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CLINTON RIVER RIDERS

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Next Meeting - Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Clemens Community Center located at 300 Groesbeck Highway and Lafayette.

New Members - The Clinton River Riders would like to welcome Walter Hoeckl and Eric Rausch to the club. We hope to see you on the upcoming events and that you have many enjoyable rides with the club.



Christmas Party - The Christmas party was the social event of the year. Everyone commented on how much fun he or she had. The atmosphere and food were great, the awards and slides were entertaining, Santa was, as always, a welcome guest. A very special thank you to Anita Klein, Rose Goebel and Karen Mousseau for a splendid evening!!!!

Club elections - It is club election time once again. Nominations will be taken again at the January meeting. Voting will take place at the February meeting. If you would like to run for an office or know of anyone who would be interested, please call Bill Cleland (775-5125) or Kathy Pfent. Remember, without officers, the club would be unable to function. We need YOUR help. Positions are available for President, Ride Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and (my personal favorite) Newsletter Editor.

Club Jackets - Anyone interested in club jackets should call Bob Kosen at 774-9855.

Climbing Your Way To The Top - You are invited to join Patricia Brehler and friends as they practice for the stairclimbing event "To The Top" at the Westin Hotel which will take place Saturday, February 3rd. They will be practicing every other Sunday morning. Meet in the Westin Hotel's health club at 9:00 a.m. Practice dates will be December 17, January 7, and 21.

Clearance Sale - Old style Clinton River Rider jersey (red with gray trim; polyester/wool fabric) 2 remaining, medium only, short sleeve reg. \$15; now \$12 - Club members only. Proceeds turned in to club treasury. Call Bob Kosen 774-9855.

Club Events Schedule

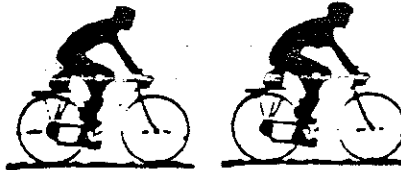
Please call the hotline (792-4670) for any last minute changes, deletions, or additions.

Sunday, December 17 - Meet your ride leader, Andy Neumann, at 9:00 a.m. at Pontiac Lake on the beach for a 7-mile mountain bike ride to ? at a questionable pace? (Andy - that's all you gave me!) Check the hotline for more details.

Sunday, December 24th - "Search For Santa" Meet your "Ride Elf", Andy Neumann, at 9:00 a.m. at Robert's School by Yates Cider Mill at 23 and Dequindre for a mountain bike ride which will follow Paint Creek Trail.

Monday, January 1, 1990 - First Dozen Ride - Meet your ride leader, Mike Holden, at the registration area for this ride. More details are to come on the hotline.

Friday, January 12 - Sunday, January 14 Clinton River Riders Attack at Stokely Creek, Sault Saint Marie, Ontario. Details follow



On the Road with Duane and E.A.

Dear Club Members:

We are travelling in the South Island now and the riding is lots of fun if not challenging. Our route will take us right around the coast here. It's not flat at all, but we are avoiding the biggest climbs that are in the center. The Southern Alps run down the center of the island. They are beautiful snow capped mountains, with glaciers, and are nice to look at but not so much fun to climb.

We went down the westside first. It is very wet but very green. There are alot of "scenic reserves" which are native forests and bush which haven't been cut down for grazing or crops growing. The forests were some of the greenest we have seen. Everything was green including the tree trunks which were covered in moss. We soon learned why we started getting 1 or 2 inches of rain at night. The locals were still complaining of drought. We thought they were kidding at first.

The annual rain fall in some areas is 200 inches. By those standards it was a dry year and we were grateful. Last year at this time they had tremendous flooding. One man told us how he saw 24 inches in 24 hours. Wow!! For us it wasn't too bad during the day, the rain was warm, but we did resort to drainage trenches around the tent one very wet night. The nice thing was everything was pretty dry by morning so we could pack it.

Our wet spell ended when we crossed the Hoast Pass. The days became sunny and hot as we left the coast and headed for the lakes region. The lakes are a beautiful turquoise color and sit in the middle of the island

tucked up into the east side of the mountains. The color comes from glacial runoff and it makes for some spectacular views. They were originally glaciers themselves and are very deep and cold. We had no desire to swim. We got enough pleasure just riding around them. On a calm morning we would watch the reflection of the mountains on the lake and listen to all the interesting bird calls. A lot of the lakes don't have any houses on them it's all bushland. We enjoyed a lot of lakeside camping through there.

