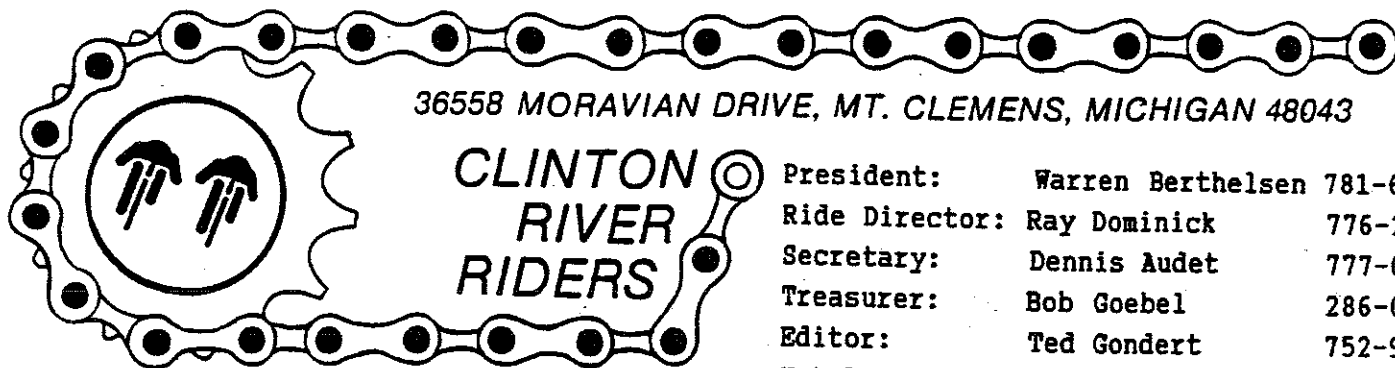


# August 1991



**Next Meeting:** Monday, Sept 9, 7:00 p.m.  
at Mt. Clemens Recreation Center, 300  
Groesbeck at Lafayette.

**New Members:** The club would like to  
welcome the following new members;  
Michelle Bernard, Michael L. Cisco, Mark  
Kimber, Kirk Andrew & family, Philip  
Kuyava, John Mullins, Greg Wiegmann. We  
hope you will enjoy many rides and  
activities with the club. Apologies to  
Steven Smialek for misspelling his name in  
June.

**BWR:** The Blue Water Ramble, October 6,  
is fast approaching and volunteers are  
needed for the various committee that get  
everything together for BWR. Applications  
are already coming in. Thanks to Rick  
Moorman, Bill Duemling and others for  
typing the information into the computer.  
Your help is needed to keep the 10th  
annual BWR one of the best invitational  
rides in Michigan and Canada. Remember  
that the Blue Water Ramble is the main  
fund-raising event for the club and our  
biggest event of the year. Club members  
must work on the BWR to be eligible for  
awards. There is much work done before the  
day of the ride too. The registration  
packet stuffing will be at the Moorman's,  
see next newsletter or call hot-line  
792-4670. Contact Andy Neumann for more  
info on how you can help. (313) 756-3369.

President:	Warren Berthelsen	781-6706
Ride Director:	Ray Dominick	776-2793
Secretary:	Dennis Audet	777-0837
Treasurer:	Bob Goebel	286-0384
Editor:	Ted Gondert	752-9466
Hot-line:		792-4670

**Club Jerseys:** Sample jerseys from Louis  
Varnuet are at Pavlat's Cycle. Stop in to  
try your size, a \$20 deposit is required  
to order the jerseys.

**Christmas Party:** Claudia Neumann and  
Rose Goebel will find a hall to rent and  
see about catering or pot-luck and present  
their findings at the next meeting. Date  
is possibly Nov 14.

**Club Picnic:** Sunday, Sept 15 12:00  
p.m. at Stoney Creek Park after the club  
time trial. Contact Rose Goebel (313)  
286-0384 or Vicki Malloch (313) 979-4076  
if you are planning to attend. Call  
hot-line (313) 792-4670 for update.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** MDOT's program will  
resume in the spring. The club will check  
on highway sections to "Adopt" and clean  
up. Have Clinton River Riders on a sign

**DALMAC:** Club members are looking for  
ways to get their gear up to Lansing and  
to get back from St. Ignis. Contact Ted  
Gondert (313) 752-9466 if you can arrange  
transportation.

