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back an hour Nov. 3**

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OKHT36, What A Ride!

by Andy Murphy, LBC President

The 36th Annual Old Kentucky Home Tour has passed and we had a great weekend! We're still putting together the final numbers, but here are some preliminary figures. We had a total of 1,151 guests and volunteers at the OKHT this year, an increase of over 10%! The bicycle donated by Clarksville Schwinn and raffled off by the American Red Cross was won by Steve Hays of Louisville! Thank you Clarksville Schwinn for the bike! Thank you American Red Cross for all your efforts selling chances! And thank you Steve Hays and everyone else who bought a chance on the new CANNONDALE CAAD 10! \$4,300 was raised for the Red Cross!



Parkside Bikes donated a Bianchi Via Nirone that was awarded by random drawing to Steve Ries. Steve helped with registration Friday night. Thank you Parkside for the bike and thank you Steve Ries and all the volunteers who make the OKHT such a special event every year!

New this year, at the All You Can Eat Pizza Party at the end of OKHT36, soft drinks were served instead of Gatorade. We figured after a weekend of Gatorade, folks might just want a soft drink--and we were right. The cold pops were a big hit! Plus, the SPORTSMassage TEAM set-up at "Tom" Sawyer at the end of the ride offering massages.

Again, on behalf of our Sponsors, the American Red Cross and the various other charities we support through the OKHT, thank you for joining us as a guest or volunteer!

**Save the dates;
September 6th &
7th, 2014,
OKHT37!**

Life is good
Murphy



(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

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OKHT-Fest in Bardstown



(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

The Kentucky Wheelmen were on hand with their display of antique bicycles. These jewels of bicycling history are a treat and we'd like to thank Carson and Alison Torpey for being there. Thank you!



Ted Niemann took to the high-wheel like a duck to water! He's a natural! Hey Ted, you even have the mustache for it!
(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)



L-R, Murphy, Paul Beede from the American Red Cross and Bob Peters from Clarksville Schwinn with the CANNONDALE CAAD 10, which was won by Steve Hays of Louisville.

(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

Brompton Folder Contest "Unfolds" at OKHT36



(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

Bardstown Road Bicycle Co. was on hand at OKHT36, with a new line of bicycles they carry, the Brompton Folder. We put together a contest to see who could fold a "Folder" the fastest. With very little practice, Troy Wright won the contest and a \$100 Gift Certificate to Bardstown Road Bicycle Co.! His folding time was an incredible 16 seconds! Finishing second at 21 seconds and receiving a \$50 Gift Certificate, Andre Woodgardin. The final step on the podium went to Liane Jennings, with a time of 25 seconds. Liane received a \$25 Gift Certificate. Plus, Liane Jennings, YOU are an IronMan!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the contest!

OKHT Reports

by Andy Murphy, LBC President

SAG 1 Just Keeps Getting Better!



(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

SAG 1, aka “The Breakfast SAG”, was bigger and better on the OKHT this year! Our guests started their Saturday with lots of fresh fruit, hot Heine Brothers coffee, bite-sized mini-muffins from Nancy’s Bagels and Krispy Kreme doughnuts! Check out the spread of fresh fruit awaiting the riders! One problem, we’ll need more tables and pop-up tents next year! They tell us The Breakfast SAG will be even bigger and better next year!

Special thanks to Kelly McGill and the Spoke-n-Word group from Southeast Christian Church for all their efforts! Also thanks to the Borntraeger’s for the musical entertainment!

OKHT36 All You Can Eat Pizza Party

The weekend was capped off with the All You Can Eat Pizza Party! 185 Papa John’s pizzas were consumed, along with 20 cases of soft drinks and 15 cases of bottled water.



Tommy Sutton keeps an eye on the All You Can Eat Pizza Party!
(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

OKHT36 All You Can Eat Pizza Party cont.

Big thanks to our volunteers who kept the whole thing moving smoothly!



Hangin’ around enjoyin’ the pizza and enjoyin’ the day!
(photo courtesy Andy Murphy)



OKHT36 winds down. (photo courtesy Andy Murphy)

Save the dates – September 6th & 7th, 2014, OKHT37!



