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The "RAMBLER"

JULY 2005

Clinton River Riders Bicycle

This was the 20th year for the MS-150 and I believe the 20th year our club has volunteered to participate. Some people mistakenly think our participation is merely a free ride with an overnight in Lansing and free meals. If that were the case I doubt the MS Society would keep inviting us back each year. They know that we are the closest contact to the fund raising riders while on the road. That's why we don't ride in one large group, we pair up and leave in half hour increments to spread us out throughout the ride. We can ride up behind a rider struggling up a hill, look at the gear they're in, and suggest they shift to an easier gear. It's surprising how many of these riders are novices and really don't know when to shift. And we don't just whiz past all the riders like it was a Tuesday night ride. It's lots of slowing down and speeding up because we talk to the riders, asking how they're feeling and letting them know they're doing a great job. We're there to encourage them to meet their goals without hurting themselves in the process, because those goals transform into dollars for the fight against multiple sclerosis. Years ago it was Andy Neumann who organized our volunteers. This year it was Cathy Osip who worked with the MS Society, and our paired riders; Bill and Annette Smith, Gary Green and Bill Kelly, Paul Franks and Jane Benard, and Sally Palaian and myself.



Yes, the bike is on a barge and yes the rider is on a tug, and yes the BWR is looking for a Ferry chairperson. But no, BWR Chairman Jim Crawford, did not come up with this idea for getting the riders over to Canada and back. This rider is actually going from Detroit to Canada via the Detroit Windsor Truck Ferry (www.truckferry.com). The 20 minute ride leaves the heavily industrialized area of Detroit near Zug Island and docks near the Windsor Raceway in Canada.

"I'm not whining, but this ride is miserable". That's a comment I heard recently from a fellow club member of whose identity I will not divulge for fear that the missing article from last month's newsletter might be thrust upon this unsuspecting individual. Yes, the article has been found and is looking for a new home. Time to be careful out there folks.

Also, in this month's edition you'll find something you'll not find again until the year 2287, a way to park you bike using your cell phone, a kitchen utensil, a delicious weight loss remedy from Sheila Jones, a serious article, and more,...

Gary Haelewyn, Editor

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS 2005 WEEKLY RIDE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
<p><u>6:00 PM</u> MSU Training Center Meet Rick Jones at Square Lake and Crooks for the club's fastest ride. Average shown on your cyclometer at end of ride will be 18mph. This will increase throughout the season. Distance will start at 30 miles and progress to 45 miles in August. First one up a hill is the new leader. Ride moves to Tuesday on club meeting nights.</p> <p><u>6:00 PM</u> Fraser Cycle Meet Bill and 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><u>7:00 PM</u> CLUB MEETINGS 1ST Monday of 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><u>5:30 PM</u> Sheffield Shuffle I Meet Ken and Cindy Rosiek Big Beaver Rd and Cunningham Drive SW corner of parking lot for a 15-17 AVG 35-45 mile rolling hills ride. Pace and distance will increase as season progresses.</p> <p><u>6:30 PM</u> Prestige Cycles Join Art Meerhaeghe for a 14-16 MPH ride to Metro Beach area.</p>	<p><u>9:30 AM</u> Rochester Library Meet the ladies (turn east at the road just past Pier One Imports blue awnings) to ride the Paint Creek Trail. Pace is 10-13 MPH. Optional single track loop out in Lake Orion. Lunch and/or shopping at the end of the ride. Call Annette Smith for details. Starts 5/4.</p> <p><u>5:30 PM</u> Prestige Cycles Meet Rick and Sue Moorman, Moravian and Garfield for a 15-17 MPH 30-35 mile ride with a destination to the end of South River road across from Metro Beach. Distance and pace will increase as season progresses</p> <p><u>6:00 PM</u> Schyard Elementary 2900 Holly, Sterling Heights Meet Doug MacDermaid 17 Mile Rd west, right on Pinebrook, right on Holly for a 14-16 MPH or slowest rider pace for a distance of 20-25 miles.</p>	<p><u>5:30 PM</u> Sheffield Shuffle II Join Rick and Sue Moorman for a second installment of the popular Tuesday ride. Same pace, distance, hills, and weather.</p> <p><u>6:00 PM</u> Prestige Cycles Meet Bill Baker for a 2 hour ride to unknown destinations at a 13-15MPH pace.</p>	<p><u>8:00 / AM</u> Morning Breakfast Rides From Romeo area. Join the Smiths and/or Duane Nieman for a breakfast ride at 15-18 MPH for a distance of 40-50 miles.</p> <p>Send an email to bsmith02@comcast.net or call Bill 248-652-2278. An email will be sent out on Wednesdays indicating the start time and location.</p> <p><u>6:00 PM</u> Marter & Jefferson Meet Prez Bill Stimpson for 25-30 mile ride at a 17-19 MPH pace to the Grosse Pointes and back.</p> <p>www.criticalmassdetroit.org</p>	<p><u>8:00 AM</u> Stoney Creek Boat Launch Although there is no official ride leader for this 45 mile old time favorite to Armada for breakfast and back there are usually 2 or more groups at different paces.</p> <p><u>9:00 AM</u> Stoney Creek Boat Launch Meet T J Hill for 50 miles of mountain biking with a lunch stop around Lake Orion.</p>	<p><u>9:00 AM</u> Stoney Creek Boat Launch Meet T J Hill for more mountain biking to unknown destinations at the pace of the slowest rider for a distance to be determined.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CHANGES</p> <p>Call Bill Baker 586-739-0261 or email him at CRRrides@wideopenwest.com</p> <p>Newsletter changes: Email Blueyclist@yahoo.com</p> <p>HOTLINE: 586-819-0222 (Press 1 for latest updates)</p>