**TWT:** Time Walking Technology. The Time  
pedal representatives will have 40 pair of  
shoes and pedals to loan out for a test  
ride on the Tuesday night ride Aug 27 or  
rain day Sept 3.

**Ride Schedule:** Call the hot-line (313) 792-4670 for update.

Saturday, Aug 17, 7:00 a.m.: Meet Rick Moorman at Beverly/Normandy (13.5 mile) and Southfield for a 70 mile hilly ride to Milford @ 17-19 MPH. DALMAC training ride.

Sunday, Aug 18: "Assenmacher 100" tour in Swartz Creek routes from 40 to 120 miles.

Sunday, Aug 18, 8:00 a.m.: Tandem Ride, meet Sue Pavlat at Pavlat's bicycles, Moravian and Garfield for a 40-50 mile ride @ 18+ MPH to Troy and about. This is for tandem bicycles only so let's get all those club tandems out for this ride.

Saturday, Aug 24, 7:00 a.m.: meet Rick Moorman at Romeo High School, 32 mile Rd west of Van Dyke, for the "Return to Otisville" ride of 100+ miles @ 17-19 MPH with brunch at 50 miles and back. DALMAC training ride.

Aug 24-25: "Tomato Tour" in Canada, by Windsor Cycling Club, starting at in Windsor to Pte Pelee for overnight camping and back. See more in this newsletter.

Sunday, August 25: Fat tire Biathlon at Addison Oaks. The CRR club has volunteered to help with this race at registration and course marshalling. Volunteers for registration should be at the park at 6:30 a.m. and others at 7:30 a.m. Race starts 9:00 a.m. over by 12:00

Sunday, August 25, 8:00 a.m.: meet Andy Neumann at Macomb College, 12 mile and Hayes, for 40 mile ride out and back to Birmingham to see the Tour De Michigan critereums. Bring locks and walking shoes.

August 28 to Sept 1: DALMAC, the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac tour.

Wednesday, Aug 28, 8:00 a.m.: meet at the Farmer Jack parking lot on 17 mile and Van Dyke for the annual "Docksider" 90 mile ride to Lansing for the start of DALMAC. Call Rick Moorman for information.

Sunday, September 8: "Peach of a Ride" starting at Armada High School, put on by the "Slow Spokes", routes from 40-100 miles.

Sunday, September 15: club time trial at Stoney Creek boat launch. Club picnic will be after the time trial and a ride, call hot-line for update.(313) 792-4670

**AWARDS:** The club awards will be given at the end of the year for top mileage and for club member of the year. The names of the male and female award winners will be engraved on a plaque at Pavlat's bike shop. Mileage for the previous month must be written and brought to the meeting and given to the ride director, Ray Dominick, or mailed in by the end of the month. Mileage not given to Ray that month isn't awarded. Club members must attend at least 10 club events such as meetings, rides, BWR envelope stuffing etc. and also must lead at least one ride. The Member of the Year awards will be based on the number of points a member acquires for club activities. Club officers get 5 points, Ride leaders with a new ride get 4 points, Ride leaders 3 points, Committee heads i.e. BWR mapping, rest-stops etc get 3 points. Workers for the BWR (Blue Water Ramble) get 2 points and participants at club rides and events get 1 point.

**Recurring Rides:** Call the hotline at (313) 792-4670 for updates.

**Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.** Metro Beach "Ice Cream Ride" meet Gary Haelewyn at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for 25 mile ride to Metro Beach at 20+ MPH.

**Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.** meet Warren Berthelsen at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for a 25 mile ride @ 14-15 MPH to Metro Beach. Note: on August 27, Time Walking Technology pedals and shoes will be loaned out for test riding.

**Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.** meet Rich Dyer at K mart parking lot, 23 mi & Gratiot for 40 miles @ 18-20 MPH morning ride.

**Wednesday: 6:15 p.m.** meet Rick Moorman at the medical office parking lot on 17 mile and Garfield for a 30 mile ride @ 15- 17 MPH to Stoney Creek.

**Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.** meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park for 20- 25 mile ride at 14-16 MPH to Mt. Clemens with ice cream stop.

**Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.** meet the Slow Spokes at NE corner of Long Lake & Livernois for 14-19 miles @ 11-13 MPH around Troy.

