

CYCLING CROSSWORD

How expert is your knowledge of Vermont's biking history? Answer the following questions and then fill in the crossword puzzle on the next page to see.

ACROSS

- The _____ was a very popular means of transportation and recreation in the 1800s.
- Bicycle owners worked to convince politicians that _____ improvement was important.
- According to many doctors, too much cycling made riders vulnerable to many a bike-related-_____ like "bicycle heart."
- The cost of some bikes equalled as much as several months' _____ to a Vermont mill worker.
- Even _____ were affected by the bicycle craze. Special outfits for men and women were available in stores and through the mail.
- In 1900, those who could afford to bought _____ instead of bikes.
- The early "high-wheeler" bikes had one large _____ and one small one.
- The rider _____ high up on a seat near the front wheel.
- Cyclers spent a great deal of _____ on bikes and attachments.
- The "_____ farthing" was one of the nick names for the high wheeler.
- The _____ of the bicycle era came at about 1900.
- The invention of the pneumatic _____ was a result of the biking industry.
- Many church leaders felt that bike riding was the work of the _____.
- Getting _____ the old bikes was often as difficult as riding them.
- Most of the early bicycles had no _____ so stopping was often impossible.

- Bicycles were _____ popular that nearly everyone who was able had one.
- _____ was the only day most people had for leisure time.

DOWN

- _____ owners did not like bikes because they scared their animals.
- The _____, when out-of-control, scared a lot of pedestrians as well.
- Bicycle riding was a huge _____ in the latter part of the 1800s.
- Bike owners were required to mount _____ and lights on their bikes to warn pedestrians that they were coming.
- Pennies and farthings are both _____ coins.
- The invention of the _____ bicycle made biking accessible to men, women and children of all ages.
- In 1876 the United States celebrated its _____.
- Bicycles _____ still popular today.
- Because the early bikes rattled and shook they were called "_____ shakers."
- Some _____ felt that biking was healthful. Others argued that it was dangerous.
- Early bicycles did not have _____.
- They were very _____ and awkward to ride.
- A "header" occurred when one stopped too quickly on a _____ wheeler.
- Tobacco and candy store owners and theater operators felt that the bicycle fad was _____ for their businesses.

ANSWERS

Across: bike, road, road, disease, salary, clothes, cars, wheel, sat, money, penny, end, tire, devil, on, brakes, so, Sunday; **Down:** horse, bicycle, fad, bells, British, safety, centennial, are, bone, doctors, pedals, heavy, high, bad

