

WheelPeople

Newsletter of the Charles River Wheelmen



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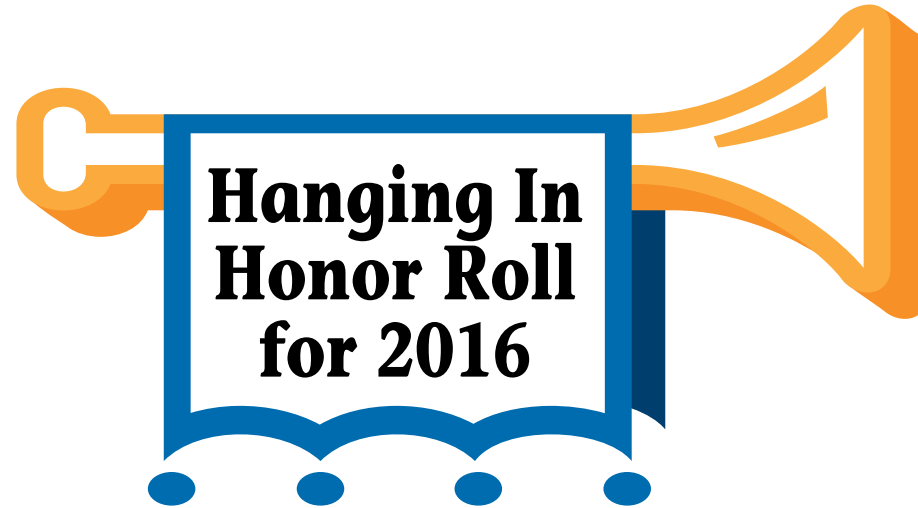
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This list honors those cyclists who have reported their outdoor road or trail mileage to the CRW member mileage database each month for at least five years. The other rule is that you must submit your year end mileage in December, so to be on the list you must have submitted your 2016 year end mileage online by December 3, 2016.

For more information on the rules see: <http://crw.org/mileage/MileageInfo.htm>

Welcome new members to the club this year: Tim Mathews, Eric Sansone, Neal Schuster

There are quite a few on the brink (4 years reported) so next year should be a banner year for this list.



Name	Yrs	Avg.	Total
Melinda Lyon	32	15203	486510
Jack Donohue	35	10134	354700
Pamela Blalock	23	10734	246881
Mike Kerrigan	23	8695	199988
Bruce Ingle	22	8531	187674
Dave Jordan	27	6822	184184

Name	Yrs.	Avg.	Total
Paul Corriveau	25	6526	163159
Ken Hablow	26	5924	154021
Joe Repole	31	4890	151579
Irving Kurki	22	6489	142750
Peter Knox	25	5312	132801
Peter Brooks	25	4895	122371
Steve Robins	14	7936	111101
Jean Orser	22	4930	108469
David Wean	20	5376	107516
Ed Hoffer	27	3498	94434
Doug Cohen	22	4264	93797
Richard Taylor	13	6876	89392
Mike Hanauer	35	2450	85741

Name	Yrs.	Avg.	Total
Jim Krantz	13	6546	85102
Marc Baskin	17	4968	84458
Butch Pemstein	15	5231	78458
Jim Broughton	22	3538	77828
John Allen	29	2417	70085
John Springfield	37	1863	68932
Cynthia Zabin	17	3959	67309
Gabor Demjen	20	3346	66914
Jeff Luxenberg	36	1806	65027
John Kane	37	1691	62579
Don Mitchell	13	4721	61371
Bob Cohen	8	7365	58918
Bill Hanson	20	2916	58315

Name	Yrs.	Avg.	Total
Bob Wolf	8	7233	57861
Frank Aronson	13	4110	53428
Cynthia Snow	17	3090	52538
Erik Husby	10	5233	52327
Joseph Tavilla	13	4003	52038
Bill Widnall	19	2672	50766
Lisa Weissmann	14	3599	50380
Carlo Innocenti	9	5307	47765
Joseph Moore	12	3935	47218
Gary Smiley	15	3135	47024
William O'Hara	8	5482	43857
Henry Marcy	13	3221	41872
Clyde Kessel	7	5711	39979
David Cooper	6	6290	37741
Darrell Katz	12	2843	34116
Rudge McKenney	12	2704	32446
Andrew Brand	6	5150	30902
Tim Mathews	5	5629	28144
Eric Sansone	5	4661	23304
Mark Druy	6	3475	20849
Harriet Fell	12	1638	19655
Neal Schuster	5	3788	18938
Scott Tyler	6	2908	17450
John Loring	23	738	16974

