



Blue Water Ramble

CLINTON
RIVER
RIDERS

November 1995

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The final count for riders on BWR 1995 is 1398. The ride was a success because of the efforts of volunteers and committee chairs. We need committee chairs for BWR 96. If you would like run a committee for 1996 please contact Diane Baker (810) 739-0261 for more information. As of now Committee chairman, SAG, and Day of Ride committee chairpersons are all needed.

Christmas party

This years Christmas party will be at the River House on 5 Arvvet Drive, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (810) 463-0670

Located off of Crocker (Cass) just east of Gratiot, by the Clinton River. See map in this newsletter. Price of tickets for adults is \$10 for club members, \$22 for guests, children 12 and under \$5. Must register by Dec 4th or at Dec meeting. Please mail to:

Vicki Malloch, 43579 Inglenook, Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (810) 731-0492

Santa Claus will be making an appearance for the children. Please indicate what type of gift they are interested in.

See registration form in this newsletter.

Club Jackets

Rick Jones will be ordering club jackets with the same design as the club jerseys from Louis Gameau. The thicker jacket is water resistant costs \$75, thinner jacket cost \$55. Call Rick Jones for more information (810) 879-2490

Thank You

Dear Clinton River Riders,

My family would like to thank the Club as well as the many individual members who sent a donation to the Hospice of Southwestern Michigan in remembrance of my father. I felt very fortunate to have an organization such as Hospice to help me with dad and make him comfortable in his last hours. Lung cancer is very scary and in some cases uncontrollable. In a

period of 16 days, my dad was admitted to the hospital, was subjected to many test, diagnosed with lung cancer, and gone on the 17th day. Please, if you smoke, stop. If not for yourself, for your family.

My free time is now spent helping my mom. I'm sorry to say that I will not be able to put together a slide show of the 1995 season for the Christmas party this year. However, I do have one I would like to show. Back in March, I put together a slide show for Duane and EA Nieman of their two year bicycle tour from April of 1988-April 1990. EA did a super job of selecting many beautiful slides and chose some excellent music to highlight their trip to Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and return trip home to Romeo, MI. It's quit an inspirational show. I know you will like it.

Sincerely,

Sue Pavlat

Editors Note: Please submit articles and information for the newsletter by Wednesday after the meeting. Mail it to: Ted Gondert, 356 Third St, Romeo, MI 48065-4804 or modern/fax it if you call first so I can turn on the computer or fax (810) /52-7043 or E-mail me at ac557@detroit.freenet.org IBM/DOS 3.5 inch disk with ASCII, WP5.1, MS Word for Windows 2.0, or other standard text editors are acceptable too.

Next Meeting

Monday, Dec 4, 1995

7:00 p.m. at Mt. Clemens

Recreation Center

300 Greesbeck (at Lafayette)

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Hot Line

792-4670



Ride Schedule

Reoccurring Rides

Call the Hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates
Lights are mandatory on evening rides.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.: meet George Zlotro at Schultz' Funeral Home 8½ and Gratiot for 30-35 miles through Grosse Pointe @14-16 mph call Hotline to check on ride.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. : meet Gary at Prestlge Cycle in Clinton Twp. on Moravian and Garfield for night ride on the "recreational trail" to Metro Beach. Lights are mandatory. Will see how far riders can go into Metrobeach before it is closed.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. : meet Doug MacDermald at Schultz Funeral Home (8½ & Gratiot) for 30-35 mile ride @14-16 mph to Grosse Pointe, breakfast after ride.

Scheduled Rides for November

Call the Hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates or call Rick Jones (810) 879-2490 to schedule a ride.

Not very many rides scheduled for November with the weather turning colder. Check the Hotline for latest news about events that come up after the newsletter is printed.

Sunday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.: meet Gary at Stoney Creek Westbranch cross country ski trails for mtn. bike ride.

Sunday, November 26 9:00 a.m.: meet Duane Nleman or Ted Gondert at Romeo High School for 43 mile ride to Dryden VFW for pancake breakfast. Mtn bike ride is optional. If weather is bad ride will be canceled. Mountain bikes have ridden in some snow but not deep snow, slush or very cold temperatures, (less than 20° Fahrenheit or so).

