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Cover

BRETT BERNARD, who became National Artistic Riding Champion at the 1991 NUM in Chariton, IA, shows (here and on the cover) two of the tricks that helped earn him that title.

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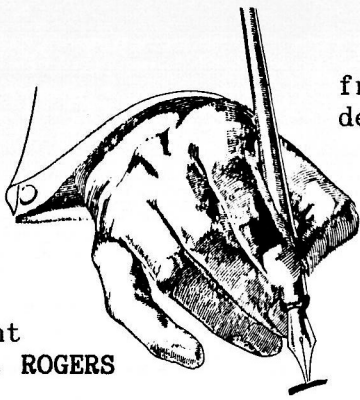
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from the
desk of:

U.S.A.
President
MILES S. ROGERS

ON ONE WHEEL readers may notice that THE CYCOLOGIST is no longer being sent to them as an insert. In his most recent (summer, '91) issue, CURT MORGAN (Editor and Publisher of THE CYCOLOGIST) stated, "Beginning with the next issue, THE CYCOLOGIST will no longer be affiliated with the IUF but will continue to cover international unicycling and to publish jointly with ON ONE WHEEL."

While it is Mr. Morgan's prerogative to disassociate his publication from the IUF, he did not obtain prior approval from the OOW Editor or the USA Executive Committee to continue his association with OOW and/or to "publish jointly" with OOW.

In a private conversation with Curt, I told him that, as he realized, we had been inserting his newsletter in OOW as a courtesy to the IUF members who are also members of the USA and for those OOW readers who appreciated his style and humor. I also suggested that he prepare another issue and include in it a feature article on himself and his editorial policies.

I also told him that anything he submits which is not explicitly labeled "Newsletter of the IUF" will be subject to OOW standards for publication and to CAROL BRICHFORD's editorial policies, should she choose to invoke them.

For the record, we have not been publishing jointly with THE CYCOLOGIST. We have not imposed editorial or quality control standards on THE CYCOLOGIST. We have not assumed financial responsibility for THE CYCOLOGIST although we have, as a courtesy to Mr. Morgan, paid him a nominal sum (\$50 per issue) to help with certain of his expenses.

Mr. Morgan submitted bills to the USA

Treasurer for his last issue and a proposed current issue of approximately \$240 per issue. If we were to continue to publish THE CYCOLOGIST at these costs, we would be forced to ask the USA membership to increase its dues. If anyone wants to propose that course of action, please submit a statement to OOW justifying the action and a proposal for a dues increase which can be voted on by the membership.

As it stands now, we will not include THE CYCOLOGIST as an insert and will not contribute to Mr. Morgan's expenses unless we are so directed by a vote of the membership. We will, however, welcome continued submission of material from Mr. Morgan or anyone else for possible inclusion in OOW. However, we assume no responsibility for any expenses incurred in the preparation or transmission of such materials. No one published in OOW is paid for his/her effort, including the Editor. Materials submitted are not returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

(ed. note: Those USA and IUF members who would like the copy of THE CYCOLOGIST that had been prepared for this issue of OOW may receive it by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the USA P.O. Box.)

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In mid-September I was notified by Carol Brichford that ON ONE WHEEL was ready to take me up on my offer to do the IUF section. I made this offer in July when I heard that Curt Morgan would no longer be doing it. It came as a surprise, but I was glad to accept. The new IUF section will be called UNICYCLING; its original name. My section in this issue is only two pages. Starting with the next issue, it will be no less than 4 pages.

At the time Curt took on the IUF newsletter, he was the only one willing to do the job. For this he deserves credit. Everyone had their own opinions about his writing. Some loved it, many felt quite the opposite. I will only venture to say that UNICYCLING will be quite a bit different!

John Foss, Editor
"IUF UNICYCLING"

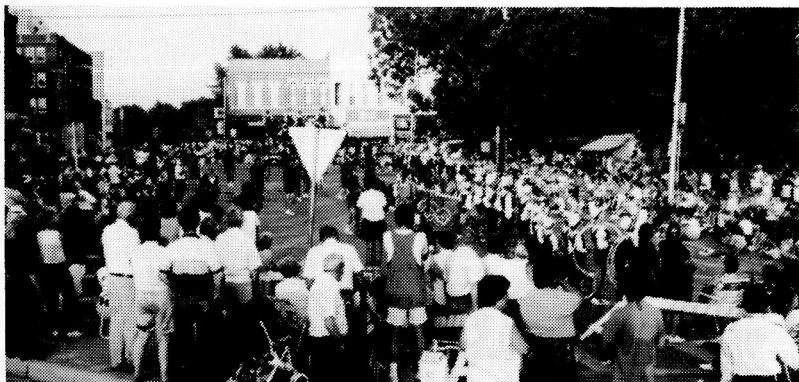
THE 1991 NUM - A FEW HIGHLIGHTS . . .

Actually, recording only a FEW highlights from the 1991 NUM is not possible. From the drive into Iowa - through picturesque, rolling countryside . . . to the final event of the meet, the 9-mile marathon on Cinder Path - the weekend was packed with highlights!

Friday's races moved along quickly - in all respects. The well-trained staff (most of which were from the community) began races on time and kept them moving. Their work was augmented by the professional announcements that could be heard throughout the track area. As for the results of these races: read page 2 of UNICYCLING to see the number of records that tumbled at Chariton, Iowa in 1991.

With all of the longer races completed before Saturday morning, VICKY EDWARDS and her able staff: DAVE EDWARDS, AVIS and STEVE GOBEN, DEANNA and RANDY RUBLE and KAREN and NICK MESSAMER could relax knowing that everything was off to a terrific start! There was ample time after the required races for a unicycle "motor-cross" that was designed to accommodate the riding ability and endurance levels of different ages.

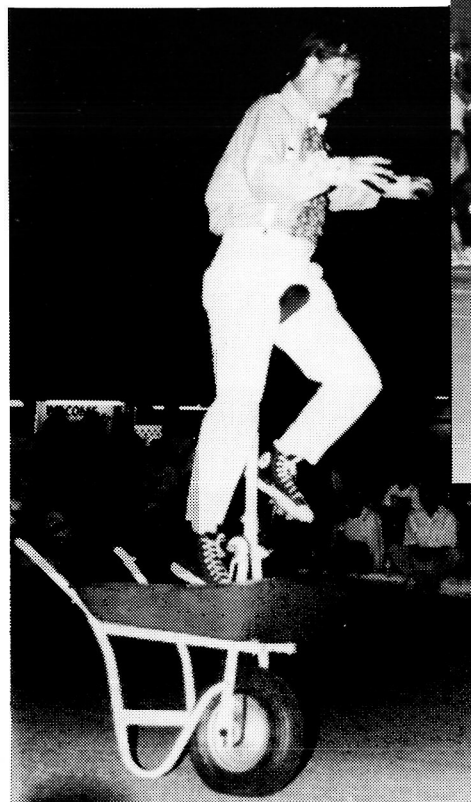
The meet in Chariton reminded your Editor of meets in the 1970's where the entire community was part of the event. The competitive parade on Saturday evening took place through town and around the center square before an appreciative crowd of well over 1,000 people.



The town had been preparing for this meet for several years and every store welcomed the unicyclists and their families with signs that ranged from elementary school crayoned posters to elaborate professional creations. To say "Thank you" to the town

for their support and hospitality, the 1991 NUM Committee planned an "Extravaganza" on the square following the parade competition. Even seasoned unicyclists were impressed by the quality of the performances. The Extravaganza included BECKY, KATIE and AMY EDWARDS, CHUCK MARQUETTE (below-R), JOHN FOSS, SEM and TERESA ABRAHAMS, TOM MILLER (riding his wheelbarrow uni, below) and his son, ROBIN SMALLWOOD, DR. ORLAND REYNOLDS, as well as JAY GILLIGAN, who had come from the IJA Convention in St. Louis the week before with top juggling honors in his age group. As one Chariton resident said at the conclusion, "Mighty good little show!"

Chuck Marquette doing how many things at once while riding his six-foot?----->



Yes, Tom Miller is riding that wheelbarrow! Another of the zany creations from The Unicycle <-----Factory.

1991 saw the use of revised rules that had kept JOHN FOSS and his committee busy throughout the preceding year. As a result of these rules, this meet used the "Expert" class for the first time. Normal age-group classifications remained the same but "Expert" provided a challenge for the very best to compete with others of equal ability no matter what age.

The cloud cover that had kept the temperatures from soaring on Friday and Saturday did turn to rain on Sunday. That posed no problem because all activities that day were planned at the high school where two gyms provided an opportunity to hold Open Class and Standard Class competition simultaneously. With NUM's drawing more riders each year, it is imperative that Meet Directors schedule events very prudently.

The nervousness that always pervades the competitive arena was not absent in Chariton. One father was overheard complaining to another, "All I did was ask a question . . ." while another was seen frantically polishing a pair of small gym shoes. The end result of hours of practice and last minute details and jitters was a delight for the audience. Even young competitors showed considerable riding ability and a marvelous degree of "showmanship."



Many riders through the years have expressed the feeling that artistic riding was "king" at the meets. There was no award for racing that matched awards available for Club/Group artistic riding. 1991 saw an end to that complaint. There is now a "racing team" award that went for the first time to those very skilled **CHARITON UNICYCLISTS!**

There were many other "firsts" at the 1991 NUM:

Unicycling is no longer a competitive sport for just the young. 1991 saw many more adult riders having as much fun as the kids. The **WOOD ONE WHEEL (OH)** adults were classic in their routine with matching blue t-shirts . . . that had the entire group routine printed on the back of each shirt! Forget what comes next? No problem. Read the back of someone's shirt!

For the first time the Bill Jenack Award (which has been given annually since 1983) went to a girl. **BROOKE BUDZINSKI**, along with her brother **BRETT**, received the award(s) from **CHARLOTTE FOX ROGERS**. Both youngsters, though deaf, have mastered the art of "staying on top" one wheel and competed in their first NUM this year.

The **WOOD ONE WHEEL** youth riders increase in numbers each year. This year the Club rode with 28 giraffe riders and 8 younger riders on standards. Impressive!! And not all of the Club members attended.

