

# September 1991

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36558 MORAVIAN DRIVE, MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48043

## CLINTON RIVER RIDERS

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

**BWR:** Sunday, October 6 is the Blue Water  
Ramble. This is the main event of the year  
that our club puts on. Club members are  
expected to help with the BWR.  
Registration workers should be at St.  
Clair high school at 6:00 a.m.. There is  
much work done before the day of the ride  
also. Contact Andy Neumann for more  
information on how you can help. Such as;

**Envelope Stuffing:** Monday, Sept 23,  
7:00 p.m. The registration envelopes for  
the riders will be stuffed at Rick  
Moorman's house. 36595 Eaton, south of 16  
mile east of Moravian 792-0119.

**T-shirts:** Call Doug MacDermaid if you  
want to order extra BWR t-shirts.

**Club Jerseys:** Sue Pavlat has sample  
size jerseys from Louis Varnuet at  
Pavlat's Bicycles. Cost to members will be  
approximately \$32.00. A deposit of \$20.00  
is needed to order the jerseys and must be  
made before or at the Oct 7 meeting. The  
jerseys will be available for next season.

**Club Picnic:** Sunday, September 15 at  
Stoney Creek South Dale picnic area.

**Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 14  
in the evening at American Legion Hall,  
401 N. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, with the  
airplane in front. This will be catered  
with 2 different meat dishes, potatoes,  
etc. and open bar. Guests will pay  
\$12.50 and members \$7.00, children 5-10  
\$4.00, under 5 free. This is the main  
social event of the year and the awards  
will be presented. All the club members  
are welcome. See the next newsletter for  
registration form and more information.

**Awards.** Awards will be for top mileage  
and club member of the year for both men  
and women. The award for the top male and  
female mileage and member of the year will  
be on a plaque on display at Pavlat's  
Bicycles. Ray Dominick has gotten very few  
people turning in their total miles ridden  
for the year. Please figure out how many  
miles you have ridden on the road this  
year and turn it in to Ray if you want to  
receive an award. The member of the year  
is for total points received for  
participation in club activities. Club  
officers get 5 points, ride leaders 3,  
committee heads for BWR 3, workers 2,  
participants at club rides and events 1.  
Many sign-up sheets for club activities  
have not been turned in to Ray Dominick.  
Please check if you have any sign up  
sheets to turn in.

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

Sunday, Sept 15, 7:00 a.m.: "The Challenge with Greg Lemond" time trial at Stoney Creek boat launch. \$10.00 for pre-registration at Pavlat's Prestige Cycles, 36558 Moravian Dr. (313) 792-4040. This is the last "Challenge" for this season, more will be scheduled next year.

Sunday, Sept 15, 8:00 a.m.: meet at the South Dale picnic area in Stoney Creek for a ride to be announced and back at 12:00 for the picnic.

Sunday, Sept 22, 7:00 a.m.: meet at St. Clair high school on Rattle Run west of M-25. This is the BWR pre-ride and first century for people who want to do 100 miles. There will be a sag truck to carry gear and food with fruit and water provided. Pack a lunch to put on the van. The pace will be a moderate 14-16 MPH or at the slowest rider's pace. Contact Jerry Pavlat if you are coming.

Monday, Sept 23, 7:00 p.m.: envelope stuffing at Rick Moorman's house for BWR registration, putting maps, ferry tickets, safety pins, etc. in the rider envelopes.

Sunday, Sept 29, 8:00 a.m.: meet Duane & Elizabeth Nieman at Romeo High School for a 40-50 mile ride @ 14-16 MPH to Dryden for a pancake breakfast at the VFW hall.

**Sunday, Oct 6, Blue Water Ramble.** Club members work on this ride. Registration workers should be at St. Clair High School by 6:00 a.m. rest stop workers need to arrive early enough to load up their food and set up the rest-stop before the riders get there.

Sunday, Oct 20, 9:00 a.m.: meet John Edry at the Royal Oak Library on 11 mile and Main (Livernois) for 30 mile ride to Franklin Cider mill at 14-16 MPH.

