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## *The "RAMBLER"*

**January/February  
2006**

## *Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club*

It's funny, but as you read this, the Square Dance put on by Art Meerhaeghe is a distant memory. We had a good time doing this annual event and yet it won't occur until 6 hours after I write this. So for me the dance is in the "future" and for you the dance is in "past". It's in two time zones at once. Take the picture at the right. This club member, who is legally one of the country's first baby boomers, is getting ready to enter a new time zone evidenced by the length of her antennae's. But as she reads this, her antennae will have fallen off and she will now exist in that new time zone.

Speaking of time zones you'll notice this month's newsletter says "January/February". You might be asking yourself how can he write about February when it isn't even here. But if I can write about a square dance that hasn't happened for me but has happened for you than I suppose I can write about February that hasn't happened for me or for you. However, if you wait until February to read this than it too will be like the square dance and Marilyn's antennae. Confused? So am I, so lets move on.

There's plenty of new stuff in here to pique your interest and make you stop and think. Take for instance a "Ride of Silence". Can you imagine doing a 12 mile group ride where now one talks or complains? There's also a "Ride for Hope" but Bob will not be there. They say titanium is light, like aluminum but strong and flexible like steel. A titanium bike can pass other riders like the wind. We now have a club member with a titanium leg. Imagine the wind he can pass!

You've heard of the "Two Men and a Truck" delivery system. Well now meet the "One Man and Two Wheels" delivery system. There is a book out that explains in words and pictures how to deliver refrigerators and beds with your bicycle.

BEWARE: Word has it there is a new "crying towel" in circulation. HINT: Don't let Marilyn Tarantino see you whimpering up some hill especially if you are "over the hill".

And finally for your amusement, here are some comments from some cyclists riding in a recent New York City Critical Mass ride. Reminds me of mountain biking the trails at Stony Creek after hours.

"An NYPD helicopter circled over Union Square harassing gathering cyclists with it's glaring searchlight while a large group of scooter cops hovered,...in the north end of the park". Roger M

"There were 12 arrested at 22nd and Lexington (8 guys, 4 girls). I was one of the girls. They threw us up against buildings, handcuffed us, photographed us with our bike and loaded us in a wagon. They took us down to precinct 1 where we were searched, our stuff confiscated, and thrown into a cell. A few hours later I was released with a mere traffic violation (biking on the sidewalk), and they didn't even take my bike". Sarah D.

"The SOHO ride was exhilarating. Small, tight group, keeping on small, one-way side streets -- this worked well. It was pretty clear they didn't have extra cops handy to put in front of us, or behind. Next time, be prepared to splinter into groups of five or less, when they try to lock us into a block." Kevin

