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# The "RAMBLER"

Sept 2004

## Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club



What do you mean it's Tuesday morning. Why aren't these people at work??? How can they be having fun when 98% of the rest of this club are slaving away in factories and offices? Sometimes, life is just unfair, well at least for 98% of you.



# September 2004

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**HOTLINE**  
586-819-0222  
(Press 1 for latest updates)

## WEEKLY RIDES

**CHANGES**  
Call Bill Baker, Ride Director  
586-739-0261  
CRRrides@wideopenwest.com

### 4th of October

### MONDAYS

**Club Meeting**, The October meeting will be at Bill Stimpson's house 15726 Dugan, Roseville (North of Common, East of Hayes off of Calahan) during BWR cleanup. November will be at Mt Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave, just west of Gratiot on the North side.

#### 5:00 P M (new time)

Meet at the M.S.U. center, Sq. Lake & Crooks. Ride as many hills as we can be found at a fast pace. Does NOT have a set leader (first person up the hill is the new leader). Pace unknown. Average will start at about 18.5 mph for 30 miles, and will increase to about 19.5 mph for 45 miles in late August. At times we will ride at 25 mph, and at times going up hills, it will slow to about 14 mph. The ride moves to Tue. after club meetings on Mon. The ride will officially start on April, 19. Call Rick Jones for more info.

#### 5:30 P M

### TUESDAYS

Meet at Prestige Cycles, Moravian and Garfield, for a 30—35 mile ride at an initial pace of 15-17 MPH with a destination of Metro Beach, 30 to 35 miles. Call Rick and Sue Moorman 586-792-0119 for details.

#### 9:00 A M

### WEDNESDAYS:

Meet in the parking lot of the Rochester Library (turn east at the road just past Pier One Imports blue awnings), near the arch to the start of the walkway/trail) to ride the Paint Creek Trail. Pace is 10-13 MPH. There is an optional single track loop out in Lake Orion. If you don't want to ride the single track, just return to Rochester on the Paint Creek Trail. Lunch at the end of the ride with great root beer floats! Optional: Shopping in downtown Rochester.

#### 5:00 P M (new time)

"Sheffield Shuffle I" Meet Ken & Cindy Rosiek at southwest corner of Sheffield Office complex Big Beaver Rd and Cunningham Dr. Approximate distance of 30-35 miles, light conditions permitting. Initial pace of 15-17 MPH. Rolling hills. Ride pace and terrain difficulty will increase as season progresses covering up to 50 miles in July. Good training ride, come early and often.

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**Note:** Send newsletter ride changes and/or additions to [BLUECYCLIST@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BLUECYCLIST@YAHOO.COM)

## 5:30 PM

## THURSDAYS

"Sheffield Shuffle II" same as Wednesday ride only meet leaders Rick and Sue Moorman.

## 6:00 PM

Meet Bill and Bill at Prestige Cycles, Moravian & Garfield, 2 hour ride to unknown destinations at 13-15 MPH.

## 8:00 AM

## FRIDAYS

Meet Duane Nieman in the Romeo/Armada area for 35 to 60+ mile long rides to different locations at a pace of 15 to 18 MPH with a breakfast stop. Call Duane 586-752-6482 or email Bill Smith [bsmith02@comcast.net](mailto:bsmith02@comcast.net) and Bill will add you to a distribution list for latest ride info.

## 8:00 AM

## SATURDAYS

Meet a to-be-determined ride leader at the Stoney Creek boat launch for a 16-19 mph 40-45 mile ride to Armada for breakfast.

## 9:00 AM

Meet TJ Hill at the West Branch Parking Lot for a 50 miles of Mountain biking. Lunch will be in Lake Orion around the 30 mile mark.

## 9:00 AM

## SUNDAYS

Meet TJ Hill at the Stoney Creek Boat Launch for more for Mountain biking to unknown destinations at the pace of the slowest rider for a distance to be determined.

