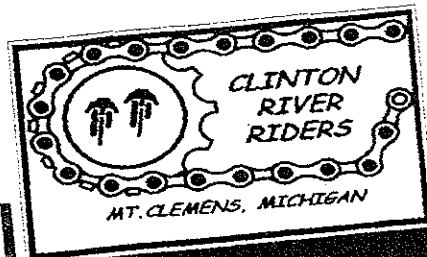


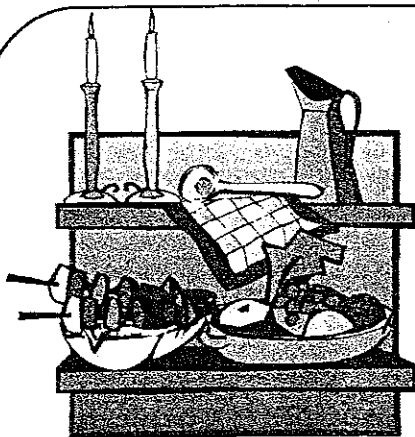
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# RAMBLER

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### Bike Feast 2000

**Sunday April 2, 3:00PM to 9:00PM**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**St Lawrence Council**  
**44425 Utica Rd**  
**Utica, MI 48317**

For the past 13 years, Bill Smith of Westland has been putting on the traditional Bike Feast for the metro area bike clubs. Last year Bill said he wanted a break but ended up doing it again anyway. This year we're giving him his break. The Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club will host the 14th annual Bike Feast this year.

In addition to the new location there are other changes to this year's event from prior years. The social hours (3:00PM to 5:00PM) will include swap

items (they must be clean), vendor displays, and club games. Club games include the fastest flat tire changer, guess the PSI, and, estimate your distance. Top 3 winners of each game will receive a prize and the club with the most wins will receive an award.

At 5:00 PM we will start the dinner. Each member couple attending must each bring a dish that will serve 10-12 people and a utensil to distribute the dish. Pick from any of the following food categories: Appetizers, Vegetables, Salads, or Desserts. Meat (probably chicken and sausage) will be provided along with coffee, tea, ice and a powdered drink. BYOB (beer or wine only please) and soft drinks if desired. Note: beverages are not allowed outside of the hall.

After dinner, there will be a short slide show and a fashion show put on by Prestige Cycles as well as more prize giveaways and final club awards. Call Gary Haelewyn to reserve your \$3 ticket. **We also need volunteers from the club to help at the event.**

If you have ideas (more games) or questions don't hesitate to call Gary.

**Gary Haelewyn**  
**(810) 286-5094 (h 6-10)**  
**(248) 643-5408 (w 8-4)**

# NON-RIDE EVENTS

March 5th will probably be the date for the tour to the new Walter P. Chrysler Museum. For information call Bill Windhorst at (810) 939-6073.



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## Passionate About Biking

By Bill Duemling

Mike Sproul has been telling us monthly at the meetings that people need to get start speaking up to protect, and preserve our fragile rights to use the roads. We all should be proud of the passion and time Mike puts in on the behalf of cyclists.

Here's an announcement from the League of Michigan Bicyclists about another area cyclist (who I have met and worked with in some meetings with SEMCOG) who is every bit as passionate.

By Lucinda Means

Okay, folks, this is a very important announcement, probably one of the top five for the whole year!

Our very own Fred Dore, longtime LMB member and dedicated volunteer, as well as founding member and past president of the Working Wheel-

ers Cycling Club has been appointed to the State of Michigan's Act 51 Citizen's Advisory Committee! The review process must be finished by July and then goes to the Governor and legislature. The legislation is due to be re-authorized by September 30, 2000 so time is fleeting.

What that means in practical terms is that we will have a very effective, eloquent advocate for cyclists bringing our access and equity issues to the table as Act 51 is re-authorized. The legislation as it is currently written required that 1 percent of the transportation dollars be spent on non-motorized transportation. That was honored more in the breach than in the practice. THIS time we cyclists are more organized and in a better position to make sure that our concerns are heard and addressed in tangible, nuts and bolts, on the road improvements.

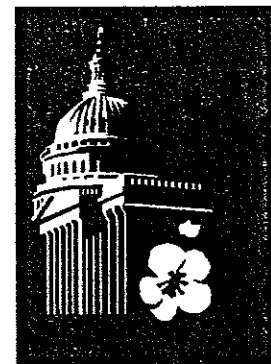
BUT... if we don't ask, we won't get, so be prepared in the next month to act. We will be asking you to write letters and make phone calls in support of assured funding for bicycle projects and teeth in the re-authorization lan-

guage to be sure that the funding is allocated and spent appropriately on those projects.

Michigan State Senate and House general information phone numbers are:

Senate Operator: 202-224-3121  
House Operator: 202-225-3121

Or go to <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/cgi-bin/buildpage.cgi?state=mi> to find your representative by entering your zip code.



