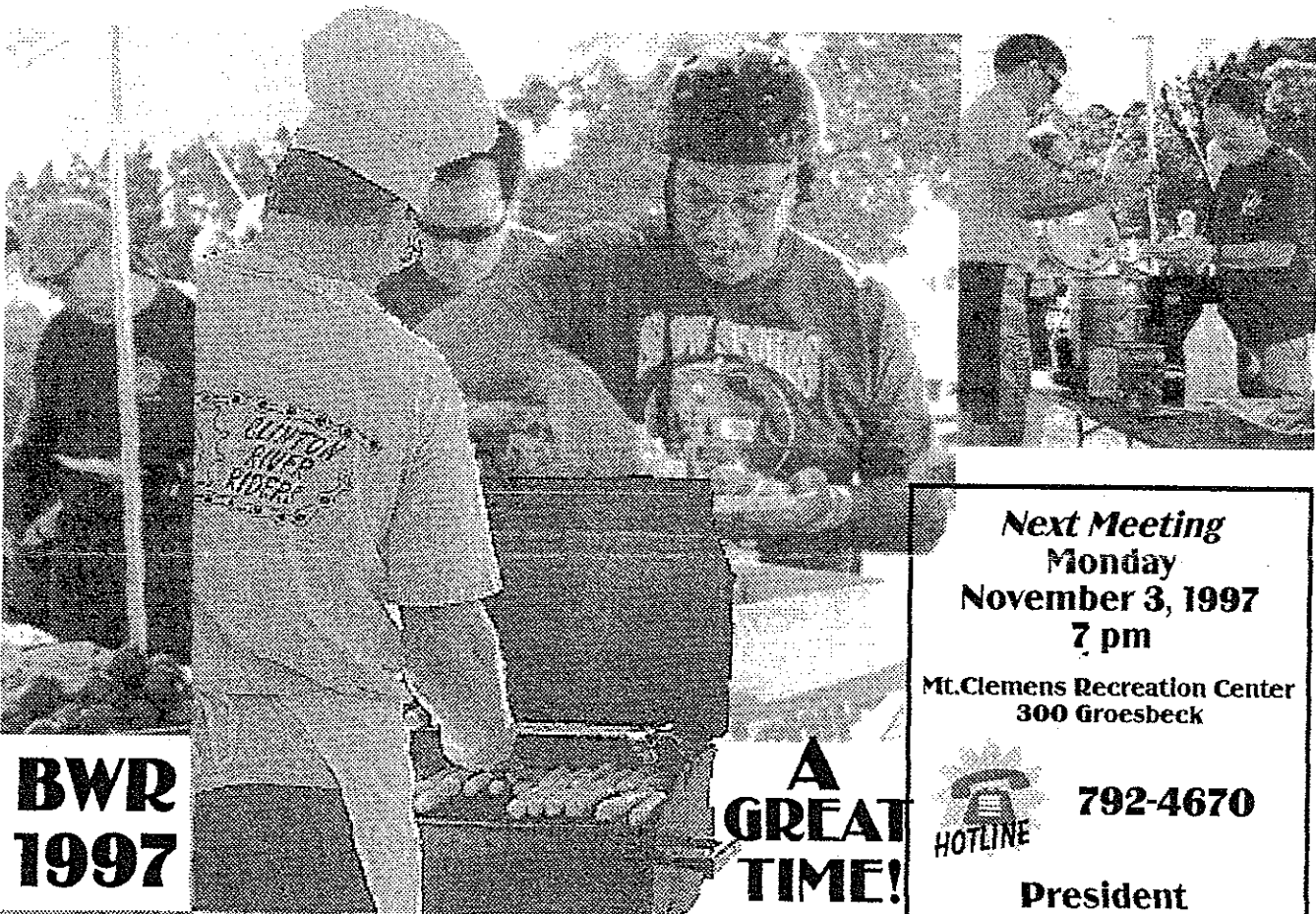


# Rambler



Oct/Nov 1997

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**BWR  
1997**

**A  
GREAT  
TIME!**

**Next Meeting  
Monday  
November 3, 1997  
7 pm**

**Mt. Clemens Recreation Center  
300 Groesbeck**



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## Welcome New Members

Welcome any new members. We hope that you'll enjoy our club rides & events. Feel free to make suggestions, ask questions, & lead rides. We have lots of variety in our people & in our events.

