



OKLAHOMA BICYCLE SOCIETY

The Oklahoma Bicycle Society was originally conceived as a club. But after a short time it became apparent that a club per se was not the answer. Small groups of bicycle enthusiasts were beginning to band together by geographic areas or similar interests. Racing clubs were ahead in their efforts and Touring groups were coming along. Their interests are basically the same — to get started doing something as a group.

The one piece missing in all but a very few cases was a newsletter, or a common communication system. The Tulsa Bicycle Club is an exception. Their organization is very good and they have a newsletter within the club. The Amateur Bicycle League of America — a racing organization — has a newsletter and a very dedicated following, but no one is tying Oklahoma bicyclists together. There is no way to communicate between city groups or interest groups other than word of mouth.

All bicyclists that the Oklahoma Bicycle Society has contacted to date recognize the need to act as a unit in Oklahoma if we are to make headway toward getting bicycle routes in the state. The O.B.S. feels that it can fill this need and to this end has established two basic purposes:

1. Foster and promote bicycling for recreation and transportation in Oklahoma.
2. Encourage State-wide registration of bicycles to inhibit the intra-state theft problem.

The vehicle to accomplish these objectives is the O.B.S. Pathfinder. Through this state-wide newsletter we hope to communicate. All clubs and bicycle interest groups will be sought out and encouraged to contribute to the Pathfinder. State Legislators, as well as Congressmen, will be interviewed on a regular basis and you will know what they are, and are not, doing for bicycles.

Your membership fee of \$2.00 will support the costs of printing and mailing the letter. The intent is to circulate 5000 copies bi-monthly at first, and move to a monthly when the material begins to flow.

What you may expect from O.B.S.

As an organization it will attempt to:

- promote bicycling for all age groups
- lobby for favorable bicycle legislation
- communicate with all bicyclists intra-state
- sponsor formal and informal rides
- publicize all club activities state-wide
- assist formation of clubs
- aid in establishing bike facilities
- aid in developing bike trail programs
- distribute a state-wide roster of O.B.S. members.

What you can do:

- ride regularly
- encourage others to ride
- get involved in your community bicycle planning program
- help publicize your activities through the O.B.S. Pathfinder.
- BECOME AN O.B.S. MEMBER!

Initially the newsletter will be available in all bike shops. But that type of distribution system is too loose to be as effective as we must become and as membership grows direct mail will prevail.

1974 APPLICATION FOR O.B.S. MEMBERSHIP 1974

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Special Interests:

Racing Touring Transportation

Recreation Exercise Other

Club Affiliation _____

Remarks _____

Political Loyalty (optional):

Independent Democrat Republican

The application for O.B.S. membership may be either mailed directly to the Oklahoma Bicycle Society, or you may leave it — and your \$2.00 — with any participating bike shop owner/manager. He will mail it to O.B.S. with others.

The next issue will be published late in November and will announce a meeting date to elect a board of directors to steer the O.B.S. activities.