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The Madison Unicyclists in Wisconsin have been working hard to prepare for the highlight of the summer for unicyclists across the country. NAUCC 2015! The competition and convention will be held Friday, July, 24th through Saturday August 1st. It will be a great time for all that attend!

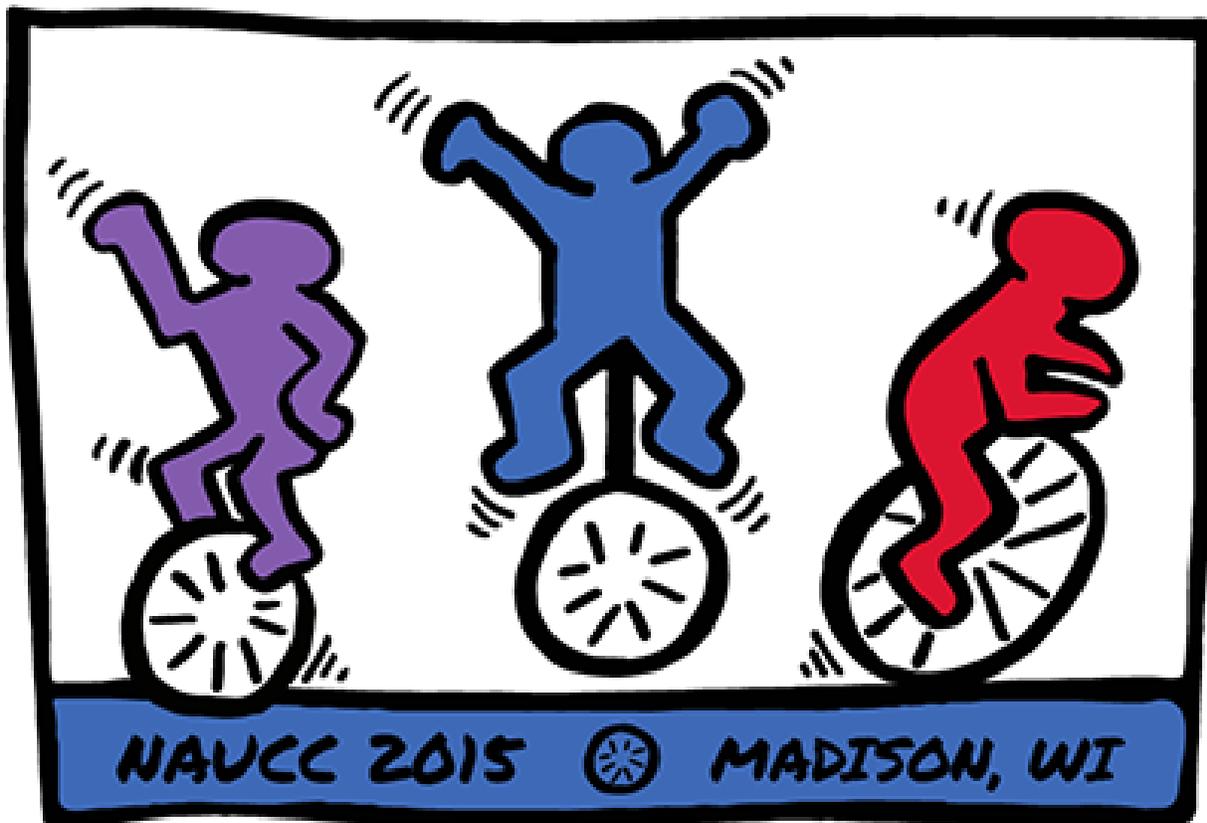


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President's Corner

Hi Everyone!

I'm excited to announce that we have a new opportunity for high school students. We're looking for passionate Individuals who want to learn how the USA conducts itself. As a junior officer, you'll work side-by-side with Board members and can even start your own projects. Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to fill out an application, which is located on the website [Junior Officers](#). Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In other exciting news, the IUF recently published its latest version of the Rulebook. They've made quite a few changes and have even outlined them for all of us to see. You can review the changes at [ReviewChanges](#). In the near future, we'll be adopting some of these changes because our Rulebook is based on the IUF's version. Keep your eyes open for the changes!

