

Rambler

June 1999

18 Years!

Guess who's having her 18th Birthday this year? One of the oldest in the club will be celebrating her 18th birthday with the Clinton River Riders, this October 3rd, 1999.

Already plans are under way to mark the occasion. Newspapers and magazines are being notified. Gifts for those attending her party have been selected and ordered. Events for the actual day are being organized and planned. Of course, all the members in the club are invited to her birthday party so be sure to mark your calendars for this special occasion.

What's that you say, you've been on many club rides so far this year and haven't been told about the party? That's hard to believe. Preparations for the party have been a topic

But who's counting?



**Design
by Doug
McDer-
maid**

This design the winner of the BWR design contest. This was voted on by the members at the March 1999 meeting. The design will appear on BWR shirts in October.

of conversation on many of the rides I do. I can't imagine that you have not heard about it. Well then, for sure I should tell you about it, because it's always the biggest event of

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the club. Most all members attend. Those that don't really miss a good time.

Of course you're invited. And, you can bring friends along too, (as long as they share deep subliminal feelings for bicycles). After all her birthday has much to do with bicycling.

Her initials are BWR and her name is Blue. Blue sounds like a guy's name but we named her Blue for the Blue skies and deep blue Waters that separate the U. S. of A. with our friendly neighbor, Canada. OOPS, I just told you her middle name now too. It's Water. And her last name is Ramble. I know what your thinking, Blue Water Ramble isn't a girl. Well it darn well could be. I know someone who named their daughter Moon. If we can have a Moon we can have a Blue. Like, Blue Moon.

Anyway, please keep Sunday the 3rd of October open in your calendars because although you won't get a formal invitation, you're definitely invited. Just mention my name and the guy at the door will let you in.

And if you'd like to help with the preparations for her party, which have already started, just call any of the following people who are organizing various parts of her party:

Diane Baker (810) 739-0261 is getting together the guest list.

Eric Noyes (810) 465-6036 - is working on party directions and signs.

Doris Mulligan (810)465-9342 is selecting gifts for the guests and notifying newspapers.

John Tarantino (810) 677-0482 is helping people who have difficulties at the party.

Bruce Carlson (810) 254-9322 helps the guests getting across the border into Canada.

Rich Dyer (810) 773-2213 - is helping the guests park their cars. (We're inviting 1,400 people!).

Full service catering is being done by **Rick Okerjhelm** (810) 286-3023 who desperately needs able assistants.

There's still lots to do, so if you want to get in on the fun, please call one of the above volunteers or myself.

Thanks,
Gary Haelewyn,
BWR Chair
(810) 286-5094 (h)
(248) 643-5408 (w)

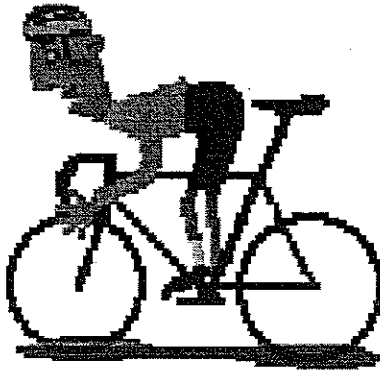
Top Club Miles

As of June 1



Will	Lajack	966
Sandy	Freeman	870
Jane	Benard	854
Rick	Jones	838
Mike	Freeman	693
Jim	McKinnie	610
Gary	Haelewyn	566
Jerry	Bartels	530
David	Komendera	464
Ann	Schmidt	464
Doris	Mulligan	463
Julia	Schultz	442
Gary	Green	425
John	Tarantino	411
Art	Meerhaeghe	393
Bill	Duemling	386
Patrick	Moorman	383
Don	Dahlke	380
Bill	Baker	376
Greg	Schultz	373
Sheila	Jones	368
Bob	George	332
Susan	Moorman	322
Art	Anderson	293
Dave	Martus	271
Loren	Bach	271

CLUB RIDES



Call the Hotline for Updates
(810) 819-0222

Recurring Rides

(More details on each ride can be obtained by calling the ride leaders below)

Mondays

Monday Eve Ride

6:30 PM. Except for 1st Mon. of each month, ride with Bill and Diane Baker (810) 739-0261 from Rockwell Elementary School at Masonic between Hoover and Schoenherr. Pace: 13-15 mph or the pace of the slowest rider.

