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FELLOW UNICYCLISTS: Comments from cyclists attending the National Unicycle meet held Aug. 17th and 18th in Marion, Ohio indicate it was the greatest ever and accomplished its aim to bring unicyclists together from near and far so they could swap news and ideas and vie with each other in performing feats of skill and speed on their one wheel steeds

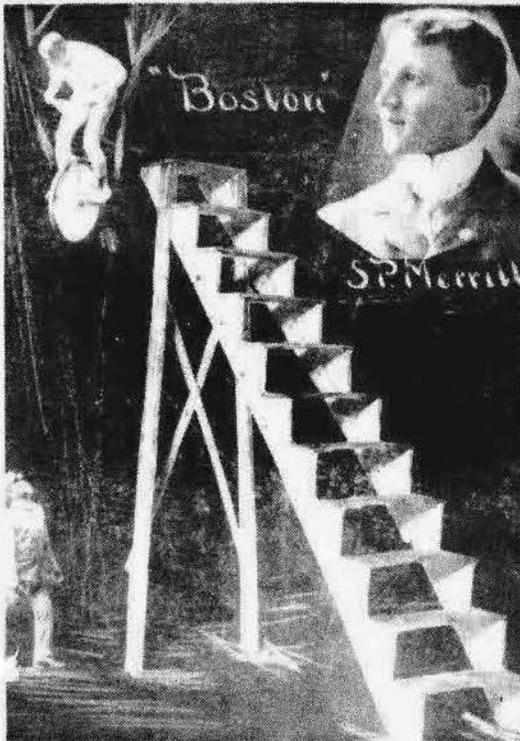
A round of Thanks and Bravos to The Paul Fox Unicycle Club, Inc. of Marion, Ohio who sponsored the meet this year and to Bernie Crandall, our president, who did such a superb job of running the Saturday races.

A large national meet such as this could be the success it was only through the unselfish efforts and hard work of a great many people. With this in mind the officers of the U-S-A Inc. would like to express their additional thanks to the following: Mayor Quaintance, Merchants and Citizens of Marion, Ohio for their cooperation and support; The Judges - Father Mike Hanrahan, Mr. James Rhoades, Mr. Charles E. Berry, Mr. Maniaci, Wally Watts, and John Jenack; The Timers - Mr. White, Bill and Gary Novik, and Grant Powell; The Featured Entertainers on our Sunday Show at the Coliseum - Dr. Orland Reynolds, John McPeak, John Lizza, and Wally Watts, along with Organist Judy Dendinger whose accompaniment added so much ZIP to the acts; The Announcer Al Zent and Radio Station WMRN's Madge Cooper and Roger Fisher for their coverage of the event; The Ladies who took care of the Registration; The Marion Catholic High School for providing lodging for so many out-of town cyclists; the Boys and Girls who handled the programs and the souvenirs, set up props, or acted as ushers, gate attendants or helped at the races; and to all we may have failed to mention who contributed in any way to the success of this great 1974 National Unicycle Meet.

1974 NATIONAL MEET ISSUE

PROFILES: The late SEBASTIAN PAUL NEUHARDEN, Dean of Vaudeville, whose fabulous unicycle tricks date back to the 1890's. His colorful life as a vaudeville performer reads like a storybook - See pages 2 & 3.

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Our feature story this issue concerns the late Sebastian Paul Neuhausen who for three quarters of a century was one of the most colorful and active personalities not only in cycling but in the entire field of Vaudeville. At the time of his death Dec. 7, '72 at age 99 he was acknowledged as the "Dean of Vaudeville". He was also the oldest member of the League of American Wheelmen, having joined the early organization in the year 1895.

Using the cognomen Merrill, rather than Neuhausen, he captivated audiences all over the world with his brilliant acts which included unicycling, acrobatics, singing & dancing, juggling, and most notably the FAMOUS MERRILL FEAT which to this day has never been duplicated. In this feat Bastian and his brother Val rode down an elevated incline, or chute, together on their tandem bicycle. At the end of the chute they hit a trip bar, sprang into a forward somersault, taking the bicycle with them, and landed on another inclined ramp below and rode off in complete control - the amazement and delight of audiences from Europe to Australia.

Making his first stage appearance at age 10 in the Wallack Theatre in Chicago in about the year 1884 he started early in a vaudeville career that was to bring him fame and fortune. His special acts went to the high accord known as "Headliner" and soon were presented to audiences abroad. Nobility and Royalty were part of these audiences and the FAMOUS MERRILL FEAT was performed for audiences in Europe and then all over the globe. His travels covered Ireland, England, Continental Europe, Italy, North, East, and South Africa, Java, Philippines, South and Central America, Cuba, Yucatan, Mexico, Hawaii, Australia and the Orient.

From his early childhood, Bastian had an obsession for wheels and when, in 1880, he got his first Penny Farthing (A Columbia High Wheeler with big wheel in front and a little one in rear) he soon discovered he could ride it on just the front wheel. As a result of this feat, he was one of the many who laid claim to the discovery of, rather than, the invention of, the Unicycle. He also discovered he could do a few tricks with a buggy wheel riding the hub and rolling the rim. Later he made smaller wheeled unicycles and special type unicycles with handlebars and detachments for use in his vaudeville acts.

In the mid 1890's he made a tour of Asia on one of the early American safety bikes - an "Orient" manufactured by the Waltham Clock Co. of Waltham, Mass. He learned to ride this bike on just the rear wheel similar to the way cyclists today do "wheelies" on their bikes. Later, upon his return to this country, he made a coast to coast ride on an "Orient" from New York to San Francisco. A picture of him with this bicycle appears on the next page. It was taken in Cheyenne, Wyoming while he was on the trip. The trip took him from March to September and in one of his letters to your editor, shortly before he died, he mentioned his good fortune of not having a single flat tire on the entire trip. He also mentioned how interested he was at that time in six day bike racing events that were being held around the country. In about the year 1897, while playing a date in Cincinnati, he attended a track where such races were being held and asked them if he could see what kind of a record he could set for a unicycle. In a later letter he described how it took several circles of the track to make a mile and how he pedaled as fast as his legs would allow. He couldn't recall just what time he made it in but remembered vividly how his legs failed to respond for tricks that evening in the vaudeville act.