Enjoy the Ride, Gary Haelewyn, Editor



# CLINTON RIVER RIDERS 2005 WEEKLY RIDE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p><b>7:00 P M</b>  <b>CLUB MEETINGS</b>  <b>2nd Monday of the Month</b>                      Mt Clemens Library (downstairs) 150 Cass Ave just west of Southbound Gratiot on the North side of Cass across from Mt Clemens High School. Refreshments served.</p> <p><u><b>FEBRUARY MEETING UPDATES:</b></u></p> <p><b>Bring old bike clothes, parts etc (no bikes) to swap or sell to other members.</b></p> <p><b>Election of new officers will occur at this meeting.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: BWR Tshirt design will be judged at the APRIL meeting.</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 A M</b>  <u><b>Stoney Creek Boatr Launch</b></u></p> <p>Meet TJ Hill for mountain bike riding weather permitting. If weather is inclement, meet at Onyx Skate at 10:30 for ice skating. Call TJ 586-293-0162 for more info.</p>		<p><b>9:00 A M</b>  <u><b>Stoney Creek Boatr Launch</b></u></p> <p>Meet TJ Hill for mountain bike riding weather permitting. If weather is inclement, meet at Onyx Skate at 10:30 for ice skating. Call TJ 586-293-0162 for more info.</p> <p><b>CHANGES</b></p> <p>Call Bill Baker 586-739-0261 or email him at <a href="mailto:CRRrides@wideopenwest.com">CRRrides@wideopenwest.com</a></p> <p><b>Newsletter changes:</b>                      Email <a href="mailto:Bluecyclist@yahoo.com">Bluecyclist@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>HOTLINE:</b>                      586-819-0222 (Press 1 for latest updates)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Velodrome Events</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.velodromeat-bloomerpark.com/">http://www.velodromeat-bloomerpark.com/</a></p>	<p><b>8:00 A M</b></p> <p>Meet Catherine Serra at Stony Creek West Branch mountain biking trails for vigorous 15 minute mile WALKING 6 to 8 miles depending on group. Cancelled if snow or ice on trails. Contact: 248-495-1630 or <a href="mailto:catherine-serra@yahoo.com">catherine-serra@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>9:00 A M</b>  <u><b>Stoney Creek West Branch Parking Lot</b></u></p> <p>Meet T J Hill for 50 miles of mountain biking with a lunch stop around Lake Orion.</p> <p><b>9:00 A M</b>  <b>Schultz Funeral Home Ride</b></p> <p>Bundle up and meet Jane Benard at Toefer (8-1/2 mile) and Gratiot for a 30 –35 mile ride to the Grosse Pointes at a 14-16 MPH pace. This ride goes all winter no matter how low the temperatures, except if the roads are snow or ice covered.</p>	<p><b>8:30 A M</b>                      Meet Catherine Serra at Stony Creek West Branch mountain biking trails for vigorous 15 minute mile WALKING 6 to 8 miles depending on group. Cancelled if snow or ice on trails. Contact: 248-495-1630 or <a href="mailto:catherine-serra@yahoo.com">catherine-serra@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>9:00 A M</b>  <b>Stoney Creek Boat Launch</b></p> <p>Meet T J Hill for 50 miles mostly dirt road ride at the pace of the slowest rider with lunch stop in Almont.</p> <p><b>10:00 A M</b></p> <p>Join Jane Benard and the Wolverines at the Cadioux Café (Cadiex between Warren &amp; Mack) for 30-35 mile ride to various locations.</p> <p><u><b>Meeting Treat List Volunteers</b></u></p>

L I G H T S A R E R E Q U I R E D F O R A L L E V E N I N G R I D E S

AVG = Cyclometer Average at end of ride

Ride Leaders should carry cell phones and emergency numbers

MPH = Cyclometer Speed while riding

# February Birthdays

Bday	First	Last Name
02/01	Heidi	Keifer
02/02	Al	Burczycki
02/03	Mary	Miller
02/06	Barb	Berthelsen
02/08	Rod	Klann
02/08	Mary	Klann
02/11	Linda	Dahlke
02/13	Sally	Palaian
02/14	Mary	Olk
02/16	Juergen	Hortig
02/17	Diane	Baker
02/17	Cindy	Rosiek
02/18	Annette	Smith
02/21	Joyce	Stimpson
02/24	Dick	Klein
02/26	Steve	Padgett
02/26	Richard	VanBuren
02/27	Doug	MacDermaid
02/28	Ralph	Schmidt

*The Ride of Silence.....Penned by a Canadian cyclist Mugai*

*Tonight we number many but ride as one,  
In honor of those not with us, friends, mothers,  
fathers, sisters, sons*

*With helmets on tight and heads down low,  
We ride in silence, cautious and slow*

*The wheels start spinning in the lead pack,  
But tonight we ride and no one attacks*

*The dark sunglasses cover our tears,  
Remembering those we held so dear*

*Tonight's ride is to make others aware,  
The road is there for all to share*

Stony Creek Golf Course Rents	
cross country skis	\$3.00
boots	\$3.00
poles	\$2.00
Stony Creek Nature Center Rents	
snowshoes	\$5.00

**January 28**—Bruce Freeberger 1 day ski trip. Call Bruce 586-775-8838 for details.

**January 29**—Finance Committee Meeting 6:00PM—Tarantino's house— open to all members. Call John or Marilyn at 586-677-0482.

**February.12. MMBA Annual Expo**, Springfield Oak County Park in Davisburg  
Guest Speaker:Chris Eatough (Solo world and National 24 hour Champ). Frazz's comic strip creator Jeff Mallet signs new book.

