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## Blue Water Ramble

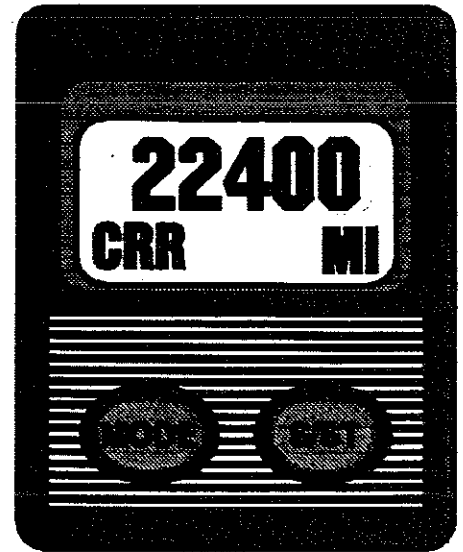
The 1995 Blue Water Ramble will be on Sunday, October 1 in St. Clair. The publicity committee has been busy promoting the ride. There will be announcements on some local radio stations in their events listings. The applications are printed and will be mailed out to the local bike shops. Contact Bill Duemling if you want some to be sent to a good location you haven't seen them at.

All CRR members are asked to help with the BWR. Even if you can't make it to St. Clair for the day of the event, much work is done before the ride in organizing and preparation. Remember that the BWR is the chief fund-raiser for the club. Dues barely pay for the newsletter.

Contact one of the committee heads to see what you can do to help. Diane Baker is head of the committees. Debbie Capoferi and Steve Angst are head of *Publicity*. Elizabeth Nieman is head of the *Food*. Dave Courter is head of *Day of ride*. Eric Noyes is head of *Routes*. Bill Duemling is head of *Registration*. Warren Berthelsen is head of *SAG*.

## SEMCOG non motorized transportation committee

South East Michigan Council of Governments is the MPO, Metropolitan Planning Organization, for the South East Michigan area. Their transportation plans are supposed to include ways to improve non motorized transportation too. ISTEA the Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act provides funding for non automobile transportation. SEMCOG is looking for volunteers for their non motorized transportation committee. Bicyclists should be represented. If you can make meetings a few times a year in downtown Detroit at the SEMCOG offices and want to help bicycling please consider volunteering. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995.



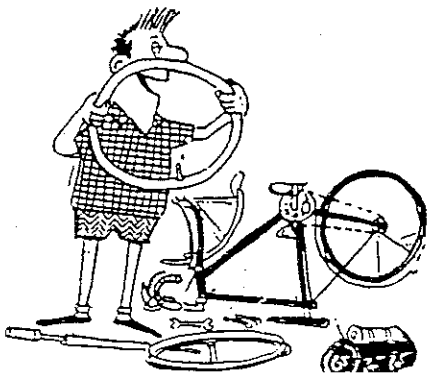
Note: meeting date changed because of holiday. June 26 instead of July 3.

## Next Meeting

Monday, June 26 1995  
7:00 p.m. at Mt. Clemens  
Recreation Center  
300 Groesbeck (at Lafayette)

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| <b>President</b>          |                |
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|                           | 792-4670       |

Blue Water Ramble



**Editors Note:** Please submit articles and information for the newsletter by Wednesday after the meeting. Mail it to: Ted Gondert, 356 Third St, Romeo, MI 48065-4804 or modern/fax it if you call first so I can turn on the computer or fax (810) 752-7043 or E-mail me at ac557@detroit.freenet.org IBM/DOS 3.5 inch disk with ASCII, WP5.1, MS Word for Windows-2.0, or other standard text editors are acceptable too.

### **Club ID Cards**

Identification cards for club members are available from Pennie Morauski at club meetings or by sending SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Pennie Morauski, 14207 Castle Dr., Warren MI. 48093. Back of card has room for emergency information such as phone #, allergies, etc.