A business acquaintance of Orville and Wilbur Wright, Bastian sold them the first freewheel which he invented - a decade before they came out on market and were patented. In his dealings with the Wright Brothers he acquired what is now believed to be the only bicycle frame in existence built by them. The complete bicycle has Bastian's freewheel (it is interesting to note that he put the drive in freewheeling at the crank rather than at rear hub as most such bikes are made today). Before his death, he turned this famous bike over to the Wright Brothers Bicycle Museum at Carillon Park in Dayton,

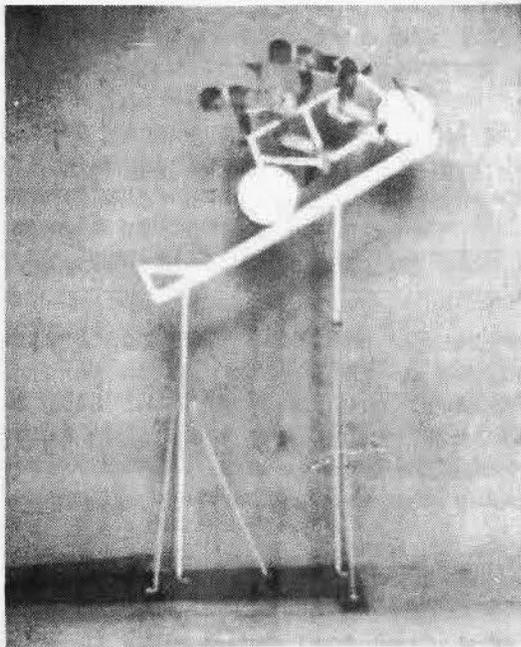
Ohio, where it is on display in the restored Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop. Your editor had occasion to visit Carillon Park two years ago and was quite impressed with the restoration of the old bike shop and this particular bicycle.

One of the unicycling tricks that Bastian perfected and used in his act was that of bouncing sideways up a staircase on a handlebar type unicycle and then riding off the top step without injuring himself or the cycle (see picture on cover). Later he redesigned the stairs so that a pole held them up. During the act, a clown performing below, inadvertently knocked out the prop, much to consternation of the spectators, until they witnessed what a neat landing Bastian made and realized it was all part of the act.

After making a fortune in show business, Bastian bought a ranch in Colorado but in a few years lost everything and was back where he started. However, his inventive genius came to the fore and, even though it was at the height of the 1929 depression, he managed to sell his design for a self aligning window to a manufacturer for some \$32,000. This was only one of his inventions and it, plus others in a variety of fields, brought him sufficient income so he could retire comfortably in Ramona, California. Some of his other clever inventions were such things as: The first studded tires for automobile (early Daimler in Germany), spring hung wheels for autos that took the place of pneumatic tires, novel gopher traps, safety razors, self releasing fish hooks, and a quick slip safety pin.

For unicyclists who might like to read more about this amazing bundle of energy, the March 1970 issue of BICYCLING magazine has four pages of pictures and a story on the FAMOUS MERRILL FEAT. The artist who drew the sketch for the story got carried away and depicted it as a backward somersault (or gainer). The actual feat was a forward flip. A little friction between Bastian and Dr. Clifford Graves, author of the article, may account for a few discrepancies, but it is a most interesting story should any readers care to look it up in a library.

Few cyclists or vaudeville performers have led such a colorful and exciting life as Sebastian Paul Neuhausen - whom I had the privilege of calling my friend. - Your Ed.



Model of FAMOUS MERRILL FEAT



New York to San Francisco 1897

One of the cyclists and cycles that received considerable attention at the Meet was WALLY WATTS and his 42" WHEEL uni that he rode 4550 miles across Canada last year. Wally drove down from Edmonton, Alberta in his camper to attend the meet and brought along his big wheel. He let all who were interested check out on it. Those who rode it felt it was a big thrill to be atop such a monster and wished they had one like it.

BERNIE CRANDALL built a somewhat similar large wheel unicycle from a big wagon wheel and what a beauty it is. He brought it to the meet also and let cyclists from everywhere take a turn on it around the Southland Mall in Marion. Two of the out-of-town cyclists attending the meet, SALLY WHITE of State College, Pa. and RONNIE REYNOLDS of Marquette, Michigan got on the above mentioned cycles at the same time and gave spectators a treat as they rode together at a good clip around the mall field.

Cyclists and spectators at the Saturday Races were concerned as to what happened to JACKIE ROBINSON, the little girl who, while rounding corner for the home stretch in one of the races suddenly went down and appeared unable to move or get off the track. Jackie was actually unhurt. What happened was the tip of one of her shoelaces got caught in her hub. It wound up on the axle and pulled her foot into the hub where it resulted in her being tied up in such a manner she could not reach her foot or get free. Your Ed. managed to reach her and get her off the track and untangle the shoelace. She was unhurt and eager to get back on her uni. Her picture is the #10 little insert on page 7

PAUL HEART and the MARION COUNTY DISASTER SERVICE AGENCY'S First Aid vehicle was on the scene for the races Saturday and took care of a number of emergencies that came up. The most serious of these was a broken wrist suffered by GRETCHEN EBERHART of State College, Pa. when she fell during an all out effort in one of the races. Gretchen was able to stay for the Sunday events however and by that time her cast was dry enough and she went home with it pretty much covered with the autographs of well wishers. Second most serious injury was probably that of LINDA FITCH of Marion who likewise fell off her steed on the home stretch and lost considerable skin from her knee. Although it looked, and no doubt was, quite painful Linda was not about to miss the parade on Sunday and with a bandage on it made the long ride through Marion to the Stadium. One of the most spectacular dismounts made during the races was a fall by TIM RAND, a college student from Amherst, N.Y. Tim fell from his cycle during his vain attempt to come in first. The speed he was traveling when he fell made it appear imminent that he was due for bad scrapes and bruises. Tim is a gymnast however and amazed spectators by executing the quickest and most beautiful roll imaginable and came up with not one little scratch or bruise anywhere. Tim and a fellow unicyclist from the Buffalo, N.Y. area MIKE PERRY rode in the parade on Sunday as clowns. Mike by the way worked this past summer as a unicyclist and clown in connection with a musical production in Rochester N.Y. Believe Mike was also the fellow whose tire blew and sounded like the starter's gun in the first race at the meet. Among the other clowns riding in the Sunday parade were DICK HAINES and BOB DEAN and their outfits were so perfect your Ed. had difficulty identifying them on Sunday.

Were a prize to be awarded to the best sport at the races on Saturday your editor would nominate NANCY GILMORE of Marion Ohio. During the course of half dozen or so races in which she participated Nancy had the misfortune to fall off several times but always came up smiling. When your Ed. saw her again on Sunday and inquired if she had taken any ribbons she replied with that same happy smile "No, but it sure was a lot of fun". This is the kind of spirit among the boys and girls that made the meet such a great one.

The UNIQUES of Barberton are fortunate in having a gymnast such as DEBBIE SMITH in their club. Debbie is the girl who performed on the horizontal bar as it was being carried by two other members riding unicycles. Speaking of the UNIQUES - probably the happiest member of the entire club was MARK DOUGLAS when it was announced that his family had won the Giraffe Unicycle. He wasted no time checking it out and was all smiles the rest of the meet. Among the other major prizes BOBBY PRATER won the OXFORD P-21 unicycle, KIM FITCH the luggage, Chas. Forman the Monkey, and MRS. CHARLES BERRY of Watsonville, Calif. the clock.

