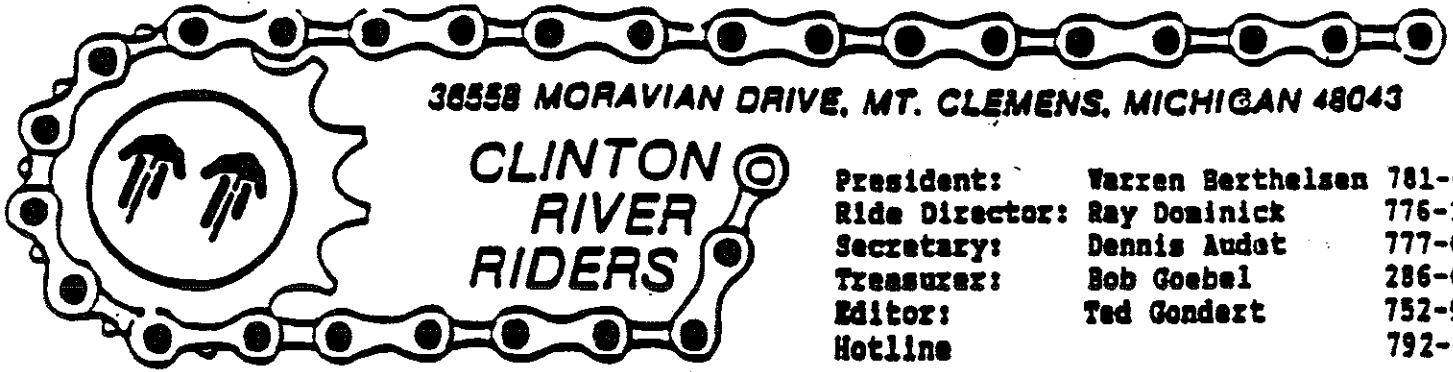


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## CLINTON RIVER RIDERS

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**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 1, 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: Beth  
Fieling, Mark Lenz, Doug Kondogan, Steven  
R. Smilaek. Hope you enjoy many rides this  
season with the club.

**BWR:** This is the 10th anniversary BWR.  
T-shirts and patch design will be voted on  
at the July 1 meeting. Sketch your ideas  
and bring them to the July meeting.  
Pavlat's will donate a bicycle for a  
raffle, club members and families are not  
eligible to win.

**Club Jerseys:** The design was voted on  
at the June meeting. It has horizontal and  
vertical stripes. A sketch can be seen at  
Pavlat's. There is a \$20.00 deposit  
required to order a jersey, Pavlat's will  
have receipts and sample size jerseys.  
Deposit must be made by the July 1st  
meeting so that jerseys can be ordered.

**AWARDS:** Mileage for the previous  
month must be written and brought to the  
meeting and given to the ride director,  
Ray Dominick, or mailed in by the end of  
the month. If the mileage is not given to  
Ray that month it will not be awarded.  
People must be club members and attend at

least 10 club events such as meetings,  
rides, BWR envelope stuffing etc. and also  
must lead at least one ride. The Member of  
the Year awards are based on the number of  
points a member acquires for club  
activities. Club officers get 5 points,  
Ride leaders with a new ride get 4 points,  
Ride leaders 3 points, Committee heads  
i.e. BWR mapping, rest-stops etc get 3  
points. Workers for the BWR (Blue Water  
Ramble) get 2 points and participants at  
club rides and events get 1 point.

**The Challenge with Greg LeMond:**  
June 30, July 28, Aug 11, Sept 15. This is  
a series of handicapped time trials around  
the country. Greg LeMond sets the handicap  
against the national pacesetters. Then  
they handicap the regional pacesetters.  
Stoney Creek Metro Park will be the site  
for this region. The time trial will be a  
little less than 1 lap or 6 miles. Start  
time will be 7:00 a.m. with riders off in  
1 minute intervals, no drafting. Pavlat's  
Prestige Cycle (792-4040) is the host  
shop. Tom Demerly will be the pacesetter.  
The event is geared for the amateur rider.

If you enter 3 Challenges you can receive  
a national ranking. The fastest riders in  
the different age and gender categories  
will be sent to the national time trial  
event in California, all expenses paid, to  
compete and meet with Greg LeMond. USCF  
riders can enter but are ineligible for  
prizes. Pre-registered entry fee \$10.00.

