

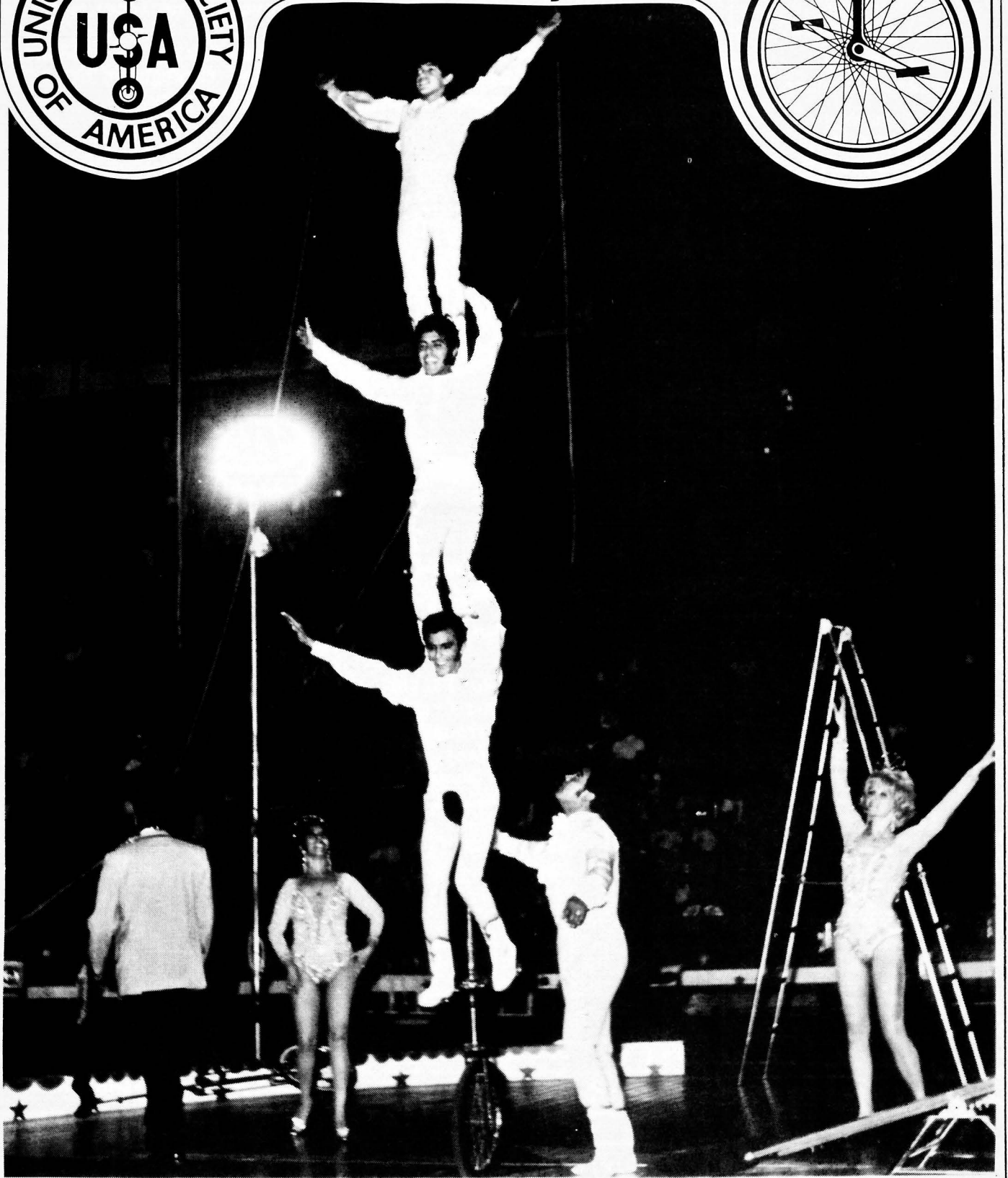
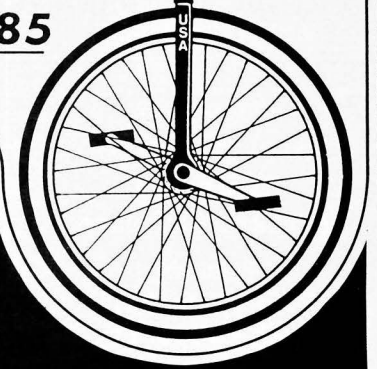
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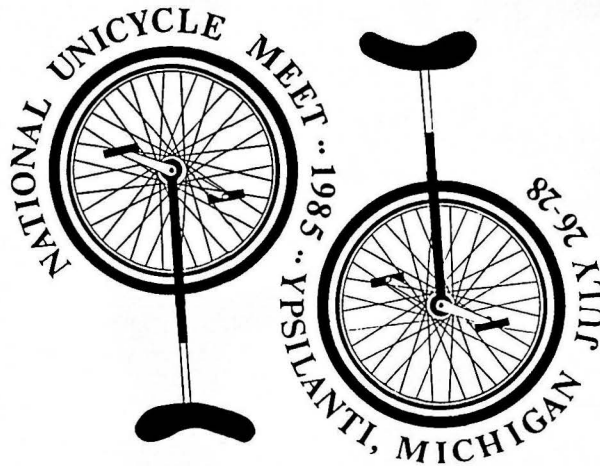
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To foster social and athletic interest in and promote the healthy, wholesome sport of unicycling among youth and adults of the country by establishing voluntary standards of performance and sponsoring and overseeing local and national meets.

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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# COVER:

This issue's cover features THE ESQUEDA TROUP performing with the ROYAL LONDON CIRCUS back in 1982. The Esqueda's unicycle act was only one of the five acts that the family did during the show.

Special thanks go to USAm JOSEPH STEGEN for the beautiful 8x10 photo that he had sent to past USA Secretary AL HEMMINGER.

## MEET YOUR EDITOR

KAY GUDEHUS lives in Rudolph, Ohio, in the countryside just outside of the university town of Bowling Green. Having majored in Journalism at Bowling Green State University she's had experience with writing. But professionally that was many years ago, although she's done lots of volunteer things like pamphlets, news articles, and publicity releases since then.

