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On The Cover; Richard, from the Sebring Unicycle Club, participates in the high jump at the Ohio mini meet.

Photo by Amanda Grzych

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See you at nationals!

Amanda

Redford Township Unicycle Club

Contact Info: visit rtuc.org for more information about the Redford Township Unicycle Club

RTUC is busy preparing for NAUCC. We expect about 40 riders to attend. We have 3 routines prepared this year: club, advanced group, and intermediate group.

New this year is our helmets that are mandatory for all parades. We wore them for the first time in a Memorial Day parade (shown below).



A good number of RTUC riders attended the WOW minimeet in Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio (see below). Kudos to Jan Layne for another successful meet this year (and for planning it on a nice, warm, sunny day).



RTUC's teens are as active as ever. They recently had a sleepover/water park day. The teens spent the first night playing games, going for a unicycle ride to an area park (posing wonderfully below), and sitting around a campfire. The following day they went to an area water park. Their next outing, a teen camping weekend, is planned for August.



Twin Cities Unicycle Club

Contact Info: visit <http://www.tcuc.org> for more information about the Twin Cities Unicycle Club

SPECIAL EDITION: CHAMELEONS -- WHY DO THEY CHANGE COLOR?

Written on behalf of TCUC by Evan Zobel, a member of RTUC

It is a commonly believed theory that the color transition of the chameleon is a reaction to the environment around this amazing invertebrate, allowing the animal to hide from the species' predators. This perspective however, is scientifically proven to be a farce.



One of the actual reasons for this unusual morph of skin color in fact relates to the emotional state of the reptilian quadruped. Another reason that the chameleon might execute an alteration of the hue of its skin is the humidity and temperature of the area in which it is located. For example, let us make the assumption that the chameleon is in a zone of low temperature, and longs for more heat. The animal's body will change to a less subdued color, such as black or dark grey. This transformation will allow more heat to be absorbed into the chameleon's skin, increasing its internal caloric measurement. The same transition of color can occur in reverse if the temperature has gotten to a point in which the chameleon is uncomfortably hot.

However, it is not actually the color of the outer epithelial layer of the external integument that is that is undergoing transformation on the chameleon. The reptile's true skin is transparent, thereby having the revelatory impact of displaying several layers of cell tissue below. The tissue reacts to specific inputs such as what brain waves the chameleon is processing at the time, the amount of thermal energy touching the skin, and how much solar radiation is permeating the area that the chameleon has currently positioned its dwelling in.



The chameleon can impart information about its present attitudinal state to fellow members of its species using this alteration of its outward superficies. Let us hypothesize a chameleon is excited at the sight of another member of subfamily Chamaeleoninae. It might change its under-skin chromatic hue to show pleasure. Similarly, if a chameleon wants to display a more threatening visage, it may morph its color to something more intimidating.

Well now you know the true reason for the amazing color-changing capacity that every chameleon possesses.

Wood One Wheelers

Contact Info: visit <http://www.crabfoot.com/unicycle/wow-4-h-unicycle-club-findlay-oh-984/> for more info

SPECIAL EDITION: WOW -- WORLD OF WARCRAFT

Written on behalf of WOW by RTUC



WOW is a simple acronym, right? But could it have a double meaning? We, as unicyclists, acknowledge the fact that WOW stands for Wood One Wheelers, however, our perception of this seemingly simple acronym may change. WOW actually stands for World of WarCraft- a very popular multiplayer role playing game (or MMORPG for short).

As with many MMORPGs, the player selects an avatar of choice and is placed into a world with a first or third person point of view (this feature can be changed by command of the player). As the avatar, it is up to the player to explore the landscape, fight off numerous monsters, conquer multiple quests, and interact with non-player characters (NPCs) or even other players in the world.

Throughout the course of the game, players are given a level, much like that which is earned in unicycling. However, players may reach up to level 70, which, according to some, may take as little as two weeks (without food, water, or many breaks one player cited in a forum). More excitingly, players may earn the coveted rank of 'tier 5 armor' for their avatar. This will make you a very highly thought of player. And if this still seems boring, there are multiplayer challenges as well!

By now, you may be wondering to yourself, "What is the ultimate goal of WOW?" Well, there simply is not one-this is a leisurely pleasure game. So you can play this game your entire life! Woo!

Although the game may seem too good to be true, there is a cost. The player must pay for monthly access to the game via pre-paid game cards (only good for a set amount of time) or by debit/credit card, which must be renewed in set increments.

DISCLAIMER: This article was not written to persuade you to choose World of WarCraft over unicycling. So please continue to unicycle!



