches (the wider size will make a wider brim). Place in front of you with the folded edge at the top as in figure 1. Fold corners A and B down to meet in the center of the page. Folds to be made are generally shown as dotted lines.



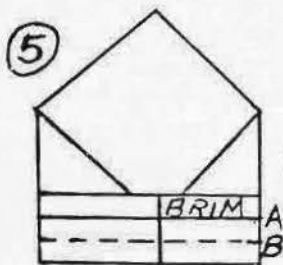
Fold up at A, then at B (but only fold the top of the two layers) to form the doubled brim. After folding, it will appear as in ③.



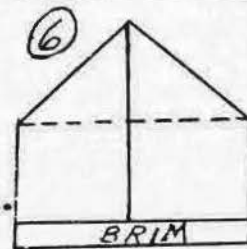
Turn over as in ④.



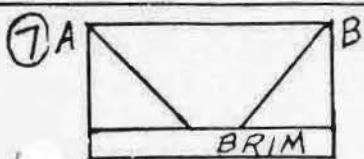
Turn sides in to meet approximately in center. Overlap a little to make a slightly smaller hat. Leave a gap for a larger hat. After folding, it will appear as in ⑤.



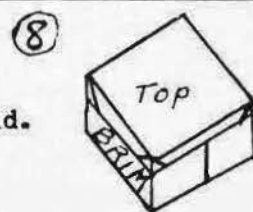
Tuck the bottom flap up over and behind the brim. This is done by folding up at A, then folding at B as it is tucked behind the brim to lock it. If overlapped in step ④, it may be necessary to tear out a little flap at the ends of the tuck. Turn over as in ⑥.



Fold tip down and tuck into bottom of brim, as in ⑦.



Open out hat and fold corners A and B down and tuck into brim in a similar way to the last fold.



Finished hat. Square off the corners and top by folding.



If overlapped at steps 4-5, the top may not be quite square. These hats will withstand considerable abuse and are good painting hats, mechanic's hats, etc. At stage 6 or 7 they are suitable children's hats.

Another of our members ANDY SWAN of the SWAN BROS. CIRCUS, 5629 Canary Dr., Sacramento, CA 95660 has won first prize on THE GONG SHOW with his juggling routines. Last year KIT SUMMERS of San Diego did likewise. Kit and his friend JON HELD recently drove east to attend the (International Juggler's Convention in Newark, Delaware. After the convention they spent a few days with the Jenacks on Long Island and then headed north to see part of N.Y.S. before returning to California. To finance their trip east they did sidewalk performing for the long lines at theatres where STAR WARS was playing.

Page 3 of the Tues. Aug. 23 CONSUMER NEWS of Marion, Ohio devoted the entire page to outstanding photos of the National Meet. Included were photos of FLOYD CRANDALL on 20 footer, BRETT SHOCKLEY on a miniature uni, KATHY SKINNER Clowning, KRIS SHOCKLEY Twirling on a giraffe, a group slow race photo, and a uni being ridden on a 1-5/8" straightedge. In addition the front page carried a photo of Kokomo Road Runners TOM MILLER on a giraffe with TED WADE sitting on his shoulders and juggling three clubs.

The REDFORD OBSERVER, Mon. Sept. 19, 1977 carried a very sharp picture of four REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNICYCLE CLUB members riding their unis and playing musical instruments. The riders were: DAN HETTEL, BILL & MARK BRICHFORD, and MIKE WILSON. The accompanying article, which covered almost half a page, told about the club and its activities.

The PAUL FOX UNICYCLE CLUB INC. held their th annual RIDEATHON in Marion, Ohio Sept. 18th. Eleven of the 25 registered contestants completed the 26 mile course despite strong winds and rain that persisted all afternoon. Two of the out-of-town clubs that participated in the Rideathon were the KOKOMO ROAD RUNNERS of Kokomo, Indiana and the ST. HELEN'S Unicycle Club of Newbury, Ohio. Winners of the rideathon were:

BOYS: 1st PAUL PRATT	3 hr 4 Min.	GIRLS: 1st CATHY FOX	3 hr 26 min.
2nd TED WADE	3 hr 26 Min.	2nd KIM FITCH	3 hr 41 min.
3rd JIM FISHER	4 hr 31 Min.	3rd CHRIS BROWNING	5 hr 13 min.

Oldest unicyclist to complete the Rideathon was our Sec'y Treas. DICK HAINES 4 hr 33 Min.

