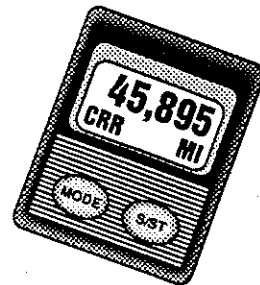




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Thanks Again
Warren and Barb
from all of us.

He's Ready to Pedal 20 Hours A Day for 2 Weeks

by Eric Freedman

In the world of elite ultramarathon racers, records are meant to be broken and rebroken, and titles are meant to be seized and defended.

Ask Ron Dossenbach, who won and then lost the world record for bicycling across Canada.

On July 18, the 39-year-old truck driver and church choir director will launch a 3,800-mile quest to regain the trans-Canadian championship.

He began cycling to beat the frustration of a crosstown commute, gradually moved to organized bike tours, then started to build speed and endurance. He claims a longtime fascination with long-distance events.

"I've always had a certain intensity," said Dossenbach, who lives in Windsor and does his recreational cycling with the Sterling Heights based Clinton River Riders. "I'm salivating at this."

Intensity. It took intensity to win the title in 1988. That's when he crossed from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 13 days, 15 hours and 4 minutes.

But in 1991, another cyclist topped his record by 5 hours and 58 minutes.

Now it surely will take intensity to earn the title again.

"In terms of pure physical fitness, nutritional intake and putting up with more pain, I think I've improved," Dossenbach said. "I want to be steady, with very little off-the-bike time and long days of riding."

Aside from the trans-Canada title, he has earned other spots in the record books. In 1987, he set the trans-Ontario record by covering 539 miles from Ottawa to Windsor in 35 hours. Then, in 1990, he and riding partner Sue Pavlat of Mt. Clemens set the mixed-tandem (male and female) course record in the Race Across America (RAAM).

But unlike RAAM, Dossenbach's cross-Canadian race offers no field of competitors to spur him on, no rivals to pass or be passed by, no urge to look back over his shoulder. Instead he faces the clock, the current record and, most critically, himself.

For almost two weeks, he will try to get by with a mere two to four hours a day off the bike, including sleep time. He will consume 8,000-10,000 calories a day and try to average 18-20 mph—slower with the wrong winds, faster with the right winds.

From Vancouver, the route will pass through Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina and Thunder Bay, then north of Montreal, along the St. Lawrence River and across Quebec's

NEXT MEETING:

Monday August 9, 1993, 7:00pm
at the Mount Clemens Recreation Center
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Ride Schedule

Call the hotline (313) 792-4670 for updates.

Recurring rides for July/August

Tuesdays, 6:00pm. Meet John Payne at Pavlat's Two Wheel Auth. in Royal Oak for a varied mileage ride. Pace 13-15.

Tuesdays, 6:00pm. Meet Gary Haelewyn at the original Pavlat's in Clinton Twp. for a 25 mile ride to Metro Beach. Pace 16-18. Rotating pace lines.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Meet Warren Berthelsen at the Original Pavlat's Bike Shop (Clinton Twp) for a ride to Metro Beach Pace 14-16, 20-25 mi. Join us for ice cream afterwards.

Wednesdays, 6:15pm. Meet Rick & Sue Moorman at 17 Mile/Garfield behind the doctors office for a ride out to Stoney Creek. Pace 16-18, 30 mi. For a slower speed ride, meet Doris Mulligan for a pace of 13-17.

Thursdays, 5:00pm. Meet Gary Haelewyn at KMart Headquarters back parking lot (Big Beaver & Coolidge) for a ride to Bloomfield Hills and back. Pace 16-18, 30 mi.

Thursdays 6:00pm. Meet Diane Baker and at **6:30pm**, Jackie Kray at Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority in Royal Oak for a beautiful ride through Oakland County's posher suburbs. Plenty of shaded, winding roads lead you up and down towards Cranbrook and afterwards hang out for ice cream. Pace 14-16, 25 mi.