Hilly Hammer

6 PM. (This ride has been switched to Monday nights. When ride date falls on a

meeting night, the ride will be held the next night on Tues.) Ride with Rick Jones (248) 879-2490 from the MSU Management Training Center at Square Lake, east of Crooks. This is a 30 mile hilly, fast ride at 20+ mph (18 mph average).

Tuesdays

Prestige AM Ride

(Resuming on June 8) 9 AM. Tuesdays and Thursdays Ride to Metro Beach from Prestige Cycles on Moravian near Garfield with Rick Okerhjelm 25 miles, 14-16 mph. (810) 286-3023.

Prestige Ride

6 PM. Ride 25-30 miles from Prestige Cycles on Moravian near Garfield. Your leaders are Gary Haelwyn (810) 286-5094 and Don and Linda Dahlke (810) 771-9664. Pace: 14-16 mph, will increase throughout the season.

Wednesdays

Kmart, Blue Light Special

5:30 PM. Ride for 25-30 miles from Kmart headquarters at Coolidge and Big Beaver with Dave Komendera (248) 879-6474. Meet in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Pace: 16-18 mph.

Thursdays

Prestige AM Ride

(Resuming on June 8) 9 AM. Tuesdays and Thursdays Ride to Metro Beach from Prestige Cycles with Rick Okerhjelm (810) 286-3023.

Mountain Bike Ride

2 PM. This is a mountain bike ride with Art Anderson (810) 786-9027. Meet at the Stony Creek boat launch. The route will take you on the road and trail for 40 miles in 4 hours.

Parkut

6:30 PM. Ride with Bill Duemling at an easy pace (12-15 mph) from Parkut for 20 miles. Parkut is on Production Drive north of North River Rd. Call (810) 468-2947 for more details. Due to construction, you may not be able to exit I 94 at North River Rd.

Stony Creek Laps

3:15 PM. Ride laps around Stony Creek Metro Park with Sandy Freeman (810) 781-8315. Join her on successive laps at 14-16 mph or the pace of the slowest rider leaving from the Stony Creek boat launch.

Wolcott Mill

6 PM Start from the Stony Creek boat launch and ride a 30 mile ride to Wolcott Mill Metro Park with Mike and Sandy Freeman (810) 781-8315 at 14-16 mph.

Cranbrook Ride

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6:30 PM. (beginning in June) Ride 25 miles at 14-16 mph to Cranbrook from Cycle and Fitness on Washington in Royal Oak with Will Lajack (810) 758-1144.

Fridays

Grosse Pointe Ride

6:30 PM. Ride with Jane Bernard (810) 751-8881 from Marter and Jefferson for 25-30 miles. Pace: 16-18 mph.

Saturdays

Armada Ride

8 AM. Ride with Mike and Sandy Freeman (810) 781-8315 to Armada for breakfast. Meet at the Stony Creek boat launch. Total mileage is 45 miles. Pace: Slower group 14-16 mph and faster group 16-18 mph.

Sundays

Breakfast Ride

Call Diane Baker at (810) 739-0261 or Bill Duemling at (810) 752-6310 for the starting location of a Sunday morning ride to breakfast.

Ride Events

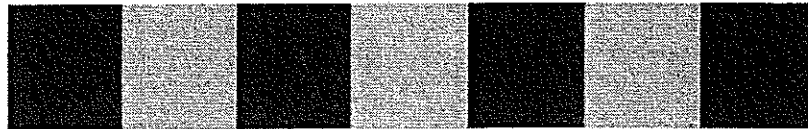
(Also Check Hotline)

June 19

8 AM Saturday, ride from Richmond High School with Diane Baker and Duane Nieman to Lapeer for breakfast. 40-50 miles at 14-16 mph. (810) 739-0261

July 4

8 AM Sunday, ride 65 miles from the boat launch at



Monthly Meetings

1st Monday of the month

Meeting time is 7 PM

Dates

June 7

July 12

August 2

Mt. Clemens Recreation Center, 300 Groesbeck

Mt. Clemens, MI (next to ice arena)

Call John Tarantino (810) 677-0482 or Will Lajack (810) 758-1144 for more info or club applications.