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### Thoughts & Prayers

Let's all think of Julia Schultz & wish her luck in her upcoming marathon event. The Free Press Marathon on October 19 will be her first. Anyone wishing to come down to the marathon & cheer her on, Please Do! Any runners in the club wishing to run a part of the marathon with her, Please Do! Steve & I ran the last 6 with my friend Carl 2 years ago & it was a thrill. The only thing you can't do is cross the finish line without an official number. Good luck Julia! (#716)

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### FYI

Doris Mulligan & Sue Pavlat will be doing the humorous awards for the Christmas party. If you have a nominee, please see them. Sue needs any pictures that you might want in the slide show ASAP. She needs your name & event on the back of each picture as she separates them by subject matter. She may have 50 pictures of the same subject & needs to be able to return them to you by your name.

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### Club Polo Shirts

Club polo shirts are now available for \$25. Sizes are S,M,L,XL,XXL & fabric is pre-shrunk 100% cotton. November will be the deadline for ordering. See Rick Jones.

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### MTR 98 & 99

Sue Pavlat has hotel rooms available for MTR 98. Bill Windhorst has rooms available for MTR 99. If you have interest, please see them. They will not hold the rooms past December.

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### Ladies Trip

A Friday to Sunday trip to New York is being planned for November. Contact Marilyn Tarantino for more info.

## Rides in October/November

*\*All evening rides will require lights*

*Please check the hotline for any updates*

### Weekly Rides

#### Monday

You're on your own. Take time to reflect on the past & plan for the future.

#### \*Tuesday

Ride from Prestige out to Metro. Meet at Prestige at 6pm.

#### \*Tuesday

The Hilly Hammer will continue with various ride leaders. Meet at the MSU training center at 6pm.

#### \*Wednesday & Friday

Meet Gary Haelewyn at the boat launch at 6:30pm. He will take you on an easy paced mountain bike ride.

#### \*Thursday

The Cranbrook ride will meet at Cycle & Fitness at 6pm.

#### \*Thursday

Bill Duemling will continue the Ramble Ride. Meet at Parkut at 6pm. After Daylight Savings Time, meet him at Prestige.

#### Saturday

Meet Doug MacDermaid at Schultz Funeral Home(8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> & Gratiot)at 9am for a 30-35 mile ride at 16-18 mph to Grosse Pointe. Enjoy breakfast after the ride.

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### Congratulations

Will Lajack finished his trip across the United States. Way to go Will!

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### Thank You's

We have received thank you's from both the LMB & the MS Society for our contributions to them.

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### Wanted

Eric & Mimi are looking for a Yakima tandem carrier. Contact them at 810-465-6036.

### Special Rides

#### \*Saturday 10/18

Meet Doug MacDermaid at the Duck Pond in Rochester for the annual Halloween Ride at 6pm. He will lead the ride to Lake Orion on the Paint Creek Trail for 20 miles total at a pace of 14-16. Enjoy dinner in Lake Orion. Costumes are mandatory.

#### Sunday 10/19

Meet Gary Green at the Stony Creek boat launch at 10am for a 40 mile easy pace mountain bike ride to Leonard & back. Pack a snack as there are no restaurants in Leonard.

#### Sunday 10/26

Meet Teddy at Romeo High School at 8am for the traditional pancake breakfast ride to Dryden. 43 mile round trip at a 16-18 pace.

#### Sunday 11/16

Meet Doug MacDermaid at the Duck Pond in Rochester at 10am for a 24 mile round trip ride to Canterbury Village(near Lake Orion). The terrain will be Paint Creek Trail & dirt roads. The trip will include a shopping & sightseeing trip in Canterbury Village. The Village has gift shops & restaurants with a Christmas theme, as well as a clock with figures that appear on the hour. Plan on spending 2-3 hours in Canterbury.