**May 17th**, The **2006 Ride of Silence** - This is NOT a Critical Mass Ride. There are no shirts or items for sale, there's no fee or registration. Each ride is approximately 12 miles long, is ridden at a 12 MPH pace, and is Silent. It's not just a club ride. It's a ride for Moms, Dads, brothers & sisters, family & friends, beginning cyclists to the racers, anyone who wishes to honor a fellow cyclist that has been killed or injured by a motorist while out riding and to let motorist know they MUST Share the Road with us. Participants are asked to wear a black arm band to honor a cyclist who's been killed, and/or a red arm band to honor a cyclist that has been injured.

As of Jan 1st, we have 12 confirmed sites in Mich \*=start location to be determined  
Ann Arbor\*, Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society, Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition, Battle Creek, Battle Creek Bicycle Club, from parking lot behind Team Active  
Boyer City\*, North Country Bicycle Club  
Grand Rapids, Rapid Wheelmen, Macatawa Cycling Club of Holland, West Mich. Coast Riders of Muskegon, Jade Cycles of Zeeland, from Riverside Park  
Hamburg-Pinckney\*, Against the Wind Cycling Club  
Houghton\*, Copper County Cycling Club  
Jackson\*, Cascades Cycling Club  
Lansing, Tri-County Bicycle Assoc., from Haslett Middle School  
Livonia-Westland-Dearborn, Multiple Detroit area clubs, from Nankin Mills Pavilion, Hines  
Midland-Bay City-Saginaw\*, Tri-City Cyclists, Bay City this year  
Mount Pleasant\*, CMU Cycling Club, Traverse City, Cherry Capitol Cycling Club, from Horizon Book Store

\* In 2003 endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz is struck and killed by the mirror of a passing bus while cycling outside of Dallas. His friend Coach Chris Phelan organizes a memorial ride in Dallas on May 18th, titled the Ride of Silence, a slow paced silent 12 mile ride to honor his friend. Over 1,000 cyclists attend.

\* Word spreads about the Ride. A grassroots movement takes place...

\* In 2004, Rides of Silences take place on May 18th in 50 cities in the U.S. and Canada. The Dallas Ride has 2,500 cyclists. It's written up in Bicycling magazine.

\* Chris actively promotes the Ride. A board of directors is in place. A copyright is applied for the Ride of Silence name.

\* In 2005, Rides of Silences take place in over 100 U.S cities, 120+ worldwide, in 9 countries, across 4 continents. The Dallas ride again has 2,500 cyclists. The Dallas City Council issues a proclamation that May 18th 2005 is The Ride of Silence Day. The Dallas board appoints a representative in each of the states / areas. Grand Rapids holds its 1st Ride of Silence.

\* Rides of Silences will take place on May 17th 2006, worldwide, at 7:00 PM.

Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely

Mark Hagar Membership Chair, Rapid Wheelmen Bike Club of Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids Ride of Silence Coordinator

Michigan Representative for the Ride of Silence

Ride of Silence Board Member

**June 25th, Ride for Hope**—Registration is now open for the 4th Annual Ride for Hope Charity Bike Ride benefiting Extreme Response, which is being held on Sunday, June 25th starting from the beautiful Stony Creek Metro Park and traveling various routes of 6.2 miles all the way up to 103 miles traversing beautiful scenic routes going north of the park. Early-bird registration is open now and goes until April 22nd - don't delay, register today and save !! [www.RideforHope.org](http://www.RideforHope.org)

Kelly

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## Members on the Mends:

And **Dave Komendera** (recovering from a titanium femur replacement following a mountain bike crash) says,...

I'd like to thank the club for sending such a wonderful & healthy fruit basket. I also appreciate all the cards, visits, emails & phone calls wishing me a speedy recovery and return to all my fun aerobic activities.

Thanks again for your help, thoughts, & concerns!

Hope to see you on the road this summer.

**Ken Rosiek** (recovering from minor surgery) says,...

Thanks for the fruit basket and card. Very thoughtful.

Post surgery is going fine. I should be back to work next week and back to spinning/riding shortly thereafter.

Only problem with this type of surgery - no opportunity for titanium parts!

Macomb Orchard Trail update 12/15/2005

Winter has arrived with snow and cold although the Winter Solstice is December 21 for official start of Winter season.

The Macomb Orchard Trail is not plowed in Winter but cross country skiing could be done. It's very difficult to ride through deep packed snow but hiking could be done.