AVG = Cyclometer Average at end of ride

MPH = Cyclometer Speed while riding

SPECIAL EVENTS

August Birthdays

Bday	First	Last Name
08/02	Carla	Wallace
08/03	Linda	Ostrowski
08/04	Jerry	Pavlat
08/06	Kay	Reisen
08/07	Julia	Schultz
08/08	Nancy	Duemling
08/08	Ken	Stigleman
08/10	Michael	Sproul
08/14	Lynn	Semproch
08/14	Warren	Berthelsen
08/15	Art	Meerhaeghe
08/22	Jane	Benard
08/24	Dee	Whitmore
08/25	Charles	Rose
08/26	Mary	Padgett
08/26	Thomas	Mesyn
08/26	Bruce	Freeburger

Welcome New Members

Joe and Micki Solonika

Sunday, July 24, 2005, 8:00 am Detroit Major Park Ride

Leaders: Constance & Vern Ramsey (313) 834-6063. Distance 40-50, no one will be left behind, terrain mostly flat. Meet at the Belle Isle Casino parking lot. Visit Detroit's four major parks, Belle Isle, Chandler, Palmer and Rouge Parks. We will also see many of Detroit's historic landmarks, churches, Ford Field, Comerica Park, and many other points of interest.

Sunday August 7 Meet John and Marilyn Tarantino at the Stoney Creek Boat Launch for a 16-18MPH ride to Wolcott Mills and back. This a pre-ride to **TJ Hill's annual Stoney Creek Picnic** which will have food, prizes, 50/50 drawings, drinks, and I'm sure much laughter and song by the maestro himself. Call John or Marilyn (586-677-0482) for ride info and Tom Hill (586-293-0162) to purchase \$10 tickets to his picnic extravaganza.

Agust 12-14 Marine City "Maritime Days" festival and the Wallaceburg Antique Motor-Boat Outing ("WAMBO")

Bicycle to Marine City and then attend 2 festivals, cycling between them. The Bridge to Bay Trail comes within ¾ mile of the festival area in downtown Marine City; Wallaceburg is planned as a link in the Trans Canada Trail, and there are good road and off-road routes on both sides of the St. Clair River.

Email Scott Anderson Scott.Anderson@ps.net for more information.

