



# April 1996

## Blue Water Ramble

Pam Dyer and Vicki Malloch have volunteered as BWR committee chairs. Remember they need your support for the other committees including; **day of ride, sag, rest stops.** Please call them or sign up at meetings. October 6th, 1996 isn't as far away as it seems. We need to get started on BWR to make it a success.

## Club Membership Dues

Club membership expires in January. Please register by mail or at meeting. See application in this newsletter. Contact the treasurer, Greg Schultz. (810) 775-2208, 15130 Toepfer, East Detroit, MI 48021

**Editors Note:** Please submit articles by Thursday after the meeting. Mail it to: Ted Gondert, 356 Third St., Romeo, MI 48065 or call, fax or modem me at (810) 752-7043. If you want to FAX or modem something to me, call voice first so I can turn it on. Or E-mail to: "ac557@detroit.freenet.org" IBM/DOS 3.5 " disk with ASCII, WP5.1 or MS Word for Windows 2.0 is good.

## For Sale

Centurion "LeMans road bike. 58 cm (23 in) frame. Magenta/White. Tange no 2 tubing. Shimano 105 brakes, BB, HS, cranks, derailleurs. Exage Sport hubs, brake levers, shift levers. Well maintained, in very good condition. Asking \$175. (810)786-5911 Kirk Carolan.

## Right Hook

You have to watch out for those "right hooks" from cars that pass you to make a

right turn at the intersection. I wasn't paying close attention on April 1 at 22 mile and Van Dyke when a car passed then turned right in front of me. If only I had slowed or turned inside it faster. Should have noticed car coming around me before it was too late. I just got sideswiped lightly, but hit the ground hard. Car didn't get even get a dent. My helmet got cracked in the back, eyeglasses were bent and my seat is sore from sitting on the pavement suddenly. I can't ride much now, should be better in a couple weeks. The bicycle seems OK though.

Car driver was nice and we got together the next day for police report and his auto insurance. But it's better to avoid falling in the first place. Hindsight is 20-20, perhaps if I had been farther into the lane it would have been prevented. Van Dyke there has two lanes in each direction with center left turn lane. The right, outside lane isn't really wide enough for safe passing of car and bike, if you ride in middle of lane they might honk but at least they see you. They can merge into other lane to get around you. No reason to antagonize car drivers but you shouldn't cower by the gutter either. At least look back at intersections for cars that might be coming around but don't forget to watch for traffic in intersection turning left too. Remember to "Be Alert", we need more "lerts" (bad pun!) *Ted Gondert*

## Next Meeting

**Monday, May 6 1996**  
**7:00 p.m. at Mt. Clemens**  
**Recreation Center**  
**300 Groesbeck (at Lafayette)**

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## Hot Line

792-4670

# Ramble

## Ride Schedule

### Reoccurring Rides

Call the Hotline (810) 792-4670 for updates

Lights are mandatory on evening rides.

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

**Tuesday 4:00 p.m. :** meet Jeff Robinson at Prestige Cycles on 36558 Moravian near Garfield in Clinton Twp for ride on recreational trail to Metro Beach.

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m.:** meet Jerry or Sue Pavlat at MSU management training center on Square Lake and Crooks for fast ride in the hills of Oakland county. 20 to 25 miles to start, distance and speed will increase with the season. Bring lights in case of delays.

### Full Mood ride for women

**Saturdays 8:00 a.m.** at the Prestige Cycles bicycle shop on Moravian in Clinton Township on two Saturdays per month near full moon. April 20, May 4 May 18 are scheduled. Meet Patti Brehler for ride and clinic for women riders. Prestige Cycles is also site of the Michigan chapter of the WOMen's Mountain Bike and Tea Society (WOMBATS) Call 810 792-4040 for more information.

### Scheduled Rides for April

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

**Sunday, April 21 8:00 a.m.:** meet Dave & Sharon at Stoney Creek boat launch for 45 mile ride at 15-17 mph to Emerald Lake Estates. Breakfast stop in Utica after 30 miles, then 15 miles back to Stoney Creek.

**Sunday, April 28 8:30 a.m.:** meet Duane Nieman or Ted Gondert at Romeo High School for 40 mile ride to Dryden VFW for pancake breakfast.

