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## *The "RAMBLER"*

April 2005

## *Clinton River Riders Bicycle*



Try this. Sit in a chair and stretch out your legs. Point your left foot and make clockwise circles with your left leg. At the same time point your right foot and make circles going the opposite way. Kind of hard, isn't it? That's the problem I'm having. I'm trying to write this months newsletter while listening to a talk show on the radio.

Speaking of chairs, Jim Crawford is looking for two chairs. To complete his ensemble Jim would like a Routes chair and a Publicity chair. If anyone has one of these please give Jim a call.

Inside this month's issue you'll find the new weekly ride schedule which includes some changes from years past, a cancelled ride, an inspiring story, a weird picture of the eating habits of people who spend too much time in the sun, email and snail mail changes for a couple members, as well as the following new riddle:

Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?

By the way, some folks couldn't figure out last month's riddle about the fruit with all the interesting uses. The answer was actually in the text under "temperature control".

Gary Haelewyn, Editor

# CLINTON RIVER RIDERS 2005 WEEKLY RIDE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p><b><u>6 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>MSU Training Center</b>  Meet Rick Jones at Square Lake and Crooks for the club's fastest ride. Average shown on your cyclometer at end of ride will be 18mph. This will increase throughout the season. Distance will start at 30 miles and progress to 45 miles in August. First one up a hill is the new leader. Ride moves to Tuesday on club meeting nights.</p> <p><b><u>6 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Fraser Cycle</b>  Meet Bill and Diane Baker at 15 Mile and Utica for the slowest club ride of the week. No rider will be dropped on this 1.5 to 2 hour ride. There will be NO ride on club meeting nights.</p> <p><b><u>7: 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>CLUB MEETINGS</b>  <b>1ST Monday of 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><b><u>5 : 3 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Sheffield Shuffle I</b>  Meet Ken and Cindy Rosiek Big Beaver Rd and Cunningham Drive SW corner of parking lot for a 15-17 MPH 30-35 mile rolling hills ride. Pace and distance will increase as season progresses.</p>	<p><b><u>9 : 3 0 A M</u></b>  <b>Rochester Library</b>  Meet the ladies (turn east at the road just past Pier One Imports blue awnings) to ride the Paint Creek Trail. Pace is 10-13 MPH. Optional single track loop out in Lake Orion. Lunch and/or shopping at the end of the ride. Call Annette Smith for details. Starts 5/4.</p> <p><b><u>5 : 3 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Prestige Cycles</b>  Meet Rick and Sue Moorman, Moravian and Garfield for a 15-17 MPH 30-35 mile ride with a destination to the end of South River road across from Metro Beach. Distance and pace will increase as season progresses</p> <p><b><u>6 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Schyard Elementary</b>  2900 Holly, Sterling Heights  Meet Doug MacDermaid 17 Mile Rd west, right on Pinebrook, right on Holly for a 14-16 MPH or slowest rider pace for a distance of 20-25 miles.</p>	<p><b><u>5 : 3 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Sheffield Shuffle II</b>  Join Rick and Sue Moorman for a second installment of the popular Tuesday ride. Same pace, distance, hills, and weather.</p> <p><b><u>6 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Prestige Cycles</b>  Meet the 2 Amigo's, Bill Baker and Bill Duemling for a 2 hour ride to unknown destinations at a 13-15MPH pace.</p>	<p><b><u>6 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Marter &amp; Jefferson</b>  Meet Prez Bill Stimpson for 25-30 mile ride at a 15-17MPH pace to the Grosse Pointes and back.</p>	<p><b><u>8 : 0 0 A M</u></b>  <b>Stoney Creek Boat Launch</b>  Although there is no official ride leader for this 45 mile old time favorite to Armada for breakfast and back there are usually 2 or more groups at different paces.</p> <p><b><u>9 : 0 0 A M</u></b>  <b>Stoney Creek West Branch Parking lot</b>  Meet T J Hill for 50 miles of mountain biking with a lunch stop around Lake Orion.</p> <p><b><u>4 : 0 0 P M</u></b>  <b>Stoney Creek Boat Launch</b>  Meet Peter Bosma for a fast 18+MPH ride to unknown destinations.</p>	<p><b><u>9 : 0 0 A M</u></b>  <b>Stoney Creek Boat Launch</b>  Meet T J Hill for more mountain biking to unknown destinations at the pace of the slowest rider for a distance to be determined.</p> <p><b>CHANGES</b>  Call Bill Baker 586-739-0261 or email him at CRRrides@wideopenwest.com</p> <p><b>Newsletter changes:</b>  Email Bluecyclist@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>HOTLINE:</b>  586-819-0222 (Press 1 for latest updates)</p>

**The May meeting will be May 9th**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**April 23—2nd Annual Cabela's Ride**— OK all! It's time to put in longer miles if you're going to TOSRV. Sunday the 24th. is the rain date. We'll meet in the parking lot of the new Dundee High School, off Rawson Street, in Dundee, Mi. with a 9:00 AM start time. A lunch stop is planned along the way. Have questions? Call Ron at (313)561-1479

**May 1—Metro Grand Spring Tour**—Come Join the Downriver Cycling Club for the 22nd Metro Grand Spring Tour, covering routes along the Huron River and scenic country roads in Wayne and Monroe counties. Choose from Road routes of 25, 45 and 62 miles. Online registration ends April 29, 2005 at 6 PM EST.