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Louisville Bicycle Club Statement of Operations/Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended December 31, 2012

<u>Receipts</u>	2012	2011-rev.
Interest Income	\$91.42	\$213.17
Gross Sales of Products	\$17,012.08	\$13,788.00
Memberships	\$11,484.36	\$12,455.74
Program Receipts, incl. Racing	\$63,861.01	\$65,178.44
Sponsorships	\$12,200.00	\$15,952.00
Other Revenue	\$25.12	\$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$104,674.02	\$107,587.35

<u>Expenditures</u>		
Affiliations	\$125.00	\$0
Awards & Door Prizes	\$11,856.98	\$14,510.53
Contractor Fees	\$1,520.00	\$1,564.00
Cost of Goods Sold	\$11,541.16	\$13,583.00
Donations to Charities	\$10,639.50	\$5,598.00
Entertainment (OKHT)	\$1,025.00	\$825.00
Equipment Purchase	\$1,076.50	\$0
Equipment Rental	\$3,767.23	\$4,100.39
Fees (Acctg, Banking, Paypal, etc)	\$2,728.66	\$473.31
Food & Beverage	\$17,784.34	\$16,192.81
General & Administrative	\$0	\$20.00
Insurance	\$4,756.99	\$4,174.63
Internet, Telephone	\$1,165.14	\$1,284.10
Postage & Shipping	\$103.00	\$522.82
Printing & Publications	\$1,851.61	\$2,789.23
Program Expense, incl. Racing & Other	\$21,826.10	\$35,743.74
Rentals	\$6,271.00	\$6,137.05
Sales & Use Tax	\$1,713.26	\$1,384.33
Seminars, Classes	\$0	\$1,357.39
Social Events	\$1,080.36	\$0
Supplies	\$188.95	\$248.74
Sympathy & Bereavement	\$167.48	\$302.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$101,188.26	\$110,811.12
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$3,485.76	\$(3,223.77)

Profit & Loss by Program in 2012

	Receipts	Expenses	Net
Advocacy	\$0	\$0	\$0
Banquet	\$2,240.00	\$14,071.05	\$(11,831.05)
Brevet	\$865.00	\$954.19	\$(89.19)
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0
Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Education	\$5,970.00	\$2,516.00	\$3,454.00
General	\$11,623.94	\$4,679.97	\$6,943.97
OKHT	\$72,283.90	\$60,503.72	\$11,780.18
Racing	\$9,699.18	\$11,795.75	\$(2,096.57)
Socials	\$0	\$1,080.36	\$(1,080.36)
Touring/TMD	\$1,992.00	\$5,587.22	\$(3,595.22)
Overall Total	\$104,674.02	\$101,188.26	\$3,485.76

Fund Balances

	12/30/2012	12/30/2011
General Account CD's	\$34,532.46	\$34,443.65
General Account Checking	\$33,023.23	\$28,243.18
PayPal Account	\$1,041.83	\$328.36
Racing Money Market	\$0	\$8,654.27
Racing Checking	\$19,980.96	\$13,423.26
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$88,578.48	\$85,092.72
Change in Fund Balances	\$3,485.76	

Memberships

	12/30/2012	12/30/2011
Individual	563	561
Family (@2.5 members)	246	245
TOTAL MEMBERS	1178	1173

On the preceding page, you will find the Annual Financial Report for the calendar year 2012, as called for in the club's by-laws. This report has four parts this year:

I. Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

There are three parts to this spreadsheet. The first is the Statement of Operations, which sets forth the income and expenses for 2012, as well as a column for the prior year's results for comparison. It is important to note that the club uses cash-basis reporting, which means that income or expenses for one year may fall into another year.

The second part is a breakdown of revenues and expenditures by program, and the final section reports our Changes in Fund Balances and membership statistics.