If you were unable to attend the NUM and are looking for some new tricks to try, here are a few: **SUSIE NORRIS** rode the ultimate wheel over ramps. **JAY GILLIGAN** juggled 6 while riding a standard uni and executed a kick-up mount while juggling 3 clubs. **ROBERT BROWN** rode with chest on seat . . . one-footed and maneuvered the 6-foot "BC" uni by pedaling with a hand. **KEN FUCHS** walked the wheel on his 2-wheel. **BRANDON PIERSOL** jump-mounted a giraffe that was far taller than he from a "mini-tramp." The "hands back" trick went to a new high in the **EDWARDS'** routine when they snapped around each other exactly on musical cue. **CONSTANCE COTTER** mounted a 2-wheel from a standard unicycle. Two-handed stars were done with seat in front by **DUSTIN KELM** and **BRETT BERNARD** and with riders "two high" by the **HUTCHINSON ONE WHEELERS**. For additional ideas look closely at some of the pictures on the following pages.

1991 NATIONAL ARTISTIC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS



1991 NATIONAL RACING AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

6 & under				
Girls:	1st Sara Collert	WOW	2nd Hannah Swanson	WOW
Boys:	tie Andrew Brever	SA	Tanner Ruble	CH
7-8				
Girls:	1st Susan Norris	WOW	2nd Madelyn Yocum	CH
Boys:	Paul Muenschow	WOW	Matthew Hartman	WOW
9-10				
Girls:	1st Abby Cernkovich	WOW	2nd Carrie Norris	WOW
Boys:	Nathan Brever	TC	Derek Kent	CH
11-12				
Girls:	1st Amy Edwards	CH	2nd Emily Ault	WOW
Boys:	Tyler Ruble	CH	Andy Evans	WOW
13-14				
Girls:	1st Erin Cernkovich	WOW	2nd Becca Mura	WOW
Boys:	tie James Goben	CH	Tom Gulden	TC
	Jay Gilligan	SF		
15-16				
Girls:	1st Katie Edwards	CH	2nd Amy Schlosser	WOW
Boys:	Dale Granberry	MU	Duane Cleek	CH
17-18				
Girls:	1st Keri Kies	SF	2nd Tonya Carr	WOW
Boys:	Nathan Wolke	WOW	Jim Tyree	CH
19-29				
Women:	1st Roxanne Sladek	HOW	2nd Susan Sutherland	MS
Men:	Glen Granberry	MU	tie Yuri Abramans	SC
			Kevin Bowers	WOW
30-39				
Women:	1st Teri Ahlstrand	HOW	2nd Valerie Schiano	WW
Men:	Kenneth Fuchs	Ind	David Brichford	RT
40-49				
Women:	1st Karen Messamer	CK	2nd Diane Gilbertson	HOW
Men:	Bill Gilbertson	HOW	Seth Granberry	MU
50-up				
Women:	1st Joan Cotter	HOW	2nd Jan Layne (tie)	WOW
			Charlotte Fox Rogers	WW
Men:	Emil Layne	WOW	Paul Fox (tie)	PFU
			Orland Reynolds	Ind
Expert - National Racing Champions				
Women:	1st Constance Cotter	HOW	2nd Becky Edwards	CH
Men:	John Foss	LI	Andy Cotter	Ind

6 & under				
Girls:	1st Sara Collert	WOW	2nd Chelsea Antilla	HOW
Boys:	Andrew Brever	SA	Tanner Ruble	CH
7-8				
Girls:	1st Susan Norris	WOW	2nd Kimberly Norris	WOW
Boys:	Brandon Pierson	WOW	Ryan Fretz	WOW
9-10				
Girls:	1st Nealy Sarver	WOW	2nd Abby Cernkovich	WOW
Boys:	Nathan Brever	SA	Jonathan Fretz	WOW
11-12				
Girls:	1st Amy Edwards	CH	2nd Missy Gulden	TC
Boys:	Tyler Ruble	CH	Andy Evans	WOW
13-14				
Girls:	1st Becca Mura	WOW	2nd Erin Cernkovich	WOW
Boys:	Jay Gilligan	SF	Jeremy Bacon	TC
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Men:	Glen Granberry	MU	Kevin Bowers	WOW
30-39				
Women:	1st Terri Ahlstrand	HOW	2nd Valerie Schiano	WW
Men:	Robert Brown	Ind	Chris Armstrong	Ind
40-49				
Women:	1st Karen Messamer	CK	2nd Bill Gilbertson	WOW
Men:	Seth Granberry	MU		
Expert - National Artistic Champions				
Women:	1st Constance Cotter	HOW	2nd Robin Smallwood	Ind
Men:	Brett Bernard	Ind	Dustin Kelm	Ind

TEAM RACING:

- 1st Chariton Unicyclists
- 2nd Hutchinson One Wheelers
- 3rd St. Anthony Village UC
- 4th Smiling Faces 4-H UC
- 5th Twin Cities UC

CLUB ARTISTIC

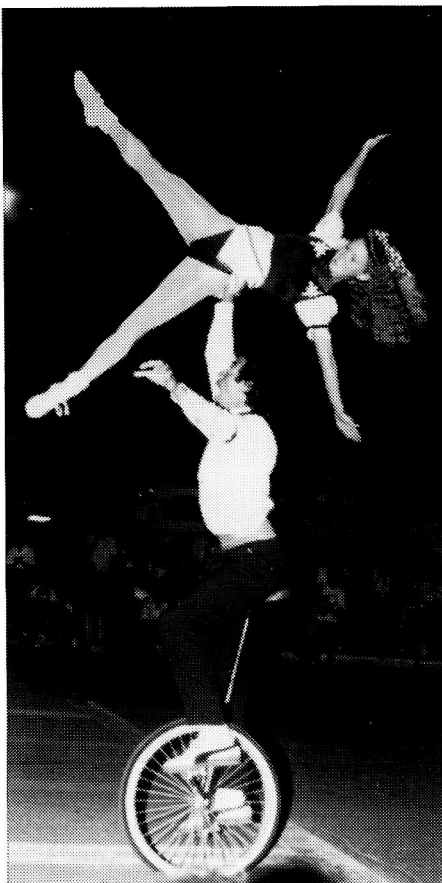
- 1st Wood One Wheel 4-H UC
- 2nd Hutchinson One Wheelers
- 3rd St. Anthony Village UC
- 4th Chariton Unicyclists
- 5th Twin Cities UC

GROUP ARTISTIC

- 1st Michisota
- 2nd WOW Adults

CLUB PARADE

- 1st Wood One Wheel 4-H UC
- 2nd Twin Cities UC
- 3rd Chariton Unicyclists
- 4th Smiling Faces 4-H UC
- 5th St. Anthony Village UC



400 Meters
40-49 F

Karen Messamer	2:44.05
Diane Gilbertson	3:44.09
Judy Cernkovich	4:01.76
Bertie Simcox	4:05.79

40-49 M

Karen Gilbertson	1:25.64
Granberry	1:35.21
Karen Messamer	1:37.13
Dave Edwards	1:38.19
Mike Malikowski	1:46.50

50 & Up F

Jan Layne	2:12.01
Joan Cotter	3:31.07

50 & Up M

Orland Reynolds	1:38.00
Emil Layne	2:33.95

800 Meters

<u>6 & under F</u>	
Sara Collert	4:44.08
Hannah Swanson	4:52.24
Chelsea Anttila	5:39.18

6 & Under M

Andrew Brever	5:07.95
Tanner Ruble	6:33.45

7 - 8 F

Susan Norris	3:21.34
Madelyn Yocum	3:45.61
Kimberly Norris	3:47.62
Tricia Greenwald	3:56.61
Jenny Snyder	4:26.15

7-8 M

Paul Muenschow	3:38.09
Mathew Hartman	3:53.45
Scott Jensen	4:00.81
Brandon Piersol	4:08.50
Ryan Pretz	4:13.36

9-10 F

Talia Ruble	3:23.35
Nealy Sarver	3:38.59
Abby Cernkovich	3:28.42
Emily Eisenmenger	3:32.32
Nikki Simcox	3:32.96

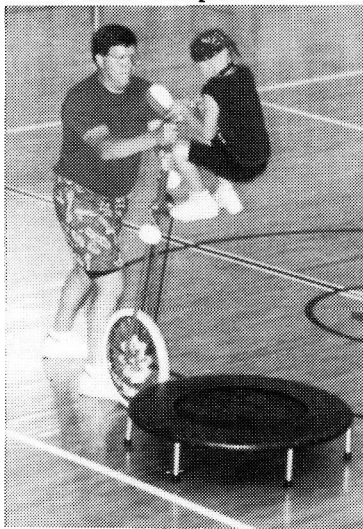
9-10 M

Derek Kent	3:33.71
Nathan Brever	3:36.56
Bradly Hartman	3:37.09
John Marvin	3:44.88
Tim Gobin	3:45.75

1600 Meters

<u>11-12 F</u>	
Amy Edwards	4:55.99 *
Jill Helvoight	5:57.52
Emily Ault	6:23.28
Megan Simcox	6:26.83
Amber Newberry	6:27.07

**Brandon Piersol jump
mounts a giraffe from
a mini-trampoline.**



1600Meters M

<u>11-12 M</u>	
Tyler Ruble	5:26.36 *
Andy Evans	5:59.05
Kevin Gilbertson	6:23.37
Jacob Anderson	6:34.84
Patrick McClutchan	7:15.03

13-14 F

Erin Cernkovich	5:44.73
Becca Mura	6:03.20
Nancy Williams	7:15.82
Kristy Newberry	9:38.27

13-14 M

Tom Gulden	5:21.52
James Gobin	5:28.46
Jimmy Bernard	5:33.00
Nicholas Kozlak	5:52.54
Julian Tyree	5:59.58

15-16 F

Katie Edwards	5:35.04
Michelle Gulden	6:29.04
Amy Schlosser	6:53.41
Daphne Myers	7:56.00
Jody Tyree	7:57.61

19-16 M

Dale Granberry	5:33.96
Duane Cleek	5:34.09
Ryan Vincent	5:46.77
Jesse Tyree	5:51.10
Christian Marcillo	6:29.66

17-18 F

Keri Kies	6:04.77 *
Tonya Carr	7:18.81
Liz O'Keefe	7:24.74
Danielle Spencer	7:28.08
Stephanie Walker	8:26.08