And I hope you're all getting as pumped for NAUCC 2015 as I am! The schedule this year looks great and can be found at [NAUCC Schedule](#)

I look forward to seeing many of you in Madison this year. :) Keep on riding,

Amanda

Letter From The Editor

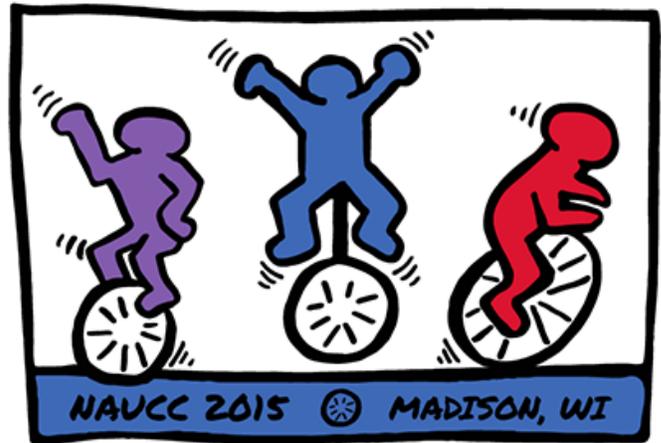


Hello Everyone, It has been a lot of fun to see what the unicycling community had to say in these past few months to put together this issue. I hope you all enjoy what I have discovered. I am excited to hear what is going on in the unicycle world in the future. Please contact me at Richarddtharrett2019@gmail.com if you have anything that you find interesting about unicycling for future issues.

I hope to see you all at NAUCC in Madison this year,

Richard

NAUCC 2015



The Madison Unicyclists have been very busy planning and preparing for NAUCC 2015.

NAUCC is exciting for all kinds of riders with different skill levels. The best part of NAUCC is not just the competitions, but rather it is getting together with other riders from across North America, sharing common interests, learning new skills, and having fun together. There will also be many workshops offered for new riders. Some of the featured workshops include: freestyle judging, first timers, learning to ride, unicycle maintenance and specialty skills workshops.

The competition and convention will be held Friday, July, 24th through Saturday August 1st.

Registration is Open and the **SCHEDULE of EVENTS** is available on the website at [NAUCC 2015](#)

This years event will be well attended, with representatives from 21 and Canada. Several World Champions are signed up and ready to make the trip as well! NAUCC 2015 will prove to be an exciting and challenging event for all that attend. You will not want to miss out on all of the activities, fun and after-hours events that are planned. So get to the website and sign up for the unicycling event of the year!

A great time is guaranteed for all!



Did you become a World Champion at Unicon 17 in Montreal?

Not only do the Madison Unicyclists want to congratulate you, but they want to do it in person!

They are offering all recent World Champions free registration and free lodging for NAUCC 2015!

All you need is a plane ticket to Madison and then you can compete for free.

They will have locals host you in their homes so that you don't have to worry about housing.

For more information go to the website : [NAUCC 2015](#)



In Honor of Founder Member Charlotte Fox Rogers 1925 – 2015

By Valerie Rogers Schiano, with Craig Milo Rogers

Scholar, Author, Teacher, Entertainer. Gerontologist, Geneologist, Psychologist, Artist. Historian, Musician, Interior Decoration. Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend. These are but a few of the words to describe **Charlotte Fox Rogers**, 90, who passed away peacefully on May 12, 2015 from complications of multiple strokes.

Born on a farm in Fence WI, in 1925, during the Great Depression, Charlotte Fox grew up with a desire to study and succeed. She was Valedictorian of the class of 1942 at Tuley HS in Chicago, and worked her way through college as a lathe operator and model painter. During this time, she entertained WWII troops as a USO Hostess. She attended Central YWCA College and Northwestern University, earning a BS with Honors and an MA in Psychology in 1946 and 1947. Charlotte did additional graduate work at The Johns Hopkins University, Boston University, and Stanford University, where she met her husband, Miles, a Psychologist and Statistician. At age 22, she was one of America's pioneers in psychogerontology, as a published researcher on the psychology of aging. In her senior years, she was fond of saying "Now I *really* know what it's all about!" From 1957 to 1961, she was one of the first psychologists to train women for natural childbirth, teaching classes at the Santa Monica, CA YWCA.