### **Bike shops with discounts for CBB members with ID cards.**

Prestige Cycles 36558 Moravian Dr., Clinton Twp	(810) 792-4040
Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority 1109 S. Washington, Royal Oak	542-7182
Pointe Cycle & Fitness 20343 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods	(313) 886-1968
Mountains of Bikes 42201 Garfield, Clinton Twp.	(810) 412-0500
Antoon's Bicycles 13823 19 mile Rd. Sterling Hgts	247-9240
Sterling Schwinn 2169 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Hgts 878 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester	979-7570 652-1555
Big Ralph's Schwinn Cycling 23521 Nine Mack, St. Clair Shores	772-3258
Macomb Schwinn 28441 Schoenherr, Warren	756-5400

### **MS-150 bike tour**

The Clinton River Riders have volunteered as ride leaders for this fundraising ride for the Multiple Sclerosis Society since the first ride 10 years ago. This years tour, July 8-9 starts in Livonia at Northville Downs and goes to MSU in East Lansing with overnight in dorms. Seventy five miles each day with optional 100 mile loop available. Volunteers are also needed for non-riding jobs at rest stops, registration, etc. Call Michigan MS Society at 1-800-247-7382.

**NOTE:** Coronary Pulmonary Resuscitation training for MS-150 tour leaders is at the Mt. Clemens library at 150 Cass and Gratiot. on **Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.:** ALL tour leader volunteers should attend. You will receive your T-shirt and get your starting time and

details about the MS-150 bike tour. Contact Steve Morauski for more information. (810) 773-2213.

### **Top Club Miles**

George Zoitro	1398
Rick Jones	1214.2
Bill Windhorst	973.2
Dave Switney	794.6
Julie Windhorst	787.1
Sharon Wiseman	785.9
Darlene Duskey	618.8
Steve Angst	583.3
Art Meerheghe	513.3
Bob Latsko	503.8
John Tarantino	495.1
Steve Morauski	471.4
Gary Green	468
Marilyn Opp	460.1
Greg Schultz	454.9
Eric Noyes	448.4
Pennie Morauski	442.4
Debbie Capoferi	436.8
Ted Gondert	419.1
Laurie Brickner	418.3
Douglas MacDermaid	411.8
Sheila Jones	400.3
Patrick Moorman	395
Susan Moorman	395
John Edry	374.6

### **Happy Birthday to**

Steve Angst (jr) 7/11, Matt Barton 7/9, Kristint Berthelsen 7/27, Betty Ferra 7/13, Kathy George 7/9, Linda Morrison 7/24, Emmett Mulligan 7/19, Mary Ann Pertner 7/5, Gloria Quinn 7/24, Paul Smith 7/20, Mark VanSlembrouck, 7/17, George Zoitro 7/26.

### **Welcome New Riders**

Steven Babcock, Donald Bartlett, Charles Briggs, Gregory Brown, Michael Chakan, Tom and Betty Ferra, Joseph Fortino, Mike and Sandy Freeman, Jack Giannosa, Don Kepler, Michael Korenchuk, Michael Pierzchala, Daniel Romej.

### **Happy Birthday newest rider**

The youngest club member joined on June 8, her birthday. Greg and Julia Schultz are the proud parents of a 7 LB 6 oz future bicyclist, Breanna Kitt Schultz. Now Greg will be looking for a bicycle trailer.

### **Tour de Stoney Creek**

The second stage in the one lap ride around Stoney Creek metro park will be on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Starts at the East Wood beach parking lot. Should be done by 8:30 with daylight left. This is for club members to check their time around. Awards at the Christmas party for best overall time and most improved in men's and women's categories and tandems. You must participate in three events to qualify. Two more will be scheduled this year.

## **Ride Schedule**

### **Reoccurring Rides**

Call the Hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates

On evening rides bring lights in case of delays.

**Monday 6:30 p.m.:** meet Pam & Rich Dyer at the Michigan National Bank in Algonac on M-29 1/2 mile east of the Harsons Island ferry. Ferry (free for bikes) to Harsons Island for 25 mile ride at 17-18 mph.

