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The "RAMBLER"

**Real April
2006**

Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club

Hey Floridians!!! You all better start packing and get back up here!!! It's 74.3 degrees as I write this. AND,... last Tuesday I hung on to Ken Rosiek's Sheffield ride for all of 30 HILLY miles before being dropped. Y'all getting any hill work down there????

Any thoughts about getting a new bike? You can pick from over 500 available bikes on Saturday April 22nd at 9:00AM in Grand Rapids where the city will auction off all the stolen bikes they found. I understand from the person that told me of this event, that quite a few good deals can be found. They accept cash, checks, and plastic and can be reached at <http://www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us/index.pl?binobjid=3126>.

On Sunday April 30th you can go to Saline to get replacement parts for any of your older bikes like for instance your high wheeler. Yes this is the annual antique bicycle show and more info can be had at <http://www.ann-arbor-bicycleshow.com/>

Remember when the powers that be mentioned something about a bicycle path going from Metro Beach all the way to Stony Creek? Well that dream got a little closer recently when the Greenways Initiative of Southeast Michigan awarded Macomb County \$200,000. Part of that money will also go to the city of Mt Clemens for a downtown path along the river and also to the Clinton River Pathway group.

Do you know a local 2 time Olympian? How about a 9 time Tour de France rider? If you guessed Frankie Andreu you'd be right. Frankie is giving a lecture on his experiences in the Tour and as Lance Armstrong's team captain. He'll do this May 10th, 6-8PM at Gilda's Club Metro Detroit as he launches a fund raising event to help Gilda's which is a cancer support group located at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak MI 48073. He's also training for a 100 mile bike race in Mackinaw City in September. It's open to the public and is free of charge however RSVP is required. Call 248-577-0800.

"I forgot to do it before I left in February and then I was soaking up so much sun that I just forgot." Won't say who this is from but what was forgotten and missing from last month's newsletter can now be found in this month's newsletter.

Congratulations Doris Mulligan who's **red-white-blue USA/CANADA T-SHIRT** will be worn by our BWR riders this year. **Still looking for a Food and Routes chairpersons.** Call Jim Crawford to help fill these ever important positions.

The clubs address has changed again. But it's still somewhere on this page.

Doug MacDermaid still needs help for the club sponsored rest stop in Romeo May 21 for the **Lupus ride**. Call Doug 586-939-4670.

Jane Benard is still planning on riding **Make-A-Wish Bicycle Tour** in July and needs our support. Make-A-Wish makes wishes come true for kids with life threatening medical conditions. Mail your checks to Jane made payable to "Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan" .

I ran into (not literally), Bill Frey last week in the Guardian Bldg for Transportation Riders United fund raiser. Bill informed me of the upcoming MPHV rally in Waterford on June 10 and 11. Details are inside.

And finally, there has been much ado about dare I say nothing on Michbike recently regarding the term "vehicle". I've included some of the comments for filler in this month's edition. TJ, please hurry back.

