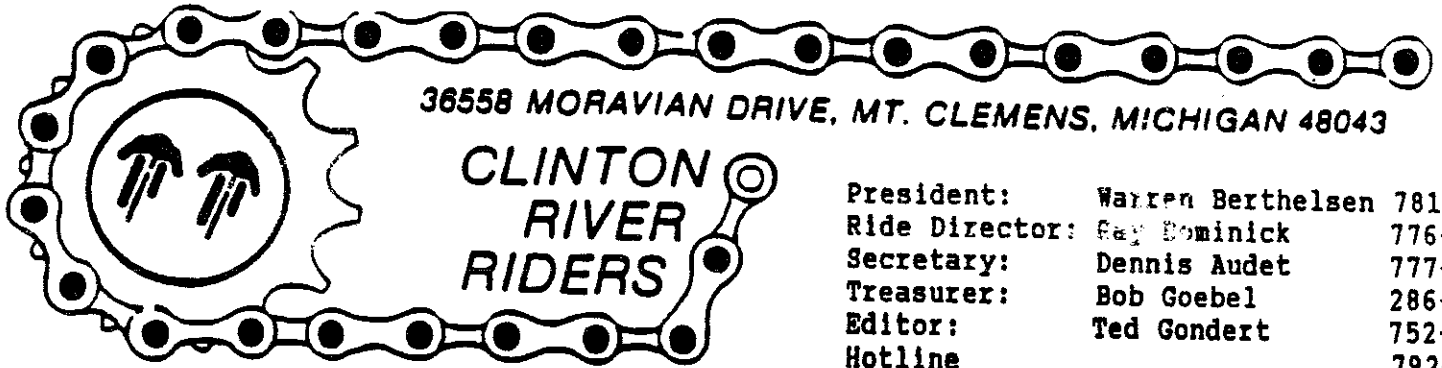


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Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.
at the Mt. Clemens Recreation Center 300
Groesbeck at Lafayette.

New Members: The club would like to
welcome the following new members; Peter
Niemi, Kathy Krusinski, Jim Muzzin, Beky
Linn, Robert Harbin & family, Bryan Dom-
agalski & family, Judy Baran, Steve & Sue
McNabb and Craig Nowicki

We hope you can enjoy many rides this
season with the club.

BWR: Andy Neuman has volunteered to head
up the committee for the Blue Water
Ramble. He asks club members to put
suggestions for improvements in writing
and to get some new people involved in the
various committees. Denise Cryderman and
Rick Moorman have done an excellent job
for several years on the food stop and
registration committees. Someone else
needs to "learn the ropes" working with
them and the other committee heads so that
the Blue Water Ramble can enter it's
second decade maintaining the excellence
of the first. The Blue Water Ramble tour
is the main fund raiser for the club and
pays the bills for the Christmas Party,
club picnic and other events all year.

BWR facts and questions: See how many you
know, answers are in this newsletter. **DID
YOU KNOW THAT...**

One year a club member painted the route
by stopping his car on the road, leaning
out the drivers door and painting the
arrows. Problem was the arrows all had to
be repainted because when he stopped the
car he painted the arrows just to the
right of the center line **IN THE ROAD!** The
riders would never have seen them riding
near the shoulder.

One year two club members drove to St.
Clair to paint the route and it started
raining. They were determined to get the
job done after driving all that way, so
they bought a sponge and a blow torch to
try to dry the road. (It didn't work-they
had to go back on a dry day).

One year due to a large amount of rain
throughout the summer, the water level was
so high that when the riders got off the
ferry in Canada, the ramp was a foot **BELOW**
the water level and they had to walk or
ride their bikes through the water to get
to Customs.

1) What year did the BWR originate? 2) Who
submitted the name Blue Water Ramble to be
voted on? 3) Who designed the first patch
and t-shirt for BWR? 4) What was the first
year that the BWR went into Canada? 5) Who
has the honor of having 3 t-shirt designs
selected? 6) Who designed the first BWR
application?

