

Three-Wheeler

MANY SOLVERS COMMENTED that the “Two-Wheeler” puzzle from the March-April issue must have been a real challenge to construct. The truth is, it was one of the easier constructions. It’s just not that hard to find letter strings, or pairs of letter strings, that contribute to words backwards and forwards.

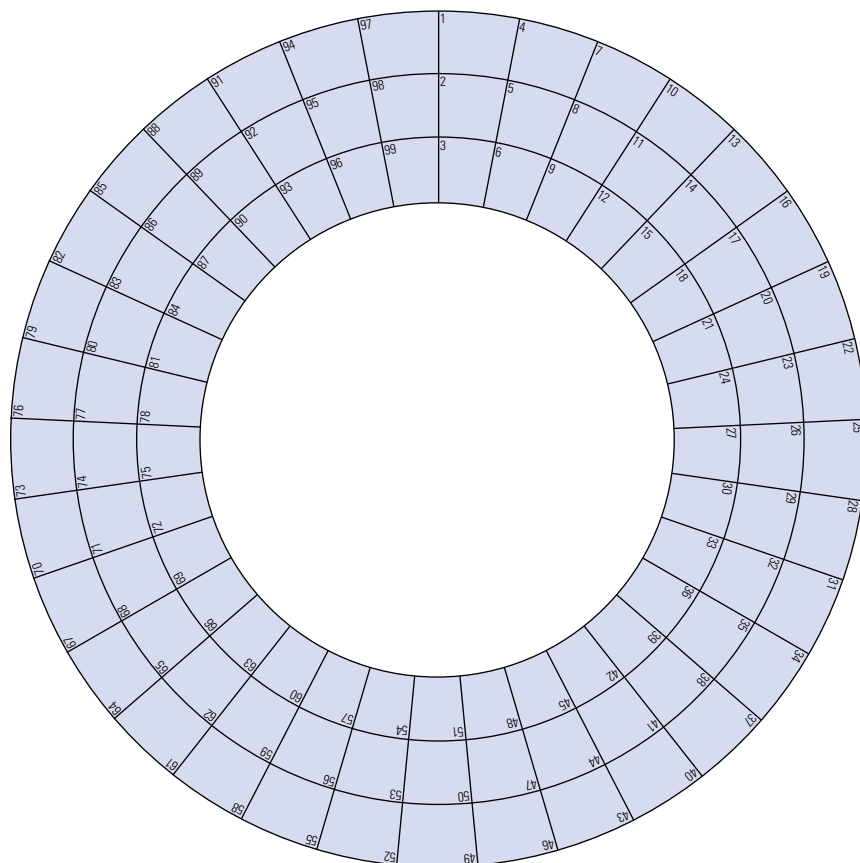
But if you want to be dazzled by these things, fine by me. It’s always been my nature to think that if one of something (for example, a piece of pie) is good, then two will probably be even better. And if two is so good, then what about—well, you get the idea.

Hence “Three-Wheeler.” Both the clockwise answers and counterclockwise answers start with the outer circle letter, then the middle, then the inner circle letter. This means the clockwise words will be entered 1-2-3-4 etc., but the counterclockwise ones will read

97-98-99-94-95-96 etc. This will take a little getting used to, but it’s not so bad. Clue lengths are supplied upside down in the box below. They help, but aren’t crucial. Let me know if you solve the puzzle with or without the hints.