Gary Haelewyn, Editor

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS 2006 WEEKLY RIDE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p>7:00 P M CLUB MEETINGS 2nd Monday of the Month 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>6:00 P M MSU Management Center Square Lake and Crooks</p> <p>Meet Rick Jones for a fast ride that will average at the end at 18.5 for a distance of 30 miles. This AVG will increase throughout the season. NO RIDE on Club Meeting Nights.</p>	<p>9:00 A M For Women ONLY Rochester Library</p> <p>Call Gail 248-879-6474 or Sue 248-828-3766 for the details.</p> <p>9:00 A M Stoney Creek Boatr Launch</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>5:00 P M Sheffield NE corner Big Beaver Coolidge</p> <p>Meet Ken Rosiek for the Sheffield Shuffle ONE ride. 18-22 MPH for a Distance of 35-50 NOTE: Ride moves to 5:30 May 2nd.</p> <p>6:30 Moravian and Garfiled</p> <p>Rumor has it Art Meerhaeghe will lead his favorite ramble to Metro Beach ride. Call Art 586-268-7465 to see if the rumor is correct.</p>	<p>5:30 P M Moravian and Garfiled</p> <p>Meet Rick and Sue Moorman for the old favorite Metro Beach Ride 15-17 MPH 30-35 miles.</p> <p>6:00 P M Rochester Municipal Parking Lot 3rd and Walnut</p> <p>Meet Pete Bosma for a 2 hour 15-17MPH area ride.</p>	<p>9:00 A M Stoney Creek Boatr Launch</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>5:30 P M Sheffield NE corner Big Beaver Coolidge</p> <p>Meet Rick and Sue Moorman for Sheffield Shuffle TWO ride. Pace 15-17 MPH , distance 35-50 miles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHANGES</p> <p>Call John Tarantino 586-677-0482 or email him at redtandom@aol.com</p> <p>Newsletter changes: Email Bluecyclist@yahoo.com</p> <p>HOTLINE: 586-819-0222 (Press 1 for latest updates)</p>	<p>8:00 A M OR 8:30 AM</p> <p>Meet Duane Nieman OR Bill & Annette Smith For a 40 OR 50 mile ride at 15-18MPH Call Bill at 248-652-2278 OR email him at bsmith02@comcast.net no later than Wednesday for the ride starting location.</p> <p>6:00 P M Marter & Jefferson</p> <p>Join prez Bill Stimpson starting MAY1st for a 15-17 mph ride. Distance 30-35 miles to the Grosse Pointes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Velodrome Events</p> <p>http://www.velodromeat-bloomerpark.com/</p>	<p>8:00 A M Stoney Creek Boat Launch</p> <p>45 Mile ride at 16-18mph to Armada for Breakfast and back Starts MAY 6th</p> <p>9:00 A M Stoney Creek West Branch Parking Lot</p> <p>Meet T J Hill for a ride at the pace of the slowest rider to unknown destinations (Good beginner ride) Starts May 6th</p> <p>9:00 A M Schultz Funeral Home Ride LAST RIDE IS April 29th</p> <p>Meet at Toefer (8-1/2 mile) and Gratiot for a 30 -35 mile ride to the Grosse Pointes at a 14-16 MPH pace.</p>	<p>9:00 A M Stoney Creek Boat Launch</p> <p>Meet T J Hill for 50 miles mostly dirt road ride with a lunch stop in Lake Orion at about the 30 mile mark. Starts May 7th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Treat List Volunteers</p> <p>May— June Doris Mulligan Jul-Aug-Sep Nov—Julie Windhorst</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

Birthdays

Bday	First	Last Name
04/02	Rick	Jones
04/10	Randall	Angell
04/11	Dorothy	Smith
04/13	Ken	Semproch
04/15	Robert	Blanchard
04/19	Patrick	Chandler
04/22	Sandy	Mastay
04/26	Scott	McGovern
04/26	Christine	Moale
04/27	Becky	Holden
04/29	Donna	Mesyn
05/04	Gail	Allgaier
05/04	Jim	McKinnie
05/05	Mike	Holden
05/06	Aubrey	Mullings
05/06	Ellie	Smith
05/07	Will	Lajack
05/11	Richard	Dyer
05/11	James	Wallace
05/14	Bill	Guisinger
05/14	Suzanne	Musthaler
05/15	Barb	Selbach
05/16	Sandra	Stude-
baker		
05/16	Thomas	Miller
05/18	Julie	Krueger
05/19	Pamela	Dyer
05/19	Rosemary	Johnson
05/19	Gerald	Bartels
05/21	Michael	Moale
05/23	Barbara	Angell
05/23	Suzanne	Erbes
05/25	Leslie	Rumohr
05/26	Marie	Danford
05/26	Marie	Anderson
05/29	Steve	Morauski
05/30	Andy	Anderson

APRIL

4/27 Environmental Fair—Freedom Hill 12-7:30.

4/30 Classic Bike Show and Swap Meet—Ann Arbor call 248-642-6639 for details.

MAY

5/13, Michigan Recumbent Rally - East

Willow Metropark pool shelter, southwest Detroit area, 9am-3pm, 734.487.9058, www.wolverbents.org, wolverbob@cs.com

5/17 The 2006 Ride of Silence - Meet Bill Stimpson 6:00PM at Marter and Jefferson for this areas Ride of Silence to Metro Beach and back. 14-16 MPH for 25 miles. This ride honors all fellow cyclists that have 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.

JUNE

6/2-5, Men's Weekend, in Grand Rapids. Approx coast \$50 per night 2 to a room. Call john Tarantino 586-677-0482 by April 24th to reserve a spot.

6/10-11, Michigan Human Powered Vehicle Rally, Waterford, northern Detroit area, 313.884-0109, www.lmb.org/mhvpva, WKiehler@Comcast.Net

The 23rd Michigan Human Powered Vehicle Rally will be held at the Waterford Hills Race Track (NW of Pontiac) on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2006. The goals of the rally are to have fun and to encourage the development of all kinds of human powered land vehicles. Although most participants have solo bicycles of some kind (including both upright and recumbent bikes), tricycles, quadracycles, tandems, etc. are welcome - anything with only human power. The Rally consists of a series of separate events that test the capabilities of the vehicles and the riders.