Volunteers needed to bring treats. (Club subsidizes cost)

1999 CRR OFFICERS

President: John Tarantino (810) 677-0482

Ride Director: Will Lajack (810) 758-1144

Secretary: Darlene Duskey (810) 263-5241

Treasurer: Sandy Freeman (810) 781-8315

Editor: Loren Bach (248) 656-1750

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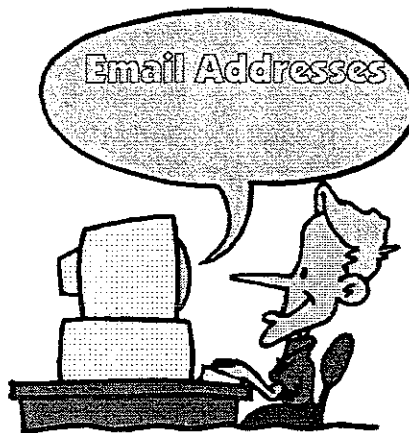
LMB Representative: Michael Sproul (810) 445-2868

Stony Creek to Richmond at 18 mph with Sandy and Mike Freeman. (810) 781-8315

Club Discounts

Identification cards are available for any club member at club meetings. A 10% discount has been given at the following stores. To avoid disappointment, please check with the store to verify participation.

Prestige Cycles
36558 Moravian Clinton
Twp. (810) 792-4040
Pointe Cycle and Fitness
20343 Mack
Grosse Pte. Woods (810)
886-1968
Mountains of Bikes
42201 Garfield
Clinton Township (810) 412-
0500
Antoon's
42918 Shoenherr
Sterling Hts. (810) 247-
9240
Big Ralph's Schwinn
23521 Nine Mile
St. Clair Shores (810) 772-
3258
Macomb Schwinn
28441 Schoenherr
Warren (810) 756-5400
Stony Creek Schwinn
58236 Van Dyke
Washington (810) 781-4451
Main Street Bicycles
112 B South Main St.
Romeo (810) 336-1177
Anchor Bay Bicycles
35241 23 Mile Rd.
New Baltimore (810) 725-
2878
Continental Bike Shop
23262 John R
Hazel Park (810) 545-1225



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CRR Website

www.lmb.org/crr/

LMB Website

www.lmb.org

LAB Website

www.bikeleague.org

Midwest Tandem Rally

www.accn.org/kvanden/

muts/mtr/



Midwest Tandem Rally

The Michigan United Tandem Society (MUTS) is hosting the 1999 Tandem Rally (the last rally of the century!). The rally is being held during Labor Day Weekend from September 3-6, 1999 near the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland, MI at 800-825-2700. The middle of the mitten has some really fine, flat country roads for your pedaling enjoyment. Midland is a small upscale clean city with easy access to hotels, food and low traffic riding. Our hope is the 24th annual Midwest Tandem rally will be a turn of the century event you will cherish for years to come. For further registration information contact send an SASE to: Jim & Barbara Mertens 5409 Drake St., Midland, MI 48640 or email at jamert@aol.com

Volunteers are greatly needed. Ok guys & gals, time to step up to the plate!!!! We are signing contracts for MTR that require lots of riders. Give every tandem rider you meet a personal invite to join us at MTR and lets VOLUNTEER to show them the "Last Great Rally Of the Century". Many (most) of the volunteer positions allow the volunteer to enjoy full or partial day biking. Volunteers can be friends, relatives, or organizations who just want to help out. There are definite perks to being a "Helping Paw" so give us a call. Lew & Renae Pavlovich - Phone (517) 643-5864 or email - lpavlo@aol.com