17-18 M

Nathan Wolke	5:43.11
Todd Evans	5:55.59
Jim Tyree	6:07.26
Eric Young	6:08.06
Brian Snyder	6:13.51

19-29 F

Roxanne Sladek	6:38.47
Janet Sutherland	6:46.54
Evelyn Sander	6:52.54
Susan Sutherland	7:22.84

19-29 M

Yuri Abrahams	5:06.02
Edwin Luppens	5:08.74
Keiar Renaud	5:19.82
Glen Granberry	5:23.99
Kevin Heath	6:00.96

30-39 F

Terri Ahlstrand	6:34.66 *
Valerie Schiano	7:09.88
Wendy Norris	9:32.60
Lena Swanson	9:32.60

1600 Meters

<u>30-39 M</u>	
Ken Fuchs	5:58.97
Chris Armstrong	6:14.45
Tom McKay	6:42.08

Expert Female

Becky Edwards	4:56.09 *
Constance Cotter	5:41.48
Robin Smallwood	5:58.12

Expert Male

John Foss	4:29.31 **
Andy Cotter	4:49.78

200 Meters

<u>6 & under F</u>	
Sara Collert	1:05.39
Hannah Swanson	1:09.05
Chelsea Anttila	1:18.88

6 & Under M

Andrew Brever	1:08.70
Tanner Ruble	1:29.47

7-8 F

Susan Norris	47.52 *
Madelyn Yocum	51.56
Kimberly Norris	52.95
Erin Duree	57.55
Tricia Greenwald	58.65

7-8 M

Paul Muenschow	46.51 *
Brandon Piersol	51.53
Ryan Pretz	55.74
Mathew Hartman	56.92
Scott Greenwald	57.06

9-10 F

Karen Jackson	44.43
Abby Cernkovich	50.10
Tamara Traylor	53.10
Nealy Sarver	56.10
Molly Luthens	1:00.83

9-10 M

Derek Kent	45.92
John Marvin	47.82
Bradley Hartman	49.36
Tim Gobin	50.67
Jason Pretz	51.20

11-12 F

Amy Edwards	32.98 **
Jill Helvoight	41.06
Stacey Shore	42.52
Missy Gulden	43.20
Megan Simcox	43.71

11-12 M

Tyler Ruble	36.81 *
Andy Evans	39.35
Jacob Anderson	44.11
Kevin Gilbertson	44.17

200 Meters

<u>13-14 F</u>	
Becca Mura	42.53
Nancy Williams	48.79
Mary Tranchina	50.63
Kristy Newberry	55.49

13-14 M

James Gobin	36.48
Brent Wolke	39.33
Jay Gilligan	39.38
Jimmy Bernard	39.95
Julian Tyree	41.10

15-16 F

Katie Edwards	37.34
Michelle Gulden	42.00
Amy Schlosser	42.59
Daphne Myers	48.38

15-16 M

Dale Granberry	35.00
Duane Cleek	55.95
Jesse Tyree	40.20
Mark Bork	46.12

17-18 F

Keri Kies	44.59
Tonya Carr	47.24
Liz O'Keefe	49.18
Danielle Spencer	52.51
Stephanie Walker	56.53

17-18 M

Brian Schlosser	34.28
Nathan Wolke	37.31
Todd Evans	37.41
Eric Young	39.41
Brian Bernard	41.08

19-29 F

Roxanne Sladek	45.99
Evelyn Sander	47.95
Susan Sutherland	48.00
Janet Sutherland	48.42
Gina Salverda	48.45

19-29 M

Glen Granberry	33.58
Kevin Bowers	37.31
Robert Brown	39.54
Keiar Renaud	39.58
Lee Rupprecht	40.04

30-39 F

Terri Ahlstrand	42.90
Debbie Gulden	57.89
Pat Williams	1:00.22
Lennette Swanson	1:00.34

30-39 M

Ken Fuchs	39.10
Chris Armstrong	42.64
David Brichford	43.10
Tom McKay	50.11



USA Director, Dustin Kelm



200 Meters

40-49 F

Joan Moore	1:15.05 *
Karen Messamer	1:16.90

40-49 M

Bill Gilbertson	43.46 *
Dave Edwards	47.37
Seth Granberry	47.65
Nick Messamer	51.27
William Norris	1:00.46

50 & Over F

Charlotte Fox Rodgers	1:27.84 *
Joan Cotter	1:38.32

50 & Over M

NCNE

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Expert Male

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Andy Cotter	33.68
Brett Bernard	35.42

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Chelsea Anttila	32.85
Hannah Swanson	33.48

6 & Under M

Andrew Brever	32.88
Tanner Ruble	42.00

7-8 F

Susan Norris	23.01 *
Madelyn Yocum	25.16
Kimberly Norris	25.49
Erin Duree	28.27
Jenny Snyder	31.86

7-8 M

Paul Muenschow	23.63
Mathew Hartman	26.83
Scott Jensen	27.48
Ryan Fretz	28.06
Scott Greenwald	28.75

9-10 F

Abby Cernkovich	22.61
Emily Eisenmenger	22.91
Carrie Norris	23.03
Talia Ruble	23.13
Nealy Sarver	23.47

9-10 M

Derek Kent	21.94
John Marvin	22.38
Mike Marvin	23.43
Tim Goblen	23.58
Jason Fretz	23.59

100 Meters

11-12 F

Amy Edwards	15.68 *
Megan Simcox	20.95
Stacey Shore	21.03
Missy Gulden	21.20
Meredith Piersol	21.50

11-12 M

Tyler Ruble	17.64 *
Kevin Gilbertson	20.20
Patrick McClutchen	21.39
Jake Myers	22.45

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Erin Cernkovich	18.96
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Ryan Vincent	16.99
Jesse Tyree	18.78
Christian Marcillo	19.60
Mark Bork	21.98

17-18 F

Keri Kies	21.59
Liz O'Keefe	23.07
Danielle Spencer	24.02
Stephanie Walker	25.96

17-18 M

Jim Tyree	17.78
Todd Evans	17.81
Nathan Wolke	17.96
Eric Young	18.40
Todd Gilligan	18.95

19-29 F

Roxanne Sladek	22.17
Gina Salverda	22.27
Evelyn Sander	22.66
Susan Sutherland	22.86
Janet Sutherland	23.26

19-29 M

Yuri Abrahams	14.70
Glen Granberry	15.87
Edwin Luppens	16.61
Kevin Bowers	17.50
Keiar Renaud	17.77



Karen Messamer (above left) hands out the racing ribbons.

100 Meters

30-39 F

Terri Ahlstrand	22.23 *
Valerie Chiano	23.67
Debbie Gulden	28.06
Vicky McClutchan	29.48
Wendy Norris	37.47

30-39 M

Ken Fuchs	19.58
David Erichford	20.34
Chris Armstrong	21.09
Tom McKay	22.10
Roger Gage	

40-49 F

Karen Messamer	36.16 *
Diane Gilbertson	50.00

40-49 M

Bill Gilbertson	20.52 *
Dave Edwards	21.54
Seth Granberry	21.82
Mike Malinkowski	23.16
Nick Messamer	24.82

50 & Up F

Jan Layne	33.46 *
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50 & Up M

Emil Layne	33.13 *
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Expert Female

Becky Edwards	16.19 *
Constance Cotter	17.45
Robin Smallwood	20.59

Expert Male

John Foss	14.60 *
Andy Cotter	15.52
Brett Bernard	16.34

50 Meters One Foot

7-8 F

Susan Norris	14.62 *
Madelyn Yocum	23.18

9-10 F

Abby Cernkovich	11.81 *
Carrie Norris	14.23
Nikki Simcox	14.86
Nealy Sarver	15.26
Molly Luthens	15.43

9-10 M

Johnathan Fretz	18.66
Nathan Brever	19.48

11-12 F

Missy Gulden	13.95
Jill Helvoight	14.14
Sonya Morrow	14.60
Stacey Shore	14.68
Annabelle Marcillo	14.77

50 Meters One Foot

11-12 M

Tyler Ruble	11.12 *
Andy Evans	11.81
Kevin Gilbertson	14.99
Jacob Anderson	16.01

13-14 F

Erin Cernkovich	11.82 *
Becca Mura	12.71

13-14 M

Jay Gilligan	11.67
James Goblen	11.74
Jimmy Bernard	11.95
Tom Gulden	12.18
Jeremy Bacon	13.70

15-16 F

Amy Schlosser	15.20
Katie Edwards	16.68
Michelle Gulden	17.28

15-16 M

Dale Granberry	11.22
Ryan Vincent	12.20
Duane Cleek	13.91
Mark Bork	15.24
Christian Marcillo	15.63

17-18 F

Keri Kies	16.73
Tonya Carr	22.38

17-18 M

Brian Schlosser	12.34
Jim Tyree	16.21

19-29 F

Yolanda Vonwell	16.81
Susan Sutherland	16.87
Gina Salverda	17.78
Janet Sutherland	22.56

19-29 M

Yuri Abrahams	10.25
Glen Granberry	10.28
Kevin Bowers	10.68
Bill Karbo	12.31
Keiar Renaud	13.84

30-39 F

Terri Ahlstrand	19.90 *
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30-39 M

David Erichford	14.68
Chris Armstrong	15.24
Ken Fuchs	16.49

40-49 M

Bill Gilbertson	19.44 *
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Expert Female