The superb beards sported by PAUL FOX and DICK HAINES at the meet were overshadowed only by that out-of-the-world shirt worn by Paul. Of all the costumes seen at the meet that shirt and outfit made PAUL FOX stand out as the likable, lovable, unicycle nut that he is.

Rain threatened to interfere with the preliminary competitions held Saturday night at the Marion Catholic High School but between a few raindrops now and then the preliminaries were held and shortly after sundown the contestants finished doing their thing. Later in the school cafeteria DR. REYNOLDS unpacked his lariats and the cyclists had a half hour preview of the great rope spinning act he performed next day at the coliseum. Some time close to midnite the big UNICYCLE MEET CAKE was cut and everyone present enjoyed a piece or two with delicious orange drink to go with it and then it was time to retire.

Sunday brought a lot of hustle and bustle about noon in Marion as the parade formed to get under way at 1PM. As your editor viewed all the colorful costumes and looked up at so much stuff so high in the air (giraffes by the dozens) he couldn't help but feel it would have made a very spectacular "Wide World of Sports" presentation on Color TV - Do hope someone got at least part of the parade on film.

There were many novel group and individual stunts performed with great skill & precision during the show at the coliseum. The UNIQUES of Barberton, Ohio appeared with the first unicycles your editor has ever seen with movable handlebars. While the handlebars did not actually function as a steering device they did present a very novel effect as some of the riders even spun them around as they rode. The units were made up by RAY BROUGHTON and they attached in a clever manner to the boys and girls regular unicycles.

During the show not one but two cyclists performed on "ULTIMATE WHEELS" and rode them for considerable distances in front of the judges. The two cyclists were CATHY FOX and BRENDA BOND of The Paul Fox Unicycle Club. This feat of skill warranted the great applause.

A real Evel Knievel thriller was when FLOYD CRANDALL rode up a ramp and leaped his uni over seven people who were prone in front of ramp. Aside from Floyd's outstanding performance at the races on Saturday (he had a habit of coming in first in everything) he amazed spectators at the coliseum with his skill in riding his 20 ft tall unicycle in and out around obstacles. As he headed for one of the ramps and steps with it the audience breathed a sigh of relief when his Dad ran out and blocked him from riding up a ramp and down steps. Just prior to this his younger brother CLYDE CRANDALL won an overwhelming round of applause from the spectators by riding a mini wheel giraffe up a 2" wide ramp and then down a set of steps without falling.

The Parachute Act of the Paul Fox Unicyclists was particularly colorful - 12 cyclists on giraffes circled with a canopy of a parachute hanging down in center. On signal they raised the outer edge and let the chute go up and blossom overhead as they performed maneuvers with other cyclists on smaller wheels below.

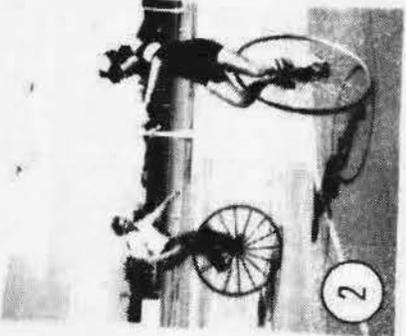
Aside from winning several awards each, the popular King and Queen, JIM KRUSE and CATHY SKINNER (elected by contestants Sat. nite) did a great job of performing in the Sunday show. Cathy is the girl who does the headstand on the sedan chair and Jim is the boy who rides an extra high unicycle and juggles at same time.

The skill with which so many of the contestants rode up ramps, down steps, across straight edges and in and out obstacles was truly amazing and its hard to believe unicycling has come such a long way. Between events at the coliseum on Sun. a number of feature acts were presented that appealed to and entertained the spectators. JOHN LIZZA, the world's #1 Blind Unicyclist amazed the audience with his skill at riding solo. WALLY WATTS rode around the coliseum at full speed on his amazing 42" wheel unicycle and gave everyone a chance to see the cycle upon which he made his incredible 4550 mile ride across Canada last year. JOHN McPEAK of Las Vegas put on his unbelievable juggling act with all kinds of props and showed he is as versatile a juggler as his brother Steve is a unicyclist.

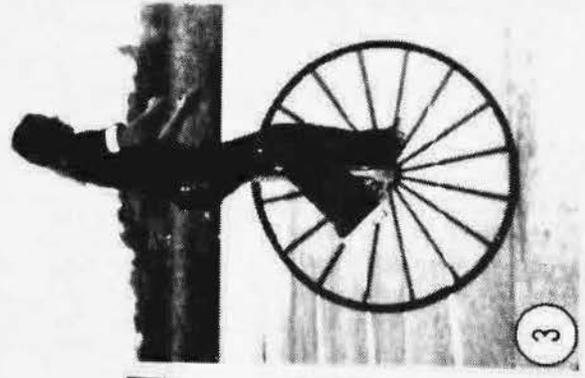
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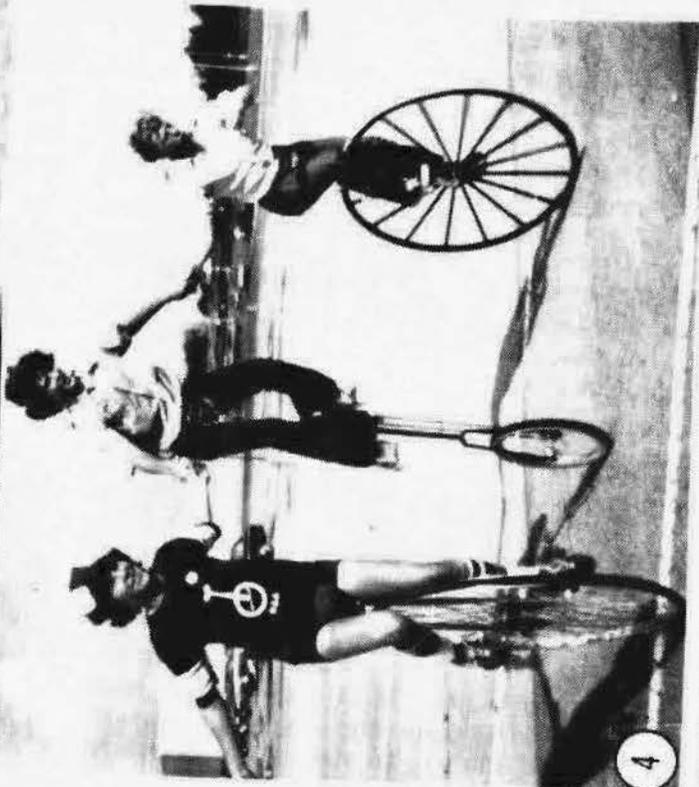
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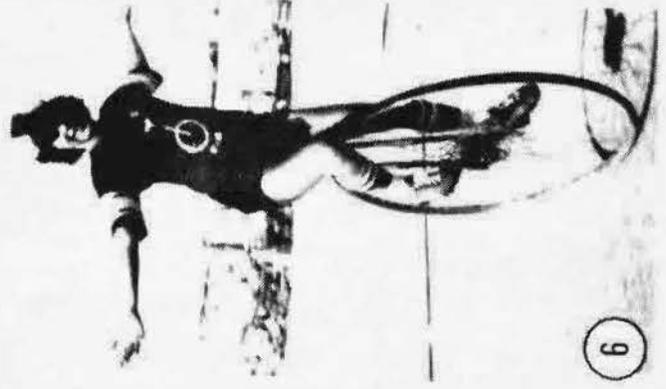


