

That 70's Show: Tour to Crater Lake

By Walt Ebbet

TUE-Nov. 5, 1974: (82 miles) Went to sleep at 3:30 am. Up at 8:30 am. Finished packing about 10. Voted, stopped at GEMCO, Post Office. and Kirker Pass. My cousin Bill's first blowout. An hour to cross Antioch Bridge(Hwy 160) as suicidally narrow. Breezed up the River Road through sunset and found Sac Airport around 6:30 pm Checked Yellow Pages & map for Chinese restaurant. Got lost, got found and filled up. Watched some election returns. Reached north end of Sac at 10:30 and sacked out on an old road off of Hwy 99. 4 hours in the city--too much.

WED-Nov. 6: (100 miles) Off at 8 sharp. Sun had materialized out of haze by 7:10. Managed to avoid big trucks, earth-movers, & expando trailers. YUBA CITY - 2 hours is enough after circling an intersection on Colusa Ave at least 6 times and Bill's second (2) flat. Only 45 miles to Chico -found a gas station, found a map, found a bicycle shop, and another, but no special bicycle tool. Found Foster's Freeze. Called CHP and decided Lassen was out. 2

feet of white. Chance of showers tonight and Thurs. Gained 2,000 ft. in 10 mi. and stopped. Put everything in plastic bags just as sprinkles began. Transmitter attendants encouraged us to move off their access road to a turnout 500 yards on up - at 2:30AM!



THURS Nov. 7: (44 Miles) We move. We get wet. We pack up & leave about 8:45. We get wetter. 4 miles later a cafe. Pancakes, tire repairs, soup and 4 hours later, we jump into the rain again. Mostly a drizzle, Mostly soaked, it's still uphill. As it's getting dark, Bill finds two (2) more pows (flats) and our generators begin to slip on the snow on our tires--what fun! Where's the sun?

Deer Creek Inn -- what a relief. Pushed our bikes through 4 inches in the parking lot &

began drying out by the fireplace and rented a cabin.

FRI NOV. 8: A.M. Mostly dry, warm & rested - sun & blue sky. Patched, packed &---

Afterword: Any further journal entries may have been lost in collision, not translation. The rim shot (included) is a memento from a trip that ~~Cratered~~ abruptly, ending with an ambulance ride to Klamath Falls.

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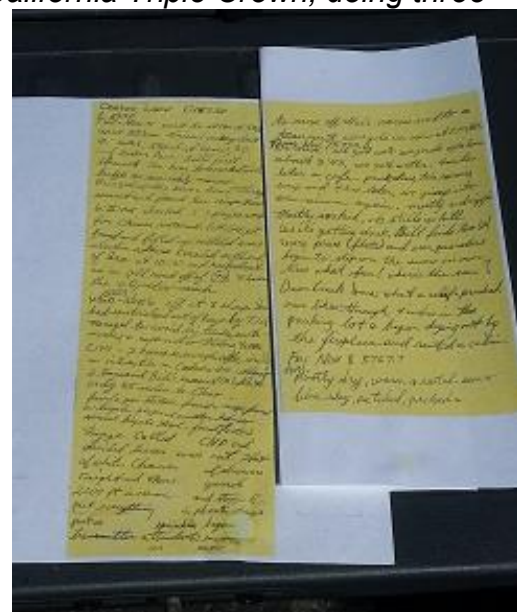
Editor's note: The story above is virtually unedited from the hand written notes Walt gave me. I tried to make sense of those hieroglyphics but failed. He translated them and sent them to me in an e mail.

Back in the 1970's, bike touring was very popular, and young and adventurous cyclists loaded up panniers and hit the road. In November 1974 Walt and his cousin Bill left Walnut Creek headed for Crater Lake. Their adventure, chronicled so simply and profoundly by Walt ("We get wet. We get wetter..." All cyclists know that feeling!) appears above.

The trip was cut short when Walt got hit by from behind by a van and had to go to a hospital in Klamath Falls. He was knocked unconscious but not seriously hurt. He had to fly back to the Bay Area, but eventually he got his bike back. He kept the destroyed rim as a souvenir.

