

Puzzled Pint

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The pennyfarthing rider was very particular, and would only turn at every third four-way intersection. She also preferred to make two consecutive turns in the same direction, alternating right and left.

The tandem cyclists could never agree, so they alternated between turning right and left at each block where they could. They skipped one-way streets that didn't go in their desired direction, and turned right instead of left at the boundary of the ride area, then continued alternating.

The recumbent cyclist wanted to go as fast and as far as possible, but only turned onto even-numbered streets or streets whose names began with vowels. He also planned his route to only turn right, only when he had to, and not retrace his path at any point.

The unicycle rider took the most erratic course. She always made two consecutive turns in the same direction, alternating right and left, and went these many blocks between turns: 4, 5, 3, 1, 4, and 4.

A quartet of cyclists met in Portland recently for a ride around Northwest. They all started at the same place, and met up again at the end, but took different turns to get there. After the ride, they also had an argument about whom they should toast for making their wheeled transportation possible...

