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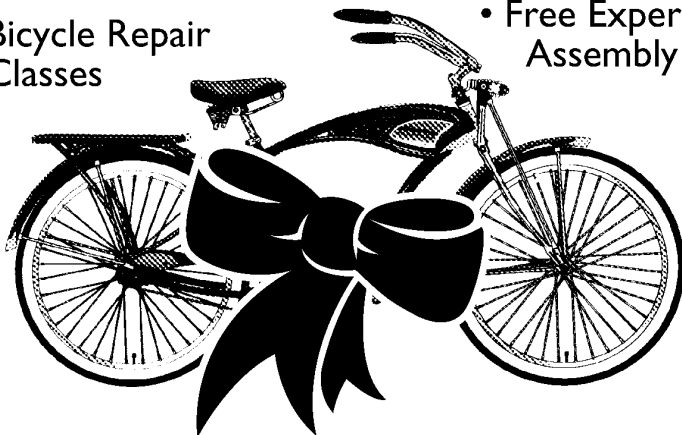
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# Gossip

The editor has given us orders to **keep it brief**. Too bad, too, a lot is going on. So, in vastly reduced space, here are some newsy bits for you to consider, dear reader.

We are sorry to note the dissolution of the Northern Ohio Mountain Bike Association (NOMBA). It fell victim, in October, to a malady we are seeing way too much of: **lack of participation by the membership**. There are too many victims in the cycling event population as well. Soon we may have trouble finding bicycle clubs, tours, and races because **too few seem to want to take the time to make them happen!**

The **BikeLine** store, Broadview Heights, was a successful franchise operation. Owner Sherman McKee has busted out of the franchise to take the store out on its own. The shop, at 7979 Broadview Road, is now named **"Bike Authority."**

Congratulations to Lake Erie Wheelers who recently got hitched ... married, that is! **Becky Lavish and Mike Drab** were married Oct. 14 after several years together in the fast lane (literally). DRGNFLY takes a bride! Good luck and good roads to you! (A couple of good kids!) **It did take a rocket scientist** to get married — **Dale Stalnaker** (NASA engineer) and **Magdalene Makris** (pharmacist) made it official Oct. 21. We met Magdalene, who is of Greek descent, and found her charming and attractive. The couple will live in Avon Lake. **All our best to the "Greek and the Geek!"**

Did you see the Oct. 6 article in the Sun newspaper about **Parma Municipal Judge Timothy Gilligan**? He commutes daily from his North Royalton home to his Parma courtroom (about six miles). No, says writer Debbie Palmer, Judge Gilligan does not ride in his robe. "I tried," he was quoted as saying, "but it kept getting caught in the spokes." That's a joke, son. Actually, what with **all those cops and judges on bikes out there**, we feel a lot safer. Motorists "in the know" might think twice — **the cyclist they abuse may be able to write a ticket or "throw the book at 'em!"**

That's all the news that fits. Have a happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, and Merry Christmas ... celebrate 'em all! We'll see you next year!

— *The Crank*

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# Transport Enhancements Moving Slowly

by Charles Pekow

What if they gave hundreds of millions of dollars for bike trails and it didn't get claimed? Unfortunately, the question isn't academic. Trails lie unbuilt, consumer information remains unwritten, and potentially scenic landscapes to cycle through remain eyesores. All because more than a third of the \$3.83 billion dollars Congress appropriated for Transportation Enhancements (TE) since FY 92 remains unobligated. This includes almost \$60 million in Ohio.

If states and communities don't agree on projects by 2003 (when the legislation's authorization expires), they may lose the chance to improve bicycling conditions forever as Congress could pull the plug. Why authorize scarce transportation dollars for unbuilt bike trails when motorist advocates and state transportation officials are salivating for more highway money?

Nationally, states have obligated (earmarked for specific projects) only 65 percent of available TE funds. The picture gets even worse than that: only 43.9 percent (\$1.68 billion) has been fully reimbursed (grant money fully spent). These figures come from "Transportation Enhancements: Summary of Nationwide Spending & Policies as of FY 1999," a report by the National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC). The Rails to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), which operates NTEC with FHWA funding, estimates that states are three years behind in TE funding. (Full disclosure: I'm a charter RTC member.)

During the 1990s, Ohio had received \$128,197,532 in TE money and had found uses for 70.8 percent (\$90,772,914), ranking it 24th of the 52 states (including the District

of Columbia and Puerto Rico). The state had actually spent 54.5 percent (\$69,883,079), ranking it 15th among states for timely reimbursement.

