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'Tis the Season

by Andy Murphy, LBC President

The Brevet Series kicked off a few weeks ago and The Mad Dog Series is under way as well, two sure signs that Spring weather is almost here. As the weather warms and we're ready to get out and about on our bicycles more, make sure you do the **ABC Quick Check** on your bike before you head out.

A – is for air. Inflate tires to rated pressure as listed on the sidewall of the tire.

B – is for brakes. Inspect pads for wear, check pad adjustment and check brake lever travel and replace or adjust as needed.

C – is for cranks, chain & cassette. Make sure your cranks are tight, your chain is clean and lubricated and the shifters shift properly.

Quick – is for quick releases. Hubs need to be tight in the frame. Your hub quick release should point back to insure that nothing catches on it. Inspect brake quick releases to insure they have been re-engaged.

Check – is for check over. Take a quick ride to make sure derailleur's and brakes are working properly. Check for any loose or broken parts on your bike; tighten, replace or fix them.

Taking a few minutes to perform the ABC Quick Check will help to insure you have as safe a ride as possible.

Life is good
Murphy

It's All Happening at the Zoo: On

Wednesday, March 20th, a new 24-bike, parking rack was dedicated in the main parking lot at the Louisville Zoo. The Louisville Zoo Youth Board is trying to encourage bicycle commuting throughout the city and this new rack is just one part of that effort. One motivation to commute to the zoo by bicycle and use this rack, is that the zoo now charges \$5 to park your motor vehicle there. If you ride your bike, it's free! Make sure you bring your lock.



Bike Rack Dedicated at Louisville Zoo (photo courtesy staff)

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NOTICES

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It's been brought to our attention that not all cell phones recognize 311 as a legitimate phone number. If you have a problem on a bike path, bike lane or in a park you can report the problem to MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000. When you report a problem, you'll be given a tracking number so you can follow-up to make sure the problem has been addressed.



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Touring Odds and Ends

by *Charlie Drexler, VP Touring*

After the March General Membership Meeting held on March 17, I had a short class for up and coming Ride Captains. On this cold and very rainy afternoon, we had 7 members attend the ride captain training. A BIG Thanks to those that came out for the training! If you are interested, you can find a link to the the power point presentation under the Touring Tab of the LBC website.

If for some reason you need to deviate from the route on a club ride please do the following: Make sure other unsuspecting riders are not following you. If some follow, please help to make sure they get back on the correct route. And, understand that when you leave the route, the ride captain is not required to sweep your group.

Be sure to keep your LBC Membership up to date. If your membership falls more than 1 year behind, you could lose your mileage totals. Mileage statistics are kept and maintained for

LBC members.

If you're a ride captain and you need to cancel a ride or need to make changes to a scheduled ride: Please make sure that you sign into the LBC website and post a Ride Update for the needed changes. This way both club members and non-members have one place that they can readily see the latest information. It can also be helpful to post a note on the Club's Facebook Page and make post to the kycyclist list server. If you need help with how to do these things drop me an email at touring@louisvillebicycleclub.org . Thank You!

The Kentucky Century Challenge begins with the Redbud Ride in London, Ky. on April 13th. To complete the Kentucky Century Challenge, you will need to complete 3 of the 4 Century Rides. The LBC Home page has links to view the Jersey that you could earn as well as additional information concerning the Century Challenge.

A Thank You from VP Racing

by *Travis Kerns, VP Racing*

As I write this, spring has officially started and, unbelievably, snow is falling. Well, honestly, as soon as I say it's unbelievable that snow is falling, I immediately reconsider my thought because this is the Ohio Valley, and we all know how weather works around here. As the old saying goes, if you don't like the weather in Kentucky, wait 5 minutes, it will change. Spring will be here soon enough and, hopefully, the cold weather is on its way out. The stable temperatures of spring and summer will be a welcome change to the significant swings in temperatures we've felt this winter.

As with the weather, the racing team is looking toward some stable times and some times of change. Our major race for the year, the Long Run Park Circuit Race, was held on March 9 at Long Run Park in Louisville and was a huge success. The team is thankful for all of our volunteers and for Andy Murphy who provided commentary (and intermittent bell rings) for us during the entire day of racing. This edition of the Long Run Park Circuit Race was our second highest attended race and thanks goes to all who made this event successful. The success of the event allows the racing team to be stable for 2013 and for the first few months of 2014.