## 2004 Blue Water Ramble Chairs

### **Diane Baker & Jim Crawford 2004 BWR Co-Chairs**

#### Committee Chairs

- **Food:** Tom and Sue Graham
- **SAG:** John Tarantino
- **Parking:** Jerry Pavlat
- **Cleanup:** Bill Stimpson
- **Publicity:** OPEN
- **Routes:** Gerry Bartels
- **Ferries:** Bruce Carlson
- **Registration:** Bills Baker & Duemling

## **Blue Water Ramble Alert**

It's once again time for the BWR, and we are once again in need of volunteers, in particular for the Border crossings, lunch stop and a few for the China rest stop. If you have already signed up for a spot, many thanks and sorry to bother you again, >but we're trying to reach the folks who have not been able to make the club meetings

or may not have known who to contact to get on the list.

If you interested in helping >out, please contact myself or Diane Baker.

Jim Crawford (586) 677-7033 or jcrowford76@comcast.net

Diane Baker (586) 739-0261 or dmbaker@wideopenwest.com

## Birthdays

### Bday First Name Last Name

10/01 Melinda Korenchuk  
10/01 JohnTarantino  
10/02 Donald Dahlke  
10/02 Janice Harding  
10/05 James Lucchesi  
10/06 Rose Goebel  
10/06 Brian Warner  
10/09 Robert Kosen  
10/10 Ann Schmidt  
10/15 Duane Larkin  
10/21 Bob George  
10/22 Timothy Phillips  
10/23Jess Harding  
10/27Daniel Grabowski  
10/29 Sue Moorman  
10/29 Michael Korenchuk

**Club Cookbooks** are still available for \$10. Call Julie Windhorst (586-939-6073) to order.

**Slide Show Photos:** Doug MacDermaid would like all photos for this years Awards Banquet Slide Show be sent to him no later than October 15th. Call Doug at 586-939-4670 for details.



**Midwest Tandem Rally for 2005** will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The host hotel will be the Amway Grand, a four star, four diamond hotel. The rate they are offering for the weekend is \$89 a night, including breakfast and \$5 extra a day for parking. It is normally \$12 a day for parking. If anyone is interested they should make their reservation ASAP at the host hotel which is the best place to be for the event. The number for reservations is 800-253-3590. Further information can be found on the website <http://www.lmb.org/MUTS>