Photo Credit: Valerie Rogers Schiano

Charlotte was a member of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honorary, the American Psychological Association, was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and held a commission in the Reserve Corps of the US Public Health Service.

Together, Charlotte and Miles raised four children, keeping them busy with activities including 50-mile backpacks, Scouting, road trips, rockhounding, educational enrichment programs, and unicycling! She was the co-founder, costumer, publicist, and co-choreographer of Wonderwheels Unicycle Drill Team, which performed throughout North America, as both a family troupe and a community group of up to 30 riders, from 1964-1974. The inception of the group actually came about as sort of a gag. When Miles was a teen living in Los Angeles, he hung around a shop in which a unicycle was brought in. He asked if he could try the unicycle, and an hour later, came riding back to the shop atop it! Many years later, when Charlotte heard this story, she thought it would be fun to get her husband a unicycle. The one she acquired, built by record-holding unicyclist Walter Nilsson, was way too small for Miles to ride, but was a proper size for their two elder children, Craig and Dawn. Seeing the pair riding around the neighborhood generated interest among the neighbor children, who then became riders, along with younger son, Bruce, and eventually, youngest child, Valerie. Charlotte and Miles took up the reins and a team was born!

Weekly practices were held where kids learned precision formation riding, square dance style routines, unicycle ballets, and the famous Wonderwheels Pretzel maneuver. Richly detailed costumes were designed and hand-sewn by Mrs. Rogers, featuring sequined Mexican serapes, zebra prints, and Hopi Kachina masks. Dr. Rogers created one-of-a-kind ride-able costumes, including a giant spider and a huge Humpty Dumpty egg which cracked open on command, to fit the unique themes of the parades or shows in which the Team performed. A notable contribution by Charlotte to the world of unicycle costuming was her invention of the cut-away skirt over dance trunks for female riders, effectively allowing girls to wear a dress while unicycling, while maintaining both style and safety.

Charlotte Fox Rogers Memorial continued

Wonderwheels was showcased in more than 150 parades and events, including televised pregame and halftime shows for professional basketball and Pro Bowl games, and are featured in The Unicycle Book, by Jack Wiley. During their travels, the group performed at the Illinois State Fair, in parades at the 1971 Calgary Stampede performing for Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and was honored to be selected to represent the United States in a solo parade at the Expo '67 World's Fair in Montreal, Canada. The Drill Team size varied from the family core of six, up to 30.

Throughout their travels, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers connected with other unicycling enthusiasts across the US, including Unicycle Mycle (AZ), Jenack Cycles (NY), and Little Bike Industries (CT). Correspondence followed, wherein Charlotte first suggested the idea of forming a national organization to promote the sport and art of unicycling. With several others, she and Miles became Founder Members of the Unicycling Association of America, which was shortly after renamed the Unicycling Society of America.

In addition to being a Founder Member, she held multi-term office as Historian for the Unicycling Society of America, Inc, and was also a member of the International Unicycling Federation. You'll recall that Dr. Miles S. Rogers, who passed away in 2007, was a five-term President of the USA.

Mrs. Rogers was an artist in many media. In addition to the unicycling costumes, she designed and sewed clothing for herself and her children, including concert, prom, and wedding attire, under the guise of "Charlotte Fox of California". She used clothing scraps, felt, found objects, oils, acrylics, and stained glass to create a plethora of artwork. She dabbled in instrumental music, via the cello, saxophone, and piano, and later tried her hand at songwriting. Charlotte was a member of both the West Coast branch of The Songwriters Guild and the Organization of Women in Music. Her music was selected for performance by the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum. Musical preferences included classical, country, bluegrass, big band swing, and anything to which one could dance a foxtrot.

Since 1982, Mrs. Rogers spent extensive time researching and documenting the genealogies of both her ancestry and that of her husband. For several years, she self-published a newsletter titled Gamsu, copies of which may be found in Library of Congress. She helped organize Gamsu Gatherings at both the national and international level. Charlotte was a member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia, the Bucks County (PA) Genealogical Society, the NewOther hobbies included voracious reading of biographies, doing copious amounts of crossword puzzles, prolific gardening, and interior decorating (favorite colors include lavender, turquoise, and chartreuse), and making chopped liver.

