



December 1994

Many Thanks BWR Committee Heads, Committees, and Club Members

by Ron Smith

I want to thank all the club members and especially the BWR committee heads for their hard work that made the 1994 BWR one of the most successful club rides in recent years. It is this hard work and dedicated effort by the club members that makes the BWR a successful ride and the Clinton River Riders a successful bike club. In particular, I want to thank the various committee heads who put their committees to work during the year and on the day of the ride. They are:

Publicity:

Doug MacDermaid

George Zloistro

T-shirt Design:

Debbie Capoferi

Day of Ride:

Diane Baker

Finance:

Bill Duemling

Elizabeth Nieman

Rest Stops:

Laurie Brickner

Sag, Route & Maps:

Bill Cleland

Ed Rogers

Along with all their hard work, these folks regularly attended BWR steering committee meetings almost every month during the year to do the planning, organizing, and resolve problems and issues.

BWR Outstanding Issues to be Resolved

As we look ahead to 1995 and a new BWR, several issues have come up and/or been identified that should be addressed and resolved by the BWR Steering Committee and BWR Coordinator for 1995. While I mentioned these items last month at the club meeting, I thought it would be helpful to also list them in the Rambler.

1. Appoint chair, vice-chair, and various committee heads as soon as possible.
2. Resolve route changes for 1995 and for 1996 rides (i.e. start in Marine City, add a short route, and possibly add an alternate mountain bike route), or continue with the ride as presently being done.
3. Police involvement in an enforcement capacity as riders.
4. Lunch stop changed to the U.S. side or continued in Canada.

Next Meeting:

January 9, 1995 7:00pm.
at the Mt. Clemens recreation
Center
300 Groesbeck (at Lafayette)

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Elizabeth Nieman 752-2770

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Diane Baker 247-5694

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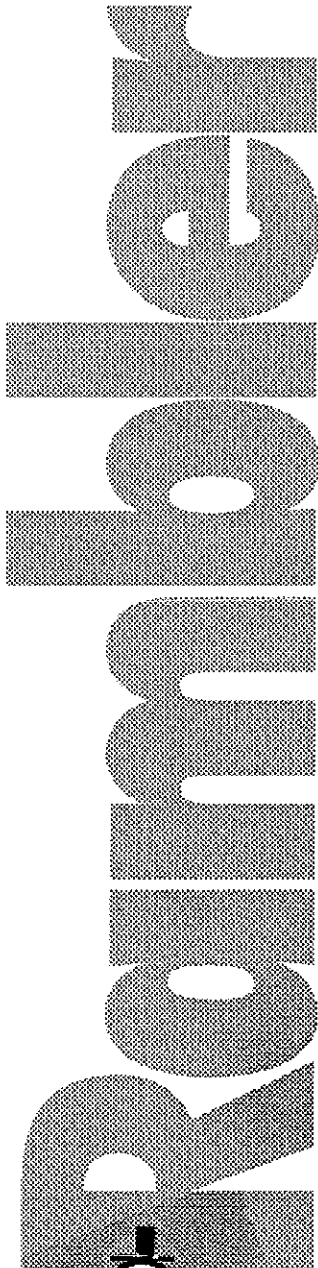
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Hotline:

792-4670



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

5. Explore sponsorship for 1995 and 1996 rides. Pavlat's continued monetary sponsorship and staff support needs to be explored and determined, especially in light of their recent change in business operations. Other possibilities such as additional sponsorship like a local hospital, etc.
6. Reconcile 1994 BWR expenditures with budgeted amounts by committee, determine variances, evaluate variances, and develop 1995 budget.
7. Split sag committees, map and route committees.
8. Attempt to get paramedic can support as part of the ride support.
9. Update CRR membership brochure and add as stuffer to ride packet.
10. Resolve Trek wrench force participation for 1995 (should be decided by late December of 1994).
11. Make up "parking" and "parking full" signs for Day of Ride committee.
12. Evaluate survey results from ride and conduct a similar survey in 1995.
13. New road stencils with club symbol of some kind.
14. Revise applications with shorter liability clause if possible.
15. Change ride momento (possible use of any sponsorship funds).

CRR Elections

Elections will be held at the January meeting. You can only vote if your 1995 dues have been paid.

The following members have been nominated for positions on the Executive Board.

Diane Baker - President
 Gary Haelewyn - Ride Director
 Pennie Morauski - Treasurer
 Julie Windhorst - Secretary

More nominations will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Rails to Trails Job Opening

The Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national conservation and recreation organization devoted to enhancing America's communities and countryside's by converting thousands of miles of abandoned rail corridors, and connecting open space, into a nationwide network of public trails is seeking an Events Specialist.

