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The "RAMBLER"

MAY 2006

Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club

With the Metro Grand Spring Tour behind us the official Michigan riding season has started. Not that the roads were empty of cyclists before but rest assured the roadways are fast becoming, and I hate to use this word but "mighty congested". Many of us are doing our riding after working hours and this creates added congestion when we mix with motorized vehicles leaving work and heading for home. Everyone is in a hurry between 5:00 and 7:00 including many of our rides and this presents a dangerous environment. On Tuesday May 9th I was driving to a ride in Royal Oak and passed a police scene at the corner of Middlebelt and Pine Lake road. Lying behind a Cadillac SUV was the **crumbled frame of a bicycle**. I later heard it was a head on collision. Also the same night a motorist and cyclist hit on Gratiot Ave, the cyclist was thrown into the drivers windshield. Don't know who they were or the extent of their injuries. Please be careful out there.

On the bright side, our state legislators are working on **Senate Bill 1224** which attempts to legalize some common sense, like parking our bikes on a sidewalk, (I didn't know that was against the law) or allowing us to ride around an obstacle in our pathway even if it means not staying to the right side of the lane. More importantly it also removes the mandatory side path law. You might think this legislative attempt is rather silly, but here's the caveat. The general public as well as local law enforcement will become better educated to our road rights because there will be a clearer definition of those rights. This bill will be voted on next week, so if you could please call or email your state senator to support this bill. In Clinton Twp he is Michael Switalksi.

The club is still looking for a **Food Chairperson** for the Blue Water Ramble. The annual ride put on by our club could be in jeopardy should this position not be filled. We need a volunteer to step up and grab this important task. Please call Jim Crawford 586-677-7703 to offer some help.

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

Our Prez **Bill Stimpson** is stepping up to the plate. He will ride the **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 Bill made payable to "Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan". Jane Benard who was also planning on doing this ride will not make it this year due to her heart attack and recuperation period. Any donations she received can be applied to the 2007 ride or refunded. Please call Jane at 586-978-2052.

Kristine Korpall was at our May meeting promoting her "Mind over Matter" ride which will benefit Alzheimer's research. Kristine is from Harrison Twp and has created this ride on her own. For details please see her website at www.mindovermatter2006.com.

Kacey Manderfield was also at our May meeting as a guest of member Ed Gostin. Ed spent a lot of time chasing Kasey last fall. The two of them raced at the Bloomer Park Velodrome and Kacey, the velodrome's operations manager was at the meeting telling us about all the exciting events slated for this year including a new race with a \$2000 purse that should attract national racers. Check out the website at www.velodromeatbloomerpark.com for more details.

Member **Mary Miller** stood up at the May meeting to tell us about the upcoming May 17th Ride of Silence that commemorates fallen riders. There are 150 of these rides going on all across the country. Mary and husband Tom did the Dearborn ride last year and were very inspired. The ride was only 10 miles long at a 12MPH pace with no one talking. There were hundreds of riders of all different calibers including many racers. They wore a black armband to remember riders struck and killed by motorists and red armbands for those injured. Mary said there will be an east side ride starting at the fountain on Belle Isle at 7:00PM. The ride will exit the island and head down Jefferson to Woodward for 5 miles and then return to the island for a total of 10 miles.

This could be your LAST Newsletter. See inside for details.