#### Sunday 12/28

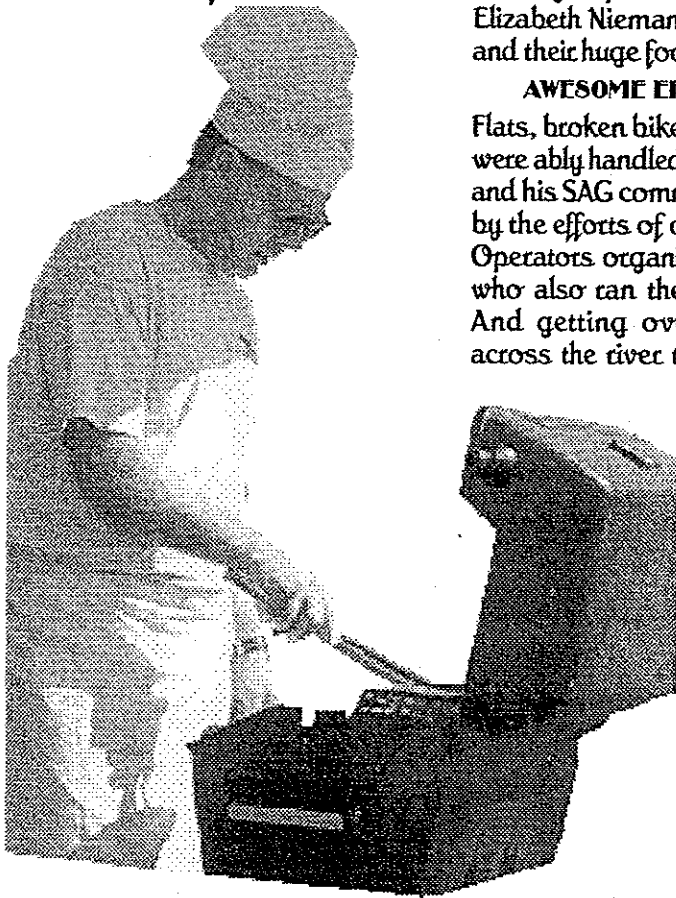
The LMB is putting on "Sno Ride No Ride." All participants will receive a mug, maps with 3 different routes varying in distance & difficulty, hot showers, home cooking, NO portapotties, fanny bag, & bike bag. The fee is only \$10. T-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, & sweatshirts will be available for a separate fee. An article about the tour appears in the fall issue of the Michigan Bicyclist magazine.

LMB 517-FYI-Bike 1-888-MI-Bikes  
P.O. Box 16201  
Lansing, Mi 48901-6201

# BWR 1997

How often do you hear "Job well done". Does your spouse tell you that at least once a day? How about your boss at work? Well whether you hear it a lot or just once in a great while you deserve that kind of praise today and here's why.

On Sunday, October 6th we, the Clinton River Riders, put out one excellent piece of work. The 16th annual Blue Water Ramble was a huge success for both the club and the bicycling community here in Michigan. The riders that participated in our ride had the best ride of the season. They rode scenic, well marked, routes thanks to our Route Committee headed up by Eric Noyes. Eric and his crew laid out the new North section route, drove up there and painted the route markings 3 weeks before the ride, notified local police depts of the ride and returned the day before the ride to make sure everything was ready for Sunday. BWR signs magically appeared Sunday morning directing drivers to the start of the ride and on the ride itself.



## GOOD JOB ROUTE COMMITTEE!!!

And once they got to the ride in St. Clair, where do you suppose they parked their cars? We almost lost 350 parking spaces this year because the high school put up barriers to the areas around the football field. Steve Morauski and his diligent parking crew wormed the cars around these obstacles packing them all in as close to registration as possible.

## QUICK THINKING PARKING COMMITTEE!!!

We filled their bellies. We were the first and continue to be the best hot food ride around. It was an old town picnic in Canada. It was coffee cakes in China Twp. It was a rush order for Bagels at 5:00AM that got them to the rest stop in Port Huron, Registration, and China Twp just in time by Eileen and Bob. And for those that like Canadian wind, riding it was a baseball field of refreshments manned by volunteers from other groups throughout the day. Elizabeth Nieman and Eileen Hirsch and their huge food crew deserve an

## AWESOME EFFORT AWARD

Flats, broken bikes and tired bodies were ably handled by John Tarantino and his SAG committee and assisted by the efforts of our volunteer Ham Operators organized by Ed Gostin who also ran the China rest stop. And getting over 1400 bicycles across the river to a foreign country and back to the good old USA without mass confusion or drowning was handled diplomatically by our Ed Rogers and his Ferry Committee.