Sunday, August 14, 2005, 10:00 am Pierogi Festival

Leader: Tom Miller distance 32 miles, pace 12-14, terrain flat. Meet at the Veterans' Memorial Park (formerly Warren City Pool) on Campbell North of I-696 between Van Dyke and Hoover. Enjoy music, raffles, good food, and good times at the Pierogi Festival at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church. Deacon Bill Stimpson (President of the Clinton River Riders) will be present and with his help we will have a good time.

Sept. 2 - 5 -- MIDWEST TANDEM RALLY 2005 Grand Rapids, Michigan Presented by the MUTS - Michigan United Tandem Society. Host Hotel: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, downtown Grand Rapids.

There are enough rooms at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel for all MTR 2005 attendees!

For complete details on MTR 2005, including on-line registration, a downloadable registration form, and an opportunity to volunteer to help the weekend of the Rally, visit the official event website: <http://www.cmiregistration.com/user/splash.jsp?org=441>

Velodrome Events

Friday Nights - 7pm
July 22nd - Nas-Track #5
July 29th - Nas-Track Championships

2005 Detroit 6 Day
Aug 9th-14th 7pm

August 5th - Future Champions Race

Sept 2nd - Can-Am Challenge

Sept 18th - SOUPerBOWL Sunday

<http://www.velodromeatbloomerpark.com/>

Blue Water Ramble applications are available for distribution at various rides. Please call Diane Baker (586-739-0261) to get your packets and take them to the rides you do.

For our night riding members from Sue Pavlat:

The RED PLANET is about to be spectacular! This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10PM and reach its azimuth at about 3AM. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30AM. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

Bike Riders Now Use Cell Phones to Park Their Bikes

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)----As cyclists arrive downtown they'll be greeted by "innovative bicycle lockers," providing a safe and secure end-of-trip bicycle parking for bicycle commuters. In the spirit of innovation, two local companies CLANCY SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (OTCBB:CLSI) and AMPCO SYSTEM PARKING have partnered with CYCLE-SAFE, INC. of Grand Rapids, MI, to install the first open-to-the-public bicycle locker system on a commercial parking lot.

Here is how it works: Motorists have been using Park-by-Phone and their cell phones to pay for parking at AMPCO lots in Denver since 2004. Now, cyclists can use Park-By-Phone to reserve an individual totally enclosed bicycle locker.

Locker access is initiated through cell phone to the Park-By-Phone system, which will provide the combination to reserve and open a locker door. When cyclists return, they simply call the Park-By-Phone number to repeat the process, open the door and remove their bike.

Crash changed riders' lives

Monday, June 13, 2005 By Barbara Walters
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The scenic country road beckoned all three women that bright day in April.

Amy Mack and Kay Barker were bicycling to their sons' soccer games in Portage from their homes on Gull Lake, expecting to meet their husbands at the field.

"It was one of the first beautiful spring days," said Mack, 46, a mother of three who works with abused children at Western Michigan University and Lakeside Treatment & Learning Center and teaches fitness at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center.

Julie Cutshall was driving from her Battle Creek home to her in-laws' house in Kalamazoo for Sunday dinner. With her in her 2002 Chrysler minivan was her daughter Emily, 6, and their Labrador retriever.

"We were taking a Sunday drive, looking at the scenery," said Cutshall, 33, a stay-at-home mother of three who grew up along this same stretch of East ML Avenue.

She said she never saw Mack and Barker, who were riding their bikes single file on the paved shoulder going in the same direction she was. Cutshall's minivan struck Mack's bike first, throwing her body more than 100 feet. The car also struck Barker, 43, who was riding in front of Mack.

The first thing Barker remembers was a loud groan. It was Mack, who lay on her side, still unconscious, her limbs skewed, her helmet cracked in several places.

"It was from so deep within her body," said Barker, her voice quivering. "I knew it was something very, very serious."

Ride for Awareness

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ast year in Kalamazoo County, there were 75 car-bicycle collisions, resulting in 65 injuries, according to the Michigan State Police. There were 52 car-pedestrian accidents involving runners, walkers and others, resulting in two fatalities and 50 injuries. The numbers were about the same in each of the last five years, records show.