Other Rides and Events

Wally Ball

Saturday November 11, 25 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Warren Racquet Center on Civic Center Drive near 12 mile and Van Dyke. Contact Warren Berthelsen 781-6706 for more information. Price of court is 24 dollars per hour, divided by the number of players.

Stair Climbing

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Meet at the Westin Hotel health club in the Renaissance center in Detroit. This is good training for the winter so you will be in shape for the spring. Contact Doug MacDermald (810) 939-5670 for more information.

Huckleberry Railroad excursion in Flint.

Bill Windhorst is planning a trip to Flint for dinner at Huckleberry railroad park on Dec 2. Dinner is \$9.00 and train ride is \$7.00. The town will be all decorated for Christmas. Reservations should be made with Bill Windhorst with deposit of \$5 for dinner. (810) 939-6073

Bike Feast: volunteer needed as club liaison for the Bike Feast this year. Bill Cleland doesn't want to do it again this year. Not very hard. Bike Feast is a get together of area bike clubs for a big party to start the season and reminisce about last years riding season. Usually in March in Westland but plans haven't been set yet. Contact Bill Cleland (810) 775-5125 for more information.

For Sale (editor note: don't usually run car ads)

1992 Dodge 250 RAM van, V8 engine. 28,000 miles, extended warranty 7/70 rustproofed, fabric and paint protected, winter stored. All power equipped, color TV & dust buster. Call Steve or Pennie after 4:00 (810) 773-2213

Happy Birthday

Steve Angst 12/26, Neal Angst 12/5, David M. Bach 12/12, Keith Bartley 12/8, Becca Barton 12/5, Kathy Best 12/12, Mary Campion 12/14, Katie Carolan 12/21, Mike Curtis 12/9, Darlene Duskey 12/30, Eric Feucht 12/31, Joe Gentilla 12/13, Linda Goldman 12/17, Tom Harrison 12/13, Melissa Heck 12/25, Sheila Jones 12/24, Tom LoPiccolo 12/3, Don Lee Matthews 12/29, Matt Meriwether 12/7, Patrick Moorman 12/7, Jean Patterson 12/24, James Schmidt 12/18, Marge Skiba 12/19, Kristen Smith 12/28, Jason Smith 12/16, Kristina Sproul 12/7, Sharon Switney 12/7, Bill Windhorst 12/14, Tim Woodby 12/21

Welcome New Members

Bonnie Linklater, Jim McKinnie, Alicia Muszynski, Lois Sloan, Jeff Stephens, Robert Watson.

Elections

The club officer elections will be in February 1996 with nominations in January. Now is the time to think about running for club officer. Your efforts can help improve the club to serve it's members better. We need new volunteers to help. Some current officers will not run for reelection.

Club Dues

Club membership has to be renewed in January. New memberships in Nov. -Dec. will be good for next year. Only due paying members will be allowed to vote in the election for club officers. See application in this newsletter.

Club ID Cards

Identification cards for club members are available from Pennie Morauski at club meetings or by sending SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to Pennie Morauski, 14207 Castle Dr., Warren MI. 48093. Back of card has room for emergency information such as phone #, allergies, etc.

Bike shops with discounts for CRR members with ID cards.

Prestige Cycles 36558 Moravian Dr., Clinton Twp	(810) 792-4040
Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority 1109 S. Washington, Royal Oak	542-7182
Pointe Cycle & Fitness 20343 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods	(313) 886-1968
Mountains of Bikes 42201 Garfield, Clinton Twp.	(810) 412-0500
Antoon's Bicycles 13823 19 mile Rd. Sterling Hgts	247-9240
Sterling Schwinn 2169 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Hgts 878 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester	979-7570 652-1555
Big Ralph's Schwinn Cycling 23521 Nine Mack, St. Clair Shores	772-3258
Macomb Schwinn 28441 Schoenherr, Warren	756-5400