She is now working as a learning disabilities tutor in her local school district and has for six years. It started out as a part time job and has now become full-time in the past few years. She works with one or two students at a time, and really enjoys them. They keep her on her toes!

Kay's 12 year old daughter, Gail is a member of WOOD ONE WHEELERS (WOW) and has ridden with the club since it began in 1983.

They saw an article in the newspaper about Jan Layne's group and Gail called a friend, before they knew it Gail and her friend were riding!

They attended their first NUM in Findlay last summer and were really entertained. Kay's husband is in a Shrine Unit, so they were old hands at parades. Kay has been dubbed the PPP for the Wood One Wheelers. PPP?? PERMANENT PYLON PERSON! Yep, she's the one out there during parade routines plopping down those pylons and then hoping that none of their riders will "do her in" when she runs out and picks up the pylons again. It's a tough job, but someone's gotta do it...!

## ATTENTION ALL USA MEMBERS

The USA, Inc. is planning to release names and addresses of all members of the Society. If you do NOT wish for your name or address to appear in the pages of a membership roster, please write immediately to:

Carol Brichford, Secretary  
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## USA, INC, NOW A MEMBER OF A.Y.H.

The Unicycling Society of America, Inc. is now a member of American Youth Hostels. This membership will permit Society members to stay at hostel facilities at a reduced cost. These facilities are located throughout the United States and Canada. In addition to providing overnight accommodations, AYH plans bicycle trips, etc. that could be of interest to a group of USA, Inc members. If you would like further information on this, or use of the Society's membership card, write to:

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## IJA BLOOD DRIVE

The International Jugglers Assoc. is having a blood drive on July 20th from 10 AM to 3 PM during their convention. If you plan on attending the event, give a pint of blood in the name of IJA if you can. Also, if you can not attend the IJA convention give at home and have the bank send a note to: Myron C. Wilcox, 550 W. Fairhaven, Porterville, CA 93257 to let him know that you gave a "Gift of Life" in the name of the IJA. Please help, be a donor.



Julie Marquart patiently waits between races at a meet.

#### CYCLING SWEETHEART

USAm JULIE VALENTINA MARQUART, named so because she was born on Valentine's Day, first became interested in unicycling because she wanted to impress a certain

#### FOOL'S FEST 1985

Be prepared for non-stop fun and laughter at the second annual Vermont Fool's Fest held in Montpelier, Vermont during the weekend of July 26 and organized by Montpelier on the Move. The festival will kick off Friday night with a special evening performance by members of the 4th Annual England Vaudeville Festival and will be followed by two full days of entertainment and activities for the whole family. The mostly outdoor entertainment on the blocked-off streets of downtown Montpelier allows festival guests the opportunity to sit back and be entertained or participate in a variety of stimulating activities. The Fool's Fest includes The Parade of Fools, a carnival, a learn-to-juggle area, street performers, food booths, fireworks, game booths, crafts, a street dance, face painting, a unicycle competition, special evening performances and much more! For more information contact Montpelier on the Move (MOM), Box 1085, Dept. N, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 or call (802) 229-4943.

boy in her fourth grade class. She received a unicycle for her tenth birthday on request and by the time she mastered the single wheel the young boy was out of the picture. It was around this time that she learned of the SMILING FACES 4-H UNICYCLE CLUB in her area and she joined. Later she served as Secretary and President for the Smiling Faces group and it was through the club that she has had the opportunity to travel with them for appearances at two World's Fairs, the Orange Bowl and Kentucky Derby Parades, plus participating in every National Unicycle Meet since 1978.

In 1981 Julie performed on her unicycle at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City. She was one of only 24 acts chosen from all over the country by an audition at a talent show and she performed for a crowd of 20,000 attendants of the Kansas City convention.

Then in 1983 Julie placed seventh in the nation in the 4-H Bicycle project and received an all-expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress at Chicago's Conrad Hilton. Her project was an illustrated history of both bicycling and unicycling. In the past Julie had won first place in the Ohio 4-H Bicycle Project for three years in a row. Julie is now a 4-H advisor in the Smiling Faces 4-H Unicycle Club and enjoys working with the younger members.



Randy Judkins, performer at last year's Fools' Fest →

## FOR AND ABOUT CLUBS

The following article was written by your Secretary in answer to the most commonly asked questions concerning clubs. If you have additional suggestions, please write them down and mail them to:

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### ARE THERE ANY CLUBS NEAR ME?

There are not many clubs functioning in the United States - but there could be! Read Jeff Plake's article elsewhere in this issue and learn how to "create a unicyclist." If you are interested in finding other unicyclists in the area, use the newspapers. Unicycling is unique enough to be newsworthy and local papers will often write articles and print pictures about their area unicyclist. If a phone number is included, interested riders or riders-to-be can contact you - and a club is born. Hopefully, by publishing a USA, Inc membership roster, riders will find other riders in their area.

### HOW DO WE FIND A PLACE TO PRACTICE?

Outdoor areas are not too difficult to find. One club has met for years in the parking lot of a church - during dry, warm weather. Indoor facilities are more difficult to find and can be expensive. The local schools might be willing to offer gym space or perhaps add unicycling to the classes offered through it's night school program. Church schools with gym facilities may be able to rent the gym to a club on a regular basis. Community recreation departments may have indoor facilities available. They, too, might include unicycling as part of their program and publicize the club. If an organization offers its facilities, it may require proof of liability insurance. A club is wise to look into this protection.