In Michigan last year, 21 bicyclists and 141 walkers and runners were killed. Most often, no criminal intent was found on the part of the motorists who struck them.

"If we can prove gross negligence, then charges can be filed," said Lt. Terry VanStrein, of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. "But it's on a regular basis that drivers go over the line."

That is what happened that Sunday afternoon on ML Avenue east of 36th Street, according to police reports, which show Cutshall was issued a citation for failing to maintain a single lane. No criminal charges were filed.

Cutshall was charged two points on her driving record for the lane violation, according to records at the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. Road conditions were good.

The same circumstances that seriously injured Mack are in many respects just another day on American roads.

It's a fact of life that all three women want the public to think about more, especially the group of Mack and Barker's friends and community supporters who have organized a Ride for Awareness on Friday from Richland to Bronson Park in Kalamazoo.

"Our goal is to ... reduce the number of injuries and fatalities associated with being active on the roads through awareness," according to the Ride for Awareness Web site: www.rideforawareness.org.

The ride will end with a rally at 7:30 p.m. at the park. The ride can be joined at various places, which are listed on the Web site.

It's doubtful, though, that Mack will be able to attend.

'Broken to pieces'

Mack spent 11 days in the intensive-care unit at Borgess Medical Center. She remains in a hospital bed at home with her back broken in three places. One of those fractures is so slow to heal that doctors have not yet allowed her to put weight on her feet or even sit up in bed fully. Among several injuries, her leg and two ribs were broken and her lungs were bruised. She has had weeks of nausea and dizziness.

"I have a job to do, and that is to get better," Mack said. "I like challenges. I don't like this challenge."

"We lost something that day," Barker said, an innocence that they could freely enjoy the outdoors without danger.

She stands at her friend's bedside, where she has been every day since the accident.

"There is a grief, and what used to be," Mack agrees.

On the other hand, they feel surrounded by support from community, church, friends and even strangers.

"I have felt people's prayers for me, and prayed myself," Mack said.

The paramedics who brought her to the hospital have contacted her several times to see how she is. Friends have organized meals for weeks in advance. Others have planted her flowers and weeded the beds.

"I am overwhelmed how the community has reached around us," Mack said.

She is not angry at Cutshall.

"I am more angry at the situation," she said. She is angry that she missed her 25th college reunion, angry that she is missing time with her children and husband, George.

In the decade since Barker moved into Mack's neighborhood, the two friends have ridden more than 15,000 miles together, many including such fund-raising benefits as rides for multiple sclerosis.

Barker, who also works for the YMCA at Sherman Lake and is the mother of three, has recovered from relatively minor physical injuries, but feels another kind of pain.

"Here's my dearest friend, and she is so broken to pieces," Barker said. "I would like to take some of her pain, and I can't."

Like Mack, she is determined to remain positive, despite a feeling of frustration. "We were doing everything right," she said.

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'Blended in'

April 17 was a day when visibility was good, the pavement dry. Cutshall was not talking on the cell phone or drinking, according to police reports and a Kalamazoo Gazette interview with her.

"We were enjoying the day and they were right in front of me, they blended in," she told police, according to Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

Her record up to that point shows three speeding tickets since 2001, according to the Secretary of State's Office. She was ticketed in 2001 for driving 40 in a 35 mph zone, in October 2003 for going 30 in a 25 mph zone and last July for going 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

The accident with the Gull Lake bikers gave her a total of six points. The fact that there was a collision or injuries involved is not reflected on her driving record.

Kenneth Silfven, spokesman for the Secretary of State's Office, said that's typical.

"It's not going to show up if it's a little thing," he said. "Only if you are convicted by a court, either in a civil or criminal case, will it be reflected on your record."

VanStrein, who has more than three decades of experience in traffic enforcement, advocates that the law be changed so bicyclists ride in the direction against traffic in their lane, as pedestrians do, so they can keep an eye on oncoming traffic.

"It would be safer, because bicyclists are more attentive and more ready to take evasive action," he said.

