



April 1995

NOTES FROM THE BWR CHAIR by Diane Baker

The BWR is off and running. This past Month I received a letter from the League of American Bicyclists. It has, Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Clinton River Rider's "Blue Water Ramble" was selected as one of the 1994 Century Challenge winning events. 75 participating clubs from around the USA competed last year. The BWR will be a feature story in *Bicycle USA* magazine. I like to thank again all who participated in last years BWR that made it a winner and real easy to write about.

BWR Sweat Shirts

The Publicity committee, is really organizing this year. At the April 3rd meeting it was voted to have sweat shirts this year over the long sleeve T-shirts. We are voting on the design at the May 1 club meeting. Bring your designs, 3 colors max, or send them to Debbie Angst by then. The committee wants to have the winning design on the application and be able to order a few shirts to display at the bike shops.

Patti Brehler, of Prestige Cycles, has agreed to sponsor our staff shirts. Pavlat's has agreed to sponsor our fanny flags. Thank you for your sponsorship. I believe we are still trying to get sponsors for the ride. Any ideas please call Debbie or Steve Angst, the committee heads.

The Registration committee, is asking for help with the development and printing of the BWR application. Any interested parties, please call Bill Duemling.

HELP WANTED

The Rest Stop committee, is really, really looking for a leader at the moment. The BWR has all committee head vacancies filled but this one. The job is well documented. Laurie Brickner, last years committee head,

has offered to help with any questions or hints. Please contact Diane Baker for more information or to volunteer.

BWR Meeting: Monday, April 24th 7:00 p.m. at Diane Baker's home, 50175 E. Bronte, Shelby Twp. (2 1/2 Mile and Schoenherr).

League of Michigan Bicyclists News

The LAB is asking for volunteers to help on a safety project with Target. Target is having a Wheels Around the World Festival the weekend of April 29-30 at the store at John R, south of 14 mile. The LAB have been asked to have bike safety clinics outside and a booth inside. The event will be publicized in the local newspaper and radio stations. It is a great opportunity to get safe cycling issues to the public. If you can help out for an hour or two on either or both days, please call Diane Baker 810-247-5694 or Warren Berthelsen 810-781-6706.

The LAB is also looking for volunteers to help with their Safety Literature Program. The safety brochures are bought in bulk. Help is required to count and package these brochures to the many organizations that request this information in Michigan. One can work at their own hours. If you can spare some time on this project, please call Diane Baker, 810-247-5694.

Next Meeting

Monday, May 1st 1995
7:00 p.m. at Mt. Clemens
Recreation Center
300 Groesbeck (at Lafayette)

President	
Steve Angst	(810) 573-8089
Ride Director	
Rick Jones	879-2490
Secretary	
Julie Windhorst	751-2991
Treasurer	
Penmie Morauski	773-2213
Editor	
Ted Gondert	752-7043
LMB Representative	
Warren Berthelsen	781-6706

Blue Water Ramble

Ride Schedule

Reoccurring Rides

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.: meet George Zloitro at Shultz Funeral Home, 8½ and Gratiot for 25-35 mile ride at 14-16 mph with breakfast after.

Thursday 6:00 p.m.: meet George Zloitro at Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority in Royal Oak for 25 mile ride to Cranbrook at 14-16 mph. Ride starts on April 20th

Saturday 10:00 a.m.: meet Doug MacDermaid at Shultz Funeral home 8½ and Gratiot for 30-40 mile ride at 14-16 mph with breakfast after.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: meet John Payne at Pavlat's Two Wheel Authority bike shop in Royal Oak. 1109 S. Washington Street for 25 mile ride to Rochester at 13-14 mph with breakfast stop.

Scheduled Rides for April

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.: meet Rick Jones or George Zloitro at Stoney Creek boat launch for 40 mile ride to Armada for breakfast 15-16 mph pace.

Sunday, April 23 8:15 a.m. : Stoney Creek Metropark East Wood beach. One quick lap each around the park with no drafting. After everyone is done with a quick lap, meet Dave & Sharon Switney at 10:00 a.m. for a 52 mile ride to Mt. Clemens for breakfast at 14-16 mph.