**Tuesday 9:00 am.:** meet George Ziofro at Schultz Funeral Home 8 1/2 and Gratiot 30-40 mile @ 14-16 mph around Grosse Pointe. Call Hotline (810) 792-4670 late Mon. or early Tues. to check on ride.

**Tuesday 6:30 p.m.:** (time changed): meet Steve Morauski at Prestige Cycles 36558 Moravian (by Garfield) in Clinton Twp for 20-25 mile ride 14-16 mph to Metro Beach. Co-leaders are needed for this ride to lead different groups. Call Steve to volunteer.

**Tuesday 6:45 p.m.:** (note day changed): meet Sue & Jerry Pavlat at the MSU management training center on SE corner of Square Lake Rd and Crooks. BAM, RAAM-NOTHING BUT HILLS ride. 23 miles 1 1/2 hrs, 19 mph average, no stops. Bring lights in case of delays.

**Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.:** meet Glen & Marilyn Drellishak at Long Lake (18 mi.) & Livernois for 25 mile ride. Two groups, 10-12 mph and 12-14 mph. Dinner after ride at restaurant.

**Wednesday 5:00 p.m.:** meet Gary Haelewyn at K-mart headquarters 16 mile and Coolidge for 25-30 mile ride @ 16-18 mph through Wabek and the rolling hills of Oakland County,

**Thursday 5:30 p.m.:** for women only; meet Marilynn Opp at Stoney Creek boat launch for laps around Stoney Creek. You can come latter and join them as they come around or drop off for a lap. Perfect for Thursday "Power at the Tower, widows"

**Thursday 6:00 p.m.:** meet Rich Dyer or Steve Angst at the water tower in New Baltimore for fast "Power at the Tower" 35 mile ride at 20+ mph.

**Thursday 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.:** meet George Ziofro and Dano Merchant at Pavlat's 2 Wheel Authority on S Washington in Royal Oak for 25 mile ride to Bloomfield Hills and Cranbrook. Two paces; 14-16 mph at 6:00 p.m., 16-18 mph 6:30 p.m.

**Friday 6:00 p.m.:** meet Steve Angst at Jefferson & Marter (8 1/2 mi.) for 25 mile ride at 16-18 mph. Ice cream stop is optional on hot days.

**Saturday 8:00 a.m.:** meet Doug, Rick, George or Dave at Stoney Creek boat launch for breakfast ride to Armada. 45 miles at 16-18 mph pace.

**Saturday 8:00 a.m. June 17, 24 July 15 & 22:** Note, July 15 is 11:00 a.m.: meet Patti Brehler at Prestige Cycles on Moravian in Clinton Twp. This is an easy pace ride for beginning women who want to learn more about riding. 5 to 15 miles at 10 to 14 mph.

Call Patti at Prestige Cycles for more information. (810) 792-4040

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.:** meet John Payne at Pavlat's 2 Wheel Authority in Royal Oak, 1109 S Washington for 35-50 mile ride at 14-16 mph pace. Route varies, sometimes Rochester for breakfast.

### **Scheduled Rides for June**

**June 11 -Sunday 8:00 a.m.:** meet Dave & Sharon Switney at Stoney Creek boat launch for 55 mile ride @ 16-18 mph to New Baltimore for breakfast.

**June 17 -Saturday 9:00 p.m.:** meet Sue Pavlat at MSU training center, 19 mile east of Crooks for easy pace ride. The Troy deserts crawl, around Troy subdivisions with stops for desert at homes of Jerry & Sue Pavlat, Nancy & Hank Thoenes, Shiela & Rick Jones. Call Sue Pavlat at store 542-7182 or Nancy Thoenes 879-8508 or Sheila Jones 879-2490 to make desert reservations. **Helmet, lights front-rear, mandatory! Wear light colored clothing**

**June 25-Sunday 8:15 a.m.:** meet Dave Courter at Farmer Jack parking lot in Algonac across from Wapole Island ferry. Note first ferry scheduled after 8:20 a.m. cost 75¢. 45 to 55 miles (roads may be closed) to Mitchell's Bay, Canada for breakfast. 16-18 mph.