BWR cont: 7) Who is the youngest club member to have their t-shirt design selected? 8) How many riders participated in the first BWR? 9) Who has handled the registration for BWR? 10) Has the BWR always started at the St. Clair High School? 11) Has there ever been any club members who eventually got married after working a rest stop together at BWR? 12) Has there ever been a marriage performed AT BWR? 13) What is the longest route BWR has ever offered in the brochure?

Club Jackets: Call Mike Malloch (313) 979-4076 to pick up your jackets if you ordered one. Cost is \$29.00 with your name embroidered on it.

Ride Schedule: Call the hot-line 792-4670 for updates.

Sunday, April 7, 8:15 a.m.: meet Rich Dyer at 21 mi and Sugarbush bank parking lot for a 36 mile ride at 14-16 mph to Kay's restaurant near Algonac.

Sunday, April 7 is the Bike Expo at Macomb Community College 12 mile and Hayes. The Expo starts at noon and runs till five. The Clinton River Riders will have a booth there.

Sunday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.: meet John Edry at the Royal Oak Library for 50 mile ride at 14-16 mph to Wabeek, some hills.

Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.: meet Warren Berthelsen at Romeo High School for a 30 mile ride to Armada for breakfast.

Sunday, April 28, 7:00 a.m.: Time Trial at Stoney Creek Park Boat Launch, 2 laps, 12.1 miles. This is the first club time trial of the season and all club members

are invited to come out to evaluate your riding at the beginning of the season and check your progress later in the season. After the Time Trial meet at Romeo High School for...

Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.: meet Duane & Elizabeth Nieman at Romeo High School for a 36 mile ride at 14-16 mph to Dryden VFW for a pancake breakfast.

Sunday, May 5, 8:00 a.m.: meet at registration for Metro Grand Spring Tour at Willow Metro Park in New Boston, MI Mike Holden will lead the 60 mile route @ 14-16 mph and Jerry and Sue Pavlat will lead the 105 mile route @ 17-19 mph. Be ready to ride at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 12, 8:00 a.m.: meet Jerry Pavlat at 19 mile and Merrill (east of Mound) at TCT stainless steel for the annual mother's day castle ride. This ride goes by a castle. About 30 miles at an easy 13-16 mph.

Sunday, May 19, 8:00 a.m.: meet John Edry at the Dearborn Amtrak station and Civic Center on Michigan Ave for a 90 mile ride @ 16-17 mph to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and lunch at Bicycle Jim's restaurant in Ann Arbor.

Recurring Rides: Call the hotline (313) 792-4670 for updates.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park on Dodge Park and Utica Rd for an easy 20-25 mile ride at 13-15 mph along the Clinton River in Dodge Park and Clinton River Rd and Cass to the Broadway Cafe in Mt. Clemens for breakfast and back along Utica Rd.

Recurring Rides cont:

Tuesday: 6:15 p.m. starting April 16: meet Warren Berthelsen at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for a 25 mile ride @ 14-15 mph to Metro Beach.

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 p.m.: Metro Beach "Sprinkled Sprints" meet Gary Haelewyn at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for 15-20 mile ride to Metro Beach at 14-16 mph with occasional 1-2 minute sprints. Will regroup after sprints. Pace and distance will increase as the season and daylight does. Starts on April 9 except April 23.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.: meet Rick Moorman at the medical office parking lot on 17 mile and Garfield for a 30 mile ride @ 15- 17 mph to Stoney Creek.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.: meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park for 25 miles @ 13-16 mph to Mt. Clemens. Frozen Yogurt stop if daylight.

Thursday, 6:15 p.m.: Meet Doug MacDermaid or Kirk & Katie Carolan at shopping center on Jefferson & Marter (8.5 mile) for a 30 mile ride to Grosse Pointe @ 16-18 mph.

Friday, 6:00 p.m.: meet Andy Neumann at Macomb College south campus, 12 mile and Hayes, for 30 mile ride @ 13-15 mph to Grosse Pointe for ice cream.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: meet Doug MacDermaid or Oscar Balmaceda at Stoney Creek boat launch for a 35 mile ride @ 14-16 mph to Armada for breakfast.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: meet John Payne at Jefferson and Shook (15 mile) for a 14 mile ride at 10-13 mph. For beginners.