**Thursday: 6:30 p.m.** meet Doug MacDermaid or Kirk & Katie Carolan at the shopping center on Jefferson & Marter (8.5 mile) for a 30 mile ride to Grosse Pointe @ 16-18 MPH.

**Friday: 6:15 p.m.** meet Andy Neumann at Macomb College south campus, 12 mile and Hayes, for 30 mile ride @ 13-15 MPH to Grosse Pointe for ice cream.

**Saturday: 8:00 a.m.** meet Doug MacDermaid or Oscar Balmaceda at Stoney Creek boat launch for a 46 mile ride @ 16-18 MPH to Armada for breakfast.

**Saturday: 8:00 a.m.** meet John Payne at Derby Jr High School in Birmingham for easy pace ride. Call John Payne to check on ride. 755-0730

**Saturday, 7:00 p.m.:** Sunset/Night ride, will resume August 24. Bring lights and jacket if it cools off. meet Blake Bennett (hm# (313) 781-2316 after 6:00 p.m) at the duck pond in Rochester behind the municipal offices to ride the Paint Creek Trail to Lake Orion for ice-cream and back. 19 miles @ 13-15 MPH up and 15-17 MPH back.

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m.** meet Dennis Audet at Dodge Park for a 20- 25 mile ride at 14-16 MPH to Mt. Clemens with breakfast at the Broadway Cafe restaurant.

**Ride Decorum:** We all know the guidelines of riding to the right as far as practical. Riding no more than 2 abreast when conditions permit. Obeying stop lights and stop signs. Singling up when cars are back. Many of our members are not following these! Remember when you are all over the road and not permitting cars to get by this only makes drivers upset and you could be injured.

Dave Gaskell was riding with the Wolverines in Birmingham and when the group rolled thru a red light he got a ticket for \$65.00! He had a Wolverine jersey on. So remember to be careful about stop signs, red lights, etc. especially around Birmingham.

### **Other Clubs Events:**

Sunday, August 18: Assenmacher Tour in Swartz Creek starting at the High School. Routes from 40 to 120 miles.

August 24-25 : Tomato Tour in Ontario. Starting at Sand Point Park, 10300 Riverside Drive East in Windsor (11 km east of the tunnel). Ride to Point Pelee Park for over night camping.

Sunday, August 25: Fat Tire Biathlon at Addison Oaks. The Clinton River Riders have volunteered to help with this event. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. registration volunteers should be at registration 6:30 a.m. others 7:30 a.m. Race will be over before 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 25: ALS Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) fund raiser. Starting at the K of C hall in St. Clair, MI. Pledge ride with routes from 12 to 65 miles. phone 1-800-882-5764

Sunday, Sept 8: Peach of a Ride, starting at Armada High School with routes from 40 to 100 miles.

Sunday, Sept 15: MS Fall Breakaway: Fund raiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. You get pledges to raise money. Starting at Kensington Park with routes from 25 to 75 miles.

Sunday, September 15: Leelanau Harvest Tour; Sugar Loaf Resort in Cedar, MI 12 to 100 mile routes. Cherry Capitol Cycling Club P.O. Box 1807 Traverse City, MI 49685

Sunday, September 29: Apple Cider Century at River Valley High School in Three Oaks, MI 20 to 100 mile routes 6500+ riders.

Sunday, October 6: Blue Water Ramble in St. Clair, MI. The Clinton River Riders

**Bike Advocate:** See the list of the surface transportation committee members in this newsletter. We need to contact these representatives and our local ones to support bicycle friendly legislation. They are planning now for the surface transportation system for the next 35 years. If politicians don't here from us they only will hear the lobbyists for automobile, oil, developers and other interests.

Bicycles can provide an alternative transportation for many of the trips that people do. Ask some of the commuting members of our club about the health and monetary benefits achieved by bicycle commuting.

### **The Challenge with Greg LeMond:**

Sept 15. This is a series of handicapped time trials around the country. Greg LeMond sets the handicap against the national pacesetters. Then they handicap the regional pacesetters. Stoney Creek Metro Park will be the site for this region. The time trial will be a little less than 1 lap or 6 miles. Start time will be 7:00 a.m. with riders off in 1 minute intervals, no drafting. Pavlat's Prestige Cycle (792-4040) is the host shop. Tom Demezly will be the pacesetter. The event is geared for the amateur rider.

