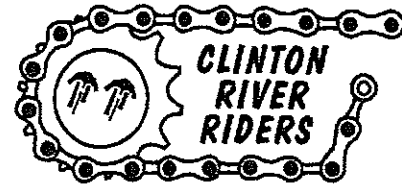


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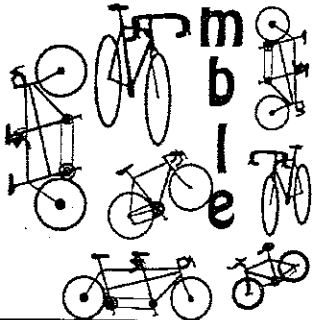
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## BWR CHAT

The Publicity Committee has been hard at work getting Sponsors & making design decisions. We will have teal t-shirts & sweatshirts with cream & mauve printing. Prestige Cycles have generously agreed to pay for our staff shirts, and also provide support for our ride. Cycle & Fitness will pay for the rider #'s. Doris is checking into a big balloon for the top of St. Clair High School. It would certainly help riders find the school. Steve Schmelzer from Motor City Collision has agreed to sponsor us for the cost of the balloon. E.A. & Eileen Hirsch have volunteered to be BWR Food Co-Chairs. They need 20 people for the lunch stop in Canada, & people to clean up the next day. John Tarantino needs 6 sag drivers. BWR applications will be sent in the upcoming issue of LMB.

R  
Blue Water



## Intense

Hank Thoenes wins 1st place in the Tour De Stony on May 21.



## Editors Note

Any article or picture submitted for the newsletter will be printed if possible. Please submit up to and including the monthly meeting. Info may be sent to my E-mail (doubletime@teleweb.net)

Thanks,  
Debbie

Next Meeting  
Monday  
July 7, 1997  
7. pm

Mt. Clemens Recreation Center  
300 Groesbeck



792-4670

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## Changes

I'm fine tuning the newsletter again. As I was doing the newsletter last month, it occurred to me that I was typing information that would have been useless to you by the time the newsletter came. It takes time to complete the newsletter after the monthly meeting. It then takes more time to be printed and mailed. It then gets to you mid-month. I have decided that it would be more efficient to do the newsletter mid-month to mid-month. You will receive a FULL MONTH schedule, and I won't be typing useless information.

### *Just a reminder:*

I can take info any time of the month. Don't wait till the meeting if you don't have to. The sooner I get info, the sooner the newsletter gets done, & the greater the chance that your info will get printed.

Thanks, Deb

## Welcome New Members

Shelly Buchler, Donna Menendez, & Christopher Rodgers. We hope that you'll enjoy our club events & rides. Feel free to make suggestions and to lead rides. We have a variety of ages & levels of riding in the club. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Thoughts & Prayers

Rick Jones lost his father in May. Our deepest sympathies are with Rick and his family.

Ron Smith has been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis. He's home from the hospital following surgery for the removal of his thymus gland. He's upbeat and ready to fight this thing. Energy is something he could use more of. The disease process and all the medication he has to take is interfering with his normal active lifestyle. So, if you have some extra energy, please send Ron some, along with a note or card. He has been an active club member and done many things for us, including BWR chair in 1994. We're pulling for you Ron (and Dorothy too).

*The Clinton River Riders*

## Rides in June/July

### Mio to Oscoda June 13, 14, 15

A sixty mile ride from Mio to Oscoda. Spend Saturday night in Oscoda & return to Mio on Sunday.

*for more info call:*

Doug MacDezmaid or Laurie Brickner  
810-939-4670

### 24-Hour Challenge June 14-15

A personal best bicycle ride to test your endurance and determination. Set your goal and try to achieve it. Held annually on Fathers Day Weekend in Grand Rapids. In 1996, riders from 23 states & Canada completed 96,338 miles.

*for more info call:*

Rapid Wheelman Bicycle Club  
616-241-1969

### Ride of Note June 21-22

A 2 day ride put on by the Corunna Band Boosters. Riding in Shiawassee County on good roads with light traffic. Camping available.

