

## **BATTLE GROUND BIKERS ON THE ROAD...**

One member of the Battle Ground Bike Club calls home every three days according to a time schedule. Other parents of the bikers then call that home for the latest information of the cross-country trip.

The group is expected to reach Washington, D.C. about the first of August or sooner. Their return trip will be by bus.

Some of the recent comments by the bikers have been, "Sunburned, on the road by 5 a.m., average of four flat tires a day for the group, and having a good tailwind."

One morning the group got an exceptionally early start. They were on the road by 4:45 a.m., barely light, and someone got a flat. While the bikers were gathered around the fix-up, someone thought they looked suspicious and reported them to the police. It was probably assumed that they were a rowdy bunch who were still out from the night before...or maybe orange martians?(Orange jackets).

So far the team has stopped overnight at The Dalles, Boardman, Pendleton and Baker, Oregon, and Payette and Boise, Idaho. They were scheduled to stay at Hill City, Carey and Idaho Falls. By tonight (Thursday) they are to be into Alpine, Wyoming.

At Idaho Falls they stayed at the home of Shirley and Lee Morrow. Shirley is from Battle Ground and the sister of BGHS teacher Jim Storie.

The bicentennial bikers have been averaging about 72 miles per day and have traveled over 100 miles a day.

The kids get friendly "honks", especially from truckers. One day they counted 150 honks.