Thursdays, 6:15pm. Meet Rich and Pam Dyer for a ride from the Water Tower in New Baltimore. Pace 18-20, 30 mi.

Fridays, 6:30pm. Meet Kirk & Katie Carolan, Doug MacDermaid, or John Kamm at Marter and Jefferson for a ride through Grosse Pointe. Pace 16-18, 20-25 mi.

Saturdays, 8:00am. Meet Doug MacDermaid, Bill Duemling, or Oscar Balmaceda at the Stoney Creek Boat Launch for a ride to Armada for Breakfast. Pace 16-18, 45 mi.

Sundays, 8:00am. Meet John Payne at Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority in Royal Oak for a breakfast ride. Pace 13-15.

Scheduled rides for July/August/September

Saturday & Sunday, August 7-8. Once again Doug MacDermaid has opened his cottage to anyone who wishes to get away to do some camping & riding. Relief Sale weekend in Mio. Contact Doug.

Sunday, August 8, 8:30am. Meet Dave Courter (N.W. corner of shopping center parking lot (near A&P) across from ferry in Algonac) for a ride to Mitchell Bay. Need I.D. and ferry money for crossing into Canada. Pace 15, 45 mi.

Sunday, August 15, 8:00am. Meet Dave Switney and Sharon Wiseman at the Stoney Creek Boat Launch for a tandem led ride (singles welcome) to New Baltimore for breakfast. Pace 16-18, 55 mi.

Saturday, August 21, 10:00am. Meet Jeff Scott in the Sandpoint Beach parking lot in Canada, 6.5 mi. East of the tunnel on Riverside Drive for a nice ride to the Pointe Pelee Winery for samples. Pace 24-28 km/hr (14-18 mph), 65 km. (50 mi.)

Sunday, August 22. Murder Weekend with Duane and E.A. By advanced reservation only. Sorry, FILLED.

Sunday, August 29, 8:30am. Meet Dave Courter (N.W. corner of shopping center parking lot (near A&P) across from ferry in Algonac) for a ride to Chatham. Need I.D. and ferry money for crossing into Canada. Pace 15, 77 mi.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 4-5. Labor Day weekend Midwest Tandem Rally 1993. Allen & Kathy Hawn (616) 651-1352 Call between 6-10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12. Peach of A Ride.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 7:00a.m. BWR Pre-ride. Meet at the St. Clair High School for a 100 mi. ride. A second 60 mi. ride may also be scheduled. Call the Hotline.

Special Events

Saturday, Sept. 18. Clinton River Riders Club Picnic. Call the Hotline.

Friday, October 15, 7:00p.m. Laurie Brickner is putting on a Hayride at the Hayride Lodge (56220 Dequindre). Advanced sign-up required by Oct. 4. Contact Laurie.

Birthdays



Glen Drellishak 8/2,
Linda Ostrowski 8/3,
Gena Dyer 8/4, Jerry
Pavlat 8/4, Laura Clark 8/5, Beverly
Feucht 8/5, Molly Moran 8/5, Julia
Schultz 8/7, Nancy Duemling 8/8, Tina
Robbins 8/9, Steve McNabb 8/10, Ellen
Muzzin 8/10, David Heck 8/11, Blake
Bennett 8/13, Lynn Boden 8/13,
Warren Berthelsen 8/14, Kyle
Haelewyn 8/14, Art Meerhaeghe 8/15,
Michael Ondre 8/21, Linda Bellia 8/
22, Bette Dobry 8/22, Kristi Morauski
8/22, Andrea Bedford 8/23, Joyce
Blazejewski 8/23, Kimberly LoPiccolo
8/23, Dee Whitmore 8/24, Jeff Scott
8/25, David Bowen 8/28, Debbie
Magness 8/29, Jim Muzzin 8/29, Ken
Hency 8/31

Welcome New Members:

The Clinton River Riders proudly
welcome the following new members:

*Donald Detloff, Mimi Gendreau,
Rick & Sheila Jones & Family, Molly
Moran, Eric Noyes, Karen Schafer,
Stephen Smith, Patricia Sneath and
Bill & Julie Windhorst.*

We hope you enjoy this and many
future seasons cycling with us.