New Members

From 10/1/98-6/1/99

Chris Beals
 Karen Hambaum
 Mark Koenig
 David Magdowski
 Douglas Boddy
 Kathy McLaughlin
 Cynthia & Robert Schreiner
 Wally Kiehler
 Jennie Aud
 Lea Odtohan
 Anna Haase
 Susan Adams
 Debbie Rodriguez
 Christopher Revard
 Michelle Robinson
 Carol Trombley
 Dianne DeBroske
 Margaret Dekoyer-Waston
 Robert Bagnall
 Art Weber
 Richard Glasgow
 Paul & Ann Patronik
 Charles McNabb
 Frederick Quinn, Jr.
 Phillip & Kaye Bryan
 Bob & Denise Kosen
 Cliff & Nina Lau
 Ken Marzorati
 Chris E. Beals
 Todd and Nicole Richman
 Steven Roberts

Ride Decorum

Rules of the Road

- I) General
- A) Riders must obey all traffic laws just as a motor vehicle.
 - B) The use of a "hard shell" helmet is recommended strongly.
 - C) No head phones are allowed.
- II.) Riding in an organized

group:

A) Ride leaders' responsibilities:

1. Explain the rules of the ride, pace and distance.
2. Collect signatures from all riders on the release form.
3. Maintain the advertised space.
4. Appoint a co-leader or get volunteers to help.
5. Stop the ride for any breakdown.
6. Ask disruptive riders to leave the ride.

B) Riders' responsibilities:

- 1) Obey and cooperate with the ride leader.
- 2) Notify the ride leader if leaving the ride.
- 3) Notify the ride leader if having difficulty (this can be done by relaying a message)
- 4) Obey the rules and courtesies of group riding.
- 5) Ride in a safe and responsible manner.
- 6) Leave rest stops with the group.
- 7) Know his/her riding capabilities.

C) Group Responsibilities

- 1) Ride as far to the right as possible.
- 2) Use no more than one half the lane.
- 3) A maximum of two abreast is allowed on clear roads.

4) Make changes in speed and direction in a predictable manner.

D) Warnings:

- 1) Use warnings only when following riders need to take evasive action.
- 2) Never use "clear" at an intersection and never assume an intersection is clear.

3) Over used warnings are generally ignored and therefore of little use.

E) Dealing with motor vehicle traffic:

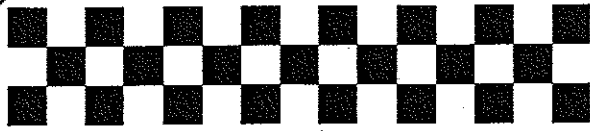
- 1) When "car back" is heard, merge to the right.
- 2) Do not signal a motor vehicle to pass.
- 3) Watch for opening doors when passing parked vehicles.
- 4) Do not make obscene or unfriendly gestures towards motorists.



BIRTHDAY



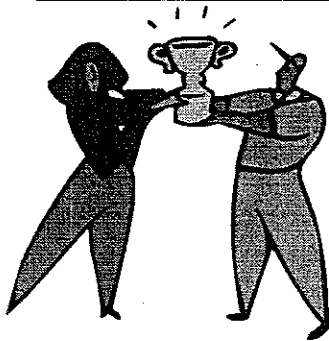
6/1	Nina	Lau
6/6	Ed	Gostin
6/9	Kaye	Bryan
6/10	Ken	Rosiek
6/12	Stephen	Mastay
6/16	Sandy	Freeman
6/19	Denise	Schmidt
6/21	Laurie	Brickner
6/23	Laurie	Kamm
6/28	Julie	Windhorst
6/30	Mike	Miller
7/19	Barb	Randle
7/20	Jan	Henry
7/24	Linda	Morrison
7/25	Gloria	Quinn
7/26	Robert	Schreiner
7/29	Carol	Burczycki



The Pres 'sez...