In a nutshell, TE works like this: Under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and its predecessor, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds states annually. States then choose projects to build and maintain recreational trails, provide education and information to users, acquire scenic easements, landscape, preserve historic buildings, etc. (see "Where It Goes," below). Historically, states have paid slightly more than half for trail projects – rising from 50 percent in FY 94 to 54 percent in FY 99. Unlike most other grant programs, however, TE reimburses for costs rather than providing money up front. States or local grantees come up with a 20 percent non-federal match — in cash, goods or services. Grantees don't seem to find this a problem – in fact they average a 27.4 percent match, way above the floor, NTEC found. Ohio communities, however, fare on the cheap side: They only averaged a 21.5 percent match for 183 funded projects, according to NTEC, barely above the minimum.

NTEC suggests that state grant competitions that favor large matches and local enthusiasm for projects contribute to the high matches elsewhere.

Since 1996, FHWA set 75 percent as the obligation goal, a standard only 10 states have reached. "Achieving a 90 percent obligation rate would put TE on par with other federal-aid highway programs, but this would require states to obligate \$3.5 billion over the next four years – 1.3 times as much as they obligated over the first eight years," NTEC's report moans.

NTEC couldn't explain why some states fared worse than others, or why states in general spent TE money at a much slower rate than other highway grants. It suggested possible snags: abandoning projects, underestimating costs, inability to meet matches, environmental problems, impacts on historic projects, contracting problems.

Other theories and fears range. Some state transportation officials may prefer to use the money for other priorities and therefore suffer from "a lack of impetus to work in the enhancements category," suggests Paul Weiss, government relations director for the League of American Bicyclists. "I'm sure there are certain factions that would like to see that money reprogrammed. ... It is still fairly new. We are trying to break down old ways of thinking, the predisposition toward financing standard highway, road and bridge projects and look in more progressive ways to solve transportation issues."

Franz Gimmler, RTC director of trail policy says that "some states have polices that stand in the way. In most cases in my judgment, it's implementation difficulties, procedural (problems), staff resources. Often these little projects, small as they are, are very complex. When fit into public procurement and public grant process, (projects) get caught up in some bureaucracy."

A staffer for the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, which oversees TE, indicates that Capitol Hill isn't too alarmed or even dreaming of cutting the funding yet. "I'm not concerned. It's not because the money doesn't want to be spent or people don't want to spend the money. For the most part, the reason the money is not being spent as quickly as some other transportation funds is most of these projects are passed down to the local communities to implement," says the staffer, who preferred not to be named. "They are not being implemented in the traditional way by state departments of transportation. States are leaving it up to the locals to implement them. There's a great learning curve going on with cities and counties figuring out all the legal things they have to go through."

To spur states on, 75 mainly national groups, ranging from RTC to Scenic America and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, have formed the Transportation Enhancements Committee in Washington, DC to try to spur states and communities to use TE money. So far, the group's biggest project involved creating the TEA Challenge, an awards program only state transportation departments can enter. The challenge plans to honor up to five states in December for "overall excellence in the design, promotion, implementation and administration of TE programs."

FHWA, for its part, is trying to help states use measures in TEA-21 to streamline the grants process, says Harold Peaks of FHWA's Office of Human Environment. FHWA's regional and state offices can explain how to streamline environmental reviews so projects don't have to wait years for full-blown environmental studies, for instance. States also enjoy some flexibility in terms of the matching requirement. They can approve some grants with a small or no match, as long as the overall match rate remains at least 20 percent. Also, states can use their own (perhaps simpler) procurement policies – not necessarily the federal ones, when approving bike paths not within federal highway right-of-ways, Peaks notes.

Despite inevitable bugs, Congress, the federal government and national advocacy groups have done their job in creating the program – now its up to states and local advocates to make it work. "From me sitting in here in Washington, I can go around and sell all the laudable goals of the enhancement projects but that's not going to get the money spent. It has to be done at the local level," Weiss warns. Echoes Gimmler: "There's no national solution. You have to get into each state and understand what is going on in each state and even then it's not easy."

NTEC praised Ohio as one of only four states it found that had recently increased citizen participation in project selection advisory committees.

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tion, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223, (614) 752-4686, fax (614) 466-0822, dseech@dot.state.oh.us.

For national information, on the Web, visit: [www.enhancements.org](http://www.enhancements.org) and [www.fhwa.dot.gov.tea21](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov.tea21).

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## Where it Goes...