A Motion on the Floor

A motion has been made to
eliminate all monetary donations to
private individuals. Open discussion
and voting will take place at the
August meeting. Please attend and
voice your opinion.

Volunteers Needed

The club has voted to once again
sponsor a rest stop for the 2nd Annual
Michigander Bike Ride, a part of the
Rails to Trails Conservancy program.
Elizabeth Nieman requests your help
for the rest stop on Friday, July 30th
in Clarkston. Please contact her if you
can help out. 752-6482 Please lend
support to this worthwhile event.

Blue Water Ramble Update

by Oscar Balmaceda & Ron Smith

The BWR Steering Committee has been busy planning and coordinating this year's BWR in an effort to improve it yet further and to get more active club involvement in all aspects of its planning and running. To help accomplish these goals the Steering Committee has been holding monthly meetings to deal with the planning, decision making, and to resolve any issues or concerns. These meetings have all been announced and are open to all club members.

Some of the more recent considerations made are:

- Three \$100 gift certificates good at Pavlat's will be awarded from a drawing of early BWR applications.
- Gary Haelewyn is working on getting entertainment for the lunch stop in Canada.
- Applications are coming in at a good rate with a fair number of T-shirt orders (approximately one-half).
- The T-shirt design and printing are being finalized by Debbie Magness.
- Trek was unable to provide one of the repair vans this year. An alternative being considered is to utilize hardy club members riding the route on bikes with buggers loaded with tools and spare parts to assist riders as needed. Apparently enough buggers are available from club members.
- Fanny patches are in the process of being ordered.
- Some construction on a portion of the route may require some slight re-routing, although it doesn't seem to be significant.
- A small combination First-aid wallet/pouch will replace the ride patch previously offered.
- The economics seem to indicate that we can adequately support the 1994 BWR without changing the registration fee from \$12.
- Detailed budgets for this year's BWR and 1994's BWR have been prepared.
- A alternative rest stop in Algonac to replace the Palms stop with additional routing in Canada is also being considered.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held Monday August 2, at Diane Baker's home (247-5694) at 7 p.m. Call Diane for directions. Remember, all Steering Committee meetings are open to all club members. We need your help and thoughts. **We need volunteers!**

BWR Steering Committee Members

Chairman	Oscar Balmaceda	731-3929
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LMB Meeting Report

by Warren Berthelsen

Here's a brief summary of the last LMB meeting.

1) LMB has contracted with Michigan RTC for the services of Roger Storm to assist with the MI Safe Roads project. He'll devote approx. 1/6 of his time for the next 13 or 14 months.

2) Deadline for material for the next Michigan Bicyclist is Aug 8. (Since June is on both Shoreline East & North actual date should be July 30.)

3) Shoreline West is overfilled—East still has at least 25 openings and still accepting—North has about 15 applicants (including Barb) and will take about 20 (contact Tom Ferstle).

4) LMB is seriously looking into the possibility of teaming with Universal Map Co to produce a series of about 12 cycling maps of the state. They currently produce 11 maps of the state and are willing to look at the possibility of making overlays on those maps showing routes and other info pertinent to cycling. The 12th map would be of the entire state and show long routes, such as DALMAC, Shoreline, PALM, etc. There would be one map on each side of the page, and be printed on paper similar to the CCCC

maps of the T.C. area. I have already talked with John Edry about participating in this project.

5) Annual meeting set for Oct 24 in Lansing. The business meeting will be on Sat Oct 23. Annual meeting will begin on Sun A.M. The main event will be a workshop on Teaching Safe Bicycling Workshops. Intended to teach the teachers to put on projects such as bicycle rodeos. Presenter will be Arthur Ross, Bicycle Coordinator for City of Madison, WI. Some areas covered will be prevention of crashes, teaching bike safety creatively, organizing a safe bicycling program in your community, ways to promote helmet use, successful local programs, setting up and using a cycling skills training course. Probably mid way through this program will be the annual meeting. Just a brief update of what the League has done over the last year and what is planned for next year and election of LMB board officers.