Tour De Stoney Stage Four -The finish

It was a cool morning on October 8th, for the last stage of the 1995 Tour de Stoney personal endurance ride. Twelve riders went through their warm ups and received their starting positions. One by one the riders took off and mad their single loop of Stoney Creek Metropark. The results are as follows:

Singles Male

1. Steve Samollnski 15:55
2. Ted Gondert
3. Bill Windhorst

Tandems Mixed

1. John & Marilyn Tarrantino 16:00
2. Steve & Debbie Angst
3. Doug & Maryann Pertner

Thanks to everyone who rode one or more stages this summer. Hopefully next year the size of the field will increase and we can get more riders. Thanks also to all the helpers for this event. We couldn't do it without you. A special thanks this time goes to the following who braved the cool temperatures and early ride time; Bill and Diane Baker, Dave

and Heidi Heck and family, Nancy Latham, Bill Duemling, Bob and Rose Goebel, and Nancy Thoenes. The assistance give this time was incredible. Thanks again.

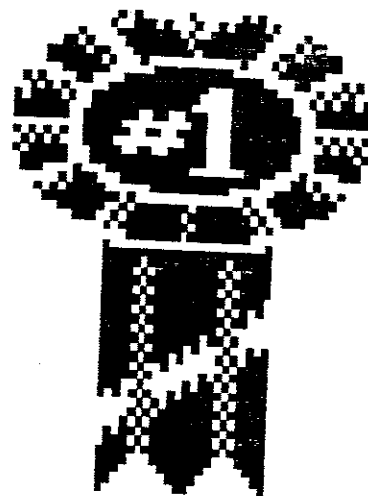
The final results of the Tour de Stoney are still being calculated to determine the overall places for the season.

Stay Tuned

Dave Thoenes

Top Club Miles

George Zloistro	4113
Rick Jones	4087
Bill Windhorst	3353
Steve Angst	2766
Julle Windhorst	2549
John Tarantino	2338
Sheila Jones	2140
Gary Green	2138
Marilyn Tarantino	2097
Patrick Moorman	2048
Steve Morauski	1860
Richard Dyer	1834
Douglas MacDermaid	1775
Art Meerhaeghe	1761
Gary Haclowyn	1634
Debbie Angst	1630
Dave Switney	1609
Susan Moorman	1570
Laurie Erickner	1517
Jerry Bartels	1506
Pennie Morauski	1495
Eric Noyes	1462
Sharon Wiseman	1397
Ted Gondert	1383
Hank Thoenes	1379



From England in the *Guardian Weekly* Oct. 14 1995

Roadrunner

Tony Bell

Cycle rout

The Department of Transportation initiative to encourage motorists to leave their cars at home and use bikes for short journeys is one that all cyclists will welcome. As will the £42.5 million being made available to build a network of cycle routes from Dover to Inverness.

The cycle network will not take shape until 2000. In the meantime, will motorists heed the DoT's advice? Any reduction in the number of cars will mean fewer casualties in traffic accidents, while the odds of contracting asthma will be shortened as exhaust emissions are reduced.

DoT's research shows that in busy traffic conditions, a bike is quicker, so it's more efficient, and it can improve fitness. But without an education programme, the conversion from cars to bikes will be nugatory. This is because of misplaced notions of "class" and status. "If you can't afford a car, you ride a bike," is how many drivers see it. From my own experience, too many motorists perceive cyclists as nothing more than garishly attired *Untermenschen* (German for: hoodlums. [editor]) who impede their progress.

I don't want to reinforce them-and-us situation, and as far as I'm concerned it's not a "two wheels good, four wheels bad" thing either. I drive a car, and I'm well aware of the benefits, but a tax disk in your windscreen is not an entitlement to use the road, a point confirmed by a DoT official who said: "The tax disc represent a duty paid in the same way that cigarettes or alcohol have a duty on them. As far as paying for the upkeep of the road is concerned, all taxpayers contribute to this as the revenue raised goes to central Treasury."

It's not only cycling groups who are aware of the benefits of cutting the number of car journeys. The RAC points out to its members the efficacy of cycling and recommends it as an alternative for shorter journeys.