As the racing team is sensing stability, there are also changes coming. For those of you who know me personally, you know of my deep devotion to the Christian faith and you know of my love for training the next generation of Christian pastors and missionaries as I spend my professional life training them at a

local seminary. I have been here, along with my family, since 2001, either as a student or as a professor at the same seminary where I now teach, and have loved every moment we have spent in Louisville. My wife and I thought we would eventually retire here, however, different plans were in store for our future. Late last year, I received a call from a leader in my denomination, a call that would change our plans significantly. To make a long story short, I have been called by my denomination to serve in Salt Lake City, Utah, overseeing our missionary work in that area and, as a result, we will be moving to Salt Lake City this summer.

With that coming move, I have discussed my position on the Executive Committee of the LBC and am writing this note as my resignation from the Ex Comm as the VP of Racing, a resignation effective May 1. The racing team leadership has discussed the coming transition and has communicated its desires with the LBC Ex Comm. A current member of the racing team, agreed upon by the team leadership and the Ex Comm, will be announced as the interim VP of Racing in the coming days and he will serve out the remainder of my term for 2013.

The Louisville Bicycle Club has offered me an outlet for losing a significant amount of weight and for pulling my personal health out of the gutter. Thank you to all who have been friends and partners throughout my journey here in Louisville.

I Didn't See You!

by *Jim Moyer*

"I didn't see you." The driver, a pudgy guy in his 30's with a cigarette dangling from his lips, had just started his morning commute at his house. It was still mostly dark, and he had backed out of his driveway quickly (mistake number one) across two lanes of traffic (mistake number two). He had accelerated quickly out of his driveway in reverse, probably wanting to clear the first lane fast and then back into the second lane. (This maneuver would get you an "F" on your driver's test.) We can see far less when we back up in a car, as we are looking over one shoulder.

I was the unlucky cyclist in the second lane, about a mile from my house, on my morning commute. I swerved and yelled and missed the guy, but if I hadn't swerved, he would very possibly have backed into me at 10 mph. Together with my 15 mph commute speed, that would have been a combined 25 mph smack. Bad.

He was now at a stop in my lane, and I was ahead of him so I signaled for him to come ahead and roll down his window on the passenger side.

"I didn't see you," he said, as I illuminated his face with the 350 lumens of my helmet-mounted light. The kind which drivers sometimes complain about as too bright.

"How could you not see me?" I pointed to my helmet light, and then to a 150 lumens handlebar light, which was in flash mode.

"I didn't see you. I'm sorry." (At last, an apology.) We parted ways.

The lesson is obvious, but worth repeating. No matter how safely you ride, no matter how much high visibility geek gear you have, the brains of sleepy commuters are not looking for a bicycle. Their brains are paying attention to the radio, lighting a cigarette, thinking about an argument they just had with a family member, worrying about work, and occasionally scanning the environment for a car or truck. But, they are never looking for a bicycle.

Expect the unexpected because you will eventually meet it.

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Register for The Kentucky Century Challenge, complete The Challenge and get a free jersey! Click here to see the jersey: <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/userfiles/Adventure/KCC%20Jersey.pdf> - The Challenge features Kentucky's four premier cycling events featuring Century--100 mile ride options:



1. Redbud Ride – April 13, 2013, London, KY - <http://www.redbudride.com/>
2. **Horsey Hundred – May 25, 2013, Georgetown, KY -**
http://bcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=740127&module_id=110194
3. Preservation Pedal – June 15, 2013, Frankfort & Franklin Co. KY - <http://www.preservationkentucky.org/pages.php?id=6>
4. Old Kentucky Home Tour – September 7 – 8, 2013, Louisville, KY - <http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org/OKHT>

All of the featured rides also offer distances that are less than a century. To qualify for the challenge and receive the Century Challenge jersey, riders registered for the Challenge must complete the century distance on at least 3 of the 4 rides. The Kentucky Century Challenge jersey is available only to riders who successfully complete the challenge. The jersey will not be sold, or made available to the general public, so to get the jersey, you have to ride at least 300 miles.

