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**Deadline for the November/
December '09 issue is
October 10**

Please let us know what you think this newsletter needs. After all, it's your newsletter!



The 2009 Old Kentucky Home Tour is just a few days away -

Let the fun begin!! by Lynn Luking, 2009 OKHT Director

The OKHT would not happen without the generous support from our sponsors. We would not be able to put on such a "Legendary Ride" without their support. I want to thank our 3 Gold and 7 Bronze Level Financial sponsors and our 11 Copper Level In-Kind supporters for not only supporting OKHT the second weekend of September but for their continued support of the cycling community throughout the year. Go to www.OKHT.org and click on each of their logo's to learn more about how you can support them.

Without the very generous support of these sponsors and supporters – the registration for OKHT would need to be more than \$100 per rider to cover the cost of the ride!!! So, my fellow cyclists—please let them know how much you enjoy OKHT being affordable-----

Also, be sure to THANK the 100+ volunteers it takes to make OKHT run smoothly on Sat. and Sun. In addition to the volunteers, the OKHT TEAM has worked all year long behind the scenes making sure every little detail has been taken care of. Their work will not stop until late Sunday night when the last water jug is washed out and everything is back in the LBC shed!!

Finally, I want to THANK the riders. You have accepted my challenge and have come out and ridden the OKHT training rides to get in shape for 50-75 or the 102 mile Pottershop Hill routes!! You will have a wonderful time riding through the beautiful back roads of Kentucky. I will be excited to see you on the road in just a few more days. Don't forget to order your dinner from MOE'S Southwestern Grill—I know you will be hungry when you get to Bardstown. As they say when you walk into their store—"WELCOME TO MOE'S" where the portions are large and the food is plentiful and taste GREAT!!

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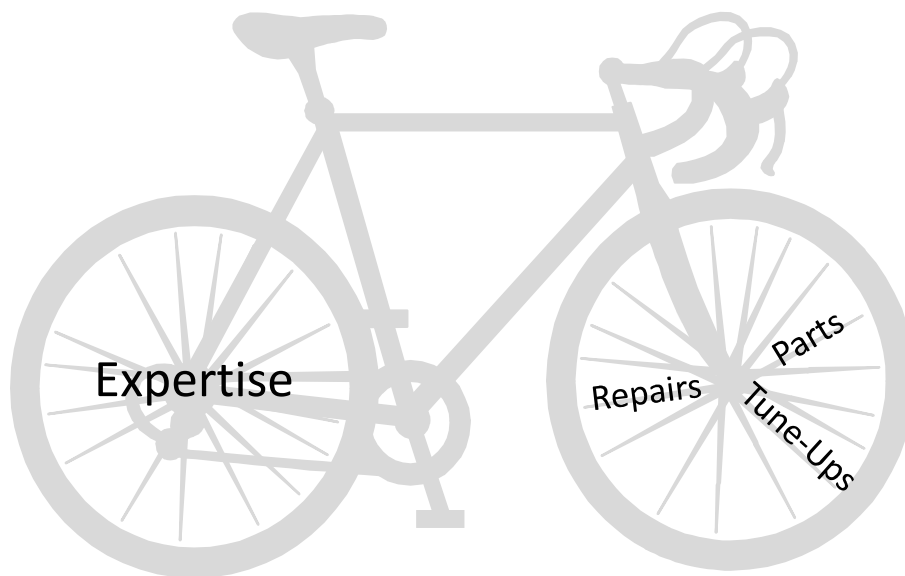
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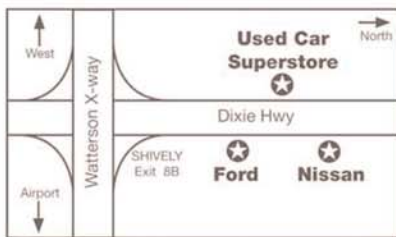
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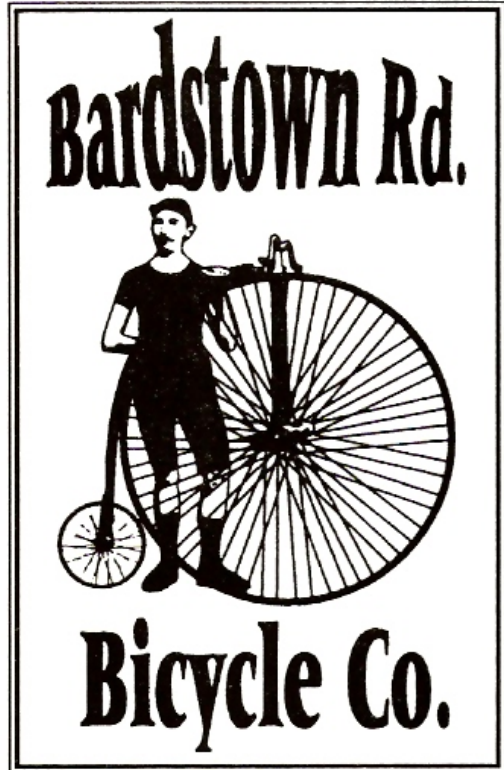
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Send them to David Ryan (Packman), VP Communications (see cover for addresses) or hand them to any club officer.

The Louisville Bicycle Club reserves the right to edit all submitted articles.

See cover for deadlines.

The newsletter is sent third class. The post office will not forward to your new address. Please notify Barbara Tretter, club secretary, of any address changes.

John Carr, the recently killed triathlete memorialized at the LBC "Ride for Awareness", is now a fairly well-known local victim of vehicular homicide. Less well-known but just as important is Cameron Irvin, the 16-year-old killed the same day just a few miles away in Radcliff, Ky.

Cameron, a well-liked and talented high school basketball player, was riding with a group on Lincoln Blvd. in Radcliff at 9 p.m., just a few minutes after sunset, when a car driven by Joey L. Evans, 35, struck them from behind. Also struck was a 7-year-old girl, who received minor injuries, and Cameron's 20-year-old brother who was carrying his 23-month-old son. The brother received serious facial injuries, while the toddler was in critical condition.

The driver, unlike the one who killed Mr. Carr, was not charged with anything by the time the event dropped from the news. Another difference was that according to police, the Radcliff driver was not found to be drunk at the scene.

Therein lies the conundrum. It is almost never the case that the severity of the injuries caused, or any other

circumstance is considered other than drunkenness in the decision whether or not to charge a vehicular crime. It is as if drunkenness were more of a crime than killing someone. More severe consequences usually are incurred for drunkenness where no one was injured than for killing someone where alcohol is not detected.

Inevitably there is a reaction in comment areas of news websites about how it is the cyclists' fault for being on the road with heavier vehicles. Such comments are absent when a car is crushed by a semi-trailer that cars don't belong on the road with trucks. And the comments are exactly the reverse when an inattentive driver strikes a motorcyclist. To me, the same logic against cyclists applied to the tens of thousands of car driver who kill each other is that nobody should be on the road.

It is about time that killers are prosecuted for killing and not just for alcohol. While booze does cause one not pay proper attention while driving, it is not the only thing. Cell phones, dialing radio knobs etc. often kill people. They are harder to demonize than the moral failing of drunkenness. But people are no less dead.

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