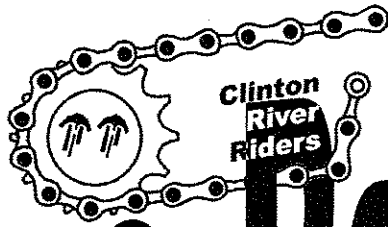


January 2003



The Rambler

With love and respect, I submit this letter as a tribute to John Pavlat. For more info visit www.johnpavlat.com

Remembering our friend John

Christmas 2002 delivered more than a sleigh full of sorrow for many as it brought the untimely passing of industry veteran John Pavlat. The task of writing words to remember a departed friend, words that pay adequate respect, and do justice to a fine man is difficult. A closer friend or member of the family would do better. However, a simple, more pedestrian remembrance of John Pavlat is appropriate because John's path touched so many people.

Cycling enthusiasts, industry members, and punk music fanatics from Detroit to New Zealand will mourn and remember John in many ways. For many he was: John Pavlat, Gets Things Done. Perhaps the best job title ever created and John worked to fill its promise every day. From his early days in the bike shop, to Ibis and VooDoo, to Interbike and Cadenza International, John was a critical fixture in the cycling industry.

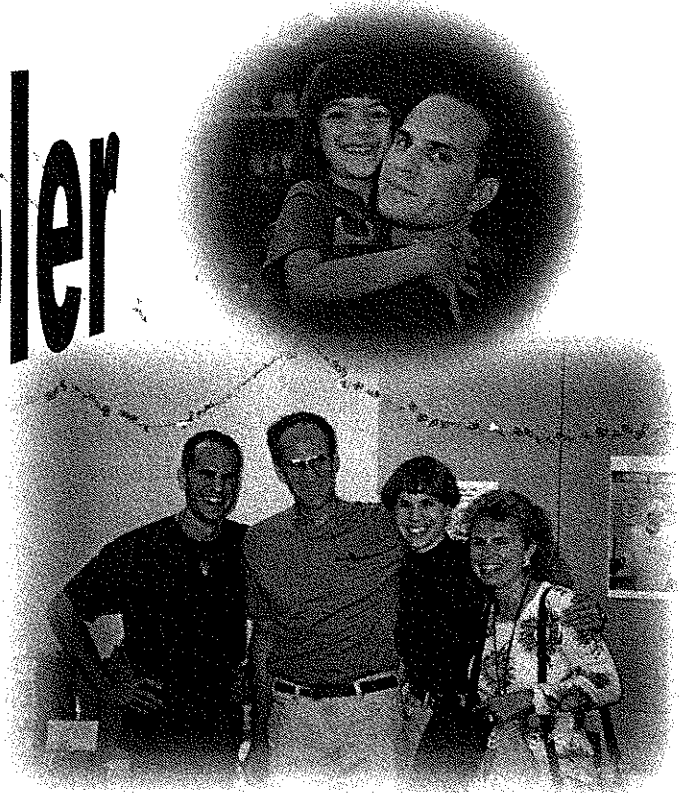
For others he was John Pavlat, skinny-guy-on-a-bike-that-can-crush-me. John's skill and passion for riding and all the wonder that a bicycle could bring took him all the way around the globe to ride, explore and enjoy. John the cyclist enlisted like-minded

friends on every continent. This was never more evident than in the endless stream of emails coursing the web from every corner since his passing .

But JP the cyclist was also JP the advocate. John was a champion for some of cycling's more important if less than glamorous causes including the American Cyclo-Cross Foundation, the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), the San Francisco Bike Coalition and the USAC Junior Cycling Development Foundation. A powerful voice, John's pen was as mighty as his cycling prowess, writing on behalf of IMBA, Cars-r-Coffins, The Ride magazine and more.

The world will be a lesser place without John Pavlat to be sure. John's quick wit and quicker smile will be missed at cycling venues from L'Alpe d'Huez to Zolder. We may all be heavy of heart for having lost John, but we are all richer for having known him.