### RENTING SPACE AND INSURANCE COST MONEY. HOW CAN WE AFFORD IT?

Once a club becomes known, it will receive invitations to perform at banquets (Blue and Gold, Mother-Daughter, Father-Son, etc.) and to parade or perform at

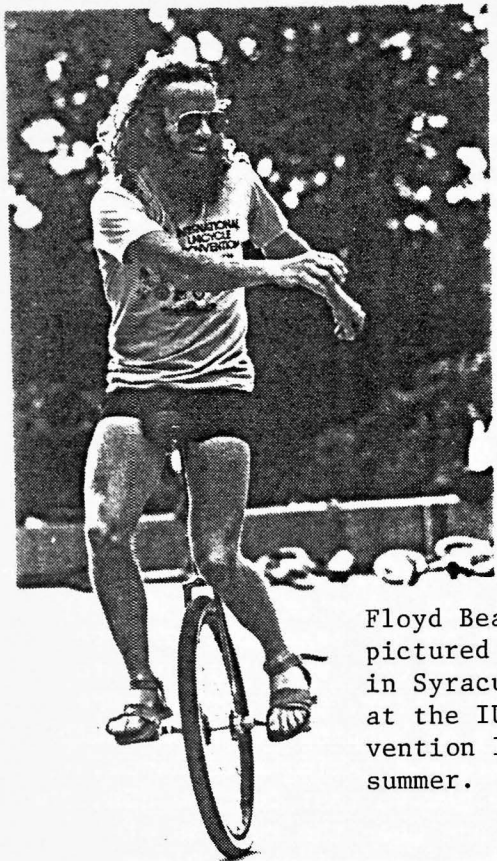
local festivals. Donations can be requested by the club for these appearances. The exposure provides an opportunity to recruit new members also. Before a club is known, it may have to search out for opportunities. Some states and organizations such as AAA print a list of all of the festivals and the dates. Clubs can write asking if the festival committee would like the club to perform or parade for a small donation. If the club is too new to feel secure doing this, it can always resort to garage sales, car washes, candy sales, etc.

### I LIKE TO DIRECT THE CLUB BUT I NEED HELP. HOW CAN I GET THIS?

Make it clear to riders parents that you are not a baby sitter. Invite them to stay throughout the entire practice and give them something to do. Show them how to work with a new rider, give someone the responsibility of keeping the membership list up to date and taking attendance, teach someone how to test for the USA, Inc skill levels and keep the records of who has completed each level. Older riders can lead other riders through routines or skill maneuvers. Encourage family involvement and plan a family event (pot luck, picnic, ball game, etc.) at least once a year so that families become friends and want to stay throughout practice and become involved.

### WHERE DO I GET IDEAS FOR NEW ROUTINES?

If you are a new club, you have no older or former members on which to rely, you should have a copy of Jack Wiley's THE UNICYCLE BOOK from which some ideas can come. Take a notebook with you whenever you go to an ice show or dance recital. Many of the routines used in these performances are readily adaptable to unicycle riders. If you are looking for additional tricks to add to your routine, get a copy of ON ONE WHEEL, Volume 11, NO. 2. On page 15 there are suggested additional skill levels through Level 10. (the USA, Inc has officially adopted and provides patches for "rider" and Levels 1 - 4 only) And most important: COME TO THE 1985 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET. You will leave with enough ideas to last a lifetime!



Floyd Beattie pictured riding in Syracuse, NY at the IUF Convention last summer.

USAm FLOYD BEATTIE was recently featured in THE MESSANGER newspaper for riding his unicycle in the Athens, Ohio Marathon. He completed the 26 mile trek in 1 hour, 58 minutes and 29 seconds on his 6 week old 40" big wheel made by The Unicycle Factory. Floyd claims to already have logged over 500 miles on his newly purchased custom-built unicycle.

#### AGE 70, UNICYCLING, & 8 MINUTE MILES

USAm KEN BRITTON, last years recipient of the BILL JENACK memorial trophy award, was recently written up in the St. Petersburg Times while winter vacationing in Florida.

A reporter from that area caught Ken in action on his unicycle while driving by in his car. While in Florida Ken rode his unicycle two or three miles each day.

Ken learned to ride at age 60 and is now 70 and clocking off 8 minute miles on his unicycle. He is also an avid jogger, last year running 6 miles a day, this year he plans to cut back though because of a foot injury from overdoing it.

#### UNICYCLE DRAGSTER - By Floyd Beattie

This SUNDAY...SUNday...Sunday<sup>N!</sup>. at National Dragstrip, we have double a fuel dragsters, Funny Cycles, and modified stockers... top performance unicycles going head to head. It may sound a little far fetched, but high performance unicycles are possible. It just takes some modifications of the basic unicycle, to make it meet your needs.

For example, in Aug. '83, I purchased a Pashley Unicycle in Dublin. I wanted it to tour across Ireland. The Pashley was a nice light weight 20" unicycle, but 20" x pi divided into 360 miles x 5280 x 12 was too much, so I opted for a 27" wheel. That meant that my poor Pashley had to undergo surgery to have it's fork blades cut, extensions put in, and welded back together. The 27" wheel saved me approximately 126,000 revolutions for the trip.

Midway thru the trip, I stripped the thread out of the crank arm. The only replacement crank arm I could get was 165 cm (the originals were 115 cm) so I replaced both arms. My speed slowed down, but my control increased. My ability to go up hills increased dramatically. It was almost like having a 20" wheel again, except for the amount of distance that I could cover and my pedaling rate.

Tires and rims are another area for modifications. For bush cycling, I have found that I like to put on oversized tires (i.e. - a 2.25" on a 1.75" rim) This seems to give a bit more of a cushion for a softer ride and increased stability. It is horrible for the tight turns of the obstacle course and artistic riding as there is just too much surface to fight. Narrow tires and rims handle turns much better, but thin tires don't last long on unicycles that are used on concrete, blacktop, or brick. For increased tire life, I rotate my tires on the rim, but even then average less than 500 miles per tire. Fat tires seem to get about twice that.

## JEFF PLAKE, UNICYCLIST ON THE MOVE

USAm JEFF PLAKE writes to tell us of the move he just made from Evergreen, CO to Wichita Falls, TX. In doing so he left 10-12 kids in which he had taught how to ride unicycles. The following article on what he has noticed in trying to teach people how to ride is compliments of Jeff...

During the past 4 or 5 years, it has become increasingly amazing to me how quickly people tend to give up on a new venture. We certainly do not begin our lives that way. Have you ever thought about how many times a baby falls on it's face learning to walk? Although the infant fails constantly for several weeks before mastering this new feat with it's feet, giving up is never considered.