6) Leadership Conference. One day conference probably March 20 in Lansing. Presenter, Dave Spitler of the Louisville Wheelmen. Tentative plans call for LMB to charge clubs \$50 to

send up to 6 representatives. Member clubs that send at least 3 reps will be eligible to receive grants of up to \$100 for local service/education projects applied for and approved within 2 months of the conference.

7) Education projects. I should have said something to Elizabeth about this. We need suggestions for education/safety projects that we can spend money on. Preferably things that require more money than manpower. LMB is in a hurry to disburse the money in a short period of time. Any suggestions can be made to Warren Berthelsen or June Thaden.

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Gaspé Peninsula before hitting the Maritime provinces and, ultimately, Halifax.

"This is a race and every second counts," he said. "The crew is dedicated to keep me on the bike at a good clip for more than 20 hours a day."

The crew will accompany him in a motor home and support van.

Weather might prove critical: Good tail winds could trim hours, even days from the race, while steady head winds virtually guarantee that no record will be set.

Even if Dossenbach falls short of regaining the title, he believes the essential thing is to do the best possible, to make thousands of hours and tens of thousands of miles of training and sacrifice pay off.

"I will not drop out," he said. "If my body stops, that will be it, but it won't be me deciding to get off the bike and pack it in. I'd rather lose by a few hours than decide to stop."

"You take it crank by crank, hour by hour."

"The Detroit News," June 18, 1993

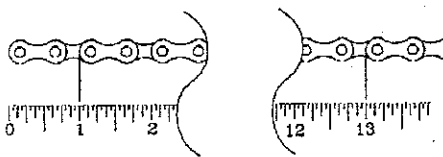
The Top 25 Club Mileage Leaders

1	Gary Haelewyn	1743.8	14	Bob Goebel	822.7
2	Laurie Brickner	1726.6	15	Rose Goebel	822.7
3	Douglas MacDermaid	1412.7	16	Dave Switney	821.1
4	Pennie Morauski	1346.5	17	Rick Jones	818.9
5	George Zloitro	1316.2	18	Vicki Malloch	803.0
6	Bill Duemling	1307.8	19	Sue Moorman	780.7
7	Steve Morauski	1235.8	20	Oscar Balmaceda	778.0
8	Darlene Duskey	990.1	21	Sharon Wiseman	764.7
9	Art Meerhaeghe	930.0	22	Rick Moorman	750.7
10	Richard Dyer	928.8	23	Doris Mulligan	749.7
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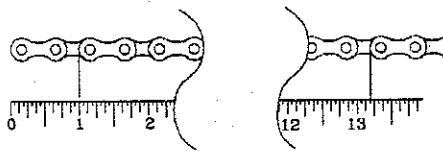
Chain Talk

by Ed Gostin

"Replace your chain often." This advice is frequently given by racing team mechanics. A chain is relatively cheap, but when worn out will accelerate wear on more expensive cogs and chainwheels. How can you tell if your chain is worn? My favorite method is to measure the length of 24 links. Since each link is about one-half inch, you don't have to count links, simply find a convenient reference point (I use the end of the outer plate), line up the ruler, and find the same point on the link at or just after the 12 inch mark. Make sure the chain is tensioned when you take your measurement. For greater accuracy, use the 1 inch mark for your start, and the 13 inch mark for your end. When a chain is new, 24 links will measure almost exactly 12 inches, a worn chain will be longer. I like to replace my chain when this measurement reaches 12 1/8 inches.