Throughout the years, she and her family lived in Westchester, Carson, Cerritos, Wilshire Center/Koreatown, and Hesperia CA, as well as West Chester PA. After retirement, Charlotte and Miles travelled across the country and Canada via motorhome and would spend a month a year babysitting grandchildren in Kailua HI. The Rogers owned an 1890's miner's cabin and additional lots in the Owens Valley town of Keeler CA, for use as a gateway to recreational activities in the majestic Sierra Nevada Mtns, the Inyo Mtns, and Death Valley National Park.

Wednesday, October 11, 1967

Dominguez Hills Unicycling Family Perform at Expo-67

Expo-67 was the highlight of a recent 10,000-mile tour by the Miles S. Rogers family of Dominguez Hills, sponsors of the unique Wonderwheels unicycle drill team.

The five-week camping trip combined professional conferences for Dr. Rogers, SDC research psychologist with unicycle demonstrations and sightseeing for the family.

The Rogers visited and rode their unicycles in 28 states and the District of Columbia, one Mexican state, and two Canadian provinces.

They also appeared in two formal performances. The first was the opening day parade of the Illinois State Fair on August 11, where they were reviewed by Gov. Otto Kerner and filmed for an educational TV show.

On August 21, the Wonderwheels Show Team represented the United States at Expo-67 in an amateur special events program. Referred to as security officers, they presented a solo parade and spot performances on St. Helen's Island.

Since unicycles are uncommon in Canada, the team— clad in red, white, and blue costumes — attracted unusual attention and kept spectators busy clicking their cameras.

During the tour the Rogers visited Little Bike Industries in Manchester, Connecticut; Jenack Cycles and unicycle group on Long Island, New York; and Unicycle Mycle, professional unicyclist of Phoenix, Arizona.

The Wonderwheels now perform on new unicycles and a three-wheeler parade bicycle built by the Bill Mathews Company of Temple City, Calif.

When not performing in shows and parades the four Rogers children — Craig, 12; Dawn, 10; Bruce, 9; and Valerie, 7 — enjoyed camping and fishing in state parks and private campgrounds across the country, reports Mrs. Rogers.

Tours of art galleries, action museums and historical sites, as well as visits with relatives and friends whom the children had not met before, maintained interest throughout the long, arduous tour of American states and cities.

The Wonderwheels most recently performed in the Chulver City birthday parade and have been invited to participate in many Christmas parades in the area during November and December.

DOMINGUEZ NEWS



UNICYCLING FAMILY—The Rogers family of Dominguez Hills, recently returned from a 10,000-mile tour of the United States during which they performed at the Illinois State Fair and at Expo-67 in Canada. From left, front, are Bruce, 9; Craig, 12; Dawn, 10; Valerie, 7, and their parents, Mrs. Charlotte and Miles Rogers.

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Charlotte Fox Rogers is survived by four children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, who will miss her greatly.

John Lizza, "Riding Blind"...

Submitted by John Foss, the Uni-Cyclone

The world of Uni-cycling continues to amaze me...

The story of John Lizza is a great reminder of one of the most fascinating riders of an earlier generation!

John Lizza is the famous blind man who learned to ride a unicycle in the 1960s with the help of USA founder Bill Jenack. He was written up in *The Unicycle Book* by Jack Wiley (1973) and I believe he also appears in the later, *Complete Book of Unicycling* (1984).

John Lizza (pronounced like "pizza") was an electronics repairman, using special tools that helped him fix circuits by making different sounds for him. He was also a promoter of "Beeper Ball", a baseball game for blind players. He did a unicycling demonstration for the crowd at the 1983 USA Convention in Syracuse, NY.

The story of him learning to ride is told that his wife would walk down the street in front of him wearing wooden shoes, to act as a leader so he wouldn't hit the curb or cars. But in 1985, one of his neighbors told me that he also did solo rides (this was several years later). He would walk up and down his street, which was a cul-de-sac, and use his cane to locate all the parked cars. Then he would go back to his house and ride the unicycle up and down the street! He was not visually impaired; I'm pretty sure he had little or no light perception at all.

