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CRR NEWS...

for September 2003

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U.S. Rep. Candice Miller succeeded in placing the funds in a transportation spending bill that was approved by the House Wednesday, and the allocation should have little trouble winning final approval in the Senate.

"This is a huge help. This is about as good as it gets," said Lee Sorensen, chairman of the Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail, which has lobbied for the bike path for 4 1/2 years.

The trail will follow the path of the former Canadian National Railroad tracks from Shelby Township through Romeo, Armada and Richmond. It will eventually connect with the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester. The 10-foot-wide path will be similar to the recreational trail on Metropolitan Parkway, but in a quieter, country setting.

The first section of the trail, from 24 Mile and Dequindre to 29 Mile and Van Dyke, will be graded in the fall and paved in the spring. Plans call for completing the entire 24 miles as early as 2005.

Miller, who initiated the Metropolitan Parkway bike path while serving as Harrison Township supervisor, began working on federal funds for the Macomb Orchard Trail in December, a month before she was sworn into office in Congress

"For me, it's always been such a quality of life issue. These paths are long, skinny parks -- that's how I see them," said Miller, a Harrison Township Republican.

"The activity on these bike paths is wonderful. You see every age group. You see young moms pushing their baby strollers. You see teenagers on Rollerblades. You see senior citizens in their walking shoes." *cont. on p.2*

The U.S. House of Representatives cast a critical vote for bicycling

By a vote of 327 to 90, the House passed a bipartisan amendment to restore funding for the transportation enhancements program for fiscal year 2004.

The amendment, sponsored by Congressmen Tom Petri (R-WI) and John Olve(D-MA), enjoyed strong bipartisan support thanks to the diligent efforts of bicyclists across the nation. A special thanks to everyone who made phone calls, sent letters and emails, and held meetings with their Members of Congress. This victory not only restores \$600 million in dedicated funding for 2004, it puts the bicycle and pedestrian community on strong footing for the bigger battle over the reauthorization of TEA-21, the 6 year transportation funding bill.

Rides...Hotline 586-819-0222

PRESS 1 FOR SPECIAL RIDES. FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE,
CONTACT BRUCE FREEBURGER 586-775-8838 OR bruce@BIKESonTV.com

WEEKLY RIDES - Please note time changes on Monday & Wednesday
& be sure to have some lights on your bikes for the evening rides.
Also, there is a new ride happening on Monday & Wednesday mornings.

Monday & Wed....10 am

Ride from Prestige to Metro & Back for 25-30 miles at 13-15 mph. The Moormans and the Goebels will take turns leading this ride.

Monday...5:30pm

Ride with Rick Jones & Company from the MSU Management Center, at Crooks and Square Lake Roads. This is a FAST, HILLY ride of 30-40 miles. The first week of each month, this ride is moved to TUESDAY, to avoid a conflict with the club meeting on the first Monday.

Tuesday...5:30pm

Join Rick Moorman for a ride to Metro Beach and back from Prestige Cycles. The ride is 25-30 miles at 15-17 mph.

Wednesday...5 pm

It's the Sheffield Shuffle with Ken Rosiek. Meet Ken in the Sheffield parking lot across from K-Marts in Troy (Coolidge & Big Beaver). The ride will be 16-20 mph with a 16-17 mph average for 30-50 miles. The terrain is flat and/or hilly depending on who shows up.

Thursday...5:30pm

Part 2 of the Sheffield Shuffle. Meet Rick Moorman for a 30-40 mile ride at 15-17 mph average. Same meeting location and terrain as the Sheffield Shuffle on Wednesday.

Thursday...6 pm

Join Bill Duemling and Bill Baker for a ride from Prestige. They will ride at 13-16 mph for 2 - 2 1/2 hours.

Friday...6 pm

Meet at the corner of Marter (8 1/2 mile) and Jefferson for a 25-30 mile road through the Grosse Pte. area at 16-18 mph.

Saturday...8 am

Meet Bill & Annette Smith at the the Stony Creek Boat launch. Ride to Armada for breakfast and back at a pace of 16 mph+. Round trip 45 miles.