## WAY TO DO IT SAG, RADIO, and FERRY COMMITTEES THATS TEAM WORK!!!!



But how did they find out about this ride. Sure some of them had done it before and were eagerly awaiting this years ride application in the mail. How do those applications get it in their mailboxes? How did we know who was riding? How do we know how many shirts and sweatshirts to order or what tokens of appreciation to give the riders? Who deposits over 1400 personal checks in our bank account and pays the bills? Well, we have a Publicity Committee, headed up this year by Doris Mulligan. They started meeting in February to decide where to advertise and where to order shirts and sweats and bandanas. They continued meeting and calling in orders and checking quality throughout the months up until BWR Day. And we have the support of Prestige Cycles that donates your staff sweatshirt.

We have the Registration Committee run by Mr. Business himself, Bill Duemling and his young associates. They don't just teach in a box, pullout 5,000 ride applications and send them to the post office. They re-design the application every year, send it to a printer, pick them up, distribute them, and process them when they come in from the riders. This is an ongoing event that occurs many months before

# A Return Journey

The physical being of Joanne L'ibspre Septembre left this earth 10 years ago. Her spirit lives on in her children, friends, & those she inspired with her courageous battle with cancer.

My mom was and remains a great inspiration to me every day of my life. She was an original Clinton River Rider & introduced me to the club in 1987. I was getting a divorce & she was fighting cancer. We were always close, but we were best buddies that summer. I tode & ran with her. I even did a triathlon. She & Mike Feldman were my support team. Shoreline '87 was my first tour & turned out to be her last.

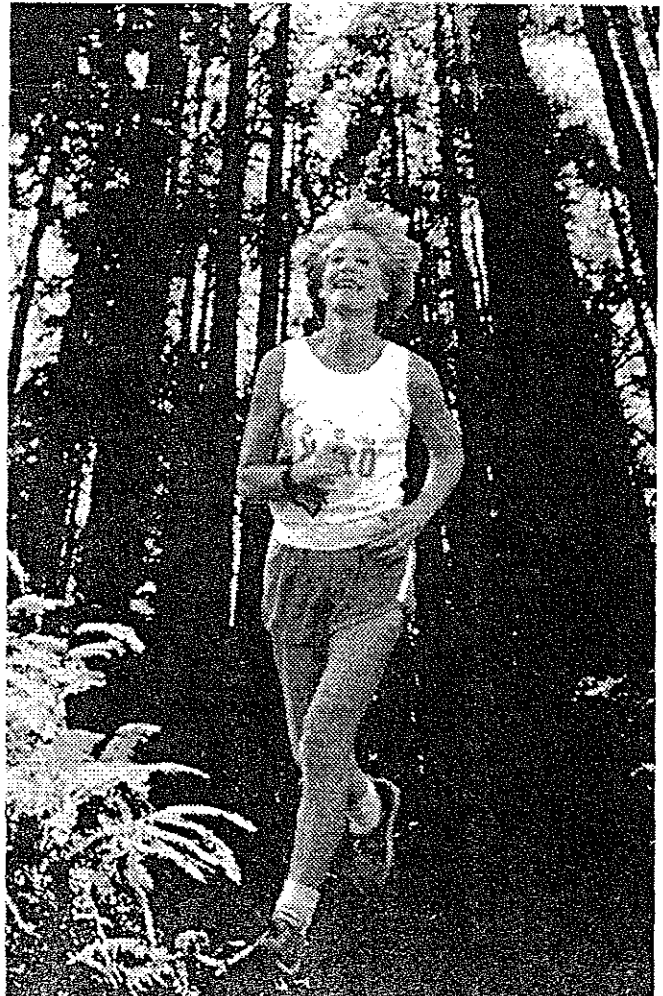
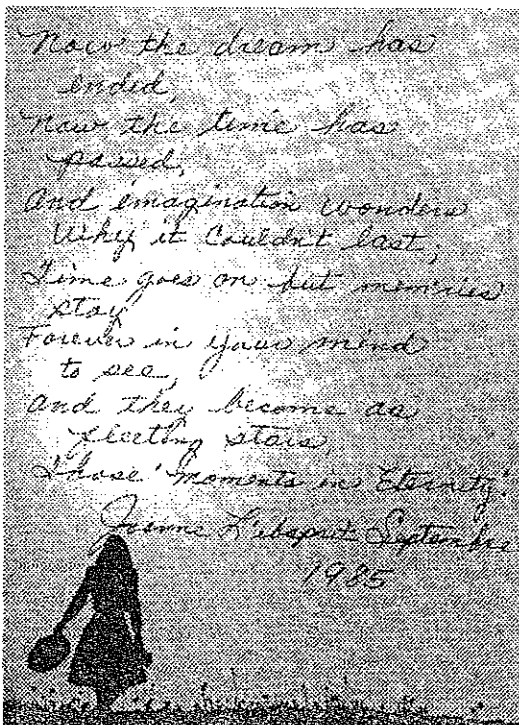
She was diagnosed in 1985 after coming home from a solo cycling trip across the United States. I'll never forget the look on the surgeon's face just after her biopsy. "We'll need to run some tests to be sure, but I think it's malignant." She was the picture of health. She was tan from her trip, and her muscles were well defined. The malignant diagnosis was a shock. My mother was very independent & continued to run & bike all through the next 2 years which included 2 marathons & 5 surgeries. The cancer kept spreading. She was also going through menopause & not sleeping at night.