I am happy to report that your club is in very good financial health. Some key points from this year's report include:

- Overall, we had slightly less revenues than in 2011, but we also spent less. Our revenues exceeded expenditures this year by nearly \$3500, just above the shortfall of \$3200 in 2011.
- The OKHT realized a surplus of \$11,780.
- The racing team had a shortfall of about \$2000 due in part to the loss of a sponsor.
- Excluding the racing team, the club generated a surplus of about \$5500 in 2012.
- Fund balances for the racing team declined approximately \$2100 to just under \$20,000.
- Fund balances for the general account rose slightly to over \$68,000. [As noted in prior year's reports, our balances at December 31 are generally at their high point for the year.]
- The number of members was virtually unchanged from the prior year.
- Membership fees were about \$1000 less than the prior year (likely due to the timing of payment).

II. Report of Updates in Financial Operations

In 2012, we began to reduce significantly the number of handwritten checks. Most checks are now generated through our financial management software (Quicken). In addition, a number of other changes were made in how we conduct our financial affairs:

1. All bank accounts were consolidated into one bank -- PNC.
2. ATM cards were issued for the president and treasurer.
3. Our online merchandise store was set up by Steve Rice, linked to our Wild Apricot database and our PayPal account.
4. Most checks are now deposited via PNC's mobile app.
5. KY Sales Tax returns are now filed online and paid electronically.
6. All PayPal transactions create immediate notifications via mobile app.
7. A huge change was moving OKHT registration online. This has worked very well, and has been expanded this year to completely eliminate mail-in registration forms. Steve Rice also set this up.
8. Finally, we now take credit cards at OKHT Day of Ride registration, using Square Register software and iPads. Square allows us to track all Day of Ride sales, including cash, check and credit card.

III. Financial Review

Our bylaws require an examination of the financial records of the club every three years. It had been some years since this was done. During 2012, an accountant was engaged to review the clubs financial records and procedures. This review was completed after the annual banquet, and a summary is provided below:

"I (Jaime Roby, CPA, MBA) have conducted a financial overview of the bank statements, PayPal statements and Quicken files of Louisville Bicycle Club (LBC), for the time period February 20, 2010 thru December 31, 2012. During this time period, there were three different treasurers. The long time Treasurer was in office until May 2011. The interim Treasurer was in office from May 2011 thru Mid-January 2012. The current Treasurer was elected in January 2012.

My goals were to

- 1.) Verify adequate recordkeeping
- 2.) Review current procedures and recommend any areas that may need improvement
- 3.) Follow the audit trail of PayPal activity to verify accuracy
- 4.) Reconcile funds at a high level to verify that all funds are accounted for"

“After going through all paper backup information that was given to me, I (Jaime Roby, CPA, MBA) compared it to the bank statements to verify that adequate recordkeeping was being achieved.

	VALUE			TRANSACTIONS			
	Bank Statement Value	Backup Value	%	Bank Statement #	Backup #	Backup # Missing	%
2012	\$96,686.99	\$95,833.96	99.12%	180	178	2	98.89%
2011	\$83,445.75	\$76,936.17	92.20%	145	124	21	85.52%
2010	\$77,090.94	\$65,212.40	84.59%	156	117	39	75.00%

As you can see, recordkeeping based on value and transactions improved each year. 2012 records appear to be handled appropriately based on the backup information. The Quicken files are a good representation of the bank statements however hard copies such as receipts and invoices are still needed to verify that the Quicken entries are accurate. There must be an audit trail for each item taken in and out of the LBC's bank account.

I (Jaime Roby, CPA, MBA) was able to access the PayPal bank statements and follow the trail to the PNC bank statements. In 2012, PayPal spreadsheets were maintained that enhanced the tracking ability of the treasurer.

Based on my overview analysis of the documents given to me, I am not aware of any material shortcomings.”

IV. Amendment to By-Laws.

As a result of the club's recent experience, a new section to the by-laws was added with the assistance of outside counsel. The membership approved this new language at the banquet held in January 2013. It reads:

In consideration of election, or appointment, to a leadership position with/for the Louisville Wheelmen, Inc., d/b/a Louisville Bicycle Club (“LBC”), all such members of the Louisville Bicycle Club agree and consent to return to the LBC, within 15 days of their leaving their position, all files, records, data and documents (whether electronic or printed) including all backup files, (collectively referred to hereafter as “records”) provided to them or created by them in the performance of their duties for the LBC. Such members agree that all such records were created for the sole benefit of the LBC and are considered “work for hire” and are the sole property of the LBC in which the member acknowledges they have no individual ownership or proprietary interest.

