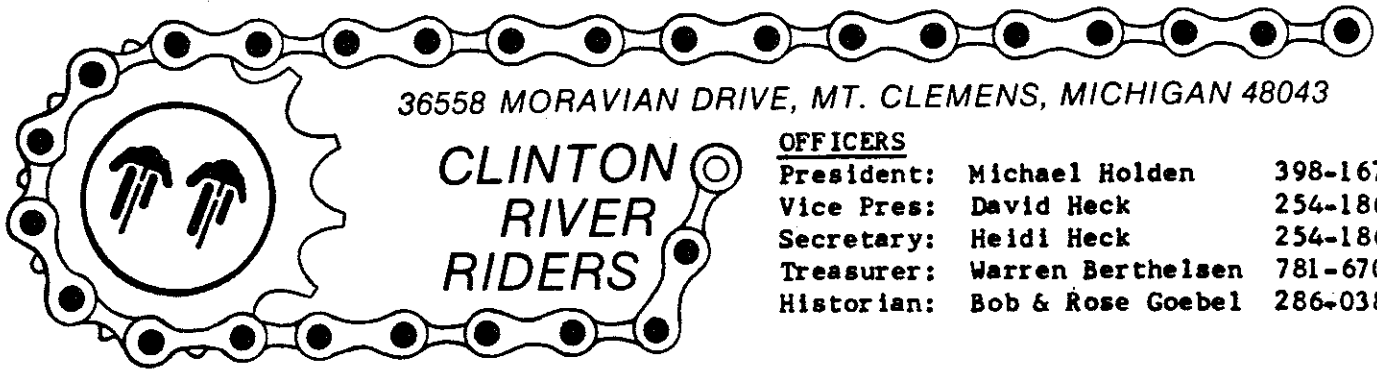


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Next Meeting - Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Fraser Public Library, located on 14 Mile Rd. west of Utica Rd.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The elections of officers proceeded with the reopening of the nominations of officers, of which there were no new nominations. The following previously nominated officers were voted in by acclimation:

President - Michael Holden
Vice-President - David Heck
Secretary - Heidi Heck
Treasurer - Warren Berthelsen
Historian - Bob & Rose Goebel

BWR CHAIRPERSON - Again a reminder, there is an opening for a person to become the BWR Chairperson.

TELEPHONE HOT LINE - Within the next couple of weeks the Clinton River Riders will have their own HOT LINE to receive up to the minute changes in rides and events. The telephone number for the Hot Line is 792-4670.

2nd ANNUAL BIKE CLUB FEAST - March 5 is the date for this years annual bike feast. It will be held at the Melvin G. Baily Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland MI. 6:00 p.m. Social Time, 7:00 p.m. dinner. Main course, beverage and table service provided. B.Y.O.B. if desired (pop, beer or wine only, please). Sign up with our club chairperson Sue Pavlat for a dish to pass and to purchase your tickets (\$2.00 for club members, \$4.00 for non-club members). Tickets are limited to 40 per club for this event. There will be door prizes and awards, so please wear your club jerseys. Tickets are going fast for this great feast.

BON-ALASKA PARTY - March 19, 7:00 p.m. - Reserve this evening for a Bon-Alaska party for Duane and Elizabeth Nieman prior to their leaving on their Alaskan bike adventure. Details to follow in the next news letter.

A BIKING MESSAGE FROM DAVE HECK - Outdoor biking season is nearly upon us again. Its time to get on those trainers before the early spring rides arrives. Also time to give some thought to leading one of your favorite rides.

DUES ARE DUE - This is your last news letter if you have not paid your 1988 dues.

M.S. RIDE- JUNE 11 and 12 - Clinton River Riders has again volunteered to be the host club for the M.S.150. Andy Neumann is the coordinator of this event and would like volunteers to become ride leaders. Also, we are in need of a person or persons to sag this ride. This person should have a general knowledge of bicycle repair (fixing flats, derailleur cables, etc.). A sag wagon will be available for them to use. If you can assist Andy in any way please call Andy at 756-3369.