If you enter 3 Challenges you can receive a national ranking. The fastest riders in the different age and gender categories will be sent to the national time trial event in California, all expenses paid, to compete and meet with Greg LeMond. USCF riders can enter but are ineligible for prizes. Pre-registered entry fee \$10.00.

**RAT:** The Ride Around Torch lake, alias Rain And Thunderstorms. Drove up to Traverse City with John. We got to Berthelsen's cottage just after Warren did. Rode around the Mission Penninsula before dinner. Met the rest of the club members at the restaurant for a good dinner. People got in their tents on the beach at the cottage. By 10:00 p.m. clouds were seen across the bay. By 11:00 p.m. the soothing patter of rain drops on the tent and the lapping of the waves on the beach started. Then the wind and lightning and thunder encouraged some people to seek shelter in the cottage. At 1:00 p.m. Warren Berthelsen came out with his flashlight to search for survivors in the blown over tents. The long stakes I used for my tent kept it up. Good thing that the Therma-Rest pad is waterproof because when I touched the tent floor it splashed. The next morning the sun was out and the ride around Leelanau was good and the RAT ride on Sunday was good. Next year though we figure out how to reduce the number of cars parked at the cottage because everyone was stuck till the whole convoy left.

We thank Berthelsens for the use of their cottage. Hope they and the cottage recover from the crowd that weekend.

**Club Rambling:** The clubs ultra-marathon-cyclists, Sue Pavlat and "Rocket" Ron Dossenbach raced in the "Beat-the-Boats". Starting in Port Huron with the sailboats going to Mackinac. The bicyclists rode 320 miles thru the center of the state including Caddilac and Petosky with plenty of hills. Ron Dossenbach set a new course record of



16 hrs 22 minutes, 2 hrs faster than the old record. Ron was off the bike only 2 minutes. Sue Pavlat set the fast time of 20 hrs 22 minutes with only 35 minutes off of the bicycle. Sue was the first women to ever finish this event on a single bike since it started in 1984.

On August 24, club members Sue Pavlat and Dave Courter will be in Paris for the Paris-Brest-Paris randonneur tour. Paris-Brest-Paris is 750 miles with a time limit of 90 hrs. This is the 100 year anniversary and it's done every 4 years. The event is now for amateurs. The bicycles must be equipped with lights and fenders and no commercial advertising on jerseys, but bicycle club names are allowed. Sue has chosen the 84 hr time limit. This tour doesn't have support vehicles but there are check points and rest stops. The rolling hills make the ride difficult and Sue and Dave had to qualify at "brevets" in the United States. Brevets are shorter rides of "only" a few hundred miles with a time limit.

Youngest club member: Sandra & Scott Matusik had a baby boy, 4 lbs 4 oz, 17" long named Sebastian.

**For Sale:** Raleigh Pro track bicycle. 54 cm frame Campagnolo equipment \$500 Dave Gaskell (313) 527-2075

**Wanted:** Used 58 cm road racing bicycle for test riding before purchasing. Call Gary Haelewyn (313) 286-5094



## THE EVOLUTION OF A CANADIAN CUCUMBER

Gary Haelewyn

Ker Plunk!! The long, fat, green cucumber severed his umbilical cord and fell to the ground below. This cuke was NOT to be sliced, diced, or pickled like all the others. This cucumber was different. It had a "purpose", a goal, a challenge, it was on an adventure to foreign lands.

The morning sun streamed through the few clouds creating that pink sky in the morning and bringing to mind the old bikers saying 'sailors warning'. Even the weatherman predicted a 40 % chance of showers. So why, you might ask did I load my bike, submarine sandwich, and beer into the Toyota, and head for Amherstburg Canada? Because, like the cucumber I had a purpose, a challenge, an adventure to foreign lands.

Crossing the Ambassador bridge the morning sun reflected off the tall Renaissance buildings blinding my gaze at the now calm Detroit River. Driving along highway 18 the streets were just waking up to the sounds of joggers, cars and pedestrians. I pulled into Maria's for breakfast joining the others, Doug MacD, Teddy, Bill Duemling and his little urchin stoker Christopher, who had just asked the waitress for his second cup of hot chocolate, fuel to help his old father up the road. Also on hand, Canadian mountie Jeff Scott, and Donna and Dennis, one of the few remaining club couples not riding a tandem. A little later two more tandems arrived powered by Steve and Penny, and Duane and Elizabeth. Our international team was ready to discover Canada. We loaded our subs, and coolers in the Moormans van, bid farewell to Sue and Matthew who would secure a picnic spot for us, and started down the road on our 40 mile trek to Pt. Pelee.