Constance Cotter	11.98 *
Becky Edwards	12.94
Robin Smallwood	13.36

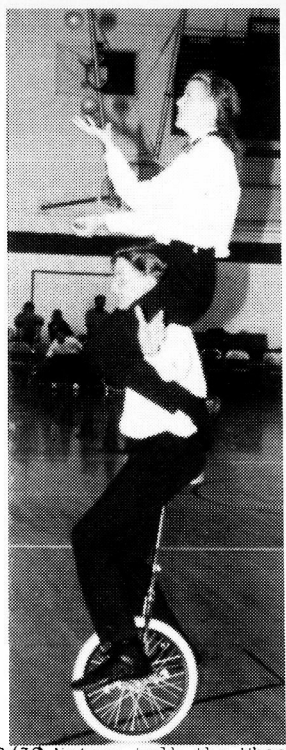


The "basketball uni" from Tom Miller's



**Hutchinson
One
Wheelers**

**Keri Kies &
 Jay Gilligan**
 (Jay had just
 passed the
 juggling balls
 to Keri as he
 rode)----->



10 Meter Slow Forward

6 & Under F	
Hannah Swanson	11.97
Chelsea Anttila	11.22
Sara Collert	10.28
6 & Under M	
Andrew Brever	9.09
Tanner Ruble	9.08
7-8 F	
Susan Norris	21.00 *
Alicia Davis	14.48
Kimberly Norris	12.39
Ashley Traylor	9.91
Tricia Greenwald	9.38
7-8 M	
Ryan Fretz	13.78
Brandon Peirsol	13.29
Mathew Hartman	11.15
Paul Muenschow	11.13
Scott Greenwald	10.86
9-10 F	
Carrie Norris	29.20 *
Abby Cernkovich	27.34
Nealy Sarver	21.12
Karen Jackson	20.37
Nikki Simcox	17.07
9-10 M	
Paul Fickle	21.21 *
Tim Goben	18.68
Bradley Hartman	17.35
Nathan Brever	16.00
Derek Kent	15.16

Expert Male (1 ft cont.)	
John Foss	8.85 *
Brett Bernard	10.52
Andy Cotter	10.96

10 Meters Slow backward	
9-10 F	
Carrie Norris	22.19 *
Nealy Sarver	13.02
Talia Ruble	10.23
Kay Shriver	9.72
9-10 M	
Paul Fickle	8.52
Jonathan Fretz	7.08

10/30 Meters walk the wheel

7-8 F	
Susan Norris	12.45
9-10 F	
Abby Cernkovich	6.53
Karen Jackson	8.13
Talia Ruble	11.55
Carrie Norris	12.95

50 Meters Fast Backward	
9-10 F	
Abby Cernkovich	16.63
Nikki Simcox	19.53
Karen Jackson	24.35
Tamara Traylor	30.38
9-10 M	
Nathan Brever	25.88
John Han Marvan	29.18

11-12 F	
Erin Johnson	8.61
Emily Lieb	7.70
Meredith Pierson	7.39
Emily Ault	7.32
11-12 M	
Andy Evans	8.55
13-14 F	
Erin Cernkovich	11.54

11-12 F	
Amy Edwards	11.50 *
Emily Ault	31.70
Missy Gulden	37.90
11-12 M	
Tyler Ruble	20.24 *
13-14 F	
Erin Cernkovich	20.84 *
Becca Mura	30.35

11-12 F	
Amy Edwards	15.20
Stacey Shore	17.97
Kara Wolke	19.90
Amber Newberry	20.37
Sonya Morrow	24.34
11-12 M	
Tyler Ruble	15.28
Patrick McCutchan	20.92
13-14 F	
Becca Mura	18.18
Nancy Williams	24.95
13-14 M	
Courtney Shriver	15.96
Tom Gulden	16.27
Jimmy Bernard	16.43

13-14 M	
Jay Gilligan	11.76
Brian Gilbertson	5.59
15-16 F	
Amy Schlosser	7.76
15-16 M	
Dale Granberry	27.16
Mark Bork	7.83
17-18 F	
Keri Kies	8.91 *
17-18 M	
Nathan Wolke	9.93
Todd Gilligan	6.44

13-14 M	
Jeremy Bacon	17.51 *
Tom Gulden	18.20
Jay Gilligan	20.27
James Goben	22.60
15-16 F	
Katie Edwards	28.66 *
Amy Schlosser	30.45
15-16 M	
Dale Granberry	27.16 *
Duane Gleeck	18.08
Mark Bork	33.76

15-16 F	
Katie Edwards	22.11
Michelle Gulden	28.36
15-16 M	
Christian Marcillo	15.80
19-29 F	
Yolanda Vonwell	28.66
19-29 M	
Bill Karbo	14.84
Lee Rupprecht	18.38
Edwin Luppens	19.91

19-29 F	
Roxanne Sladek	8.49
19-29 M	
Kevin Bowers	18.18
Glen Granberry	17.07
Kevin Heath	6.01
30-39 M	
Ken Fuchs	13.82 *
David Brichford	12.19
40-49 M	
Bill Gilbertson	5.79 *

17-18 F	
Keri Kies	22.95 *
19-29 F	
Susan Sutherland	23.03 *
Gina Salverda	36.00
19-29 M	
Glen Granberry	13.15 *
Kevin Bowers	17.24
Bill Karbo	19.42

30-39 F	
Terri Ahlstrand	24.95
30-39 M	
Chris Armstrong	23.38
40-49 M	
Dave Edwards	20.65 *
Seth Granberry	28.60
Expert Male	
John Foss	11.63 *
Andy Cotter	16.73

30-39 M	
Ken Fuchs	13.82 *
David Brichford	12.19
40-49 M	
Bill Gilbertson	5.79 *
Expert Female	
Constance Cotter	19.81 **
Robin Smallwood	10.06
Expert Male	
None	

19-29 F	
Susan Sutherland	23.03 *
Gina Salverda	36.00
19-29 M	
Glen Granberry	13.15 *
Kevin Bowers	17.24
Bill Karbo	19.42
30-39 M	
Ken Fuchs	25.48 *
Expert Female	
Becky Edwards	18.14 *
Constance Cotter	21.95
Robin Smallwood	23.95

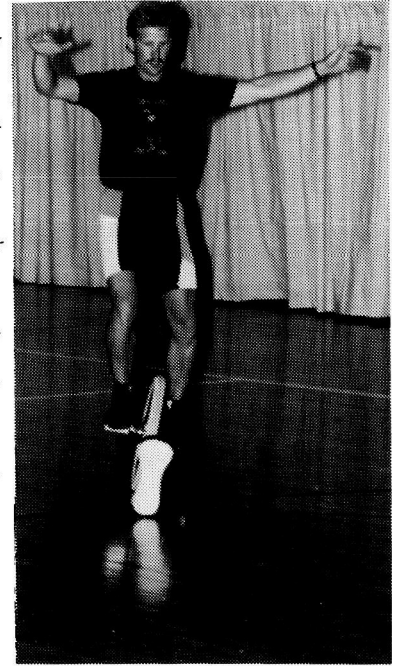
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John Foss	11.63 *
Andy Cotter	16.73
10 Meters Slow Backward	
7-8 F	
Susan Norris	12.57
Jenny Snyder	8.30

30-39 M	
Ken Fuchs	13.82 *
David Brichford	12.19
40-49 M	
Bill Gilbertson	5.79 *
Expert Female	
Constance Cotter	19.81 **
Robin Smallwood	10.06
Expert Male	
None	

19-29 F	
Susan Sutherland	23.03 *
Gina Salverda	36.00
19-29 M	
Glen Granberry	13.15 *
Kevin Bowers	17.24
Bill Karbo	19.42
30-39 M	
Ken Fuchs	25.48 *
Expert Female	
Becky Edwards	18.14 *
Constance Cotter	21.95
Robin Smallwood	23.95
Expert Male	
John Foss	9.67 *



**Bill Karbo, who regularly
 inspires riders and
 astounds the audience
 with his originality.**

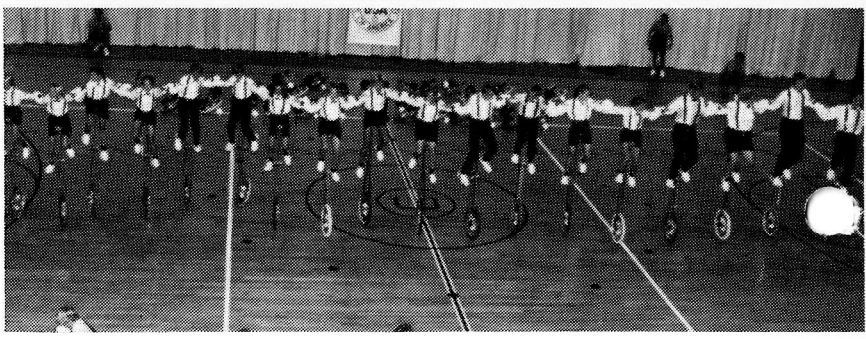


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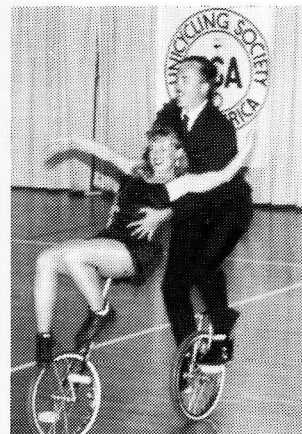
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Dale Granberry	44.75 **
Duane Cleek	21.49
Ryan Vincent	14.28
Mark Bork	12.45
Christian Marcillo	10.07
<u>17-18 F</u>	
Kari Kies	13.32
<u>17-18 M</u>	
Todd Gilligan	21.50
Nathan Wolke	19.33
Jim Tyree	4.66
<u>19-29 F</u>	
Roxanne Sladek	10.99
Susan Sutherland	10.82
Janet Sutherland	6.47
<u>19-29 M</u>	
Glen Granberry	24.45
Kevin Bowers	11.97
Lee Hartson	9.95
Lee Rupprecht	9.22
Kevin Heath	8.50
<u>30-39 F</u>	
Valerie Schiano	6.96 *
Terri Ahlstrand	6.48
Lennette Swanson	4.92
<u>30-39 M</u>	
Ken Fuchs	15.49
David Brichford	15.13
<u>40-49 M</u>	
Seth Granberry	6.69 *
Bill Gilbertson	6.31
Nick Messamer	6.18
<u>Expert Female</u>	
Constance Cotter	19.89 *
Becky Edwards	13.99
Robin Smallwood	10.50
<u>Expert Men</u>	
John Foss	25.10 *
Andy Cotter	11.70