Mom didn't want to slow down. Nobody wants to miss out on things they enjoy. The cancer was taking its toll. It was hard for her to accept. She finished her photo albums. She ran races up until 6 weeks before she died. She said running made her feel better.

We talked a lot. She wanted to be cremated & her ashes to be spread in the Muirwoods Redwood Forest in California. She said it was the most peaceful place she had ever been to. My brother & I hiked through the Muirwoods, but it was dark & dreary. We were there in December - mom had been there in June. Just outside of Muirwoods is Mt. Tamalpais. It was beautiful. As we approached the top of the mountain we saw 2 cyclists & the sun came out. That was it. This was the place for mom's ashes.

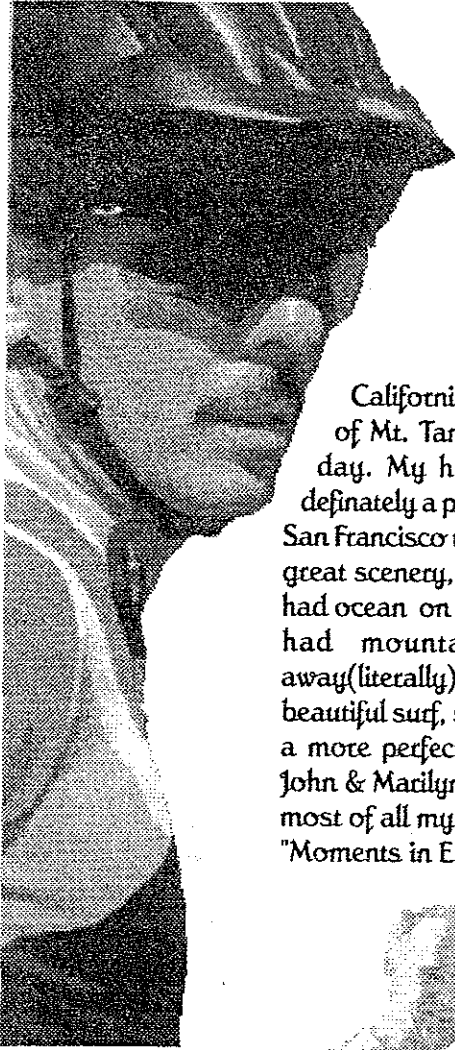
That was 10 years ago. It was time to go back. But, this time I wanted to cycle the coast & experience some of what she had in 1985. What a great way to remember her.

