

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS BICYCLE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday April 8, 2026

In-Person Meeting

@ Mt. Clemens Public Library

MEETING: Called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President, Kim Plesco. 21 members present including the board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: March Meeting Minutes were read by Amber Sitko. Motion to accept by Jeri Grigg, 2nd by Dave Jackowicz. The report passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Fan Tyrrell provided report for March 2026.

Balance as of March 1, 2026:	\$xx,xx
Inflow:	\$xx.xx
Outflow:	\$xx.xx
Balance as of March 31, 2026:	\$xx.xx

Outflow several admin expenses, annual insurance \$xx a year, banquet expenses, raffle tickets (approximately \$xx)

Income came mainly from memberships and BWR registrations but there is a slight glitch with the payment portal. We have approximately \$xx that hasn't been transferred to bank yet, Fran and Craig will look into getting it fixed.

Motion to accept by Sue Moormon and second by Mike Lodge. The report passed.

RIDES, TRAINING & RIDE DIRECTOR:

New rides

Bike MS – West – June 6-7th, requires raising \$250 in donation. Stars at Hope College, 2 day ride. Day 1 – max 75 miles, Day 2 – max 50 miles.

Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, **June 13th** - sponsored by Henry Ford is \$250 in donations minimum. Starts in Ann Arbor. Metric century is the max mileage.

Lollipop Ride - Joe C – overnight ride so people can try out bike overnight bike camping. 3 nights 7/31-8/2, starts in Greenville. Camp in Alma and Ionia. Rail trails for most of the ride with an average of 50 miles a day.

Big Bear Butt Cruise – 8/22, Manistee/Benzie counties. Camp on the Sportsman club grounds for 2 nights. Dinner served, bomb fire, great SAG stops with lots of food. Gravel, paddle and peddle options. <https://bigbearbuttcruise.com/>

Fish Fly rides with Jeri leading, ride info will be posted soon.

Before the CRR Meeting – starting up again, meet at 4 p.m.

Recently completed rides

Ed Gostin's hikes finished up for the year on 3/28

Fran did a beginner ride with 4 people even though it was pretty cold. Ride started at Lake St. Clair Park Nature Center

The Before CRR Meeting ride – first one happened today before the meeting with 3 riders.

Old Business:

Velodrome poster – still working on.

Storage unit

Storage unit costs were going up, not able to negotiate so found a new unit at Macomb Self Storage (22 mile and Gratiot). Facility is independently owned so they are more flexible. Unit is a drive up but smaller so need to get rid of a lot of stuff when we move. The new unit will save us about \$100 a month.

Need volunteers for May 9th. Will be tagging items to throw out items, recycle, give away items, what needs to move on BWR. Have 7+ volunteers so far. The day after BWR we'll move it to new storage.

For items that CRR no longer needs:

1. Members helping can take whatever they want
2. Items that can be recycled, like metal, will take to recycling facilities.
3. Misc. stuff – Fran will take to Goodwill.
4. Paperwork no longer needed will be shredded.
5. The rest will go to WM Landfill

Banquet

36 people attended. Thanks to Fran & Nino – great time was had by all! Thanks Craig for creating the awards!

New Business –

Dave J suggested changing the current wording to be inclusive of rides in Canada.

Proposal – CRR recorded rides can start anywhere in Michigan or within a 100-mile radius of Mt. Clemens.

This will allow riders to record rides in Windsor, Canada.

Motion to accept by Joe Cicchelli, 2nd by Mike Lodge. Vote passed.

Reminder - Organized ride that require pre-registration and or fund raising at least 30 days in advance. Craig will write it up to clarify and put in the ride guidelines and post. The intention is to give members enough time to register.

Ann Arbor Bicycle Film Festival – April 18th – short movies, 3-15 minutes, bicycle related, documentary, drama, etc. \$25 to attend. <https://bikewashtenaw.org/>

Monroe Bike Swap meet – April 26th at the fairgrounds. Largest bike swap meet which includes new and used bikes. They also showcase bikes. <https://www.monroebikeshow.com/show-info>

Blue Water Ramble (BWR):

BWR is June 28th, Craig will send emails out to previous riders to boost registration. **Please all share the ride info on social media.** Volunteers have started reaching out to bike shops and so far have gotten a \$500 sponsorship from YMCA (Kim), \$250 Sullivan's Continental Bikes in Hazel Park. Stoney Creek Bike, and Macomb Bike Shop have committed to sponsoring.

39 people have already registered

Reminder – make sure to sign up on Signup Genius so we can order enough t-shirts.

Volunteers are especially needed for the following:

- Load the truck the day before
- Serve lunch
- Help with the Ascension stop
- SAG Support
- River District stop – only have 1 now, need 3
- Clean up party
- New unit move on Monday after – 4 p.m.

Fran will send another reminder email so people can sign up on Signup Genius.

Fran handed out copies of suggestions of what to improve from the 2025 BWR review discussion.

Suggestions were made to start registration earlier at 6:30 a.m. so 100-mile riders can start around 7:00 a.m. Also, possibly have a separate line for 100 miler riders or allow them to register first. Also suggest recording exactly how many 100-mile riders we have.

Suggest changing "Registration" to "Check In" to avoid confusion since there is no day of registration.

Food committee will make some changes/bagels.

T-shirts – since we lost money last year on t-shirts, will do better accounting, etc. to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Need to purchase a tent for Port Huron, there is currently no coverage so would be a problem if it rains.

Discussion of how to improve the burger cooking. Lessen number of times people go in refrigerated truck, possibly keep the meat frozen, etc.

Fran will send out the notes/suggestions to the committees so they can discuss improvements.

Meeting changes:

No monthly meeting in June.

Fran cannot make the May 13th meeting so she is checking to see if Library will allow us to meet on May 20th instead.

WRAP UP:

- Les Dunham provided snacks. Thank you!
- Amber Sitko will provide snacks for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joe Cicchelli, second by Ed Gosten

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Recorded by: Amber Sitko