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2016 Honor Roll - *Cont. from page 1*

This spreadsheet contains all the source data for the curious:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19zuSmLT2fc3xAfxziTWOSJEDH8vZGxEprgKPSzgajhA/edit?usp=sharing>

Before you get all hot and bothered if you think some of your numbers are missing remember that your mileage for the year is only recorded if you enter your year end mile-

age online for December. Before we had online mileage, it would have had to be sent to the mileage coordinator and appear in the year end mileage article in WheelPeople. If you satisfied these conditions, and you still think we've got it wrong, you can send supporting documentation here:

jmdonohue@alum.mit.edu
and I'll fix it.

Recurring Rides

These rides are held every week unless indicated otherwise

Wednesday Wheelers

Times and Routes: Varies, usually 10:00 AM. Distances are typically between 30 and 40 miles.

Ride Type: Follow the Leader
Description: A group that enjoys exploring a variety of scenic routes, mostly in the western suburbs but also to the north or south. Occasionally we do an urban exploration. We always include a lunch stop, either during or at the end of the ride. In the winter we may substitute other activities, such as cross-country skiing. We stay together, following the leader for the day, while being careful not to drop anyone. On a rural ride of average hilliness, the pace is 15 to 17 mph on the flats, but slows considerably on the hills,

so we wind up with a rolling average of about 13 mph. In fairness to the group, we require that prospective riders be capable of maintaining this pace. Non-members of CRW are welcome to ride with us and experience what the Wednesday Wheelers offer. If you like our rides however, and wish to continue to ride with us, we expect you to become a CRW member.

Coordinator: Helen Greitzer
(<mailto:helengreitzer@hotmail.com>)

Start: Location Varies.

Directions: The ride coordinator sends ride announcements and ride reports by weekly e-mail. For more information, including the next ride start location, e-mail Helen. **Note:** Different leader each week. To become a leader contact Helen.

February Rides



The Club's Winter Ride Program runs from December until March. Regularly scheduled Sunday Rides continue throughout the winter, when conditions permit. Saturday Winter Rides will be held on an impromptu basis whenever weather conditions are on the moderate side, and suggest a safe and pleasant riding experience.

The Winter Saturday Rides will be posted on the CRW Website a few days in advance as weekend weather forecasts become available.

February Frolic Sunday - February 5

Times and Routes: 37 or 25 miles starting at 10:00

Ride Type: GPS

Description: The long ride goes through Great Brook Farm, then continues to the Nabnasset section of Westford and back past the cranberry bogs in Carlisle. The short ride cuts off the Westford loop. There are no major climbs on either route.

Note: The bathrooms across from the parking lot and those at the Visitor's Center on Liberty St. are all closed.

Please print your own cue sheet from the link above or from the Ride with GPS page.

Leaders: Ken Hablow
(<mailto:khablow@khgraphics.com>), 781-257-5268 before 9PM.

No calls the morning of the ride)

Start: North Bridge parking lot, Monument St., Concord MA '42.469583, -71.348611'

Cuesheets: 37 mile

Ride Information: 37 mile (<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/18165252>), 25 mile (<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/18165245>)

The Zig-zag Ride Sunday - February 12

Times and Routes: 10:30AM for 30 miles

Ride Type: Follow the Leader, GPS

Description: This ride does a lot of bobbing and weaving but never goes very far from home (my home that is). We stay mostly in Carlisle and Bedford, touching a bit of Concord and Billerica in the

process. The highlight of the ride is some newly paved road in Carlisle. Of course, we've got to go on some rocky roads to get there.