The Macomb Orchard trail connects to Oakland County "Clinton River Trail" that connects to Rochester, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, etc. and to Bloomer Park.

So it's possible to follow the trail from Washington Twp to Shelby Twp and into Bloomer Park and Rochester. Also, trail is near Stony Creek park at 25 Mile Rd and Shelby Rd, with a sidewalk and path into Stony Creek park or from West Rd, west of Mound Rd is a pedestrian gate into Stony Creek.

Stony Creek has cross country ski trails and so does Bloomer park in Rochester.

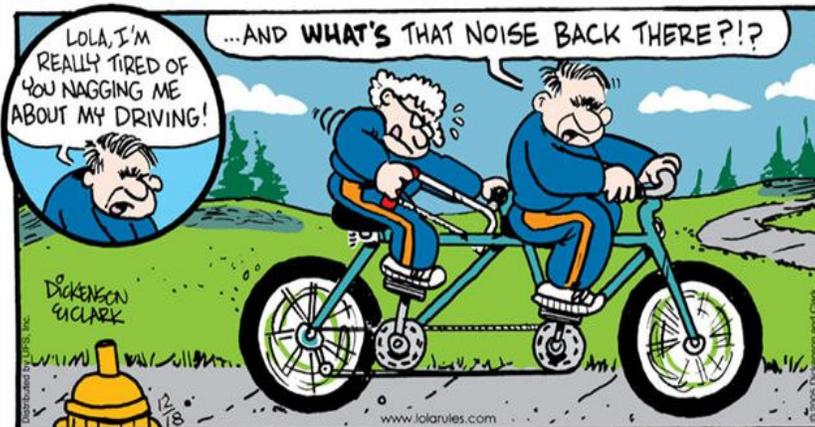
North of 29 Mile Rd and Van Dyke, the trail is undeveloped but with snow on it you could cross country ski. That 15 miles of trail connects to Romeo, Armada and Richmond. Watch out for snowmobiles, I saw snowmobile tracks on the trail.

There is a photo of the trail with snow east of M53 highway in Romeo, behind (north) of Ford Engine Factory. The north side of trail is wooded in that section and it curves. See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orchardtrailphotos> folder. MOT121505(1.jpg is file name.

Engineering has been done for those next "phases" or sections of the Macomb Orchard Trail so perhaps construction can begin in Spring 2006.  
Ted Gondert

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BY STEVE DICKENSON & TODD CLARK



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More from Roger M,...A nice size group of around 100 riders/skater left around 7:30PM heading uptown on Park avenue. They were followed by 20 scooter cops and a number of other vehicles up to 22nd street where the ride suddenly turned east upon hearing that another small army of cops were rolling in across 23rd from the west. The cops on 23rd picked up speed and raced to the corner of Lexington and 22nd in order to cut off the mass from the front with the 20 scooters from Union Square sealing off the back. Most of the riders managed to escape in various directions. Around 14 were arrested. Eventually around 50 riders managed to reunite in the East Village and rode around downtown - some of this group eventually leading some of the cops through a briskly paced cat-and-mouse chase through Soho.

Dec 31, 2005 12:06AM EST calliope

i was in a group of about 50 that were chased by a whole contingent of cops in cars and scooters chasing us while at the same time a "super" helicopter chased us from above with searchlights, taking surveillance and helping the cops on the ground to chase us. We managed to elude the cops by staying in a very tight group and going really fast and the wrong way down one way streets so that the cops couldn't follow us. it was crazy adrenaline rush, i felt like i was in a war with the search lights and the sirens of the cops in pursuit. also, we passed many, many people on the streets who witnessed this ridiculous waste of the taxpayers money. it was absolutely obvious that they were chasing us. many bystanders were heard asking questions and displaying a previous knowledge about the 'war' between bicyclists and the NYPD thanks to recent articles in the NYTimes and on Democracy Now and the Utne reader.

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Although bicycles have been used commercially for more than one hundred years, their commercial use has been in general decline since the arrival of the automobile in the 1920s. Yet in the past decade, as traffic problems have increased and concern about the quality of life and preserving the environment has grown, commercial cycling has undergone something of a renaissance. With little capital but lots of enthusiasm, dozens of individuals have started small companies and cooperatives to deliver goods, provide services, and transport people by bicycle.