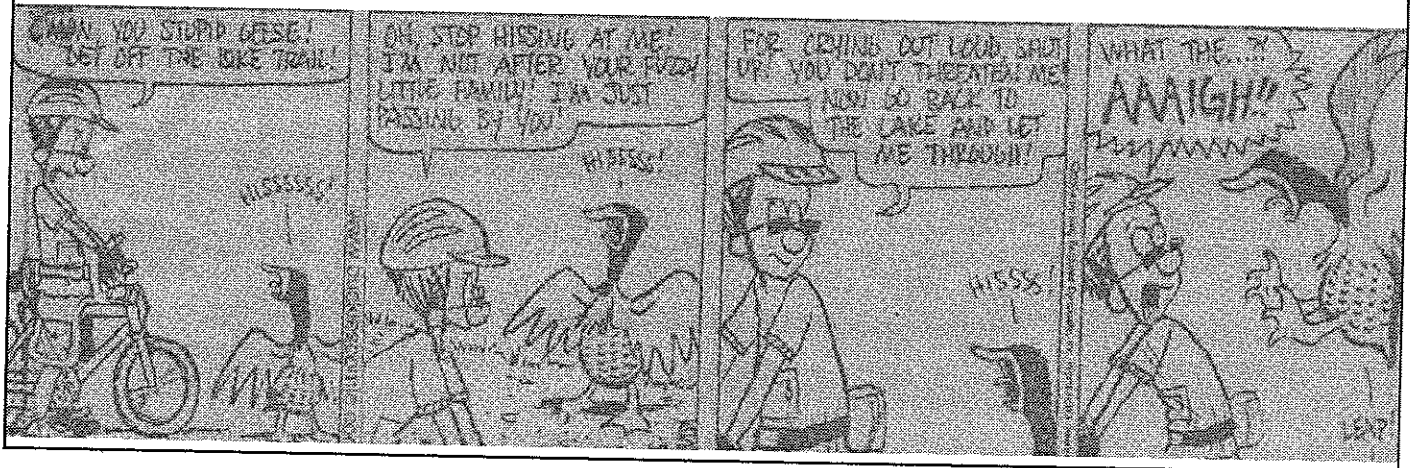
### **New Members:**

Daniel Grabowski  
Jess & Janice Harding  
Sue Mackey  
Liz Atems

Missing: 1999 Cannondale road bike  
Red CAD4 frame with yellow lettering and team Saeco graphics.  
League of Michigan Bicyclists and United States Cycling Federation stickers of top tube of frame.  
Unpainted, polished aluminum fork with threaded steerer tube.  
8-speed with Shimano STI shifters.  
Unpainted, polished aluminum stem, welded.

If you have any information, please call Peter Bosma (248) 652-6675.

You might laugh at the following cartoon submitted by Julie Windhorst, but this scenario actually happened to one of our club members. Ask Eric Noyes if he still likes the taste of raw goose.



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### **Macomb Township Bicyclist Attacked**

A 28 year old New Baltimore man riding a bicycle on eastbound 24 mile road was punched in the face and pushed down Friday afternoon by two white males, Macomb County Sherriff's deputies said.

The culprits were driving by the bicyclist in a green 4-door vehicle with a rusted roof at about 3:30 pm and yelled at him to not drive in the road. Words were exchanged, the car stopped and the two men exited the vehicle. Another motorist, a 26 year old Roseville man, came upon the injured man lying on the shoulder near Romeo Plank Road and called police. The victim was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy of Macomb hospital in Clinton Townshi, police said.

**Bike rack for sale:** Draw-Tite. 5 year old 2 bike swing away rack fits receiver hitch mount with light bar and license plate mount asking \$75.00  
call 586 979 7828 for more info.

## Eastern Market Ride 2004: A personal experience

By: Sandra Studebaker

**Mon. Aug. 2--CRR Club Meeting:** "Doris Mulligan and Frank LoPiccolo announce that he will lead his popular bike ride of years past to Eastern Market in Detroit on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>." Having enjoyed the event in past years, I decide to add it to my calendar.

**Wed. Aug 11--CRR-List:** "Eastern Market Ride Canceled. Injuries sustained from an encounter with loose gravel at bike path intersection, while not life-threatening, will keep him from leading the Eastern Market ride, Frank laments. Sorry, ride canceled. Please spread the word." Bummers! Hey, maybe Doris would lead it? "Nope," says she, "I don't like to mess with fate."

**Thu. Aug. 12--CRR-List:** "Eastern Market Saturday ride is ON, Gary Haelewyn is the ride leader." All right!! Guess Gary doesn't worry about fate. Glad I didn't make other plans for Saturday. "Leave at 7 a.m. from Prestige Cycles, Clinton Township, to join others at Schultz's Funeral Home, Gratiot and Toepfer (8½ mile road) in Eastpointe for 7:45 a.m. departure south along Gratiot to Eastern Market." Let's see, what time will I need to get up? 5:45!!! That WILL be a serious challenge given this retiree's revised life style.

**Sat. Aug. 14, 5:45 a.m.** Alarm goes off at home. It's not even daylight yet! Short night; didn't sleep well. Feeling crabby. Why did I commit to this? It's been too many years off the bike. Not sure I can pull myself together to get out the door in time. Should have gathered my stuff together last night. Hope there are facilities at/near Schultz's.

**Sat. Aug. 14, 7:20 a.m. Schultz's Funeral Home parking lot.** Only one car here--Doris'. Good, I have time to find some facilities. Schultz's door is still locked. Sign in nearby restaurant says, "Rest Rooms for Customers Only." Get back in car to look for a McDonald's. Drive north on Gratiot and spot lead CRR group from Prestige approaching. Gotta hurry. Eureka, there's a Tim Horton's.