### Tour DeStoney

The Stoney Creek one lap rides with timer are scheduled for **Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m.** May 8, June 5, July 31, Sept 11. Club members are welcome to come out to see how their riding speed progresses through the season. Need more riders, last year no lady's singles rode, just tandems and men's singles. Call Hank Thoenes for more information.

### Upcoming Rides

**Sunday, May 19 8:00 a.m.:** meet Dave & Sharon at Stoney Creek boat launch for 55 mile ride at 16-18

mph with breakfast stop at Green Street Cafe in New Baltimore.

### MS 150

The MS-150 bike tour-pledge ride for the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be on July 13-14. Applications are out, for more information contact the MS Society 2611 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield MI. 48076-4481 phone 800 350-0020. The Clinton River Riders have been volunteer ride leaders for the last 10 years. If you want to volunteer, contact Steve Morauski (810) 773-2213

### LMB Ride Calendars

The League of Michigan Bicyclists ride calendars are out now. LMB members have received them and they were at Bike Feast. CRR members can get one for free at meetings, etc.

### Other Rides and Events

#### Glen Lake Ride-about June 21-23

Various routes- will leave from Glen Arbor each day Contact Dave or Gail Komendara for further information. (810) 879-6474

#### Mio Adventures 1996

##### June 8 and 9, Mio to Gaylord

An overnight trip about sixty miles each way. Stopping at Garland's for brunch on Saturday morning. Then on to Gaylord to the Holiday Inn. Rooms are about \$80 (eighty dollars) each, all rooms are pool side at this time. Dinner will be at *Big Buck's*, a new micro brewery and steak house in Gaylord. Sunday will be back to Mio.

##### June ?, 4-H ride for kids

A two day ride put on for the 4-H club in Mio. This ride is an overnight ride for kids. They will be instructed on safe riding and minor repair.

##### July 27-28, Mio to Alpena then back to Mio

At this time we are still working for reservations.

**September 28-29, Second annual M-M ride the TOSRV of the North.** A 210 to 230 mile ride from Mio to Mackinaw and then back in two days. We will have an overnight stop in Mackinaw. Last year we had tail-winds on both days!

##### October 12-13, Mio Fall Color Tour

Two days of riding and maybe a canoe trip.

If interested in any of these rides call **Doug MacDermaid** at 810-939-4670 or **Glen Pelton** 517-TANDEMS (826-3367)

**Helmets are required!** Rustic camping is available in Mio. Hotels fill up fast so call early.

**DALMAC:** the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bike tour is **August 28th to September 1st.**

Applications are out so register soon.

Tri County Bicycle Club. DALMAC, PO BOX 219, Haslett, MI 48840-0219 phone (517) 339-1758

### **LMB family mountain bike tour**

**Kalkaska- May 18:** League of Michigan Bicyclists first family mountain bike tour. Routes from 4 to 30 miles. Registration by 4/15 is \$17 for adults, \$10 for children (age 4-16). Family of 5 or less \$45. Ride on forest trails and gravel roads. Must pre-register by May 10 \$22

Contact: Don Reed, 4765 Ludlow Road SW, South Boardman, MI 49680 (616) 369-2294

### **Shoreline Bicycle Tours**

The League of Michigan Bicyclists 10th annual SBT features several routes to choose from.

**East Route is August 3 thru Aug. 10, 378 miles** starting in Oscoda with overnight camping stops Alpena, Rogers City, Mackinaw City, Gaylord, Mio and Oscoda

**West Route-404 miles, Aug. 3-10**

Start in Holland with optional Saturday ride from St. Joe to Holland. Ride along the Lake Michigan shoreline to Mackinaw City.

**North Route August 10th thru 17- 362 miles.**

Start in the UP at St. Ignace with stops at DeTour, Sault St. Marie, Paradise, Curtis Engadine, St. Ignace. See Tahquamenon Fall, Iroquis Point Lighthouse, etc.

Applications are out. Call Shoreline Registration (616) 744-BIKE (2453) for more information.