New Chain



Worn Chain

by Ted Gondert

Sunshine basks the earth as I, Ted Gondert, mount my trusty steed to rendezvous with Bill Duemling at his office. Load my bike in his van we're off to Doug's house to carpool with other CRR TOSRV riders. Doug, Laurie, George, and Doug's step sister and nephew are all going. Bill takes on some passengers and we are off to Columbus, Ohio. Arrived at the Quality Inn, alias the Holiday Inn, City Center. Gary Haelewyn and Bob Latsko are there with rooms reserved for us.

After getting our numbers and maps at TOSRV, the Tour Of the Scioto River Valley, registration, we start to think about dinner. Bob Latsko's niece, a student at OSU, recommends Schmidt's restaurant in the German Town section of Columbus. Bob calls the restaurant for reservations for 12. The courtesy van driver says he can take us there in the Holiday Inn van. Fourteen of us squeeze into the van and drive to German Town about 8:00 p.m.

The host didn't hear anything about reservations for 12 so we wait a half hour or so to get seated. I choose the buffet dinner because of the choice of foods set out in the other room. Nibbled a small amount of food from the buffet while the others were waiting for their orders. Some of them thought I ate moderately fast but the plates are small with not much on them. By the time everyone has been served and finished their meal it's 9:30 p.m.

Bob called the Holiday Inn for the courtesy van to pick us up but it was out at the airport. Everyone went outside to enjoy the good weather and wait for the van. Called again but the van had some more people to pick up at the airport. We start discussing whether to wait or just walk back,

estimates of the distance range from one to three miles. Now it's 10:45 p.m. and some of us decide to walk back. Walking at a good pace, I arrived at the hotel about 11:10. Everyone else is there, they said the van came about five minutes after I and the others had left. Oh well, it was a good evening stroll.

At 5:30 a.m. we are up to get ready for TOSRV. I tried the special \$3.95 breakfast buffet at the hotel restaurant. It had fruit and jelly rolls and cold cereal, about the same stuff we will be eating at the rest stops. Doug, Gary and the others choose some items from the regular breakfast menu.

Our CRR group rolled out from High St. and Broad about 7:15. The temperature was in the mid 60's in the morning but climbed to the high 80's by afternoon. We rode past packs of bikes yelling "on your left" and moving out of the way of the faster pacelines.

Many TOSRV riders don't seem to know what "on your left" means or just don't care. They ride in the middle of the road at 10-12 mph and never move to the right for other bicyclists or the occasional car.

TOSRV has been going on for 30 years so the people in Ohio are used to it by now. The few cars that were on the route were very courteous considering the hassle of 6000+ bicycles on the road. Some riders could do more to be courteous to the cars. We would see them ahead of us with a car following them but they wouldn't move over to the right side of the lane. Other riders would go around the car on both sides.

As we are riding along, we hear the club song, then see the club jerseys streaking by on a Schwinn tandem. It is Steve & Pennie Mourski. We

ride a paceline at 20+ mph for several miles behind the mighty Schwinn. Then we get to Circleville, the first rest stop. The cookies, fruit and jelly rolls are good, then it's a wait in line for the field toilets. Yup, this is TOSRV.

Chillicothe rest stop/lunch is at the Mead paper company's, picnic area. After a while you get used to the smell of the paper mill. The fellow with the sword is still there to get rid of bandit riders. Lunch choices include; bread, ham and cheese, potato salad, orange drink, candy bars, fruit, etc. After eating we rode out of Chillicothe and onto the rolling hills before Waverly.

This is the scenic part of the route as we see the hills and valleys beside the road. Most of the hills are rolling, if you can get a good roll on the down hill the uphill are easier. Heavy bicycle traffic makes it hard to get a clear path for all the hills but we manage to ride a good pace most the time.

TOSRV doesn't have any major hills on the route but there are some hills next to the route if you want. I rode up a hill in Chillicothe. It's a good view and the winding road is fun to come down. But, there is a stop light at the bottom of the hill when you are still on a down grade. Your brakes have to work well. There is also a hill next to the course just before White Lake park, the last rest stop. It's a steep and gravelly road. I inched up it in a 38/24 gear. A good view from the subdivision up there greets me. The road down is wider and less steep but I went slow to avoid crashing in case of gravel, etc. None of the other riders seem to try these extra hills.