Notes: No cuesheets will be handed out at start. You can follow the leader or GPS if you have one, or print the cuesheet from the RideWithGPS link
Leaders: Jack Donohue (jmdonohue@alum.mit.edu)

Directions: Directions: From 128 Take Rt 4 north to Bedford Center. Turn right on Springs Rd. Follow signs for VA Hospital / Middlesex Community College. Meet at first parking lot on right.
Start: Bedford VA Hospital, 200 Springs Rd Bedford, MA
Ride Information: 30 Mile Ride
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18398423>

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On all CRW rides, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the published ride starting time. It is recommended that you bring pump, patch kit, spare tube, Allen wrenches, screwdriver, lock, water bottle, some money, helmet, gloves, and a map. You should also carry an ID card, health insurance card, and emergency contact information. — **Helmetts required on all CRW rides.**

Please be sure to check the [website](#) for last-minute changes including weather-related cancellations.

February Rides

Bruce's Birthday Ride

Saturday - February 18

Times and Routes: 10:30 for 20 or 35 miles

Ride Type: Cue Sheet

Description: The short ride is 20 miles and 1160 feet of climbing through Framingham, Sherborn, Holliston, Hopkinton, and Ashland. The long ride is 35 miles with 2010 feet of climbing and adds Millis and Medway. Post-ride party at Bruce's house.

Leaders: Bruce Ingle

(<mailto:bruceingle@rcn.com>, 508-877-1045 before 8PM)

Start: Framingham Center Green, 58 Edgell Road, Framingham

Directions: From the east: take Rt. 9 west. Approximately 1 mile past junction of Rts. 9 and 126, bear right after the Staples/Walgreens plaza. Take a right at first traffic light onto Edgell Rd. The green is on your left. From the west: take Rt. 9 east. Approximately 2 miles past the Sheraton Hotel, bear right at Edgell Road/Main Street exit. Take a left from center lane onto Edgell Rd and cross over Rt. 9. The Green is on your left.

Ride Information: 35 Mile Ride (<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/18228168>)

Sunday - February 19

No scheduled ride as of Wheel-People publication date, check the rides calendar on the website for updates.

Sunday - February 26

No scheduled ride as of Wheel-People publication date, check the rides calendar on the website for updates.

Be sure to check the web site (<http://crw.org/cgi-bin/calendar.pl/?thismonth=yes>) for possible updates or cancellations.

NewMembers

Laurie Ellis	Arlington
Randy Kramer	Hopkinton
Michael Needle	Somerville



2017 New Year's Day Ride Old Ironsides Museum

Photo by Andy Brand

Zwift??

Have you ever wanted to go out for a group ride with your friends, but it was just too cold?

Would you like a complete winter training plan, but the gym and spin classes turn you off?

Well with Zwift you can do both and more. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gspvBvmj28>



What is Zwift you ask?

It's your digital destination for fitness, fun, socializing and adventure. On Zwift you can ride with your friends or join riders from over 150 countries. Zwift has group rides for all abilities or you can just ride by yourself with training plans tailored for all abilities from beginner to pro.

How Zwift works?

Zwift translates your real world effort into speed in the digital one. Your power, measured by the watts you produce, propels you through the digital landscape.

Just like the real world, your speed is adjusted for your height, weight and the road gradient. You even get credit for drafting.

What do you need to join Zwift?

A trainer (most trainers will work). With a low cost trainer you will also need a speed and cadence sensor (you probably have these if you have a GPS), an ANT+ dongle (\$30) and a Zwift account. Click <http://zwift.com/get-started#ready> for details.



Zwift is a great way to spend the winter riding in places such as London, or the South Pacific. I have mine hooked up to a 60" TV or you can use a PC or your Smart Phone.

If people would like to join "CRW" Zwift rides, send me an email and I'll set up a Google group where anyone can post a ride.

Gardner (Sandy) Gray
Gardner.gray2@gmail.com



by Jack Donohue

So now that I've run out of things to say, it seemed appropriate to recycle some of my old articles. Given they started some 20 years ago, it's doubtful too many will remember them. So, we have the best, or possibly the worst, of LJC over the years. Some are timeless, some are pretty dated, but at least some of you will get the references.

If you've truly got too much time on your hands, or you've run out of Facebook friends, you can binge read the whole enchilada here:

<http://crw.org/ljackc>

October 1995

I got a flat tire recently. Maybe it's because I've started commuting again through Cambridge, the broken glass capital of the world. I've dubbed Cambridge the Emerald City, for the reflection of the morning sun on broken beer bottles on my way to work.