### **Metro Grand Spring Tour**

**Sunday, May 5:** Flat Rock, MI. 10 to 100 miles.

send SASE to DownRiver Cycling Club, PO BOX 811 Trenton, MI 48183 (313) 383-0286

### **One Helluva Ride**

**Saturday, July 13** in Chelsea Michigan

Routes from 15 to 100 miles. AABTS-OHR, PO BOX 1585, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

### **League of America Bicyclists**

**GEAR and Rally**

**GEAR is in Millersville, Pennsylvania, June 7-10.** Ride in the Pennsylvania Dutch and Amish country of Lancaster County. Attend the Effective Cyclists class and many seminars about bicycling. Stay in the College Dorms.

**RALLY is in Dayton, Ohio, July 3-7.** Many rides in Ohio and visit the Wright Patterson Airforce museum. Take the Effective Cycling course and attend the many seminars about bicycling.

**RAT, Ride Around Torch Lake, Sunday, July 21:** in Elk Rapids. The Clinton River Riders usually stay up in Traverse City for the weekend at Warren & Barb Berthelsen's cottage on Old Mission peninsula. Call Berthelsens for more information (810)781-6706

**Michigander V: July 20-26:** Ride starts in South Haven and finishes at Metro Beach. The Michigander is mountain bike ride to showcase the Rail-trails in Michigan and provide riders with a scenic tour of Michigan towns and country. Linda Gorecki is the site coordinator for the last day. Riders will start in Clarkston and ride to MetroBeach. She needs volunteers to help with a rest stop and route planning. Prefer to use back roads and Rail Trails and other recreational trails. Sponsored by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. Contact Linda Gorecki at her office (810) 651-9260 if you would like to help.

### **Club Jackets**

The new jackets are on order. Contact Rick Jones for more information (810) 879-2490

### **Happy Birthday**

Gerald Bartels 5/19, Liz Bartlett 5/03, Denise Bartley 5/31, Eric Braun 5/8, Andy Brehler 5/30, Bill Cleland 5/03, Stanley Dobry 5/29, Marilyn Drellishak 5/01, Rich Dyer 5/11, Michael Holden 5/05, Roger Johnson 5/26, Jim McKinnie 5/04, Steve Morauski 5/29, Kevin Morrison 5/12, Duane Nieman 5/25, Kevin Ostrowski 5/07, Doug Plzak 5/13, Moira Smith 5/19, Katie Thoenes 5/12, Kristina Tuck 5/13, Rosemary Woodby 5/19.

### **Club ID Cards**

Identification cards for club members are available from Greg Shultz at club meetings. 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.

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  
42918 Schoenherr, Sterling Hgts

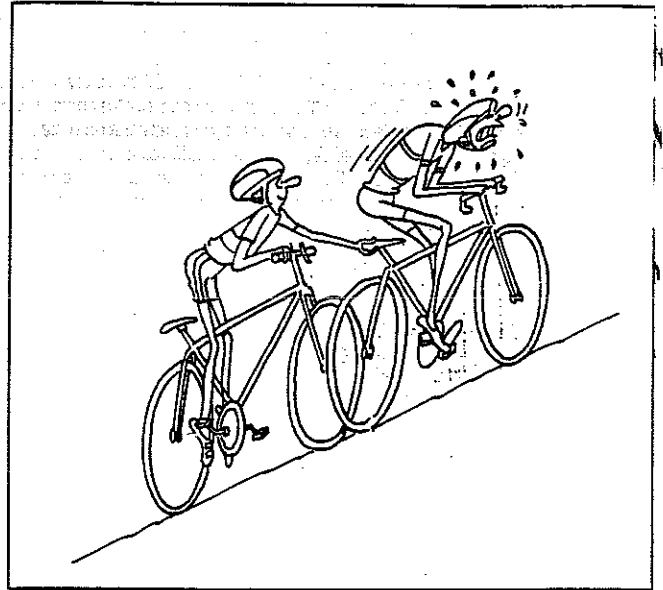
Sterling Schwinn 979-7570  
2169 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Hgts  
878 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester 652-1555

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

Macomb Schwinn 756-5400  
28441 Schoenherr, Warren

### New Bike shop

Romeo has a new bike shop called **Main Street Bicycles** at 112-B South Main St. where the men's clothing store was in downtown Romeo, phone 336-1117. Steve Gealy has been a manufacturer's rep for several years and decided to open his own shop. They sell Trek, Cannondale and Univega mountain bikes, some hybrids a few road bikes and GT/Dyno BMX bikes, supposed to get Mongoose. Also sell Giro helmets, Trek helmets, No Fear clothing, Louis Garneau speedometers, etc. They are still getting stock in so stop by and see what they have to offer. Now people from Romeo have a local shop to buy from.



