

# WayPoints

## PREACHING WHAT THEY PRACTICE

Sue Knaup, the executive director of the Prescott, Arizona-based One Street, an entity that consults with and advises the leaders of cycling and walking organizations, recently launched a course at Prescott College with the intriguing title "The Bicycle: Vehicle for Social Change."

According to One Street (onestreet.org), "The Prescott College Bicycle Solutions Campaign is a focal point of this course, which guides students through the bicycle's beneficial role in society. They learn about beautiful street designs that encourage even timid cyclists to try riding with traffic, and the health benefits of cycling that add physical activity to even the busiest schedules. The students work on articulating these benefits: that reshaping streets into appealing public spaces will invite people to linger and respect the human dignity of traveling by one's own power."

In March, Sue and three of her students traveled to Seville, Spain, for Velo-City (velo-city2011.com), where they heard about the latest in designing bicycle-friendly cities from advocates and officials worldwide. Combining what they learned there with their class findings, the entire class brought a package of requests back to officials at the City of Prescott. We hope to report later on their progress.



## CYCLEPEDIA

*Beautiful book shows bicycle design over time*

The new book *Cyclepedia* (from Thames & Hudson in Europe and Chronicle Books in North America), is a visual exploration of the bicycle, centering on 100 iconic models from the past 100 years. The book features the unusual and the groundbreaking – bicycles of unexpected beauty, inspired design, and sometimes short-lived (or never-lived) popularity.

The 100 bikes included are grouped by type, although some fall under more than one category: mountain, racing, singlespeed, touring, kids', tandems, urban, folding, cargo, and curiosities. Among the

three dozen bicycles falling under the Touring category are a stunning ultralight aluminum bike from France known as the Mercier Mecadural Pelissier (circa 1950); a Bob Jackson 2002 Super Legend custom tourer (one of only 120 made); an Alex Moulton Speedsix 17-inch-wheel bike from 1965; and a most peculiar-looking 1939 recumbent out of France called the Sironval Sportplex.

*Time Out London* had this to say in a review of *Cyclepedia*, calling it "A sumptuous collection of machines that powerfully illustrates not only the engineering precision man has

poured into the bicycle in the last century and a quarter, but also the design and artistry. Anyone who respects the lore, history, and beauty of bicycles needs a copy of this book."

Without a doubt, this book was made for permanent residence on your coffee table. The photos alone, which just about anyone would enjoy, are worth the price of admission. Also included are detailed technical specifications that will make even the dedicated collector and hard-core techy squeal with joy. So look for it at your favorite bookstore or your favorite online vendor.

## NEW INTERNET RESOURCES

*For bloggers and overnights*

In recent months, your favorite cycling organization has launched a pair of new websites aimed at informing and inspiring both veteran and would-be bicycle travelers.

First, bikeovernights.org details short tours that have been ridden and written up by a large array of rider-contributors. On a bike overnight, you start riding on one day – quite possibly from your front doorstep – and stop and stay the night somewhere, then ride back the next day or the day after that. Bike overnights can be camping trips, or they can be getaways to a local inn,

hostel, or B&B. "For those of us who love to bike tour but don't always have the time or money, bike overnights are a great option," reads copy at the site. For neophytes "bike overnights provide an easy way to test the waters before heading out on an extended adventure." A few of the site's featured overnights include a Seattle to Port Townsend ride, a family trip on the Farmington River Trail in Connecticut, and "Falling in Love on Skalkaho Pass, Montana," by our own Sarah Raz.

Second, BicycleTravelBloggers.org is, according to web

developer John Sieber, a blog aggregator: "The idea is that we wanted to put a website together that would help promote cyclists' bicycle-travel blogs, as well as make a single spot on the web to aggregate the content on these blogs."

Featured writers include Adventure Cycling's regular staff and guest bloggers, along with a growing number of independent writers. There's lots of adventure and advice to read about here, and new bloggers are always welcome. Submit your blog and, once approved, your posts will appear in the feed. See you there.

## 1976 + 35 = 2011

"It began on a spring day in 2007, about 9:30 PM, when the phone rang. A guy on the other end said something like 'This is a person from your past.' The man turned out to be Gary Mollenhauer. Gary not only found me – he located every other member of our cross-country cycling group as well."

This passage is from an email sent to us by Ivan Ford, a member of 1TAWB613, one of the many Bikecentennial groups that pedaled across the country on the TransAm Trail in 1976. (The "secret code" indicated that Ivan's group would depart from the West Coast on June 13, and stay in bike inns along the way.)

His missive continued: "A reunion of 1TAWB613 is going to happen. We'll do a lot of reminiscing, catch up, and share some libations and a meal. There are just 13 of us now [two members have died], we share a common bond, and who knows if and when we may get together again. Let's roll back the clock and for a day or two relive a summer without cell phones and computers when we were kind of in a world of our own, just sharing the days and the experiences with each other while pedaling across America."

The get-together was scheduled for the Chicago suburb of Buffalo Grove on Saturday, August 6. When we last spoke with Ivan, he was working to arrange a meeting between his group and members of 1TAWK613, the camping group that shared the same riding itinerary and was planning its own reunion in the Chicago area that weekend. It seems the two groups are still on the same schedule 35 years later!

We'll report how it went in a future edition. And we'd love to hear from other Bikecentennial '76 groups that are having – or have already held – 35th reunions.

## RIDIN' REALTORS

*Bicycling to location, location, location*

Waypoints heard recently from Kari Neering who wrote to say, "Good morning! I wanted to pitch you a fun story involving real estate brokers in New York City who bike to work. I represent Halstead Property, which has nearly 1,000 agents throughout the tri-state area. I know of several brokers of all ages who hop on their bikes each morning (in corporate work gear!) to go to the office, showings, and so forth."

Although this may be a new and unusual concept amid the crazy traffic of the Big Apple, it's not new to North America; in fact, bicycling real-estate agents could be considered a trend. Boulder, Cambridge, Toronto, and Salt Lake City are just a few of the cities boasting their own bicycling realtors. Not only is this trend healthy for the agent and good for the environment, it helps clients – provided they ride to the showing themselves – get to know which neighborhoods are relatively bicycle friendly and which ones aren't.



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