Panther Pride Unicycle Team

Contact Info: visit <http://www.pput.org> for more information about the Panter Pride Unicycle Team

SPECIAL EDITION: PANTHERS -- ANGRY BEASTS, LOVEABLE KITTENS, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

Written on behalf of PPUT by RTUC



LEFT: A depiction of an angry Panther. Could this be an angry beast? In our opinion, yes, this cat qualifies!

VS



RIGHT: This is a baby panther. In our eyes, this is a cute loveable kitten. So the question still stands- is the panther prey or a stalker?

Panthers may refer to a variety of things, they could be:

- A large cat, called the panthera
- A car: Cheverolet Panther, Panther motorcycle, etc.
- Media or Entertainment: Panther the video game, Panther the movie, Panthers the band, etc.
- Military, Ships, or Political Groups
- Sports teams
- Or any combination of the above

The panthera is a part of the family Felidae (the cats), which contains four categories of species: tigers, lions, jaguars, and leopards. This group is about half of the pantherinae subfamily, which really are just big cats. Although panther technically refers to all of the gorups mentioned above, it generally conjours up the image of a black panther.

So, is this deadly species really as deadly as they are made up to be? Well, the answer is yes if you decide to jump into their habitat at the zoo while wearing a meat suit. However, since most of us don't choose to live near tigers, lions, jaguars, or leopards, this question is completely irrelevant. So, our advice to you is, don't anger the cat and the cat won't anger (or kill) you!

New York Unicycle Club

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SPECIAL EDITION: MADAGASCAR

Written on behalf of NYUC by RTUC

Madagascar- The cute and friendly side.



Madagascar- The ugly side!



Hutchinson Unicycle Club

Contact Info: visit <http://unicyclingusa.org/clubs/affiliates.html> for more information about the Hutchinson Unicycle Club

SPECIAL EDITION: MEET THE EDITOR'S PETS

Written on behalf of HUC by RTUC

For all of you who do not know yet, I, Amanda Grzych, am your editor. My mother, Wendy Grzych, has served on the board previously. As you can see below, my entire family has a very good sense of balance! Yes, we do have unicycling pets! As soon as we get a pet, it's time to show them to the world of unicycling, so they don't feel left out as many pets do when we have practices, etc. I suggest you try this with your pets to pep up their spirits sometime.



Above is my guinea pig named Bug (it's short for jitter bug due to his jittery habits). He is still just a baby so he's learning. However, he sure does look good on my old 12" unicycle!



In the center is our family cat named Tiger. We rescued him from a car engine when he was just a little squirt. As you can clearly see, he's a very advanced rider because he can do stand up wheel walk! Pretty soon we plan to teach him seat drag.

On the right is another family pet. Her name is Jenny and she's full of energy--which gives her a leg up on the other pets because she's willing to practice very often. In this photo she is coasting. However, we expect her to stand up coast by next nationals.



What does unicycling mean to you?

Written by Lauren Atkinson



UNITED
NATIONALS
INDIVIDUAL
CRAZY
YOU
COOL
LEVELS
INDESCRIBABLE
NIMBUS
GREAT

NAUCC
AWARDS
TRIALS
INTERMEDIATE PAIRS
OPENING CEREMONIES
NOVICE PAIRS
ADVANCED ROUTINE
LONG JUMP
SPEED TRIALS

BY LAUREN ATKINSON, AGE 8



Right, Lauren MUnis on her new unicycle.

Below, Lauren waves to the crowd during a winter parade.



Lauren's family poses for the camera before a parade. (Left to right) Mark, Lauren, Charlotte, and Susan.

The Board Update

There was a meeting...

There isn't enough for a page.



Sarah Palin doesn't approve.

The Teen Leadership Program Update

Scott and Aaron have been doing a fabulous job designing the new USA webpage! With the help of the board, the new website should be up and running soon!

As for the rest of the members, they need direction from the board to begin any projects. Please refer to the board page to see their plans.



LEADERSHIP

Before you follow someone, you should know where they are going and how they plan to get there!

Photos



Above, RTUC member Bob poses for a shot.



Above, Sisters Lauren and Charlotte ride together at an RTUC practice.

Below, RTUC members Carol Ann and Dianne ride together in their costumes.



Photos



Last summer, Shelly was given the opportunity to visit both oceans because of NAUCC 2010 and the New York mini meet. She gladly attended both events and was able to ride across the San Francisco bridge and the Brooklyn Bridge!



Sarah and Tyler enjoy being in New York along with Shelly!

RTUC members Bryan, Tyler, Grace, Wendy, and Amanda are pulled around Governor's Island at the New York mini meet.



Photos



Mitch MUnis.

Members of RTUC enjoy their costumes!



Mitch, Mary, and Patti pose for a family shot.



RTUC sand art.



The RTUC teens get ready to go on their annual Teens Only Camping Weekend!



Ashton unicycles on the California beaches.