Obstacle Course

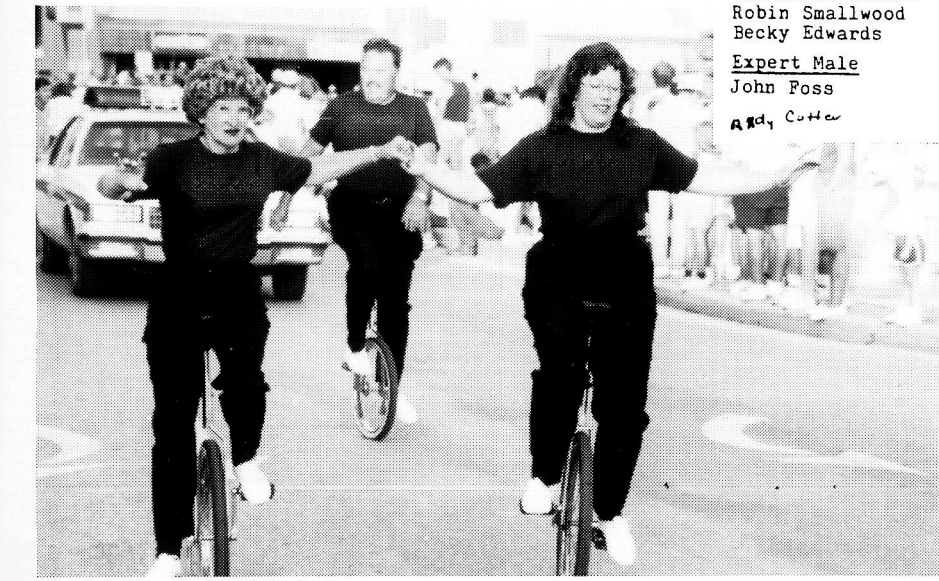
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Sara Collert	36.91 *
Hannah Swanson	54.75
<u>6 & Under M</u>	
Tanner Ruble	1:04.80
<u>7-8 F</u>	
Susan Norris	27.32 *
Kimberly Norris	33.13
Tricia Greenwald	34.24
Jenny Snyder	40.06
Alicia Davis	40.49
<u>7-8 M</u>	
Paul Muenschow	32.48
Brandon Piersol	34.75
Michael Hartman	40.00
Scott Greenwald	42.71
<u>9-10 F</u>	
Abby Cernkovich	25.02 *
Karen Jackson	26.02
Carrie Norris	28.35
Melanie Anderson	28.59
Molly Luthens	29.79
<u>9-10 M</u>	
Nathan Brever	28.52
David Kozlak	29.80
Jonathan Fretz	30.12
John Marvan	30.40
Bradley Hartman	30.81
<u>11-12 F</u>	
Amy Edwards	24.42 **
Emily Ault	28.06
Kara Wolke	28.72
Jill Helvoigt	29.36
Missy Gulden	29.78
<u>11-12 M</u>	
Andy Evans	25.91
Tyler Ruble	26.86
Kevin Gilbertson	31.04
Patrick McClutchan	32.00
<u>13-14 F</u>	
Erin Cernkovich	25.97
Becca Mura	27.21
Nancy Williams	30.57
Mary Tranchina	38.00
<u>13-14 M</u>	
Tom Gulden	24.35
Jeremy Bacon	25.39
Jimmy Bernard	25.91
Brent Wolke	26.55
James Gobon	27.37
<u>15-16 F</u>	
Amy Schlosser	28.52
Katie Edwards	29.01
Michelle Gulden	30.07
Jennifer Beech	33.23



<u>15-16 M</u>	
Dale Granberry	24.02
Mark Bork	25.11
Ryan Vincent	25.63
Duane Cleek	27.02
Christian Marcillo	29.01
<u>17-18 F</u>	
Keri Kies	30.02
Liz O'Keefe	34.21
Tonya Carr	35.59
Stephanie Walker	1:14.38
<u>17-18 M</u>	
Todd Gilligan	26.12
Nathan Wolke	26.52
Eric Young	29.41
Jim Tyree	32.92
<u>19-29 F</u>	
Yolanda Vowwell	29.76
Janet Sutherland	30.89
Susan Sutherland	31.54
Roxanne Sladek	32.05
Evelyn Sander	43.02
<u>19-29 M</u>	
Yuri Abrahams	21.35
Glen Granberry	36.06
Robert Brown	25.08
Lee Rupprecht	25.63
Kevin Heath	29.83
<u>30-39 F</u>	
Valerie Schiano	33.14 *
Teri Ahlstrand	37.05
Wendy Norris	54.30
Pat Williams	1:12.47
<u>30-39 M</u>	
Ken Fuchs	25.83
David Brichford	26.53
Chris Armstrong	32.20
Tom McKay	34.85
<u>40-49 F</u>	
Karen Messamer	1:25.18 *
<u>40-49 M</u>	
Bill Gilbertson	31:20 *
Rob Eells	35.13
Seth Granberry	36.06
Michael Malikoski	39.85
<u>Expert Female</u>	
Constance Cotter	25.18 *
Robin Smallwood	27.85
Becky Edwards	28.84
<u>Expert Male</u>	
John Foss	25.10 *
Andy Cotter	34.57
<u>50 Meter Juggling</u>	
<u>Expert Female</u>	
Robin Smallwood	13.47
Constance Cotter	14.13
<u>13-14 F</u>	
Jay Gilligan	79.98
Tom Gulien	11.86
<u>15-16 M</u>	
Mark Bork	12.45
<u>17-18 M</u>	
Erian Schlosser	9.94
Todd Gilligan	11.24
Todd Evans	11.38
Jim Tyree	13.10
<u>19-29 M</u>	
Keiar Renaud	10.70
Kevin Heath	12.52
<u>30-39 M</u>	
Chris Armstrong	13.69
Tom McKay	14.75
Ken Fuchs	15.08
<u>40-49 M</u>	
Dave Edwards	19.18 *
<u>Expert Male</u>	
John Foss	7.98 **
Andy Cotter	10.79
<u>10/30 Meters Ultimate Wheel</u>	
<u>7-8 F</u>	
Susan Norris	4.19 *
<u>9-10 F</u>	
Abby Cernkovich	3.12 *
Karen Jackson	3.41
Carrie Norris	3.76
Nikki Simcox	4.99
<u>11-12 F</u>	
Amy Edwards	11.62 *
Kara Wolke	12.31
Missy Gulden	14.95
<u>13-14 F</u>	
Erin Cernkovich	9774 **
<u>13-14 M</u>	
Jay Gilligan	15.07 *
<u>15-16 F</u>	
Michelle Gulden	16.09 *
<u>15-16 M</u>	
Mark Bork	10.63 *
Ryan Vincent	14.09
<u>17-18 M</u>	
Erian Schlosser	8.85 **
Nathan Wolke	12.78
<u>40-49 M</u>	
Bill Gilbertson	13.85 *
<u>50 & Over M</u>	
Opford Reynolds	16.43 *
<u>Expert Female</u>	
Robin Smallwood	16.96 *
Constance Cotter	21.66



Constance Cotter in the couples routine that helped her win top honors in Expert Class



(above) The finale of the Wood One Wheelers routine that took first place in Club Artistic Riding competition.

-----Charlotte Fox Rogers (USA Historian) and daughter Valerie Schiano (right) with USA President Dr. Miles Rogers (behind) in Parade Competition.



6 & Under F
 Sara Collert
 Hannah Swanson

6 & Under M
 Tanner Ruble

7-8 F
 Susan Norris
 Kimberly Norris
 Lynn Yocum
 Duree
 Snyder

7-8 M
 Paul Muenschow
 Scott Jensen
 Mathew Hartman
 Ryan Fretz
 Scott Greenwald

9-10 F
 Carrie Norris
 Abby Cernkovich
 Nikki Simcox
 Karen Jackson
 Nealy Sarver

9-10 M
 John Marvan
 Nathan Brever
 Derek Kent
 Michael Marvan
 Bradley Hartman

11-12 F
 Amy Edwards
 Jill Helvoigt
 Sonya Morrow
 Stacey Shore
 Megan Simcox

11-12 M
 Andy Evans
 Tyler Ruble
 Jacob Anderson
 Kevin Gilbertson
 Patrick McClutchan

13-14 F
 Mary Tranchina

13-14 M
 Tom Gulden
 Brent Wolke
 James Goblen
 Bacon
 Bernard

15-16 F
 Michelle Gulden

15-16 M
 Ryan Vincent
 Dale Granberry
 Duane Cleek
 Mark Bork
 Christian Marcillo

17-18 F
 Danielle Spencer
 Stephanie Walker

17-18 M
 Todd Evans
 Nathan Wolke
 Eric Young

19-29 F
 Yolanda Vonwell

19-29 M
 Yuri Abrahams
 Keiar Renaud
 Robert Brown
 Edwin Luppens
 Bill Karbo

30-39 F
 Teri Ahlstrand
 Deb Gulden
 Valerie Schiano

30-39 M
 Ken Fuchs
 Tom McKay
 Chris Armstrong

40-49 M
 Bill Gilbertson
 Seth Granberry
 Michael Malikowski
 Nick Messamer

50 & Over F
 Jayne

50 & Over M
 Emil Layne

Expert Female
 Becky Edwards
 Constance Cotter
 Robin Smallwood

Expert Male
 John Foss
 Andy Cotter

400 Meter Relay

1st	A. Edwards, T. Ruble, J. Goblen, & B. Edwards	1:10.52
2nd	J.Foss, C. Cotter, T. McKay, & A. Cotter	1:10.59
3rd	Y. Vonwell, E. Luppens, J. Gilligan, & Y. Abrahams	1:12.57
4th	K. Bowers, N. Wolke, A. Schlosser, & B. Schlosser	1:15.7
5th	D. Cleek, S. Shore, S. Morrow, & J. Tyree	1:21.84

Marathon (9.5 Miles)

20" Female

Talia Ruble	2hr. :05.53
Emily Lieb	2hr. :26.57

20" Male

Tim Goblen	2hr. :03.55
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24" Female