Keep in mind that these rides are all **PAID RIDES THAT YOU MUST REGISTER FOR INDIVIDUALLY** and to be eligible for the challenge you can register here: <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/outdoor-adventure/centurychallenge.aspx>

Take the Kentucky Century Challenge and get a FREE jersey!

LBC Commuters Group

by Andy Murphy, LBC President

As of March 23, 2013, 69 members of the Louisville Bicycle Club Commuters Group have registered 4,178.32 miles. We would like to thank everyone who takes the time to commute, then logs their mileage.

If you'd like to join, go to My Cycling Log here; <http://www.mycyclinglog.com/> Register -IT'S FREE-and click on the Louisville Bicycle Club group, then click on JOIN. Remember, WE'RE ONLY TRACKING COMMUTER MILEAGE.

If you decide to join the group, you should only log rides that

are legitimate commutes--trips that you could've taken by automobile but chose to ride your bicycle. Please don't log training rides or mileage accrued on LBC rides. Riding to and from club rides would count as a commute, but not the mileage on the ride itself.

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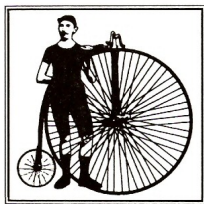


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There were many early cyclists in Louisville who contributed to the sport locally and nationally. One tends to look with pride upon their accomplishments and wonder if they had similar success in the rest of their lives. Here are the stories of four prominent cycling personalities from the 1880's and 1890's who met with sad endings.

1. Orville Anderson

Orville M. Anderson became part of cycling history when he and Henry Schimpler rode their bicycles from Louisville to Frankfort, Kentucky and back within twenty-four hours as part of a dare on December 19, 1880 and because the ride was reported in the Louisville Commercial newspaper on December 21, 1880, they are given credit for the first "century" ride in the United States. Mr. Anderson was also the bicycle editor of the Louisville Commercial and for several years kept the Louisville public informed of the happenings of the local riders and often sparring with the bicycle editor of the Courier-Journal. He was a member of the Falls City Bicycle Club, taking part in the club runs and the occasional race.



(photo courtesy Carson Torpey)

Orville Anderson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Anderson and was born and raised in Louisville. His father died in 1871 and his mother ran a dance studio giving ultra-fashionable dance lessons. Orville was at one time considered the best dancer in Louisville. He graduated from the Male High School in 1876. Immediately after graduating, he took a clerical position with the Louisville Gas Company where he remained for thirteen years, working as a bookkeeper until he left to go with his mother and sister, the beautiful Miss Lily Anderson, who had developed some "histrionic abilities" of no mean degree, went to New York to further her acting education.

While in New York, the Andersons rented a house of which they sublet the upper floor to Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Anderson developed a dislike of Mrs. Baker, which spread over to Orville and Mr. Baker. One morning Orville gave Mrs. Baker a "dirty" look and when later told of this, Mr. Baker went to Mr. Anderson to defend his wife's honor. The two began to struggle, Mr. Baker drew his revolver but Anderson drew his

revolver quicker and shot Baker's in the arm breaking the bone and then shot three more times mortally wounding the man. A doctor was summoned but nothing could be done. Anderson was arrested; he said he feared for his life and acted in self-defense.

Mr. Barret, vice-president of the Gas Company could not believe the story when told to him, as Orville Anderson was known to all as most peaceful and mild mannered. Anderson was about thirty-two and is a man of delicate frame and was never known to quarrel.

After returning to Louisville, Orville remained out of a job for two years and became distraught and was sent to Lakeland Hospital near Anchorage. Thinking a change of scene and condition might effect a cure, he was paroled to Jacksonville, Florida in the care of Dr. Phipps. Here he improved rapidly and was then left in the care of Dr. Grovet. Shortly thereafter, Anderson escaped and was thought to be heading back to Louisville. After a long search, his body was found along the railroad tracks in Georgia, Anderson having been hit by a train.

His mother had to sue to recover his possessions, which included his bicycle.