*for more info call:*

Bob  
517-743-4822

### Mitchells Bay Sunday June 22 & July 13 8 A.M. (A/B) 8:30 A.M. (C)

Dave Courtier will lead a 55 mile ride to Mitchells Bay. Scenery is beautiful. See calendar for details.

### Palm June 21-28

A 7 day tour from Whitehall to TBD. Typical mileage less than 50 each day. Extra miles available.

*for more info call:*

Palm Inc.  
313-665-6327 DWTrike@aol.com

### Firecracker June 29

New location and all new scenic low traffic routes. Starts in Howell.

*for more info call:*

American Youth Hostels  
810-545-0511

### One Helluva Ride Saturday July 12

Starts at the Chelsea Fairgrounds in Chelsea, MI. Routes of 40, 63, 76, & 100 miles on paved roads. There will also be a 15 mile fun ride starting and finishing at Portage Lake State Park. Generally flat terrain with some rolling hills. Good food & friendly volunteers. LAB sanctioned. website: <http://www.hvcrn.org/info/aabts/ohr.html>

Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society  
313-994-0044

### Otisville July 6 8 A.M. (B)

Rick & Sue Mootman will lead a 70 mile ride to Otisville for breakfast. Start at Dryden High School.

### MS 150 July 12-13

The Clinton River Riders will once again be the tour leaders. The club has enough volunteers, but you may be placed on an alternate list, in case of cancellations.

*for more info call: Steve Morauski*  
810-773-2213

### Holland Hundred July 19

36, 60, & 100 mile. Ferry ride, maps, SAG, breakfast, lunch, food stops, showers. Optional t-shirts.

*for more info call:*

Tulip City Two Wheelers  
616-738-3163

### Women on Wheels July 19

Mason. 15, 30, & 50 mile. Marked route, map, SAG, food stops, lunch, showers, & t-shirts.

*for more info call:*

Tri-County Bicycle Association  
517-339-1758

### Shoreline Circle Tour July 28 - Aug. 3

St. Ignace to Manotowoc or Ludington. The newest Shoreline adventure the Lake Michigan Circle Route sets sail this summer.

*for more info call: LMB*

888-642-4537 or 313-379-2453

## Other Rides & Events

### History & Scenic Tour June 29 9a.m. (B)

Join Bill & Julie Windhorst for a 50 mile ride from Sterling Hts. to Auburn Hills. We will ride through a natural preserve/subdivision and cover some of the Hilly Hammer route. Some hills can be eliminated. The last 5-6 miles is all down hill (guaranteed). On the way back we will stop off at some old historic buildings of Troy. Oh, by the way, the best part will be a barbecue after the ride at our house (17 & Ryan). It won't be fancy but guaranteed laughs. Details for a shorter ride can be arranged. If you don't ride, meet us when we return (aprox. 1:30-2:00). Cue sheets/maps will be provided. In case of rain, bring your wind trainers/rollers (we have extras for those without) & ride in our basement. We'll have contests with the bikecomputers. *Seriously!* Motivational music will be provided or bring some favorites. Please RSVP 810-939-6073 by 6/24 for directions & preference of regular or turkey dogs. BYOB (yes it means both).

### Mio to Mackinaw September 12, 13, 14

An aggressive 210 mile, 2 day ride from Mio to Mackinaw City & back  
*for more info call:*

Doug MacDemaid or Laurie Brickner  
**810-939-4670**

### Crane's Strain September 13

Southern Indiana. 24 hour/53 mile closed loop near Naval Base.