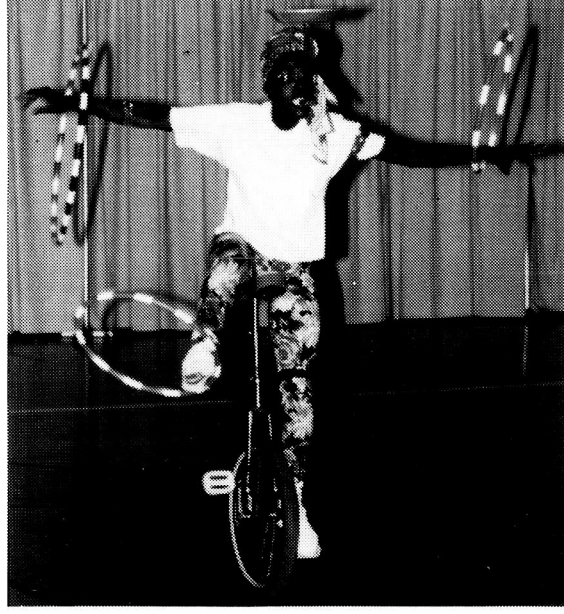
Amy Edwards	59:45.--
Becky Edwards	1hr. :05.17
Constance Cotter	1hr. :05.17
Teri Ahlstrand	1hr. 26.55
Sonya Morrow	2hr. 04.07

24" Male

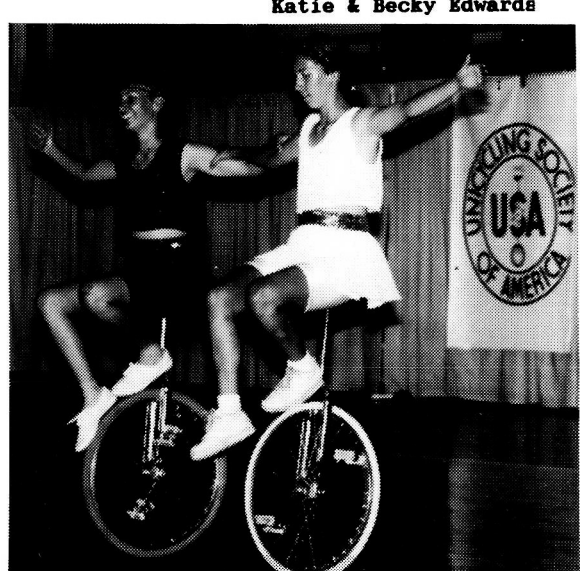
John Foss	59:28.--
Tom Gulden	1hr. :01.34
Andy Cotter	1hr. :02.43
Ken Fuchs	1hr. :03.26
Tyler Ruble	1hr. :05.17

Big Wheels

Keiar Renaud (26")	59:40.--
Tom Miller (40")	1hr. :30.33



Robin Smallwood



Katie & Becky Edwards

To retain its legal status, the USA must hold at least one meeting per year. This year's Annual Meeting was held on July 26, chaired by **DR. MILES ROGERS** (USA President) and recorded by **CHARLOTTE FOX ROGERS**. Below are some of the highlights:

Future National Unicycle Meets:

1992 - location: St. Paul, MN
 Director: **JIM BERNARD**,
 Host Club: St. Anthony Village U.C.

1993 - location: Southeast Michigan
 Host Club: **REDFORD TOWNSHIP U.C.**

1994 - location: Mobile, AL
 Host Club: **MOBILE UNICYCLE CLUB**

New Officers:

All officers who had served 1990-1991 were willing to serve for another year and were reelected with no further nominations. Directors serve for three years with one retiring each year. The newly elected Director is **JAN LAYNE**. Her first duty is to contact Schwinn to suggest that the full address for the USA be included in each booklet that accompanies a new unicycle.

Unicycling Hall of Fame:

A proposal and sample nominations were read by Dr. Rogers. Discussion led to the appointment of **CONSTANCE COTTER** as chairperson of the committee which includes **ROGER GAGE** and **CHARLOTTE FOX ROGERS**.

New NUM Video:

The 1980 video made by Corey Riback (now available through USA-see "Classified" in this issue) cost \$11,000 to produce. Over half of this cost was for the right to use music. **VALERIE G. R. SCHIANO** was appointed to look into the possibility of using non-copyrighted music.

Treasurer's Highlights:

KAREN MESSAMER said that we have 49 fewer members this year than last. Plastic membership cards were discussed along with what information could be printed on them.

National Unicycle Meet Rules:

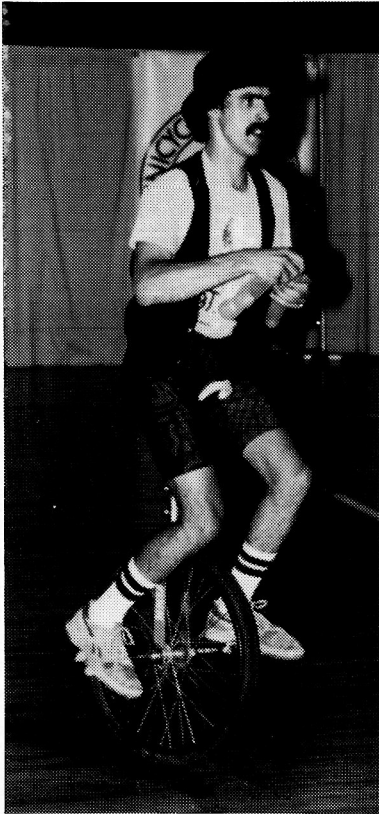
While the basic rules were accepted, the few points that were unacceptable were discussed. The rules that will govern the 1992 NUM will be available through OOW.

International Unicycling Federation Meet:
KEN FUCHS will be official USA rep.

summarizing:

IT
WAS
GREAT
!!!!

by TOM McKAY
of Calgary,
Alberta
CANADA



Although I had no idea what to expect I decided to attend the 1991 NUM in Chariton, Iowa no matter what!

I have been known to do things other people consider "different," so nobody was too surprised when I told them I was planning on going to Iowa to attend a unicycle meet. But they thought it ludicrous to drive there in my car - a "far from mint" 1969 Buick with over 150,000 miles. However driving was a great opportunity to see a lot of the United States. I didn't

know exactly where Iowa was before deciding to make this trip.

On the Sunday prior to the NUM I threw my camping gear, maps, 24" Schwinn, clothes and traveler's cheques into my Buick and headed south. When I told the officer at the border I was going to a unicycle meet, he inquired if I had ever been in trouble with "grass" or anything like that!

On Thursday I arrived in Chariton after traveling 2200 miles. I pitched my tent at the state campgrounds and headed into town. Unicyclists were already appearing in the vicinity of Reynolds Field, where the official races were to begin the next day. And when I returned to the campsite, there were unicyclists everywhere!!

Friendly people - those unicyclists
Whether from N. Dakota, Ohio, Minnesota or Iowa, new rider or professional, the unicyclists I met at the NUM were among the friendliest people I've met anywhere. I

recognized a number of the riders either from reading about them in ON ONE WHEEL or from seeing them demonstrating on the Levels video.

Fame escaped me - but not the fun
I am not a highly skilled unicyclist and had never even attempted to race before. So I didn't win any races but that didn't matter! I had a heck of a lot of fun competing and received lots of encouragement from my new friends. It was also fun to watch the other people race and to cheer on some of the people I had met.

TOM MILLER (The Unicycle Factory) brought a busload of weird and wacky unicycles which he let anyone who was interested try out. I had a blast trying to ride some of his creations. His bus was a popular spot all weekend.

Saturday night all the clubs rode in parade formation and seven of us independents rode together as a group thanks to the quick organizing of a young lady from Minnesota.

After the parade there was an extravaganza at the town square with some of the best unicyclists and jugglers in the world. This event had to be seen to be believed! I was amazed at the skill level of the performers.

I had so much fun at the meet and met so many nice people that I definitely plan to attend the 1992 meet in Minnesota. It is impossible to put into words what a good time I had. You will all have to go to the 1992 NUM yourselves and experience it!

1992 National Unicycle Meet



Bethel College
St. Paul, Minnesota
July 24, 25 and 26

JIM BERNARD, Director of the rapidly growing unicycle club from St. Anthony and 1992 NUM Director, has already submitted a schedule for the 3-day weekend. Although the NUM and the JUA Convention will be running concurrently many miles apart, Jim anticipates one of the largest NUMs ever held. He has asked that everyone stay on campus so that transportation time will not destroy the necessarily tight schedule. More details in OOW, XVIII, no. 1 (1992).

!! REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNICYCLE CLUB TRIUMPHS!!
*** * * 3 HOUR CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE * * ***



The summer of 1991 found the REDFORD TWP. UNICYCLE CLUB in need of a "spark" an event that would focus the club and provide a reason for riders to come to practices, improve their riding skills and have fun!

Redford had hosted 15 annual regional meets but didn't feel another Mini-Meet would stimulate the riders this year.

JASON WEIER RIDES "MINI" AT 3-HR. CHALLENGE

So, the Club staged an invitational - for Redford members only! Rather than racing other riders, each raced against the existing NUM record for age/sex/event. Each rider went home with a sheet containing the applicable record time and his/her own time for each event. Parents and riders helped and encouraged new riders.

When it came to artistic riding the goal was for each rider to put together at least one routine that would later be used to challenge Puerto Rico's "Longest Continuous Unicycle Performance" (OOW XVII, # 2, p. 6) of 2 hours and 40 minutes. While many of the routines were pretty ragged, it was a start! And at the end of the day riders and parents enjoyed pizza and pop - and the feeling of real accomplishment!

On to the "Challenge"

RTUC contacted ALBERTO RUIZ, who instigated and orchestrated the Puerto Rican event. "How did you put it together?" Alberto replied that the performance consisted of solos, couples and groups with no performer leaving the arena until the next began to ride. Only the best riders were asked to solo so it would minimize the risk of a rider falling and ending the performance.

Redford's goals in challenging Puerto Rico were three-fold:

- 1) a Club focus for the year
- 2) motivation to improve riding skills
- 3) publicity and prospective riders for the beginners class in 1992

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Since the weather in Michigan in the fall is uncertain, RTUC looked for an indoor area for the "Challenge." A mall seemed like a good choice. RTUC members scouted the area for malls that had large, open areas suitable for unicycle riding. Livonia Mall proved ideal - and even more important, the management agreed to it!

Beware - Liability Insurance May be Needed! However, the Livonia Mall Management would not offer RTUC a contract until first being named as an additional insured on the Club's liability policy. This proved to be an unexpected additional expense but a fairly simple matter.