Just as we were headin out the lonely cucumber also began to move. Hey, wait a minute, cucumbers don't move by themselves, how can it be? This was a freak of nature, one of a kind, a new beginning, (a strange story, I know, but bare with me). So the cuke began to head out too. Out of his lush green garden, his safe haven, and into,... the unknown.

We followed the winding river past beautiful lakefront homes, sprawling manicured lawns, and summer flowers everywhere. Soon the city streets turned to country roads of farm houses, barns, and fruit stands. We made our first stop at the general store in Malden Centre. A traditional stop we were told. Our first challenge we found out. A little remodeling job just finished a few weeks ago, left us without a place to empty some full bladders. Skipping the traditional liquid refreshments, we relaxed outside the store while those in dire need searched out an old oak tree needing a little watering. Mounting up we continued on our merry way to the next town, Colchester, which happened to have an open resturant that didn't charge 7% GST for use of their rest room.

Meanwhile back in the garden, our dear cuke was frantically running from a pickers grasp. This guy wasen't going to end up in some fruit stand poked and prodded like others of his kind. His destiny lay elsewhere.

Canadian Cucumber cont:

We finally made it to Pt. Pelee and the Blue Heron picnic area where Sue and Matthew eagerly awaited us. "Hi Sue" we exclaimed as everyone headed for the lavatory. We gobbled down our subs, chips, and liquid libations, set a time to meet, and headed off into different directions exploring. Some went for the beach and a refreshing swim, some for the marsh boardwalk tour. I and the others headed for the "point" of Pt. Pelee. Another Canadian freak of nature. The waves from the west crash a half mile out into Lake Erie against the waves from the East. The effect is a thin stretch of land with waves pounding one side while 10 feet on the other side the lake remains perfectly calm.

Calm was a word our poor cucumber never understood as he sat on the edge of the highway, trying to figure a way to get across as cars and trucks zoomed past.

Finally it was time to leave. I packed my collection of stones, (presents for "Brickbrain") in the van. The little urchin, weary not from the ride out, but rather from all the raisins, cookies, M&M's and everything else Bill had crammed in his rear bike bag, decided he would ride back in the air condition comfort of Sue's van. His mere 60 pounds would be replaced by almost 200 more pounds of "Backst", er, Doug MacDermaid. Once that tandem got rolling nothing would get in its way. Not even a blind cucumber.

Now I know what your thinking. You think that the only intelligent cuke ever to come out of Canada was scrambled over the highway by a couple of over-weight, pavement burning cyclists from the across the border. Well, your wrong. The poor cuke bought it before we got there. "Cuke-kill" Rick yelled as we road around the green, smelly mess. We pondered a bit on how the cuke got there, but soon forgot about it and continued on. It was later that I began thinking about it and the many strange things we saw on this adventure.

We arrived back in Amherstburg and headed for the traditional Ice Cream stop across from the park. Sitting on the porch of the Ice Cream store we reflected on the ride, the weather (that morning sun stayed with us all day), the latrines, vegetable stands, and the country. Well some of us did, Chris reflected on the pieces of gum he had pulled from his surprise ice cream cone then gobbled all 10 pieces up at once to see what color would come out. We were all pretty curious. That's basically why we did this ride. Canada is a strange and curious place for bicycling.

## TRIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

For a limited time, the League of American Wheelmen is offering a trial membership. For four dollars, you will receive: two issues of BICYCLE USA, the League membership magazine which contains informative articles, product reviews, bicycle action information, health and legal advice, and a national ride calendar.

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Club \_\_\_\_\_

send application and three dollars to:  
League of American Wheelmen  
6707 Whitestone Rd.  
Suite 209T  
Baltimore, MD 21207-4106

this trial membership offer is good through September, 1991. Please allow time for processing.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT - JUNE 1991 UPDATE**

**CURRENTLY:** A number of amendments and bills have been introduced and are currently in committee review which will direct greater funds toward bicycling objectives by states receiving Federal transportation dollars.