When states *do* spend TE money, they like to pave a trail. Of all the possible uses of the \$3.28 billion programmed through September 1999, building and renovating bicycle and pedestrian facilities accounted for 39 percent of the projects (4,724 to be exact). This figure doesn't count rail-trail conversions, which accounted for another 14 percent (1,101 projects with \$453.8 million). Many of the other projects likely assisted bicyclists indirectly, including historic rehabilitation and landscaping, much of which takes place along bike trails.

The trail figures include 711 on-road bike lanes funded with \$195.1 million. Of all possible uses of the funds, bicycle and pedestrian safety and education programs scored lowest, with only nine projects using only \$230,968.

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# Medina County Cycling Map Released

CLEVELAND — Maybe you *can* get there from here! At least, in Medina County. As part of NOACA's effort to encourage people to use their bikes for transportation, bicycle suitability maps are being created for each of the five counties in the NOACA planning region (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina). The Medina map is the second to be completed. The first one, Lorain County, was completed and made available to the public in April.

The major roads of the county are rated and color-coded to show the skill level required (basic, intermediate, and experienced) to safely navigate them. A chart on the back of the map can help the user determine his/her own skill level.

In addition to rating the roads, the map includes off-road multiuse paths and bike lanes/wide paved shoulders. On the back are many safety tips, a summary of Ohio traffic laws especially pertinent to cyclists, a list of bicycle shops within the county, and some resources for cyclists, including contacts for local bike clubs and cycling instructors who offer classes to upgrade cycling skills.

The Medina County map is 18" x 24", multicolored, and printed on water-resistant paper. The cost for the map is \$2. Soon, they will also be available at bicycle shops in the area. For now, they can be obtained through NOACA, located at 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland 44114-3204, by stopping in the office or sending a check. For more information, call Sally Hanley at 216-241-2414, ext. 273.







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## Thanks to Everyone For A Great Riding Season!

### Welcome to New Members

**Gayle Morgon** of Painesville and **Marilyn Taylor** of Mentor. Welcome! We hope to see you come spring!

### We Need Volunteers For Next Year's Sunday In June

As the year ends and cycling activity winds down for the annual hibernation, do not forget that bicycle related activity goes on. The 2001 ride schedule needs to be established. We usually do this in January in an evening. If you would like to participate, have suggestions, etc. **please call Kim Boyd no later than the first week of January.**

Perhaps of more concern, **no one has yet stepped forward to organize Sunday in June in 2001.** Pamphlets need to be printed in February and designed before that. Preliminary arrangements are for the most part phone calls to confirm already established arrangements, decisions regarding price/cost, T-shirts to be or not to be, contacting volunteers for pre-event tasks.

As stated in an earlier message, SIJ funds club activities and defrays membership dues. Do we need the money? No, we don't NEED the money. The bank account is in good shape and maybe the CTC could survive pretty well for a couple of years without Sunday in June. However, it's much easier to keep an annual event going than it is to re-start it three or four years down the road. The organization "forgets" some of the know-how. Besides, area cyclists really like SIJ. They like the route choices. Good cyclists like the challenge offered. Novice cyclists are comfortable with the support provided. I've seen SIJ tee-shirts in New York State. AND riders are not required to beg for pledges. Once an event falls off the schedule it's a challenge to get it back on peoples' minds. If you're interested, call me. I can put interested parties together: (440) 543-2329.

— Kim Boyd.

### The Last of This Year's Rides

October 1st **Eddy's Fruit Farm.** A tuff ride. **Danny Winnie** said "I told myself, I haven't walked a hills in 2 years but almost did on this ride". Lots of members took the challenge and were rewarded with a great ride on a beautiful fall day and fresh apple cider. The banner "Eddy's Fruit Farm Welcome's The Cleveland Touring Club" was a nice surprise. Eddy's granddaughter poured cider and we had crisp apples. **Joe Chupek** bought and shared cookies and life was good. We made quite a splash with a great show of club jerseys.

October 14 & October 15 CTC **Stanford House Fall Weekend**. You missed a great fun filled weekend – if you were not part of the activities. Everyone in the state of Ohio seemed to be in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The planned ride was a “little” disorganized because all the parking lots were full. However, we managed to connect with most of the riders and were able to get them maps of the ride and alternative parking at the Stanford House. Several groups did the long ride, several groups rode the tow path “the flat ride.” After the ride CTC members and friends met at the Hostel for a great potluck dinner. It always amazes me that there is so much food and such a wide variety. We could have feed 20 more people. After we all stuffed ourselves we got creative and carved pumpkins. We stacked them up on picnic tables and lit them and the display was awesome, We awarded a prize for the most creative pumpkin, and I acted as prize guy/gal, and gave away \$25.00 gift certificates from **Western Reserve Cycle Sport** to **Bob Harwood** and **Dana Kalchoff**. We were visited by a creature of the night with wings/fangs and the skeleton body. “Who was that scary creature?”

