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### ISTEA Renewal

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act will be due for reauthorization in 1997. ISTEA supports transportation projects for non automobiles. It also has mandates for public input on transportation planning. Bicyclists need to be involved in the planning for transportation to improve bicycling in the future. See the SEMCOG article in this newsletter for more information on getting involved locally to plan transportation. The republican congress is probably not very receptive to supporting transportation other than more roads for cars. But taxes on cars don't pay all the costs to society for their use. People pay taxes and bicyclists are people too. Our present road system needs more maintenance. It might be better to use some of the money for repairing present roads instead of always building new roads.

When writing your representative, try to keep the letter only one page long. Explain what your point is in the first paragraph. Remember that they get lots of letters to sort through. Make your point effectively without insults. Individual letters are more effective than signing a petition or post card. Intelligent discussion will get you farther than being perceived as a fringe group. You have to show the representative how your ideas would be good for many of his/her constituents. That is how *grass roots* efforts work. We don't have the money of big lobbyist groups but do have voters that elect representatives.

Find out who your representatives in congress are, both US and Michigan. You can find out at your local library or city or township clerks office.

E-mail is available for some US congressional representatives. Last time I checked approximately 48 had E-mail addresses., with a few in Michigan. David Bonior wasn't on the list when I checked. You can find out more by sending message to "CONGRESS@hr.house.gov" asking for a list of representatives E-mail. Of course they have regular postal mail too, and telephone and Fax. Whether E-mail is effective or not is debateable. Remember that unless you are a constituent, representatives don't respond to you, they have to listen to their own constituents. They will probably want to mail you a reply by the US postal service (snail mail).

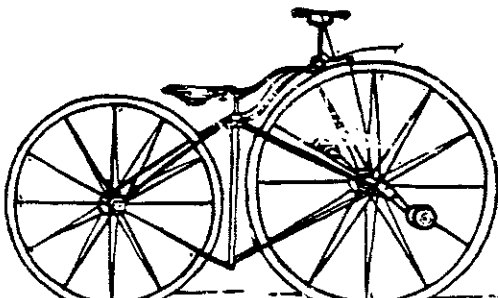
### GAS TAX Increase

There is some debate whether bicyclists should support a gas tax increase in Michigan to improve the roads or not because "they" don't pay it. Of course most of us drive cars and pay gas taxes too. Contact some motorists groups i.e. AAA for more information about a Michigan gas tax increase pro and con. Statistics show that Michigan spending on roads per resident or miles of roads is among the lowest of the 50 states.

### Next Meeting

**Monday, April 3 1995**  
**7:00 p.m. at Mt. Clemens**  
**Recreation Center**  
**300 Groesbeck (at Lafayette)**

<b>President</b>	
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Warren Berthelsen	781-6706



## Ride Schedule

Call the hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates. Scheduled events are dependent on the weather. Lights are mandatory for evening rides. Dress warm and ride safely.

### Recurring rides for March

**Saturdays 10:00 am:** Meet Doug McDermaid or another ride leader at Schultz Funeral home 8½ and Gratiot. Approximately 25 miles with a breakfast stop 14-16 mph.

**Sundays 9:00 a.m.:** Meet John Payne at Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority bike shop, 1109 S. Washington, Royal Oak, MI for 25 mile ride at 12-14 mph. Rides will start on March 26.

### Scheduled rides for March

**Sunday, March 19, 8:00 a.m.:** Meet Patrick O'Moorman for the annual St. Patrick's day ride. Breakfast will be at the Old Broadway Cafe on Gratiot in downtown Mt. Clemens across from the New County Bldg. Ride will have two 15+ mile loops starting from parking lot on New St. and Pine (just around the corner) after breakfast. First loop will start at 9:00 a.m. and second at 10:30 a.m. 14-16 mph pace. Bring locks and long johns and your green items or shamrocks.

**Sunday, March 26 8:30 a.m.:** Meet Duane & Elizabeth Nieman at Romeo High school (on 32 mile/W St. Clair, 1/2 mile west of Van Dyke/Main street) for a ride to Dryden VFW for pancake breakfast. Approximately 40 miles round trip, 14-16 mph. Road bikes or mountain bike route optional.

### Scheduled activities for March

**Wally Ball: Saturday 6:00-7:30p.m. March 25** at Gateway Racquet ball center, 14½ mile and Van Dyke behind the Premier Center. Cost is \$36 per court divided by the number of people. Call the hotline for more information.