Off to the challenge! Riders who had wobbled around at the "invitational" worked up accomplished routines in just six weeks. In fluorescent orange t-shirts with the "Longest Performance" logo by DAVID BRICHFORD, they looked and acted like professionals. The mall provided a steady audience which varied in size but never in enthusiasm.

New performance record - 3 hours! And so, on October 5, 1991, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. the following members of the REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNICYCLE CLUB, Inc. rode for **three hours** to set a new record for continuous unicycle performing: WENDY BAHORICH, DAVID BRICHFORD, STEVE CURTIS, NATHAN DEQUIN, ANNABEL MARCILLO, KEIAR RENAUD, TODD TRUSS, ERIK WEBER and JASON WEIER.

Redford found the "Challenge" an excellent activity, but it took time! Riders worked on routines; parents contacted the media for publicity; posters, cards and handouts were printed; and on the day of the event every rider and parent gave his/her all. But it was well worth the effort!

A few suggestions: (1) "prop charts" were used so parents knew what props were needed for each routine and where they were placed
 (2) performance schedules were printed and posted
 (3) several tape recorders were needed for rewinding, etc.
 (4) personal contact with the audience generated more interest than relying entirely on P.A. announcements
 (5) don't announce an ending time. RTUC riders wanted to ride longer but were limited by the contract

**WALTER NILSSON'S RIDE:
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!**

by: Charlotte Fox Rogers
USA Historian

The article, "A Bit of Unicycling History . . ." by **STEVE GORDON** in Vol. XVII, No. 3 of **ON ONE WHEEL** (1), with the pictures of Walter Nilsson riding his tall unicycle in many countries, certainly caught my eye. Dr. Rogers and I own one of these unicycles.

Let me tell you how it happened.

In July, 1968, James Benagh of New Jersey phoned us in Carson, California to ask for information about Walter Nilsson and his ride across the United States for a book **INCREDIBLE ATHLETIC FEATS** (2) which Benagh was writing. As I remember, he was referred to us by William Jenack, who knew that we had met Nilsson.

My husband, Dr. Miles S. Rogers, first met Nilsson in about 1939 when, as a junior high school student building a tall unicycle with a friend, he went to Nilsson's bike shop in Los Angeles to ask for advice. In early 1955, after Dr. Rogers and I had resettled in Los Angeles, we saw Nilsson riding a unicycle in a parade in Malibu. We located his shop on Lincoln Boulevard in West Los Angeles, and I went there in 1961 to ask Nilsson to build a unicycle (not readily available in stores then) for me to give my husband as a gag Father's Day gift. My \$25 got a 16" wheel unicycle with a solid rubber tire on which our children and neighborhood kids learned to ride a few years later. Dr. Rogers, meanwhile, went back to Nilsson's shop and ordered a custom-made adult-size model with a 24" wheel (equipped with an outsized tire) which he rode in parades for several years.

When Benagh's request for Walter Nilsson information arrived, Dr. Rogers and I went into action to learn what had happened to Nilsson's property after his death in 1965. The rental agent at the bike shop location suggested that I look for an antique shop on Wilshire Boulevard whose owner had known Nilsson. Out of 14 antique shops in that neighborhood, I found the right one, the Den of Antiquity, after a few phone calls. May Straub, the owner, had inherited

Nilsson's possessions because he owed her some money. Nilsson's former wife had remarried and I was unable to contact her.

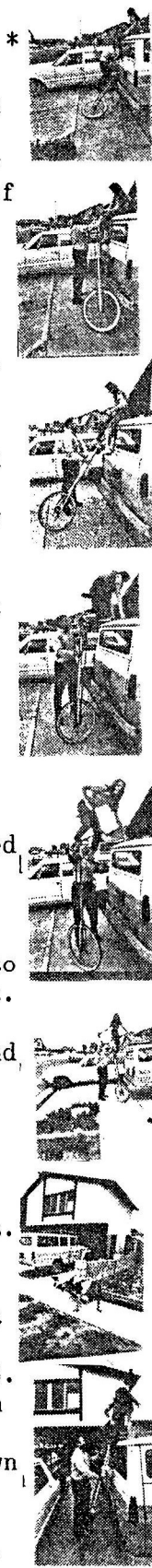
Dr. Rogers went to see Mrs. Straub, from whom he was able to buy a scant collection of photographs, news clippings and a copy of the 6" x 4 3/8," 20-page pamphlet, **A STRANGE WAGER** (3), which Nilsson copyrighted in 1932. The missing word in Steve Gordon's copy was "world." "New world called to new world" when Nilsson met his Canadian friend Charles Johnston (not Johnson) in the old world of Pisa, Italy "last May." (Did that mean May, 1932 or May, 1931?)

Mrs. Straub had collected Nilsson's "funny cycles" and stored them in her garage, but it was broken into and the bicycles were destroyed. Two tall unicycles, however, had been consigned by Mrs. Straub to Smith's Bike Shop in Malibu, CA where Mr. Smith had succeeded in selling the 6' model. Since that unicycle was missing its wheel, Smith had removed the wheel from the 8' unicycle to complete the shorter model. The 8-footer appears to be the one which had been ridden in many foreign cities and, we then thought, on the cross-country . . . What Dr. Rogers brought home from Malibu was a tall shaft with the seat somehow mounted backwards, the cranks, one pedal, one gear, the chain in a tin can and no wheel. He eventually restored it to riding condition. It is a heavy machine, uncomfortable and difficult to ride, but our daughter Dawn was photo-graphed riding the Nilsson unicycle in 1971 when she was 14 after a struggle to mount it.*

I sent Benagh my conclusions and conjectures about Nilsson's trip:

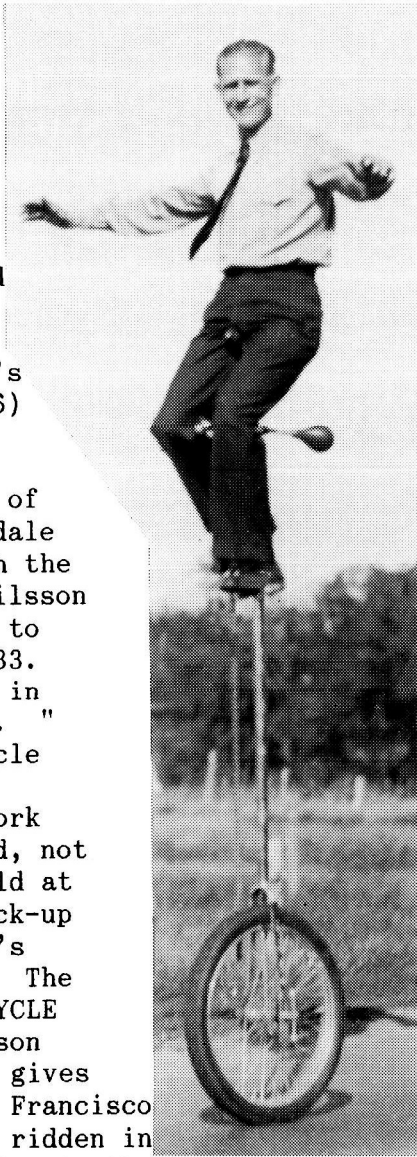
Nilsson rode 3,306 miles (4) from New York City to San Francisco (3) (though **AMERICAN BICYCLIST** (5) says San Diego) in 117 days (4) in 1934 (4,5) on an 8 1/2' (3) unicycle, followed in a car by a representative of Ripley's "Believe It or Not" organization (5), winning not only his bet with Johnston but also a Ripley award for "The Most Unbelievable Feat of the Year" (5).

There were some contradictions among my source materials, such as **AMERICAN BICYCLIST**'s statement that the bet was made in May, 1933 though it was described in Nilsson's pamphlet copyrighted in 1932. I



gave Benagh the information which seemed to be the most accurate. His book, published in 1969, described Nilsson as a "33-year-old actor," which was not stated by me.

When Dr. Jack Wiley's THE UNICYCLE BOOK (6) came out in 1973, Dr. Rogers and I first saw the photo of Nilsson, Alvin Drysdale and Tom Simmons with the 8' unicycle which Nilsson "rode from New York to San Francisco in 1933. The photo was taken in 1931 or 1932" It wasn't the unicycle we had bought from Mrs. Straub; the fork is rounded or angled, not square, so ours could at most have been a back-up vehicle for Nilsson's cross-country trip. The article in THE UNICYCLE BOOK describes Nilsson as 33 years old and gives the New York to San Francisco trip as 3,306 miles ridden in 117 days and resulting in the Ripley award. (Nilsson was also rewarded with varicose veins.)



Later I found a copy of the Pocket Book edition of RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! 5TH SERIES (7) which says Nilsson rode 3,386 (not 3,306) miles from New York to San Francisco in 117 days on an 8' unicycle. The accompanying sketch shows a squeeze-bulb horn mounted on the unicycle at knee-level. The year of the ride was not given and nothing was said about a Ripley award. (A photo of the "horned" unicycle is in our Nilsson collection, but nothing was written on the back to identify it as having been taken during Nilsson's trail-blazing ride.)

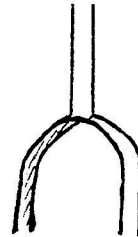
When the OOW article came out with the original photos used in printing A STRANGE WAGER and showing the unicycle ridden on top of the Cheops Pyramid in Cairo, Egypt

to be most definitely the one we now own, I studied my Strange Wager pamphlet and identified our unicycle in several of the other pictures.