It would be superb if the DoT initiative worked and more drivers tried cycling. If for no other reason it would give them an idea of how frightening it can be when a couple of tons of metal cuts you up on the road.

But if the initiative doesn't work and motorists stay firmly lodged in their cars, the idea should not be abandoned. The new network is a star, but how about making provision for cyclists in every town and city throughout Britain?

Tandem Riders

Midwest Tandem Rally 95 is now history and MTR 96 is just around the corner. The thought occurred to me that maybe we could do something a little different for MTR 96 since it is being held in Appleton, WI. Specifically, we could all meet in Ludington, leave our cars there, and take the Michigan Car Ferry across the pond (Lake Michigan), land at Manitowoc, WI and ride our bikes from Manitowoc to Appleton. It is a 59 mile ride through, I'm told, some pretty countryside.

There are a couple of points to keep in mind. We will not have cars in Appleton so our two seaters will be our transportation, we need to get someone with a van to carry our luggage and provide SAG and we need to have 25 people to get a discount on the ferry. Since we have more than 25 tandems in our club, the minimum number should not be a problem. We would all share the cost of putting the van on the ferry since the van is providing us with a service. Finally, Appleton is a little smaller than Rochester, MI and lack of car transportation should not be a problem.

Other thoughts: we would want to take the morning ferry on Friday so we could get into Appleton at a reasonable hour Friday afternoon (don't want to miss the Ice Cream Social, etc.), and the afternoon return ferry on Monday so we don't have to leave Appleton before it is light (sailing time is 1300 or 1:00 p.m. for you landlubbers). If we have bad weather, we will have to ride in the rain because of lack of transportation and a tight schedule.

I am willing to organize this since I have already started talking to the car ferry, but I need to know how many are interested in doing this. You can call (810) 628-4663 and leave a message, no, you will never get a live voice there, but you can leave a message and I will let you know where we are. Please let me know by 11/26/95 if you are interested.

Just off hand, (I haven't checked the prices for 1996 yet), it will cost \$25.00 per head for a round trip on the ferry with no charge for the bike. It is about a three and a half hour sail, getting us to Manitowoc at 1200, and then we would have to be in Manitowoc by 1200 on Monday for the return.

Dave Meriwether
(810) 628-0092 (hard to catch at home so use above number)
5425 Rochester Rd.
Leonard, MI 48367-1218

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE

OPERATIONS OF BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND TOY VEHICLES

Violations of §§ 257.656 to 257.661a as civil infractions; duty of parent or guardian; regulations applicable to bicycles and motorcycles.

Sections 257.656 to 257.661

Sec. 656. (1) A person who violates any of the sections 656 to 661a is responsible for a civil infraction.

(2) The parent of a child or the guardian of a ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit the child or ward to violate this chapter.

(3) The regulations applicable to bicycle under sections 656 to 662 shall apply when a bicycle is operated upon a highway or upon a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated in sections 656 to 662.

(4) The regulations applicable to motorcycles in sections 656 to 662 shall be considered supplementary to other provision of this chapter governing the operation of motorcycles.

257.657 Rights and duties of persons riding bicycle or moped.

Sec. 657. Every person riding a bicycle or moped upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature do not have applications.

257.658 Riding on seat of bicycle, motorcycle, or moped; number of persons; crash helmets; rules; requirements for autocytle.

Sec. 658. (1) A person propelling a bicycle or operating a motorcycle or moped shall not ride other than upon and astride a permanent and regular seat attached to that vehicle.

(2) A bicycle or motorcycle shall not be used to carry more persons at a time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(3) A moped shall not be used to carry more than one person at a time.

(4) A person operating or riding on a motorcycle, and any person less than 19 years of age operating a moped on a public thoroughfare shall wear a crash helmet on his or her head. Crash helmets shall be approved by the department of state police.

(5) A person operating or riding in an autocytle shall wear seat belts when on a public highway in this state.

257.659 Riding while attached to a streetcar or vehicle.

Sec. 659. A person riding upon a bicycle, moped or motorcycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall not attach the same or himself to a streetcar or vehicle upon a roadway.