Other Clubs Events: Sunday, April 7 12:00 to 5:00, Bike Expo at Macomb College South Campus (12 mile & Hayes)

Saturday, April 20, 9:00-12:00: Bikers Clinic at RehabEast, 30713 Schoenherr, Warren, MI
Learn stretching and conditioning exercises to prevent injuries and also bicycle maintenance. \$10.00 fee

Sunday, May 5,: Metro Grand Spring Tour in New Boston, MI starting at Willow Metro Park

Saturday/Sunday, May 11-12: TOSRV the Tour of the Scioto River in Columbus, Ohio. Back to back centuries down to Portsmouth on Saturday and back on Sunday.

Fri-Sunday, May 17-19: Wolverine 200 on Bell Isle. 24 hr endurance event starting Saturday morning thru Sunday morning with camping on Bell Isle only allowed on this weekend. Optional rides to Greek Town in Detroit and a road ride up north from Bell Isle. Come out for 200 miles or more or watch the others riding.

Sunday, May 19: Fahrrad Tour in Frankenmouth, starts at high school 25 thru 100 mile routes.

Sunday, June 2: Farm-Lake Tour in Plymouth 20-62 mile routes must register by May 1.

Sunday, June 2: Chrysler Tri-Cycle at the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea, MI. 100+ mile endurance routes. Fund raiser for the Center for the prevention of Child Abuse.

Other Clubs Events cont:

Saturday, June 8: "Magic Ride", Holt, MI fund raiser benefiting children abused and neglected.

Saturday/Sunday, June 15-16: Michigan National 24 hr Challenge. Endurance event at Douglas Walker Park in Byron Center, MI with 115 mile day loop, 24 mile loop and 6 mile loop for night riding. Pins for 200, 250, 300, 350, 400 miles. Medals awarded to top 3 places in 12 male and 12 female age groups. Send SASE for entry form to: Diane Obermeyer, 2212 College Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Fat Tire Biathlon: Sunday; June 16, July 14, August 25. Note: Aug 25 date changed from Aug 18. Run-Bike-Run at Addison Oaks park. 1.75 mile run 7 mile mountain bike ride and 1.75 mile run. The CRR have volunteered to help with this event, course marshalling, clean up, registration, etc. Volunteers can participate in the next event. Contact Sue Pavlat at 792-4040 if you wish to help

MS-150: Saturday/Sunday, June 22-23: fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The ride starts at School Craft College (7 mile and Hagerty) with 75 miles to Lansing, overnight at the MSU dorms then back on Sunday. The Clinton River Riders are ride marshalls for this event. Contact Andy Neumann to volunteer to help participants on the ride.

The Challenge with Greg LeMond:

Handicapped series of 10-15 km time-trials with the regional series at Stoney Creek Park on 5/19, 6/2, 6/30, 7/28, 8/11, 9/15. The course is ridden by the Regional Pacesetter who establishes a time that is handicapped against Gred LeMond's. The fastest men and women riders across the country in five age categories who

participate in three of the Challenges will qualify for an all-expense-paid trip to San Diego for the National Challenge Championships. Yellow, red and blue water bottles will be awarded for the 5 age groups for men and women based on times relative to published handicaps. Pavlat's Prestige Cycles, 36558 Moravian, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (313) 792-4040 is the regional Host Shop, call for more info and to register. Fee is \$10.00 per event.

Sunday, July 21: RAT, Ride Around Torch lake in Elk Rapids, MI. Put on by the Cherry Capitol Cycling Club. Note: Warren Berthelsen has a cottage on the Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City and allows club members to camp on the beach for the weekend with a ride around Leelanau on Saturday. Contact Warren Berthelsen for more information.

Awards: For top male and female milage and member of the year will have name engraved on plaque at Pavlat's Cycle. The mileage must be written and turned into the ride director Ray Dominick by the end of the following month. Must be club members and attend at least 10 club events such as meetings or rides etc. The members of the year will be awarded for club participation with total points. Points are awarded as follow: Club officers get 5, Ride leaders with new rides 4, Ride leaders 3, Committee heads for BWR food, mapping etc. 3, Workers for BWR etc. 2, and ride or meeting participation 1.