**Ride Schedule:** Call the hot-line at (313) 792-4040 for updates.

Sunday, June 16, 6:00 a.m.: Addison Oaks (2 miles north of Rochester Rd on 32 mile) mountain bike Run- Bike-Run. The CRR have volunteered to help with this event.

Sunday, June 16, 7:30 a.m.: meet Ray Dominick at Pavlat's Bicycles for 45 miles @ 15-17 MPH to a mystery pancake breakfast at about 10 miles.

Saturday/Sunday, June 22-23: MS-150 at School Craft College (7 mile and Haggerty) 85 miles to Lansing, overnight in dorms and back on Sunday. The CRR are ride leaders for this event.

Sunday, June 23, 6:45 a.m.: meet Doris Mulligan at Utica High School (21 mile and Shelby) for a 45-50 miles @ 15-17 MPH out by the Pontiac Silverdome and Adams Rd. Some hills, breakfast at 15 or 30 miles.

Saturday, June 29, 8:00 a.m.: meet John Payne at Fire Fighters Park on Square Lake Rd between Crooks & Coolidge for 40 miles at 12-14 MPH on roads, bike paths and Paint Creek Trail. Breakfast stop in Rochester and out to Lake Orion on Paint Creek, rest stops along the way.

Sunday, June 30, 7:00 a.m.: Time Trial at Stoney Creek Metro Park boat launch. The Clinton River Riders will be use the same course as the "Challenge", after it is run. CRR members ride the club time trial for free. You have to pay \$10.00 to pre-register for the "Challenge with Greg LeMond" To enter the "Challenge" contact Sue Pavlat at Pavlat's Bicycle 792-4040.

Sunday, August 4: Tandem ride for all the tandems in the club. More information in next newsletter.

**Other Club's Events:** Wednesday Wramble Wride: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. NE corner of Long Lake & Livernois in Troy. An easy pace ride for beginning cyclists, put on by the Slow Spokes. This is a free form ride through the rolling subdivisions of Troy and in it's 4 years of existence has yet to take the same route twice in a row. The pace for the main ride ranges from 11-13 MPH with an overall average of about 10.5 MPH for a distance of 14-19 miles.

When an adequate number of riders wish to ride a slightly faster pace, a second group maintains a 13-16 MPH pace (12.5 MPH average) for 16-22 miles over a more challenging route. In both cases, the pace is adjusted to challenge the riders without causing undue discomfort. In no case will a rider be left behind.

**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 free. Contact Sue Pavlat at 792-4040 if you can help.

Sat/Sun, June 15-16: Michigan National 24 hr Challenge, Douglas Walker Park - Byron Center, MI. Awards for top 3 finishers in 12 age and gender groups. 115, 24 and 6 mile loops.

### Other Clubs Events cont:

**MS-150:** Saturday/Sunday, June 22-23: fund-raiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The ride starts at School Craft College (7 mile and Hagerty) with 85 miles to Lansing, overnight at the MSU dorms then back on Sunday. The Clinton River Riders are ride-leaders for this event. Leaders should be at School Craft College by 7:00 a.m. Contact Andy Neumann for more information.

June 22-28, **PALM:** Pedal Across Lower Michigan. A family oriented 275 mile 6 day camping tour of back roads across Michigan. contact: Thomas F Glowacki, P.O. Box 7161, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 phone (313) 426-4616 (ans. mach)

Thursday-Sunday, July 4-7: Rally Ohio by the Ohio Bicycle Federation at Wilmington College near Dayton, write to: Rally Ohio, 515 Talbott Tower, Dayton, OH 45402. This is a long weekend event similar to L.A.W GEAR.

Sunday, July 7: Fire Cracker in Milford. Note, this has been changed from July 4 because of other events for Independence Day. Meet at registration 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 13: One Helluva Ride, at Chelsea Fair Grounds in Chelsea, MI

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.

**Bike Advocate:** There have been some bills introduced in the U.S. Congress that deal with federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian pathways. Bill #HR2101 by Joe Kennedy (D-MA) "The Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Act of 1991" this would mandate that 3% of the highway funds be spent on bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as shoulders, paths and parking etc. Bill #HR2267 by James Oberstar would require that federal funded road construction also include bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as wide shoulders or lanes or separate paths and parking if practical to incorporate in the design.