Gary Haelewyn, Editor

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS 2006 WEEKLY RIDE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p>7:00 PM 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 PM MSU Management Center Square Lake and Crooks 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>6:00 PM Fraser Cycle Meet only 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>9:30 AM For Women ONLY Rochester Library Call Gail 248-879-6474 or Sue 248-828-3766 for the details.</p> <p>9:00 AM Stoney Creek Boatr Launch 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 PM Sheffield NE corner Big Beaver Coolidge 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 PM Moravian and Garfield Art Meerhaeghe will lead his favorite ramble to Metro Beach ride at a 14-16 mph pace. Call Art 586-268-7465 .</p>	<p>5:30 PM Moravian and Garfield Meet Rick and Sue Moorman for the old favorite Metro Beach Ride 15-17 MPH 30-35 miles.</p> <p>6:00 PM Rochester Municipal Parking Lot 3rd and Walnut Meet Pete Bosma for a 2 hour 15-17MPH area ride. Call Pete at 248-652-6675 for details.</p> <p>6:00 PM Schuchard Elementary Meet Doug MacDermaid off 17 Mile East of Dequindre North on Pinebrook East on Holly for a 20-25 mile slowest rider pace ride.</p>	<p>9:00 AM Stoney Creek Boatr Launch 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 PM Sheffield NE corner Big Beaver Coolidge 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 AM OR 8:30 AM 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 PM Marter & Jefferson Join prez Bill Stimson 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 AM Stoney Creek Boat Launch 45 Mile ride at 16-18mph to Armada for Breakfast and back</p> <p>9:00 AM Stoney Creek West Branch Parking Lot Meet T J Hill for a ride at the pace of the slowest rider to unknown destinations (Good beginner ride)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Stoney Creek Boat Launch Meet T J Hill for 50 miles mostly dirt road ride with a lunch stop in Lake Orion at about the 30 mile mark.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Treat List Volunteers 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
2-Jun	Matthew	McGough
5-Jun	Aletha	Bartels
6-Jun	Ed	Gostin
7-Jun	Gail	Komendera
8-Jun	Rose	Bianchini
10-Jun	Ken	Rosiek
12-Jun	Steve	Mastay
15-Jun	Bea	Saleski
16-Jun	Sandy	Overway
16-Jun	Sue	Graham
16-Jun	Bill	Smith
17-Jun	Barbara	Bollin
17-Jun	Dave	Switney
21-Jun	Laurie	Brickner
21-Jun	David	Komendera
24-Jun	Art	Anderson
25-Jun	Carol	Meerhaeghe
26-Jun	Don	Schumaker
28-Jun	Julie	Windhorst
30-Jun	Rich	Ostrowski

New Member

Ann Brabow
Larry Kinkela

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John Darkow cartoon



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR BOWMETT

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 a 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.

5/17 the 2006 Ride of Silence—Meet Tom and Mary Miller at the fountain on Belle Isle for 10 mile ride at a pace of 12 MPH. Plan to get there early as a large crowd is expected.

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/mhpva, 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

On the Mends

I don't have the energy to thank each one of you individually right now...but just wanted to give a big thanks to all of you who called, or sent a card, or visited, or inquired about me and my heart. I was finally released yesterday after 10 days in the hospital.

They cleaned out the blocked artery and put in a stint... but after a few days they gave me an MRI and found a blood clot. So they had to give me blood thinners, by IV and in pill form to hopefully break that up before it could do worse damage. That's why I was in there a few extra days. I'm on a zillion medications, so right now, it's a full time job for me to keep those straight. I have to go get my blood monitored 2 or 3 times a week to make sure levels are right. I go to the Cardiologist on May 8th, but don't know if anything will change or not. In about 3 months they'll do an MRI to see how much permanent damage was done, and how much has cleared up.

They say that I will benefit from my healthy lifestyle... even though it didn't keep me from having the heart attack...it probably would have happened sooner had I been a fat, smoking, couch potato. They blame it on my bad genes...most of my mother's side was wiped out by bad hearts at an early age...even younger than me.

So that's it...thanks for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. Now that I can't ride for awhile, I'll probably come to the May meeting...hope to see some of you there. Oh, and I will NOT be able to do the Make a Wish ride this year...hopefully next year.

As for Ron Truax...he's in a rehab center for about the next week or so, and then home. He's working with a neurologist (since he had a head injury), and also therapists to help him learn how to cope with dressing himself and getting around for the next few months. He won't be able to put weight on his left leg for 3 months... but he's using a walker. It must have been a horrible crash he had to mess him up so bad. Please keep kind thoughts and prayers for him also...he won't be riding for a long time.

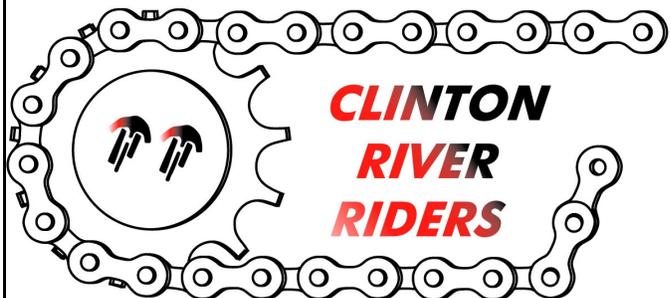
take care all of you...be safe please!
thanks again
Jane Benard

Also, on the mends old member Richard Van Buren aka Van, fractured his hip and is recovering from surgery.