So I took out my trusty pump, one of these modern marvels that is about 3 inches long. Great idea, doesn't weigh very much and fits nicely in my duffel bag. The only problem arises when you actually use it to inject air into a tire. Most hand pumps start out with minimal resistance which increases as the pressure increases until you decide you've had enough. This one requires Herculean effort from the first stroke. Consequently, my strategy is usually to pump

the tire up minimally until I can get to a gas station. I was aware of a recent disturbing development in the gas station air biz, namely charging money for air. This strikes me as distinctly un-American, depriving us of our inalienable right to life, liberty and free air. Still, outside of sticking up a filling station ("Hands up and give me all the air you've got") there is no choice but to pay. The last time I looked they were charging a quarter, and so I steeled myself to spring for the quarter as I rolled into the next filling station. To my horror, the air machine wanted FIFTY CENTS. I decided you had to draw the line somewhere, so I turned around and limped to work on the 30 or so pounds of air pressure that my mini-pump supplied. Rolling into work I realized I had just postponed the inevitable. I still had to find air somewhere. Then I remembered that Susan and I work at the same place, and our

car, the D-Mobile was at hand. So I rooted around in the back and found a marginally better pump to get a little more pressure for the ride home.

Then I started thinking about turning the family van (commonly known as the D-mobile) into a rolling repair shop. Might as well throw in a Silca floor pump, a tool box, spare wheel, and assorted odds and ends (I drew the line at my air compressor, mostly because you can't get 220 V out of a cigarette lighter).

But not too long after this, the bike became the support vehicle for the support vehicle. The bicycle has yet another use -- it comes in very handy as a car dinghy.

There have been three times I've run out of gas (not counting college, when the favorite pastime of most of my friends was to borrow another friend's car and return it with as little gas as possible). All three times I had my trusty bike dinghy.

First was with the BMW. Yes, I admit I owned a BMW, but it was a 1968 2002, which was at the time in the vanguard of performance machines and had noth-

ing to do with luxury. But I digress. Said BMW gulped its last drop of gas and I had to use my trusty bike to come to its aid.

The second time was when we had borrowed my pal Rick's pickup truck for a weekend somewhere. We were coming back on 93 and Susan had been complaining for some time about that fact that the gas gauge was looking perilously low. "Not to worry" I assured her, since my vast experience with automobiles had convinced me the "E" mark was merely a decoration and you didn't have to be really concerned until you could barely see the needle peering out behind the dashboard. Well, apparently the Japanese do not share the same sort of conservatism as Detroit. When they say "E" they mean "E". So we ground to a halt over by the Fells on 93. Fortunately, I had my trusty bike, and knew of several gas stations close by (we were less than a mile from home at the time). The trick in this instance was convincing the gas station attendant to let me borrow a gas can. But he did, and I cycled back to fill up the tank and all was well again.

The last time was several weeks ago. This time I remarked that the gauge was looking a bit low, which Susan pooh-poohed. As we were cresting the hill

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on route 2, all the gas sloshed to the far end of the tank, and the D-Mobile started to lose revs rapidly. Susan deftly manoeuvred us from the extreme left lane to the breakdown lane, before it coughed its last. Again, we had the bike dinghy. We were also quite close to our friend Stewart's house. Stewart had a gas can, but no gas, so I rode back to the car to reassure Susan, and then rode off in search of gas. When I found an open station, the attendant did not even bat an eye when I cruised in on my bike and asked for a fill up. Guess this sort of thing happens all the time in Arlington. He didn't offer to clean my glasses, though.

Add to my list of experiences I would not like to repeat was riding down the route 2 breakdown lane in the dark with no lights and a 2 1/2 gallon tank full of gasoline strapped to my rack. I felt like a human Molotov cocktail. But the gas and I arrived intact, and all was well again.