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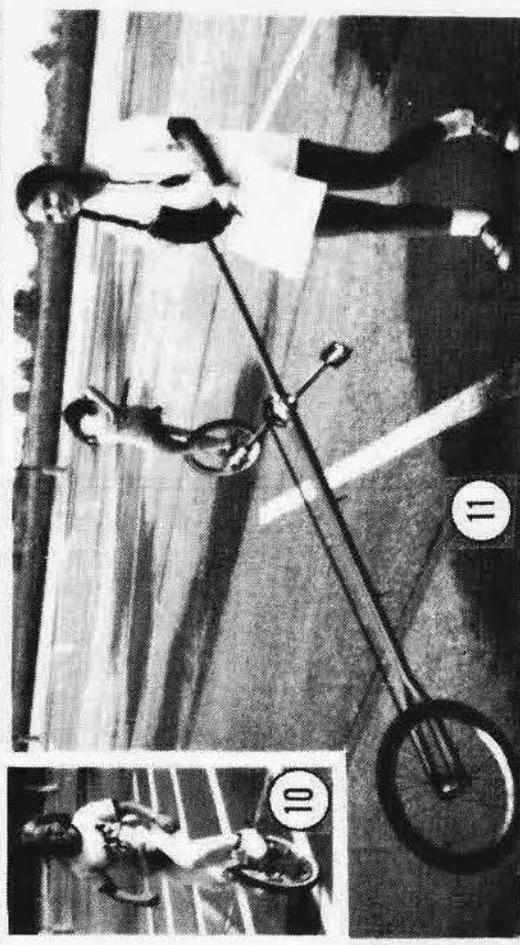
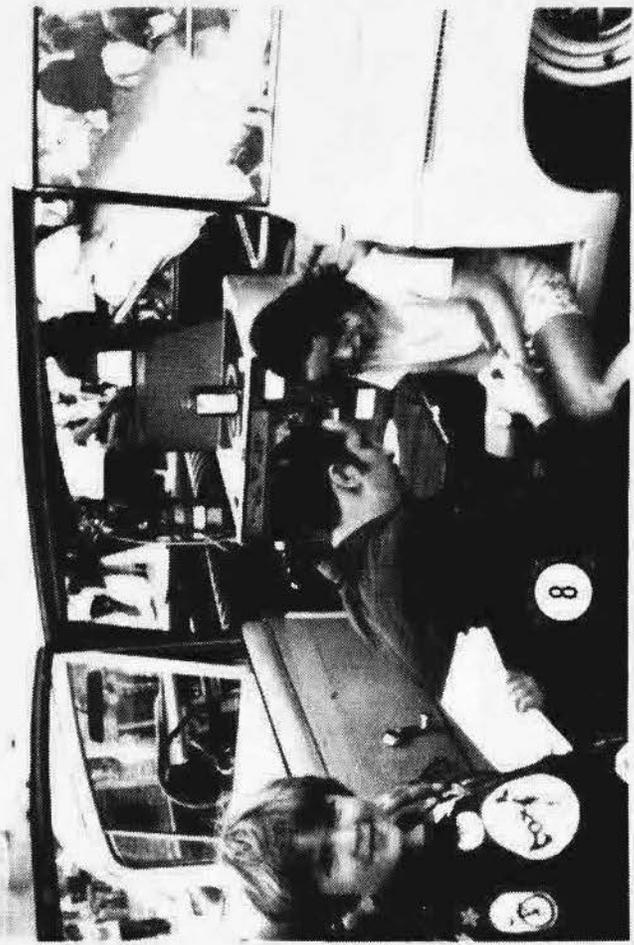
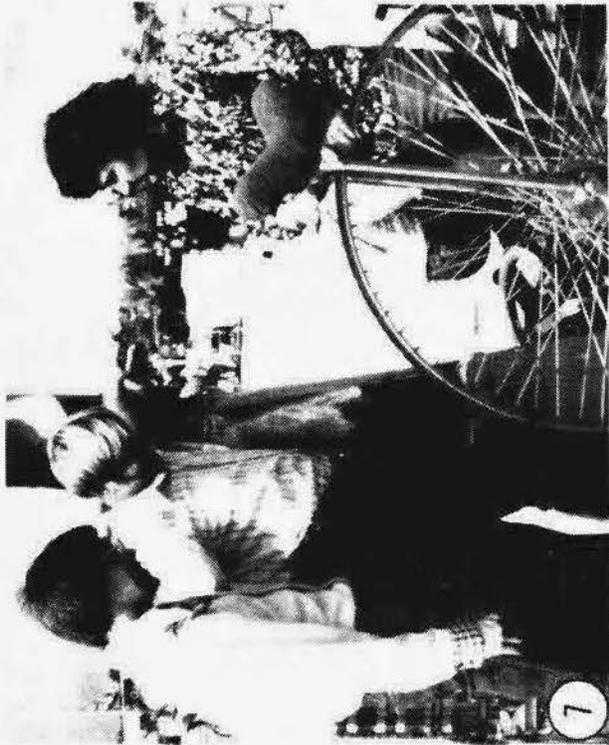
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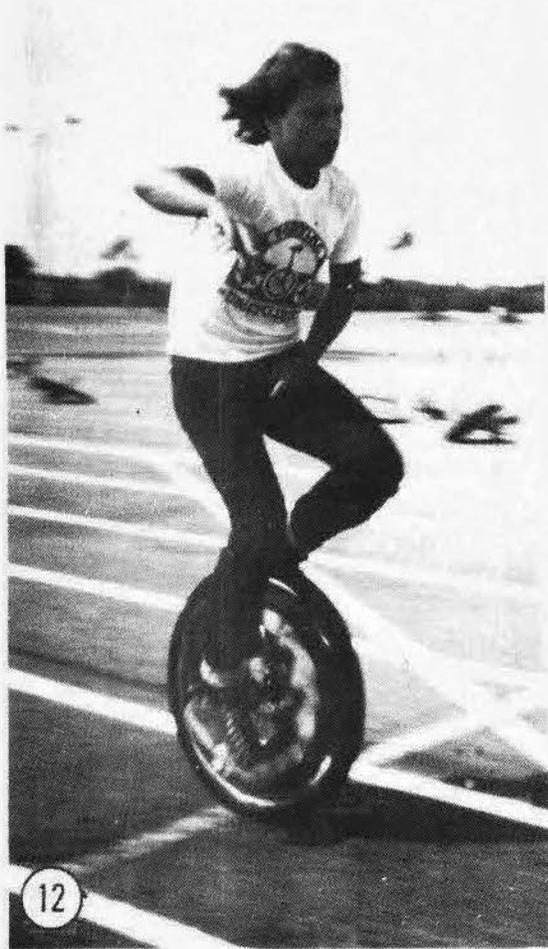
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1. Robin Dean of Pontiac riding Bernie Crandall's Wagon Wheel Unicycle
Note camper in background with Floyd Crandall's 20 foot uni on top.
2. Ronnie Reynolds of Marquette, Mich. on Crandall's Wagon Wheel and
Sally White of State College, Pa. on Wally Watts 42" unicycle
3. Robin Dean on Wagon Wheel at Southland Mall
4. Sally White of State College Pa. on Wally Watts' Big Wheel
Donnie Jackson of Louisville, Ky. on Oxford P-21 Giraffe
Ronnie Reynolds of Marquette, Mich. on Crandall Wagon Wheel uni.
5. Karla Gilbert of Paul Fox Unicyclists on Marion, Ohio on Wally Watts Uni.
6. Sally White of State College, Pa. "WHIRLWHEELS" on Wally Watts Big Wheel
Note neat uniform of the WHIRLWHEELS with jaunty Newsboy Cap made from a
"Simplicity" pattern \$4.99. Outfits are navy & wh - cap is Red, Wh, Blue.