We arrived in Queenstown on a Saturday. It is the biggest tourist town in New Zealand and is open 7 days a week all day. About 30% of the shops sell souvenirs, about 30% sell tourist clothing like wool sweaters and printed sweatshirts, and about 30% sells adventure. The rest sell everyday necessities like food and hardware supplies. The adventures include everything from jib boating to skiing to white water rafting or you could slow down a little and take a ride on a 1912 steamboat and join in for a sing-a-long after dinner. There were biking adventures and bikes for rent, or you could sit back and watch a video about the area. There are plane rides, helicopter flights and gondola rides up one of the hills. If you want to stay closer to the ground there is an amusement ride that simulates what a plane ride would feel like. There are also numerous snow ski adventures but they are winding down for summer. The big thrill is Bungy jumping. For \$80-120 you can jump from a bridge to a raging river below with only a rubber band tied around your ankles. Oh, the price does include a t-shirt. If the rubber band breaks the government here picks up the tab for liability.

The government pays for all accidental injuries so there is less suing. It covers medical, lost wages and replacement of damaged goods. It sounds wonderful to us so far. It would be nice to learn more about it. Maybe we could adopt it in the states. A friend of ours who is a resident here had a bike accident and told us it paid for the doctor and the stitches he received, a day off work, repairs to the bike and for the loss of an expensive sweater he was wearing at the time.

After 2 days in Queenstown we left by way of the 1912 steamboat. It dropped us off on the other side of the lake and we rode down to Invercargill by way of the back roads and sheep stations. We even got an invitation to stay on a deer farm. There are a lot of deer farms here but most of the meat is imported. We have never seen venison at the butchers. They also sell antlers, for medicinal purposes. They can get as much money from 6 years of antler sales as they can from the sale of the deer itself.

Invercargill was as far south as we went. There are 3 islands but we didn't go the Stewart Island. We are now working our way up the coast on the east side but will tell you about that in our next letter. Take care.

Happy cycling,
Duane and Elizabeth

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS
PRESENTS
ATTACK AT STOKELY CREEK

LEAVE: Friday, January 12, 1990 6:00 PM, (place to be announced later)

LODGING: Water Tower Inn, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada
The hotel has an indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, and even an ice cold waterfall. Included with 2 nights lodging is breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday night.
COST: \$110.00/person @ 2/room, OR, \$75.00/person @ 4/room

TRANSPORTATION: We currently have 2 volunteers with vans able to take 6 or 7 people each. We may need more drivers depending on turnout. Cost is \$20.00 per rider paid to driver when we leave.

FRIDAY and SUNDAY DINNER: Fast food stop in Gaylord.

X/C SKIING: Stokely Creek, 120 kilometers of groomed trails. \$10.00 per day trail fee.

ALPINE SKIING: Searchmont, 700 ft vertical, 15 trails, double and triple chairlifts.

DEPARTURE: Leave Sault Ste. Marie around 2:30 PM Sunday January 14, arrive in Detroit around 9:00 PM with a dinner stop in Gaylord.

X/C RENTALS: Raupps Campfitters, 421 S. Washington, Royal Oak, 5 blocks south of 11 mile rd, \$17.50 plus deposit Thur-Mon.

TIDBITS: If this is your first time X/C skiing, bring the following items: 3 layer system of clothing, hat, fanny pack to carry box fruit juices and granola bars, mittens, extra socks. Ski lessons are available at Stokley or Bob and I can get you started with the basics. Also, both ski areas serve some kind of lunch.

HELP!!!!!!!!!!: This is the first trip Bob and I have organized. If you have any suggestions, or can help in any way let us know.

DON'T FORGET: lip balm, Voter Registration Card, extra socks, juice boxes trail snacks, skis (both types if you want to do X/C and Alpine), poles, boots, bindings, face mask or scarf, waxes, bathing suit, sun screen, Canadian Moolah, etc.

QUESTIONS: Call Gary Haelewyn (H) 286-5094 (W) 643-5887.
Bob Latsko (H) 939-2788 (W) 643-2905.

*Merry Christmas
to
Everyone*

CLUB RENEWAL NOTICE

1990 club dues are due January 1, 1990! In order to validate our records, please fill out and return the following form with your membership dues.

Make checks payable to: **Clinton River Riders**
Return to: **Clinton River Riders**
36558 Moravian
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Note: We are asking for member's birthdays. This information will only be used for social purposes to acknowledge people's birthdays in the newsletter (don't worry, birth year will not be given).

**CLINTON RIVER RIDER
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Mailing Name (first and last): _____

Address:
Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____
If you do not want your phone number published in the club roster, please check here _____.

Type of Membership: _____ Individual (\$7.50) _____ Family (\$10.00)

MEMBER NAMES
(first and last)

BIRTHDAY
(month & day; year is optional)

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