So I perceive a sort of symbiotic relationship here between car and bike, at least when both are equally shaky mechanically. ☺

Jack's Back Pages - Find past "Little Jack's Corner" articles on the CRW website at <http://crw.org/ljackc/> and through the web site menu: Information > Fun > Little Jack's Corner

December Mileage 3 8 2 3 3 0

Name	Miles	M	C	K	Name	Miles	M	C	K	Name	Miles	M	C	K
Melinda Lyon	14224	-	-	-	Erik Husby	5413	2	-	-	Don Mitchell	2996	4	-	-
Pamela Blalock	14002	12	2	8	David Wean	5413	3	1	-	John O'Dowd	2829	4	3	-
Jack Donohue	11443	-	-	6	Irving Kurki	5234	3	-	-	Jean Orser	2810	2	-	-
Richard Taylor	10664	12	12	7	Dave Jordan	5112	-	-	-	Joel Bauman	2790	3	-	-
Chris Roberts	10509	12	8	1	Harriet Fell	5093	8	5	-	Bill Hanson	2786	-	-	-
Mike Kerrigan	9283	-	-	-	Walter Frank	5052	3	1	-	John Springfield	2746	7	1	-
Ken Hablow	8526	11	1	1	Mark Druy	5003	8	3	-	A J Gemperline	2735	3	1	-
Steve Robins	8269	-	-	3	Joe Repole	5002	12	12	-	Joseph Tavilla	2726	-	-	-
Cynthia Zabin	7607	-	-	-	Ed Pastor	4807	5	-	-	Gardner Gray	2719	1	-	-
Marc Baskin	7377	8	4	1	Clyde Kessel	4760	9	2	-	Roy Westerberg	2662	-	-	-
Carlo Innocenti	7211	5	4	-	Tamara Takoudes	4566	-	-	-	Bruce Ingle	2623	2	3	2
David Malins	7201	3	5	-	Douglas Cohen	4488	-	-	-	James Broughton	2555	-	-	-
Don Fraser	7160	-	-	2	Bruce Larson	4478	7	4	-	Gary Smiley	2477	-	-	-
Bernie Flynn	6816	9	1	-	Arne Buck	4422	5	2	-	Jim Krantz	2398	2	1	-
Bob Wolf	6596	7	-	-	Dom Jorge	4420	4	-	-	Douglas Bajgot	2300	2	2	-
Bob Cohen	6506	8	4	-	Lisa Weissmann	4333	2	-	-	Douglas Chin	2144	-	-	-
Greg Stathis	6442	7	2	-	Chris Bisanti	4322	3	5	-	Ken Mostello	2103	2	1	-
Tim Mathews	6264	8	7	-	Neal Schuster	4265	5	1	-	Doug Strott	2068	2	2	-
David Cooper	6157	11	2	-	Fred Newton	4024	1	-	-	John Allen	1975	2	-	-
Andy Brand	6060	6	1	-	Frank Aronson	3413	7	4	-	Creighton Muscato	1847	-	-	-
William O'Hara	5940	4	3	-	Paul Corriveau	3385	2	1	-	Gabor Demjen	1827	2	-	-
Diane Mutchler	5922	11	10	-	Joe & Kathy Marino	3372	-	-	-	Ed Hoffer	1797	-	-	-
Michael Laude	5624	1	4	-	Peter Brooks	3148	-	-	-	Scott Tyler	1715	1	-	-
Larry Delaney	5578	10	5	-	Henry Marcy	3064	-	-	-	Jeffery Luxenberg	1713	-	-	-
Butch Pemstein	5537	2	-	-	Cynthia Snow	3001	1	-	-	Barbara Gaughan	1564	-	-	-
Eric Sansone	5434	4	-	2	Rudge McKenney	3000	-	-	-	Cynthia Chin	1472	-	-	-
										Marc Cohen	1365	2	-	-
										Mike Hanauer	1333	-	-	-
										Darrell Katz	1143	-	-	-
										Joseph Moore	945	-	-	-
										Pete Knox	942	-	-	-
										John Loring	697	1	-	-
										John Kane	431	-	-	-
										Bill Widnall	155	-	-	-

Mileage Table Explained

Miles are year-to-date totals. The M column indicates the number of months the rider reported completing a metric century. The C column shows the number of months with a hundred-mile century, and the K column is the number of months with 1000 or more miles.

