

## A breath of fresh air

# Ease up on 2 wheels

Lake country. Gradual inclines and high-banking turns. Clean air, the smell of pine and the site of ducks flying overhead.

It's the only way to start a day. Freewheeling through lake country.

For the past month, it's been two hours of pleasure each morning.

Some days I feel like packing up my panniers, putting my toothbrush in my back pocket and just keep on heading west.

Over steep hills and winding pavement off on another freewheeling tangent.

Ever since the warmer weather captured our summertime fancy, this freewheeler has been out riding the country roads of lake country in the northwestern metropolitan area.

Cruising along these exciting back trails in the early morning just after rush hour makes one long for a day on the road.

The thought of venturing into work many times encouraged me to add scores of extra miles to these freewheeling adventures.

Anyone who has ever seriously enjoyed bike touring has experienced the craving.

If you never answered the call of freewheeling, there could be a void in your life.



All it takes is a trip to your nearest bike dealer, an adventurous attitude and a little energy.

Then you're on your way to hours of enjoyable miles.

For this freewheeler, the winter months proved little obstacle for biking pleasures.

There were crisp afternoons, filled with outside rides along these same roads.

There were hours spent reading the touring machines for the outdoor riding season.

There also were evenings spent keeping in shape for this time of year and the many freewheeling adventures that lie ahead.

This freewheeler remains addicted to his bikes.

He loves nothing better than to

hop on his 10-speed and ride where ever his wheels take him.

It's a love for wanderlust adventures roaming around the countryside enjoying the sites that many of us never realize really existed.

Getting on a bike and riding around town opens our eyes to a different world.

There's people, places and things to see that many never took time to explore before.

The world turns much slower on a bike.

Excitement doesn't speed by at 55 mph.

You're only regulated by whatever pace you want to keep.

Beauty abounds everywhere you ride on a bike. Traveling back country roads, cruising around your neighborhood, freewheeling across town or heading out on those longer adventures—there's a wealth of enjoyable things to witness that one can't capture while driving.

Everyone's life sometimes should slow to the pace of bikes.

Maybe then many of us would take time again to enjoy the simple things in life.

The rapid pace of today's society needs to be abandoned now and then—and an afternoon on a bike in the country is just the cure.

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