Cutshall said she was approaching a farm she and her daughter often commented on. The farm was on their left, but Cutshall glanced at a driveway opposite it.

"I think when we look in a direction we veer that way," on occasion, she said.

Even if her car just touched the white line, and the bikers were close to it, her car would hit them, she said.

A lawsuit is pending, though neither family will discuss the details.

Cutshall supports the idea of raising awareness of how easily an accident can occur.

"My husband is a bicyclist, too. He rides at Fort Custer and rides his bike in the same area" as where the accident occurred, she said.

Now the details of the accident play over and over in her mind.

"It is a nightmare. I pace the floor, replaying it in my mind."

She can see herself scrambling out of her minivan to go to the two women, dialing 911, telling her daughter to stay where she was.

"I had to leave her in the car," she said tearfully, "because I didn't know if I had killed somebody."

She can still hear Barker, calling her friend's name, over and over. She still remembers kneeling over Mack, praying for her. She has not seen her since the accident, but has started writing her a letter dozens of times. She has never been able to finish it.

"It's not something you can simply say you're sorry for. I can't fix it. I can't make it go away."

Mack has not yet seen her mangled bike, partly because she is not yet allowed to sit up fully and can only be brought outside down a handicap ramp.

Barker has seen hers. When she looks at the twisted frame, she has one thought.

"I feel fortunate to be alive."

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Other Club Gossip

- Doris Mulligan is planning an Eastern Market ride for August or September.
- Attendance more than doubled at July's club meeting.
- **You should have received your club roster with this newsletter. Remember, it's not to be used for solicitation .**

NAS TRACK 2005

June 24th was the first of six sessions of Madison Style team racing on the Mike Walden Velodrome at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills Michigan. The Velodrome, for the uninitiated, is a bicycle track that, in this case, is 200 Meters or 1/8th of a mile. The Velodrome turns are banked at 44 degrees while smoothly flowing into the 13 degree straight aways.

Riding the velodrome for the first time is, for most people, a scary experience. The fear soon gives way to exhilaration as you become more confident that you can indeed stay upright no matter where you are riding just as long as you keep adequate speed.

Just what is adequate speed? That is something you learn by experience although it has been said you need to ride 15 mph to make it thru the 44 degree turns successfully. Now then, riding alone on the track is something most bikers can accomplish without too much difficulty. Riding when there are 20 or more riders on the track at the same time requires a bit more experience.

And then we get to the ultimate, riding a team race with a partner while there are 9 other pairs on the track. Each grabs his partner by the hand, called the "catch", and then slings his partner into the race. Doing this when no one is in the way is hard enough. Whether slinging or being slung when there are 9 other teams on the track at the same time is quite another thing.

After you have made the exchange with your partner you must make your way to the top half of the track and go as slowly as you are able so that your partner doesn't have to ride forever to catch you and sling you back into the race. When you are on "relief" you ride above the mid track line as much as possible so as to stay out of the way of those who are in the race. You must then learn to ride with your head cocked rearward to ascertain when your partner is getting close. You then accelerate to match his speed and get into a position where he can reach your left hand.

All the while this is happening others are racing. Those racing must not ride between partners attempting to make the exchange. This requires that you know to sit on, or go over, the rider being thrown into the race. Should you miss your exchange it is almost like a death sentence to your team's chance of staying even with the pack.

There is nothing quite so exciting as to see a perfectly timed exchange when there is a lap and a half to go before the final sprint. Once the bell is sounded that designates One Lap to the Finish no exchanges can be made. So whoever is riding when the bell sounds is the final designated sprinter for that team.

As for the mechanics of the exchange, the rider to be thrown in, rides with his left hand near his left hip. The rider who is in the race at the time rides under him and with his right hand grabs the left hand of his partner. The racing rider then rides past his partner until both arms are fully extended. He then transfers all his momentum to his partner as he slings him forward. Naturally, the speed of the one doing the slinging goes from very fast to very slow in a fraction of a second. That rider then must accelerate enough to stay upright, then make his way to the top half of the track without interfering with the passing pack of riders.