Records to be returned include contact data (names, titles, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses) for individuals and/or institutions connected to the performance of duties by the member for the LBC.

The club is well-positioned to have another successful year in serving its members and promoting the great sport of cycling. If you have any questions about these reports, you may contact me at treasurer@louisvillebicycleclub.org. Safe riding.

Mark Rougeux, Treasurer

Tandemonium #16 - MTR: Midwest Tandem Rally 2013

by Nita Bernat

It was my first tandem rally. I had no idea what to expect other than I knew I was going to be excited to ride with 350 other tandems and 701+ folks.

I was a kid in a candy store of two something bikes. It is amazing how many people don't know what a tandem is when they see one. How unknowing they would be to see the triplets, quads, and 5 seated tandems. One wouldn't think you could get 5 individuals, spread out, who knows how many feet, on two wheels. What a sight it was. What a learning experience.

During our weekend, the Tandem Club of America, TCA, offered up several clinics and information sessions that one could attend. We chose tandem fit and another showing what is new in the tandem industry. Both clinics were very informative and very interesting. I did learn one very important bit of

information... my tandem does not fit me. How sad is that! It fits my captain and we all know how important it is to keep the captain happy. After all, he does make all the important decisions. The importance of fit can be carried over to your single bike as well. Often one buys a used tandem hoping that the fit is right. It is only after retro fitting the bike every possible way that you finally come to the conclusion that you've done the best you can with the bike you've bought second hand and paid big bucks for. With that, you use it, make it work, and enjoy the heck out of it until you upgrade to the perfect fit. Sometimes you have to fail to success on this one.

A great time was had by the entire Louisville crowd that was in attendance. It also gave me the opportunity to visit with the specialty shops and individuals who make tandems not only their business but their way of life.

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FIRE! First Responders...LBC Cyclists

by Nita Bernat

It was your usual Tuesday morning ride...not. It started out that way. 12 or so riders out of Vettiner Park at 8:45. What was to be a challenging, beautiful 60 mile ride turned out to be that and more. The more was in the form of a house fire on Hwy 1060 in Spencer County. I'm sure it ultimately destroyed the house completely. We all just hoped that there was no one inside.

As the faster group of 4 riders rode by this house, it looked like there might have been a burn pile out back. Larry Preble and myself on tandem passed, looked, and did a quick turnaround realizing there was bellowing smoke coming out from the eaves. This was no back yard burn.

While I called 911, Larry circled around back then proceeded to knock loudly on the front door to arouse anyone who might have been inside. About that time large flames started shooting from the roof. It was an amazing sight and very frightening as well. To think that someone could have been inside and had we not passed by on bikes, no one might have been aware for some time. No neighbors were home and it took the local volunteer fire departments a good 10 minutes to respond. Those immediately behind us caught up and we all waited about 40 minutes as we watched the fire trucks and water trucks come and go for refills. The smoke bellowed, the fire continued to

shoot through the roof as the firefighters continued to try to keep it under control.

On the way home, we did kid with Jim Tretter about the drama on this ride and how his award could be for the "hottest" ride going this season. It was just an experience you hope will never repeat itself but did show how all of us, even on a simple ride, can be vigilant and responsive when a situation like this occurs.



(photo courtesy Nita Bernat)

FIRE! A Double Take

by Dr. Larry Preble

It was Tuesday, September 17 and I had the day off. The weather was mild with very little wind. The 60 mile course would take us far out into the countryside through Nelson and Spencer counties and down along the Salt River as we made our way towards Taylorsville. When we started out of Vettiner Park, we had a jovial and talkative group. It was a perfect day for a bicycle ride.

Sometimes my non-cycling friends make me smile when they wonder what we do out on such a long country ride. Whether I am riding alone on my single bike or with one of my tandem partners, a long ride does good things for me. I could talk about the Blue Heron fishing in the Salt River, the group of Turkey Vultures we frightened into sudden flight, or the frisky colt that turned to look as we pedaled by. This day delivered all those bucolic scenes, but just around the next curve, that tranquility would end.