This is your last newsletter,... Club application is attached

Allgaier	Gail
Atems	Liz
Baker	Dave
Bliss	Mark
Bollin	Barbara
Caraway	Ron
Chandler	Patrick
Dahlke	Donald & Linda
Danford	Raymond & Marie
Freeburger	Bruce
Grabowski	Daniel
Green	Carol
Hall	John & Gayle
Harding	Jess & Janice
Horner	Bob
Jeszke	Jill
Kaufmann	Hans
Klann	Rod & Mary
Kuhn	Richard & Susan
Larkin	Duane
Larson	Larry
Mackey	Sue
Menendez	Donna
Mesyn	Donna & Thomas
Moore A.	Caryll
Mullings	Aubrey & Mary
Padgett	Steve & Mary
Perazza	Lisa
Reader	Scott
Saunders	Steve & Diane
Semproch	Ken & Lynn
Smith	Tony
Smith	Ron & Dorothy
VanBuren	Richard
Wilson	Mary

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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Ride your bike like you drive your car.

I came across an email from a guy who ran a red light and was kind of upset that he got a ticket. I especially liked the reply sent by Ron Fisher which clearly shows how we can infuriate drivers with whom we're suppose to be sharing the road.

From: Gary S. Wasserman, Ph.D. <gwasserm@gmail.com>
To: Multiple recipients of list MichBike <MichBike@lmb.org>
Date: 5/3/2006 4:46:53 PM
Subject: MichBike: Moving violation on my bicycle - Can you help

Today, on my way to Milford from W. Bloomfield, I was stopped by a West Bloomfield officer for not stopping at a red light, just 1/2 mile from my home. It is a red light with a posted sign, no right turn on red M-F.

I was quite shocked and annoyed, but my biggest fear, is not paying the ticket, but having this post to the state computer system on my driving record, thus causing my auto insurance premiums to rise. Consequently, I am writing to this newsgroup for advice.

(i) Specifically, if I should go to court to fight this violation from being posted to my driving record, do you have any advice for me?
(ii) Are there any legal precedents out there that I should cite?
(iii) In the Michigan driver's education manual, do they specifically mention the fact that bicyclists must obey all the rules of the road?
Thanks,
Gary Wasserman

To: "Multiple recipients of list MichBike" <MichBike@lmb.org>
From: "takethelane@earthlink.net"
Subject: RE: MichBike: Moving violation on my bicycle - Can you help
Date: Wed, 3 May 2006 18:36:00 -0400

Hi Gary,

MI Vehicle Code 257.657. Every person riding a bicycle or moped upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle...

Sorry about your insurance premiums possibly rising, Gary.

To your question (i): If, as it seems, you're only trying to keep it off your driving record (I don't recommend you try to fight the ticket, itself), you may well have some luck, but my guess is that this would depend greatly upon the mood and persuasion of the magistrate at your hearing. Often, they will do a "trade-off", agreeing to not issue points in exchange for the payment of a higher fine. If it were I., I'd probably admit I'd done something stupid and illegal (pleading ignorance is rarely useful in court), and although I wouldn't do so, you may feel inclined to say something like you were in a hurry since you'd just had a flat (fibbing, on the other hand, often works wonders) and you should definitely express your willingness to pay the fine but then request that no points be put onto your record. You can (hopefully) mention your otherwise clean driving record, too. Having said all that, I suppose it's possible that you wouldn't even receive points for a moving violation on a bicycle, but were that the case, it would seem to remove much of the incentive to
Not repeat the offense.

To your question (iii), I think your best bet is to get a copy at your Secretary of State office and see. The point is moot in any case, since you don't need to have taken the test and/or obtained a MI Operator License in order to legally ride your bicycle upon the road.

I'm sorry if you were shocked and annoyed at being held to the same standard of other legal users of the road. The police officer was entirely correct and proper to have done what he/she did. I hope things were courteous. The good news is that you now know better and the GREAT news is that you weren't injured or worse by any cross traffic. It's more than about simply obeying the law. It's about the sad fact that there's loads of hostility toward bicyclists on the part of ignorant motorists. We have to be models, if you will, of riding predictably, safely and legally if we're ever to change some of the prevailing attitudes.

Blowing through red lights, sailing past lines of stopped cars on their right if sharing the same lane when approaching intersections, riding against traffic, weaving in and out from between parked cars, failing to yield (when appropriate) and not signaling when turning/changing lanes are all just as annoying to motorists as they are illegal and only serve to reinforce the negative images they already have of us.

If you download a .pdf copy of the booklet "What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know" from the League of Michigan Bicyclists website (www.lmb.org), I'm sure you'll find much of the information useful to you.

Best regards, good luck and be safe.
Ron Fischer



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, 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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