

*"How can you have any pudding, if you don't even meet?"
Pink Floyd - esc*

OCC Spring Meeting - Mark your calendars! T-shirts are in! Get one at the meeting!

Place: Fratello's - Date: 4-4-07 (Wednesday) - Time: 6:30 PM

A Serious Issues to Ponder

What is the cyclist equivalent to "Separation of Church and State"? And why is it important to us?

This is the toughest issue I have addressed as Prez of the Oshkosh cycling community. First, because I can't say it in 30 words, so I risk losing you. Second, because if I don't address it, it will break us apart. History is clear on this. We can't get around it. It has happened to countries, and yes, to bike clubs. If we don't address it, it will happen to us. If it was just a "bike club" I'd be riding now not righting, but it's more than that. It's about you, and all of our friends. It's important, so I'll try to sum it up with a story.

Parable of the Preventable Prophecy: Once upon a time there was a band of cycling nomads. They all believed in the same life-style. They enjoyed each other's company. They were basically one community. However, there were some differences among them. Metaphorically, some of them liked to shop at the Sunni bike shop, while others preferred the Shiite bike shop. This was a good thing of course! They were all good people. They were all good Shops. It was their right to choose. What could be more American? So, what was the big deal? Well, the old Sultan was quite aware of the differences within the nomadic cycling community. He tried to take care not to let that become a divisive issue. He asked everyone to respect these differences. He tried to work cooperatively with both, but favor neither. There was peace. The community as a whole, was preserved. Unfortunately, no safeguards were ever made in the Nomadic Constitution, to insure for this prolonged harmony in the future. One day the old Sultan got fat and died, as fat men do. The new Sultan was good, but less aware of this issue, so less care was taken to protect the people in their individual differences. Unwittingly, the Nomads began to slowly favor the Shiite cycling tribes. The nomadic resources and decision were gradually moved into the Shiite camp. The Shiites did see the problem at first. Their interests were well represented. They were not disturbed. Though they were all good people they were asleep to how this was effecting their brothers and sisters of the eastern tribes. The Sunni Nomads were greatly hurt by this change. They felt betrayed and discounted. The Shiites and Sunnis fought bitterly with each other. The interests and traditions of the Sunni Nomads were no longer represented. This would forever divided the great Nomadic Cyclists. They would never be one great nation again. Neither side would ever be whole without the other. The

greatest tragedy was that it could have all been prevented. The solution was there for them all the time in the 1st Amendment. It's a perfect solution. Our ancestors fled Europe to get this. Not having it has caused most wars. If not having it can split a country, it can split us. That's why it's important to us. I'd like to put it in our constitution. I'd like to prevent the above tragedy. Because it's not just a bike club. Thanks for listening, Brian

OCC Meeting Agenda

1. OCC By Laws - 1st Amendment - Discussion
2. OCC T-shirts, Men's \$12.00 / Ladies \$10:00 / April 4th / While they last!
3. 2nd Annual Omro Classic Road Race - What's Up?
4. Ride Times and Calendar of Events - Changes? Discussion?
5. Spring/Summer OCC Cook Out - Michaelene has offered again!
6. Nominate and Vote for New OCC Officers
7. Next Meeting?

Also, If you are in the Cc above or still a 2006 member, please see attached OCC Registration and consider joining, or rejoining OCC in 2007!

See you on the road!

Thanks,
Brian