This is no simple thing as riders are making exchanges on different parts of the track at different times. It is all just too exciting for words to describe. This is racing excitement at its finest as well as bike handling at its finest.

Mike Walden taught me and others how to do Madison hand slings in 1950 using the Islands along Outer Drive Boulevard in Detroit as our unbanked velodrome. Around 1953 Fred Cappy built a velodrome at Ryan and 11 Mile Road that was an 11-lap to the mile track with banking in the turns of 68 degrees.

That velodrome disappeared around 1955. In 1967 Mike took on the task of building a velodrome that was completed in time for the 1968 Nationals. It was located at Outer Drive west of Mound Road and known as the Dorais Velodrome. Now, thanks to Dale Hughes and the many donors and volunteers, we have this superb 200-meter Velodrome that hopefully, will produce a new generation of track super stars.

So come out to the Velodrome at Bloomer Park to be part of the excitement as well as to honor the memory of Mike Walden who taught so many of us the in's and out's of bike racing.

TJ Hill, bicycle aficionado

Tales from the time of Mike Walden

Back in the first half of the last Century, aka 1950, you could find out where the Sunday ride was going by reading the Saturday edition of the Detroit News. The News sponsored hiking groups as well as a couple of biking groups. The Wolverine associated group was known as Unit 9. Listed were a meeting place, a leader and a destination.

The meeting place was the Street Car Loop in Palmer Park just north of Six Mile Road on Woodward. The leader may have been listed as Mike Walden or someone chosen by Mike.

There were a lot of Junior riders at that meeting place among which was a skinny TJ Hill. Clair Young and Jim Smith were part of the Senior officer corps. Mike would often challenge, all the juniors to a wrestling match. Mike always won in the end as he eliminated the juniors one by one with one of his three death grips. Once you gave up you stood on the sidelines to watch as the last and toughest junior was treated to special attention. With this over off we would go on the destination of the day.

One of those early destinations was Lakeville Lake where we would go swimming. Usually we would carry a bathing suit and a towel and change inside the towel. There was a time that this practice was frowned on by the Beach management. We were told to clean up our act or to never come back.

Another favorite swimming spot was at Cass Lake at one of the Dodge Brothers parks. On one such trip the entire pack conspired to throw Mike into the lake. Since there were 30 or more of us someone was able to tackle Mike when he was attending to fending off others. We pounced on him once he was down and with two or more people on each arm and leg we succeeded in dragging him into the lake. We all scattered then fearing for the inevitable retaliation.

Mike came out of the water and issued a dire warning. "I know who each of you were that were part of the dunking party and you are all going to pay but not necessarily right now." He then saw that Doris Travani was close at hand and he grabbed her and rolled her in the sand and then threw her into the lake. With that done he called a truce. From that time forward he always used that incident to dish out special punishment. He would grab hold of you and say, "you were one of the guys who threw me in the lake weren't you?"

Naturally we'd deny ever having been there, let alone among the conspirators. Anyway no one was ever really got hurt during these antics and it was lots of fun. When things were more serious he would give us lessons on how to ride between two riders when seemingly there was no room. He also gave us our first lesson in Madison hand slinging though we didn't have a velodrome at the time. We did team races on Outer Drive around several Islands. Sunday mornings were rather quiet along Outer Drive in 1950.

We even had a race across the Davison Freeway doing a turn at each end. It would be hard to imagine doing such a thing at the present time and living to tell the tale.

Those were memorable days when Mike gave us our basic training and Jim Smith was there to add color or confrontation and Clair was there and we could only hope to be close to him at any finish line. Clair was certainly king of Chandler Park where he won 10 State titles and that all occurred after he returned from the Pacific where he was a Marine and fought on Guadalcanal and other island campaigns in WWII.

From the memory bank of TJ Hill



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Application Form - Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club

\$12.50 Individual (over 18)

\$15.00 Family

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____

email _____

Birth day _____

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
36558 Moravian
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

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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. HERBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Club, 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 on e 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 _____

ALL RIDING MEMBERS MUST SIGN