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7. International Jugglers Association Jugglers Ken Benge and Paul Bachman
get first hand info from Wally Watts on the 42" wheel Unicycle he made
and rode 4550 miles across Canada last year from Pacific to Atlantic.
8. Dawn Merchant receives first aid from Marion Disaster Service Ambulance
after skinning palm of hand in fall during one of the races on Saturday.
9. The unicycling Dean Family of Pontiac, Michigan
L to R Daughter(Robin), Mr.(Bob), Mrs.(Sue), Son(Jeff)
- 10 Jackie Robinson of Paul Fox Unicyclists - The little girl who got shoe
lace caught - see Par. 3, pg 4
- 11 Sharon Novik of Marion - Rolling out a high one

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- 12 "KING JIM" Jim Kruse of Pontiac "Pouring it on" during Saturday race
Jim was voted "King of Meet" Sat. Nite by other participants
- 13 Boy meets Girl - Donnie Jackson of Louisville, Ky. and Sally White of Pa.
Take another look at neat uniform Sally designed for her WHIRLWHEELS
- 14 Penny Elliott & Sue Donovan about to hit the tape in a split second finish
during girls' mile race on Saturday - Sue won by 1/10 second.
- 15 "QUEEN OF MEET" Cathy Skinner of Pontiac - chosen Queen by other par-
ticipants after Saturday night preliminaries

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NEWS ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL MEET (Cont. from page 5)

Incidentally STEVE McPEAK telephoned your editor a couple weeks before the meet, from St. Louis, and said he regretted he would be unable to attend but sent his best wishes for its success. At that moment he was enroute to South America where he is now performing his unicycle and high wire act with the Carlos Farfan Circus.

Probably the most unique bit of entertainment at the meet was the fabulous ROPE SPINNING ACT put on by DR. ORLAND B. REYNOLDS of Marquette, Michigan. Dr. Reynolds, a college professor (and unicyclist) has a second hobby - Rope Spinning. To many of the older spectators it appeared that Will Rogers had suddenly returned as they watched Dr. Reynolds dance, skip, and leap back and forth, in and out of his spinning lariats as JUDY DENDINGER the organist, played "Deep in the heart of Texas" and similar very appropriate tunes that added much to the zip of the act of not only Dr. Reynolds but all of the feature performers and Contestants.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Girls 20" 100 Yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion, Ohio	:20.1
	2nd	Cathy Fox, Marion, Ohio	:20.2
	3rd	Brenda Bond, Marion, Ohio	:20.3
Boys 20" 100 yds	1st	Clyde Crandall, Pontiac, Mich.	:17.4
	2nd	Greg Morgan, Marion, Ohio	:19.6
	3rd	Dan Jansen, LaSalle, Mich.	:20.9
Girls 24" 100 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac, Mich	:15.4
	2nd	Penny Elliott, "	:15.6
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	:16.5
Boys 24" 100 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	:13.8
	2nd	Andy Upham, "	:15.1
	3rd	Jim Kruse, "	:15.2
Girls 20" 220 yds	1st	Cathy Fox, Marion	:43.8
	2nd	Carol Haines, "	:45.2
	3rd	Linda Donovan, Pontiac	:45.3
Boys 20" 220 yds	1st	Dave Upham, Pontiac	:40.8
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, "	:41.2
	3rd	Dan Jansen, LaSalle, Mich	:41.8
Girls 24" 220 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac	:33.6
	2nd	Penny Elliott, "	:35.2
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	:36.1
Boys 24" 220 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	:31.1
	2nd	John Kruse, "	:32.9
	3rd	Jim Kruse, "	:33.1
Girls 1/1 chain drive 100 yds	1st	Cathy Fox, Marion	:21.1
	2nd	Carol Haines, "	:23.0
	3rd	Charon Novik, "	:23.8
Boys 1/1 chain drive 100 yds	1st	Mark Douglas, Norton, Ohio	:24.0
	2nd	Steve Poindexter, Akron, Ohio	:24.1
	3rd	Donald Downing, Marion, Ohio	:24.3
Girls Special chain drive 100 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac	:16.3
	2nd	Penny Elliott, "	:17.2
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	:17.6
Boys Special chain drive 100 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	:14.7
	2nd	Andy Upham, "	:15.0
	3rd	John Kruse, "	:16.0
Girls 20" 440 yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion	1:32.0
	2nd	Brenda Bond, "	1:37.4
	3rd	Cathy Fox, "	1:38.8