Sunday, Oct 20: meet Bill Cleland to ride to Grosse Pointe for breakfast at The Pancake House and then to Bell Isle to see the runners come in for the Detroit Marathon. More on hot-line and next month.

Sunday, Oct 27, 9:00 a.m.: meet Andy Neumann at Stoney Creek West Branch area for a mountain bike ride to Paint Creek and Yates Cider mill. 25 miles, easy pace.

Saturday-Sunday, Oct 26-27: meet Gary Haelewyn for camping trip to Lake Port state park north of Port Huron, about 50 miles. Pack your tent and sleeping bag on your bicycle for an easy introduction to bicycle camping. Dinner is available at a restaurant. More information next month.

**For Sale:** 18" GT Avalanche mountain bike. '89 model with Shimano Deore Hyperglide, Onza bar ends and sealed bearing bottom bracket. \$475 or best offer. Dave Gaskell 527-2075

**Wanted:** Mountain bike 18-20" under \$300. Call Gary Haelewyn (313) 286-5094

**Skiing:** Against the advice of my attorney, my doctor, my boss, and my family I've set the 3rd annual "Attack at Stokely Creek" for January 17-19. Don't ask any of last years participants, who by the way are not invited as they will be on a bogus Caribbean Cruise headed for Cuba, how much fun they had. Just mark your calendars and look for more info in the next club newsletter. Gary Haelewyn.

**Recurring Rides:** Call the hot-line at (313) 792-4670 for updates. The weekday rides will start at 6:00 p.m. because of decreasing daylight hours. Riders should bring lights in case of delays. Weekday rides will finish at the end of September

**Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. meet at Pavlat's Bicycles (Moravian & Garfield) for 25 mile ride to Metro Beach at 14-16 MPH.

**Wednesday:** 6:00 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:** Dodge Park ride with Dennis Audet is canceled.

**Thursday:** 6:00 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:** 6:00 p.m. meet Andy Neumann at Macomb College south campus, 12 mile and Hayes, for 15-20 mile ride @ 13-15 MPH to Grosse Pointe, route shortened to arrive back before dark.

**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:** 9:00 a.m. meet John Payne at Derby Jr. High School in Birmingham for an easy pace ride of 12-14 MPH. Call John 755-0730

**Saturday:** Sunset/Night ride is canceled.  
**Friday, Oct 25, 8:00 p.m.** Halloween ride,

costume optional. Lights required. 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 and back. 19 miles @ 13-15 MPH up, 15-17 MPH back.

**Sunday:** Ride from Dodge Park is cancelled.

**Other Clubs Events:** Sunday, Sept 22: "Harvest Tour" starting at Lapeer Bicycle Connection, 454 Nepessing St, Lapeer, MI 48446 (313) 664-1313. This supports C.H.A.D., Children with Attention Deficit Disorders and Physical Learning Disability. The Tenacious Oilers bicycle club of Lapeer put on this ride with routes of 50k or 100k. donation \$10.00

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

**Saturday, Oct 12:** "Helmet Tour" in Ann Arbor at Fuller Park. 35-75 mile routes. PO box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 994-2786

**Saturday, Oct 12:** "Colorburst" at Fallasburg park in Lowell, MI. 25-62 mile routes, fund raiser for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Hosted by Rapid Wheelman.

**Sunday, Oct 13:** "Back 40 Challenge": in Clarkston. 15-40 mile routes on gravel roads in N Oakland County. contact the Flying Rhino Cycling club, Kinetic Systems

**Saturday, Oct 26:** Falling Leaves 40 in Saline, MI. 40-50 mile routes. Down River Cycling, PO box 488, Flat Rock, MI 48134