Report mileage by the 3rd of each month on the website at <http://crw.org/mileage/mileage.htm> or email mileage@crw.org



CRW members receive WheelPeople, the Club's newsletter. CRW is also an associated club of the League of American Bicyclists.

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We welcome contributions to this newsletter, but reserve the right to edit articles in any way that we deem appropriate.

We will make every effort to preserve both the style and intent of the author, but we may rewrite an article to fit available space, to clarify ambiguities in the text, and to correct factual errors.

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sion to: Jack Donohue
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These fine bike shops offer discounts to CRW members

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Frank's Spoke 'N Wheel

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887 Main St., Waltham..... 781-894-2768

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1574 Washington Street, Holliston..... 508-429-9177

Harris Cyclery

1353 Washington St., West Newton..... 617-244-1040

JRA Cycles

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Landry's Bicycles

1210 Boston Providence Trnkp (Rte 1), Norwood 781-440-0310

790 Worcester St. (Route 9), Natick..... 508-655-1990

276 Turnpike Road, Westboro..... 508-836-3878

890 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston..... 617-232-0446

44 Granite Street, Braintree..... 781-519-6306

66 Needham St., Newton..... 617-527-0967

Marblehead Cycle

25 Bessom St., Marblehead..... 781-631-1570

Papa Wheelies Bicycle Shop

653 Islington Street, Portsmouth..... 603-427-2060

Quad Cycles

1043 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington..... 781-648-5222

Sirois Bicycle Shop

893 Landry Ave, North Attleborough..... 508-695-6303

Southampton Bicycle Center

247 College Hwy., Southampton..... 800-527-9784

Superb Bicycle

842 Beacon Street, Boston..... 617-236-0752

Travis Cycles

1 Oak St., Taunton..... 508-822-0396

722 N. Main St., Brockton..... 508-586-6394

Urban AdvenTours

103 Atlantic Ave, Boston..... 617-670-0637

Mulga Bill's Bicycle

'Twas Mulga Bill, from Eaglehawk, that caught the cycling craze;
He turned away the good old horse that served him many days;
He dressed himself in cycling clothes, resplendent to be seen;
He hurried off to town and bought a shining new machine;
And as he wheeled it through the door, with air of lordly pride,
The grinning shop assistant said, "Excuse me, can you ride?"

"See here, young man," said Mulga Bill, "from Walgett to the sea,
From Conroy's Gap to Castlereagh, there's none can ride like me.
I'm good all round at everything as everybody knows,
Although I'm not the one to talk - I hate a man that blows.
But riding is my special gift, my chiefest, sole delight;
Just ask a wild duck can it swim, a wildcat can it fight.
There's nothing clothed in hair or hide, or built of flesh or steel,
There's nothing walks or jumps, or runs, on axle, hoof, or wheel,
But what I'll sit, while hide will hold and girths and straps are tight:
I'll ride this here two-wheeled concern right straight away at sight."

'Twas Mulga Bill, from Eaglehawk, that sought his own abode,
That perched above Dead Man's Creek, beside the mountain road.
He turned the cycle down the hill and mounted for the fray,
But 'ere he'd gone a dozen yards it bolted clean away.
It left the track, and through the trees, just like a silver steak,
It whistled down the awful slope towards the Dead Man's Creek.

It shaved a stump by half an inch, it dodged a big white-box;
The very wallaroos in fright went scrambling up the rocks,
The wombats hiding in their caves dug deeper underground,
As Mulga Bill, as white as chalk, sat tight to every bound.
It struck a stone and gave a spring that cleared a fallen tree,
It raced beside a precipice as close as close could be;
And then as Mulga Bill let out one last despairing shriek
It made a leap of twenty feet into the Dead Man's Creek.

'Twas Mulga Bill, from Eaglehawk, that slowly swam ashore:
He said, "I've had some narrer shaves and lively rides before;
I've rode a wild bull round a yard to win a five-pound bet,
But this was the most awful ride that I've encountered yet.
I'll give that two-wheeled outlaw best; it's shaken all my nerve
To feel it whistle through the air and plunge and buck and swerve.
It's safe at rest in Dead Man's Creek, we'll leave it lying still;
A horse's back is good enough henceforth for Mulga Bill."

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