### **Other Rides and Events**

**June 30 - July 3 Friday through Monday:** Bill Windhorst has rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn hotel in New Buffalo, MI (SW corner of state). Spend holiday weekend riding around Michigan @ Indiana. Maps of routes used by Apple Cider Century available. Swimming pool at hotel, beach on Lake Michigan a mile away. Other activities available. Visit the bicycle museum in New Buffalo. Call Bill Windhorst to make reservations with deposit for rooms \$68 per night as soon as possible. (810) 939 6073

**July 8-9 Saturday & Sunday:** MS-150 ride from Livonia to Michigan State University. 75 miles each day, optional 100 miles. See MS-150 article for more details about CRR ride leaders.

**July 2 Sunday,:** Firecracker 100 Bicycle tour in Brighton. 5 to 100 mile routes. Michigan Council AYH 3024 Coolidge Rd., Berkley, MI 48072. (810) 545-0511

**IDIDARIDE august 4-6:** Weekend starts at Adrian College with routes upto a double century. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Ski Club Cyclists. Write IDIDARIDE, 2851 Quail Hollow, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

### **Mio Adventures**

**June 17&18 Mio to Grayling,** an overnight trip about forty miles one way. Overnight at hotel.

**June 24:** Overnight ride for kids by the 4-H club in Mio. Will instruct kids on safe riding and minor repairs.

**July 8:** Ride across Michigan on M-55. You will be sagged to Manistee. Ride to Tawas City.

July 29&30: M&M ride, a one way ride from Mio to Mackinaw with an overnight stop in Wolverine. It's about 110 miles total for the two days with sag back to Mio from Mackinaw.

Sept 16&17: MTM ride, the TOSRV of the North. A 210-230 mile ride from Mio to Mackinaw and back in two days with overnight in Mackinaw.

Oct. 7&8: Mio Fall Color Tour, 2 days of riding, maybe a canoe trip.

If interested call Doug MacDermaid (810) 939-4670 or Glenn Pelton (517)-TANDEMS (826-3387) Helmet required. Rustic camping available in Mio. Hotels fill up fast so call early.

## **ERIC vs. THE GOOSE**

"Look out for the nest," called his fellows at rest,  
As Eric mounted his bike.  
A square yard of gravel was soon to unravel  
His plan for a ride down the pike.

A pair of geese, their tribe to increase,  
Built a nest in the parking lot.  
It seems so bizarre that a place for a car  
Would be where two geese would squat.

"No confrontation with goose population,"  
He said as he circled the lot.  
"I'll stay on the edge, close to the hedge,  
And the geese will stay where they ought."

But the angry gander, wanting no outlander  
Coming anywhere near his nest,  
Decided to attack this maniac  
Who had so sorely transgressed.

The rider, alert, tried to avert  
Facing a militant goose.  
He got up his speed, the attack to impede,  
And thought that the bird would vamoose.

He turned and looked back, saw imminent attack,  
And pedaled at maximum speed.  
The gander grew bolder, aimed at the shoulder.  
A collision was guaranteed.

The rider, with flair, flew through the air,  
And landed on shoulder and thigh.  
The goose scored one, Eric none.  
Now the rider is not quite so spry.

Don't mess with a goose who's on the loose.  
The bird will be the winner.  
Better take flight; you'll loose the fight,  
Unless you eat him for dinner.

*by Lily Doyce*

## **E-mail online**

Bicyclists are also jumping on the "Info Highway", Electronic Mail or E-mail. There are mailing lists you can subscribe to including "BikeMidwest@fuji.physics.indiana.edu" for the discussion of bicycle advocacy or "michbike@cyclring.org" for discussing bicycling in Michigan. Tandems have a mailing list also

"tandem@hobbes.ucsd.edu" You can find out more by sending E-mail to: "majordomo@cyclring.org" or "majordomo@fuji.physics.indiana.edu" or

"listserv@hobbes.ucsd.edu" Those are automated programs that will subscribe you to the lists they serve. Subject line of message isn't important, in the body of the message send: "subscribe tandem first name last name" (eg. subscribe tandem Jane Doe)

"lists" for the name of mailing lists that are served by that address. "which" will tell you what you are subscribed to at that address.