**Sat. Aug. 14, 7:50 a.m. Schultz's parking lot.** At least they haven't left yet! Hurry to get bike out of car and make last minute clothing changes. Hear some guy saying "we can't wait for everyone." Hope he isn't referring to me. What's John, current President of the Clinton River Riders bicycle club, saying about ride decorum? Spot long-time friends and club members Tim and Rosemary with their tandem. Take time for a quick hug before filing out of the parking lot near the back of a pack of 25+ road bikes and tandems--at least four. I may be in trouble on the fat-tire mountain bike that my spouse TJ advised me to use.

**Sat. Aug. 14, nine miles later at Eastern Market, Detroit.** I'm grateful for the numerous red traffic lights that help me stay with the tandems, et. al. Ditto for the fat tires that traverse nicely over rough roads and broken glass on the approach to Eastern Market. I follow the pack through the streets within Eastern Market, site of 155 wholesale and retail establishments, to LoPiccolo Brothers Produce. We park our bikes in a recessed area inside the warehouse. Chilled wedges of watermelon and rest rooms are available to appreciative riders. Belatedly, I realize it was a mistake to be the last to use the women's facilities when I miss out on being included in the group photo outside. I catch up to the group as they depart on foot toward the Market's center of retail merchants just in time, though, to catch something about a noon return--2-1/2 hours hence.

## Personal Experience (continued)

The group soon breaks into sub-groups as we wend our way through the produce stalls within the half-dozen large, congested, open-sided sheds. Breakfast or brunch or lunch seems to be the primary objective for most and the hunt for eating establishments with seating space ensues. Initially not interested in eating, I nevertheless wedge myself inside Zeff's hole-in-the-wall-size Coney Island with Doris, new club members Grace and Sam, Bob Crowley, and Tim and Rosemary. After eating, and conversation that adds to the din of the crowded eatery, some of us head across a parking lot packed with cars to browse the eclectic mix of merchandise at R. Hirt & Co. The aged wooden building, ca.1887, is as interesting as the merchandise filling it's three floors.

Not inclined to shopping this day, I soon leave Hirt's by myself to wander outside in the sunshine among the growing throng of Saturday morning Eastern Market devotees. During my aimless peripatetic circumnavigation (to borrow a phrase) of the five-block retail shopping area I do not notice one CRR shirt or familiar face. Where is everybody? Guess I'll head back to LoPiccolo's warehouse. But, where is it? I should have paid more attention to street names. After a second circumnavigation I concede defeat and ask for assistance. A clerk, obviously annoyed at being asked to repeat herself, gives me directions to a nearby building containing the Bureau of Markets & Information.

**Sat.11:45 a.m. Bureau of Markets & Information.** Yikes, only 15 minutes before the group is to depart! Anxiety sets in. A friendly employee locates LoPiccolo's at #119 on a numbered, color-coded map of Eastern Market but specifics for getting there from #20, where we are, fail to translate to the real world. Anxiety intensifies. A security guard comes to the rescue. He walks me to the window and points diagonally across an intersection and a vacant lot to where the trailer part of a tractor-trailer rig is parked beside a building facing the opposite direction. I express my thanks and, with only five minutes remaining, hurry out the door. Suppressing the urge to run, I walk quickly and purposefully toward the designated building. Rounding the corner of the structure, I see confirming signage on the face of the building. Relief replaces anxiety.

**Sat. 12:00 noon. LoPiccolo Brothers Produce.** I'm back, and just in time, too, as I immediately recognize the signs of eminent departure. And no one, not even Doris, whose lighter-than-air, skinny-tire Trek thoroughbred is still leaning against my heavier-than-air, fat-tire Specialized mudder, seems to be aware that I almost missed being at the gate when the bell sounds. After thanking Frank, who has driven down to transport bikers' purchases back to the ride start, and his son for their hospitality we depart LoPiccolo's and Eastern Market for the return to suburbia. After my self-inflicted anxieties of the morning, the return ride is anti-climatic thanks to Gary's leadership at the front of the pack--and more red traffic lights.