Sunday, April 30, 8:30 a.m.: Meet Duane & Elizabeth Nieman at Romeo HS (½ mile W of Main St. on 32 mile/W St. Clair) for 40 mile ride to Dryden VFW for pancake breakfast. 14-16 mph

Other Rides & Events

Metro Parks

April 22: Metro Beach Metropark is having their 5th annual Earth Week Clean Up Day. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 22. All registered volunteers receive : free park entry for the day and complimentary lunch. To register or get more information call 810 463-4332

Wheels Around the World

April 29, 30: Target store on John R. south of 14 mile rd. Bicycle safety instruction and riding techniques. See "League of Michigan Bicyclists News" pg. 1 for more information.

Square Dancing

Friday, April 21 7:00 p.m.: Clawson K of C hall, 870 Main St., (Livernois) in Clawson. See flyer in this newsletter.

MS-150 bike tour

July 8-9: This year is the 10th anniversary MS-150 bike tour in Michigan. Ride starts from Livonia/Northville to East Lansing for overnight at Michigan State University.

75 miles each way with optional 100 miles. Riders collect pledges for the benefit of the Multiple Sclerosis Society to help find a cure for the disease. Applications are available at area bike shops. Volunteers are also needed for rest-stops, etc. so if you don't ride you can help too.

Call 1-800-247-7382 or write Michigan MS-150, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076-4481 for more information.

The Clinton River Riders have supported the MS-150 as ride leaders since 1985. Steve Morauski is the CRR club liaison with the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the MS-150 bike tour fund-raiser. Contact Steve if you want to volunteer on the MS-150 bike tour as a ride leader to help the 1000+ riders make their goal of completing the 75/100 miles a day ride.

Metro Grand Spring Tour

Sunday, May 7 : at Willow Metropark. 12 to 63 mile routes also gravel road routes. Write: Metro Grand Spring Tour, 654 Moran, Lincoln Park, MI 48146 or call (313) 383-0286. Downriver Cycling Club

TOSRV

May 13-14: Tour of the Scioto River Valley. Columbus Ohio Doug MacDermaid & Laurie Brickner, and Frank Mottershead did have hotel reservations near Portsmouth for Saturday night. Contact them to see if available.

IDIDARIDE

Aug. 4-6: Weekend of rides starting at Adrian College with routes up to double century. Write: IDIDARIDE, 2851 Quail Hollow, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Ann Arbor, MI. Ann Arbor Ski Club Cyclists.

Bike to Work Day May 16th

Commuters in the CRR will organize some rides for that day.

Club T-shirts

Rick Jones will have club T-shirts or polo shirts made. Cost is expected to be \$8 for T-shirts and \$13 for polo shirts. Contact Rick Jones if you would like to order some. (810) 879-2490

Club Jerseys

Clinton River Riders jerseys are in stock now, custom printed by Lois Garneau inc. Contact Pennie Morauski if you want to get one, available at May meeting. Price to club members is \$34.50, the club pays \$16 of the cost. Members are asked to help with the BWR which helps to pay the costs.

Happy Birthday to:

Gerald Bartels 5/19, Denise Bartley 5/31, Eric Braun 5/8, Andy Anderson-Brehler 5/30, Bill Cleland 5/3, Stanley Dobry 5/29, Marilyn Drellishak 5/1, Rich Dyer 5/11, Pam Dyer 5/19, Matthew Dyer 5/12, Michael Holden 5/5, Roger Johnson 5/26, Lisa Koch 5/6, Steve Morauski 5/29, Kevin Morrison 5/12, Duane Nieman 5/25, Kevin Ostrowski 6/29, Doug Pizak 5/13, Moira Smith 5/19, Sandra Studebaker 5/16, Katie Thoenes 5/12, Kristina Tuck 5/13, Rosemary Woodby 5/19

Welcome New Members

Anderw Owens, Loriann Steeber, James and Joanne Zofchak, David Henry, Chris Davis, Susan Adams, Michael Curtis, Cathy Osip.