Everyone was then treated to a lantern hike (courtesy of Dana) to Brandywine Falls. The moon was full and it lit up the falls and it was beautiful. Several groups rode a very late night ride on the tow path and the rest of us talked or hit the sack. It was cool to see the pumpkins glowing in the dark from our bedroom window. Some nocturnal creatures enjoyed the warm pumpkin for dinner after we were long sleeping.

Breakfast was enjoyed by the group that stayed overnight and some headed out to join **Eric’s Schultz’s Fall Color Ride**. A group of riders opted to hike instead of riding because of the rain/drizzle. Lunch of course was enjoyed by everyone. We are sorry you had to miss the great time, but hope you got out to enjoy the beautiful fall day. (Look for pictures of these two great activities on our web site sometime in November). — **Nan Horvath**

### **A Holiday Gift Idea**

**CTC Jerseys and Jackets** would make a great Christmas gift. If you don’t have one yet you can give **Nan Horvath** a call at **440-257-7562** to check stock. Short sleeve jerseys are \$45.00 and jackets are \$50.00 and right now there is a good supply.

### **New Club Ideas?**

We will be doing a special mailing at the end of the year with new membership forms and volunteer opportunity forms. We are looking for ideas for new rides and/or activities. If you have a ride you would like to map, please take this time off to **get it on paper and submit it with your membership form**. Rides that have a destination and multiple distance’s work great. Example: Eddy’s fruit farm.

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## LEW Club Ride Schedule

**Nov 5** 9:00 am Red Flannel Metric by Lorain Wheelmen in Oberlin 35/65

**Nov 12** 10:00 am Olmsted Falls Library start of winter rides - weather depending

**Nov 19** 10:00 am Olmsted Falls Library winter ride - weather depending

**Nov 26** 10:00 am Olmsted Falls Library winter ride - weather depending

**Dec 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31** at 10:00 am from Olmsted Falls Library - weather depending

**Jan. 1** 10:00 am Annual News Year's Day ride starting at 10:00 am from Scenic Park in Lakewood - Rocky River Reservation: rain, sun or snow. If the weather is real bad we meet and go to Einstein Bagels for coffee and hot bagels.

**Jan 7, 14, 21, 28** at 10:00 am from Olmsted Falls Library - weather depending

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Olmsted Falls - Olmsted Falls County Library Columbia Rd. just north of tracks by the covered bridge

Scenic Park in Lakewood in Rocky River Reservation just south of Detroit Rd. at the East Detroit Bridge in Lakewood

### Weekday Rides:

Regular Club Wednesday Evenings – Moderate to fast pace 20-30 mile rides starting at 6:30 p.m. from Kamm's Corner parking lot at Lorain Rd. & Rocky River Dr. (SR237) in Cleveland (behind Pizza Hut), Call Ed Wheeler at 440/572-1122 or email at [wheels@ameritech.net](mailto:wheels@ameritech.net) (These rides continue year round – weather depending)

### LEW WEB keeps club informed of late breaking news

To keep informed of late breaking news and location of rides during the year check the LEW club site out at: [www.Geocities.com/~bikelew/](http://www.Geocities.com/~bikelew/)

Also the web site of the Europe tour by club members can be seen at: [www.angelfire.com/oh4/eurobike2000/](http://www.angelfire.com/oh4/eurobike2000/)

LEW club email list is at [Bikelew@juno.com](mailto:Bikelew@juno.com). If you aren't receiving weekly ride updates and have email let us know and we'll put you in the address book.

### **Club Holiday Party —**

The annual Club Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2000 at the Petto cabin at 6889 Columbia Road in Olmsted Township, behind the house bearing that address. The party starts at 7 p.m. and there will be a night bike ride starting at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite snack or food to share. Check the club WEB page for more info or call Bob Parry 440 779-8392.

### **NEW Members — welcome**

Sheila Szabo, Cleveland; Kent Skurkey, North Olmsted; Thomas Fagan, Fairview Park

### **Cross Country Skiing at Chapin Woods —**

When the streets are snow covered or its snowing members often drive east to Lake County for some great cross-country groomed ski trails at Chapin Woods between 10:00 am and noon on Sundays.

### **Wedding Bells for Club Members —**

Congratulations to LEW club members that got married in October. Becky Lavish and Mike Drab were married October 14, 2000. Mike and Becky have both been club members for a number of years and met on club rides and the rest is history. A second wedding took place on October 21 when long time club member, Dale Stalnaker married Magdalene Makris.