# CLUB RIDES



Call the Hotline for Updates  
(810) 819-0222

## Recurring Rides

(More details on each ride can be obtained by calling the ride leaders below)

**Note: Bring lights and reflective clothing to rides.**

## Tuesdays or Wednesday

Ride your mountain bike with Gary Haelwyn from the Stony Creek boat launch at 5:30 P.M. Call Gary at (248) 643-5408 (work) or Sandy Overway at (810) 781-8315 for starting times and location. Good lights mandatory.

## Thursdays

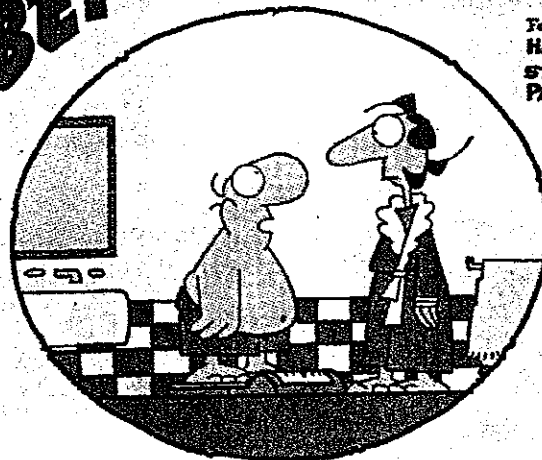
6 P.M. Ride

Ride with Bill Duemling from Prestige Cycles for 25-35 miles at 15-18 MPH pace. Route will vary. Need head and tail lights. Call Bill at (810) 468-2947.

# The BETTER MALT

by GLASBERGEN

Featuring  
HARRIET  
STANLEY  
PARKER



"Last summer I rode my bike every day and gained nine pounds. I swallowed a *lot* of bugs!"

## Saturdays

### Grosse Pointe Ride

9 AM meet Jane Bernard at Schultz Funeral Home, 8 1/2 mile and Gratiot for approx. 30-35 mile ride at 14-16 MPH pace. Breakfast (or lunch) after the ride. This ride will continue through the winter, although it will be cancelled on days where pavement is icy or snow-covered.

## Ride Events

### (Also Check Hotline)

### Wallyball

Open wallyball at Maple Courts every Friday from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$7.00, which includes towel, locker and key. Maple Courts is on 15 Mile Rd. (Maple) between Livernois and Crooks. Dinner afterwards. For more info, call Ken or Cindy Rosiek (248) 541-0861.

## Monthly Meetings

1st Monday of the month

Meeting time is 7 PM

### Dates

March 6

April 3

May 1

Mt. Clemens Recreation Center, 300 Groesbeck Mt. Clemens, MI (next to ice arena) Call John Tarantino (810) 677-0482 or Bruce Carlson (810) 254-9322 for more info or club applications. Volunteers needed to bring treats. (Club subsidizes cost)

## Club Discounts

Identification cards are available for any club member at club meetings. A 10% discount has been given at the following stores. To avoid disappointment, please check with the store to verify participation.

### Prestige Cycles

36558 Moravian Clinton Twp.

(810) 792-4040

### Pointe Cycle and Fitness

20343 Mack

Grosse Pte. Woods

(810) 886-1968

### Mountains of Bikes

42201 Garfield

Clinton Township

(810) 412-0500

### Antoon's

42918 Shoenherr

Sterling Hts.

(810) 247-9240

### Big Ralph's Schwinn

23521 Nine Mile

St. Clair Shores

(810) 772-3258

### Macomb Schwinn

28441 Schoenherr

Warren (810) 756-5400

### Stony Creek Schwinn

58236 Van Dyke

Washington (810) 781-4451

### Main Street Bicycles

112 B South Main St.

Romeo (810) 336-1177

### Anchor Bay Bicycles

35214 23 Mile Rd.

New Baltimore

(810) 725-2878

### Continental Bike Shop

23262 John R

Hazel Park (248) 545-1225



## Want t Ads

**1995 Santana Noventa tandem**, large frame, color-pearl white.

Excellent condition, low miles, 48 spoke wheels, drum brake, 2 computers, 4 bottle cages, rear rack & bag, adjustable stoker stem & shock seat post. Cassette, chains & tires are brand new! \$3,500. Call Sandy Overway 810-781-8315.

**Santana Tandem for sale:** 1994 Santana Visa, Med.

Frame, seafoam green w/ white trim. Shimano XT components, Syntec mustache front bar w/ bar end shifting, Sun Chinook rims w/ Wheelsmith spokes & Continental tires, Rear V brake, Dual Avocet computers, four bottle cages, Blackburn rear rack, Leather gel front seat, Tailbones gel rear seat, Zefal HPX pump, Stoker handlebar mirror. Asking \$1800. Call Doug McDermaid (248) 593-9113

**Trek 400 Road Bike**, red 19" steel frame, very good condition. \$150.00 Call Jay at (248) 360-4792

**Trek 850 Mountain Bike**, gray 18 steel frame, very good condition, \$150.00 Call Doug or Laurie at (810) 939-4670

**Vision VR42 Recumbent** (1997 Model). Above seat steering. Very low miles, like new. \$1600.00

**Night Rider Classic 12/20/32 watt dual beam system.** New in box. \$155.00

**Terry Men's Liberator Saddle.** Just two rides. \$25.00

**Wanted!!! Cinelli Volare SLX Saddle.** (Came on bikes in the mid '80's with Nuovo Record and Superbe Pro Class components.)