Upon reaching 5 or 6 years old, the child is still giving no regard to difficulty factors. Ignoring bruises, scrapes, cuts, and sometimes even broken bones, the young person soon conquers the bicycle with determination and an "I can" attitude.

I find it interesting, however, that by the age of 10 or 11, most individuals have lost that adventuresome, determined spirit. On numerous occasions, I have been told by those who have never tried that "the unicycle is only for a gifted few," and that they could never be counted among those fortunate people with 'a sense of balance.'

Many times I have watched individuals "work" at learning to unicycle for 5-10 minutes, then give up because they find it "impossible."

I have never actually taught anyone to ride a unicycle - to be honest, I don't really know how to go about it - but I have allowed about 200 people to practice on the ones that I own. At first I saw few successes, but after two or three years, I noticed those who had stuck with it for an hour or more always learned how to ride it. Since the discovery, I have made it a point to emphasize that if a person will practice for two straight hours, regardless of how many times they fall, or how frustrated they feel, they will learn to ride. Guess what! Of the 50 or 60 who have stuck with it for at least one hour, there has not been one that has been unsuccessful.

Just like anything else, it all depends on attitude. Most people see the unicycle as being twice as hard to ride as a bicycle even though the bicycle has twice as many wheels. My attitude is: "How in the world do those talented people balance on two wheels? I have enough trouble with one!"

Assoc. Ed. Note: And as you might have guessed, Jugglin' Jeff, as he calls himself, plans to have 10-15 more unicycling buddies within 2 or 3 months now that he has moved to Wichita Falls. Good Luck Jeff and thanks so much for writing and for spreading the sport of unicycling!



Tom, Connie and TJ Miller sit in front of their transportation to the unicycle meets!

### ATTENTION ALL UNICYCLE MEET ATTENDEES

USAm TOM MILLER wants everyone, especially foreign members, to know that he wishes to ensure that everyone gets the unicycles and unicycle parts that they need. So if you plan on attending the meet and need a custom unicycle or that new seat extension or whatever, why not save on postage for shipping and drop him a line now to place your order. This will also ensure that he will have what you want in the quantity that you need. For a free brochure and price list, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

The Unicycle Factory  
Tom Miller  
2711 N. Apperson  
Kokomo, IN 46901  
Tel. (317) 452-2692

GENERAL INFORMATION - 1985 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET

The outer wrapper for this issue of ON ONE WHEEL is the registration form for the 1985 NUM. Please note that there are TWO pages to this form. They may be reproduced without USA, Inc permission.

Any club directors or individuals wishing copies of the rules that will be used for this NUM should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to USA, Inc., P.O. Box 40534, Redford, MI, 48240.

Persons whose membership is due before the 1985 NUM or new members are encouraged to send membership information on the form provided in ON ONE WHEEL directly to the Treasurer rather than including it with the registration form. Membership fees included with registration will not be turned over to the Treasurer until after the 1985 NUM and USA, Inc publications being mailed between registration and the NUM will not be received.

If you are staying in the dorms be sure to have exactly \$5 per person for the key deposit. This will be returned when the key is returned at the end of the Meet. Keys will be available until 10:00 PM on Friday evening. If you know that you will be arriving after that time, make note of this on the registration form so that special arrangements can be made to secure a key.

NO MEALS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

THERE MUST BE NO RIDING IN THE RESIDENCE HALL, HOYT DINING CENTER, OR THE HALLWAYS OF THE ATHLETIC BUILDINGS.

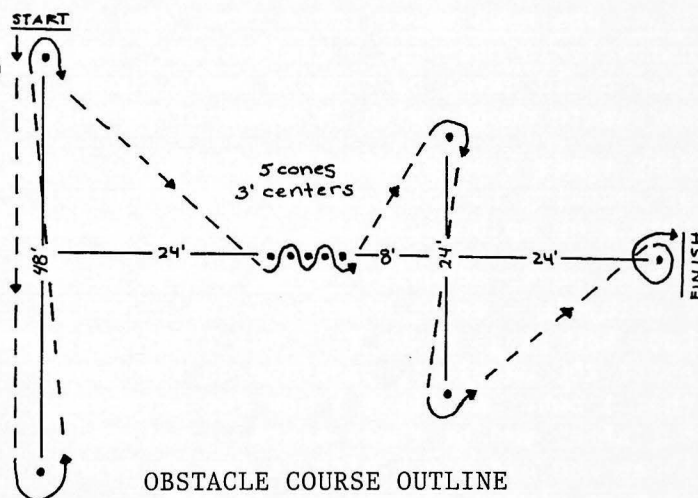
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CAMPUS. Anyone violating this rule will be severely dealt with. (drinking is illegal for anyone under 21 in the State of Michigan)

Merchandise available through the USA, Inc will be sold on Friday and Saturday

Age Categories: 0 - 8 & 9 - 10 (must race with 20" maximum wheel size)  
11 - 12, 13 - 14, 15 - 16, 17 - 18, 19 & up (24" maximum wheel size)

Events: Racing (in order of the way they will be run on Saturday)

- Mile (ages 11 and up only)
- 800 meters (ages 0 - 10 only)
- 200 meters (all age categories)
- 100 meters
- 50 meters - one foot
- 50 meters - backwards
- 10 meters - walk-the-wheel
- 10 meters - slow race
- Obstacle course



Individual Artistic Riding (first event on Sunday - youngest first)

\*\*Standard Class - one standard unicycle; no props, music, or costume

\*\*Open Class - must have music and costume; may use any number of unicycles and props

NOTE: EACH RIDER MAY COMPETE IN ONE CLASS ONLY



\*\*Couples Artistic Riding

Each rider may compete only once  
The age is determined by the oldest rider

**\*\*Time limit for both individual and couples:**

Age 0 - 10 - 2 minutes maximum  
Age 11 & up - 3 minutes maximum

**\*\*Professionals must compete in the 19 and up category**

Club/Group Parade Competition

One entry per club/group  
Continuous forward motion (simulating actual parade circumstances)  
Maximum five minutes time limit

Club/Group Artistic Riding Competition

One entry per club/group  
Must include all members present at the 1985 NUM  
Maximum ten minute time limit