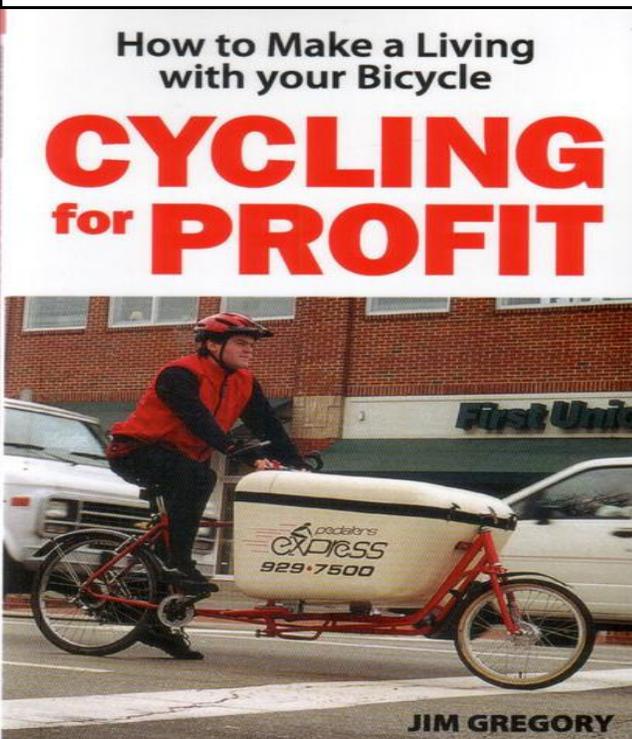
Unfortunately, the failure rate of these businesses has been high. In the pedicab industry, for example, pedicab owner John Snyder estimates the failure rate may be as high as 75%, based on a survey he conducted with Carl Eitner in early 1998. An important factor, I believe, has been inadequate information on operating a commercial cycling business. When I started our company six years ago, I found a paucity of information on this subject. Without any information to act as a guide, I purchased the wrong equipment, took on unprofitable business, undercharged customers, and mismanaged operations. I wrote this book to help prevent others from making the same mistakes.

- from the preface of *Cycling for Profit*

### Hauling Cargo by Bike

Most people underestimate how much they can transport using their own muscle power. With the right equipment, it is easy to move loads too large for an automobile.

- \* Why Transport Cargo by Bike? - The benefits of using human-powered vehicles to move cargo
- \* How Much Can I Haul? - A look at what is physically possible. Includes a calculator.
- \* Gearing and Gear Inches - Good gearing is critical to hauling heavy loads. This examines the subject in some detail. Includes some formulas for calculating gear ratios.
- \* Bicycle Trailer Guide - What to look for when purchasing or building a bicycle cargo trailer
- \* Moving a Household by Bike - Some examples and tips
- \* Moving a Refrigerator by Bike - Easier to do than it might first appear. Here's a case study using two refrigerators.



The Minnesota Local Road Research Board has released a report that examines the behavior of bicyclists in and around Minnesota's Twin Cities metropolitan area. Check out **TOOLS FOR PREDICTING USAGE AND BENEFITS OF URBAN BICYCLE NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS** **92 pages**

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## DALMAC 2005 Day Four Mesick to Y-Camp

Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start, when you ride you begin with the 5:30 AM alarm clock and a blind acceptance that these are the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune that you have chosen to immerse yourself in so get with it and get going. So get going I did and went thru all the preliminaries and when those were done it was time to ride.

So at about 7:20 Dave dot Kom and myself set off to test our bodies to see if they had recovered from the previous three 100 mile days of riding the West Michigan outback. Along the route we cruised in comfort zone until some group picked us up and then we continued on. The only one I can name that picked us up is Mike Sheean. Perhaps some of his North Country Bike Club members were in the pack as well. Then no doubt there were Genesee Wanderers that seemed to be keeping a similar schedule akin to our leaving time.

We cruised along in the pack then at mile 18 we passed thru Karlin then at mile 20 we turned right onto Youker. By mile 22 we were on Puke Hill, not my name. This occurred about mile 22 and it is a hill of significance. I felt decent as we began the climb along with Dave dot Kom. Mike Sheean was with us as well and at some point Mike attacked. Dave had the guts to go after Mike and managed to catch and ooze ahead. I did not raise my effort level markedly as I thought the hill to long for a charge. Nonetheless they were not far ahead of me as I raised my pace just enough to limit my loss. By the summit I was likely 50 meters back. They eased off and I closed.