For above call Bruce Carlson (810) 254-9322 or email bicarlson@juno.com

## New Members

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Sally Palaian  
Eric Anderson

## Rochester Velodrome

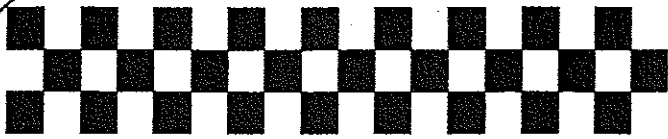
There is a new web page for the Mike Walden Velodrome. The web page is <http://www.imb.org/wsc/velodrome> This is where the latest information will be able to be found.



## BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY - MARCH

Al Burczycki	2/2
Barb Berthelsen	2/6
Sally Palaian	2/13
Cindy Rosiek	2/17
Richard Van Buren	2/26





## The Pres 'sez...

I want to thank Duane Larkin and Bev Clark for volunteering to be ride directors this year and Bruce Carlson will keep the hotline updated. Once again Julie Windhorst will be our secretary. Thank you volunteers!

The club agreed to donate:

\$1500 to League of Michigan Bicyclists

\$1500 to PollyAnn Trail (rail trail)

\$1000 to Macomb Orchard Trail (rail trail)

\$ 700 towards bike safety (helmets)

\$ 300 to an organization called Variety-this group purchases bikes & helmets for under-privileged children.

We can thank all the people who helped on the Blue Water Ramble. They made our bike ride a BIG SUCCESS and thus enable us to support bicycling in a BIG WAY!

Gary Halewyn is organizing the Bike Feast. It will be held at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in Utica. The date is April 2 starting at 3:00pm to 9:00pm. For more information, call Gary.

Thank you, **John Tarantino**, President

## Life in the Bike Lane

Let's face it: riding a bicycle on the street in traffic can be very dangerous. Thus, if you elect to become a bicycling commuter, it is your decision made with full awareness of the dangers involved. However, adhering to a few simple principles, and equipping oneself with a few essential devices, can greatly reduce risk. Bike commuting, like life itself, offers no absolute guarantees. Neither does driving a car. Statistically, you are more likely to be killed or injured in an automobile than on a bicycle.

Let's begin with four principles of safe bike commuting: anticipate, inform, plan and obey.

### Anticipate

Anticipation is a kind of controlled and relaxed paranoia. Assume that all

motorists are out to kill you. That way you will not be surprised and caught off guard when one actually makes a threatening move. For example, a typical accident scenario involves a car turning right or left in front of the cyclist. Through anticipation, the bike rider will "sense" in advance when the car will make its sudden turn, even in cases when the car fails to signal. This ability is referred to as "zen radar." The successful bike commuter will have this anticipatory sense honed and active at all times.

### Inform

Bike riders should always let motorists in on what they intend to do through bike position, proper hand signals, and eye contact. Make no sudden moves. Never weave. Signal every turn. Always ride with the flow of traffic, never against.

### Plan

One component of *planning* is to develop a sane route. Give priority to streets with wide bike lanes, paved should-

ers, and low traffic volume. Don't take stupid risks. Get a copy of your city's bike route map at a local bike shop. Every bike commuter should have one.

### Obey

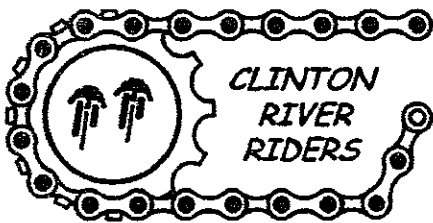
Don't run stop signs, stop lights, or even yield signs. Don't pass by crossing double yellow signs. In other words, *obey* all traffic laws as though you were a car.

Your job as a bike commuter is to harmonize, blend, and flow with the motorized traffic. Failure to obey traffic laws while bike commuting is like Salman Rushdie mingling with the crowd in Tehran: eventual death.

*contributed by David C. Stotts*

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CLINTON RIVER RIDERS BICYCLE CLUB

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**New Member**   
**Renewal**

**Please make check payable to:**  
Clinton River Riders  
36558 Moravian  
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(All riding members must sign)*

TIVITIES 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, 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 NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATION.

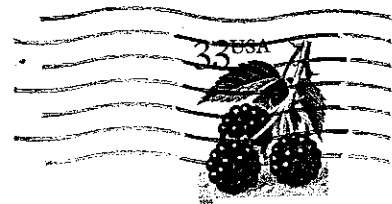
I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED 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.

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMAN ("LAW")  
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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 AC-



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