All age categories for All events (except 30 - up Mile) will be divided by Boy and Girl  
Medals or ribbons will be awarded to the top five winners in each event in each age category  
Trophies will be awarded to the top point winners in each age category - Boy and Girl

1985 NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - JULY 26

1:00 NUM Registration begins in the lobby of Hoyt Tower (see map)  
4:00 - 6:00 Unicycle Tennis - demonstration and match  
Outdoor basketball courts are available for impromptu games  
6:30 - 7:30 Riding (or walking) tour of Eastern University campus  
8:00 - 10:00 Workshops - Four different workshops will be offered in rooms and the lobby of Hoyt Tower  
10:00 - 11:00 Snacks at Hoyt Tower  
12:00 Lights, noise, etc, out. (the doors at Hoyt Tower will be locked at 11:00 PM each night)

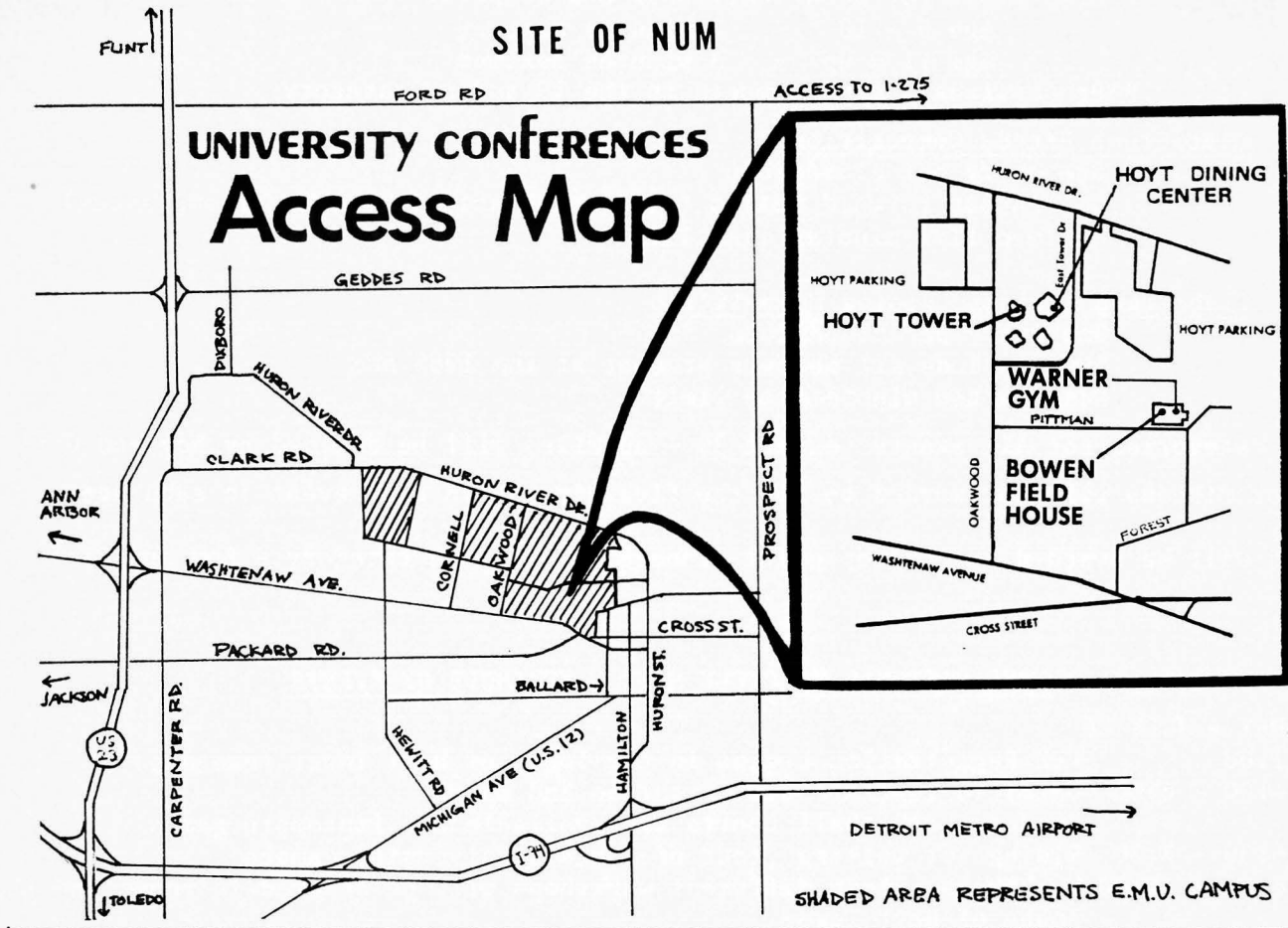
SATURDAY - JULY 27

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast at Hoyt Dining Center  
8:45 Opening ceremonies at Bowen Field House  
9:00 - 12:00 Racing (mile race first) at Bowen Field House  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at Hoyt Dining Center  
1:00 - 5:30 Races continue  
5:30 - 6:30 Supper at Hoyt Dining Center  
7:00 - 8:00 Parade competition at Bowen Field House  
8:30 - 9:30 Racing awards in Banquet Room at Hoyt Dining Center  
9:30 - 11:00 Annual Meeting of the USA, Inc in Banquet Room at Hoyt Dining Center

SUNDAY - JULY 28

7:00 - 7:30 Sunrise Service in the lobby of Hoyt Tower  
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast at Hoyt Dining Center  
9:00 - 12:00 Individual Artistic Riding Competition in Warner Gymnasium  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at Hoyt Dining Center  
1:00 - 5:30 Couples and Group/Club Artistic Riding in Warner Gymnasium  
5:30 - 6:30 Supper at Hoyt Dining Center  
7:00 Artistic Riding and Club/Group awards at Warner Gymnasium

# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



## UNICYCLISTS HIT THE CENTURY MARK IN CHARITON

The Chariton Unicyclists have hit their goal of having 100 accomplished riders.