Our group gets to White Lake, the last official rest stop. It's about 30 miles before Portsmouth, the overnight stop. The others left while I was getting my bicycle so after looking around for them I rode off for Portsmouth.

Getting closer to the end inspired me to ride faster. Rode about twenty mph for 15 miles before catching the others. Our CRR bicyclists have spread out so I rode in the last few miles myself. Someone passed me a couple of miles before Portsmouth. Then I decided not to let him beat me there and speeded up to 22-24 mph. He got on my wheel but dropped off at 24 mph the last half mile or so.

After riding across the bridge we see Doug, Big John, Bev & Dan and other CRR riders. A while later the others came across the bridge. Everyone hangs out at the bridge to see the riders coming in and to welcome them. Then we go to the CAY (Christian Adults for Youth) building about 1 mile away in town where dinner is available and a friend of Doug's lives next door. Bev drove their van to sag for Dan, and Doug's sister drove his pickup truck down. The others have hotel reservations in Wheelersburg, KY. I decide to stay in Portsmouth in the school gym on my ticket.

Since the "Hill" is just across the bridge to Kentucky I rode over to try it. It seems to get steeper every year as I inch up it. There was some loose shale on the pavement so I chickened out and used the brakes on the way down, only made 45 mph.

Back at the school, I found a spot for my therma-rest and sleeping bag. Many restaurants, have dinner specials for TOSRV riders in Portsmouth. Went to the CAY to see the merchandise displays and the bicycle repair. They laced up several new rims for riders that bent wheels on the ride down. Saw the booth of the rear-view mirror man, Chuck Harris, his wife was there. She said he was still out riding in on an "Ordinary" bicycle, with the big wheel in front. 100 miles is a long way on that bike.

Then it's back to the school for some shut eye. Spread out on the floor of the gym and hallways are hundreds of sleeping bags, as I get to mine. The

lights are out by 9:00 p.m. One thing you don't need sleeping on the floor at TOSRV is an alarm clock. Everyone else has one, the lights come on at 5:00 a.m. and people are moving about.

Pack my gear and stow it on the baggage truck. Then bike to the house where the CRR riders had stored their bicycles last night. They got there by 6:10 a.m. We ride to the Crispy Creme donut shop for the traditional donut and hot chocolate.

Across the bridge before 7:00 a.m., the Clinton River Riders head to White Lake. Rolling along, the miles go by, then we get to the rumble strips that massage your seat and hands. Several fast pacelines pass our CRR group and we pass several slower packs. Another fast paceline goes by and Gary is in it. I catch up to him as he drops off. We ride together to White Lake and wait for the rest of our group.

Now the rolling hills start, only the downhill from yesterday are uphill today and visa-versa. It seems they get out a jack and raise the hills overnight. Chillicothe finally arrives and we meet more CRR bicyclists. Now the temperature is in the upper 80's with a slight head wind. The next stop is about 20 miles. We ride there and get everyone together again. Bob Latsko doesn't like hot weather so he falls behind. Bill Duemling and Ted Gondert ride together to the last rest stop, which is optional. I was out of water anyway and a break was welcome. Doug rode by as we were in the stop so we mounted up for the last 6 miles into Columbus. We see Laurie again in the last mile before the end.

There is the finish on State & High Street. Our certificates for completing the ride are given to us. The hotel lets riders use a few of the rooms for showers so we go there. Got out of the shower as the crowd starts to arrive. Wait with everyone by the van. Start to wonder about Bob, George says he

saw him under a tree several miles back. About an hour later Bob drags himself in and we tell him which room has the shower. When he gets back from the shower, he is feeling better.