Deb Angst



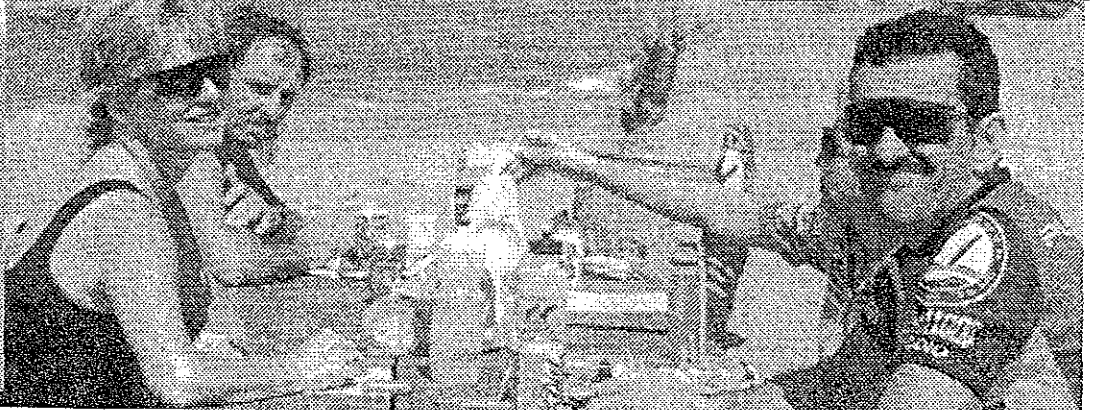
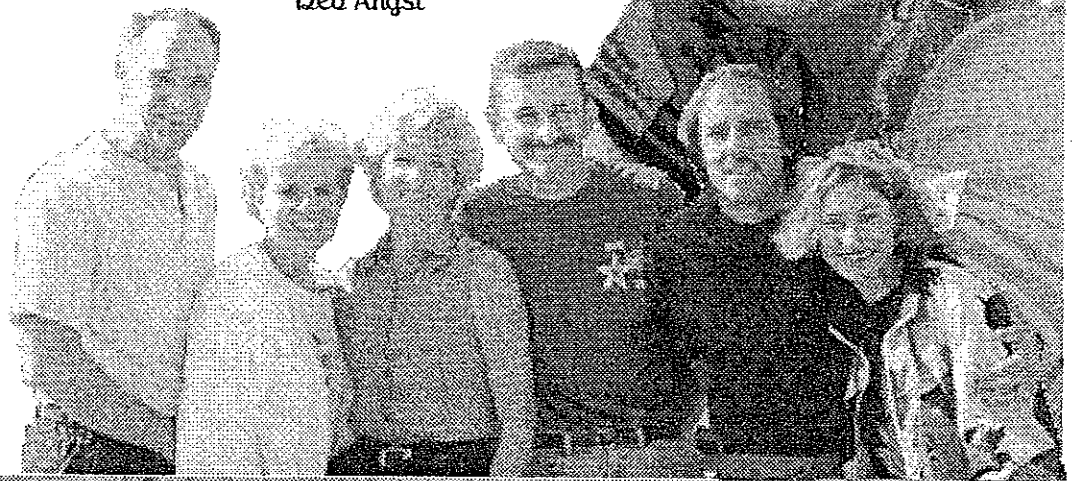
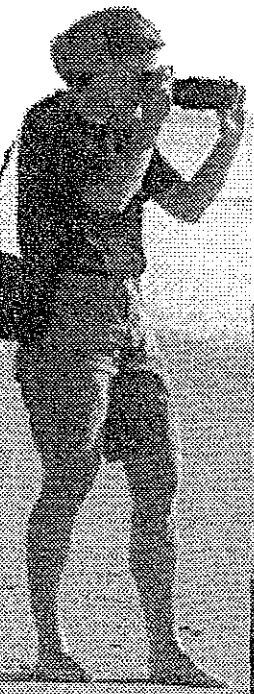


# A New Journey



California was euphoric. We reached the top of Mt. Tamalpais on an absolutely clear blue day. My heart was at ease. This was most definitely a peaceful place. Our trip encompassed San Francisco to San Diego. We had great weather, great scenery, & great roads. Northern California had ocean on the right & farms on the left. Big Sur had mountains that took your breath away (literally). Southern California had the most beautiful surf, surfers, & bike lanes. I can't imagine a more perfect trip. I want to thank my friends; John & Marilyn Tarantino, Jerry & Sue Pavlat, and most of all my husband Steve for those wonderful "Moments in Eternity."