Just a reminder, riding on the road is serious business!! Be aware of your surroundings. Ride single file on busy roads. When riding side by side, a rider should not be able to ride in between. To get respect on the road we must look like we belong there. The ride leader should stay at posted speeds and keep the group together. I want everyone to ride safe and have a good time.

Thanks, John Tarantino



Is There An Award In Your Future? Mileage and Participation

You must be a member as of June 1 to qualify for 1999 awards. You must participate as a worker for the BWR either prior to or on the day of the ride. You must participate in at least 20 club functions. Your name must be legible on sign in sheets. Please print! The cycling period runs from December 1, 1998 to November 29, 1999.

Mileage Awards:

You are self monitored. You must submit your miles ridden YTD totals at four times during the year via club meetings, phone or mail to Will Lajack. 10% of total miles must come from club rides, which include club invitational and all club rides on the hotline and in the newsletter.

Participation Awards:

They are based on the point system from club sign in sheets. Club officers-5 points. BWR Committee Heads-4 points. Club ride leaders and co-ride leaders-3 points. Each club ride, club event or meeting attended-1 point. Ride leaders and riders on invitational rides-1 point.

Youth Awards:

Awards by age 15-18, 11-14, 10 and under as of June 1, 1999. You are self monitored. You must submit your miles ridden YTD totals at four times during the year to Will Lajack via club meetings, phone, or mail.

Commuter Awards:

The program is self monitored; keep track of the number of days you commute to work. You must submit your commute days four times during the year to Will Lajack via club meetings, phone, or mail.

Want Ads

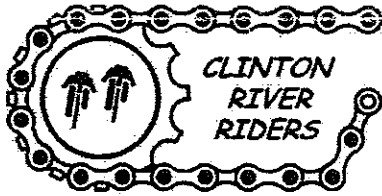
Santana Tandem for sale: 1994 Santana Visa, Med. Frame, seafoam green w/ white trim. Shimano XT components, Syntec mustache front bar w/ bar end shifting, Sun Chinook rims w/ Wheelsmith spokes & Continental tires, Rear V brake, Dual Avocet computers, four bottle cages, Blackburn rear rack, Leather gel front seat, Tailbones gel rear seat, Zefal HPX pump, Stoker handlebar mirror.
Asking \$1800. Call Doug McDermaid (248) 593-9113

Editor's Notes

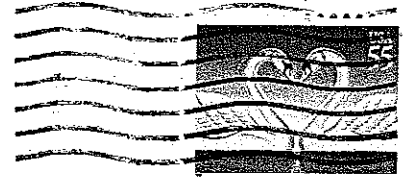
Just some thoughts in parting... Thank you for the privilege of being your new editor. I hope to be able to send you all the news that is news for the CRR club. My plan will be to send a newsletter as soon as possible after the monthly meetings. To do this, I will need to have most of the newsletter complete by the first Monday of the month and will leave space for short additions. So... that means that if you have articles that you would like to include, please send them to me at least a week to ten days ahead of the meeting date. For simplicity, I would appreciate it if you could email them to me at bachmartus@mindspring.com since I do not have to retype those submissions. If you don't have email, the next best is on a diskette (Word or Works or Wordperfect). Or, if you would like to send a typed or handwritten copy, I will transcribe, but may take some editorial liberties. Actually, if you are very long winded in any format, I will need to edit or continue part of the article for the following month. Due to space limitations, I can't include the meeting minutes in this issue, however I hope to in future months. Also, the newsletter is available (in color) on the CRR website. We are exploring the idea of notifying those who are interested by email when each month's issue is on the website. I would welcome your suggestions. Feel free to call me at (248) 656-1750. Sincerely, Loren Bach



Julie Windhorst needs volunteers to ride the MS 150 route on the days of the ride, **July 10 and 11**. Riders can wear their Clinton River Riders jerseys and help MS tour riders with mechanical problems, flats or other issues. The riders start in **Davisburg** and finish in **East Lansing**. Come help the tour leaders and advertise our club!



36558 Moravian
Clinton Twp MI 48035



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