**Bike Feast:** the bike feast in Westland March 12 had good food and entertaining/informative slide shows. The Human Powered Vehicles club had several on display and showed video and slides of HPV's that have gone 65+mph on level ground. Elizabeth and Duane Nieman put on a slide show with Sue & Jerry Pavlat's help, about their two year bicycle tour around the world. Started in Romeo, MI rode across the northern states. Then through Canada to Alaska, flew to Hawaii for a few weeks then to Australia for 9 months, New Zealand for a month and flew back to California to ride across the southern states back home. Rick Moorman won a fanny pack, Pam Dyer a helmet, Toni Cleland a gift certificate, Ted Gondert a \$20 gift certificate from Prestige Cycles.

### Cycle Nova Scotia

Contact Dan or Beverly Feucht (810) 528-0557 if you are interested in going on two week bike tour in Nova Scotia from July 22 to August 6. Plans call for camping with sag van.

**Square Dancing: Friday, April 21, 1995.** doors open at 7:00 p.m. dancing starts 8:00 p.m. sharp! Clawson K of C Hall, 870 Main St. (Livernois) between 14 & 15 mile rd. \$7.00 per person, includes snacks-beer-soft drinks. Reserve tickets by April 17. Call John Gentilia (810) 879-7660 for information.

### Blue Water Ramble

Diane Baker has volunteered to chair the BWR committee. It's time we start planning BWR 1995, Oct. 1. Please contact Diane Baker (810) 247-5694(h) (810) 756-3131(w) to volunteer for sub-committees or other ways you can help. **Day of Ride-** Dave Courter, **Promotion-** Steve & Debbie Angst, **Registration-** Bill Duemling, **Rest Stops-** ??? open. The application has to be designed soon to have time to get printed and distributed. Contact Bill Duemling to help.

### Ride Leader meeting:

**Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. at Rick Jones' house.** People interested in leading rides this year are invited to come to the meeting to discuss what kind of rides they want and how to lead them. Call Rick at (810) 879-2490 for information.

### Club Jerseys

New club jerseys have been ordered from Louis Garneau Inc. and might be available at the April meeting. Contact Steve or Pennie Morauski if you wish to reserve one. (810) 773-2213

### Happy Birthday to:

Rick Jones 4-2, Josh Brehler 4-4, William Lajack 4-7, Dorothy Smith 4-11, Nicole Malloch 4-12, Laura Schmelzer 4-17, Matthew Moorman 4-24, Rebecca Holden 4-27, Hank Thoenes 4-27

### Welcome New Members:

Nicholas & Nancy Podkoway, Donald & Linda Dahlke, David Webb, Richard & Gayle Barry, Janice Tuck and family.

### Stair Climbing

The Clinton River Riders and Doug MacDermaid received a thank you letter for their help with the stair climbing event for the American Heart Association. It was at the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit. Doug organized the volunteers. Two hundred participants raised \$11,000 for the charity.

**Wanted:** Soft female saddles for experimental use, contact Gary Haelewyn (810) 286-6094

**Editors Note:** Please submit articles and information for the newsletter by Wednesday after the meeting. Mail it to me, 356 Third St., Romeo MI 48065-4804 or modem/fax it to me if you call first so I can turn on computer (810) 752-7043 or E-mail ac557@detroit.freenet.org. IBM/DOS 3.5 inch disk ASCII, WP5.1, Microsoft Word for Windows or other standard format are acceptable too. Ted Gondert

## Winter Bike

The League of Michigan Bicyclists sponsored an informative and interesting conference in Lansing, MI March 4-5 at the Midway Hotel. June Thaden organized everything. George Zloistro, Bill Duemling, Bill & Diane Baker, Bill and Julie Windhorst, Warren Berthelsen (LMB director) and Ted Gondert from the Clinton River Riders attended. Guest speakers from around the country taught people from several bicycle clubs about advocacy, safety instruction, leadership, running a club, working with volunteers, newsletter, etc. How to effectively work with government officials to promote bicycling. Fundraising techniques were also taught by an enthusiastic Dave Sanford from Bowling Green, OH.

Diane Baker helped present a seminar about teaching bicycle safety and Bill Duemling helped with an Electronics Communication seminar.

There are many bicycle forums on America On Line including *Bicycling* magazine and the League of American Bicyclists (was LAW). Contact Noel Weyrich from Philadelphia PA, who is the Director of State & Local Advocacy for LAB (a.k.a. LAW) at [BIKENOEL@aol.com](mailto:BIKENOEL@aol.com) for more information on working with government officials to improve bicycling.

MDOT has a non-motorized transportation coordinator.