Chris Zigmont
New Hampshire



Rides...Hotline 586-819-0222

FOR ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE,
CONTACT DUANE LARKIN, RIDE DIRECTOR: (313) 372-3731 or dlarkin@todaylink.com
ANY UPDATED CHANGES WILL BE ON THE HOTLINE UNDER THE UPDATED SECTION - PRESS 4

WEEKLY EVENTS

Saturday...9am

Ride with Jane Benard from the Schulz Funeral Home at Toepfer and Gratiot for a 30-35 mile ride at 14-16 mph. Join the group for breakfast or lunch after the ride. Jane's new phone number 586-978-2052

Saturday & Sunday...9am

Meet at Stony Creek West Branch on Saturday and the boat launch on Sunday for adventures with T.J. Hill. Come prepared to mountain bike or ski depending on the weather. Also, skate M-F @10:30. Call T.J. for more info.

Sunday...

Walk with Bill & Diane Baker. Destinations are up to the group. Call Diane on Saturday for info about Sunday. Meet at 8:30 for breakfast and 9:15 for walking.

OTHER BIKE STUFF

Bike Feast...March 23

Hostelling International-Michigan Council is pleased to host this years BIKE FEAST at the Gerry Kulik Community Center from 3-8 pm. Join bicycle enthusiasts from other Metro Detroit bike clubs for this annual pot luck dinner. A main dish will be supplied by Hostelling International. Bring a side dish for all to partake. "Sing For Your Supper" The club/group with the best song eats first. Tickets \$5.00 includes games & other bike related festivities. Optional bike ride \$5.00 day of the event weather permitting @12:30. For more details call Hostelling International (248) 545-0511 or CRR's own Bob Latsko.

Gerry Kulik Community Center is located at 1201 Livernois (3 blocks south of 9 mile and 1 mile west of Woodward).

OTHER CLUB STUFF

Walleyball...Feb. 1

Meet Bill & Diane Baker at the Warren Raquet Center on Van Dyke in Warren. Play Walleyball from 6-7:30 pm and then dine with the group at a local restaurant. If you would just like to dine that would be fine - just give Diane a call to get all the info.

Mountain Biking...Jan. 26

Meet Ted Gondert the last Sunday of the month at Romeo High School at 8:30 for a 35-40 mile ride to the VFW Hall in Dryden for breakfast.

Cross Country Ski...Jan. 25

Call or email Bruce Freeburger for more info.

Finance Meeting...Jan. 19

6pm at the Tarantino's. Discuss operating expenses, possible donations, etc. Make a proposal to bring to the next meeting.

Festival of Trees...

The Clinton River Riders have been approached about decorating a tree for this years event. The tree is decorated by the organization at their cost. The tree is then displayed at Cobo Center and auctioned off for charity. The proceeds go to Children's Hospital in Detroit. Anyone interested in taking on such a venture, please see John Tarantino or come to the finance meeting or the club meeting with your ideas.

John Pavlat...

Rick Jones is collecting money for a brick on the Paint Creek Trail to be named in memory of John. Please make your check to "Gateway Walkway Fund."



Join us....

THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM IN THE MT.CLEMENS RECREATION CENTER LOCATED AT 300 GROESBECK

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Elections in February...

Positions that need to be filled are:
Ride Director and Secretary

Nominations are...

Bruce Freeburger for Ride Director
T.J. Hill for Secretary

BWR...

It's time to start planning for
BLUE WATER RAMBLE 2003!

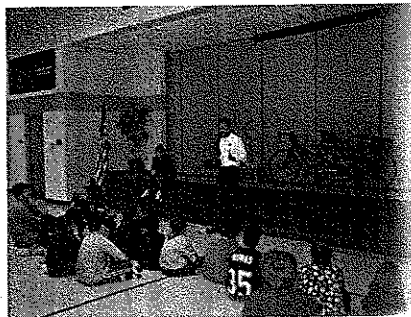
Positions that are needed:

Food Chair
Publicity Chair
Routes Chair

Thanks to Diane Baker, Bill Duemling, Rick Okerhjelm, Bill Windhorst, Julie Windhorst, John Tarantino, & Duane Larkin for all of their hard work on BWR 2002.



Thank you, Mr. John Tarantino for visiting the scouts from pack 150.



Your talk on bicycle safety, maintenance, and tips was both interesting and informative!

And the prizes and literature from The League of Michigan Bicyclists will help the boys become more aware of bike safety issues.