Recent update on John Lizza from Kathy Hilton:

John is still alive and 89. He will be 90 Oct. 29th. He doesn't ride any more as he has had a stroke in 2013 and a serious operation in 2012, which left him a lot unsure of himself. If you knew John this isn't him. I used to come home from work and find tracks in my kitchen where he was practicing. John taught all the kids in the neighborhood how to ride, one of the girls delivered her papers on her unicycle. Some of these girls are in their forties now. I understand they also taught their children to ride. It is hard for me to bring riding up to him as he is not too happy about not riding.



What's Happening in the U.S.A.

U.S.A Membership Renewal

In 2014 the board decided to make it a focus to provide members, and potential members, with an online registration and renewal system. After many months of work, the system was released in April 2015. Most of you should have received an email announcing the release, and if we did not have an active email address for you, you should have received a letter in the mail. If you have not received either, please visit the site and use the Contact Us form so we can help you access the system: [UniUSA Members](#)

I encourage every member to log in and verify their information. You may have a new address since you first registered, or we may not have the complete and correct information for you. A few fields are now required, including birth date, in order to more effectively manage membership and NAUCC.

For most members, the web site will be the exclusive way to renew their membership via credit card. The site uses a secure credit card processing system, which should make it much more convenient than sending in a check every year! Members whose club include USA membership as part of local club dues will not renew online, but should still manage their member data online, and be in contact with your club representative to keep them informed as well.

We are always looking for ways to improve the system. Please use the Contact Us form at the site to let me know of any ideas you may have, or to report any problems with the site.

-Mike Schatz

Unicycling Society of America Leadership Scholarships

Unicycling Society of America Leadership Scholarships are awarded annually to select post-secondary students. Leadership is the key selection criterion used by the scholarship selection committee. The scholarship program was started in 2004 and has awarded in excess of \$25,000 to leaders in the unicycle community.

Scholarship Purpose:

- To reward those students who have demonstrated leadership and other contributions to the sport of unicycling
- To acknowledge significant achievements at the national and international levels
- To increase recognition of unicycling as sport and art
- To encourage and recognize continuing participation and leadership in unicycling throughout college
- To provide financial assistance for post-secondary students

Awarding of the scholarships take place at each North American Unicycle Competition and Convention (NAUCC). The 2015 USA Leadership Scholarship Application Form can be found [here](#). The submission deadline for this year's scholarship is Friday, June 12, 2015.

USA Scholarship Chairperson: Max Schulze, maxtron505@gmail.com

Madison Unicyclists, Inc. invites you to sponsor NAUCC 2015

The North American Unicycling Convention & Championships event is an excellent opportunity to promote your business to visiting unicycling competitors and their families, as well as to local spectators who come out to check out the growing sport of unicycling. It is a way to set your company apart by sponsoring a unique and new event. The event will draw more than 300 competitors and unicycling enthusiasts to Madison from across the nation and North America for a week of events that will be held throughout Madison. You can sign-up as an overall Sponsor, Event Sponsor or Final Party Sponsor.

Download the [sponsor packet](#) for information about sponsor levels and benefits. To sponsor this event, simply complete the sponsor form that is included as part of the sponsor packet and return it to Madison Unicyclists, Inc. along with your payment. Feel free to contact Katie Beilfuss NAUCC 2015 Sponsorship Director, at 608 - 320 - 5251, with any questions and we thank you for any support you can offer.

Thank You to the NAUCC 2015 Champion Sponsor [Unicycle.com](#)



NAUCC 2015 Needs you as a Volunteer

It takes a lot of volunteers to run an event like NAUCC. Some volunteers have been working hard for many months to get everything in place for the competitions and convention. During the week of NAUCC, many additional volunteers will be needed to judge competitions and make sure that events go smoothly.

Please consider giving your time to do these tasks, either between competitions, or on your off days. You can indicate your willingness to volunteer when you register, can update your registration or sign-up during onsite check-in.

Terry “UniGeezer” Peterson

Not “2” Tired

Photo Credit: Terry Peterson

It was 1967 – a year that became known, famously, as the “Summer of Love”. LBJ was president, gas was about 25 cents a gallon, and the Beatles were about to release what has been hailed as their masterpiece: “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band”.

I was eleven years old then, and remember mowing a lot of extra lawns so I could buy that album, which my friends and I played for hours on end, trying to figure out the “hidden” meaning of those “psychedelic” lyrics!