Saturday...9 am

Starting on Oct. 11, meet Jane Benard at the Schultz Funeral Home on Toepfer/Gratiot for a 30 mile ride at 14-16 mph.

OTHER CLUB RIDES

Sept. 21...BWR Pre-Ride

This is an OPPORTUNITY for all those who wish to RIDE the BWR to do so. Meet Jerry Bartels at 8 am at the St. Clair High School. The mileage & pace will depend on who shows up. The rain date is Sept. 28.

Sept. 28...Franklin Cider Mill

This is a wonderful fall ride to the Cider Mill for lots of treats. Meet at the Rosiek's house at 8:30 for a 40+ mile ride at an easy pace. For more info, contact: jrosiek144107@comcast.net

Sat. Oct. 11...Tour De City

Long tour: 8:30 AM at MCC - Ride 13-15 mph through the Grosse Pointes, stop at the Fisher mansion, ride by the Manoogian mansion, ride through Indian Village and Elmwood Cemetery and meet up with the slower group as we tour downtown Detroit with a lunch stop in Mexican Town and Belle Isle returning by way of Hamtramck. Total distance 55-60 miles.
Short tour: 10:30 at the Belle Isle Casino.
Kathy and Bob George, (586)-463-6058

Sunday October 12...

Meet Bob Latsko at the McDonalds in Algonac at 9 am for a ride to Mitchell's Bay with the Slow Spokes at 13-15 mph.

Ode to Dirt Riding....

Oh the wonderful sights you will see,
If only you'd ride the dirt roads
with me!

We see turkeys, we see deer,
We see turtles far and near.
We see Bulls, not on the loose,
We've seen Longhorn Cattle
and a Moose.

We see horses, large and small,
Some with riders sitting tall.
There's a Camel on the course,
And a buggy pulling horse.
There are Llamas in a pen,
And Emus, I counted ten.

There's a Windmill for you to see,
A really big Oak Tree,
and even Don Quixote.

There's a Monastery unique,
You should really take a peek.
There are Geodesic domes,
And many-sided homes.
Covered bridges over creeks,
Even bikers doing tricks.

Lots of things in life are
beautiful brother,
But there is one particular thing,
That is no way shape or form,
Like any other.

There is nothing like dirt roads,
Nothing in the world.

There is nothing you can name,
So pleasing as the game,
Of getting dirt upon your frame.

So suppose the roads aren't smooth,
Or completely free from flaws,
Or as faithful as a bird dog,
Or as kind as Santa Claus.
It's a waste of time to worry,
Over things that they have not.
Be thankful for, the things they got.

The shade that you will find,
On hills that you will climb,
Is pleasing to the mind.
While riding tunnels made of trees,
Is a sight that's sure to please.

So won't you join me please,
Over dirt and thru the trees,
Your senses you will tease,
as the miles all pass with ease.

Doggerel by,

TJ Hill, July 2003



Thoughts & Prayers....

Bill Windhorst underwent a total hip replacement this month. Bill sets pretty high goals for himself and is setting his sights on the 24 hour challenge in 2005. Way to go Bill!

Vicki Sprecher has had some pretty stiff challenges in recent years. She has battled breast cancer and lost some of her family members to it. Vicki has been in remission, but was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep Vicki and Pete in your thoughts and prayers.

Two by Two....

Nino & Marie came to speak to us about their organization Two by Two. Arc Cycling is the parent organization. Their goal is to teach bike safety & bike fitness to individuals with disabilities. This includes both children and adults. Arc Cycling started with 5 people in 1987 and has grown to a membership of 450 today. Their need is to get more captains, more tandems/triples, and more financial support for their organization. They currently have 4 tandem teams that go out on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a captain or donate financially, please let John T. or anyone on the board know and we will put you in touch with Nino. The Arc Cycling Program also has a website. www.arccycling.org

Bicycle Museum...

John & Marilyn visited the Bicycle Museum in Breman, Ohio and found it to be very interesting. cycling. It is located approximately 1 hour north of Dayton and 10 minutes of the freeway. The admission is only \$3. John purchased a tape and has generously given it to our club library, so feel free to check it out.