"help" to find out more commands. Remember not to use the quotes and one line of text. If the "majordomo" or "listserv" can't figure out what you sent, it will send back your message to you. DON'T send "unsubscribe" messages to "michbike@cyclring.org", "tandem@hobbes.ucsd.edu", or

"BikeMidwest@fuji.physics.indiana.edu". That will send it to everyone on the mailing list and they will FLAME (send nasty mail) you back. Any good book on E-mail will explain it better.

I subscribed to: tandem@hobbes.ucsd.edu for a day and recieved 20 messages. You can also subscribe in digest form that puts all the messages together with a table of contents and sends it to you every few days. Send this message to: listserv@hobbes.ucsd.edu

subscribe tandem (your name)  
set tandem mail digest

That will subscribe you to the tandem mailing list in DIGEST form. Just send the first line of the message to subscribe in standard form.. The same commands work at most listservers/ mailing lists.

## **Thank you**

The Dyer family extends thanks for the cards and flowers sent to Gena Dyer.

## **TOSRV 95**

Every year the swallows return to Capistrano, the buzzards to Hinkley, Ohio and for 34 years on Mothers Day weekend, cyclists have returned to Columbus, OH. It's for the Tour Of the Scioto River Valley, the 100 mile ride to Portsmouth and back. Over 6000 riders register for this annual rite of spring bicycle tour.

Friday, May 12, 12:00 p.m.: John Edry arrives to pick me up for the drive down to Columbus. John takes a scenic route after Toledo that is just as fast as I75 to Ohio 15 and 23. Arriving at the motel outside Columbus, the skies are sunny and warm. Looks to be a great weekend for TOSRV. John and I ride the couple of miles to downtown Columbus to pick up our registration and see the bicycle stuff for sale at the Huntington Bank building, one of the sponsors of TOSRV. Several dealers are at the bike expo including Chuck Harris whomakes rear view mirrors and bicycle jewelry, i.e., miniature bicycles made of silver, etc. I found somebody with Avocet batteries, my battery died the day before. Rode over to the Spaghetti Factory, a restaurant in an old factory building.

## TOSRV continued

The usual TOSRV crowd was there but we decided not to wait for 30 minutes to get our reservations in. Remembered another restaurant in the "German Town" section of Columbus, which we ate at a few years ago. After riding around some, we found a place with a list of the shops in German Town and found Schmidt's Sausage. It's a friendly place with good food and beer (John said). Looking at the menu I decided to have the smorgasbord and John had a sausage dinner. Rode back to the motel and we make sure everything is ready for the ride in the morning.

**Saturday, May 13, 6:30 a.m.:** The weather radio says it will be cloudy in the morning and sunny and 70 degrees in the afternoon for TOSRV. I decided to bring my old rain jacket just in case. We get up and dress, pack the bicycles and luggage in John's mustang and drive down to Columbus. Park the car, unload the bikes and bags, and load the bags on the trucks for our destinations in Portsmouth. John is staying at a hotel outside of Portsmouth but I am at Roosevelt elementary school in Portsmouth. John and I get rolling about 7:30 a.m. and stop at the McDonald's a mile into the ride for breakfast. It's cloudy outside but not cold and no rain for the first hour. But then we start to feel a couple drops. Maybe it's just a refreshing mist, but it starts to get wetter. By the time we make it to Chillicothe for the lunch rest stop, 50 miles into the ride, everybody is wet. But it wasn't too cold so nobody was getting hypothermia. Lunch is OK in Chillicothe with bread, bologna, turkey lunch meat, peanut butter, jelly, apples, bananas, candy bars, sport drink, hot chocolate, etc. Bob Latsko arrives as we are getting ready to leave, he mentions that Rick Jones, and Steve Angst & Debbie Capoferi are also on the ride.