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Boys 20" 440 yds	1st	Dave Upham, Pontiac	1:23.7
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, "	1:24.8
	3rd	Fred Miller, Marion	1:34.6
Girls 24" 440 yds	1st	Penny Elliott, Pontiac	1:11.4
	2nd	Kathy Skinner, "	1:15.0
	3rd	Gwyn McIntosh, "	1:22.0
Boys 24" 440 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	1:02.2
	2nd	John Kruse, "	1:09.1
	3rd	Andy Upham, "	1:11.5
Girls one leg 50 yds	1st	Penny Elliott, Pontiac	:10.4
	2nd	Sue Donovan, "	:11.3
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	:11.6
Boys one leg 50 yds	1st	Andy Upham, Pontiac	:09.3
	2nd	Floyd Crandall, "	:10.0
	3rd	Jim Kruse, "	:10.2
Girls Backward 50 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac	:12.5
	2nd	Kathy Skinner, "	:12.5
	3rd	Penny Elliott, "	:12.9
Boys Backward 50 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	:10.1
	2nd	Jim Kruse, "	:11.0
	3rd	John Kruse, "	:11.5
Girls 20" 880 yds	1st	Carol Haines, Marion	3:14.7
	2nd	Cathy Fox, "	3:25.8
	3rd	Linda Donovan, Pontiac	3:31.1
Boys 20" 880 yds	1st	Dave Upham, Pontiac	2:59.9
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, "	3:09.0
	3rd	Greg Morgan, Marion	3:21.9
Girls 24" 880 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac	2:34.6
	2nd	Penny Elliott, "	2:36.5
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	2:45.0
Boys 24" 880 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	2:12.8
	2nd	John Kruse, "	2:30.8
	3rd	Jim Kruse, "	2:32.9
Girls Relay 440 yds	1st	Sue Donovan, Kathy Skinner, Penny Elliott, Gwyn McIntosh - Pontiac	1:12.1
	2nd	Robin Dean, Dorothy Fisher, Patrice Swackhamer, Linda Donovan - Pontiac	1:22.2
	3rd	Cathy Fox, Carol Haines, Brenda Bond, Sharon Novik - Marion	1:22.6

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Boys Relay 440 yds	1st	Floyd Crandall, Jim Kruse, John Kruse, Dave Upham - Pontiac	1:04.1
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, Andy Upham, Dave Fisher, Aaron Swackhamer - Pontiac	1:11.5
	3rd	Fred Miller, John Forman, Ralph Stock, Greg Morgan - Marion	1:26.1
Little Girls 100 yds	1st	Laura Donovan, Pontiac	:19.5
	2nd	Rene Tilly, "	:20.5
	3rd	Karin Hill "	:21.0
Little Boys 100 yds	1st	Donald Downing, Marion	:21.0
Little Girls 220 yds	1st	Laura Donovan, Pontiac	1:44.3
	2nd	Rene Tilly, "	1:47.2
	3rd	Deanne Mumford, Marion	2:15.0
Little Boys 220 yds	1st	Paul Donovan, Pontiac	:48.4
	2nd	Danny Thomas, Marion	:50.5
Little Girls 440 yds	1st	Laura Donovan, Pontiac	1:36.2
	2nd	Rene Tilly, "	1:38.9
	3rd	Cathy Valentine, Marion	2:04.8
Little Boys 440 yds	1st	Donald Downing, Marion	1:45.8
	2nd	Richard Riley, "	1:47.2
	3rd	John Robinson, "	1:48.0
Boys One mile	1st	Floyd Crandall, Pontiac	4:36.3
	2nd	Dave Upham, "	5:15.9
	3rd	Jim Kruse, "	5:16.2
Girls One mile	1st	Sue Donovan, Pontiac	5:26.4
	2nd	Penny Elliott, "	5:26.5
	3rd	Kathy Skinner, "	6:54.4
Special Mile	1st	Andy Upham, Pontiac	5:29.0
	2nd	Clyde Crandall, "	5:29.1
	3rd	David Fisher, "	5:30.2

TROPHIES

BEST IN PARADE	1st	Pontiac Unicyclists
	2nd	Uniques - Barberton, Ohio
GROUP FORMATION	1st	Pontiac
	2nd	Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc. Marion, Ohio
BEST OVERALL		Pontiac Unicyclists
TRICK RIDING	1st	Pontiac
	2nd	Paul Fox Unicycle Club Inc. Marion
OBSTACLE COURSE	1st	GIRLS: Kathy Skinner - Pontiac BOYS: Clyde Crandall Pontiac
	2nd	GIRLS: Penny Elliott - Pontiac BOYS: Mark Noren "
INDIVIDUAL TRICK RIDING	1st	GIRLS: Brenda Bond - Marion 2nd Kathy Skinner - Pontiac
	1st	BOYS: Clyde Crandall - Pontiac 2nd John Kruse & Floyd Crandall
CHAIN DRIVE	1st	GIRLS: Brenda Bond - Marion 2nd Carol Haines - Marion
	1st	BOYS: Floyd Crandall - Pontiac 2nd Mark Douglas - Barberton

A UNICYCLE ROUNDUP is scheduled to take place at the PONTIAC MALL, Pontiac, Michigan at 1PM sharp, rain or shine, SUN. OCT. 20, 1974. This is an annual affair taking place on what is traditionally the last day of practice for Pontiac Cyclists. Competitions are held in racing, formation & Trick riding & ribbons awarded to winners. Although primarily for Pontiac cyclists everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Immediately after the National Meet in Marion, Ohio, the Pontiac Unicyclists performed in an 11 day stand, 2 shows daily, at the MICHIGAN STATE FAIR. Their 30 min. fast moving show was presented to an average crowd of 1000-3000 and was very well received. The NAVARRO FAMILY, from Mexico, now living in Florida, were performing in a circus in another part of the fair and each managed to get to see the others performance, meet and talk unicycling. Before leaving the avarros gave Bernie Crandall a beautiful 8x10" photo of them performing three high on a giraffe - what a good looking family of cyclists.

ART AND ANGIE RODRIGUES, and six of their seven children, of San Jose, Calif. visited the Jenacks in New York in August. The entire family rides unicycles. Their seventh, Dave, a college student, was vacationing in Hawaii at the time and missed the trip east. The Rodrigues are proprietors of a garage in San Jose and Art is handy at making up Giraffes.

THE PAUL FOX UNICYCLE CLUB, INC. held their Third Annual RIDEATHON, Sept. 27, 1974 in Marion, Ohio from noon to 6 PM. Of the 26 riders entered about half finished the 26 mile course. ROCKIES BICYCLE SHOP supplied the trophies awarded at the Rideathon. First place winners, boy and girl were: FRED MILLER, age 15 - 3hrs, 24 min. CATHY FOX, age 14 3hrs, 32 min. The youngest entrant to complete the course was RICHIE RILEY, age 9 who rode the 26 miles in 5 hrs, 52 min. The unicyclist who raised the most money in the event was HOLLY BAKER, age 10. The total raised was \$350. Eleven other cyclists who completed the 26 miles were: RALPH STOCK, DAWN MERCHANT, CARLA ALLARD, CONNIE FOX, JUDY FITCH, LINDA FITCH, GREG MORAN, BRENDA BOND, DEANNE MUMFORD, SHARON NOVIK, and KATHY ESKINS. The youngest riders were CINDY FOX, age 6, who rode 17 miles, and JAY MUMFORD, age 9 who rode 22 miles. Two of the unicyclists PAUL PRATT and FRED MILLER were unable to complete the course because of blowouts.

