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Next Meeting: Monday, February 4 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt Clemens Community Center 300 Groesbeck at Lafayette.

New Members: The club would like to welcome the following new members: Rebecca Cumbow, James Keehn, Laurie & Stephen Brickner, Dennis & Nancy Dungan, Arthur & Denise LaVasseur and welcome back to previous members: Frank & Phyllis Mottershead, and Fred Haass. We will see you in the new year at club events.

Elections: The Elections for the CRR "Executive Board" will be at the February meeting. Nominations will be accepted by the election committee before the balloting. The nominations are for president: Warren Berthelsen (a) for ride director: Ray Dominick (a), Gary Haelewyn (d), John Edry (d) for treasurer: Bob Goebel (a) for secretary: Duane Nieman (a), Dennis Audet (a), Sandra Ostrowski (d) for news editor: Ted Gondert (a) note (a) for accepted nomination (d) for declined.

Club Dues: The club dues are due on January 1. CRR Bylaws: Article V section 4: Membership Dues The amount of the annual membership dues shall be determined by the elected officers and shall be due before the expiration of the calendar

year. Should any dues remain unpaid for a period of 60 days or more beyond the start of the calendar year, membership expires.

Wally Ball: Saturday, January 12 and 26 6:00-7:30 p.m.: at the Gate Way Racquet club located on Van Dyke between 14 and 15 mile behind the Travis restaurant.

Stair Climbing: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.: the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance center, Detroit. Meet at the health club on the third floor, showers are available. February 9-10 will be the stair climbing races at the Westin for the American Heart Association. There is the "Race to the Summit" which is once up the 72 floors and the "Vertical Mile" which is 8 trips up and "Fireman's Relay" which has a 4 person mixed team with individuals doing 18 floors. The Clinton River Riders will "sponsor a floor" and hand out water. Patti Brehler will be trying for a 24 hour marathon record on the stairs from 10:00 a.m. Saturday to 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Contact Sue Pavlat or Patti Brehler for more information and come on down for some off season training.

Feather Bowling: Sunday, February 24 From 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux in Detroit. \$3.00 per person. Limited to the first 16 people. Call Karen (791-0555) for reservations.

Fat Tire Biathlon: The club will be helping with the setting up and running of the races at Addison Oaks. The dates for the Fat Tire Biathlon are on Sunday, June 16, July 14, and Aug 18. The event consists of a 1.75 mile run, 7 mile bike loop, and 1.75 mile run on the cross country course at Addison Oaks. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and tear down, clean up and registration. The races will be over by 12:00 so you can still ride in the afternoon. If you would like to help at one or more of the races contact Sue Pavlat at the store or Bill Zolkowski of TT Sports Management at (313) 662-4226.

Skiing: Saturday/Sunday, Feb 23-24 at Corsair and Tavas. Call Bill Cleland at 775-5125 for more information.

Ride Schedule: Due to the unpredictable weather there are no rides scheduled but check with the "Hot line" at 792-4670 for the latest news on any rides or skiing that comes up.

Education and Entertainment: Since Dennis Audet suggested that the CRR have things to learn at the monthly meetings he is the head of the committee. If you have any ideas or suggestions for informational seminars at the meetings contact Dennis Audet at 777-2388.

Club Jackets: If you would like to purchase a CRR club jacket contact Mike Malloch (313) 979-4076 to order.

Lost and Found: There was a bag left at the January meeting at the Mt. Clemens Rec center with a video tape. Contact Sue Pavlatt if you can identify it.



In January (date): James Gallagher (01)
Alice Robinson (01) Lisa Ureel (01)
Denise Cryderman (02) Richard Wolfe (04)
Jim Wright (05) Susan Hrit (06) Jane Koch
(06) Jim Van Scott (08) Ron Dossenbach
(08) Joan Wolfe (10) Bill Clarke (12)
Juana Deadoorian (14) Curt Best (15)
Mike Unger (18) Jared Bennett (19)
Janelle Bennett (20) James Kelly (23)
William Salut M.D. (29)
Robert Schwartz (29) Mike Malloch (30)

In February: Chris Rock II (01)
Lisa Patterson (03) Dot Martin (04)
Carol Trombley (05) Barb Berthelsen (06)
John Rock II (12) Linda Jacobs Martin (15)
Andy Neumann (15) Jeff Robinson (16)
Henry C Thoenes (18) Margaret Sanchez (20)
Rick Stebbins (21) Larry Robb (22)
Jill Bennett (26) Richard Van Buren (26)
Douglas MacDermaid (27) Ken Koch (27)

Bike Club Feast: Saturday, March 2
7:00 p.m.: for dinner at the Melvin G.
Bailey Rec Center, 33651 Ford Road, in
Westland. There are only 40 tickets
available for the Clinton River Riders.
Contact Bill Cleland for tickets.
775-5125. Bring your own soda or beer and
a dish to pass. Send slides to Bill
Cleland by February 1 or drop them off to
Sue at Pavlat's so they can be shown by
Dave Smith at the show. This is when the
bicycle clubs get together to reminisce
and party and view the new Decente
fashions.