Today Walt is an SBC Regular on the Tuesday/Thursday rides, and the occasional weekend ride as well. And in 2016, he completed a California Triple Crown, doing three successful double centuries in one season! (Steve Fentress and Don Blount achieved the same fete). Walt turns 70 soon, but I doubt he'll be slowing down in the near future. No panniers though.

Historic Source Material: Walt's Notes From 1974



RIDE SCHEDULE – May 2017

Helmets required.

Rain or serious threat of rain cancels. Follow Stockton Bicycle Club Facebook page for updates on ride status.


Rides may be amended and additional rides may be scheduled via the Stockton Bicycle Club Yahoo! Group. (details below).

A ride: 20+ mph, paceline riding, few if any regroup. **B** ride: 16-20 mph, experienced rider, regroup at major intersections, turns.

C ride: 12-15mph, regroup, no drop ride. MPH is based on a flat ride

For questions or to list a ride of your choice, please call or email Roberta Hoffman at nikehoffman@comcast.net or 763-2807

New Riders Note: There is a rest/refuel break about the middle of the ride. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are recreational in nature and intended for the enjoyment of all. **Terrain:** F=flat, R=rolling, H=Hilly, VH=very hilly

Date	Time	Miles/ Terrain	Start Location	Description	Leader
Tue	8:30	35-45 R/H	Wallace S. Camanche & Wallace Lakes Dr.	Fixed Route: So Comanche Rd/ Burson Rd Olive Orchard to COMMON GROUNDS	
Wed A- ride	5:30 PM	25 F	Stockton Bear Creek HS	W.A.R. Route map is posted on www.Stocktonbikeclub.org 18-22 mph	Rafael Posadas
Wed B-ride	6:00 PM	20-25 F	Lodi Lower Sac and Turner Rd. (NE)	W.E.B. - Wednesday Evening B ride 16-20 mph, experienced rider ó Starts April 5th **New**	Ken Meyers 747-5748
Thu	8:30	35-45 R/H	Wallace Rossettiø	Show and go	
Sat 6	8:00	20/40 R/H	Ione Howard Park	20: Irish Hill out and back 40: Plymouth (1600ø)	
Sun 7	Dawn Until Afternoon	100m 100k 26m	Jesseø Grove Winery, Lodi	2016 Delta Century Ride or Volunteer	Dave Hellyer
Sat 13	7:45-B 8:00- A	38/51 H	Starbucks (ValleySprings) Mar-Val Shopping Ctr	38: Pardee-Stoney- Jackson Break - out and back (3900ø) 51: Loop up Butte Mtn and down Clinton Rd.	
Sun 14	8:00	34/42 F/R	Linden Orlandoø Market	34:FloodRd.,EscalonBellota,Shelton, Wimer,Hwy26,Shelton and back(726ø) 42: Milton Rd to Jenny Lind for pancake breakfast at Odd Fellows Hall	
Sat 20	7:45-B 8:00A	21/35/ 45/65 H/VH	Ione Howard Park	21: SC (1200') 35: Martell, Stoney (2800') 45: Volcano (3400') 65: PG, Tabeaud, Jackson, Stoney, BV (4800')	
Sun 21	8:00	40-45 F	Clements Fire Station	Mackville, Peltier, Tully, Baker ó Break at the Fruit Bowl. Spring is here! Theyœre open!	..
Sat 27	7:45-B 8:00- A	40/52 H	Ione Howard Park	40: Irish Hill, Plymouth, 52: Shenandoah, Steiner, Fiddletown, Plymouth, Carbondale (3500ø)	
Sun 28	8:00	40-45 F	Woodbridge Meet Lower Sac And Augusta	Thornton, Walnut Grove	
Mon 29	8:00	42/46 H	Wallace Tri-Lakes Church 8021 Wards Ave.	42: Campo, Paloma, Moke Hill (3100') 46: Pardee (3400')	

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