After Chillicothe the scenic part of the tour starts. The rain let up and we ride over the rolling hills through the southern Ohio farmland. Waverly is the next town and Lake White park is just past it for the last rest stop, only 30 miles to go. Many hills are adjacent to the route but there aren't too many huge hills on the route. The rumble strips at a couple of intersections have been worn down by traffic over the years and aren't so bad. The ambulance is ahead at the Rushtown tracks. Somebody crashes there every year, with the rain making it worse. Now it's only 15 miles to go and the rain has stopped. Finally the bridge to Portsmouth is in sight and we are done. A large glowing globe appears in the sky, it's the sun, as we wait with the large crowd at the bridge to see the rest of the riders come in. Rick Jones on his single bike, Steve Angst & Debbie Capoferi on their tandem, and Bob Latsko arrive and we make plans to meet for tomorrow. I mention the pancake breakfast in town catered by Chris Cakes, and we decide to meet there at 5:45 a.m. so we have plenty of time to make the bridge to start at 6:30 a.m..

Rick, Steve & Debbie, and Bob ride to the south end of town to their motel. I follow them since my school is down that way anyway. It turns out that Roosevelt elementary school is on the high side of town. You have to ride past the water reservoir and back down the hill to get there. That is the biggest hill on the ride. After arriving at the school I got my bag, a cool shower, and changed out of my wet riding clothes. Cleaned up my bike some and oiled the chain. Got some newspapers to dry my shoes from somebody who lived next door.

Walked to the CAY for dinner, didn't want to climb backup the hill on my bike, especially without my cleats and didn't want to wear my wet riding shoes. Dinner was good with chicken and mashed potatoes. spaghetti was also available but the line for that was much longer. After dinner I looked at the bicycle stuff for sale but didn't need anything.

Back at the school everybody had their sleeping bags on the gym floor, I had a thermarest pad too. Didn't pack a pillow because of no room. Stuffed my extra clothes in the nylon stuff sack to make a pillow but it isn't very comfortable. You don't need an alarm clock on TOSRV if you are sleeping on a gym floor. People start to get up and talk about 4:00 a.m. and the lights went on at 5:15. I heard some rumbling sounds and it seems somebody must have a big flash on their camera, the sky would light up and the showers were extra loud too. Then somebody says the weatherman is reporting severe thunderstorms. Everybody gets up and packs their gear.

I don't want to miss the CRR at the pancake breakfast. Attached the light to the bike and put on my rain jacket to ride to the church for the pancakes. Used the easier route on RTE. 23 instead of climbing that big hill in the dark and rain. Didn't see any of the other Clinton River Riders at the pancake breakfast. Chris Cake has entertaining patter as he flips pancakes to you to catch with your plate. I rode over to the bridge to see if they rode by, waited until 6:45 and decided to get riding. Columbus isn't getting any closer, don't know if the rain is going to stop or not. After about an hour the rain does decrease. All of the streams and drains are running full force with water draining over the road in spots but not over 1/2 inch. By the time I got to Lake White it stopped raining. By Chillicothe the sun was out and it was over 75 degrees. Rode with a few different people for while and the wind was out of the south for a tail wind. Rolled along at 20+ mph for several miles, good thing it was a tail wind, not a head wind. It would have been tough to ride into a head wind and rain all day. Arrived in Columbus 1:17 p.m., didn't see any other Clinton River Riders yet.

After getting my luggage and putting my bike in the car, (John had left me an extra set of keys), went to the YMCA (coed Y, but not the showers) for a hot shower, cost of \$2.00 was worth it. After a couple hours the rest of the CRR bicyclists arrived. They had decided to wait and got riding about 8:00 a.m. when it was dry. I should have gone to their motel in the morning to see what they were going to do. They wouldn't start out in the rain if they could help it.

Everybody made it through another TOSRV. This one will be remembered for a while but it wasn't too bad, temperatures were warm enough to keep from freezing and the sunny afternoon, and warm tail wind were enough to make you forget the rain from the early morning. John got his bags and cleaned up the restroom for the drive back to Michigan. Thanks to John for driving me down to Columbus and getting a double room at the motel. Maybe next year'll return like the other bicyclists to TOSRV.

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