For Sale

Raliegh mountain bike, 18" frame, new Shimano XT components, Wheel Smith Wheels, 2 sets of tires, Rock Shock and standard fork, excellent condition. \$600 obo Call Dan Feucht (810) 528-0557

St. Patrick's day ride

Sunday, March 19 7:50 a.m.: A crowd gathers outside a downtown Mt. Clemens restaurant, the Broadway Cafe. Temperature is in the low 40s with a slight drizzle. The motley crowd is dressed eccentricly with Lycra, jackets, tights and green items on all. At 8:00 a.m. the doors open as the crowd rushes in. Who else could it be but the Clinton River Riders on Patrick O'Moorman's annual St. Patrick's day ride.

Everybody sits down at a couple of tables to order breakfast, "Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride" is our motto. Pictures of movie actors hang on the wall, special of the day is French toast with fresh strawberries. Some order the renown Broadway Cafe baked German apple pancake, a plate size baked pancake filled with apples and topped with cinnamon and sugar. After breakfast arrives and is devoured by the hungry horde, with some time for discussion, the crowd peers out the window to evaluate the weather.

After we all get outside, the rain seems to have let up so some get their bicycles out. Patrick O'Moorman is leading with his spouse on the back of the tandem. Doug & Lourie, Tim & Darlene, Warren & Barb are also on their tandems. We go out of Mt. Clemens, down Joy Blvd. around Selfridge ANG and over the bridge to North River Road. After riding around Mt. Clemens some more the stokers want to head back but Rick takes the scenic route. We arrived back at the parking lot with 17 miles at 10:30 a.m. in time for the second loop of 15 miles, but the rain has started again so nobody wants to ride. The St. Patrick's day ride is always a little cold it seems, Saturday before the ride was dryer. The previous weekend was great, sunny skies and temperatures in the 60s. *Ted Gondert*

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

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

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

Macomb Schwinn 756-5400
28441 Schoenherr, Warren

Mio Adventures

June 17&18 Date changed: 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)-TANDEM (826-3367) Helmet required. Rustic camping available in Mio. Hotels fill up fast so call early.

Law gives cyclists a choice: Road or path



VALICA BOUDRY/Special to the Free Press

Don Reed and June Thaden, biking in Traverse City, fought to end restrictions on cyclists. The new law takes effect Saturday.



Side Path Law

The *Detroit Freepress* Monday, March 27 pg 1B, had an article and picture with Don Reed and June Thaden of the League of Michigan Bicyclists from Traverse City. Article was about the new law repealing the mandatory sidepath rule. Now bicyclists have the choice to ride on the roadway even if there is a "Bicycle Path" adjacent to the road, unless a local ordinance prohibits it. Sidepaths are ok for roller skaters, pedestrians and children but are not suited for fast long distance cycling.

BWR Advertising

Contact Vicki Malloch (810) 979-4076 with names and phone number of people at your local paper who would write about the BWR, i.e. Lifestyle writer, Sports writer, Recreation writer, etc. She wants to get the Blue Water Ramble advertised widely but doesn't have time to find the right department/person at each paper.

Bike Expo?

The League of Michigan Bicyclists is checking for interest in a Bike Expo in the Metro Detroit area similar to the Bike Midwest show in Chicago. If enough interest is shown they will proceed further in developing it. Contact the LMB or Warren Berthelsen if you are interested.

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 modem/fax it if you call first so I can turn on the computer or fax (810) 752-7043 or E-mail me at: ac557@detroit.freenet.org IBM/DOS 3.5 inch disk with ASCII, WP5.1, MS Word for Windows, or other standard text editors are acceptable too.

CRR Club mileage leaders 4/3/95

Name	Points	Club Miles	Total Miles
Dave Switney	10	233.5	233.5
Sharon Wiseman	9	233.5	233.5
Rick Jones	13	231.9	231.9
George Zloistro	18	205.7	205.7
Bill Windhorst	5	161.1	161.1
Gary Haelewyn	7	137.1	137.1
Darlene Duskey	8	129.4	129.4
Eric Noyes	4	121.7	121.7
Gregory Shultz	6	102.4	102.4
Julia Schultz	4	102.4	102.4
Laurie Brickner	9	98.2	98.2
Doug MacDermaid	10	98.2	98.2
Julie Windhorst	3	97.8	97.8
Mimi Gendreau	3	91.9	91.9
John Edry	4	81.4	81.4
Bill Duemling	2	73.8	73.8
Sheila Jones	3	62.8	62.8
Tim Phillips	4	62.8	62.8
Barbara Berthelsen	4	43.4	43.4
Warren Berthelsen	4	43.4	43.4
Ted Gondert	2	43.4	43.4
Duane Nieman	5	43.4	43.4
EA Nieman	6	43.4	43.4
Oscar Balmaceda	1	38	38
Gary Green	3	38	38

Olympic Watch

Tickets for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta GA will go on sale May 1, 1995. Brochures and order forms available from ACOG (404) 224-1996 in Georgia.