Heather Sellers, who attends fourth grade at Columbus School in Chariton, Iowa was the 100th student to master the art of unicycling. Joe Edwards, who attends Chariton High School was the first student to learn to ride back in 1977, according to instructor Karen Messamer.

Messamer introduces the students to unicycling in fourth grade as a part of their physical education curriculum, then the unit is again taught in fifth and sixth grades. The students have four 25 minute class periods in which to practice and then are allowed to check out one of the schools unicycles to take home over a weekend. If they are able to ride 100 feet without

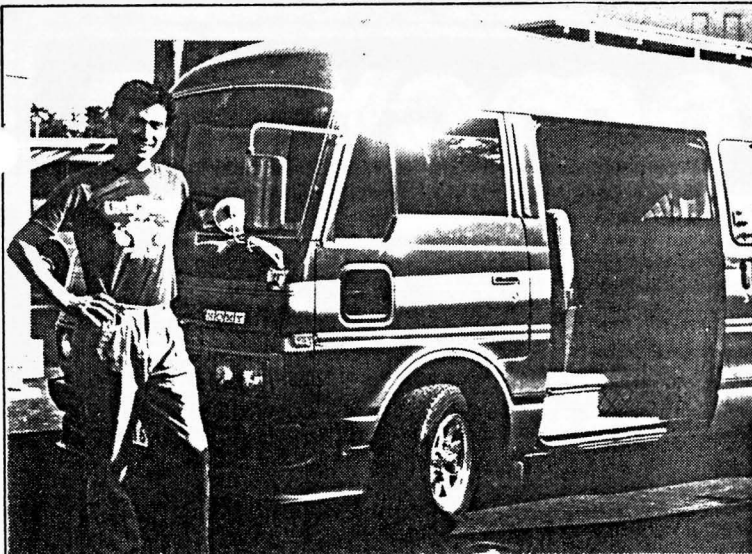
assistance, they are inducted as a member of the performing unicycle team.

Over the past six years the school has acquired seven 24" unicycles, 10 20" unicycles, and two giraffe unicycles which are 6' high. The school has purchased most of the cycles through the physical education budget.

After a student learns to ride, Messamer says that for a time, you feel like you've conquered the world. It taxes the imagination and instills a whole lot of self-confidence in the students who ride, not to mention the fact that it is good exercise.

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Tetsuharu Aiba and his unicycle camper



TETSUHARU AIBA, a leader of the ENSHU MORIMACHI branch of the JAPAN UNICYCLE ASSOCIATION (JUA), has had a unique (for Japan) "camping car" built to transport he and his family to unicycle meets across Japan. Tetsuharu's van includes an IUF symbol on the back, and JUA symbols on either side of the van. Special features include a carrier on top to transport his unicycles and, not to forget, a fridge, TV, stereo, sink, and air-conditioning! Tetsuharu says that the use of vans is very uncommon because of narrow roads, so he can be very proud of his wheels -- and it only cost him 3 million yen! (about \$12,500)

We know that Tetsuharu will get lots of use out of his van, for he is the top unicyclist in Japan, and he says that his uni group is doing very well in Japanese competitions. He views unicycling not only as a competitive sport, contending with speed and artistic performances, but also a recreational sport that men and women of all ages can enjoy, for good health and expanding friendships.

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Tetsuharu with members of Enshu Morimachi branch of the JUA



Enshu Morimachi group formation Japan Unicycle meet, 1984



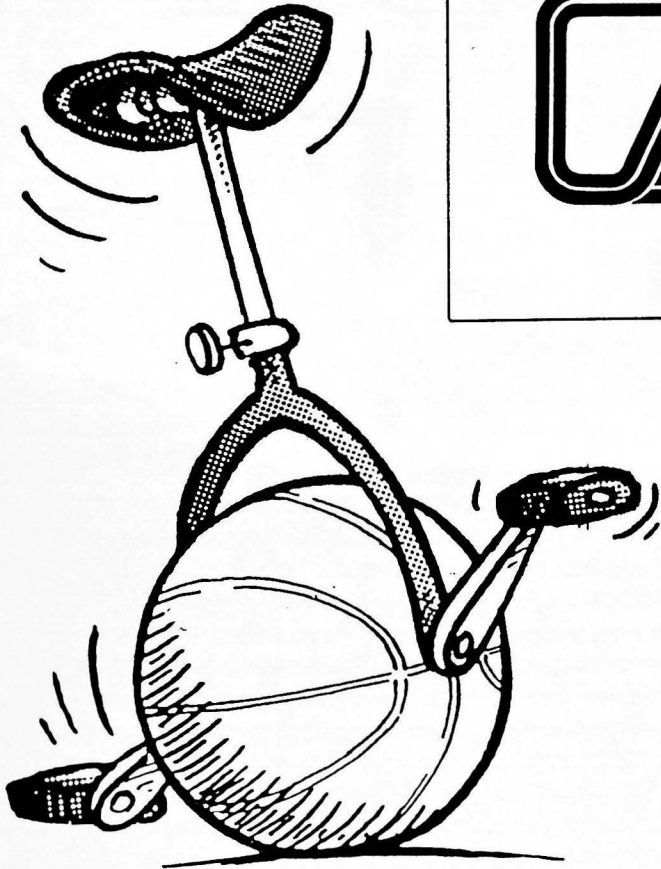
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# semcycle

## SEMCYCLE - AVAILABLE

For a few years now, USAm SEM ABRAHAMS and his father CARLHO have been interested in redesigning the ULTIMATE unicycle, one that would give its owner virtually everything they would ever want in a unicycle. After taking surveys at two unicycling events from amateurs, sports enthusiasts, and professionals they have come up with a design to be proud of. And, as you may already know, they will have the unicycle at the National Unicycle Meet - for sale.

At first glance it looks basically like a Schwinn, but taking another look closely it has a few improvements that are worth talking about. First thing noticed is a bend in the framework, that prevents the fork from twisting or bending easily. The bearing housing is enclosed to increase the life of the system and provides a noticeably smooth ride. To reduce saddle-soariness they left a slight flex from right to left in the seat, so that it will give a little bit when riding. A combination of concave alloy rim, thicker spokes laced radially, and hub, crank, pedal assembly give the rider a durability that will save the stuntman from frequent repairs. Also, the seat adjustment bolt is curved and doesn't stick out, so it saves from bruises and cuts that so frequently happen. It is available in 20" and 24" models, and three seat extension sizes to choose from.



