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Saturday Morning Road Ride

Thursday Morning Rusty Spokes Easy Trail Ride

Thursday Night Taco Ride Leaving Karen Park usually at 5:30 Starting times CAN & WILL vary please contact the ride leader Rhonda Hall @rhalltulip@msn.com or meet us at the Bellevue Berry Farm

Monthly Club Meeting

The Next Meeting is *Tuesday*, July 19 at 6:00 PM We will meet at Oklahoma Joe's 1912 S 67th St In Aksarben Village

Your ideas and suggestions are always needed. All are welcome.



Breezy Hills Summer Wine Ride

Saturday July 16, 2022

Breezy Hills is at 31735 Tamarak Road, Minden, IA

Start: 10:00 am (Or drive out and meet us around 12:00 pm)

Start Point: Bomgaars, Council Bluffs, IA 2803 E Kanesville Blvd

Mileage: About 30 Miles Terrain: Some Rolling Hills

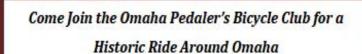
> Please register so we can get a count! www.OmahaPedalers.org

Bring Money for Food and Wine at the Winery We will discuss food options at start of ride. Options include Subway in Underwood or the Blue Cow market in Neola

(SAG will carry lunch to winery and carry purchases back to the start point)

More information & Register at: <u>www.OmahaPedalers.org</u> Facebook.com/OmahaPedalers Or Contact Rick Stein at 402-679-6595 Rick.M.Stein@gmail.com





Sunday August 7, 8:00 AM

Meet at Starbucks, 15th and Douglas Led by Marty Shukert

The ride will be about 3 hours with appropriate Stops to view and discuss interesting Omaha history and architecture by one Of Omaha's leading authorities.

We will meet afterwards at Starbucks For food/drinks

> More information online: www.OmahaPedalers.org or Facebook.com/OmahaPedalers





Sign Up With the OPBC in the Club Division The club will reimburse members for \$10.00 when you sign with the club.

The OPBC Newsletter will start taking advertisements again. Cost is \$15 per quarter page. Files must be Word compatible. We cannot allow anything offensive or contrary to our rules or regulations. **OPBC board has the right of refusal**. Contact the Newsletter editor: rhalltulip@msn.com Hello from Iowa. Sunflowers. My wife and I went to the Van Gogh experience at the Mid America

Center this week.



Having a one-track mind, I thought of the fields of sunflowers along the Tour de France route last week. I wonder if the tour organizers pay a royalty to the farmers along the route for growing them. Visiting a bicycling friend in a nursing home Thursday, I saw a new vase of sunflowers in his room. This led to a discussion of Van Gogh, his art, his empathy (don't you feel the flower's struggle of beauty and mortality?), his ear, and his country- and the Tour de France. We discussed stage eleven. Roglec attacks Pogacar. Pogacar answers, Roglec's teammate, Vingegar attacks Pogacar , then Roglic again, back and forth

until Pogacar finally reveals he is mortal, and Vingegar takes the win. Another struggle of beauty and mortality.

Onabike 30 is August 27. As I have for the last 20 years, I'll ride to Onawa Friday, Camp in Onawa, Ride Onabike Saturday then ride home Sunday. On the road north to Onabike by Little Sioux there was a field of sunflowers that lives on in my memory. Onabike has been a rich source of memories over the years. There's the red Shay replica 55 Ford Thunderbird at the car show in Morehead, the kid's pedal tractor pull at the old settler's reunion in Little Sioux, going over 40 mph down Murray Hill, watching a yellow crop duster dipping and banking over the corn, cherry pie at the Old Home Fill'er-up and Keep on Truckin' Cafe, seeing the water towers of Onawa and Missouri valley on a clear day from Murray Hill, the cheerleaders dancing at Turin, and that little country church on the back road to Morehead (yes, you can ring the bell). If you'd like to do a bit of self-contained touring and make some memories of your own, come join me for the ride north on August 26.