Primary responsibilities include:

1. Coordinating all facets of the Detroit Free Press **MICHIGANDER** fat tire bicycle tour including, public relations, route layout, and

volunteer staff management. This is the Chapter's primary fundraising and promotional activity.

2. Conducting other Chapter events such as the Chapter Annual Meeting.
3. Assisting with office support duties such as mailings, phones, etc.
4. Assisting with the Chapter's program, outreach, membership, and organizational goals contained in the Chapter's Annual Work Plan.

Qualifications:

- Proven experience in planning, organizing, and conducting a major fundraising event.
- Demonstrated skills in recruiting, organizing and managing volunteers.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Excellent public speaking and writing skills.
- Proven strengths as a problem solver.
- Ability to interact with a wide variety of populations.
- Computer skills in word processing required; database management skills desired.

Structure: The Michigan Chapter Events Specialist is under the supervision of the Chapter Coordinator. Activities are coordinated with the Chapter Board of Trustees and other members of the national staff, as appropriate. This position is based in Lansing, Michigan,

To Apply: Send resume and salary requirements by November 30, 1994 to:

Chapter Coordinator
 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Michigan
 Chapter
 913 W. Holmes, Suite 145
 Lansing, MI 48910

Equal Opportunity Employer

Ride Schedule

Call the hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates

Please ride safely.

Lights are mandatory for all late afternoon/evening rides.

Wear warm reflective clothing.

Recurring rides for December

Tuesdays 6:30pm. Meet Gary Haelewyn at Prestige Cycles for a ride to Metro Beach on the recreational trail. Dinner afterwards. Lights are mandatory. 22mi, 14-16 pace.

Thursdays 6:30pm. Meet Gary Haelewyn or George Zloitro at Prestige Cycles for a ride to Metro Beach on the recreational trail. Lights are mandatory. 22mi, 14-16 pace.

Saturdays 9:00am. Meet Doug MacDermaid at Schultz Funeral Home for a breakfast ride. 25-30mi, 14-16 pace.

Sundays 9:00am. Meet at the Stoney Creek West Branch Parking Area for a mountain bike ride. 40mi, fast pace.

Scheduled rides for December

Sunday, December 11, 6:00pm. Meet Laurie Brickner and Doug MacDermaid at Schultz Funeral Home for a Christmas lights ride. 20mi, easy pace. Lights are Mandatory,

Sunday, December 18, 8:30am. Meet Duane and E.A. at the Romeo High School for a breakfast ride. 43mi, 14-16 pace.

Scheduled activities for December/January/February

Sundays, 9:00am. Meet Doug MacDermaid for stair climbing at the Westin.

Sunday, December 11, 12:00-5:00pm. Prestige cycles need volunteers to help clean and or fix donated bikes to give to kids and adults who cannot afford new ones. Please call Patti at Prestige Cycles for more information.

Saturdays, December 17, and January 7 6:00-7:30pm. Walleyball at the Gateway Racquet Club.(8200 Irving Dr.) Van Dyke at 14 1/2 Mile. The cost is \$36 for 1-1/2 hours per court divided by the number of players. Call the hotline for more info.

Saturday & Sunday, February 4-5. The vertical mile relays will be held at the Westin Hotel. Volunteers are needed to time as well as stair climbing teams. Call Diane Baker for more info.

Happy Birthday to:

James Gallagher 1-1, Louise Maravich 1-1, Jeremy Dobry 1-2, Denise Kosen 1-2, Sue Scott 1-4, Vicky Smith 1-5, Lisa Ureel 1-5, Jim Wright 1-5, Susan Hrit 1-6, Jane Koch 1-6, Douglas Pertner 1-8, Patrick Crowley 1-9, Debbie Capoferi 1-11, Marilyn Opp 1-13, Nick Smith 1-14, Curt Best 1-15, Steve Schauer 1-15, John Maravich 1-17, Jared Bennett 1-19, Shawn Szostak 1-21, Eric Johnson 1-26, Mike Malloch 1-30, Jennifer Koch 1-31

Please Welcome the Following New Members

Terry Entwistle
Fred & Gloria Quinn

Baby Congratulations:

Congratulations to Karen & Len Redmond on the birth of their daughter Natalie Ann born on November 26.

Our Sympathies Go out to:

Pennie Morauski on the death of her mother

John Payne on the death of his mother

Editor's Note:

Deadline for the Rambler is the Wednesday after the meeting. Please bring items to the next meeting or call the editors.

Acceptable formats: Hardcopy
Preferred formats: WordPerfect 5.1 or ASCII format, any disk size.