My tandem stoker was the first to notice it, "Larry, there is smoke coming from that house!" "Are you sure that it's not just a brush pile burning in the back?" "No, look. The smoke is coming out from under the eaves!"

Sure enough, Nita was right. I turned the tandem around and into the driveway. From the look of it, the house was burning from inside the living room. We scrambled up the few steps to the porch and banged on the front door.



Jim Tretter and Nita Bernat look on.
(photo courtesy Dr. Larry Preble)

"Is anyone home?!" We yelled, and proceeded with more banging—No answer.

Nita and I simultaneously pulled out our cellphones. She made the call to 911 while I checked our exact location with the GPS function of my phone. By then, a group of riders behind us had arrived. Jim Tretter, our ride captain, was also making the call to 911. It had taken precious moments to explain our exact location, but help was on the way. Individuals from our group

FIRE! A Double Take (cont.)*by Dr. Larry Preble*

checked across the street and at the house next door. Nobody was home. There was a realtor's sign in the front yard of the burning home. We all hoped the house was as unoccupied as it looked to be.

The fire was blazing now and broke through the roof. The windows began to burst. Air rushed in to feed the fire. There were crinkling and popping sounds as internal parts of the structure sagged and gave way. The smoke billowed outwards and forced us to back away. Even from across the street, we began to feel the heat radiating towards us. Ten minutes went by, and the fire grew.

The first official arrived, a Spencer County police officer. He dashed through the billowing smoke and pounded on the door once more—No response.

The first fire truck arrived, a small pickup, then a larger pumper truck. The firemen began their work. With only one truck on the scene, water was scarce, but the firefighters made it last until the tanker trucks began to arrive. Then, they upped the pressure and let the water fly in earnest. Some came all the way from Taylorsville, another from Mount Washington.

A photographer showed up and began taking pictures, presumably for a local paper. We later found out that the real estate deal had closed just the day before—such irony, but fortunate, the house was unoccupied.

Our ride captain asked the officer on the scene if he needed any statements from us. “No, but thanks for calling it in.”

After 40 minutes, we left the scene. As we cycled some miles down the road from the fire, we discovered one of the tanker trucks filling up from a roadside hydrant. Earlier, I had noticed there was a hydrant a few houses down from the fire, but nobody was using it. When I mentioned the closer hydrant to this firefighter, he said, “Better hydrant here!”

I assume he meant there was better water pressure at the more distant location. “That can't be good,” I thought. These volunteer firefighters were doing an admirable job in a less than ideal situation. We continued our loop towards Taylorsville and then home.

Sometimes my non-cycling friends make me smile when they wonder what we do out on such a long country ride. Today, we called in a house fire.



Fire, 5 minutes after we discovered it. (photo courtesy Dr. Larry Preble)



Fire, 9 minutes after discovery. (photo courtesy Dr. Larry Preble)



Fire, 13 minutes after discovery. (photo courtesy Dr. Larry Preble)



Firefighters begin their work. (photo courtesy Dr. Larry Preble)

THE 1927 NATIONAL ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Carson Torpey

For those who know LBC member Larry Myers, you know that he has moved to Florida, sad but true. While he was cleaning out his house, he came across an ABL of A national road race championship program from 1974 which he passed on to me, the Kentucky Wheelmen historian. It seems that several riders from Louisville had qualified to race in the national championships including his wife Beverle. Besides the names of the Louisville riders, all Louisville Wheelmen (LBC) members by the way, the program listed the locations of all the national championships since the beginning of the ABL of A, which stands for the Amateur Bicycle League of America. Lo and behold there was the city of Louisville, Kentucky listed for the 1927 championships.

The championship races were held in Louisville at Shawnee Park on September 10 and 11, 1927. The course was the loop that we ride on today. The start/finish line was by the flower garden, which is long gone, but the location, I believe, was on the west side of the park. Very little is known about cycling in Louisville after 1900 until the modern era, but this information makes it appear that cycling was alive and well during these years.