Macomb Orchard Trail....

cont. from the cover page...

County Finance Director Dave Diegel said the federal funds, which require 20 percent in matching funds from the county, ensures that the three-phase project is financially secure.

"This will, at a minimum, give us the basic rudiments of a trail all the way to Richmond. But, with this \$3.7 million and the other grants we've received, we may have more money than needed," Diegel said.

Excess funds could be used to pave the whole trail -- some sections were tentatively slated to have a crushed gravel surface -- or to construct a parking lot for trail-users.

The \$3.6 million cost to design and construct the trail will be financed with the help of grants and loans from the state, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the Trust for Public Lands and the Community Foundation.

A budget bill signed last month by Gov. Jennifer Granholm awards \$1.7 million from the Natural Resources Trust Fund to the Macomb Orchard Trail. That money will help pay off the \$3.5 million land purchase from CN Railroad.

The county initiated the project in 2001 and sought financial support from the municipalities along the trail's path. So far, Richmond, Washington Township and Shelby Township have pitched in. Those three communities, the county and the HCMA have representatives on the 5-member Macomb Orchard Trail Commission, which will oversee the construction and maintenance of the bike path.

The trail will follow a path through Shelby Township, Stony Creek Metropark, Washington Township, Romeo, Bruce Township, Armada Township, Armada, Richmond Township and Richmond.

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September 20...Macomb Orchard Trail Meet at the Grain Elevator on West Road (26 1/2 Mile) at 9 am. Will receive pizza for lunch

September 20...Clinton River Trail Clean-Up Contact John T. for more info.

OCT. 5 BWR...BE THERE

***THE OCTOBER MEETING will be at the Clean-Up Party to be held at Bill Stimpson's House. Bill has provided maps.

Monday Sept 29...6 pm Stuffing Party

This is the night that the club stuffs all the BWR envelopes. The more people that show up, the faster it gets done! Meet at Parkut on Production Drive right off I-94.

BWR Lunch

BWR lunch will be at Brander Park in Canada. Thanks to all who made that happen. Brander Park has always been a great place for our lunch and I'm happy that we'll be there this year.

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Thank You to....

All of our wonderful club members who have signed up to work the BWR!

Thank You From....

Bill Windhorst for all the well wishes and welcome home lunch after his surgery.

New Members....

Please welcome:

Lynda Schmitz

Bruce Coppola

Bryan Smith

Brian & Karen Warner

For Sale...

Kreitler Alloy Folding Rollers

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It's a Party...

When: 1st Monday of the Month

***October meeting will be at the

Clean-Up Party at Bill Stimpsons

Where: The Mt. Clemens Recreation

Center at 300 Groesbeck

When: 7 pm

***The Center may be closing, so if anyone has a facility that could accommodate us, please let us know.

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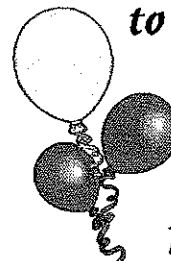
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Happy Birthday...

to our members



October

10/01 *John Tarantino*

10/01 *Melinda Korenchuk*

10/05 *James Lucchesi*

10/06 *Rose Goebel*

10/06 *Brian Warner*

10/09 *Robert Kosen*

10/15 *Duane Larkin*

10/20 *Mark Koenig*

10/21 *Bob George*

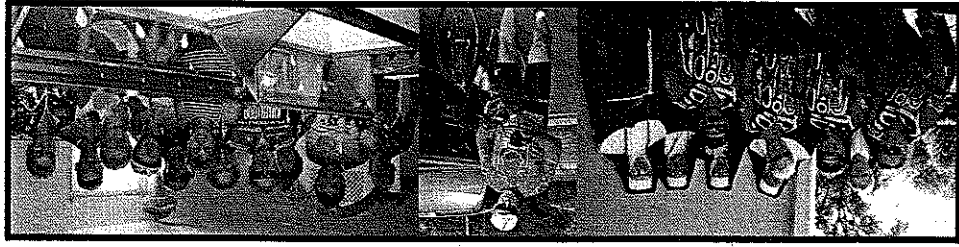
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