

Clinton River Riders

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 1993
RAMBLER

Editor's note:

For those of you who were not at the November 1st. meeting, you may be wondering why the newsletter looks so different.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Mike Kiefer (the real power behind the editor's desk), has resigned.

Please bear with us during this time of transition.

Next Meeting:

Monday December 6, 1993, 7:00 p.m.
at the Mount Clemens Recreation Center
300 Groesbeck at Lafayette

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CALVIN & HOBBS By Bill Watterson



Midwest Tandem Rally - 1993

Submitted by Dave Switney

Congratulations MUTS (Michigan United Tandem Society) for a wonderful and inspiring Midwest Tandem Rally on Sept. 3 thru 6, 1993. The 15 teams from the Clinton River Riders had made our tracks to Lansing, MI and have raised our paws and tipped our bowls in honor of the work and effort that was put forth by all.

There were 419 teams registered for MTR-93; the biggest MTR yet! The main boarding pen was in the Holiday Inn which bordered the cities of Lansing and Holt. This allowed quick access to the countryside as well as the city sights. Each participant was issued its 'dog tag' which identified you and allowed you into the events for the weekend. Every team was issued a 'dog bone' which identified the riders and their home pen.

MTR '93 started off with a very dismal, overcast, rainy Friday afternoon. However, as the teams prepared for the Ice Cream ride, the skies cleared and the roads dried. The first event was a moderate 20 mile ride to the Dairy store on the Michigan State campus. Although the route was marked with the famous MUTS paw tracks, some of us managed to miss the turn to the store and got an extra tour of campus.

Saturday's ride was the real challenge. It was to be the 104 miler for the pedigrees, the 60 miler for the mixed breeds, or the 32 miler for the 'mutts'. With 419 teams ready to start the hunt, the real challenge began, i.e.: can you get out of the parking lot without falling down or getting run over? All the packs left without incident, and the riders carefully strung out until the 8 mile point. "What's the pack stopping for?" "Follow the tracks to the right! Wrong!" the right turn took the team of Dave/Sharon and Mike/Vicki to new lows, while the pack followed the scent North. Mike/Vicki had experienced a blowout only to find that their rear rim was bent. If Mike only had a screen door... They headed back to the kennel. Dave/Sharon were now at the back instead of the front.

As the pack made its way along the rolling country roads, it was treated to the quiet rural settings and Ostrich and Emu farm near the first rest stop. Lunch was served in the town park of Eaton Rapids. The CRR pack had separated into many factions as some savored the 100 mile marrow led by Doug/Laurie, others the 60 mile steak, and still others the 32 mile bone. The return ride to the kennel proved uneventful, until we heard the baying of Steve/Pennie. "Of course we can do 100 miles on a broken axle, if only the Rear Admiral keeps pedalling!" These were tired puppies! Tom/Kathy had completed their first 100 miler together unbeknownst to the stoker. Andy/Claudia had completed their first ride of the year, unbeknownst to either of them.

With Saturday's ride completed, most of the pack retired to visiting, touring the town, meandering thru the exhibits, or finding a place to munch a bunch, or borrowing parts from Jerry/Sue.

MTR also conducts Workshops after chow. The areas covered were: Tandemning with Children, Components (Steve/Pennie missed this one but not Mike/Vicki or Bob/Rose, just ask them about the new teflon cables.), Sewing (Warren/Barb promise to be best dressed next rally). Nutrition (Jerry/Sue will do RAAM), RAAM (Jerry needed a bigger room), Sports Massage (We all could use this). and Bike Advocacy (We're all one).

Sunday's ride was limited to 31, 57, Or 67. You knew you were in trouble if you selected the 67, because Bill/Julie had attended the Power#2 clinic which taught you tips on how to race your tandem. Julie kept telling Bill to keep pedalling thru those corners. Dave/Sharon had selected the 67, but ended up on the 57 swearing that they didn't know where they missed the turn. However, Tom/Kathy had led all racers, which Kathy swears she isn't but only does it to keep up with everyone else, into the hotel parking lot. It appears that they were racing the mythical Steve/Pennie who had 4 flats and 2 tire changes within 15 miles. The TREK mechanics had finally determined that their brake was cutting their tire.

The highlight on the Sunday ride was the llama farm. The owner stood along the road with the dominant male for all to see and pet if you had stopped. Again the route was rolling terrain and the lunch stop next to the Genesee Fair grounds was a grand place to relax while eating and watching the horses practice for the afternoon show.

Everyone gathered early for the banquet. Mike/Becky were first at the tables on the other side of the hall. We eventually gathered for the feast, but not before listening to the COWS (Couples on Wheels) sing their "Make Tracks to Lansing" song dressed in train engineers costumes with cow ears uddering from the hats.

The feast was followed by the drawing for the main door prize of a "Burley Tandem" obtained by Doug/Janet. A couple from Ohio were the winners. The "MUTS" lapped up their accolades for the Rally. Next years group welcomed 'US' to Rochester Minnesota in 1994 while the TOIS from Indianapolis bid for the rally in 1995 enticing us with rides around the velodrome and the Indy 500 track.

