

Smethport Gold Watch Cycling Races Began in 1890s

Smethport Father of Bicycling

Smethport has an early history in bicycling racing. The "Gold Watch" bicycle races, organized by Dr. F.C. Pierce and M.L. Armstrong, became an important part of the 1890s annual tradition. The races commenced in front the McKean County Court House and looped through the region. The winner was presented a gold watch.



F.C. Pierce brought the cycling craze to Smethport & expanded the interest.

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TO:

A Wheel Around the Hub
 The Great Smethport Bicycling Races
 109 East Street
 Smethport, PA 16749



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Smethport, PA's historic 1890's A Wheel Around the Hub

53 Mile Gold Watch & \$ Cycling Race & 15 Mile Fun Race
 Sat. Sept. 23, 2006



held in famous
 Smethport, PA
 (McKean Co)

Register on-line
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Plan to visit
 Smethport Sept. 23-
 24. Watch the race
 on historic Route 6 as it
 circuits again & again
 through historic
 Victorian Smethport
 during full fall colors!

Race Organized by the
 Smethport Lions Club

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 forms go to the
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