2. Orville W. Lawson

Orville Lawson, or O.W. Lawson as he was referred to more often, was the son of a Methodist minister and a member of the Louisville Cycle Club from its beginning to its end having served as its secretary-treasurer and president and was active in cycling affairs for over fifteen years. He was a very active rider and rode many tours



ORVILLE W. LAWSON, PRESIDENT LOUISVILLE CYCLE CLUB

(photo courtesy Carson Torpey)

throughout the state, first on a Star and then on a Victor safety. He participated in the Indiana Wheelmen Kentucky Tour in 1889 and then wrote an article about the ride for The Wheelmen's Gazette. He rode one of the first tandems in the state. When he wasn't riding, he volunteered for many positions at the Louisville Cycle Club including the presidency. He was the Kentucky division LAW secretary-treasurer. He was a director of the Fountain Ferry Track and worked to bring the LAW 1896 Meet to Louisville. At bicycle races around the state he worked as announcer and judge. He was on the board of directors of the Wheelmen's and Drivers League as parade director.

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Do you have something you want to share with your fellow club members?

Send us an article and photos for the newsletter! We can accept hand-written manuscripts, hardcopy print-outs or articles on disk (Word documents preferred), or e-mail.

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 by email only. Please keep your address up-to-date online or advise the club secretary of changes.

LBC Picnic – August 25th, 2013 - SAVE THE DATE!

The Party Planning Committee is pleased to announce the venue for the August 25th, 2013 LBC Picnic will be Yew Dell Botanical Gardens. Yew Dell is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy, a national non-profit, dedicated to preserving the nation's most exceptional gardens. Check out their website here; <http://www.yewdellgardens.org/>

Everything will remain pretty much the same as picnic's past, with the club providing liquid refreshments and the main course (Bar-B-Que) and club members providing side dishes. One change, you won't need to bring chairs--they have plenty at Yew Dell!

We would like to thank club member Paul Cappiello, who is Executive Director at Yew Dell for making this possible. THANK YOU, Paul!

We'll keep you posted on details as the date gets closer! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Picnic, August 25th!

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Four Sad Stories (cont. from p.9)

by Carson Torpey

His brother, Owen Lawson, who was an invalid by 1890, was one of the city's first cyclists and it was O.W. who worked out arrangements with the Ky. Division LAW to secure for him the only paid position, that of secretary-treasurer. To help Owen take part in the '96 Meet, O.W. secured a special cycle, one which had two front wheels with a seat in between and Orville in the back seat of the "tandem" at the controls.

His work took him throughout the South and on one such trip he was injured in the train wreck at Statesville, North Carolina where at night the train plunged off a damaged bridge and fell sixty feet killing over half of the passengers. Mr. Lawson suffered a cut on his forehead and a dislocated shoulder, "only a cyclist who had experience with "headers" could survive a drop of sixty feet and come up smiling."

Orville had gone into business as the junior partner of a wholesale millinery supply company. While his business partners were out of town, Orville Lawson emptied the bank account and cashed in all the securities and disappeared. It was rumored that he had lost large sums of money playing the stock market and some said he lost the money at the racetrack, horse racing that is. Orville denied these allegations but the newspaper articles never mentioned what really happened. He wrote to his brother Owen saying he was in Mexico and this was confirmed when a friend saw him there. Because the business was not a corporation, the court ruled that any owner could do what he wished with the money. Bankruptcy was declared and the creditors were paid at twenty-five cents to the dollar and Orville Lawson returned home. However he did not remain here but moved to Indiana and went into the automobile business.

(To Be Continued Next Issue)

HOW MR. LAWSON TRAVELS.

The Popular Secretary of the Kentucky Division
Now Has a Carrier.

The picture herewith is that of Owen Lawson, editor of the Southern Cycler and secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky division, on his new carrier. This will be the means of allowing him the priv-



ilege of getting a little fresh air once in a while, something he has not enjoyed for some time. He will be in attendance at the national meet, a place having been set aside for his especial benefit. Orville W. Lawson, his brother, is shown in the picture riding in the saddle.

Orville Lawson, seated at the back, and his brother Owen Lawson, in front. Owen was editor of the Southern Cycler.

(photo courtesy Carson Torpey)