1967 was also the year that I learned how to ride a unicycle; long before they were purpose built or considered anything other than a fad or novelty.

I was self-taught and a fast study, as many kids are, but having life-long ADHD, (which gives you the ability to “hyper-focus” on things you really like) soon I was free mounting, riding backwards, one-footed, idling, spinning in circles, and riding down curbs and small stair sets!



But because I was doing things back then that unicycles weren't built for - and wouldn't be for decades yet to come - within less than six months I had already thoroughly demolished at least two unicycles! They weren't built very strong, having single-walled steel rims and far less than the usual 36 spokes of today's unicycle, not to mention cotted cranks that would become loose or bend easily. They just didn't last long and, unfortunately, the “Mother of Invention” wouldn't see the “necessity” for improvement for about 30 more years! At one point my mom asked me a half joking question: “Do you want another new unicycle, or would you rather eat this month?” I saw the humor in it right away but at the same time I knew, at least back then, that it was time to move on to something else, and I still had my awesome blue metal flake Schwinn Stingray, complete with “sissy bar” and 5-speed “stick-shift” to get me around in style.

Fast forward almost 40 years, to December, 2005. It was about a month before my 50th birthday and, as happens with many guys in that age range, the metabolism slows down and we start gaining weight and become less active. Well, I decided I wanted to trade in my ever-enlarging “spare tire” for a different kind of tire - the kind that comes on a unicycle! But the thought didn't come to me immediately. Approaching the big Five-O, I wanted to find something fun and effective to help me get back in shape, and I went through the usual list of sports-related activities that might sound fun. Nothing sounded very interesting or enticing, but then, as I was surfing the net, I discovered that there had been amazing advances in unicycle technology since I was a kid, thanks in large part to a guy named Kris Holm. It was the first time I'd heard of him but after reading more about him and watching his videos, I was inspired! I could not believe that almost 4 decades later, that there was an actual sport called “MUni”!

My only concern was, would I still even know how to ride a unicycle after so long? I promptly grabbed my credit card and ordered what I could afford at the time; a Torker “DX” “off-road” unicycle. When it arrived I was so excited but decided to try riding it in my backyard, out of public view, in case I fell on my face! Well, to my utter astonishment, I was able to free mount after one or two attempts, and it was like I had never stopped all those years before! I was invigorated and totally determined to learn how to ride it off-road, but it took several months to get my “MUni legs”and MUni lungs!

Terry “UniGeezer” Peterson article continued on the next page...

Terry “UniGeezer” Peterson article continued ...

After almost a lifetime of not riding a uni, I had about 40 years of catching up to do! But within the first year of almost daily riding, I had burned away so much fat that I had to buy all new clothes...twice! But it was so worth it! I was now much stronger, and felt better than ever and, now, almost 10 years later I'm in the best shape of my life, thanks to our most awesome and unique sport! Unicycling has become such an integral part of my daily life that it's as natural to me as eating and breathing! I have also grown as a person and have met so many fantastic people from around the world who share the same passion.

Photo Credit: Terry Peterson



I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to promote the sport of unicycling on TV and radio, in books and sports magazines, plus web features and national TV commercials for Lowe's and Ford. I also am honored to be sponsored by UDC, Kris Holm, Unicycle TV and "Twins", my local bike shop. My favorite riding disciplines are: MUni, long distance, road climbing, and trials. MUni is my main passion and I enjoy technical, rocky terrain the most, but also fast single-track is great fun on my KH 26er with Schlumpf hub, where I can really let it fly! I also enjoy 36er MUni, Oregon fat tire MUni, and doing drops and stair sets. For long distance I ride my KH 36er that I have customized with aerobars and flat profile saddle. For road climbing I rebuilt my KH 29er wheel, making it a true 700c. And for trials I've used all sizes of unicycles, including a 36er, and even did my longest rail grind with it!

Some of the uni-accomplishments of which I am most proud include being the first (and still oldest) person to ever successfully climb Fargo street in Los Angeles, in the annual event's history, which dates back to the 1970's. At a whopping 33% grade, Fargo is one of the steepest streets in the world.