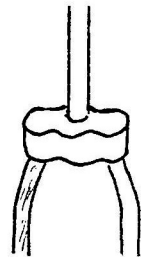
I also scrutinized the booklet's first photo of a child astride a mule posing with his Victorian-era parents. It is inscribed "Walter's First Ride on a Narrow Gauge Mule. Manitou, Colo. May 10, 1897." Nilsson's 1932 publication has the added caption, "He started to ride 35 years ago." Since the child on the mule appears to be about two years old, I surmise that Nilsson was born in 1895 and would have been 38 in 1933, (or 39 in '34) not 33, when he made his long ride on the stubborn unicycle.

to be concluded in OOW XVIII, No. 1

Fork of the unicycle ridden by Nilsson on NY to SF ride----->

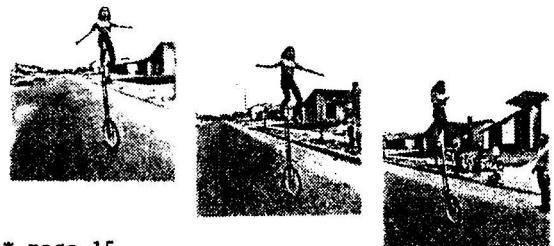


Fork of the unicycle ridden atop Cheops Pyramid, etc. Now owned by Rogers and Rogers----->



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CALENDAR:

1992 National Unicycle Meet
July 24 - 26 * Bethel College
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At World UNICON V in Hull, an "informal" IUF business meeting was held. It was informal because there were not enough officers there for an official meeting. This has been a problem at the last three UNICONS. In order to address this and other problems with our organization, the IUF Revitalization Committee was established. Kenneth Fuchs is the Chairman, with people in the USA, Puerto Rico, Japan, Canada and Holland working. Their task is to assess the various committees and systems that were originally set up for the IUF in 1984, and put them back into action. Another task is to arrange for a new election of IUF officers, and to study the IUF organizational structure, and help determine where IUF energies should be focused to promote our sport.

This committee is looking for people who are interested in promoting unicycling worldwide; people willing to write letters and do other action between unicycle meets. If you are interested, contact

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John Foss, 1985

International Unicyclists at Canada's Capital Building

This picture was taken in 1985 in front of the Canadian Parliament Building in Ottawa, Ontario. Just across the Ottawa river is the city of Hull, Québec, which was the site of IUF World UNICON V on August 14-18. One of the most memorable experiences of a visit to Hull-Ottawa is taking a unicycle tour of this cycle-friendly area, with all of its beautiful museums, scenery and places to ride.

Unicycling has been a part of Hull's annual **Festival International de la Bicyclette** since 1983. In 1985, riders came from the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Holland, as well as Canada to play unicycle basketball, ride a special obstacle course race, take the unicycle tour of the capital, and just share the joys of unicycling with the thousands of spectators and enthusiasts at the festival. Those same four countries were represented in 1991 at UNICON V, where many of those unicyclists got to go on a similar unicycle tour. A full story about the UNICON will appear in the Winter issue of UNICYCLING. Until then, let us whet your appetites with these; the new World Champions of the single wheel: **RACING: Constance Cotter (USA) and Javier Ruíz (PR).** **STANDARD SKILL: José Roman (PR)** (no female entry). **IND. FREESTYLE: Constance Cotter and Javier Ruíz.** **PAIRS FREESTYLE: Amy and Brian Schlosser (USA).** **GROUP FREESTYLE: "Two Men and**

a Little Girl" (PR). **UNICYCLE BASKETBALL: the Puerto Rico All Stars.**

The unicyclists who attended World UNICON V would like to thank the host organization, **la Fédération Outaouaise d'Unicycle** (Unicycle Federation of the Ottawa Region) for a splendidly run event. La FOU, as it's called, means "idiot" or "silly clown" in French. In the Winter issue, there will be a much more detailed story about this UNICON, and more information about the upcoming World UNICON VI, to be held August 4-10, 1992 in Québec City, Québec.

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UNICYCLING is Back!

Seasoned IUF members may remember the old IUF newsletter, UNICYCLING. The first issue came out in the spring of 1985. Editor, John Foss. Later, Jack Wiley. After that, the IUF newsletter made a "merger" with ON ONE WHEEL, and Curt Morgan introduced THE CYCOLOGIST. Elsewhere in this ON ONE WHEEL, you can read "From the desk of Miles S. Rogers" to find out why UNICYCLING is back.

Your new editor's agreement with the USA Inc. is that he will provide *no less than* four pages per issue. It will tend to be more.

Over the years we have had many good stories from all over the world. A lot of unicyclists out there, young and old, have shown themselves to be great

contributors to our newsletter, and we hope they will all continue to contribute. Remember, the USA and IUF do not have a staff of reporters who go out and find every story. The stories that are not written and mailed (or phoned) in by *you*, have been gotten *by us*, in our travels around the world. If we don't travel, or if you don't write, there won't be much to read about.

UNICYCLING is the IUF newsletter for the English-speaking world. Someday, there will be IUF newsletters in Japanese, Spanish, Dutch, German, etc. At the moment, this is all there is. Unicyclists of the world, we appeal to you to write or call in and tell us what's happening! ON ONE WHEEL/UNICYCLING can only be a reflection of what gets sent to us!

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The Summer of '91 Brings New Racing World Records

A full list of unicycle speed records was in the Vol. VII No. 2 ON ONE WHEEL. You can update it with these:

Event	Sex	Time	Ridcr	Year	Location	Comment
100m	M	13.59	Yuichiro Kato	91	Tokyo, Japan	electronic timing
100m	M	13.54	Javier Ruiz	91	Hull, Quebec	hand timing
200m	F	32.98	Amy Edwards	91	Chariton, Iowa	
200m	M	28.57	John Foss	91	Chariton, Iowa	
1500m	M	4:12.78	John Foss	91	Hull, Quebec	IUF distance
1600m	F	4:55.99	Amy Edwards	91	Chariton, Iowa	USA distance
1600m	M	4:29.31	John Foss	91	Chariton, Iowa	USA distance
50m Juggling	M	7.98	John Foss	91	Chariton, Iowa	non-bouncing objects
30m Wheel Walk	M	8.95	John Foss	87/91	Tokyo & Hull	(tie)
30m Ultimate	F	9.74	Erin Cernkovich	91	Chariton, Iowa	new distance in '91
30m Ultimate	M	8.85	Brian Schlosser	91	Chariton, Iowa	new distance in '91
Slow 10m x 15cm	M	44.75	Dale Granberry	91	Chariton, Iowa	(forward)
Slow 10m Bkwd.	F	19.81	Constance Cotter	91	Chariton, Iowa	30cm width
Sm. Obst. Course	F	24.42	Amy Edwards	91	Chariton, Iowa	official course since '89

At the All-Japan Unicycle Meet in Tokyo, 15 year old Yuichiro Kato shaved 1/100 sec. off the previous 100 meter record. Don't feel too bad for previous record holder Shigeru Koike, he was undoubtedly right there at the time. This race in Tokyo is electronically timed, and you will probably see one of these records (13.59 or 13.60) in the 1992 Guinness Book of World Records, which debuts in October or November.

Javier Ruiz (Puerto Rico) accelerated past your editor in Hull to a time of 13.54. This race was timed by hand with stopwatches. In your editor's "Unicycle Speed Records" list, both 100 meter records, electronic and hand timed, will be listed, as above. The remarkable thing about Javier's record was the unicycle he used. he had decided at the last minute to borrow a unicycle from Alfredo Martínez, previous holder of the 1500m record. This unicycle had a massive, steel

2.125" rim and tire, and fat, heavy spokes. He was not fully experienced at riding this wheel. Your editor, on the other hand, had a specially built "racing unicycle" with an alloy 1 1/8" rim and tire, bladed spokes, special axle, special seatpost, etc. All of this just goes to show that it's not the machine that wins the race; it's the engine. Javier had trained specifically for the 100, and Foss had trained for the 1500/1600. As we can see, training paid off for both riders!

Amy Edwards is only 12 years old. How fast will she be in the next 5-10 years? Her brand new 1600m record was almost eclipsed by her sister Becky later that same day, but she had a heartbreaking dismount just before the finish line, robbing her of the precious seconds that would have done it.

Your editor tied his 1987 Wheel Walking record. "How annoying", he said. "Why not 8.94??"

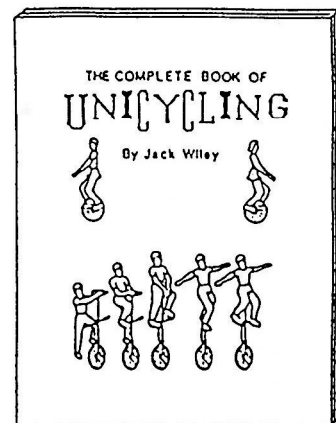
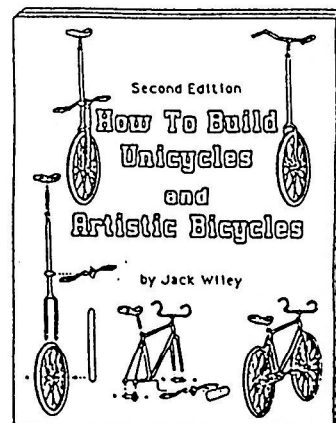
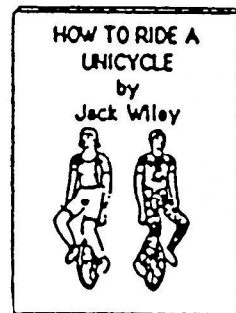
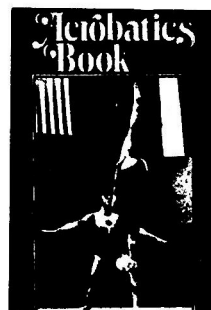
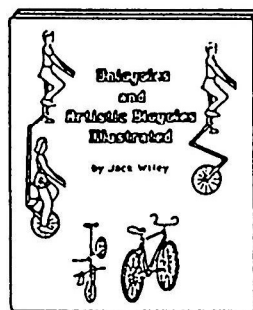
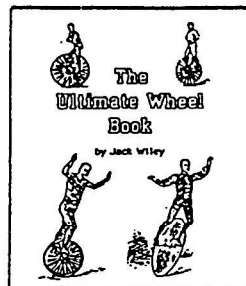
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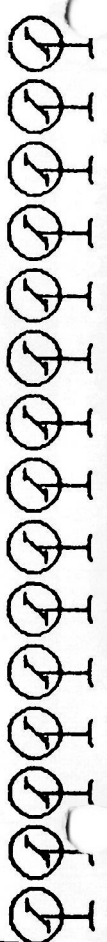
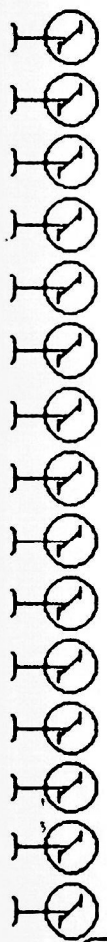
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