Our return route follows various Detroit side streets to reach Jefferson Avenue, then continues north along Lake Shore Drive through the five Grosse Pointes that includes a view of shimmering Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Shores. Just before reaching the southern edge of St. Clair Shores our route turns west as we take the familiar, bike-friendly streets of Roslyn, E. 8 Mile and Toepfer back to Schultz's on Gratiot in Eastpointe. I thank our ride leader for a job well done, wave farewell to those heading off to their starting point at Prestige Cycles, and say good-bye to Doris and the others who participated in today's ride. Twenty-eight miles, according to my bike computer, and one more experience to add to a collage of biking memories, none without a degree of anxiety--humerous and otherwise--that span more than 28 years. SAS

# DALMAC 2004

The annual "Docksider" ride named after Bob Crowley who forgot his riding shoes for the 96 mile ride to Lansing and had to wear his docksiders. This years event brought 12 riders including Gerry Bartels and Gary Green seen here waiting for the ride back home.

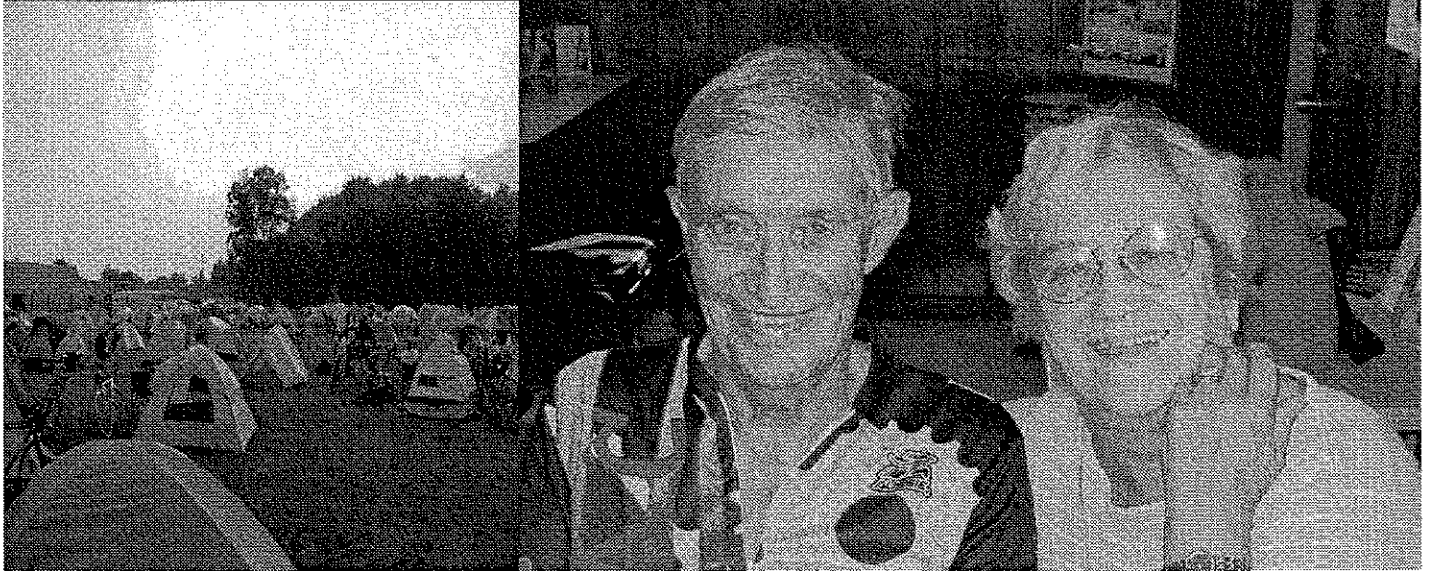
Sandra Studebaker is here in Lansing sending best wishes to TJ Hill for a great DALMC ride. How many have you done TJ? Al Barton is on 25 but who's counting.



Good thing cyclists can't snore.