## UNIBALL PLAYERS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Are you a serious unicycle basketball player? Even if you're a recreational uniball player, Marc La Salle of Quebec, Canada would like you to know of the "Le Festival international de la bicyclette de Hull" which is planned for August 5-11, 1985, in which there will be held UNICYCLE BASKETBALL tournaments for anyone wishing to participate. So get a team of unicyclists from your area together and pack your bags for a fun-filled trip to Hull, Canada and unicycling fun for everyone. The Canadians already have teams in Quebec City, Montreal, Hull, and Aylmer so practice up. They even have a formal set of rules for their sport, which are the same as regular basketball with very few adaptations. The unicycle basketball is only a small portion of the events happening for bicycle and unicycle enthusiasts during the week, so if you are also a bicycle fan this may be the event for you. If you have any questions, organizer for the event is Marc La Salle, 124 Champlain, Hull Quebec, J8X 3P9 Canada, Tel. (819) 778-2713.

## USA, INC IN LAUGH-MAKERS

USAm CATHY GIBBONS of Syracuse, NY recently wrote up a six page article on unicycling for LAUGH-MAKERS magazine. Some of the highlights included a bit of unicycling history, news about several clubs involved in the USA, Inc., USA Achievement Levels, as well as several prominent USA members.



England's unicycle polo teams, Christchurch team left and Salisbury right. Lynn Mariner, center, served as referee.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to USAm DAVID MARINER of Dorset, England, there are only two big wheels in ALL of England! One, a 42", is owned by USAm REG BOLTON, and the other, a 35", owned by Mariner.

CHRISTCHURCH TAKES IT 11 TO 8

Using poles made from 2" X 1" timber and a plastic ball, members of USAm DAVID MARINER's unicycle club pounded their way to victory, in the United Kingdom's first ever Unicycle Polo match.

Mariner said the local press didn't know what to make of it, but report it they did! Playing against USAm REG BOLTON's Salisbury Children's Circus, the Christchurch Unicycle Club found they had great competition.

According to Mariner they played six to a side, and the boundaries were 30 paces by 20 paces. Hitting the ball was not allowed unmounted and out-of-bounds balls were thrown back in by an unmounted unicyclist, and the goalie was on a unicycle too!

Mariner has written to GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS as the first team of this kind in England.

Sounds great - anyone ready to challenge??

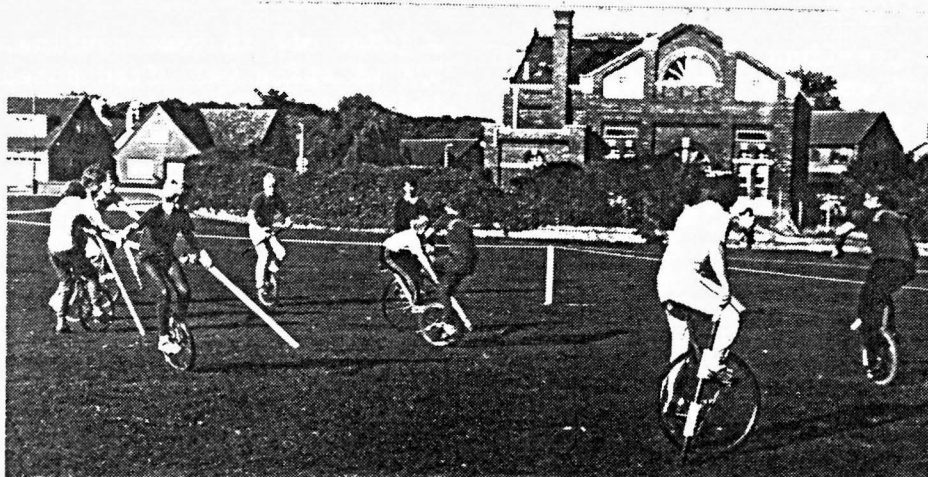
CIRCUS FANS' ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Circus Fans' Association of Great Britain would like to know if you would like to know more about the world of circus. If so why not join the CIRCUS FANS' ASSOC. OF GREAT BRITAIN? Membership includes the quarterly circus magazine KING POLE which is packed with photographs and features on circus stars past and present.

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Unicycle polo teams in action

**ON ONE WHEEL**

# CALENDAR:

IF YOU WANT YOUR EVENT TO BE LISTED, PLEASE LET ON ONE WHEEL KNOW IN PLENTY OF TIME TO GET IT INTO THE CALENDAR BEFORE THE EVENT HAPPENS!!

- NOW THRU SEPTEMBER, PHILADELPHIA, PENN  
Every Tuesday 6:30-8PM, juggling, unicycling and fun skills at the top of the steps at THE PHILADELPHIA ART MUSEUM, Any questions, call Andy at: (215) 667-0146
- MAY 18, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK  
ROUND TOWER RALLY, All Unicycling Society of America members are invited to attend. All participants must be in town to register between 10 and 12 in the morning, the rally starts at 2PM. It costs about \$4 to participate and unicyclers are encouraged to wear their best crazy costume.
- MAY 31-JUNE 2 LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS  
THE 1985 JUGGLERS SPRING FLING WEEKEND, featuring workshops, open juggling, prop sales, friendly competitions, public show, big party and dance and lots of fun! For more information write or call: The Illinois Juggling Institute Inc., 143 North Pershing, Bensenville, IL 60106 phone: (312) 766-1437

- MAY 25, JUNE 1,8, DETROIT, MI  
Unicycle Basketball Tournaments 5-7PM at the 4-H Center in East Detroit. Contact James Green, 4984 Seminole, Detroit, MI 48214 or call: (313) 571-5875
- JULY 16-21 ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
38th Annual International Jugglers Convention. For more information write to the co-hosts of this event, the Atlanta Jugglers Association, 124 W. College Ave., Decatur, Georgia 30030.
- JULY 26-28 YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN  
NATIONAL UNICYCLE MEET, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, look for more details elsewhere in this issue of ON ONE WHEEL.
- JULY 26-28 MONTPELIER, VERMONT  
VERMONT FOOL'S FEST organized by Montpelier on the Move, look for details elsewhere in this issue.
- AUGUST 2-4  
International Unicycling Convention CANCELLED, due to snow damage to the field house in Syracuse and too short of notice to find another facility. Look foward to attending next years' IUF Convention.
- AUGUST 5-11 HULL, CANADA  
Le Festival international de la bicyclette de Hull, in which there will be featured unicycle basketball tournaments, look for the UNIBALL article in this issue.