#### UNIWHEELERS

A new and wide awake group of unicyclists the UNIWHEELERS of Stow, Ohio made its appearance at the National Unicycle Meet this year. The novel ladder they had rigged on the back of one of their campers was used by one and all to climb on the giraffes. Directed by DICK And ANN CHAMBERLAIN the Uniwheelers got started in 1976, two years after the Chamberlains moved to Stow from West Chester, just north of Cincinnati, Ohio. In West Chester the Chamberlain's daughter LICIA had belonged to a unicycle club run by a gym teacher there. Upon moving to Stow she eagerly looked around for other unicyclists. Finally after running ads etc. they found 8 who were interested and in Jan. 1976 formed the "Uniwheelers". They were in three parades the first year and took a trophy in each. They also performed in a talent show and programs for PTA and through the interest generated increased their membership to 30. In their club they now have three 6 footers, four 8 footers, and a ten foot giraffe - the 8 & 10 footers all being made by Dick Chamberlain. Dick is now busy working on a 40" wheel uni. A number of the Uniwheelers tried out the big wheels other cyclists had at the meet and decided they had to have at least one of them. If you look thru the photos in this issue you will no doubt find some Uniwheelers on the big wheels. Our best wishes to this new club & we hope to see more of you at next year's NUM.

The WORLD WHEELERS, an offshoot of the renowned KING CHARLES unicyclists of Ringling Bros. Circus fame, are themselves getting considerable news media coverage now. Their outstanding basketball playing on unicycles has been seen by many both at Radio City Music Hall and in various events and circus performances about the country. At present they are touring South America. They have recently formed the WUA (World Uniball Assoc.) and plan to play ball games other than just basketball on their unicycles. They are in the process of recruiting new members for such. If you are 18 or older, feel you have the ability and stamina, it could be worth your time to phone or drop a line to:

Larry Steele, World Wheelers  
340 West 57th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10019  
Phone (212) 695-0936



The 1978 CITY CATALOG of EDMONTON, Alberta, CANADA will carry the following on WALLY WATTS

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**BIGGEST WHEEL:** No, it's not Peter Lougheed, nor a Syncrude personality and not even a Mafioso don from Lethbridge. Our choice for Biggest Wheel in Alberta is Wobbling Wally Watts, Edmonton's own unicyclist extraordinaire.

He was first attracted to the unusual mode of transportation when he saw a unicycle on TV; there was a small one in George's cycle so he bought it. His first trip was back to town from New Sarepta (pop. 237), the next from Calgary. Then in 1973, Wally made it into the *Guinness Book of Records* for his 4500-mile jaunt across Canada. For that trip, he used a 43-inch wheel unicycle custom-built for him by Ken Diprose of McKinley & Taylor of Edmonton.

Presently abroad setting a record for a round-the-world trip, Wally finds things a bit rougher. His schedule was severely interrupted in France where he needed repairs to his axle; a series of mix-ups sent him back and forth from Italy to the Raleigh Bike works in Manchester, England. Forced off a road by a

bus near Ankara, Wally broke his arm and had to lay over for a bit with friends at the Canadian Embassy in Turkey; an Aghani thief made off with his few possessions, but left him his bike — what hurt most was the loss of his address books listing his many friends. The last letter to his mum, Alice Wensley who lives in the Meadowcroft senior citizens' apartments, sounded a little glum, but he was suffering from diarrhea in Kashmir and cooped up by torrential rains. But as Wally is incorrigibly cheerful, we can assume he's on the road and smiling again. After India, Wally plans to cross Australia, then fly to Los Angeles for a wobble to New York where maybe his mum will meet him. She hopes he'll settle down, but admits Wally is a different sort of person. "He's got to be his own leader."

What next? Wally is going to be writing a book with his friend, Bill Jenack, the newsletter editor of the Unicycling Society of America. After that, who knows — maybe the moon!

*Please address all mail to Wobbling Wally Watts, Box 8, Site 7, RRS, Edmonton T6L 4K8. To subscribe to the newsletter, send \$5 to the Unicycling Society of America, 592 Miami Street, Marion, Ohio 43302.*

The fame of THE LOCO-MOTION CIRCUS of two of our members BOUNCE & CY (See Jan. 1976 issue of this newsletter) has skyrocketed the past two years. From a modest beginning in New England they are now performing coast to coast. Their fast moving tumbling, acrobatic, unicycling and clowning show is being especially well received in colleges from east to west. Should THE LOCO-MOTION CIRCUS be billed in your area do try to get to see their fine show.

Under the direction of one of our members, TED MCGUIRE, The CIRCUS ARTS COURSE (including unicycling) was a big success in the Spring 1977 term at MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Oxford, Ohio. Ted, who has also directed the HAMILTON MINI-CIRCUS of Hamilton, Ohio the past couple years received excellent support from the SAWDUSTERS (Circus minded parents and friends of Hamilton Mini-circus) who showed up each session and helped in setting up rigging, spotting, etc. Ted, while working toward his Masters at Oxford will be conducting the course again this coming year and foresees a larger enrollment than ever and is thrilled with the way Circus Arts is catching on. We wish Ted the best and hope more colleges will follow suit.