So on we went with our three-pack for some time. We passed thru Kingsley at mile 33 then Mayfield at mile 40. Some time after Mayfield Andrew the German picked us up. When we reached Arbutus Hill I was glad I wasn't hanging onto a fast Wolverine tandem as my memory can only recall being dropped on this very hill more than once. Andrew is a big guy, sort of like Wolfgang, same voice intonation as well. He was great on the moderate terrain but was no better than us in the big hills. We had three Litespeeds that he was leading. Dave dot Kom, Mike Sheean and myself, T.J. Andrew was riding a Trek Madone, a Lance Armstrong clone bike.

After Arbutus Hill we went left on Hobbs at mile 42 then jiggled around various lakes. At Mile 46 Hobbs went straight but we needed to make a left onto Spider Lake. No one spotted the arrow ahead of time and thus we missed the turn but realized it too late to make the turn. Andrew slowed after hollering left. I was close on his wheel but managed to jiggle to the right and ease on my brakes. Both Dave and Mike also had to make evasive maneuvers to avoid a crash. We all got turned around and headed left on Spider Lake. At some point Andrew's buddy joined the pack so we had two excellent pullers

We cruised into the edge of Traverse City then picked up Five Mile Road followed by a short stretch of the Tart Trail. Opposite Bunker Hill Road was an official DALMAC stop. I believe Andrew and his buddy stopped there while Dave and I made the right turn and began the climb. Much to my delight the road had been recently resurfaced that made the climbing a good deal easier.

From that point on the course does a series of stair steps east and north over and over. We head east to stay out of Lake Michigan or what ever piece of Grand Traverse Bay is closest at the moment. We are headed toward Elk Rapids that occurs at mile 68 and is the place we will have lunch. As we enter the edge of town I spot a

Subway. A car is attempting to exit the driveway. I managed to turn into the driveway on the right side of the car and head for the Subway. Clay and Sally are ahead of me and say. And say something on the order of don't yell to loud until we get in line. Sally made it into line in first position with me right behind her. Soon the flood gates were opened as a pack of hungry bikers flooded the place.

I spied off my order in rapid fire that is usually fruitless as the fixer can't taken in 12 inch Honey Oat Turkey, Swiss with everything, less jalapenos. I then ask for hot mustard that they don't have so I take some other kind. Soon I had my sandwich and Dave had his. We stuffed them into our back pocket and headed to the beach at the end of the road. Al Barton was there, cooling off or drying off. We found a picnic table in the sun then went about scarfing down our turkey subs, that is eating them in less than a dainty manner. We ate half and stowed half in our back pocket then decided to go wading. It wasn't quite warm enough for me to want to go swimming.

The beach is nice sand but the lake entrance is a bit too rocky to suit my tender feet. We waded out some distance to mid calf level then dipped our arms into the water and washed our upper legs as well as face and head with handfuls of water. That was our version of swimming for this portion of the day. We returned to the beach, dried our feet and redressed then headed out of town.

Shortly after crossing US-31 there is a turn that has multiple markings. Each year it seems we have difficulty deciphering whether to turn right or continue straight. We always seem to turn right then stop and look over the map then return to the straight route. Whatever the problem we must have made the right decision as we got to Kewadin then at mile 80 to Torch River at the south end of Torch Lake.

The course then swoops around to the east side of Torch Lake as we pass thru Alden. There always seems to be a lot of congestion in Alden what with bikers as well as so called normal tourists and a smattering of locals to boot. I made a strategic error in Alden as I followed a guy making a left turn only to discover it was a dead end street down to the lake. We were in a pack at the time and my error caused us to lose our pace. Dave waited for me and so we cruised off toward Clam River seemingly always a couple hundred meters behind the pack but unable to close the gap.