*for more info call: Gary Green*  
**810-468-7351**



- 7/3 Lollita Panchoosingh
- 7/5 Mary Ann Pertner
- 7/9 Kathy George
- 7/9 Becca Barton
- 7/11 Paul Angst
- 7/11 Steve Angst
- 7/13 Betty Ferra
- 7/15 Ross Starkweather
- 7/17 Mark VanSlembrouck
- 7/18 Kristina Kamm
- 7/19 Emmet Mulligan
- 7/20 Matt Batton
- 7/20 Jan Trombley
- 7/21 Laurie Brickner
- 7/22 Rick Radamaker
- 7/23 Loretta Maykowski
- 7/24 Gloria Quinn
- 7/24 Linda Morrison
- 7/26 George Zloitto
- 7/27 Kristin Berthelsen
- 7/29 Megan Radamaker
- 7/30 Stephanie Bartlett
- 7/31 John Reiter

## Club ID Cards

Identification cards are available for any club member at club meetings. See Greg Schultz. 10% discount will be given at participating stores.

### Participating Bike stores:

- Prestige Cycles  
36558 Motavian  
Clinton Twp. (810) 792-4040
- Cycle & Fitness  
1109 S. Washington  
Royal Oak (810) 542-7182
- Pointe Cycle & Fitness  
20343 Mack  
Grosse Pte. Woods (313) 886-1968
- Mountains of Bikes  
42201 Garfield  
Clinton Twp. (810) 412-0500
- Antoons  
42918 Schoenherr  
Sterling Heights (810) 247-9240
- Sterling Schwinn  
2169 Metro Pkwy  
Sterling Heights (810) 979-7570
- 878 S. Rochester Rd.  
Rochester (810) 652-1555
- Big Ralphs Schwinn  
23521 Nine Mile  
St. Clair Shores (810) 772-3258
- Macomb Schwinn  
28441 Schoenherr  
Warren (810) 756-5400
- Stoney Creek Schwinn  
58236 Van Dyke  
Washington (810) 781-4451
- Main Street Bicycles  
112B South Main St.  
Romeo (810) 336-1177
- Anchor Bay Bicycles & Fitness  
35241 23 Mile Rd  
New Baltimore (810) 725-2878
- Continental Bike Shop  
23262 John R.  
Hazel Park (810) 545-1225



## Congratulations!

Eric Noyes & Mimi Gendreau will be married on June 28 in New York. Eric & Mimi met while cycling in our club. They bought a tandem bicycle after only a short time of dating. We wish you both a long and happy marriage.

*The Clinton River Riders*

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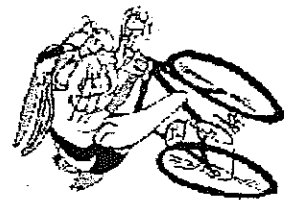
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# JUNE/JULY 1997