Deb Angst



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the ride. And after all the riders app info is entered in the computer , sorted, and listed, and massaged, Bill and his committee put on a stuffing party to get the rider envelopes ready for the big event. Then they smile and wish the riders a good ride as they hand them their envelopes on BWR day. And don't forget our Treasurer. His job isn't over after the Monday night club meeting once a month. He's depositing the checks and maintaining the accounts, and paying the bills.

**A BIG THANKS FOR THE ONGOING, NEVER ENDING, EFFORTS OF THESE COMMITTEES AND THEIR DEDICATED PEOPLE.**

BWR is 16 years old. How did it last this long? What makes it such a big success? This ride is successful year after year because the club that puts it on has the greatest percentage of member participation. You may not see some of these members during the year but they're there behind the scenes pitching in when the need arises. This ride was a success because of you and your efforts.

**As co-chairs of the 1997 BWR,  
Bob and I thank YOU, club members and volunteers,  
for your tremendous efforts this year.  
You've done and continue to do one beautiful job.**

Sincerely,

Gary Haelewyn and Bob Latsko

**Top Club Miles**

**FYI**

Name	Points	Club Total	Name	Points	Club Total
Rick Jones	78	1962/4159	Doug MacDermaid	48	1141/1141
Gary Haelewyn	106	1947/4327	Deborah Angst	45	1115/1895
Gary Gteen	55	1614/1614	Jerry Bartels	38	1098/1553
Patrick Mootman	67	1518/1518	Darlene Duskey	42	1090/1090
Pennie Morauski	38	1473/2627	Art Meerhaeghe	43	1081/1081
Susan Mootman	61	1463/1463	Gail Komendera	28	1047/1047
Sandy Freeman	35	1457/4200	Eric Noyes	33	1047/1626
Steve Angst	77	1451/2345	Rich Dyer	42	947/947
Bill Windhorst	38	1439/5537			
Steve Morauski	38	1404/2885			
Marilyn Tarantino	66	1347/2632	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		
Dave Switney	57	1308/1308	Happy Birthday to you,		
Sheila Jones	39	1302/1396	Happy Birthday to you,		
John Tarantino	60	1302/3055	Happy Birthday to Youuuuu,		
Julie Windhorst	29	1215/1933	Happy Birthday to You!		
Sharon Wiseman	54	1210/1210	(The club database for birthdays		
David Komendera	29	1208/1208	crashed. Happy birthday to all of		
			you having birthdays in the months		
			of October & November.)		

There has been a lot of discussion about the proposed velodrome in the Detroit area. Dale Hughes may be at the next meeting to explain more about it.

We received a lot of Thank You's from people who had a wonderful time on BWR.

A big Thank You to the Marysville Police Department for their help at the railroad crossing.

"We really enjoyed the Blue Water Ramble yesterday . Took along a new rider & he really is enthusiastic though he swears he'll get a more comfortable saddle before the next one!!!"

Judy Eckstein  
Warren PD

"The Blue Water Ramble was a Great Ride! Perfect weather & very well run."

Len & Vonnie Sypkens  
'97 Trek & T-100 Tandem



# 1997 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 6, 1997

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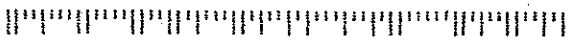
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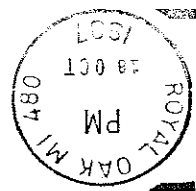
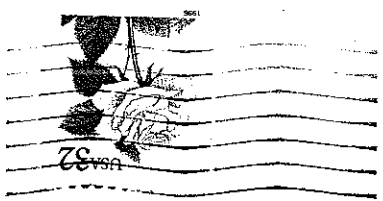
Make check payable to Clinton River Riders

Mail reservation form by November 21 to:

Laurie Brickner 39818 Edgemont Drive Sterling Heights, MI 48310



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