**DALMAC 91:** Bad luck was starting early on the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac ride this year. The fork on my trusty Trek broke a few days before DALMAC. None of the bicycle shops in the area had one that would fit. Andy Neumann came to the rescue with the loan of his no-name red/gray fat tube aluminum bicycle. Rode to the Farmer Jack parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning to meet Rick Moorman, Art Anderson, Bob Crowley, Ron Smith, Oscar Balmaceda, John Edry, Al Barton and his son Matt for the "Docksider Ride" to Lansing. Rick Moorman kept a moderate pace as we rode north/west to Lansing. Breakfast was at Burger King on Commerce and Union Lake Rd. Rode to Howell for lunch. The bank sign read 90 degrees with high humidity. Our table kept the waitress busy bringing pitchers of water. Then on to Williamson, ice cream parlor for a cold treat and more water. Stopped at Jim Cramer's apartment in East Lansing for more water and to say hello. I rode around Lansing looking for ends for my tent poles but none of the stores had any. Finally got to the Gier Center, the start of DALMAC. Looked at my DALMAC flag and the tent poles and used a couple of inches from the flag pole and some tape to fix the tent poles. The baseball field was lit up till 11:00 p.m. for the game and the lights went back on at 5:00 a.m. The rest of the club members had gone on the 5 day tour and had left Wednesday morning. Set up our tents and tried to sleep. The temperature was warm enough that you didn't need a sleeping bag. Got up in the morning to the sound of zippers, DALMAC's reveille. Met Rick's brother Mike and we headed out for 100 miles to Mt. Pleasant and the C.M.U. campus. Riding at a moderate pace we stopped at the towns for

lunch and breaks. The DALMAC crowd comes thru the towns and buys more snacks and Gatorade then the stores sell the rest of the week. The weather was hot on Thursday too, so riding easy and taking breaks makes the day enjoyable. We stopped at a store in Alma and I noticed the local paper had pictures of DALMACers from the 5 day tour with our own Jim Wright and his daughter on the front page. The Central Michigan University athletic field is lit all night also. The dinner at the cafeteria was fair with manicotti and ground sirloin hamburgers and salad. Breakfast was good with french toast, cereal, orange juice, doughnuts, etc.

The next day we packed up the tents and got rolling on the 100 miles to Cadillac. The route starts to get some hills today as we stop at the towns and ride over the highest point in the lower peninsula with the radio towers. As Matt and Ted rode down the other side, Matt got crossed up on some sand on a corner and fell. I stopped and turned around to help. He was alright except for a little "road rash" and his bicycle still worked. We got rolling again and made it into Cadillac and the fair grounds. The Tri-County Bicycle Association that puts on DALMAC says we had to use the fairgrounds because their was too much beer on the high school grounds last year and some of the private sags parked were the school officials told them not to and wouldn't move. The fairground showers were hot but there were only 5 shower heads in each of the 2 locker rooms so there was a line of people waiting to get in the shower.



**Dalmac cont:** The Optimists club made a good dinner and breakfast. The Perry Drug store had cold beer just down the street and the frozen yogurt was across the street.

Rode out of Cadillac on the way to Torch Lake YMCA camp ground. "Big" John Edry had wheel trouble again, his rim had the spokes breaking out pieces. We didn't see him all day. The ride out of Cadillac is a slight uphill grade for a few miles then there are some more hills. There is Arbutus hill where you make a hairpin turn then start climbing. Then you ride along a scenic road with lakes, woods and cottages. The woods thin out then suddenly your by Traverse Bay in Acme. Bunker hill climbs away from the bay then you go by "The Bear" golf course in Traverse City. There are a few more steep hills before Elk Rapids. We had a picnic lunch at the park there. Then it is on to Alden Bar for a soda and ice cream before the last 14 miles to camp. Ron Smith turned off to camp at Bellaire and we went to the YMCA camp. We got to camp, set up our tents and went swimming in Torch Lake, it's warmer than the showers. The showers warmed up after the crowd slowed down. When we are ready to go to the dining hall "Big John" Edry showed up, he had ridden to Traverse City to find a bicycle shop with a 40 hole rim to lace up for him. The dinner was good with lasagna, salad, etc. John's wheel had a little hop to it so I straitened it for him. The YMCA camp is the darkest on the trip with no lights all night. Unfortunately the repair truck came in and parked next to our tents. Their lights and gabbing till midnight made it hard to sleep.