WALLYBALL

Wallyball will be on Feb. 13, 27, and March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gateway Racquet Club located on Van Dyke north of 14 Mile Rd. (near the Premier Center). The cost of the court is \$20.00 per hr. divided by the number of people playing. Afterwards join the group for a bite to eat. Anyone wishing more information call Warren Berthelsen, 781-6706.

CLUB RIDE AND CROSS COUNTRY SKI SCHEDULE

February 14 - Sunday - Andy Neumann's Birthday - Stoney Creek. Bring cross country skis or mountain bikes depending on the weather and meet at 9:00 a.m.. Boat launch for bikes or the West Branch picnic area for skis. Following the ride or skiing there will be a party in the parking lot with food and beverage provided.

February 21 - Sunday - Bald Mountain cross country skiing or mountain bike ride. Meet in the bank parking lot on Rochester Rd. and 32 Mi. Rd. at 8:00 a.m.

February 28 - Sunday - Downhill skiing - Alpine Valley - Meet at Pavlat's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. There is rental equipment available at Alpine Valley. Ed Gostin will be there to help anyone needing skiing lessons.

February 28 - Sunday - First Road Bike Ride of the Year - Meet your ride leader John Edry at Shelby High School, 21 Mile Rd. and Shelby Rd. at 8:30 a.m. This will be an easy pace ride, approx. 22 miles, to the Big Boy Restaurant on Van Dyke and 29 Mile Rd. and back. Breakfast at the restaurant.

March 6 - Sunday - Road Bike Ride - Meet Andy Neumann at the Riviera Restaurant, Gratiot and 23 Mile Rd. for an approx 30 mile ride to Algonac and back. The ride begins at 8:30 a.m. Anyone wishing breakfast meet at 7:30 a.m.

March 13 - Sunday - ST. PATRICK'S RIDE - WEAR GREEN - Ride leader Patrick O'Moorman - leaving Pavlat's at 9:00 a.m. for a 25-30 mile ride, 14 to 16 m.p.h. pace. Destination unknown. There will be a breakfast stop.

TOURS SPONSORED BY OTHER CLUBS

TOSRV - The Tour of Scioto River Valley is held on Mother's Day Weekend in May 1988 and begins in Columbus, Ohio. The weekend tour is a total of 210 miles and goes from Columbus, Ohio to Portsmouth Ohio, on Day 1 and from Portsmouth to Columbus on Day 2. Applications forms will be mailed February 1 and you must return your application form and money as soon as possible to be accepted. This is a very popular event and is limited to 4,500 riders. You must send a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive an application. TOSRV, P.O. Box 23111, Columbus, Ohio 43223

PALM - Applications are now out for the 7th Annual "Pedal Across Lower Michigan", sponsored by American Youth Hostels. The dates for this years event are June 25 - July 1. This is a six day, 35-50 mile a day ride geared for the novice and intermediate rider. This years tour is limited to 700 riders, so send in your application as soon as possible. Applications are available from A.Y.H. 3024 Coolidge Hwy. Berkley, MI 48072.

ASSAULT ON MT. MITCHELL - Any one interested in attempting the Assault on Mt. Mitchell in North Carolina on June 5, contact Sue Pavlat at 792-4040

CHALLENGE TOUR 88 - Challenge Tour 88 is a five day six night training camp for the bicycling enthusiast. It includes sag-supported daily rides of 100 to 150 miles, meals and lodging, and evening programs of instruction, lectures and entertainment for the avid rider. It is designed for the cyclist whose primary interest is riding training and improving. Dates are June 26 through July 1. Cost is \$430.00 per person!! If interested applications can be found at Pavlat's.