David Bonior (12th district) who supports bicycling says over 200 letters have already been received in support of the 3% funding bill #HR2101. There is a list of representatives on the Surface Transportation Subcommittee in this newsletter. When writing to a representative on a committee who isn't in your home district your letter should start with something like: "Dear Sir, although I am not in your district, I am writing you because you are on the transportation subcommittee." Otherwise the letters will probably be forwarded to your home district congressman.

Our letters to Congress can make a difference by letting them know that there are many constituents who ride bicycles as an alternative to always driving everywhere.

Thank you to Bill Duemling, Gary Haelewyn and Dave Bowman and others who have gotten this information and written letters.

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

**Monday:** 6:00 p.m. meet David Shaw at the First Baptist Church in Hazel Park, 1 block west of I-75 and 9 mile, turn north at Wendy's, for a 14 mile ride at 14-16 MPH. Note: June 17th only is cancelled.

**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. meet Warren Berthelsen at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for a 25 miles @ 14-15 MPH to Metro Beach.

**Tuesday:** 6:15 p.m. Metro Beach "Ice Cream Ride" meet Gary Haelewyn at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for 25 mile ride to Metro Beach at 20+ MPH.

**Wednesday:** 6:15 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:** 6:30 p.m. meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park for 20- 25 mile ride at 14-16 MPH to Mt. Clemens with ice cream stop

**Thursday:** 6:15 p.m. meet Doug MacDermaid or Kirk & Katie Carolan at the shopping center on Jefferson & Marter (8.5 mile) for a 30 mile ride to Grosse Pointe @ 16-18 MPH. Note: July 4th only meet at 7:30 a.m. optional breakfast after ride at Big Boy's at 9 mile.

**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 46 mile ride @ 16-18 MPH to Armada for breakfast.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. meet John Payne at Dondero High School on N. Washington in Royal Oak for 18 mile ride at 10-13 MPH. This is a training ride for the MS-150. Note: Saturday June 29, 8:00 a.m. meet at Fire Fighters park on Square Lake east of Coolidge see details in Ride Schedule.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park for a 20-25 mile ride at 14-16 MPH to Mt. Clemens with breakfast at the Broadway Cafe restaurant.

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Ever notice the signs on some local highways such as M-53 etc. that read: This section of Highway adopted by ...? The Clinton River Riders could adopt a highway and have our name on a sign too. It requires a 2 year commitment to pick up litter on 2 mile or more stretch of highway 4 times per year on dates of April 25-28, June 1, August 22-25 and October 3-6. Dates can be changed by notifying MDOT. There is a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 15 who can pick up litter on the side of the road. People must conduct a safety meeting with literature and safety video provided by MDOT to learn safety working near a highway. Orange vests must be worn and will be provided by MDOT. The following sections of highway are available: (1) I-94 north/east of 28 mile road to Marysville. (2) M59 between Romeo Plank and I-94. (3) Gratiot between 10 and 12 mile. If you can make a commitment to clean up the highway 4 times per year than vote yes at the July meeting for the Clinton River Riders to "Adopt-A-Highway. If you aren't going to do it than don't vote for it.

## C L U B   W A R N I N G

My name is unimportant. However, the story I'm about to tell you is important. It is a warning to all current and future club members. Be careful, watch out, what appears normal on the surface is merely a cover up to what is truly going on behind your backs. There exists within the Clinton River Riders a subversive group of individuals whose ultimate purpose is still unknown to both myself and local authorities. The only identifying trait displayed by this group, other than two of them being skinheads, is they don't have both wheels on the ground. They're a little short upstairs. So how, you might ask, did I gain their confidence and infiltrate the group? The story, so bizzare, so twisted reads like a cheap spy novel out the 50's. The cast of characters includes the Queen of England, Mr. Ed, two board members, a father and son tandem team whom I believe are the ring leaders, and various other brainwashed glasse-eyed club members of questionable heritage.

It all started a couple of months ago. "The Wheelmens Investigative Trust" (TWIT) a bicycling arm of LAW assigned me to look into complaints from ex-club members about certain devious goings-on at certain club events. I picked the Horsey Hundred down in Kentucky to do my initial findings. Hitching a ride with roommate Doug "Backstabber" MacDermaid, Laurie "wet buck" Brickner, Fast Eddy Gostin, and the beautiful Legs Weipert, we left Detroit the afternoon of May 23rd and vanned down to Georgetown Ky. I planted my bugged bicycle in Fruitie Franks van who left earlier that day with Ray, "the brickbrain" Dominick. Frank and Ray car-pooled down with Bob, "can't find the right gear" Goebel and his mate, Stoken, Smoken Rosey. Other members, Frank Mottershead and Bob "casanova" Latsko arrived the next day, but I don't think they're part of the conspiracy.