257.660 Bicycles, motorcycles, or mopeds; operation on roadway; use of bicycle path; passing; operation of bicycle or moped on sidewalk; exception.

Sec. 660. (1) A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. A motor cycle is entitled to full use of a lane and a motor vehicle shall not be driven in such a manner as to deprive a motorcycle of the full use of the lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles operated 2 abreast in a single lane.

(2) A person riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or moped upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast except on a path or part of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of those vehicles.

(3) Where a usable and designated path for bicycles is provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle rider may, by local ordinance, be required to use that path. Where a usable and designated path for bicycles is provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle rider who is less than 16 years of age shall use that path unless accompanied by an adult.

(4) A person operating a motorcycle, moped, or a bicycle shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his direction in the case of a 2-way street, or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a 1-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

(5) A person operating a bicycle on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian.

(6) A moped shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

(7) This section shall not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

257.661 Carrying package, bundle, or article on bicycle, moped, or motorcycle.

Sec. 661. A person operating a bicycle, moped, or motorcycle shall not carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping both hands upon the handlebars of the vehicle.

257.661a Handlebars of motorcycle or moped.

Sec. 661a. A person shall not operate on a public highway of this state a motorcycle or moped equipped with handlebars that are higher than 15 inches from the lowest point of the undepressed saddle to the highest point of the handle grip of the operator.

257.662 Bicycles; equipment; violation as civil infraction.

Sec. 662. (1) A bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(2) A person shall not operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible from a distance of at least 100 feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall a person use upon a bicycle a siren or whistle.

(3) A bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(4) A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or deliver for sale in this state a bicycle or a pedal for use on a bicycle, either of which was manufactured after January 1, 1976, unless it is equipped with a type of reflex reflector located on the front and rear surfaces of the pedal. The reflector elements may be either integral with the construction of the pedal or mechanically attached, but shall be sufficiently recessed from the edge of the pedal, or of the reflector housing, to prevent contact of the reflector element with a flat surface placed in contact with the edge of the pedal. The pedal reflectors shall be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during the nighttime from a distance of 200 feet when directly exposed to the lower beam head lamps of a motor vehicle.

(5) A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or deliver for sale in this state a bicycle manufactured after January 1, 1976, unless it is equipped with either tires which have reflective sidewalls or with wide-angle prismatic spoke reflectors. If the bicycle is manufactured with reflective sidewalls, the reflective portion of the sidewall shall form a continuous circle on the sidewall, and may not be removed from the tire without removal of tire material. If the bicycle equipped with wide-angle prismatic spoke reflectors, the reflectors of the front wheel shall be essentially colorless or amber, and the reflector on the rear wheel shall be essentially colorless or red. Reflective sidewalls or spoke reflectors shall cause the bicycle to be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet when viewed under lawful

low beam motor vehicle head lamps under normal atmospheric conditions.

(6) A person who violates subsection (1), (2), or (3) is responsible for a civil infraction.

Bicycle accident

November 3, Friday in the predawn a lady on her bicycle was run down and killed on 10 mile road in Ferndale by a hit and run driver. A few days later, anonymous tip led to arrest of driver age 19 who was drunk after barhopping with two other underage friends on Thursday night and early Friday.

Investigation continues into the bars that served him. The victim had just gotten a new Huffy bicycle to replace her old one and was riding home from her dish washing job in Royal Oak. She didn't drive because of a learning disability. It so happens that the victim and drunk driver graduated same year from a local high school.

Obviously the drunken driver caused the accident but I wonder if she had lights on the bicycle and was wearing a helmet. That might have saved her. Although some people call it "Blaming the victim" for the accident (or crime) instead of the person at fault, you can't control what somebody else does. But you can take reasonable precautions to help prevent accidents or crime. Tragedy such as this remind us to be careful when bicycling, especially at night, now that it is dark at 6:00 p.m. Please install lights on your bicycle for evening rides. Even if you think you will be home by dark, unexpected delays could leave you several miles from home after sundown.



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