Bill's van leads the caravan with Doug's pickup and Bev & Dan's van following out of Columbus at 4:00 p.m. We stop at a rest area along US-23 before 6:00 and discuss where to get dinner. Findlay is the next town about 20 miles ahead so the caravan heads there. See on the billboards a Bill Knapp's restaurant ahead. We drive into the full parking lot, send Doug in to check out the place and find out it's

about a one hour wait. The caravan heads north on I-75 to the Cracker Barrel restaurant. They said the wait was only 15 minutes but we know better. They have a country store and rocking chairs on the front porch so we look around while waiting. The food is excellent once we get seated.

Back on the road at 8:00 p.m. Drop Doug's sister, nephew and Laurie off then it's home to Romeo, arrived after 11:00.

Another TOSRV has come and gone. The weather this year was very good, only a little warm, better than the cold rain of other years.

5 Arrested at NYC Critical Mass Bike Action

NYC Police Dept. crowd control units showed up in strength for the 4th Critical Mass bike action in NYC this season. 5 cyclists were arrested in the course of the ride when they refused to move from the intersection of 6th Avenue and 42nd Street. The cyclists were charged with disorderly conduct.

The Critical Mass rides began in NYC on Earth Day, April 22nd, as a show of strength by the NYC bicycling community. The rides have adopted a platform calling for greater law enforcement against motorists (over 300 NYC bicyclists and pedestrians were killed by cars in 1992), transportation policies to reduce car use (traffic calming, congestion pricing) and car-free Central and Prospect Parks as early steps toward the creation of more auto-free space in the city. The Critical Mass title is drawn from similar rides which began last year in San Francisco, which have drawn up to 400 cyclists.

The rides in NYC have followed a route from Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village, up 6th Avenue to Central Park. The 130+ riders the events have drawn block passage of motor vehicles on 6th Avenue, and move at approximately 3 MPH. This tactic creates a virtually car-less boulevard in

front of the ride, which enterprising NYC pedestrians quickly take advantage of.

Cyclists and skaters from Transportation Alternatives, the rides' organizer, distribute flyers explaining the purpose and platform of the ride.

The June 24th ride had special significance for the NYC bicycling community. 3 cyclists had been killed in traffic in weeks prior, as had a number of pedestrians, many at the hands of unlicensed drivers. The heavy police presence was the result of disgruntled traffic cops who happened upon the 3rd ride after it received coverage in the evening radio traffic reports. Riders discussed the situation at the beginning of the ride once the police strength had been noted, and after police informed the riders that they would be penned into one lane. Some participants discussed the possibility of civil disobedience at the ride's start, since it was felt that a greater statement than would be afforded a one-lane ride should be made in outrage at the deaths of cycling comrades and the City Administration's failure to respond to repeated requests for stepped up traffic law enforcement. Among the arrestees were Ann Sullivan, John Kaehny and Jon Orcutt, president, campaign coordinator

Are You Creative?

The Christmas Party Committee is looking for someone with a creative idea to design this year's table centerpieces. If you have any ideas in mind please contact Laurie Brickner or Pennie Morauski.

Congratulations John

Congratulations to John Payne who won a water bottle on One Helluva Ride from the AABTS Courtesy Patrol for encouraging safe riding by example and verbal command.

Kid's Program Success

Daine Baker has successfully pulled off her first Children's Cycling Class. Months of preparation are paying off. "The kids are learning and had a good time," says Diane who also admits there were some minor problems. But now they know their hand signals which is probably more than some of us adults can say.

Great job Diane!

Thanks also to the Boy Scouts.

Refreshments

Will be provided by Rick, Sue and Matthew Moorman at our August meeting.

Supersale Time

Sue Pavlat is looking for individuals or tandem couples who would be interested to see the inside workings of a bike shop from the other side of the counter. It's a good time. July 30, 31 and August 1. Contact Sue at the store.

For Sale

Mongoose, BMX bike. New shin guards & arm pads. '92 Exercise bike, dual action fan cycle, for upper & lower body cardiac workout with computer monitor; like new. Make me an offer! 468-4727

