



# Judy Cureton

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## A Bikecentennial veteran never learned how to tame the adventurous spirit inside, and we're thankful for that

→ AS A CHILD, Adventure Cycling life member Judy Cureton learned to balance two wheels on a borrowed bike in her neighbor's driveway. She couldn't have imagined then that her love of bicycles would eventually inspire her to ride thousands of miles on six different continents. Judy took to cycling early, claiming that even as most little girls

were leaving their bikes behind for other interests, she continued to embrace her passion. Graduating to her very own single speed, which she rode well into her teen years, Judy knew she and bicycling were destined for great things, but it was her experiences during Bikecentennial in 1976 that would change the course of her life.



Enter the mighty 10-speed. While getting her Schwinn Suburban serviced at a local bike shop back in 1975, Judy noticed a Bikecentennial poster on the wall. She thought, "I'm doing that." Within a month, she was signed up as a member of Bikecentennial and has been one ever since. After a few years of renewing her membership, Judy became a life member of Adventure Cycling, one of the first hundred to do so, and she has remained a loyal part of the organization.

Judy is a true adventure cyclist and has cycled on every continent not covered by glaciers, and she possesses the physical fitness to prove it. She's not a racer — she's a tourist, and you'd better know the distinction. Her favorite experiences have nothing to do with the speed or distance she is riding, they involve the setting, the sensory delights, and the people she meets. "During Bikecentennial, I was riding along one evening. The sky was pretty, the weather was great, and the wind was blowing. I was by myself, and I found myself singing 'America the Beautiful.' Riding alone, I just couldn't help it." Though that first bicycle tour in the summer of '76 was one of her favorites, Judy is quick to list New Zealand as one of her favorites. She assembled a group using *Adventure Cyclist's* Companions Wanted service and ended up not just finding touring partners but making life-long friends.

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"It was so wonderful, I have a thousand stories I could share." South Africa and Butan follow as other favorites.

If you ask Judy about the seventh continent, Antarctica, her response is simply, "I'll ride it if it has roads." Cycle touring appeals to Judy because of how it fits into the rest of her lifestyle. She is an incredibly active person who has always had interests in other countries and cultures and she as found bicycle touring to be a more personal way to

see these faraway places than other forms of travel. Next up? A bike tour with her grandchildren, location yet to be decided. In the meantime, you can find Judy ambling along the foothills of Missouri on her recumbent, gravel riding on her mountain bike, kayaking with her friends, or working part time at a local bike shop. Did I mention Judy is 75, and only has one-and-a-half lungs? Without a doubt, Judy is an inspiration to us all.

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