I have also completed five Century/century "plus" rides, completing each in one day: Two 100 mile rides, one 114 mile, one 120 mile ride and, most recently, a 150 mile ride on the day after my 59th birthday. My next goal is to complete a 200 mile ride in 24 hours, or less. I am planning this ride for some time later in 2015. Since re-starting riding in December of 2005, I have logged more than 30,000 miles which translates to well over 20 million pedaling revolutions.

In many ways I think of myself a kind of "Uni-Ambassador" for our sport, because I constantly sing its praises and love to promote it proudly and loudly at every opportunity! One of my favorite things is receiving correspondences from people from around the world, who write to say they have been inspired to learn to ride by watching my videos. This means so much to me and is the main reason I have made over 500 feature unicycling videos since 2006.

Many tell me that they thought they were "too old" to take up unicycling, but when they discovered I was even older than they were, they decided to give it a try! It reminds me of my favorite quote: "We don't stop playing because we get old; we get old because we stop playing". When out on the trail, or riding my 36er along the beach bike path, people often recognize me and call out, "Hey UniGeezer", and often we stop to chat, and sometimes I see them soon after riding *their* new unicycle, and makes me so happy to see another uni-enthusiast added to our ever-growing ranks! That's the best reward for me!

I'll close with a few uni-poems I've written, while out on the trail.

Terry "UniGeezer" Peterson article continued on the next page...

Poems by Terry “UniGeezer” Peterson:

*Out on the trail at the first break of day;
The sun shrouded softly by thick clouds of gray
With a cool flowing breeze, and the flowers of May
If I had just one wish, I forever would stay*

*It's the sport we call MUni, and it's one of a kind;
For body and soul, it's a pure state of mind
The best ever workout that you'll ever find;
Escape from the boredom of life's daily grind!*

*Unlimited uni adventures abound;
Your skill and devotion will surely astound
This emerging new sport will be widely renowned;
It only takes one to make the world go 'round!*

-Terry Peterson

*One for the road and a spokesman for fun
Pedaling my wheel 'till each day is done Exploring
new trails where I've never been When the sun
comes up I'll do it again*

*Can't wait to get started, I always say YOLO
Another century ride, again I'll go solo
It's the journey that counts, and enjoying the ride
To take fear and doubt and set them aside*

*Life's too short, but I'm not 2 tired
I'm rarin' to go, and feeling inspired
All of life's capitol, ready to spend
I'm going for broke, never want it to end!*

-Terry Peterson



Photo Credit: Terry Peterson



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*A one-wheeled adventure, a never ending quest
To reach for the pinnacle, life's ultimate test
MUni's a sport and it's one of a kind
Ingrained in my soul; a true state of mind*

*My life had been empty with nothing to show
Depressed and discouraged and nowhere to go
I thought to myself, "now what can I do?"*

About to turn 50, then out of the blue....!

*...I grabbed my old Schwinn and blew off the dust
This uni was ancient and covered with rust
I pumped up the tire and to my surprise
I was able to mount it, after one or two tries!*

*Forty years had gone by since I'd ridden before
I hadn't a clue about what was in store!
It's now been six years and I haven't looked back
I see a bright future, where once it was black.*

-Terry Peterson

RTUC Unicycle Extravaganza!

The Redford Township Unicycle Club conducted a Unicycle Extravaganza in February to promote unicycling. The event was open to the public and was a big success! Club members participated in showing off their skills by performing several routines. Wendy Grzych and Mike Parsons aka (Purple Mike) performed a pairs routine that they hope to bring to NAUCC. Mark Atkinson and his daughter Lauren also performed a pairs routine. The audience was thrilled and the club members were excited to know that the audience was amazed and now interested in unicycling.



RTUC is now on Facebook! RTUC's Facebook page is based upon promoting unicycling and supporting their members. The club has started a new promotion as well called #FeaturedRiderFriday. The recent riders of the week have been, Michael Bachleda, the Koelzer family and Charlotte Atkinson. The club often posts photos and videos on their page like this video showing RTUC's average Tuesday practice: [RTUC Practice Video](#)

So visit RTUC's page at REDFORD TOWNSHIP UNICYCLE CLUB on Facebook, "like" and follow them to see more.