HELP WANTED - Pavlat's will be having their annual SUPER SALE on March 25th, 26th and 27th. Jerry and Sue are looking for some club members to work for them during the sale with pay. Anyone interested please phone Jerry and Sue, 792-4040.

EDITORS NOTE: - Mike Holden, our newly elected president, has already attempted to capture this years CRASH GORDON AWARD early in the season. Trying to get a winter ride in on his mountain bike, he slipped on the ice and had a compound fracture of the left ankle. We hope that he mends fast and will soon be back to riding and that this is the only entry for this years award.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR FORMER PRESIDENT

As my term as president of the Clinton River Riders comes to an end, I look back at the club as it was when I first became president. When I came into office there was a lot of dissent within the club membership. An attitude of "I don't care what happens to the club" or "I do not want the responsibility, let someone else do it." Usually that someone else were the officers of the club. The burden that was left to the officers was just too much for them to handle without the help of club membership. If something went wrong, the blame was on the officers. That is not what the club is all about, it is not the officers club it is your club, it is the membership's club, the person who pays his or her dues has just as much responsibility in what goes on and gets done in the club as the next person.

I for one feel that this attitude has changed. The general membership is taking more active participation in the running of the club and more pride in the club itself. That is what this club is all about. A few examples of this participation in the past year were: the Christmas party, club picnic, rewriting of the by-laws, writing of the ride decorum, and the many rides that people have put together and led this past year. But the greatest response to club participation comes once a year with the Blue Water Ramble. The people who handle the pre-registration, map layout, putting together the food for the rest stops, etc, and all the club members who work the day of the ride to make the BWR a great success year after year.

I for one am glad to be a member of The Clinton River Riders, and would like to thank the people of the club for letting me be their president for the past two years.

Thank You,
Duane Nieman

Editors Note: At the February meeting, my husband Bob, was nominated to officially help me with the newsletter. He has been helping put the newsletter together each month for the past year and deserves a lot of the credit for all the work that goes into the newsletter.

After being on this job for the past year, I would like to thank all the members of the club who have contributed articles and information for the newsletter. This is the club's newsletter and we need your input to keep it enjoyable and informative. We would like upbeat articles, (this newsletter is not the place to criticize the club or other club members) tour information, any biking articles you think the club members would enjoy. If you have something that you would like to have published please send it to us by the first Monday of the month.

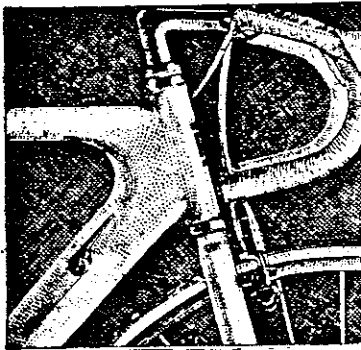
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Aerodynamic Look For Racing Bikes

BICYCLE DESIGN is changing as new materials make new shapes feasible. The first new models are intended to improve performance, but more exotic forms are possible.

Until last year, bike frames have always been built pretty much the same way, by welding or brazing tubes into lugs that form the joints. Frames have become lighter in recent years with improved tubing material—from steel to aluminum to carbon fiber—but the assembly technique remained the same.

Now that's changing. Last year Cycle Composites Inc., Watsonville, Calif., introduced the Kes-



trell 4000, a frame that is molded as a single part, except for the front fork. "We decided to treat these carbon-fiber composites like plastic," says Tom French, who with Bevil Hogg founded the company two years ago. "Our first model is rather conventional-looking, which was a marketing decision, but you could really go wild—maybe make it look like a surfboard."

The Kestrel's biggest advantage is aerodynamic. The structural members are shaped like an airfoil, and the cables that shift gears and operate the brakes are routed inside the frame. According to Mr. French, wind-tunnel tests indicate a Kestrel frame has a 30- to 60-second advantage over conventional frames on a standard 40-kilometer racecourse. The Kestrel also resists side-to-side bending better than other carbon frames.



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