During off hours at the Meet things were buzzing at the COURTESY INN MOTEL, Marion. The macadam drive circling the courtyard provided an ideal track for the cyclists and much time was devoted to trying out each others unicycles and practicing new tricks gleaned from others. WALLY WATTS' big wheel had considerable mileage put on it as the many cyclists took turns circling the courtyard. While riding it at high speed, one of the cyclists, Ronnie Reynolds, tried to stop quickly and got the surprise of his life. It threw him off forward and then came rumbling after him like a juggernaut. Fortunately Ronnie dodged it and neither he nor the cycle sustained any damage. Ronnie's father DR. ORLAND REYNOLDS entertained the cyclists at the Courtesy Inn a couple evenings with his marvelous rope spinning feats. Many of the unicyclists stayed up long after midnight swapping ideas and trying out Dr. Reynold's lariats, John Jenack's Diabolos and unicycle Kite, Wally Watts' big wheel, and practicing skipping rope on their unicycles.

The Late RUDY YUNG'S collection of novel cycles mentioned on pg 2 of the July issue has been sold. THE GREAT Y CIRCUS of Redlands, Calif. has purchased the entire collection and will be working some of them into next year's performances. As WARREN WOOD, their Director notes: "Rudy would be pleased to know that his cycles will continue to be used in a non profit type program for boys and girls".

West Coast Unicycling recently received boost through Editor MARTHA SESSUMS article on the subject which appeared in THE REFLECTOR (Carl's Jr. All-Star Bicycle Club's official publication). THE REFLECTOR is sent to some 70,000 members of the Bike Club and in addition there are copies in each of the over 100 Carl's Jr. Restaurants in So. Calif.

Query on Pg 14 of last issue in regard to Honda motorized unicycle brought many replies from readers, plus copies of Science and Mech. magazine (June-July'74) in which picture and description of the 440 pound unicycle appeared.

A TV crew of five spent two days with JENACK CYCLISTS of Westbury, N.Y. recently. They filmed a number of humorous and novel cycle type skits that will be used between segments of a new educational program THE BIG BLUE MARBLE. In the New York area the show appears Saturdays 9:30-10 AM on Ch. 11. In one skit JOHN JENACK, as a very serious type waiter, at an outside cafe, waits on table entirely on his unicycle. He fails to watch where he is going however and eventually rides off end of diving board with tray of food. DICK WEISS, Mgr of Joint District Pools, and Mr. McMullen of Town of Hempstead were most cooperative and local residents are looking forward to seeing the skit on TV this Fall.

BOB PADDISON of Copenhagen, who is making an in-depth study of monovehicles at the DANISH ROYAL ARTS ACADEMY, recently flew to U.S.A. along with his wife SUZY and 13 month old daughter JOSEPHINE. They spent a week with the Jenacks in Westbury and then several more weeks touring U.S. and consulting with scientists and engineers in connection with his project. In searching the International Patent Office he has discovered there are over 10,000 patents having to do with unicycles, monocycles, and related one wheel vehicles.

KATIE HORTON, the young unicyclist of Pasadena, mentioned in last issue, had a slight misfortune with her new 8' giraffe. Seems she was riding with a loose chain on a steep hill. Extra strain caused chain to jump the sprocket and in the fall that resulted Katie broke her wrist. Recent letter from her indicates it did not dampen her spirits any and she is back riding again - suggests all you other giraffe riders check to make sure you are not riding with a loose chain that could result in similar accident.

The July '74 issue of FAMILY CIRCLE Magazine has some pages of Iron-On Letters and (p.83-) designs if any of you cyclists are looking for some to put on your unicycling Tee Shirts.

Are you six foot or taller and having trouble finding a long enough SEAT POST for your Japanese built unicycle? - A Puget seat post will fit but much less expensive is a piece of regular $\frac{1}{2}$ " wrought iron plumber's pipe. The diameter will be slightly undersize but no problem - simply cut a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of aluminum from a Coke soft drink can with jack knife and kitchen scissors and wrap it around the pipe for a shim. If you flare out the top $1/16$ " it will prevent the shim from disappearing down the fork tube. Incidentally ready made shims of this type are available in most large bike shops.

To call attention to their article "The Pants Worn Round The World" the AUG.-SEPTEMBER 1974 issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST has a postcard size picture of an attractive girl in cut-off blue jeans riding her unicycle in what may be Central Park, N.Y. City. Anybody know who she is?

DICK FRANCIS, President of the INTERNATIONAL JUGGLERS ASSOCIATION, his wife, and at least four other members of the IJA were in attendance at the National Unicycle Meet. Among the other jugglers present were KEN & CAROL BERGE, PAUL BACHMAN, and JOHN McPEAK. Unicycling and juggling go hand in hand and many jugglers are also expert unicyclists. The IJA will hold their 1975 CONVENTION in YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO July 31 to Aug 3, 1975. Unicyclists who are interested in juggling should keep this date in mind as they are welcome to attend. From the plans already under way, and the list of jugglers who have said they will be present, it appears destined to be the greatest juggling convention in history. Food costs and lodging also look very good. - Some of the unicyclists staying at the Holiday Inn during the Meet got a sample of what first class jugglers do when they get together in their spare time. It was a real treat to see KEN & CAROL BERGE tossing 6-8 clubs back and forth between them - or to see PAUL BACHMAN bouncing five balls at once on the floor and carrying on a conversation at same time - or to see JOHN McPEAK practicing some of his many variations with all kinds of props. For further information on the 1975 International Jugglers Convention anyone who wishes may write directly to Convention Chairman DICK FRANCIS, 2122 Windsor Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44502 - everyone is invited. Future issues of our newsletter will carry further details.

An interesting letter has just been received from GORAN LUNDSTROM of Sweden. Goran is the fellow whose "PEDOPED" walking machine was illustrated on page 11 of the July 1974 newsletter. On Sept. 14th he and a group of unicyclists joined in a huge technical-historical show "Jubelextravaganza" organized by GERT EKSTRÖM of the Technical Museum, in Central Stockholm. Goran's younger sister CILLA rode a giraffe unicycle while his brothers LENNART and HENRIK rode regular unicycles, along with other members of their unicycle group JOHN DANIELIUS, GÖSTA LINDH, INGELA ALKESJÖ, and GABRIEL ALVFÉN, in fancy costumes. In addition to Goran's PEDOPED walking machine and his gigantic unicycle with 56" wheel there was also a long line of old fashioned Penny Farthings and antique two wheelers to amaze and delight an estimated crowd of some 30,000 or more. Also showed at the extravaganza were Hot Air Balloons, Model Helicopters, Muscle Power Cars, and Hanggliders.

At a future international conference CISM-Fitmm in Poland, dealing with advanced research on manipulators and robots, plans are under way to present in a serious way a paper and demonstration on Goran's walking machine the PEDOPED.

From time to time your Ed. runs across some very heartwarming Human Interest stories. A letter from a cyclist in England arrived today, just as this newsletter is about to go to press, and prompts your Ed. to include this story with the hope that it gives some of you readers the same happy feeling it did him.