BWR Answers: 1) BWR originated in 1982, one year after the CRR was formed. 2) One of the original members, Phil Clevon from New Baltimore. 3) Sue Pavlat 4) In 1983, the second year, there was an optional non-sagged route that was offered to the riders of the BWR. It became so popular that in 1984 the BWR went International making the Canadian loop a traditional and

BWR Answers cont: favorite part of BWR. 5) Doris Mulligan 6) Ken Koch 7) In 1990 Matthew Moorman at the age of 13. 8) Only 150 riders rode in the first BWR in 1982. In 1983 the numbers went to 350 and jumped to 750 in 1984. In 1985 a rider limit was set at 1200 and went to 1500 in 1986 where it has remained since. 9) Sue Pavlat recorded all the riders by hand until 1984 when it reached 750 riders. At that time Rick Moorman began to register the riders on his computer. He now shares the work with Bob Goebel. 10) No, the first three years it started in the city of St. Clair at the plaza. In 1984 when the participants reached 750 riders, there was a tremendous complaint from the merchants of the plaza. So the in 1985 the starting location was moved to the St. Clair High School. 11) Yes in 1985 Duane Nieman and Elizabeth Gondert got married.

Up Close and Personal: by Sue Pavlat
This months profile is on Doris Mulligan.

Q: What year did you join the Clinton River Riders?

Doris: I can't remember but it was a long time ago. I think 1983.

Q: Have you ever been an officer:

Doris: No I have not.

Q: Why do you enjoy riding a bicycle?

Doris: Because I grew up with bicycles in a cycling family. My father raced in Italy and my brother raced also. He qualified for the Olympics in 1948 in England. I started racing at 13 years old.

Q: What has been your longest ride?

Doris: In 1990, riding 3,400 miles in seven weeks with 'Pedal for Power'.

Q: What has been your toughest ride?

Doris: Climbing the mountain passes on 'Pedal for Power'.

Additional comments from Doris: My last Nationals was in 1950. I met my husband on a bicycle ride with the Wolverines and we were married in 1951. My early cycling years were spent in rigorous competitive training. Now I choose to enjoy the moderate pace of cycling that the Clinton River Riders have to offer. Time has a way of slowing the system down and the club gives me the opportunity to "smell the flowers", to socialize and in essence, escape a busy life schedule. As a member of the club for almost 9 years, I have made many friends, enjoyed countless rides and will continue on into the sunset.....

Comments from Sue: Doris won four National titles in Track and Road events in 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950. She is the mother of five children and four grand children. A few years ago Doris had a serious cycling accident. She was hit broadside by a motorist running a stop sign in her neighborhood. Doris had severe head and leg injuries. But in her words, 'she wasn't ready to go to bicycle heaven'. Doris knows how to hang tough and what it takes to overcome a difficult task and win. During her recovery she applied some of her racing knowledge and fought back and won. Doris is a real inspiration to me. I'm honored that she is a member of the Clinton River Riders!



BWR Answers cont:12) Yes in 1990 a couple from Pennsylvania got married on the Boardwalk on the St. Clair River and rode the BWR on their tandem as their first ride as husband and wife. 13) From 1983-1987 BWR offered a 200 kilometers or 120 mile route. It was eventually dropped due to lack of participation.

Bike Advocate: PAC Notes: Nope, not PAC as is group riding, but rather PAC as in Political Action Committee of concerned cyclists. Yes, the club has formed a committee of concerned cyclists. A few members met at Big Boys restaurant March 11 to discuss politics and of course eat.

Based on articles in the March issue of Bicycling magazine and a few phone calls to Bicycle Federation of America, we decided to each write a letter to Mineto and Rowe, a couple of Feds who deal with transportation. We expressed our views on the upcoming Surface Transportation Assistance Act asking that they listen to us and a guy named DeFazio who was supposed to be introducing a bill shortly that supports bicycle objectives.