The next day is Sunday and the ride to the bridge. The first hill is into and

out of Central Lake then some more hills. Now we are approaching East Jordon and "The Wall" there is an optional route around the hill if you want but we decide to ride the hill. The approach is uphill then you go around the corner and see it. People are standing, walking and tacking up it, making it more difficult. The 36/23 "granny gear" on Andy's bike comes in handy as I crawl up the "The Wall". We get rolling again and stop in Boyne City then Walloon Lake for the hot sticky buns. Rode the "Seven Sisters" hills around Walloon Lake on the way to Petosky where the 5 day riders had started in the morning. Then it's is on to Harbor Springs for lunch. Dorothy Smith had driven up and we ate at the very nice Pier Restaurant's Chart Room. After lunch it is onto Cross Village and Legs Inn bar. We had to make the 4:30 bridge crossing so we couldn't go swimming. Rode out of Cross Village for Mackinac City and the bridge. Met the rest of the club at the high school, staging area for the bridge ride. They told us of the problems on the 5 day tour with many people getting sick including Joe DeOro and Gary Haelewyn who had to call their spouses to pick them up. Then Mike Malloch was feeling faint and fell over on the tandem. He recovered in a hospital in Petosky from a myocardial infarction. The "Assenmacher Curse" must have followed the club to DALMAC, but over all it wasn't too bad with excellent weather on all 4 days except it was hot on the first 2. Ted and Dennis Audet rode across the bridge and met Ron & Dorothy Smith in St. Ignis for the drive back home. They even stopped in town for me so I could pick up some fudge. Thank's to Ron & Dorothy for bringing us home that night.

**Club Rambling:** Sue & Jerry Pavlat and Dave Courter went to Paris, France for the Paris-Brest-Paris ride's 100 year anniversary. PBP is held every 4 years with 750 miles of hills and cobblestone and a time limit of 91 hours. There were "brevets" which are rides of a few hundred miles with a time limit to qualify for PBP held in the United States. Sue rode and Jerry met her at some of the stops/checkpoints. The ride started with 3200 riders who started at different times depending on which time limit they chose, with 2600 riders finishing. Dave Courter said the roads are much narrower and twisting than we have over here and towns are dark at night with out many lights. People in France though, are friendly to the riders and the cars don't honk at you.

Dave stopped for 20 minute naps by the side of the road. Sometimes when he woke up it was hard to figure out where and what he was doing, he just followed a red light on the horizon, a bicycle tail light, till he remembered. There are some brevets scheduled for Columbus, Ohio and other states if you want to qualify for the next Paris-Brest-Paris.

Mike Malloch is back home from the hospital in Petosky after treatment for a heart attack on DALMAC. We wish him well and hope Mike and Vicki be riding soon.

**Club Picnic:** The weather was sunny and warm for the club picnic at Stoney Creek. Many club members enjoyed the chicken, hot dogs, salad, doughnuts, brownies, beer, etc. Mike Malloch showed up and is looking good after recovering in the hospital from a heart attack. Ray Dominick and Bill Duemling led a ride in the morning to Blake's Orchard by Armada for cider and

doughnuts before returning to the picnic. Volley Ball, canoe paddling, bocce ball, frisbee, and horse shoes were also enjoyed by club members.