Photo Credits: Mark Atkinson

Mini Muni Weekend

RTUC's club members Mark and his daughter Lauren Atkinson, Mike Parsons aka- (Purple Mike) and Richard Tharrett went to Bloomer State Park in Rochester Michigan for a Muni ride recently. This group and a few others have been out on the mountain bike trails of southern Michigan training for NAUCC 2015 this summer. They plan to be serious competitors in the muni category and they have been working hard to be fit for competition. Purple Mike says,

"Muni to me is a totally consuming experience of mind and body. It feels very similar to wrestling. My favorite person to ride with is Mark Atkinson. At times we're able to challenge each other even though he is clearly the better rider. As for NAUCC, I plan to train like a prisoner with 2-a-day practices and hope to properly represent my club, state, age group, and country. Good luck to all!"

Although we are training to compete at NAUCC, we have fun while we're doing it. I think we all truly enjoy our muni rides and hope they will not only help us in the muni category but will improve our overall riding ability.



It looks as if Connie Cotter tagged along as well.



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New 2015 Kris Holm Products

On May 5th 2015 Kris Holm announced his new products released for this year on Unicyclist.com.

“Hey everyone, I’m really happy to announce the 2015 KH product lineup. There are lots of upgrades. Details are on the [KH blog](#) and all the [product pages](#) show the new stuff. For trials/street/flatland riders: check out the one-piece-forged frame crown - strong and not bulky. Tops of the fork blades are curved more to avoid your knees, and the crown is still good for frame tricks. For muni riders – there is more tire clearance (KH26 and KH29) in a low profile frame. Surly Knard tire is standard spec. The 26x3” tire geometry on the KH26 is incredibly versatile – lots of volume for drops and technical riding, but still lightweight at under 900g. The KH24 has a slimmer horizontal crown (93 mm), with the same tire clearance as before. For distance riders – there is a slimmer KH36 crown, and bent handle option in the T-bar. The bent T-handle gives more knuckle clearance around the front handle on the Fusion Zero saddle.

For everyone – check out the entirely one-piece forged Spirit hub – strong and reliable at slightly lower weight than the Moment hub. Disc brakes are standard on all models except the KH20. Check the more detailed blog post and photos and let me know what you think. Happy to answer any questions.”

-Kris Holm



The Spirit hub is forged from a single piece of CrMo material. This results in a beautifully simple, strong and reliable hub.



New redesigned Fusion Freeride saddle.



New redesigned Fusion Street saddle.

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T-bar Distance Handle

The T-bar Distance features adjustable height, length and bar-end angle via a 400 x 155 mm T-handle with a 30° bend and grippy, ergonomic bar ends allowing riders optimize fit according to riding preference. The narrow, single shaft never interferes with pedaling. A brake lever can be positioned between the bar ends or along the handle shaft.



New Muni T-bar



New Long Distance T-bar

All Kris Holm Unicycles come standard now with disk brakes except the 20" trials.

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Upcoming Events

- NAUCC 2015
July 25, - August 1, 2015
Madison, WI.
- Seattle Muni Weekend
August 7-9'th, 2015
- UNICON 18
July 27, - August 7, 2016
San Sebastian, Spain

U.S.A. Affiliate Clubs

- **Atlanta Unicycle Club**
Atlanta, GA.
- **Berkeley Unicyclists**
Berkeley, CA.
- **Black Hills YMCA Unicycle Club**
Rapid City, SD.
- **Butler Wobble**
Butler, PA.
- **Chatham Unicycle Club**
Chatham, NY.
- **The Georgia Tech Unicycling Club**
Chatham, NY.
- **Gym Dandies Children's Circus**
Scarborough, ME.
- **Madison Unicyclists**
Madison, WI.
- **New York Unicycle Club**
Manhattan, NY.
- **One Love Unicycle Club**
Los Angeles, CA.
- **Redford Township Unicycle Club**
Redford Township, MI.
- **Sebring Unicycle & Juggling Club**
Sebring, OH.
- **Snoqualmie Valley Unicycle Club**
- **Spanaway One Wheelers Unicycling Team**
Spanaway, WA.
- **Twin Cities Unicycle Club**
Minneapolis, MN.
- **The Wonders Unicycle Club**
Eighty Four, PA.