And the tandem bike you brought was really cool!



From: The Pack 150 Wolves and Webelos II Scouts

Nov. 2002

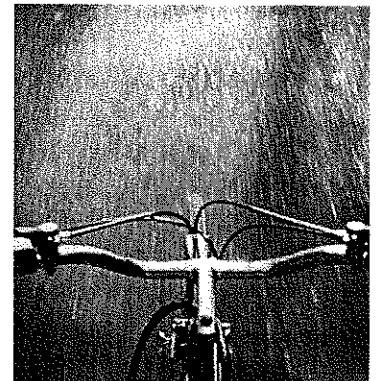
Awards Banquet

Thanks to Mimi Gendreau, Julie Windhorst, Bill Duemling, Doris Mulligan, Gary Haelywn, Steve & Deb Angst, and all of the club members for their hard work and donated gifts that made our Awards Banquet **GREAT!**. The club has voted to have it at the same place next year.

Park Passes

Marilyn Tarantino has a few Metro Park Passes to sell at a discounted price of \$16.

THE YEAR AHEAD IS ALL YOURS....



Thank You's



I would like to thank the club for their donation of 4 bikes, helmets, and locks to the Children's Charity "Variety." I had asked for club members to help fit helmets on the kids that night and want to give a big "Thank You" for those who helped. Ken & Cindy Rosiek, Art Meerhaeghe, Diane Baker, Doris Mulligan, Annette Smith, Sandy Overway, Duane Nieman, Rick & Sue Moorman, Bill & Julie Windhorst, Jerry Pavlat, and last but not least, my captain Rick Jones. Thanks again Clinton River Rider Club Members for all your time and the knowledge that those kids are wearing their helmets!!!! Sheila Jones

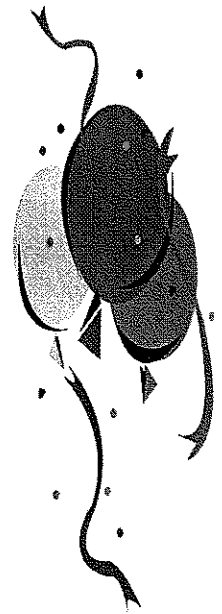
Dear John,
 On behalf of LMB members, Board of Directors, Volunteers, Safety Groups, Recreation & Transportation Agencies, etc...Thanks once again for your generosity. The Clinton River Riders are an important part of making bicycling safer & more enjoyable for all who ride in Michigan.
 Lucinda Means
 League of Michigan Bicyclists

Happy Birthday...

to our members

January

- 01/01 James Gallagher
- 01/02 Denise Kosen
- 01/03 Len Redmond
- 01/03 Patricia Okerhjelm
- 01/07 Karen Redmond
- 01/10 Ann Schmidt
- 01/11 Deb Angst
- 01/13 Marilyn Tarantino
- 01/17 Frank Mottershead
- 01/20 Denny Carlson
- 01/21 Michael Freeman
- 01/23 Cathy Osip
- 01/29 Joyce Dzuris
- 01/31 Pat Finnell



February

- 02/02 Al Burczycki
- 02/03 Mary Miller
- 02/06 Barb Berthelsen
- 02/08 Rod Klann
- 02/08 Mary Klann
- 02/13 Sally Palaian
- 02/16 Juergen Hortig
- 02/17 Diane Baker
- 02/17 Cindy Rosiek
- 02/18 Annette Smith
- 02/24 Dick Klein
- 02/27 Doug MacDermaid
- 02/28 Ralph Schmidt



Welcome New Member...

Mary Wilson

We welcome you to ride, socialize, whine, work hard, and have fun with us

Don't forget to renew your CRR membership for 2003

Your vote won't count and your newsletter will stop, so renew by sending in the registration form on the back of the newsletter or at the next meeting.

Thoughts and Prayers

Dear Clinton River Riders,

Jerry, Jennifer, Mickey and I are overwhelmed with your love, thoughts and support at this most difficult time in our lives. We were honored that so many of you came on Saturday to the 'Celebration of John's Life.' It was a wonderful party and celebration. He would have loved it.