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## 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 (810) 792-4040  
36558 Moravian Dr., Clinton Twp

Paviat's Two Wheel Authority 542-7182  
1109 S. Washington, Royal Oak

Pointe Cycle & Fitness (313) 886-1968  
20343 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

Mountains of Bikes (810) 412-0500  
42201 Garfield, Clinton Twp.

Antoon's Bicycles 247-9240  
13823 19 mile Rd. Sterling Hgts

Sterling Schwimm 979-7570  
2169 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Hgts  
878 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester 652-1555

Big Ralph's Schwimm Cycling 772-3258  
23521 Nine Mack, St. Clair Shores

Macomb Schwimm 756-5400  
28441 Schoenherr, Warren

## SEMCOG non-motorized Task Force

The South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) is the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. As mandated by ISTEA, they are required to include public participation in the planning process. SEMCOG's executive council has authorized the formation of several Task Forces to meet the requirements of the public participation.

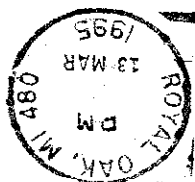
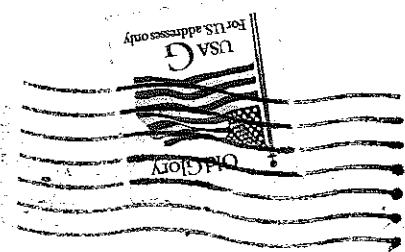
One of those Task Forces is the Non Motorized Transportation Task Force (NMTTF), which is now being organized. The staff planner responsible for setting up the task force told me in early March that the unit will be composed of up to ten (10) people. So far they are contemplating including a representative of the Michigan Greenway's Initiative (Larry Deck), and a representative of the League of Michigan Bicyclists (myself?).

SEMCOG is looking for additional people to fill this task force. If you know of anyone interested, willing and/or qualified to participate, please contact me as soon as possible. To be qualified I would suppose you need to attend occasional meetings during business hours.

I can be reached at (810)-468-2947 days, or (810)-752-6310 late evenings.

### Bill Duemling

PS from Marc San Soucie, [marcs@slc.com](mailto:marcs@slc.com): The Surface Transportation Policy Project (in Washington DC) and the Bicycle Federation of America have booklets describing how the public is supposed to be included in regional transportation decisions. Contact them for copies before you go into your first task force meeting. Good participation requires, among other things, timely access to draft of proposed programs, opportunities to comment on policy issues, and public hearings to allow the public to express opinions and raise issues directly before the elected officials. The ISTEA rules clearly spell this out. Make general public involvement the first agenda item.



## SUPER ANNIVERSARY SALE

Jerry and Sue Pavlat are seeking helpers for our SUPER ANNIVERSARY SALE at our Royal Oak store, 1109 S. Washington on Friday/March 31, Saturday/April 1, Sunday/April 2. As usual we put on a full spread for lunch (cake too) and provide beverages for all helpers. You have the option of being paid for your services, or can take a store Gift Certificate instead. Please call Sue, Jerry or John at (810) 542-7182 to choose your date and time slot. It's a fun way to spend some free hours talking 'bike talk' to other cycling enthusiasts! Thank you for sharing your time with us.

## Olympic Watch

Tickets for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta GA will go on sale May 1, 1995. Brochures and order forms available in January 1995. For information on how to obtain brochures, call ACOG at (404) 224-1996

## DALMAC

DALMAC, Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bicycle tour applications are out now. New this year is a quint-century (5 days). For more information contact Tri County Bicycle club (517) 339-1758 DALMAC, P.O. BOX 219, HASLETT, MI 48840-0219.

## Mio Adventures

June 10&11: Mio to Grayling, an overnight trip about forty miles one way. Overnight at hotel.  
June 24: Overnight ride for kids by the 4-H club in Mio. Will instruct kids on safe riding and minor repairs.  
July 8: Ride across Michigan on M-55. You will be sagged to Manistee. Ride to Tawas City.  
July 29&30: M&M ride, a one way ride from Mio to Mackinaw with an overnight stop in Wolverine. It's about 110 miles total for the two days with sag back to Mio from Mackinaw.  
Sept 16&17: MTM ride, the TOSRV of the North. A 210-230 mile ride from Mio to Mackinaw and back in two days with overnight in Mackinaw.  
Oct. 7&8: Mio Fall Color Tour, two days of riding and maybe a canoe trip.  
If interested call Doug MacDermaid (810) 939-4670 or Glenn Pelton (517)-TANDEMS (826-3367)  
Helmet required. Rustic camping available in Mio. Hotels fill up fast so call early.