We also contacted the Macomb County Road Commission to find out what roads were up for re-paving and if a shoulder could be included. Guess what? Bicycle shoulders double the cost of road, there's not much money to spend this year, the head of the dept thinks only motorized vehicles should use the roads, and we would be better off asking for some tiny improvement such as filling in a pothole. They did however help us read the county map. Red roads are state controlled, green roads belong to the county, and the rest to the locals. That will help in finding out where we go to get that pothole filled.

Our two prong attack, the Federal at one end and the State at the other was a bit much to bite off at first. However, we have made some progress. A letter has been sent to all the bike clubs in Michigan asking that they join us in supporting the soon to be introduced bill supporting bicycling. (I now find out Joe Kennedy will be the sponsor not DeFazio, but that could change again too). We will be electing a chairman for our committee, and will try to set up a meeting place, schedule and objectives. Speaking of objectives anyone out there have any of their own ideas give us a ring (diamond will do).

Seven of us are no match against City Hall, so some time in the not so distant future we will be asking for your help. Remember the old bicyclist saying, "Together we stand, stop pedalling we fall"

Sincerely yours, Gary Haelewyn, Ed Rogers, Bill Duemling, Ellen Zawacki, Teddy Gondert, Lucy Hosto, Dave Bowman.

Bike Paths: The Romeo-Washington-Bruce parks and recreation dept. are having public meetings on the development of bike-hike trails in the community. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Croswell Community Center in Romeo (on Croswell St by Clark gas station) Please come to express your views on the planning of bicycle-walking trails in this area.

Lock Your Bikes! Recently a club member's bicycle was stolen from in front of a restaurant in Mt. Clemens we ate breakfast at.

Club Rambling: The MCC Bike Expo was a tremendous success. The display the CRR put on was the best one there!! Special thanks to all those involved with the displays and set up: Gary Haelewyn, Kristy Berthelsen, Mike Kiefer, Sue Pavlat, Warren Berthelsen, Ed Gostin, Doug MacDermaid, Ray Dominick. (Hope we didn't leave anyone out). Doris Mulligan had a spectacular painting she did of the "Pedal for Power" bike trip from last year. It is a beautiful mural of her memories crossing the the United States.

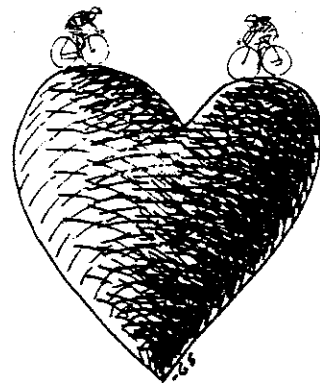
The "Flat Tire Repair Race" drew BIG crowds. Without a doubt Ed Gostin is the fastest. Ed has his tire changed and pumped up before most other contestants had their new tube in the tire. Only problem, Ed was disqualified because he used a sew-up tire! (If Ed was really thinking, he could have been even faster by using a CO2 cartridge! Ed if your going to be disqualified give it your best shot!)

Who do you suppose was the fastest at changing clincher tires??? BIG SURPRISE it wasn't "Teddy Mr. Fix-it Gondert, it was John Edry!! Hats off to John. Teddy finished second to last, just squeezing out Bob Goebel. Maybe Bob isn't the fastest at fixing flats, but he can BUILD an awesome pair of wheels!

Who do you suppose was the LOUDEST at the Bike Expo?? Surprise it was Teddy Gondert. Right after Teddy aired up his tire completing the "Flat Tire Race" it BLEW UP!!! It sure got everyone's attention in the Fieldhouse because it sounded like a gun shot!! (Teddy REMEMBER...you must check the bead to make sure it is seated.)

Who do you supposed put in the most miles in the 10 minute Time Trial on the Schwinn Airdyne stationary trainers? It was Bill Duemling!! Bill beat Ron Dossenbach by .2 miles. I heard Bill was lapping Jerry Pavlat and Patti Brehler (on tandem) on the outdoor track. Could Sue Pavlat be looking for a new tandem partner?

An exciting announcement was made at the Bike Expo. It appears that after a 1-o-n-g courtship, Bob Kosen and Denise Cryderman have decided to tie the knot!! A June wedding is planned just in time to move into the new home they are having built. WAY TO GO BOB AND DENISE!!



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