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The "RAMBLER"

November 2004

Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club

We say goodbye this month to another great season of cycling and hello to a new season of winter sports that just happens to include cycling.

In this issue you'll find most of the evening weekday club rides are gone and the one that isn't understandably,... requires headlights.

Information on the club's Awards Banquet and how to sign up are in here as well as an interesting message from our president and a big thankyou from our BWR Co-chair.

We have a club member who's looking to purchase a bike, and another member that wants to give away 150 bikes. Maybe they'll connect. And although Art and Carol are down in sunny Florida they have assured me we don't have to drive down there to participate in the annual Square Dance next January 15th. Too bad.

Club officer elections are coming up and at least one of the positions will definitely be open for a new volunteer.

Regards, Gary Haelewyn, Editor

Once again the Clinton River Riders have done a wonderful job and pulled off a successful Blue Water Ramble. According to our registration co-chairman, Bill Duemling, we registered a total of 1017 riders from as far away as Tennessee, Texas and Washington, for a beautiful--although a little windy--day of riding.

The feedback from riders returning to the high school was overwhelmingly positive, we got lots of compliments, especially about the food. Kudos to Tom and Sue Graham for another fine job this year.

In fact, I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who participated and helped make this year's BWR a success. And an extra thank you to all the committee chairs and co-chairs for pulling this all together.

Everyone did a fantastic job.

Be sure to mark Sunday, October 2, 2005, on your calendars for next year !!

Thanks again, Jim Crawford BWR co-chair

November 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Club Miles Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

WEEKLY RIDES

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

1st Monday

MONDAYS

Club Meeting, Mt Clemens Library, 150 Cass Ave, just west of southbound Gratiot on the North side of Cass across from Mt Clemens High School.

6:00 PM

THURSDAYS

LIGHTS REQUIRED

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 and Bill will add you to a distribution list for latest ride info.

9:00 AM

SATURDAYS

Meet Jane Bernard for the Schultz Funeral Home Ride at 9:00AM at Toepfer (8-1/2Mile) and Gratiot for a 30-35 mile, 14-16mph ride with breakfast or lunch after the ride. Goes every Saturday through the winter unless it's raining at the start location, or the roads are icy.

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.

Membership dues are coming up, application is included with this newsletter.

December 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Club Meeting	7	8 Bikes for Kids	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Awards Banquet	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Xmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	1st Dozen

Note: Send newsletter ride changes and/or additions to BLUECYCLIST@YAHOO.COM
December 6th, Deadline to mail checks for Awards Banquet (see below)

December 8th, Wednesday evening, Variety Bikes for Kids, Welcome Baptist Church, Pontiac, No knowledge is needed, just need your help in fitting helmets on the kids, we all have a great time in seeing children with special needs receive their new bike and helmet. Approximately 150 + children will be receiving bikes this year. If you can help us, please e-mail me at oceandiver88@hotmail.com and mention "Variety" in your subject title. Or call me at 248-879-2490 THANKS, :), Shiela Jones

December 17, Friday night, Awards Banquet, Ukranian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan Rd, Warren, between I-696 and 11 Mile, Cocktails 6:30 (Cash bar—soft drinks and juice) Dinner served at 7:30. Menu: Family Style dinner, Salad with house dressing, rolls, Homemade chicken soup with Egg Drop noodles, Entrée's: Roast Turkey Breast with dressing and cranberry sauce / Mostaccioli with marinara sauce (meatless), green beans with almonds, rosemary roasted potatoes, Dessert: Cheesecake with strawberries, coffee, tea and milk included. Questions: Call Julie Windhorst (586-939-6073)

Detach and mail with check payable to CRR to: Julie Windhorst 3160 Barkway Dr., Sterling Heights MI 48310

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Number of Adults (\$26.50 each): _____ Children (\$19.50 each ages 5-12): _____
 Supported 2004 BWR at: _____

Include a list of children under 12 and a possible gift for each to be delivered by Santa
 NOTE: BWR workers will have their checks returned at the Banquet, no-shows will forfeit their checks.

Birthdays

<u>Bday</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
11/12	Gary	Haelewyn
11/13	Mary	Wilson
11/14	Susan	Kuhn
11/21	Paula	Joachim
11/23	Vicky	Sprecher
11/28	Larry	Finnell
11/30	Steve	Joachim
12/03	David	Rumohr
12/07	Patrick	Moorman
12/08	Sharon	Wiseman
12/09	Pete	Sprecher
12/14	Dan	Keifer
12/14	Bill	Windhorst
12/21	Tim	Woodby
12/24	Sheila	Jones
12/24	T. J.	Hill
12/26	Steve	Angst
12/30	Darlene	Phillips

WANTED

Bike or frameset with the following description:

Road or touring frame.
700c wheels (or frame built for 700c wheels)
Size between 54 and 56 cm.
Maximum price of about \$350, regardless of whether they're offering a frame or complete bike.

call me between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or send me an e-mail.

Peter Bosma
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(248) 652-6675
e-mail:
peter_duh_bosma@yahoo.com

Club Cookbooks are still available for \$10. To order, call Julie Windhorst (586-939-6073)

Prez Sez.....

I want to encourage everyone to attend our Awards Banquet on Dec. 17th.

Many bike clubs are offering their newsletter on-line. Our club is spending approx. \$200 monthly on printing and postage. We will start offering our newsletter on-line within the next couple of months. If you would like to receive an e-mail announcement when the newsletter is available, please let us know when you renew your membership this year. We hope to cut our cost in half or more.