Not all 26 letters in the alphabet are used. There are eight proper nouns and one foreign word. Everything else is playable in Scrabble. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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Clockwise Clues

1. Last stop—tramline derailed
2. Some town cars left, Colonel, after being driven into hotels
3. Go to bang stranger with sled
4. Señora, lousy excuse
5. Storage place where, admittedly, a prostitute stands by to do drugs
6. Play spontaneously in diminished Ionian mode, transposed
7. Baseball team of Germans? No heckling
8. Excessive soak
9. Figure Bo Diddley’s first
10. Bill covering one-time term reciprocal
11. Shakespearean villain from Italy, initially, in the past!
12. Claim peripheral piece of avocation’s workflow
13. River horse for Augustine’s bishopric
14. Peter or Nicholas put pizza in, right, but the wrong way?
15. Strictness, after a fashion, from Stravinsky
16. Forbid an apple at the start, then a tropical fruit
17. Palpitation at hearing the sound of a time bomb
18. Rainbow seen from jouncy car
19. Worker with curious tan

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Counterclockwise clues

- a. Fantastic cataract in the deep, deep South
- b. Arrest Nabokov, all right, and everything else gets censored
- c. Hair from a rabbit or a goat or a nag, perhaps
- d. Trio rocks for a very good time
- e. Nothing lighter?
- f. Stop which person, not any particular one?
- g. Something to keep you up in City of Taj after six
- h. Last-minute Starbucks order missing one teaspoon
- i. Bio about Pound is one for the shire
- j. Urinated with backsplash—time for New Yorkers to be most profound
- k. Feudal warrior born in Japan without censure
- l. Mean to visit the Louvre, for example
- m. Who lost and by what means?
- n. Felony caught by sonar, blurrily
- o. Age ran uneasily for former president
- p. Sailor crawfishing in wetlands
- q. Tools scattered around toilet seat
- r. In more ways than one, a notorious writer of erotica
- s. Telephone everyone after the third of December
- t. Coiner of term in shambles

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Clockwise Clue Lengths		Counterclockwise Clue Lengths	
1	8	a	10
2	8	b	3
3	2	c	6
4	3	d	4
5	9	e	5
6	5	f	4
7	4	g	6
8	7	h	4
9	3	i	5
10	9	j	7
11	10	k	5
12	6	l	5
13	10	m	3
14	9	n	5
15	13	o	6
16	5	p	3
17	3	q	5
18	4	r	3
19	4	s	4
20	15	t	6
21	18		
22	14		
23	15		
24	19		
25	3		
26	8		
27	4		
28	16		

Previous Issue’s Puzzle—Der German lesson

	Definition	Root Word	“der” Word	First (or last letter) of Root Word
1	Michelin’s output comparatively banal	tire	tireder	T (F)
2	Gray-haired pack rat	hoar	hoarder	H (F)
3	Famous Argentinian one who got away	Eva	evader	E (F)
4	Smile, hero	grin	grinder	G (F)
5	Kind of river toll	fee	feeder	E (L)
6	Stranger dam	weir	weirder	R (L)
7	Famous cellist covering	Ma	derma	M (F)
8	One who rules meadow	lea	leader	A (L)
9	Rubber cement can	bin	binder	N (L)
10	Pasty tramp	wan	wander	W (F)
11	Otherwise a group of monks	or	order	O (F)
12	Duplicate pistol	ringer	derringer	R (F)
13	Got off track, felt poorly	ailed	derailed	D (L)
14	20C art interpreter	deco	decoder	D (F)
15	Midmonth gibes	ides	derised	I (F)
16	In Spanish, the one born earlier	el	elder	E (F)
17	1940s café owner Crane	Rick	derrick	R (F)
18	Belonging to a particular female cattle driver	her	herder	H (F)
19	Horse race next door	by	derby	Y (L)
20	Average snake	mean	meander	M (F)
21	German songs aren’t truthful	lie	lieder	E (L)
22	Health club he can dig	spa	spader	S (F)
23	More astute harpy	shrew	shrewder	W (L)
24	Burly folk singer figures it out	Ives	derives	I (F)
25	Silvery metal combustible	tin	tinder	T (F)
26	Hello, concealer	hi	hider	H (F)
27	Guys doctor	men	mender	M (F)
28	Gardener very early	wee	weeder	E (L)

The German lesson is: The German word “die” rhymes with “me.”

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