Hotline: (810)792-4670

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
<b>JUNE 16</b> ISLAND RIDE 6:30 P.M. (B)	17 METRO BEACH 6 P.M. (C) 6:30 P.M. (B)	18 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL 5:30 P.M. (C) TOUR DE STONY 7 P.M.	<b>CRANBROOK 19</b> 6:30 P.M. (C) RAMBLE RIDE 6:30 P.M. (D) POWER PUFFS(B) 5 P.M. OR LATER	20 LAKESHORE SPRINT 6:30 P.M. (A)	21 ARMADA 8 A.M. (B)  PALM	22 MITCHELLS BAY 8 A.M. (A-B) 8:30 A.M. (C)  RIDE OF NOTE PALM
23 ISLAND RIDE 6:30 P.M. (B)  PALM	24 METRO BEACH 6 P.M. (C) 6:30 P.M. (B) HILLY HAMMER 6 P.M. (A+) PALM	25 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL 5:30 P.M. (C)  PALM	<b>CRANBROOK 26</b> 6:30 P.M. (C) RAMBLE RIDE 6:30 P.M. (D) POWER PUFFS(B) 5 P.M. OR LATER PALM	27 LAKESHORE SPRINT 6:30 P.M. (A)  PALM	28 ARMADA 8 A.M. (B) ERIC & MIMI GET MARRIED PALM	29 BARBECUE RIDE 9 A.M. (B) FARM LAKE FIRECRACKER
30 ISLAND RIDE 6:30 P.M. (B)	<b>JULY 1</b> METRO BEACH 6 P.M. (C) 6:30 P.M. (B) HILLY HAMMER 6 P.M. (A+) GEO'S RIDE 9 A.M. (C)	2 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL 5:30 P.M. (C)	<b>CRANBROOK 3</b> 6:30 P.M. (C) RAMBLE RIDE 6:30 P.M. (D) POWER PUFFS(B) 5 P.M. OR LATER	4 LAKESHORE SPRINT 6:30 P.M. (A)	5 ARMADA 8 A.M. (B)	6 OTISVILLE 8 A.M. (B)
7 ISLAND RIDE 6:30 P.M. (B)	8 METRO BEACH 6 P.M. (C) 6:30 P.M. (B) HILLY HAMMER 6 P.M. (A+)	9 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL 5:30 P.M. (C)	<b>CRANBROOK 10</b> 6:30 P.M. (C) RAMBLE RIDE 6:30 P.M. (D) POWER PUFFS(B) 5 P.M. OR LATER	11 LAKESHORE SPRINT 6:30 P.M. (A)	12 ARMADA 8 A.M. (B) HELLUVA RIDE MS 150	13 MITCHELLS BAY 8 A.M. (A-B) 8:30 A.M. (C)  MS 150
14 ISLAND RIDE 6:30 P.M. (B)	15 METRO BEACH 6 P.M. (C) 6:30 P.M. (B)	16 BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL 5:30 P.M. (C) TOUR DE STONY 7 P.M.	<b>CRANBROOK 17</b> 6:30 P.M. (C) RAMBLE RIDE 6:30 P.M. (D) POWER PUFFS(B) 5 P.M. OR LATER	18 LAKESHORE SPRINT 6:30 P.M. (A)	19 ARMADA 8 A.M. (B) HOLLAND HUNDRED WOMEN ON WHEELS	20 STONY CREEK 8 A.M. (A)



# WEEKLY RIDES

Hotline (810)792-4670

Call the hotline for updates

## Pace Code

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### Monday: Island Ride (B)

Ride Leaders: Rich & Pam Dyer

Distance: 25 Miles

Meet: Michigan National Bank on

M-29 in Algonac

Ride: On Harson's Island

### Tuesday: Metro Beach (C)

Ride Leader: Gary Haelewyn

Distance: 20 Miles

Meet: Prestige Cycles

Ride: To Metro Beach

### Tuesday: Hilly Hammer (A+)

Ride Leaders: Sue & Jerry Pavlat

Distance: 25-30 Miles

Meet: MSU Training Center

Square Lake/East of Crooks

Ride: The hills in Oakland County

### Wed: Blue Light Special (C)

Ride Leader: Gary Haelewyn

Distance: 25 Miles

Meet: K-Mart World Headquarters

Coolidge & Big Beaver

Ride: The west side

### 1st Tuesday of the month:

**Geo's Ride** (if it rains, come the following Tues.)

Ride Leader: George Zlotro

Distance: 35 Miles

Meet: Schultz Funeral Home

Ride: Grosse Pointe



### Thursday: Cranbrook (C)

Ride Leader: George Zlotro

Distance: 25 Miles

Meet: Cycle & Fitness

1109 Washington, Royal Oak

Ride: To Cranbrook

### Thursday: Ramble Ride (D)

Ride Leader: Bill Duemling

Distance: 20 Miles

Meet: Par Kut 1-94/North River Road

Ride: Mystery Routes

### Thursday: Power Puffs (B)

Ride Leader: Marilyn Tarantino

Distance: As many as you want. Will look for riders every lap.