Club Identification Cards

Club identification cards can be obtained from Pennie Morauski (treasurer), 14207 Castle Dr., Warren, MI 48093, by enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope when renewing your membership dues. These cards will be honored at many bike shops in the area, and must be shown in order to receive the discount. Remember, dues are from January through December each year.

Club Jerseys

Please contact Steve Morauski (810) 773-2213 if you are interested in ordering a club jersey

The following stores offer discounts to club members who show their Clinton River Rider Identification card. Please see the store for details.

Prestige Cycles
(810) 792-4040

Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority
(810) 542-7182

Fraser Schwinn
(810) 294-9168

Pointe Cyclery
(313) 886-9168

Mountain's of Bikes
(810) 412-0500

Antoons
(810) 247-9240

Sterling Schwinn
(810) 979-7570

Sterling Schwinn
(Rochester Hills)
(810) 652-1555

Big Ralph's
(810) 772-3258

Macomb Schwinn
(810) 756-5400

Cycle Nova Scotia

Dan & Beverly Feucht are planning a cycling trip to Nova Scotia this summer. At this point only an outline is in place. We would like to ride for two weeks during July or August. There is a seven rider limit. The tentative plans are for camping. If you are interested please call Dan at (810) 528-0557

Merri-Wheels, Inc.
Home of Team Tushasauras

Each year, the leading newspaper in Iowa, the Des Moines Register puts on the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). This is a seven day camping tour starting at the Missouri River and ending at the Mississippi river. They carry your baggage to each of the overnight towns, all you have to do is ride. We average about 75 miles a day. This year's tour starts July 23rd.

If you are interested in going, or need more information, call me, Dave Meriwether, at 810/628-0092 in the evenings. If you are interested, I can get registration blanks for you and you can either ride with Team Tushasauras or go on your own. Either way, if you are interested, I need to know about the first of January. I do have three professionally made videos on the tour if you would like to see the ride in action.

The ride itself this year, well, it was RAGBRAI. The route generally took us across the center of the state, we stayed about 30 miles north of I-80 most of the time. It was one of the prettier routes, IOWA IS NOT FLAT, because you could quite often see for miles from the hill tops. We had very little actual flat terrain this year and when we did, we had a head wind!

If you didn't go, you missed the re-routing on Sunday because a bridge was out. This added 18 miles of hills. However the Ostrich burgers in Harlan made getting there, even that nasty little hill west of Persia worth the effort.

On Monday, there were the Thunder Mug races in Manilla and climbing the hills into Vail, some of us forgot which state we were in (thought it might be Colorado) but Carroll was absolutely lovely.

Tuesday, the bell tower in Jefferson gave us a serenade and we had a tail wind from Grand Junction to Perry and Perry was alive and waiting for us.

Wednesday we toured the State Hospital grounds in Woodward and then crossed the Des Moines River Valley, a good drop and then a climb, but it was very pretty. We had a flat stretch from Cambridge, the only real flat stretch on the tour, but we also had a head wind. And if we timed it right, we got to cover a couple of miles of gravel in the rain. Marshalltown was very lovely, they

brought us in on the streets that had old, well cared for, mansions, blocks of them.

On Thursday the line dancing in Toledo started at about 0900, I don't know when it ended but they were having a good time. Team Strokin was dancing to their tune titled Strokin or something like that, and they were getting into it. From Vining to Atkins.

Friday, we hit the hill, the Stone City hill. We hit the same hill in 1991, and hope it didn't flatten out any in the intervening years. Anamosa was an overnight town in 1991 and just a day town this year, but they serve hospitality as the Iowans do throughout the RAGBRAI, only in larger doses. And after that it was through the wooded hills and on to Maquoketa.

Saturday was kinda smoke up the pavement for Clinton, but on the way we got to go down the yellow brick yard and watch high speed freight trains that seemed to be miles long go through town. In our part of the country they seem to know only how to rip up rails, not use them and it was refreshing to see, hear and feel these giants of industry. DeWitt was just starting to wake up when I went through, but the downtown area had been closed for us and the people were very friendly. I understand Elvira was really hopping, but it was fairly quiet when I went through. And then, we arrived in Clinton and dipped our front wheels in the Mississippi.

Each RAGBRAI I have been on has been different and I feel it is kink of like the ride itself. You can't describe to someone what RAGBRAI rally is, it has to be experienced. I can't really explain the differences between this year and last for the same reasons. Next years RAGBRAI will be July 23rd through the 29th. If you want to join Team Tushasaurus I need to know about the first of January. I will know the route the last week in February, but I will guess we will be on the southern side of the state. If there are enough members, we may get more exotic transportation for the end point to the starting point, and have a RYDER truck carry our baggage across the state and give our bikes a place to park at night.

Think on it, compare it to other events you have to plan for 1995 and see where it fits in.