I'd like to thank those members who volunteered to work at the Michigan Fat Tire Biathlon Series this summer. A couple of members plan to lead a ride to the events. It should be a lot of fun supporting this mountain bike series. I have volunteered to coordinate the workers who signed up on the sheet that was passed around at the meeting. If there are other club members who would like to volunteer to work, call me at 792-4040. The dates are June 16, July 14, Aug. 18. You do not have to work at all three events, one is fine. And remember, if you work at one, you are given a FREE entry to one of the other events if you would like to compete. Also, all workers will receive a t-shirt for working.

RACE TO THE TOP Feb 9 & 10th. The club voted to run a water station at the Westin Hotel for the stair climb to benefit the American Heart Association. I will head this committee as it appears that most of the club members who worked it last year will be out of town playing in the snow. The club does not have to provide anything (water, cups, etc.), just bodies to hand out water to the climbers as they go by during the Vertical Mile Marathon. Please call me to sign up and get directions as to where to go. The time workers are needed is from 8:15am on Sat. Feb. 9th till the end of the event somewhere between 11:30am and noon. If the workers would like to come back on Sun. Feb. 10th they are welcome. There are two events going on Sunday. The first is the Fire Fighters Team Relay consisting of a four person team. Each member of the team runs 18 flight of stairs passing off, what else but a water bottle! There are several teams entering from various cities to challenge the Detroit Fire Fighters. Other teams are welcomed. How about a Clinton River Riders Team?? Pavlat's Prestige Cycles hopes to enter a team too. Call me for the details.

One of our own club members will be doing her own personal challenge. It's CRAZY PERSON Patti Brehler who will be attempting a Guinness Book Record Attempt of a 24 hour Stair Climb! Patti will begin at 9:00am on Sat. Feb. 9th with the Vertical Mile Marathoners, and continue climbing all day and through out the night, finishing at 9:00am on Sun. Feb. 10th when the team relay begins. This record attempt is being recognized by the UMCA (Ultra Marathon Cycling Association) and will have four OFFICIALS recording her times at the top and bottom. These officials will be rotating through out the event. Patti is allowed to have climbers with her so I am looking for people who would like to either climb or come down to cheer her on, especially during the night. I know it was a lot to ask club members to fly to Alaska and cheer Patti on while she pushed her bike 50 miles through the snow in the IDITABIKE last year, but I sure hope to see some members come down to the Westin to show her your support in this record attempt. Also for a \$5.00 donation to the Heart Association if you guess the exact amount of stairs Patti will climb in the 24 hours, you can win a weekend package at the Westin! Give it a shot.

The annual BIKE CLUB FEAST will happen again. Bill Cleland is heading the CRR committee for this fun, fattening event. Club slides are needed by Jan. 31st. Please label all slides sent with CRR, your name and send them to Dave Smith 2448 Glenda, Monroe, MI 48161. As you know Dave puts on a fantastic slide presentation every year! Please take the time to send Dave your slides to have the CRR represented in his show. Thanks!

On a sad note...Ron Dossenbach had an accident at work breaking his left elbow, rupturing his spleen, and having it removed. Ron will be off work (and his trainer) for at least six to eight weeks while he recuperates. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is 2940 Elsmere Apt #107, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8X 5A9. It's 30¢ to send a letter to Canada.



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YES, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ITS TAWAS II

Remember the thrills, the spills, the frills? Didn't we learn from last years mistakes? Can the Clinton River Riders beat the odds?

YES, YES, YES ! ! ! Reserve Saturday February 23rd, AND, Sunday February 24th for "ATTACK ON TAWAS II". This will be a 2 day event.

Corsair in Tawas Mi offers 26 miles of groomed trails including a 9.2 mile section for skating. There are three main sections. The Corsair section winds through 5 rolling forest plantations started more than 60 years ago. These include red and white pine and mixed hardwoods. The Wrights Lake Lost Lake loop was designed to the same specifications as the olympic trails at Lake Placid in New York. One third is up, one third is down, and one third level. Two hills in this section are worth noting one being a 130 foot vertical, the other a challenge dodging the sitz marks caused by panic speed falls. The Silver Valley loop follows a downhill area from the 1930's then old logging trails.

Current plans call for meeting again for breakfast at 9:00AM at Walli's North of Flint at the Pierson Rd exit off I-75. From there we'll convoy the rest of the way up to Tawas.

After arriving in Tawas we'll head for the Corsair ski trails, ski a few hours and then have lunch. Following lunch we'll head for Lumbermans Monument and ski along the AuSable river.

Then its back to the motel, dinner and search for the action in swinging Tawas, if there is any. Sunday morning, breakfast, followed by more skiing before heading home. Depending on whos game we may have an optional stop in Frankenmuth for Sunday dinner providing the roads aren't too slippery.

This trip was planned before we could get the motel rates or make our reservations. To find out where we'll be staying and reserve your spot on this trip call Bill & Toni Cleland at 775-5125 or Gary Haelewyn at 286-5094.