It is about five miles between Alden and Clam River thus it wasn't all that long that we had to set our own pace. We reached Clam River and headed for the Dockside Bar. We parked went inside. I went to the bar and got a pitcher of Killian's then found a table. So we had our reward in the juice of the barley. Sitting across from us was Buba and he wasn't having any of the libation of choice of the majority. We looked around for Ted Schroeder who we met here last year when he showed us his 1939 Criss Craft Mahogany gem of a boat. We kind of thought we'd like a ride in it this year. Well Ted didn't show up but Elvis did and he made quite a hit as he wandered about the bar.

Having finished our pitcher of beer we headed out the door only to run into Art Anderson who had just arrived. Art said, come on in, I'll buy. So who could resist such an offer so back inside the bar we went. We found a place to sit and Art brought the beer. Well I drank more than my share of the pitcher number two and as things came to pass it sort of did me in. It is eight miles from Clam River to the Y Camp and I might have been good for about 5 of those miles before my pace began to wane.

continued —>

Then we are never satisfied with getting to camp until we actually have ridden 100 miles and so we passed the entrance and continued north and passed Old State the road we would take the following morning to Central Lake. And continued on till Dave said that will do it then we made a U turn and returned to camp.

I guess you could say I was in slow mode from that time thru tent set up time and on. I managed to squeeze my tent between two others against the woods so as to have a good place for the mid-night pee break. Anyway overall I felt fine although that last beer seemed to sap the speed right out of me.

Eventually it was dinner time and we had Lasagna as has been traditional and it was served by Aussies as has also been traditional. With dinner over there was the 7:30 gathering for announcements, Thank You wishes from the staff and the traditional raffle of stuff great and small. I didn't win any water bottles this year that was a relief.

And so as the sun slowly receded over the western horizon of Torch Lake the campers adjourned to their respective tents in hope that they would be recovered adequately for the final day of DALMAC 2005. Breakfast would begin at 6 and unless that was your first priority you would likely stand in a long line for a long time before you got served.

So until 5:30 tomorrow Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> I'll see just what I can recall of that particular ride that might stimulate memories of your own as each of us has a different experience though each of us are on the same ride.

Till next time happy days and exhilarating trails.

TJ Hill, bicycle aficionado

#### DALMAC 2005 Day Four Addendum

On day four just beyond Mayfield at the 40 Mile mark I was leading a three pack consisting of Mike Sheean and Dave dot Kom and myself. We were in a single line, there was a white line and expansion strip. I recall a road barrier on my right. A car pulled alongside me and with the window open was saying something. I did not turn my head to look at the car but cupped my hand around my ear and replied, "I can't hear you." The car then accelerated ahead. Only then did I see it was a Cop car. He pulled over at the next intersection, got out and waved us over. We stopped while he went into a harangue that we were using too much of the road. He seemed to be baiting us for an argument. We said nothing. Finally he concluded that we should ride further to the right. We nodded and shook our heads in the affirmative and replied OK. Off he went onto his next mission. It may have been disconcerting to the Cop that the guys he pulled over were all in the Senior Citizen category while he was about 35 or so.

We then had to turn right to begin the Arbutus Hill ascent from a stop rather than going into it with some momentum. Shortly after our start up Andrew the German caught us before we had gotten back up to speed. We were grateful for Andrew's pulling for the next several miles. At mile 45.5 where we leave Hobbs and go left on Spider Lake we missed seeing an arrow till we had passed it. Andrew slowed and braked. I made a fast jiggle to his right while Dave and Mike also made successful maneuvers to avoid a spill. We all did a U turn then went right and resumed our pace line on the correct road.

This represents two successes in a row. First we did not anger the Cop and then we did not crash when that was a real possibility. As George Lombardi often says, "Close, No Cigar."

TJ Hill, bicycle aficionado



**Editor's Note:** As the club meetings are now the 2nd week of the month, the newsletter will also be a week (or so) later. Hence there may be some overlap between the months which might explain the date of this and future newsletters.



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## Application Form - Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**New Member**  **Renewal**

Yes, please add me to your list of active volunteers who help promote bicycling at the local, state, and federal level. I may be called upon to write a letter or attend a meeting.

Please make check payable and mail to:

**Clinton River Riders**  
 20584 Hall Rd PMB 247  
 Clinton Twp., MI 48038

**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 UNDERSTAND 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, the condition in which the Activity takes place, 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 result of my participation in the Activity.

3. HEARBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Club, the LAW, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advisers, 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 NEGLIGENT 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**