Saturday's events will include a flying-start sprint through a short timed section, a 1-kilometer standing-start time trial, a timed climb of a 30 ft. hill followed by a coast down the other side without pedaling where the goal is to coast as far as possible. There will also be a short road race, probably less than 6 miles, and an Urban Transportation Competition where points are awarded for practical vehicle features for using them for daily transportation. Sunday's event will be an endurance event - a 50-mile road race, 36 laps around the Waterford Track

Spectators are welcome, and for them there is no admission charge. Those who may want to test ride their own or other vehicles on the track may do so for a \$5.00 registration fee. For participants in the timed events, the registration fee is \$25 for one day or \$35 for both days. Free overnight camping at the track Saturday night is also available for participants.

6/25, Ride for Hope—Registration is now open for the 4th Annual Ride for Hope Charity Bike Ride benefiting Extreme Response, at 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. Earlybird registration is open now and goes until April 22nd - don't delay, register today and save !! www.RideforHope.org or Kelly Kelly@rideforhope.org 248.672.8696

6/24, Michigan Recumbent Rally Central, Holt, Michigan (Lansing area), 10am-3pm, 517.694.6702, www.wolverbents.org, wolverbob@cs.com

New Member

Elaine Bryson

More On the Mends

Jane Benard is recovering from a heart attack. She was diagnosed Monday morning April 17 at Royal Oak Beaumont where a stent was put in. At the time of this writing she is due to be released on Wednesday. Please keep Jane in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, although not a club member, Ron Truax is known to many club members for the number of club rides he does even though he lives in Dearborn. Ron had a bad crash Saturday April 15th on Belle Isle. He sustained a concussion and shattered his hip. Please keep him too in your thoughts and prayers.

Dave Komendera is progressing, using a cane instead of a walker, riding his trainer, moving around in a pool, driving with Gail. He's looking forward to getting on the bike especially with the warm weather we're getting and recognizes it will take time. He sees the doctor next Monday for another xray and hopefully more good news.

For Sale

Terry Cycle 16 years old \$50
Cannondale 7 years old, excellent condition, computer, pedals \$450.00
Trek Mountain Bike, 12 years old, excellent condition, \$150.00
All bikes well cared for and road/dirt ready.
Denise 248-421-6669

In Memoriam

"How many miles you go?"

Most riders who did any kind of training at Stony Creek will remember the cute old lady who spent her days at the boat launch building talking to anyone who happened to stop in for a drink or candy bar or just to get out of the wind. Her name was "Rosie: and she came from Yugoslavia in the 60's. She retired from Chrysler's and spent pretty much everyday during the week at the boat launch chatting away with all her fishing and cycling buddies.

Also, Bill Corliss, former Wolverine racer, was killed riding in a paceline on a narrow road in Utah. Bill worked with young racers and was very nurturing. "The kids just absorbed everything he said" commented a fellow cyclist.

MDOT is revising their Long Range Transportation Plan. This is our opportunity to advocate for more bike facilities on our roads.

You can add your wishes for better cycling lanes by going to the following website. http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9621_14807_14809---,00.html. Click on "E-mail comments and sign up for mailing lists" located next to "Public Participation Meetings" section.

Editors NEW Note: I just entered another comment today and got back SLRP-0036. That means only 23 people have entered requests. Again I urge you all out there to make your voices heard and demand better bicycling facilities. With this kind of turnout our voices are sure to have a huge impact!

NEW CLUB AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

In an effort to promote club participation, John Tarantino, Ride Director, announced at the April meeting the following changes to the way members can qualify for club awards at our annual Awards Banquet.

POINT Accumulation:

1 Point will be awarded for each club meeting attended.

1 Point will be awarded for each ride where the member signs the the ride sheet.

3 Points will be awarded for each club ride that a member leads.

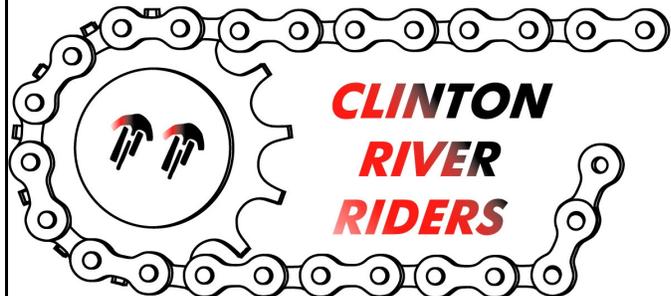
Extra Points will be awarded for BWR participation, heading a committee authorized by the president, and being a board member.