Meet: Stony Creek Boat Launch

Ride: Laps around Stony Creek

### Friday: Lakeshore Sprint (A)

Ride Leaders: Steve & Debbie Angst

Distance: 25 Miles

Meet: Marder/Jefferson

Ride: Grosse Pointe

Sprint up Lakeshore

### Saturday: Armada (B)

Ride Leader: Dave & Sharon

Distance: 45 miles

Meet: Stony Creek boat launch

Ride: To Armada for breakfast

# OTHER CLUB RIDES

## Sunday 6/15

### 8A.M.(B) Stony Creek

Ride Leader: Dave Switney

Distance: 55 Miles

Meet: Stony Creek Boat Launch

Ride: To Royal Oak for breakfast

## Sunday 6/22 & 7/13 Mitchells Bay

### 8A.M.(B) 8:30A.M.(C)

Ride Leader: Dave Courtier

Distance: 55 Miles (bring money & ID for ferry)

Meet: Ferry to Canada in Algonac

Park: Farmer Jack in Algonac

Ride: To Canada for breakfast

## Saturday 6/28

### 1 P.M. Mt. Bike 101

Ride Leader: Art Anderson

Distance: 9 Miles (approx. 1 1/2 hour)

Meet: Stony Creek West Branch parking lot B.

Ride: beginning mt. bike course

## Sunday 6/29

### 9A.M.(B) Barbecue

Ride Leader: Bill & Julie Windhorst

Distance: 50 Miles

Meet: R.S.V.P. for starting location 810-939-6073

Ride: The west side

## Sunday 7/6

### 8A.M. Otisville

Ride Leader: Rick & Sue Moorman

Distance: 70 Miles

Meet: Dryden High School

Ride: To Otisville for breakfast

## Sunday 7/20

### 8A.M.(A) Stony Creek

Ride Leader: Dave Switney

Distance: 55 Miles

Meet: Stony Creek Boat Launch

Ride: To New Baltimore for breakfast

## NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Cycling among "canyons", seeing different cultures from a bike, crossing a massive suspension bridge, then taking a ferry back to the start might not be what you think of when you think of New York City, but *The Five Boroughs Ride* or *Bike New York* does have a unique flavor. The thought of cycling through Manhattan, Bronx, Queens & Brooklyn on the way to Staten Island, with the road **COMPLETELY BLOCKED OFF** for cyclists, was intriguing. I had pre-registered several months in advance, but received my confirmation, riders vest, and pre-ride information only days before leaving for the Big Apple. Having been told that many New Yorkers rode to the start, I left my hotel at 6:30 AM and within a few blocks passed through a vacant Times Square as I rode down a deserted Broadway on the way to the Battery for the start. Lining up over an hour early for the 8:00 mass start, I was three blocks from the start. As more cyclists filled in behind me, speeches from various NYC officials droned on past the start time. At least the Mayors speech was short and at 8:15 the 30,000 plus cyclists started the 42 mile ride (not a typo... there were **OVER 30,000** cyclist).

Six lanes wide up Church, then 6th Ave. and into Central Park. The pace is considerably slower than most experienced cyclist are comfortable with, much of the time traveling at less than 10 miles an hour. Out of the twisting Central Parks roads and North again toward Harlem. The heavy bicycle traffic forces us to stop at a bottleneck on the bridge that will take us into **THE BRONX**. We are only in the Bronx for 3 blocks, and then back into Manhattan, but in those three blocks I counted twenty-five police officers. There was not going to be an incident in the Bronx, it was safe.

Native New Yorkers were constantly commenting about not having any traffic on the ride, & the roads being completely blocked off. But it was when we entered the Franklin Roosevelt Expressway that you knew this was something unique. Not a southbound car to be found. Crossing the Queensborough Bridge, cyclist were stopping for rare photo opportunities down the river, then south into Brooklyn with natives clapping and cheering us on as thousands of cyclists passed them. A rest stop under the Brooklyn Bridge provided a grassy place to relax for a few minutes, eat some fruit and talk to native New Yorkers (they knew I was not from around there...no New York accent).

Entering the Shore Parkway all the southbound lanes were reserved for cyclist as we headed for the Verazano Narrows and the bridge to Staten Island. The Verazanno Narrows Bridge is a dual level suspension bridge from Long Island to Staten Island. Crossing on the lower level one would think there would be protection from the elements...**NOT A CHANCE!** Hefty cross winds from the North pounded riders traversing the span as we tried to remain upright. I thought of **DALMAC** & crossing the **Mighty Mac**...but this wind was vicious, and we had to cross the bridge, wind or not. The "Official" end of the ride was at Fort Wadsworth just over the bridge in Staten Island. Food stands, Bands, shirt/jersey sales all flourished in the park setting. But "the end" is not always **"THE END"**. First there was a three mile trek to the Staten Island Ferry and the free ferry ride back to Manhattan. Bicycles leaned against benches on the ferry as riders relaxed and stretched out their legs.