The City Championships

To qualify for the championship races, each state held their own state championship races and Kentucky was no different. Two sets of races were held in Louisville, the first was a city elimination held in July with the winners going to the state championships in August. There were four contestants in the senior division, last year's champion Edwin Robitaille, Embert Greenwell, Harry Bissmarer, and George Wimsatt. There were also four events; the 1/3 mile, the mile, ten mile, and the five mile scratch.

Greenwell took all four races for a total of 20 points. Last years champ, Robitaille, finished second in all but the mile where he was third for 11 points. Bissmarer placed third, second, third, and fourth respectively and collected 8 points. Wimsatt's 4 points came from three fourth places and one third place.

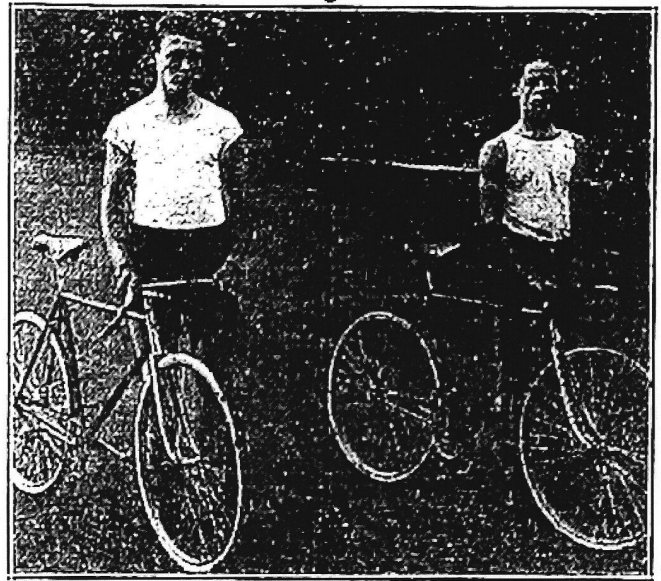
The junior championships also consisted of four riders: Embert's brother Elzy, A. Tillman, James Potter, and Roy Dieman. Their events were the 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, mile, and two mile. The results were:

1/4 mile: Greenwell, Tillman, Potter, and Dieman
 1/2 mile: Greenwell, Tillman, Potter, and Dieman
 1 mile: Tillman, Greenwell, Potter, and Dieman
 2 mile: Tillman, Greenwell, Dieman, and Potter

Tillman and Greenwell both collected 16 points each but Tillman was declared the champion.

The state championships were held on Sunday August 14 at the state fairgrounds near Southwestern Parkway and again Embert Greenwell showed his strength winning the senior crown. He won every event even lapping the field in the five-mile race. Tillman, likewise, won all of his events even tying the senior time for the mile with a time of 2:40.

Kentucky's Bike Hopes



Embert E. Greenwell (left) and Arvid Tillman are Kentucky's hopes in the national amateur bicycle races Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at Shawnee Park. Greenwell, a student at St. Xavier College, is senior champion and Tillman, a Western Union messenger, is junior tilist of Kentucky. Both these boys have been training faithfully for months in the hope of bringing national honors to Kentucky.

Greenwell and Tillman, the Kentucky champs
 (photo courtesy Louisville Courier-Journal/Carson Torpey)

The results were:

Senior division

1st	Embert Greenwell	38 points
2nd	Edwin Robitaille	16 points
3rd	Ed Gregory	11 points
tie	Harry Bissmeier	11 points
5th	George Wimsatt	7 points
6th	Hershal Sussin	3 points

Junior division

1st	Arvid Tillman	40 points
2nd	James Potter	24 points
3rd	Roy Dieman	15 points
4th	William Young	7 points
5th	W. Sparks	1 point
tie	Charles Voll	1 point

THE 1927 NATIONAL ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS (cont.)