A link for downloading a printable pdf file is also found there.

Deadline for mail in pre-registration is Wed, April 20, 2005.

D.O.E - Day of event registrations are accepted.

Contacts -

1. Phone 313-381-2833 answered by Al Petri & Sons Bike Shop Monday thru Saturday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
2. <http://www.lmb.org/dcc/mgst/>
3. [mgst@wowway.com](mailto:mgst@wowway.com)

**June 3-6 Men's Cycling Indiana**—Frank Mottershead is planning this years men's trip to Lafayette Indiana home of the famed Lafayette Flat Lands. Call John Tarantino (586-677-0482) who is helping Frank to set this up for more details.

**June 23-26—Tobermory and Owen Sound**—Join Ken and Cindy Rosiek for a weekend of hiking and biking in Canada. Itinerary: Thursday arrive Tobermory, Friday hike Tobermory and Flower Pot Island, Friday evening, arrive in Owen Sound, Saturday and Sunday bike Owen Sound area. Call Ken and Cindy 248-541-0861 or email [jrosiek144107@comcast.net](mailto:jrosiek144107@comcast.net) by February 19.

**June 26—Ride For Hope** Stoney Creek Bay Point Beach Check out <http://www.rideforhope.org/> for details.

## Club Birthdays for May

Bday	First Name	Last Name
05/05	Mike	Holden
05/06	Aubrey	Mullings
05/07	Will	Lajack
05/14	Bill	Guisinger
05/16	Sandra	Studebaker
05/16	Thomas	Miller
05/19	Rosemary	Johnson
05/19	Gerald	Bartels
05/25	Leslie	Rumohr
05/26	Marie	Anderson
05/29	Steve	Morauski

**Sept. 2 - 5 -- MIDWEST TANDEM RALLY 2005** Grand Rapids, Michigan Presented by the MUTS - Michigan United Tandem Society. Host Hotel: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, downtown Grand Rapids.

There are enough rooms at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel for all MTR 2005 attendees!

For complete details on MTR 2005, including on-line registration, a downloadable registration form, and an opportunity to volunteer to help the weekend of the Rally, visit the official event website: <http://www.cmiregistration.com/user/splash.jsp?org=441>

<p><b>Welcome New Members</b>  <b>BILL &amp; MARYLOU GUIINGER</b>  <b>NINO PACINI</b></p>	<p><b>Happy Anniversary Bill, from Lucinda Means</b></p> <p>Folks, today was an anniversary that almost slipped by unnoticed and unheralded. Please join me in thanking Bill Duemling, our wonderful (and long suffering) Webmaster for his continued tech wizardry, patience, tact and just general all around helpfulness in connecting the LMB with the Web and allowing us to serve and inform those who are interested in biking in Michigan.</p>
<p><b>Wanted:</b>  Looking for a Burley D'Lite trailer for two kids in good condition, please contact Todd Richman at (586) 739-4304 or email at richmanIV@comcast.net</p>	<p>I am a frequent beneficiary of sensible advice and suggestions from Bill and continue to marvel at how much he does. He hosts and manages our actual website, manages list serves for our Board, Shoreline Tour Committee, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Michigan bike clubs and for the National Bike Tour Director's Association.</p>
<p><b>Address Changes:</b>  Eric - ernoyes@comcast.net  Mimi - mgendreau@comcast.net</p> <p>Steve and Pennie Morauski  1825 Birmingham Boulevard  Port Charlotte Florida 33980  no phone</p>	<p>He also finds time to help our many organizational members with linking and posting questions. All this while helping the Clinton River Riders with the Blue Water Ramble registration and wed presence. Oh yes, and did I mention that he also has a full time job (he's supposed to be retired) at his family owned company Par-Kut?</p> <p>When we find ourselves in yet another tech quagmire, the first person I think of who can help is Bill. And you know, he always does. We would be lost without him.</p>
<p><b>Information Wanted:</b>  "We are looking for information to assist an avid bicyclist who was seriously injured from a fall at the railroad crossing located at: Palmer and St. Clair Highway in St. Clair, Michigan. Anyone who fell or witnessed a fall from a bike or had difficulty while crossing the railroad tracks at that crossing should contact Barb Ferguson or Connie Hall at 248-642-0444 or at bferguson@p-ppc.com, or chall@p-ppc.com. Also, we are looking for anyone who reported any falls or bike accidents at that location to the railroad or police."</p> <p>Thank you,  Barbara M. Ferguson  Paralegal  Provizer &amp; Phillips, P.C.  30200 Telegraph Road, Ste. 200  Bingham Farms MI 48025  (248) 642-0444 ext 218 phone  (248) 642-6661 fax  bferguson@p-ppc.com</p>	<p>Uncle Bill, we salute you!</p> <p><b>Roadside Assistance:</b>  The nation's first and only bicycle roadside assistance service is now available exclusively through Better World Club. (<a href="http://www.betterworldclub.com">www.betterworldclub.com</a>)</p> <p>Bicycle Membership provides nationwide emergency roadside assistance (up to 30 miles annually) for you and your bicycle.</p> <p>We'll take you and your bike to the nearest repair facility, or home, within 30 miles from pick up. There is a maximum of two service calls per covered member per year. The annual fee is \$39.95 for one person, plus a one-time non-refundable sign up fee of \$10. You may add additional household cyclists for just \$15 more</p>
<p>A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.</p> <p><b>Ride Cancelled:</b>  Saturday 5/7/05  RIDE FOR THEIR FUTURE  Eaton Rapids High School  Kristina Paul  501 King Street  Eaton Rapids MI 48827  517-541-2782 24/7 paulfunnyfarm@aol.com</p>	<p><b>Pictures Wanted:</b>  Doug MacDermaid would like slide show pictures for the club banquet sent to him throughout the year. This will save him a lot of time preparing for the show.</p> <p><b>Good Maps:</b>  Free Oakland County Trail maps are available to the public by calling 248-858-4611. Maps show all the major trails including Clinton River, Polly Ann, Paint Creek, as well as proposed new trails.</p> 