RITES OF SPRING

Gary Haelewyn

The snow isn't even off the ground yet, and this guys talking Spring? I know its a little soon, but theres a reason. You see theres this little ride down in Ohio that attracts bicyclists from all over the country. It occurs every Mothers Day weekend, and its celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The problem is that it fills up fast. They mail out applications to riders on February 1st and the ride usually fills up by February 14th. Last year they attracted 7500 riders.

So whats the ride called? Why TOSRV of course. You'll hear it pronounced a half dozen different ways but the Tour of the Scioto River Valley has become the rites of spring for many cycling enthusiasts. Let me tell you about last years ride.

The ride started Friday afternoon last year for Bob Latsko and myself as we drove down to Columbus Ohio where the ride begins. The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and it looked like it was going to be a fantastic weekend. As we neared the city we started seeing more and more cars carrying bikes. We reached our hotel in Columbus for Friday night, brought our bikes and luggage up to the 11th floor and gazed out at the city blow us. We then met Tiffany and her roommate Kim for dinner. They attend Ohio State University, whose colors just happen to be Red and Gray. The night air was warm, and the evening sky like a picture as we walked the girls back to their dorm. Tiffany, who is Bob's niece, thanked us for the dinner and Bob and I headed back to the hotel and our comfortable beds.

We awoke around 5:30 Saturday, packed up our belongings and headed with our bikes to the State House a few blocks away. The sky had turned a little gray, but that didn't "dampen" our spirits. We loaded our luggage on one of the 12 trucks, mounted our bikes and headed for our destination 105 miles south.

About 10 miles into the ride the rain started. Not a heavy rain, just enough to get you wet. Skipping the first rest stop in Circleville, we headed for the lunch stop in Chillicothe 50 miles from Columbus. We were drenched by the time we hit the lunch stop. We parked our bikes among the hundreds already there, and headed for the lunch line. They had a small band playing dixie music under the lunch tent. As we stood in line soaked in sweat and rain the cool air started our teeth chattering in beat with the music. We continued chattering even as we ate. Bob's lips were turning purple. Then I spotted a cup of hot chocolate. Inquiring I found where they were making the good stuff and headed in that direction. But on the way there I spotted a group of people huddled around two large gray steel boxes. Looking closer I found what was attracting these people. I rushed back to get Bob just before he slipped into hypothermia and directed him to the stoves they used to heat the water for the hot chocolate. We spent the next 15 minutes warming our cold bodies and drying our wet clothes.

Then it was onward to Waverly and our final destination, Portsmouth which is on the Kentucky border. Crossing the bridge into Portsmouth we were cheered on by the hundreds of bikers who crossed before us. In the crowds we spotted club members Dick Van Buren and Big John Edry. Van suggested we head for Pat's place, which didn't take much convincing, and we soon found ourselves consuming liquid libations as we watched and cheered the new bikers coming into town. Soon we were joined by Jim Gallagher and his daughter Sue, Larry Rob, and Oscar.

After satisfying our thirst we headed for the CAY building in town for a most delicious chicken dinner. "Welcome to Portsmouth", the man at the CAY building announced over the PA system, "where Southern hospitality begins". How true that statement turned out to be. Bob and I were lucky enough to have found a local homeowner through a mutual friend who opened up his home to us. George and his wife Margeret and daughter Carol greeted us and took us in. They have been doing this for the past 10 years. Two of the other guests were from Washington D.C. We showered, conversed, and then headed for our warm comfortable beds.

We were awoken by a loud crash of thunder and the sound of rain beating on the roof. This was to be a wet TOSRV. We dressed, packed up our belongings, and headed for Roosevelt High School. Dropping off our sleeping bags, we hopped on our bikes for the return ride back to Columbus. But first a quick stop at Krispy Kream donut shop, another TOSRV tradition. They began making donuts on Saturday around 2:00PM. When Bob and I got there at 7:00 AM they had about 150 dozen left of the 770 dozen they made. One of the employees handing out the free donuts and hot chocolate said a large number of bikers came through about 4:30 in the morning.

On the way back to Chillicothe Bob and I got separated. While I was eating lunch the clouds opened up with all they had. Poor Bob was out there somewhere battling Mother Nature. Following the cloud burst the wind picked up, out of the North naturally, with more reminders of the wet stuff. At the last rest stop I ran into Bob Crowley. As I shook his hand he cringed in pain. What had happened? Seems poor "Crash Crowley" had taken another famous crash the day before and was in the hospital. So much for bandit riding I thought. Just a little road rash (more than I ever want) is what befell our poor comrade. I would see him pass me on the road again oblivious to any pain.

Finally around 4:30 I crawled into Columbus wet and tired. I picked up my Gold sealed certificate of completion, found Bob Latsko and we headed for home. As we got closer to home, the clouds began breaking up and sun shined through. TOSRV is a good goal to set for yourself early in the year which makes the rest of the year a little more easier. To get in on this ride though you must send in your application as soon as you receive it, as the ride fills fast. Hopefully someone will have copies at the February club meeting. Once you've ridden this thing called TOSRV you never forget it and chances are you'll want to do it again and again. It becomes a tradition, the rites of spring.