by Carson Torpey

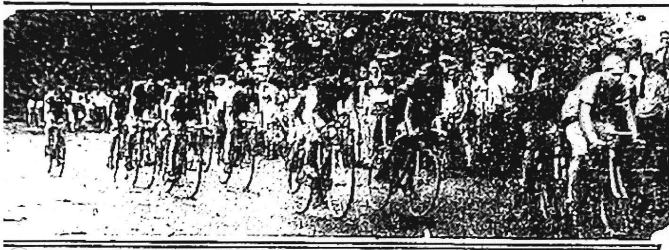
The 1927 ABL of A National Championships

The national championship road races were held at Shawnee Park on September 10 and 11, they were promoted by the Louisville Bicycle Dealers Association under the auspices of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. Forty state champions were entered in the races, four each for senior and junior categories. Winners in the trial heats competed in the finals for the national championship. All state champions received diamond set gold medals and the first three finishers in the championships received medals donated by the Courier-Journal and Times. About 1500 people watched the races.

The races were to be filmed by the Paramount News Reel and Pathe news agencies and shown in all of the B. F. Keith theaters in Louisville. (It would be great if someone could find these newsreels, if they still exist today.) The event was free to the public and free programs were available.

Avrid Tillmar, Kentucky's junior champion, qualified for the 2 mile race but finished well back. He failed to qualify for the ¼ mile event.

All hopes were riding on Greenwell. He rode strongly in his opening event, the 10 mile race. He was well placed at the head of the pack at the beginning of the final lap. As the racers turned



Greenwell leading the field
(photo courtesy Louisville Courier-Journal/Carson Torpey)

into a bend in the road at the park entrance at Broadway, Greenwell's wheel slid out from under him. Down he went along with John Pollen, the Michigan champion, and Wade Hatcher of Tennessee. Hatcher got up to finish the race but Greenwell and Pollen were whisked off to the city hospital in an ambulance. When it was found that there were no broken bones or internal injuries, both were sent home. Despite his crash, the green-jersied Hatcher won the 1/3 mile dash by five lengths over Jimmy Walthour Jr. (A word of note: even though this was a road race, the riders rode fixed gear bikes with no brakes whether on an open or closed course. This may sound strange to us today, but remember that all the bicycles up to the year 1900, when the coaster brake appeared, were fixed gear bicycles. Bicycles also used wooden rims at this time, which did not have braking surfaces.)

Results:

Ten-mile senior race: first August Benson, Illinois; second Chester Nelson, Missouri; and third Frank Connell, New Jersey.

One-third mile, senior: first Wade Hatcher, Tennessee; second Jimmy Walthour jr., New York; and third. August Benson, Illinois.

Five-mile unpaced: first, H. O'Brien, California, second, Frank Connell, New Jersey, third, Jimmy Walthour Jr, New York, fourth, August Benson, Illinois.

One-mile senior: first, Jimmy Walthour Jr., New York; second Frank Connell, New Jersey, third August Benson, Illinois; fourth, Charles Penny, Florida.

Jimmy Walthour and August Benson were tied after the four races. It was decided to have a special one-mile tie-breaker. In this event Benson lead most of the way, until they rounded the final turn, when Walthour turned up his sprint to win by several lengths and thus took the championship.

Two-mile junior: first, Ted Becker Jr., Illinois; second, Robert Thompson Wisconsin; and third, Angelo Rava, New Jersey.

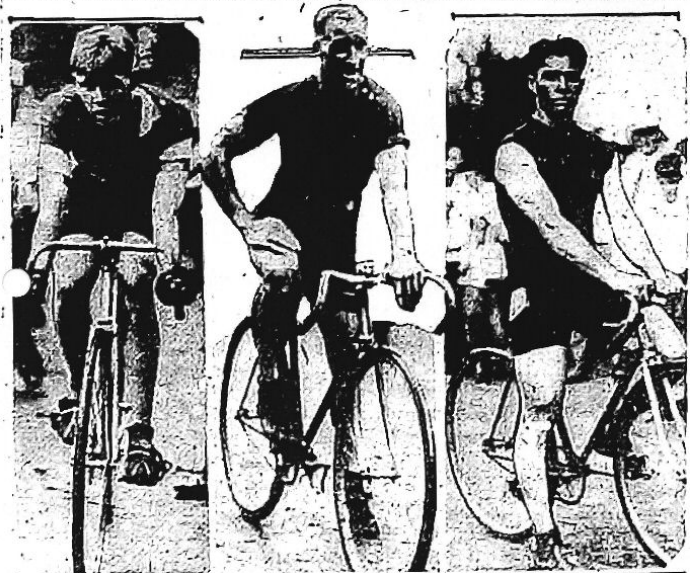
One-fourth mile junior: first Ted Becker Jr., Illinois; second, Robert Thompson, Wisconsin; and third James Leddy, California.