So many people are asking what they can do to help. We have two requests.. This first request is not for us, it is for you and your family: If you have not created a Will or Trust you **MUST** put it on your priority list. With all of us being cyclists, we are so vulnerable to something unexpected happening to us. No matter how large or small your estate is, you **MUST** put things in writing. It must be legally created and witnessed. The mess and consequences left after you are gone is something you wouldn't want your family left behind to handle. Trust us! If you needed a New Years resolution, make it this and get started on it this week. Set yourself a deadline to have it completed and stick with it. A quote from one of John's business cards was; "Get's Things Done." We are asking you to get it/your Will done. We would like to hear from each of you a simple "It's done" when it is complete.

The other request is to send a donation, no matter how large or small in John's memory to one of the cycling organizations listed on his web site: www.johnpavlat.com John's passion in life was the cycling community and the cycling industry. He was so active and involved in it. He lived and breathed bicycles. I think they were running through his veins. We have received many donations already and we are forever grateful. Thank you.

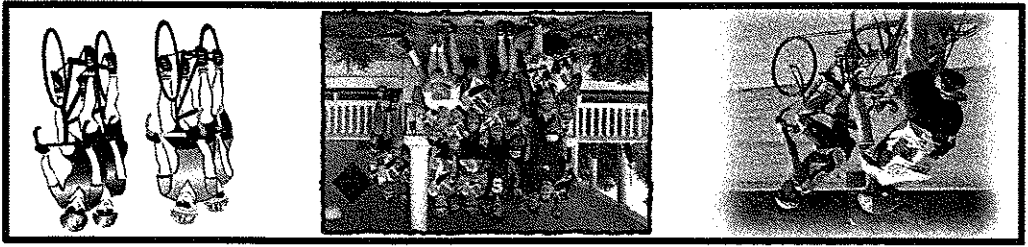
With Respect, Jerry, Sue, Jennifer & Mickey
Pedalpetal@aol.com

For those of you that don't know, Bob Crowley had brain surgery last week. He had a seizure after a Saturday ride and there's a complicated diagnosis, but surgery was required. Jane has been keeping in touch with Bob and writes.....

Bob was very very touched and moved by the cards that some of you have sent. He said it meant a lot to him to know that he has so many friends...and he realizes now that there is nothing more important to a human being than being cared for or loved by family and friends. So keep those cards coming and if at all possible, stop by and see him... He had an angiogram today and it was found that they hadn't completely taken care of the problem area. He will have to go back for more surgery in about 3 weeks. This news really got him down...and I can't blame him...especially because now he really knows what to expect with surgery and it's not something to look forward to. Please send him cards, stop by if you can, call him from time to time. I was thinking that when he gets home that he sure won't feel like cooking or going out to eat...so maybe folks could bring over dinners in tupperware like containers. If he didn't want to eat it right away, or if he has enough food for now, then he could always freeze it for later. Soups and things like that.

So anyway...let's not forget our pal Bob. It could happen to any one of us. Riding your bike one minute...hitting the floor and having a seizure the next. His whole life has changed in a matter of minutes. Please let Bob know that we're all pulling for him....thanks Jane Benard Janebbiking@aol.com

Bob Crowley 248-549-2912 4158 Cooper Royal Oak, MI 48073



Gary & Jan Haelewyn
41706 Merrimac
Clinton Twp, MI 48038

8676 Community Blvd.
Warren, MI 48093
Deb Angst



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club
Make check payable to:
Clinton River Riders
Mail to: 36558 Moravian
Clinton Township MI 48035

\$12.50 Individual (over 18)
\$15.00 Family

New Member Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Yes, please add me to your list of active volunteers who help promote bicycling at the local, state, and federal level. I understand I may be called upon on occasion to write a letter or attend a meeting supporting bicycles as a legitimate mode of transportation.

Family Names Birthdate

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY,
ASSUMPTION OF RISK,
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(“AGREEMENT”)

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in The Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club (“Club”) sponsored Bicycling Activities (“Activity”) I for myself, my personal representatives,

assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTANDING that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH (“RISK”); (b) these risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions; the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity; or the negligence of the “RELEASEES” NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at the time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS AND DAMAGES I incur as a risk of my participation in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Club, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the “RELEASEES” herein), FROM ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE RESCUE OPERATION.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE NOT WITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
(All riding members must sign)