My voice is still not back yet. I will have an injection in my vocal cord Nov. 19th. This should give me temporary relief for up to 3 months. During this time I will have speech therapy. If the doctors don't see some improvement after 3 months, surgery maybe required.

Thanks,
John Tarantino, President

Have you seen Triplettes of Bellville yet? How about the first bicycle movie ever made (1935)? Want something more up to date? How about a 2 hour interview with Lance Armstrong with pictures from his 6th Tour win? All are available from the club's library and can be reserved by calling our club librarian, Bruce Freeburger at 586-755-8838.

Send your miles to Bill Baker 586-739-0261 by November 15 to be used in the calculating award points.

Mail Humorous Stories for the Awards Banquet to Doris Mulligan, 26450 Crocker #1212, Harrison Twp, 48045

The club will be needing a new Treasurer for next year. In addition, any club office position is open to any club member. Elections are early next year. Please consider volunteering.

BWR T-shirts are available for sale. Call Diane Baker 586-739-0261 for more information.

Congratulations to Bob and Rose Goebel for making it to the next generation and to their daughter Kasandra on the birth of Alexander Jude.

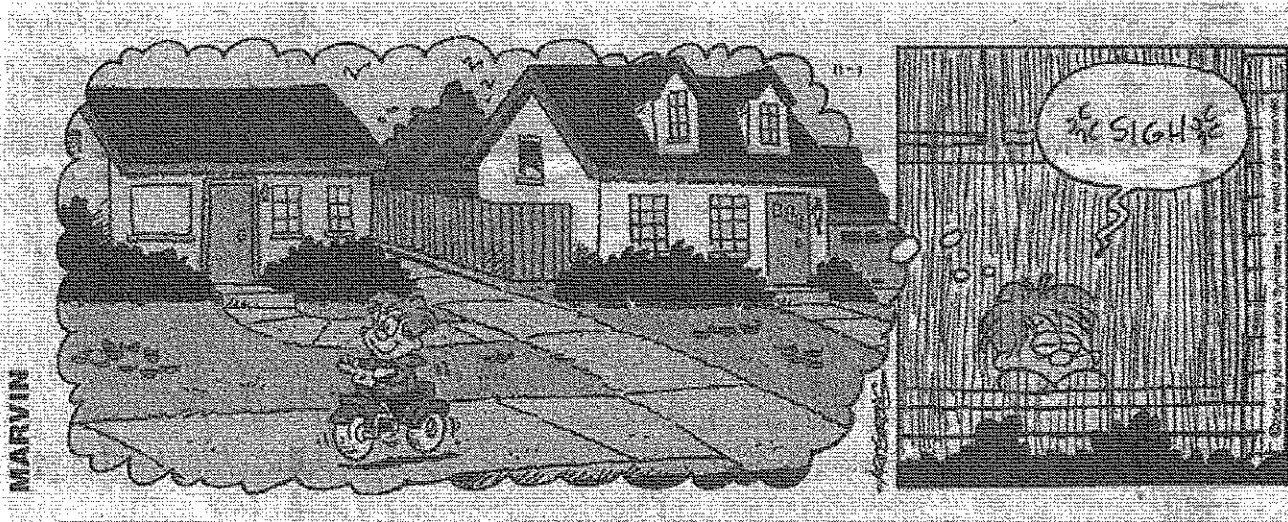
A note from Lucinda Means,...

I spoke with Sen McManus' legislative staffer about Senate Bill 1389 which will prohibit cyclist from riding 2 abreast. I was told that the Senator was motivated by constituent complaints and by concern for cyclists' safety. I do not know why she did not contact MDOT, the MI State Police, the Secretary of State's office, the Office of Highway Safety or the LMB, MMBA, or RTC before drafting the bill. I was told by the staffer that she put the bill forward to engage the interest and attention of the bike community to try to deal with this issue. I expressed concern that the Senator had not gotten in touch with any of the state's traffic safety agencies or with us beforehand and got no real answer.

I then spoke with my contacts at MDOT and the MI State Police who said they were going to recommend that their agencies formally oppose the bill since it was discriminatory and not likely to be either enforceable or helpful in reducing car/bike conflicts or crashes.

We will very shortly be inviting the Senator to a meeting in district with the local bike clubs, our LMB Regional Board Member and me to enlist her support in policies that will actually increase cyclist safety while recognizing their rights to the road.

In the meantime, cyclists and their respective clubs are certainly within their rights to express their opinion about this bill to the Senator.



This picture was taken on Wednesday 13 October 2004 on a portion of the Clinton River Trail near

downtown Rochester. Group consists of (left to right) Sandra Studebaker, Annette Smith, Sheila Jones, Carol Meerhaeghe, Sue Pavlat, and Gail Komendera. We had just begun our weekly women-only ride when who should be approaching from the opposite direction but Dave Komendera and TJ Hill, who whipped out his handy little digital camera. Instead of biking the Paint Creek Trail to Lake Orion and back, as usual, we took the new Macomb Orchard Trail to 29 Mile Road, then rode the shoulder of Van Dyke into Romeo where we surprised CRR member Elizabeth Gondert by barging into her beauty shop before having breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Back at the parking lot of the Rochester Public Library with 28.5 miles we congratulated Carol for having completed her longest ride to date on her single bike. Way to go Carol,



Sandra Studebaker