Half-mile junior: Ted Becker Jr., Illinois, Robert Thomas, Wisconsin, third, Angelo Save, New York, fourth, Charles Bace, New Jersey.

Mile junior unpaced: Robert Thomas, Wisconsin, second, Charles Bace, New Jersey, third, James Leddy, California, fourth, John Leahy, Maryland.

The new champions were Ted Becker Jr. of Illinois and Jimmy Walthour Jr. of New York. Jimmy was the nephew of Bobby Walthour Sr, the great track champion from the turn of the century. In addition, a new national one-half mile record was set by John Leahy.

Stars In National Bike Races Here



Ted Becker Jr., August Benson, and Wade Hatcher
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1 Trip, 2 Bike Tours, 3X the Fun!*by Nita Bernat*

Last year I visited Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada on a bicycle tour sponsored by Velo Cape Breton. Velo is the local bicycle club and the tour was cycling the Cabot Trail in Four Days. That was a thrill seeking, hill climbing, spectacular scenery viewing bicycle tour. Put it on your bucket list.

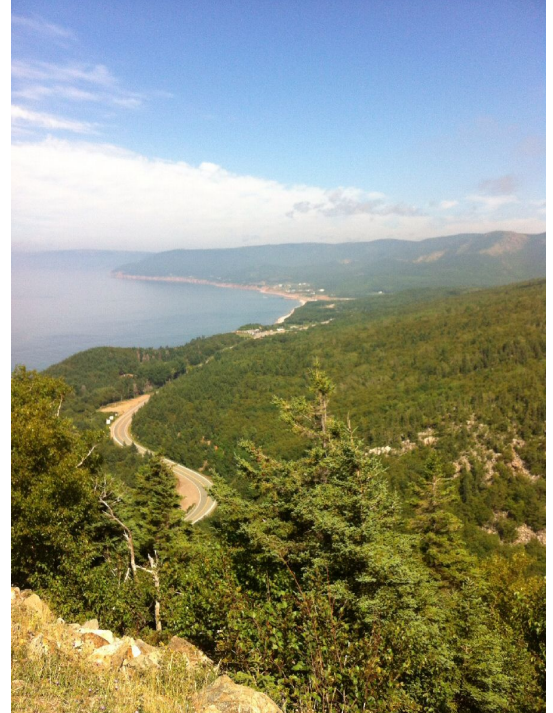
Once again, I found Nova Scotia the destination for my bicycle trip for 2013.

This year it was two tours, one called Bras D'or Lakes led by Jacque Cote' and Velo Cape Breton and the other tour was on Prince Edward Island put on by the Ramblers Cycling Club with Bob White the leader. The first tour was all inclusive with a sag truck while the other was self supported and the cost was no more than membership to the Ramblers Bike Club out of Halifax, NS. Two very different tours and two very different islands.

I must admit, the constant in all my Nova Scotia cycling has been the wind. For 2 weeks the weather was nothing short of beautiful, sunny skies every day. That is a rarity for that part of Canada but in early August you can expect some of the best temperatures. The winds on the other hand can be gale force, I mean flags flying hard straight out and straining. You can be cycling downhill in your lowest gear and struggling if you're riding into the wind.

Canadians are wonderful and very inviting and engaging folks. I was the only participant from the lower 48 on both these tours. Made lots of friends from many different provinces and some lasting relationships. For Cape Breton, it is so easy to rent a bike, find a place to stay and tour this "island within an island".

Velocapebreton.ca is a good place to start or email Jacque Cote' directly at jacques.cote@ns.sympatico.ca.



Beautiful Canada (photo courtesy Nita Bernat)

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