For many years your Ed. under the banner "Unicyclists Association of America", has been carrying on correspondence with unicyclists the world over and has written to any and all cyclists whose names or pictures have appeared in the news media. About a year ago two pictures of cyclists appeared - one in a newspaper, The Dallas Morning News, and the other in a magazine Modern Maturity. One picture was of a professional unicyclist doing his grocery shopping on a giraffe unicycle. The other was of a retired bicycle builder (in his nineties) riding a bicycle with wheels but three inches high. Neither of the articles accompanying the pictures had addresses other than the names of two separate towns in England. Your Ed. clipped the pictures, pasted them on Airmail envelopes and addressed them simply to the cyclist's name and town. Inside the envelope a brief note requested that if the letter got through the writer would like to hear more about them and their cycling. Within a couple weeks replies were received from both, along with information and clippings on their cycling activities. Roy Rivers turned out to be a professional entertainer who has performed extensively on ice with skates, unicycle, and musical instruments, all at once. Alfred Tabb is a retired bicycle builder and as a hobby has built and ridden some of the world's smallest bikes. To shorten this story somewhat your Ed. wrote and told each of these about the other and soon thereafter the two managed to get together and became friends. Each wrote back how wonderful it was that they had discovered a new friend, with similar interests, by way of a third party in the U.S.A. This past summer Roy Rivers landed a rather nice and lengthy engagement at the Blackpool Wintergardens where his act is still currently being featured. He invited Alf and Mrs. Tabb to be his guests in Blackpool and take in the show. Not only did they come and take in the show but Alf at age 91 got out his tiny bicycle and after being introduced rode across the stage in the second half of Roy's act. This was a real thrill for both Alf and Roy and serves to illustrate your editor's point of view that unicyclists are about the nicest people in the world. Although Alf Tabb built some unicycles in years past he never really mastered one himself. However he just recently built another one - this time for himself - and with a little help from Roy Rivers perhaps he will be the first to learn to ride at age 92.

This edition of the newsletter is being rushed to the point where your Ed. does not have the time to turn it over to his son John, age 17, who usually goes thru and corrects the spelling and rearranges many of the Mark Twain type sentences - so what's wrong with M.T.

The annual Formal Membership Meeting of THE UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. was held at the Coliseum in Marion, Ohio August 18, 1974 immediately after the National Unicycle Meet. The Annual Report of the Board of Directors was presented and approved by the officers and members present and an election was held for officers for the coming year. The incumbent officers were all nominated and, with their consent, unanimously re-elected for the year 1975. For reader's information a list of officers appears on Pg. 1 masthead.

In the absence of any specific request to have the 1975 National Unicycle Meet held in another section of the U.S. it was tentatively decided to hold next year's meet in Pontiac, Michigan. With the experience gained in managing such meets, by unicycle club leaders in that area, it appears we can look forward to another Super Meet in 1975.

To make our organization more truly national in character, and insure a more country-wide participation at future meets, we would like to schedule the 1976 meet (year after next) at some location further west. With this in mind the officers and staff of the U-S-A Inc. wish to make it known to other clubs about the country that if they wish to sponsor such a national meet, all past information and experience gained in running such, will be made readily available to them. Such things as travel and lodging expenses are budget items we all have to consider and by holding meets in different parts of the country we can sort of spread the expenses around and even things up a little. Low cost lodging such as was available at the Marion Catholic High School (\$1 per nite for sleeping bag space plus use of facilities) appealed to many of the out of town cyclists and is one way of keeping down overall expenses of attending a meet.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM and everyone left with the feeling that we had just wound up a truly wonderful season of unicycling.

A number of members have suggested that we could use a more creative title and masthead for our newsletter. Just plain "Newsletter" doesn't do much for us. Your Ed. has a few ideas for a new design and title but would like to hear from some of you artistic-all minded cyclists. If you have an idea for a new title and design for our masthead do send it in. A rough sketch is O.K. - what we are after is ideas. Perhaps we can list some of them in upcoming issues and solicit comments from our readers.

If you are one of the initial members of the Unicycling Society of America, Inc. which was formally launched Jan. 1974 your membership and newsletter subscription expires with this issue.

Our budget will not allow us to send additional reminders so in order not to miss any of the goodies we have in store for 1975, please use the enclosed form and renew today - you'll be glad you did and receipt of your membership dues will help pay the printing costs of the newsletter in 1975.

As this last quarterly issue of 1974 goes to press we would like to remind readers once again that this is your Newsletter and we want to include what is of most interest to you and consistent with our organization's aims which are:

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

To disseminate knowledge and information on all phases of the sport to all interested parties throughout the country via a newsletter and information service.

Your suggestions are always welcome and many thanks to those of you who have sent in ideas and suggestions for this October issue.

In line with our aim to disseminate information and be of service we have made arrangements with a publisher and can now offer members another new book they may find of particular interest which is scheduled to come out in November 1974. Its title is BASIC CIRCUS SKILLS and in addition to unicycling it contains a wealth of information on Juggling, tightwire, trapeze, clowning, and most of the circus arts. It is written by Dr. Jack Wiley who happens to be one of our founder members. We look forward to its being as popular and well received as his last book THE UNICYCLE BOOK which received raves from all who purchased copies.

Single copies of BACK ISSUES of The Newsletter are also still available at \$1.00 each.
 BEST WISHES FROM YOUR EDITOR - ITS BEEN A GREAT YEAR Bill Jenack.

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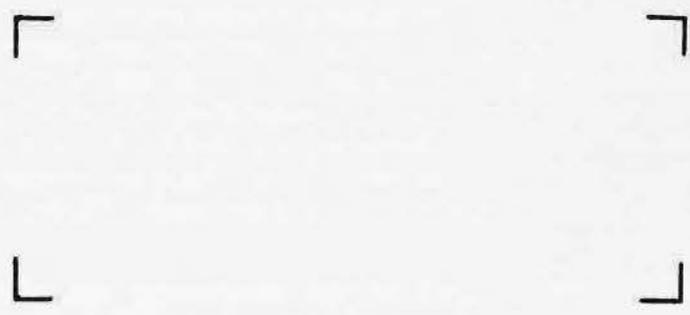
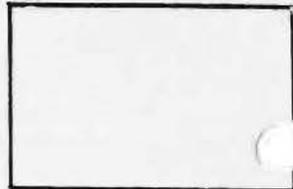
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Dear Members: As a Not-For-Profit Corporation we are not in business to make money. However on the reverse side of this page you will find a number of related items we have for sale which may be of interest to you and which if ordered through your news-letter editor will not only be of service to you but will aid our treasury and enable us to award more trophies etc. at future unicycle meets.

If you know of any unicyclist who might be interested in joining our organization please pass on the form below.

Your Ed. Bill Jenack

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. Date _____

Check type membership desired, fill in and send with appropriate amount to the Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Gordon Kruse, 30246 S. Stockton Dr., Farmington, Mich. 48024. Make checks payable to UNICYCLING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

_____ Member, \$3.00 annual dues includes subscription to quarterly newsletter (with quarterly expiration policy) plus membership card and voting privilege.

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