"This hill is a bitch,"

#### LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS



**PEDAL  
FOR  
POWER**

#### A LONG-DISTANCE TOURING PROGRAM

Pedal for Power will again offer a cross country ride and an Atlantic Coast tour to support the work of the League of American Bicyclists. The League promotes bicycling for recreation and transportation, while protecting bicyclists rights through education and advocacy. Our program is unique in that it allows cyclists to improve cycling conditions by raising funds for the League. We also recognize that local clubs need funding for their programs, so we offer the option of splitting all the money raised over the base price between the League and your local club or advocacy group. If you are interested in a bicycle tour that can really make a difference, please contact us for more information.

#### ACROSS AMERICA

MAY 11-JUNE 25, 1996

LOS ANGELES TO BALTIMORE

#### ACROSS AMERICA WEST

MAY 11- MAY 24, 1996

LOS ANGELES TO SANTA FE

#### ACROSS AMERICA EAST

JUNE 12-JUNE 25, 1996

CHAMPAIGN, IL TO BALTIMORE

#### RIDE THE COAST

SEPT. 20-OCT. 12, 1996

MAINE TO FLORIDA

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
(800) 288-BIKE**

**"BACK 40" CHALLENGE - APPLICATION and RELEASE**

**FEE SCHEDULE**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For Ride:	
Postmarked by May 6 .....	\$10 _____
After May 6 .....	\$12 _____
Rhino Members .....	\$ 6 _____
Riders Age 12 and under .....	\$ 6 _____
Age 60 and Over .....	\$ 6 _____
For T-Shirt: S M L XL XXL	
Postmarked by May 6 .....	\$12 _____
After May 6 .....	\$15 _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED .....</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**RELEASE:** in signing this form for myself or the above named participant (if under 18 years of age), I acknowledge that I understand the intent hereof, and I hereby agree to and will absolve and hold harmless the "BACK 40" CHALLENGE directors, Kinetic Systems Bicycles, the Flying Rhino Cycling Club and officers, and any and all other parties connected with this event in any way, singly or collectively, from and against any blame or liability for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, inconvenience, or damage suffered or sustained as a result of participation in the "BACK 40" CHALLENGE or any activities associated therewith. I also hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of injury or illness. I shall abide by all traffic laws and regulations and will practice courteous and safe cycling.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about this ride? \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FRCC**  
 MAIL TO: Flying Rhino Cycling Club  
 "Back 40" Challenge  
 P.O. Box 815, Clarkston, MI 48347



**SAVE - MAP INSERT - SAVE**  
**"BACK 40" CHALLENGE**

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**Sunday, May 12, 1996**

Sponsored By  
**KINETIC SYSTEMS BICYCLES**  
**FLYING RHINO CYCLING CLUB**  
 and  
**JOHN BOWMAN CHEVROLET**

Registration: 7:30 a.m - 12:00 noon  
 Riders may start at 7:30 a.m.  
 For more information call  
 Kinetic Systems - (810) 625-7000

**A Dirt Road Ride**  
**Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12, 1996**

A Spring Tour of the "BACK 40" on Scenic North Oakland County Back Roads  
**SPECIAL NOTE: A portion of the proceeds from this event will be used to help fund the Clarkston School District D.A.R.E. Program**



**DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION**

**THREE SCENIC ROUTES TO CHOOSE FROM:**

- A** 17 Miles: flat to rolling roads
- B** 27 Miles: rolling to hilly roads
- C** 44 Miles: rolling challenging roads!

Traffic is light on all three routes - Use of fat tires is HIGHLY recommended - Use of helmet is REQUIRED.