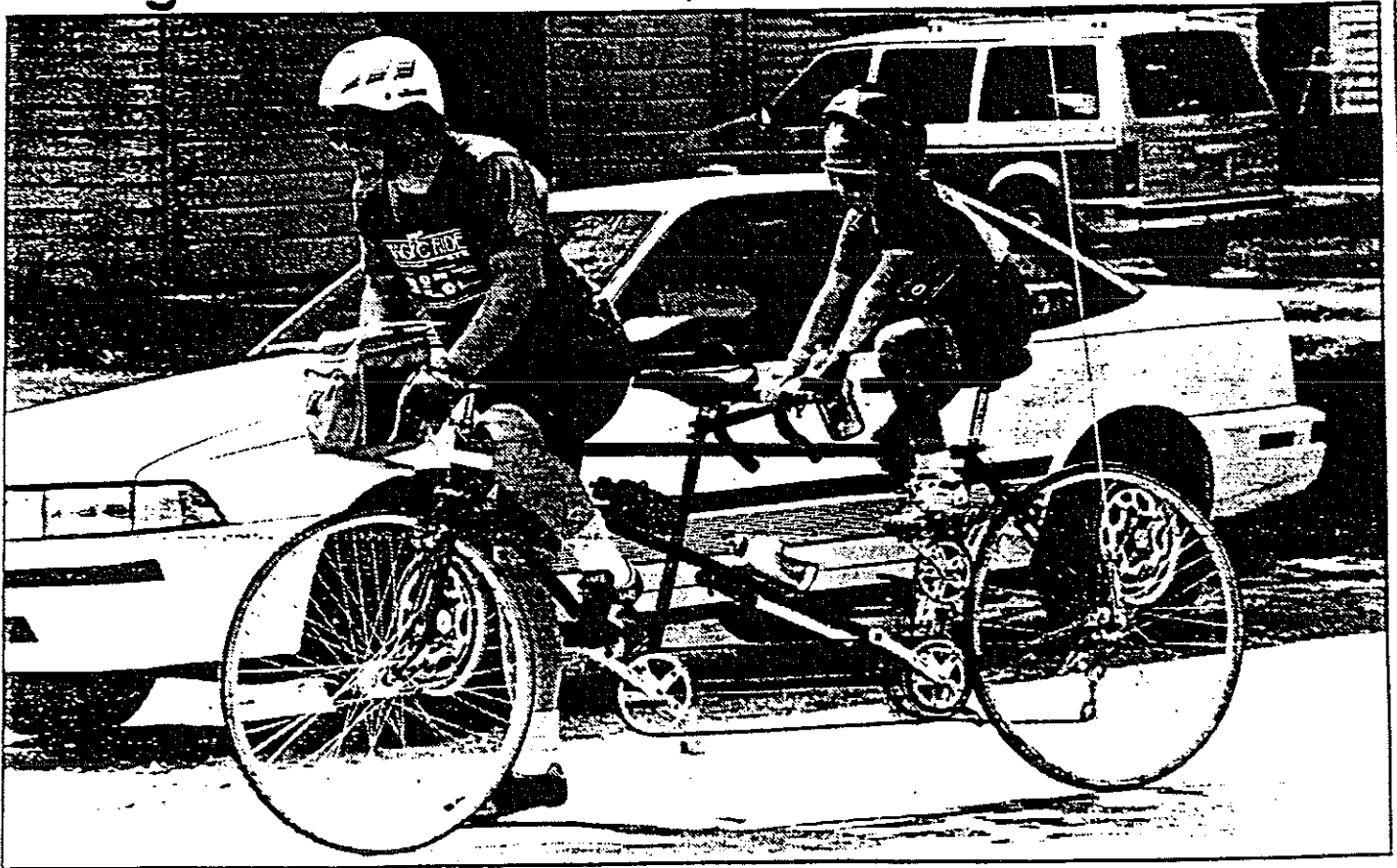
**RAAM:** Bob Fourney won two straight with a time of 8 D-16Hr-44 min. The women's winner was Cathy Ellis of Cambridge, MA with time of 12 D-6 Hr-21 min. The men's tandem ridden by Lon Haldeman and Tom McKenda dropped out at 2265 miles because of Tom's heat exhaustion. The mixed tandem was won by Dave & Cherie Moore of CA with a time of 11 days-21 hrs-43 min. Ron Dossenbach and Sue Pavlat still have the mixed tandem record of 10 days-22 hrs-42 min.

**BANDITS HAVE NO CLASS:** Here we are very concerned about "bandits" coming to our Blue Water Ramble, yet it was publicly talked about unregistered CRR members attending another invitational ride at one of our club meetings. There is no excuse for this! The calendar of events is printed by LMB in the early spring and available FREE to all our members. I strongly feel that if you are NOT registered for a ride due to your absentmindedness, because the ride was full, or you couldn't afford it, you SHOULD NOT ATTEND the event. Let's all show some class! Even if you don't eat their food or drink their water you should not be there regardless of the fact that they are public roads. Imagine the added congestion of the roads and ferries if several hundred unregistered riders showed up for BWR! Is this fair to the riders who paid their money? Think about it.

Sue Pavlat

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# Bridge bound



Jim Wright and his daughter in Alma on Dalmac '91

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