A traditional stop along the way is the Temple bar off Hwy 61 where we find Frank and Phyllis Mottershead who just polished off 50 years of marriage. I'll bet you thought I was going to say 50 beers the way their smiling. But not this time Frank still had a few more miles to ride.





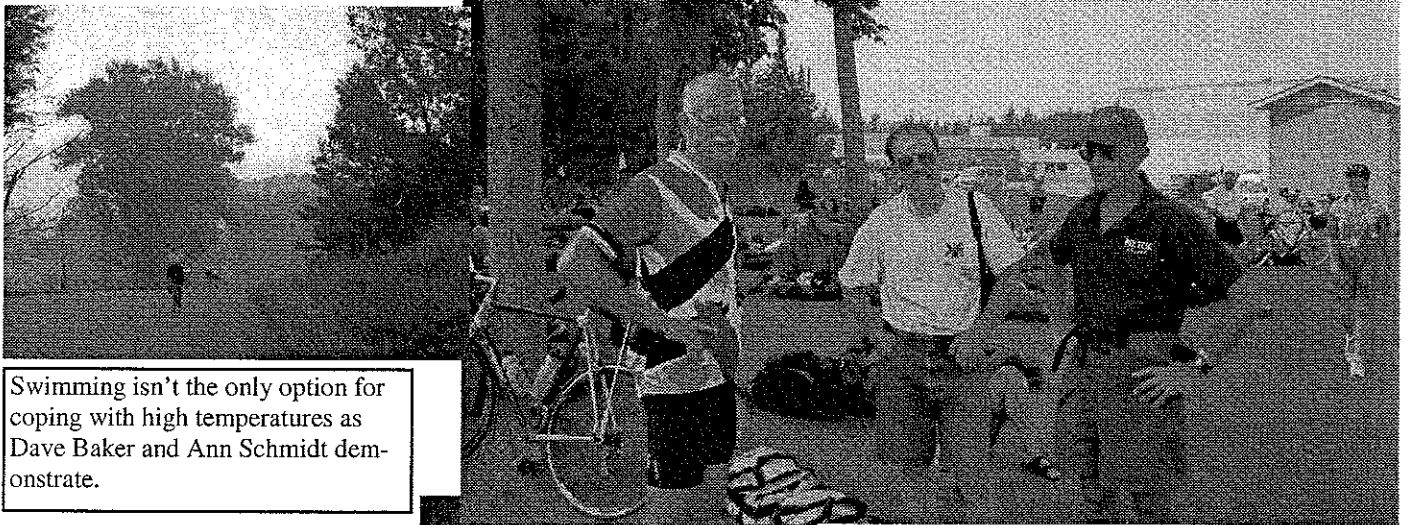


Swimming and lunch at Elk Rapids. Water was warm but refreshing for TJ and Dave Komendera as temperatures rose into the 90's.

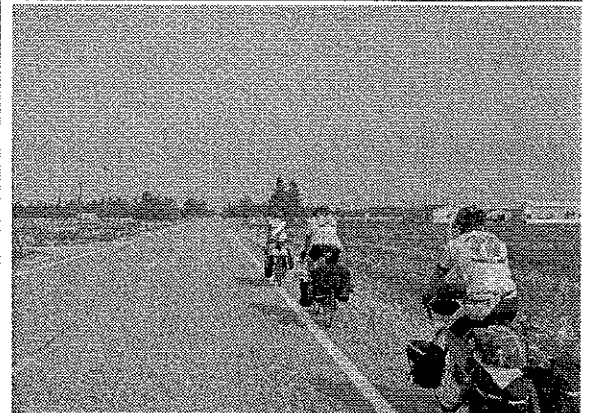


End of the line for Art Anderson, Dwayne Nieman, and Al Barton as they wait for the bus ride home in Mackinaw City.

An early morning mist rises above the hills coming out of Central Lake. Who said this ride had hills.



Swimming isn't the only option for coping with high temperatures as Dave Baker and Ann Schmidt demonstrate.



The end for some and the beginning for others as Tom Graham, Chuck Rose a guy named Dewey and I head for Canada and a ride around Lake Huron.