



The 1896 Patchogue Wheelmen Race Meet

Nat and Henry Roe, two of Patchogue's best bicycle racers, on a practice run on Oak Street,

Plans have been perfected this week for holding a grand celebration at Patchogue on July 4th.

The Patchogue Wheelmen will hold a big race meet in the afternoon and in the evening a magnificent illuminated parade of wheelmen will be held, and there will be music by the band and a fine display of fireworks.

Patchogue will certainly be the rendezvous for everybody in this vicinity who wants to enjoy the 4th of July; and New York and Brooklyn will send at least one thousand people, if the Decoration Day parade crowd is any criterion.

The Wheelmen will give valuable prizes of gold watches and diamonds at the races and \$500 worth of fine prizes will be given also by the citizens for various entries in the wheelmen's parade. The finest appearing club, the club with the largest representation, the best appearing lady rider, the best appearing gentleman rider, the rider of the finest decorated wheel and the wearer of the most grotesque costume will receive prizes. The Patchogue Wheelmen will of course not enter as a club. The residents along the line of march will be asked to illuminate their houses and grounds, colored fire will be burned along the line and the evening spectacle will certainly be worth coming many miles to see. It is expected that 1000 wheelmen will be in line.

The committee of arrangements appointed to act in conjunction with the race meet committee of the Patchogue Wheelmen consists of Jas. R. Skinner, Hon. Edwin Bailey and James A. Canfield. The following committees have been selected to assist this committee:

Finance: Hon. Edwin Bailey, Wm. A. Mundell, Wm. P. Dale, John M. Price, John A. Potter, John Roe Smith, F.W. Carruthers, A.H. Carman, and 200 other prominent citizens.

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Prizes: John A. Potter, Richard A. Porter, Walter H. Jaycox, Wm. H. Aldrich, Mrs. A.H. Carman, Edwin Bailey, Mamie Bailey, Wm. Smith.

Music: Prof. H.L. Koerner, Miss Lida F. Price, Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith.

Accommodations: James R. Skinner, Fred M. Welsh, Wm. A. Tooker, Jr.; Joseph T. Losee.

Marshal of Parade: Capt. S.F. Maguire, United States Navy.

Aides: Henry K. Roe, Capt. Patchogue Wheelmen; Nat Roe, Lieut. Patchogue Wheelmen; J.F. Flugrath, Lieut. Patchogue Wheelmen. 6-1896

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