Working with Kentucky police I secretly carried a wire tap and quietly knocked on Frank and Ray's room when we arrived early Thursday night. They took some minutes to answer the door probably destroying subversive materials which could have been used for evidence. The plan as they called it was to meet for breakfast at place called "Shoneys" with the Ann Arbor Cycling Society. Perfect I thought, my co-operative Leanna is a member of that group and would be a great asset to our investigation.

We met them for breakfast the next morning, parked the cars at the college and got out our bikes. Unfortunately, Fruitie Frank must have discovered my recorder. The tape was blank. We mounted our bikes and headed out on our bicycling adventure. Beautiful horse farms, green grasses, blue skies, roller-coaster hills, and good comraderie. We arrived at our first rest stop, a party store about 25 hilly miles from the college. When I returned with my juice and crackers there was a strange look on the brickbrains face. Leanna tried desparately to pass me a message but was stopped by her mother Sharon. As we gathered our bikes to return to the ride I immediately noticed a sluggishness in my bikes response. Yes, there in my bag were 2 large bricks. I later learned Ray the brickbrain and Backstabber MacDermaid had each carried one of the large bricks all 25 miles up and down the hills from the college. I carried them only 2 feet, thwarting their dastardly plans.

We continued on our ride. I fell back letting the rest of the group loose their way on the marked route. Seems they had problems reading street signs. When they arrived back at the college I already had my room, patiently waiting for my luggage locked in Fast Eddy's van.

The next day we met for breakfast at the college cafeteria. A hearty southern breakfast was had by all. We agreed to ride the 75 mile route. I promised to stay with the group today so they wouldn't get lost. Saturday's hills were higher and steeper than Fridays as was the heat. The thermometer read 98 degrees when we stopped for lunch. Following lunch we broke into different groups. Fast Eddy, Leggs, and myself riding together the rest of the way. In the small town of Midway we stopped at local party store for liquid libations. Sitting on the grass under a tree the Queen of England and her motorcade drove by us. Unbeknownst to Eddy and Denise, the queen was part of our infiltration group. I passed her the sign that everything was all right, she waved back in acknowledgement. We then headed back the last 15 miles to the college. Following showers and rest we headed for Saturdays dinner. Spaghetti, chicken, roast beef and all the trimmings, very delicious. Then the blue-grass band entertained us while we sat on blankets on the lawn and ate ice cream sundaes.

Suddenly, I was hit from behind. Dazed, I opened my eyes and couldn't see anything but clouds of white. What had they done to me. Was I being drugged with a truth serum. I never broke my code of silence to TWIT. Later I learned it was Fast Eddy's fast hands, but everyone of them knew about it and was involved. They even picked straws to see who among would get to throw the cream pie. Some bunch of friends. But I knew who the real villains were. Fruitie and Brickbrain. My night of terror was not quite over yet. Convinced by my so-called friends I agreed to a pie in the face for the "Brickbrain" and his sidekick. Quietly we sneaked back to their dorm, and I knocked on the door. Suddenly I was hit from behind by a small rubbery object. A water-balloon from the laundry room accross from theirs. Brick brain fired another, neither one broke. No wonder he's got bricks for brains. He made the projectiles too small, and too strong to break. I later learned he broke 13 of them trying to fill them. Foiled again he would try again the last day of the ride. Carrying 3 water-balloons 34 miles up and down those hills he still was unable to make hit his mark. When we arrived back at the college I glanced over my shoulder just as he passed his last balloon to "wet buck" Brickner. As she rode up next to me I grabbed her jersey pocket and exploded the balloon of water in her jersey. Another brick for brains trademark of this group, she had placed the balloon in the same pocket as her cash.

This article should expose the group to the law abiding members of the club. My investigation for TWIT is complete and reports have been filed with local organizations to be on the look out for these subversive elements in the bicycling community. Their tactics cannot go unanswered. Be aware of them on your rides.