## UNICYCLISTS CRITIQUED

JAN LAYNE, Vice-president of the USA, wishes every performer to take note of many frequently made general judging comments from the National Unicycle Meet in Findlay last summer.

Your Editor has pursued the judge's written opinions as listed on the scoring sheets and can honestly say-- SMILE!!! Smiling - or lack there of - was the most mentioned concern. After all, everyone likes to see a happy performer.

Appearance was also high on the list, and even an untied shoelace or unplanned talking during a performance can turn

a judge off to your routine. Use of space was often noted, too. The judges prefer a nice, tight routine, ridden close to them and the audience. Perfect timing, originality in music and costume, and variety in movement were items that ranked high in the judges likings. Remember, any tricks that are done in a performance will help to advance your score, but tricks done ON the unicycle, rather than those done before or after your mount, count for much more. AND--don't forget enthusiasm and confidence - the perfect toppers for an award winning routine.

#### COMMENTS FROM YOUR OFFICERS:

From GORDON MITTON, President:

This correspondence would not be possible were it not for the combined efforts of Teresa Hemminger and Kay Gudehus, who came forward when the Editor of ON ONE WHEEL resigned in 1984. Our thanks to both of them for a job well done.

The most important task before us at the USA, Inc Annual Meeting on Saturday evening, July 27, is to select able and willing officers for the next year. Therefore, I urge each member reading this to seriously consider what the Society means to the individual as well as to the sport of unicycling. And then, I further urge you to write to me in care of the USA, Inc, P.O. Box 40534, Redford, MI 48240, and let me know for what office you would like to run. We will be selecting officers for: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and one Director (the only three-year term). Remember, you must be a member of the USA, Inc in order to vote. And this year, all participants in the National Unicycle Meet MUST be members of the USA, Inc.

From BARBARA MARQUART, Treasurer:  
Our By-Laws now require that memberships run concurrently with the fiscal year. This is from October 1 through September 30. In order to begin this system, members receiving USA, Inc membership cards with this issue will also receive a note regarding the Society's fiscal year and what they owe in order to have their dues paid in full for the 1985-86 fiscal year. Please note that the cost of an annual membership for each additional family member living at the same address has been increased to \$1.00 per person.

From CAROL BRICHFORD, Secretary:  
Many of you have written asking where your membership cards are. To save on postage and because the Secretary and Treasurer live in different states, it is the policy to include new membership cards with the next publication sent to the member's home. Many of you will be receiving membership cards with this issue. Those whose checks were received too late to be processed and included with this issue

will be receiving cards with the Membership Roster which will be mailed out within the next month.

Attention Overseas Members: Please do not use the onion-skin Air Mail envelopes. The United States postal equipment does not seem to be able to process these without destroying them. Your Secretary has quite an accumulation that are unreadable. Standard envelopes weigh very little more and come through with no problem.

From TERESA HEMMINGER & KAY GUDEHUS, Editors:  
The next mailing to all members will be the Membership Roster requested by many. This should reach you in early June. If you do not want your name to appear in this roster, please write IMMEDIATELY to the USA, Inc, P.O. Box 40534, Redford, MI 48240

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#### CORRECTION

USAm CHARLOTTE FOX ROGERS, of the Los Angeles WONDERWHEELS unicycle drill team, has written to tell us that the BILL JENACK Memorial trophy, this past year presented to USAm KEN BRITTON, was donated by the entire Rogers family and the Wonderwheels team. We had previously reported that the donation came only from Charlotte.

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#### AN EDITOR'S PLEA!

We need your input to make our newsletter bigger and better. ON ONE WHEEL is currently experiencing some dry times -- which means there is a lack of information about you or your club.

It takes only a little time to jot down the things you have been doing. We'd love to hear about what you personally or your club has been doing along the lines of unicycling -- and perhaps a picture of parades, practice, fund raising events, etc. could be included.

Let's spread the news of what we've accomplished - whether it seems big or small to you - because we are all interested!

Please, keep those cards and letters coming!!!

# ORDER FORM

As a Not-For-Profit corporation we are not in business to make money. However, you will find here a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you, and which if ordered through your Secretary will not only be of service to you but will aid our treasury and enable us to do more to help further the sport of unicycling.

Fill in and mail to:  
**UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**  
 P.O. Box 40534  
 Redford, Michigan 48240

Make all Checks payable to:  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me the following items/memberships for which I am enclosing a check or money order in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty.	Book	Totals
_____	THE UNICYCLE BOOK Jack Wiley, \$7.95	_____
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_____	THE JUGGLING BOOK by Carlo, \$4.95	_____
_____	BASIC CIRCUS SKILLS Jack Wiley, \$3.45	_____
_____	NYU DRAMA REVIEW Circus Techs. \$5.00	_____
_____	THE TUMBLING BOOK Jack Wiley, \$8.95	_____
_____	ACROBATICS BOOK Jack Wiley, \$5.95	_____

QUANTITY		TOTALS
_____	4" Embroidered USA Patch	\$ 2.50
_____	Achievement Level Patches each	\$ 1.00
_____	Unicycle Charm	\$ 2.50
_____	Unicycle Pin	\$ 2.50
_____	Newsletter back issue set (thru 10-82)	\$40.00
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Enter grand total above \_\_\_\_\_

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- Yes, I (we) wish to have my name & address printed in the membership list.      I wish to have my phone no. included with my name & address  
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