**Club Cookbooks are still available for \$10. To order, call Julie Windhorst (586-939-6073)**

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## An Inspiration to All by Darlene Phillips

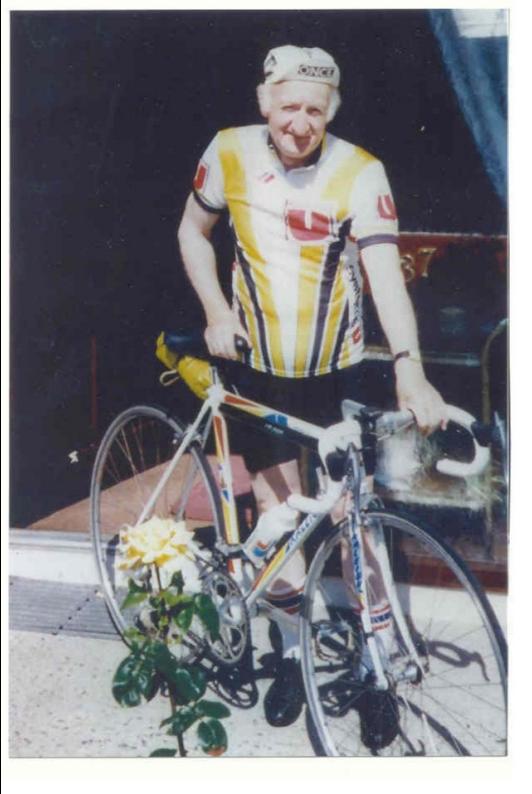
Joseph Montgomery, 80 years old, lived in Belfast, Ireland and biked from the time he was a young man. He was passionate about bicycling and continued his love for the sport until he became ill with cancer in September of 2004. He had custom made bikes and was the proud owner of a total of 5 bicycles. His daughter remembers her father bicycling when she was a little girl, where along with her mother, she would wait to greet him when he came in from a race. Bicycling was part of his life and always was. It kept him young and happy.

Joseph, even into his senior years, was still fit as a fiddle even at the spry age of 80 years. This was a man who truly loved life and bicycling well into his senior years. He experienced many bicycling adventures in his life until he became ill when he had to hang up his bicycle for good. His life next to his family, was bicycling, and unlike so many people he was lucky to be able to live his dream more years than most his age.

You probably wonder why I'm writing this article about some unknown little man in Ireland who none of you know. Well, believe it or not, the Clinton River Riders do have a connection with this Irish man who loved bicycling like all of us. Read on...

His daughter, Agnes Gowdy works with me and often shared stories of how much her father loved bicycling and how much energy he had at his age. A few years ago, I asked her if he would like to have a jersey from America. She knew he would be elated at the thought of owning one, so I purchased our Clinton River Rider jersey for her to surprise her Dad on her next visit to Ireland. Indeed, Joseph loved our jersey and truly felt it was his one special jersey. In fact, he would often tell his wife, and his daughter in America, that he didn't want to wear it and wanted to someday be buried in this jersey. They of course thought it was his sense of humor he so often had. However, when the time came they knew deep down how important that jersey really was to him.

Joseph Montgomery passed from this earth into eternal life on March 10, 2005 and got his wish of being buried in the Clinton River Rider jersey. He will always be remembered as a man who loved life, his family, and bicycling. I never had the privilege of meeting Joseph, but maybe in our eternal life we will meet. Until then, I will look at him as an inspiration and an honorary member of the Clinton River Riders. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he will truly be missed by his family here, and in Ireland.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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 UNDERSTANDING that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING 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

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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 NEGIGENT RESCUE OPERATION.

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