CLUB Miles:

Club miles will only accumulate from a club ride sign-in sheet.

Participation Points and Club Miles are accumulated from November 15, 2005 thru November 15, 2006.

Dennis Prost is taking orders for club "golf" shirts. The shirts will have the club chain logo shown below and cost \$25. Call Dennis at 248-931-7300 for more info.



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NEWSLETTER FILLER (READ AT YOUR OWN RISK)

On April 17th, Wes Nichols wrote to Michbike:

I had the privilege of meeting our executive director at one of the Winter caravan meetings. IF I understood correctly (and often I *don't*) he mentioned that a bicycle is *not* a vehicle under Michigan Law. In contrast, the legal column on page 13 of the Winter 2006 "Michigan Bicyclist" says ". . .Michigan law considers a bicycle a vehicle . . .".

Did I get it garbled at the Caravan? Is a bicycle a "vehicle" in Michigan? And what are the repercussions either way? Your input would be appreciated. Thanks,Wes

And did that little question ever generate the greatest amount of diatribe every seen since,...well maybe a day in Lansing?

Ron Fisher replies,...

Wes,

I'm no attorney, but I do believe that each of these 50 United States has as part of its Vehicle Code language that either recognizes bicycles as vehicles OR grants/subjects all drivers of bicycles the rights/duties applicable to the drivers of vehicles (usually with certain special regulations such as not allowing bicycles to be driven on limited Access highways, etc.). Michigan uses the latter language. What exactly is the difference? I haven't a clue. First, why "driving a vehicle" vs. "riding a bicycle"? In every definition of which I'm aware, to drive is active and to ride is passive. "Drive a nail", "what drive she has", etc. as opposed to "Let's ride the ferris wheel". By these definitions, anyone using his or her energy to drive the pedals which drive the chain rings which drive etc on a bicycle is DRIVING the (non?) vehicle far more than someone sitting inside an automobile and turning the ignition key is. Then there's the word "vehicle" itself. How is "vehicle" in the Code defined, anyway? If they mean to say "motor vehicle", then of course a bicycle doesn't fit the definition (but then why not just say motor vehicle to begin with?). If on the other hand, "vehicle" is defined more broadly, how can a bicycle not be considered one? I don't have a dictionary w/ me, but my guess is that the main definition of the word "vehicle" would be something like "a means of conveyance". Hell, this LIST is a vehicle for its members to communicate and exchange ideas. Yeah, I've gone on, but I think I may just have stumbled onto the answer you're looking for: Riding as opposed to driving a bicycle...We'll give you (most of) the same rights & responsibilities, but you're not operating a real "vehicle". Does anyone besides me smell a very subtle anti-bicyclist odor to the language? Does it not make things just that much more difficult for us to justify our position if we're involved with a legal dispute with a motorist? The test would be to see what would happen were our legislators ever asked to make those very few and miniscule language changes to the Code that would actually wind up leveling the playing field.

Whew,

Ken Clark adds,

That helps. That makes me think that it goes back to the days when the only forms of ground transportation were horses and walking. Consider that we "ride" a horse and we usually, through usage, wouldn't consider someone sitting on a horse to be a horse "driver." On the other hand, when pulling a wagon, carriage, etc, one person sitting on/in the wagon, buggy, etc, would not be actually sitting on the horse(s), but would be directing the horse(s). We would usually speak about that person as driving the horses, but riding on the wagon. Likewise, someone who was just a passenger in the wagon or carriage would be riding. (Notice too that a carriage is a carry -age, or something used to carry things. Just as storage is store -age or something used to store things.) Apparently when bikes came along, people followed that tradition and described bicycle "riding", since you sit on a bike saddle just as on a horse, even though the person is providing the propulsive force as well as direction. That followed as well for "riding" a motorcycle. On the other hand, for trains, the passengers are "riders", just as they are for buses. When someone came up with a horseless carriage, it would probably have made sense to carry over the terms from the horse carriage, so that the person directing the "horsepower" is considered the driver, and everyone else in the carriage are riders.

Bruce Fields replies,...

Like you I always figured that language represented subtle anti-bicycle bias. Then I thought about it some more: rickshaws, like cars, have drivers, and motorcycles, like bicycles, have riders. The pattern seems to be that we use the word "rider" with anything that doesn't usually take passengers, and use "driver" only when there's usually a need to distinguish the driver from passengers/riders. Of course given the prevalence of single-occupancy vehicles on the highway, maybe some day we'll see a shift back to talking about car riders....



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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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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, 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ALL RIDING MEMBERS MUST SIGN