**OBJECTIVE:** Contact committee members reviewing these amendments asking their support of bicycling objectives which include:

Bicycle Lanes - Adding Or Improving Paved Shoulders - Bridge Improvements - Shelters & Parking Facilities - Traffic Controls

**ACTION:** Pick a name closest to the letter of your last name and write that committee member.

**IMPORTANT:** YOU MUST INDICATE AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR LETTER THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED YOUR CONGRESSMAN ON THIS MATTER SO PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD THIS LETTER TO HIM.

Also indicate that because the person you are writing to is on Surface Transportation sub-committee you are writing to request support of bicycling amendments to STAA.

**WHO:** The following are Surface Transportation sub-committee members:

	Norman Y. Mineta (D-CA) chairman
Glenn M Anderson (D-CA)	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
Douglas Applegate (D-OH)	Ron Packard (R-CA)
Sherwood Boelert (R-NY)	Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)
Bill Brewster (D-OK)	Mike Parker (D-MS)
Bob Clement (D-TN)	Lewis F. Payne Jr. (D-VA)
William F. Clinger (R-PA)	Tom Petri (R-WI)
Jerry F. Costello (D-IL)	Glenn Poshard (D-IL)
C. Christopher Cox (R-CA)	Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV)
Bud Cramer (D-AL)	Frank Riggs (R-CA)
Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR)	George E. Sangmeister (D-IL)
Bill Emerson (R-MO)	Bud Shuster (R-PA)
Pete Geren (D-TX)	Dick Swett (D-NH)
David L. Hobson (R-OH)	Charles H. Taylor (R-NC)
Ben Jones (D-GA)	James A. Traficant Jr. (D-OH)
Greg Laughlin (D-TX)	Fred Upton (R-MI)
John Lewis (D-GA)	Tim Valentine (D-NC)
William O. Lipinski (D-IL)	Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN)
Ron de Lugo (D-VI)	Bill Zeliff (R-NH)
Dick Nichols (R-KS)	

**WHERE:** Address your letter to: The Honorable (name)  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515



## PELEE POINT CAMPING TOUR

August 24 - 25, 1991

Despite popular demand, the Tomato Tour is here again! To continue this great event your vote can be cast by your attendance this year, and bring a friend, or two, or three. You can't beat the price or weather on any ride.

As many of you know, this is a 2-day tour with camping at Point Pelee National Park where you can canoe, walk a 1/2 mile boardwalk through the wetlands, and see the area history unfold from the viewing tower. A very nice bicycle path connects various attractions such as the suburb Nature Center from which a Tram to the Point starts every 20 minutes. Don't miss the Point! I scientifically analyze this phenomenon of waves coming together from opposite directions. They continue crashing together a half mile out beyond the Point! Others, however may go swimming, which is only a 4 minute walk from the tents. You may remember the Unisex shower room where you holler-in first! Best of all is the camaraderie at the picnic table, with tomato sandwiches, Peaches & Cream roast corn, and trimmings! Of course, a campfire with marshmallows follows the beautiful sunset.

Midway on the Saturday route is a couple hour stop at Colasanti's Tropical Greenhouses, famous for plants, exotic birds, shopping, and in-the-house restaurant with home made doughnuts. Your baggage and tent will be at the camp site when you arrive, along with refreshing ice tea, lemonade, and veggies. Sunday morning breakfast at the Pelee Motor Inn, dutch, is a must! I always get the "all you can eat and drink".

If I forgot to tell you something, like: do we get a patch (yes), just ask me, Scott Badgley (work) 594-7398

You will complete and sign the application at start of the tour, however, the registration fee should be sent now so workers can plan ahead. A \$1.00 Day of Registration fee will be charged to late commers. Send your check to Windsor Bicycle Club, & Jeff Scott, #804-101 Langlois, Windsor, Ontario N9A-6Y2. Cost is \$15.00 Can. (\$13.00 U.S.) for Non-Members, or \$12.00 Can. (\$10.00 U.S.) for W.B.C. Members. Registration and loading begin at 8:30 the ride 9:30, beginning at Sand Point Park, Windsor, 10300 Riverside Dr. E. (11 km east of the tunnel on Lake St. Clair)