None had done the Monday ride as the attendees had awoken to a steady drizzle. But it was a glorious 1 1/2 hour ride home in the car from this great rally. You'll know what I mean if you attend the 1994 in Minnesota.

BIRTHDAYS: Art Tucker 11-1, Mark Jones 11-2, Mary Ondre 11-6, John Abraham Jr. 11-7, Elizabeth Nieman 11-7, Geraldine Gallagher 11-9, Ron Smith 11-10, Chris Duemling 11-11, Al Barton 11-12, Gary Haelewyn 11-12, Jason Haelewyn 11-14, Rachel Duskey 11-17, John Gentilia 11-18, Jeff Pearson 11-18, Rand Richards 11-19, Robert Goebel 11-20, Karen Guilbert 11-20, Robert Bellia 11-21, Lani Domogalski 11-21, Arlene Brock 11-22, Larry Goike 11-23, Tom Graham 11-24, Vicki Malloch 11-25, Victoria Salvador 11-26, Darlene Bedford 11-28, Tom LoPiccolo 12-3, Maureen McGartland 12-4, Neal Angst 12-5, Becca Barton 12-5, Larry Kniec 12-6, Matt Merivether 12-7, Patrick Moorman 12-7, David Switney 12-8, Michelle Curtis 12-9, Mike Curtis 12-9, Kathy Best 12-12, Bill Windhorst 12-14, Pat Sneath 12-15, Susan Daniel 12-19, Marge Skiba 12-19, Katie Carolan 12-21, Tim Woodby 12-21, Sheila Jones 12-24, Chrissy Maravich 12-24, Jean Patterson 12-24, Melissa Heck 12-25, Steve Angst 12-26, Marty Klein 12-27, Carol Sheehy 12-28, Kristen Smith 12-28, Marilyn Curtis 12-29, Don Lee Matthews 12-29, Darlene Duskey 12-30, Eric Feucht 12-31

Stair Climbing!!

Once again the stairs in the Westin Hotel will be available on Sundays, starting in November. The American Heart Association will again be sponsoring the stair climbing race on the first weekend in February. There are few activities that raise the heart rate like stair climbing. It will have a noticeable effect on your climbing (surprise!). Meet Doug MacDermaid at the Health Club on the third floor (free) climb with CRR members. Doors open at 9:00 a.m., second shift is at 12:30 p.m., for details about second shift, contact Ron Dossenbach (519) 972-8435.

Ride Directors award goes to...

Laurie Brickner and Steve Morauski
for giving someone the pants off
their butts!!

For Sale:

Graber tire mounted Bike Carrier.
Will mount on an exterior spare tire
carrier such as Bronco II, Jeep,
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Call John 777-8726

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Suntour Superbe hubs, Look
pedals, Front brake \$400.00
Call William 549-2246

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Black \$45.00, Call William 549-2246

Bell Cyclone Helmet
Small/med, never crashed
Pearl white, \$35.00
Call William 549-2246

POT-SHOTS

BY ASHLEIGH B RILLIANT



Dear Dr. Bike:

I am in a real mess! My whole world has been turned upside down! Last month I was given a promotion from happy stoker to rear admiral. This has caused many problems.

1. When my captain salutes me, he loses control of the bike.
2. When two rear admirals meet, who is in charge?
3. I can't find a helmet with gold braids and if I do, my captain and I won't match.
4. Can I still have friends on single bikes, or are they enlisted bikers?
5. Can I still blame the captain if we're in the wrong gear or does the buck stop with me?
6. No one teases me anymore because they are afraid of being court martialed. I always loved being teased.

The list goes on and on, can you see my problem? I would like to resign my commission and get back to having good old fashioned fun. The back of our tandem is the only place I am not in charge and I like it that way. I wish people would just lighten up and not promote anyone without asking first.

Please help?

Silly Sally, Unhappy Rear Admiral
United Tandems Schwinn-Santa-Dale

Dear Silly Sally:

Let me first answer your 6 questions:

1. Instruct your captain that saluting is only necessary during parades.
2. The rear admiral with the most miles is in charge.
3. Variety is the spice of life.
4. Yes, but only if they do their share of drafting.
5. Yes, you can still blame the captain, just remember that pot holes without warning can be painful.
6. Teasing, if done in the right circumstances, can be enjoyable.

Sally, it seems you already know what you would like to do, so don't worry be happy.

1993 CLINTON RIVER RIDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 P.M. DECEMBER 11, 1993

American Legion Post #4
401 N. Groesbeck Highway
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Full Buffet Style Dinner

Open Bar

1993 Club Awards

Music & Dancing by Tony the D.J.

Reservations **Must** be Made by **Mail** and Received by **November 30, 1993**

Make checks payable to: **Clinton River Riders**

Mail Reservation forms to: Laurie Brickner
39818 Edgemont
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Questions may be directed to: Laurie Brickner 939-4670
Pennie Morauski 773-2213

CRR 1993 Christmas Party Reservation Form

	Number Attending	Total Cost
Adults \$7.50	_____	_____
Children (5-12) \$4.00	_____	_____
Children Under 5 Free	_____	_____
Guests \$13.75 (Non Members)	_____	_____
Total Enclosed	_____	_____

Additional People attending
(age if child)

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