But you do remember that I told you about nonexistent traffic as I rode through Times Square to the start? Well the four mile trek back up Manhattan... at 2:00 in the afternoon, in traffic... New York City traffic... was the most challenging part of the ride! Riding from the Battery back up towards Central Park, I found out why cycling without any traffic was such a treat in NYC. Taxis crowded cyclist into a single paceline, as we were able to make 4-5 short blocks before we hit a red light. Do native New York cyclists run red lights...**YES!!!** Now I do **NOT** recommend running stop lights... In fact **"DON'T RUN RED LIGHTS"**. But in NYC it is a way of life as I watched numerous groups of cyclist run red lights after cross traffic had cleared, and yes I ran through red lights too.

Oh yeah... as for those canyons mentioned in the first paragraph...look at all those towering buildings lining Broadway from Times Square and tell me you are not cycling down a canyon.... Dave Courter

## Top Club Miles

- 326 Gary Haelewyn
- 313 George Zlotto
- 312 Rick Jones
- 301 Bill Windhorst
- 272 William Lejack
- 247 Patrick Mootman
- 247 Susan Mootman
- 241 Julie Windhorst
- 240 Steve Morauski
- 233 Doug MacDermaid



## Club Jerseys

Club Jerseys are available for \$37.50. See Greg Schultz.

## Donations

We have received Thank-You's from all the organizations we donated money to.

## Word GAME Contest

Ever try coming up with words or phrases for the letters on the license plate of the car in front of you while stuck in traffic? No, well anyway here's a chance to put your imagination to the test and maybe win a prize at the same time. Bob and I are looking for different, funny, amusing meanings for the following 2 acronyms:

### CRR and BWR

Put on your thinking helmets and call or write Bob and I with your suggestions. We'll pick the best and publish the rest in the next newsletter. The top three win a bicycle (HA-HA)... related prize.

Gary Haelewyn and Bob Latsko  
Blue Water Ramble Co-Cheeses

810-286-5094

810-939-2788

## AlleyCat Wanted

I know a small fry who wants a cat to ride, not to pet. If yours needs a good home, call Mike Freeman @ 810-781-8315.

# Tour de Stony 1997

**Stony Creek  
Eastwood Beach  
Wednesday 7p.m.**

**June 18  
July 16  
August 20**

The first Tour De Stony was held on May 21. The weather was cool and the wind was up, although it subsided some when the riders started. There was a good turnout of riders and helpers, most wearing tights and long sleeves. We had a new category of tandem parent and child. Congratulations to all the riders on a very good effort. A special thanks to David & Heidi Heck, Jerry & Sue Pavlat, Art & Carol Meerhaeghe, Gary Green, & Eric Noyes for volunteering their time to make Tour De Stony a Success! Hope to see you next time.

## Get Ready...



## Get Set...



## Go!



## Results

**First Place Overall**

***Hank Thoenes***

**First Place Men**

***Hank Thoenes***

**First Place Women**

***Julla Schultz***

**First Place Mixed Tandem**

***Steve & Pennie Morauski***

**First Place Parent & Child Tandem**

***Steve & Jaclyn Angst***

**Thanks David!**

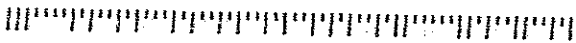
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## Go! Go! Go!

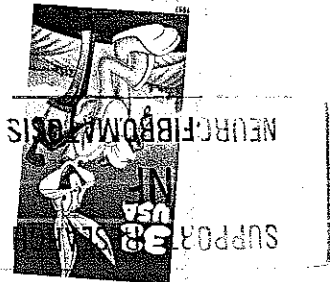


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