FIRST ANNUAL MINI-MEET  
Redford, Mich. Oct. 1977



Despite heavy morning rains and one light shower in the PM, The REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNICYCLE CLUB hosted their first Mini-Meet Oct 8, and it was a huge success. Much credit goes to the Wilson Family for taking over & conducting this event to fill the gap left by the cessation of the Annual

October ROUND-UP of the now disbanded PONTIAC CYCLISTS. A number of innovations in the program, plus the gratifying support of local merchants, and the attendance of many out of town cyclists made it an outstanding meet. Look for more news on it in the January 1978 newsletter.

The MOSCOW CIRCUS (Formerly Soviet Circus) will be performing in Chicago Nov 10-13, Cincy Nov. 15-20, Providence Nov 23-27, Philly Nov 29-Dec 4, Hartford 6-11, Wash. D.C. Dec 14-18 and New York City Dec. 20-Jan. 2 - A good show.

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Paul Fox, President of the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. called the meeting to order, and turned the meeting over to Vice President Roberto Tschudin of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Tschudin commented on this being the biggest annual meeting yet, and turned the meeting over to Bill Jenack, who read the Director's Report. Mr. Jenack read the minutes of the Planning Meeting of March 6, 1977. This was the meeting to plan this year's annual meet. John Jenack motioned and Steve McPeak seconded the motion to accept the minutes of March 6th as read. Bill Jenack then read the minutes of last year's meeting of Aug. 22, 1976. John Jenack motioned and Brett Shockley seconded the motion to accept them.

Bill Jenack gave a brief history of the Unicycling Society of America and its founding as a not-for-profit corporation in New York State. Also he described the duties of the various officers to be elected later in the meeting.

Steve Smock led a discussion on having memberships begin at the same time every year. John Jenack commented that due to difficulty in staying on a budget the USA Inc must depend on a general income all year. This created a steady income to cover quarterly newsletters.

Dick Haines, Secretary Treasurer, gave his report on correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service. Our exemption number has been changed from 501C7 to 501C4. Charitable contributions to us are not deductible by the donor for Federal Income Tax purposes as of July 18, 1977. For tax years ending on and after December 31, 1976, we are no longer required to file a Form 990 if our annual receipts are not normally more than \$10,000.

John Jenack named the representatives of various states and clubs. People attending were from Ohio, California, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Florida, Texas, Indiana, and from Canada, more than at any other meet in past. Also present was Jan Steenblik, a reporter from Boy's Life Magazine.

Bernard Crandall told about the Pontiac Unicyclists European tour of 1975.

Bill Jenack gave a biographical description of the founding members of the U-S-A Inc.

Vice President Tschudin opened the nominations for officers of the U-S-A Inc. for 1978. John Jenack nominated Roberto Tschudin for Vice President, Floyd Crandall gave a second. Roberto Tschudin nominated Brett Shockley for President, John Jenack gave a second. Carol Brichford nominated Joyce Jones for Secretary Treas. John Jenack gave a second. Carol Brichford expressed an interest in the position of Newsletter Editor.

Roberto Tschudin turned the meeting back to President Fox. Fox called for a motion to close nominations. Bernard Crandall so motioned and Dick Haines gave a second. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Paul Fox explained the judging for the parade and show.

Bernard Crandall moved to adjourn. John Jenack gave a second - meeting adjourned before noon.

Minutes by - ROSE HAINES

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

There has been a number of songs written about Bicycling. Your editor wonders if anyone knows of a song about unicycling. A recent request for such information from a cycling author has drawn a blank from your ed. who would appreciate hearing about such if any reader knows of one. Perhaps if none exists some one or some group would like to write one - there's so much that could be included and with catchy lyrics and song sheets it might go over big at a future meet.- Can't you just see the REDFORD Band tootin out a real foot stomper while everyone sings along?



GOOD  
IDEA

Being that this is my last newsletter I would like to thank all members who have been so kind the past four years in keeping me informed of what was happening in their part of the country. I hope no one has been offended by my failure to include something they sent in. I did my best to squeeze in as much as possible each issue in the departments that feedback indicated had the greatest appeal. I trust everyone will continue to be as helpful to our new editor. Stay on top,

*Bill Jenack*



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.



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.

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

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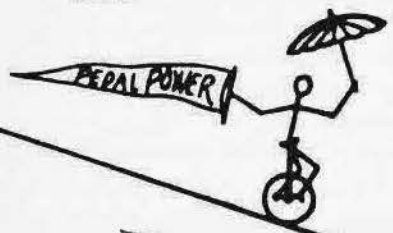
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Dear Members: As a Not-For-Profit Corp. we are not in business to make money. However on the reverse side of this page you will find a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you, and which if ordered thru your newsletter 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 1978 Secretary  
Joyce Jones, Secretary Treasurer  
UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.  
20509 Negaunee  
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