EC Notebook #14

REASONS FOR RIDING ON THE RIGHT

As a serious cyclist, you know to ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as other traffic. If someone asked you why, though, would you know how to explain your reasons? This edition of the League's "Effective Cycling Notebook" offers ammunition for those times you need to convince a friend, neighbor, child, or co-worker why this is such an important aspect of safe bicycling.

FACT: Wrong-way cyclists make up only five percent of bicycle traffic, but make up 21 percent of total car-bike collisions. Many people believe that they are safer riding against traffic because they can "see what's coming"-but only four to six percent of all car/bike collisions involve a cyclist being struck from behind. Real safety comes instead from travelling on the road in the same predictable manner as other road users.

Reasons to Ride on the Right:

1. Motorists expect to find other traffic on the right. Wrong-way cyclists are outside of the normal searching patterns. This is especially important at intersections, where auto drivers may only be scanning where they expect to see other traffic.

2. Turning maneuvers for wrong-way cyclists are more dangerous and complicated because a cyclist must cross paths with so many other vehicles on the road.

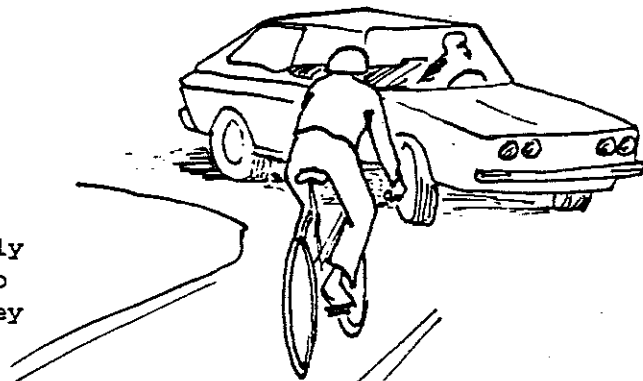
3. Wrong-way cyclists are in head-on conflict with cyclists who are riding correctly, which can result in a net speed of impact of over 40 miles-per-hour.

4. The speed difference between a car and wrong-way cyclist in the same lane is much greater than for cyclists riding correctly. Any impact, therefore, will be much more damaging. In addition, approaching motorists have less time to respond to the presence of a wrong-way cyclist. A motorist has more time to react to a cyclist riding with traffic, and more time to plan to give the cyclist adequate room to share the road.

5. Traffic control devices (such as stop lights, stop signs, and yield signs) and other important regulatory signs that apply to all road users can't be seen as easily by cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road.

6. If you need additional motivation, the Vehicle Codes of all 50 states require bicyclists to ride on the right with the flow of traffic.

There are exceptions to the strict rule of riding on the right, such as on one-way streets and when a cyclist is changing position to prepare for an upcoming maneuver. For more on these issues, see "E.C. Notebook" #5 (July/August '93) and #6 (Sept. '93) on Lane Positioning; also see "E.C. Notebook" #10 (May/June '94), "How Far Right Is Right?" Note that even in these cases, however, the cyclist is still riding with traffic and not against traffic.



GRAPHIC BY JENNIFER HORAN

In an effort to promote safe cycling behavior among League members, each issue of Bicycle USA features an Effective Cycling column. Reading and practicing the information and maneuvers covered in this column can help you become a safer, more confident cyclist. For more information and one-on-one interaction with an experienced Instructor, sign up for an Effective Cycling Class today.

This column is sent in camera-ready format to all League affiliated clubs and coalitions c/o the League Rep. for reprinting in their newsletters. If your club is not taking advantage of this benefit, and you would like to contact your League Rep. but don't know who that is, call us at (410) 539-3399.