### **Club Bylaws amended —**

Four changes were made to the club bylaws at the October club meeting. Article III was amended authorizing the President to make chairperson appointments to committees. Article IV was amended to require at least four club meetings a year instead of monthly meetings. Article V was amended to increase the annual club dues to \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Membership renewals are required by March 1 and new members joining after September pay half price.

### **Club Nominations —**

Nominations for club officers for 2001 were made at the October meeting. Bob Parry was nominated for President; Jennifer Hosea and Russ Marx were nominated for Vice President; Bonnie Vargo and Dan Izuka were nominated for Secretary and Bob Ugan was nominated for Treasurer. Some of these nominations were not at the meeting and may not volunteer to run for the offices. Election of nominated officers will take place at the November club meeting.

### **Four County Metric Invitational Ride —**

The Four County Metric Invitational ride was successful as it had exceptional weather and provided revenue for the club. However, the number of riders was lower than previous years and members at the club meeting discussed the future of the ride for 2001. The consensus was that the effort to put in for this ride might not justify hosting the ride every year. A proposal for a new ride was also discussed as a replacement ride to the FCM. Bob Parry and Tom Meara offered to examine the possibility of a "new and improved" ride for the next millennium.

# Cyclist Cleared in “Impeding Traffic” Case

*from the Ohio Bicycle Federation*

DAYTON -- On October 20, 2000, the Second Appellate District of Ohio issued its decision in the Steven Selz case. In a 2-1 decision, with Presiding Judge Grady dissenting, order that “...the judgment of the trial court is Reversed, and the Defendant-Appellant is ordered Discharged.” In layman’s terms, a slamdunk victory for Steven Selz!

The court issued a seven-page decision, written by Judge Mike Fain. Steve Selz was charged with “impeding traffic” while traveling uphill from a stoplight on Salem Ave. in the city of Trotwood. Importantly, he was *not* charged with violating O.R.C. Section 4511.55(A), which requires a cyclist to ride as far to the right as practicable.

Critically, the court held that “We agree with Mr. Selz that the ordinance cannot reasonably be read as prohibiting bicyclists from using a public highway.” The court reasoned that since Ohio law clearly permits bicycles to use the roads, this right cannot be taken away by simply prohibiting them from riding on any road on which a cyclist cannot pedal the stated speed limit. The key here was the evidence elicited that Selz was traveling virtually as fast as a reasonable cyclist could travel at the time he was ticketed. The court found that charging Selz with impeding traffic based *solely* on speed was inappropriate.

The court noted that, had Selz been charged with failing to ride as far to the right as practicable, the record would have supported a guilty finding. This statement, while not relevant to the holding of the case, was the only troubling part of the opinion for Selz’s attorney, Steven M. Magas. According to Magas, since the state had not charged Selz with this offense, the focus of the trial presentation on the reasonableness of Selz’s speed,

not his position on the roadway. Indeed, the position on the roadway did not even become “important” until the case reached the court of appeals when the city of Trotwood relied upon his position on the roadway for the only argument raised in their brief! Had the “as far to the right” statute been raised at trial, expert testimony would have been presented to show that Selz was riding appropriately.

Presiding Judge Thomas J. Grady filed a dissenting opinion in the case, arguing that the matter should have been returned to the trial level for a retrial. Judge Grady reasoned that Selz’s argument that he was traveling at a reasonable speed for a bicycle, albeit at a slower speed than motorized traffic, was insufficient to avoid a conviction. He felt the issues raised by Selz amounted to a defense of “necessity” under Ohio law. Judge Grady felt Selz should have a new trial and should have the opportunity to prove this defense.

Magas and Selz would like to thank Chuck Smith, The Ohio Bicycle Federation, and all those who made donations to the Steven Selz Defense Fund through the OBF. Magas handled this entire matter on a greatly reduced fee basis due to the importance of this case to the cycling community. Magas will be sending a copy of the opinion to the Ohio Bicycle Federation for posting on the OBF website: [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org).

## Spinning Program in North Royalton

The Johnny G spinning program is now available at Studio 82, 13499 W. 130th St., North Royalton. Spinning is a program of stationary cycling that incorporates an instructor, music, and a variety of intensities for maximum benefit. Clare Gales, owner of Studio 82 Dance & Aerobic Fitness Center said, “We are thrilled to have this program because it can accommodate all levels of exercisers from the beginner to the elite athlete.” Classes are open to men and women and free trial classes are available mornings, evenings, and weekends. For more information call: (440) 582-4211.

# Team Saturn's Nicole Reinhart Dies in Race

The entire bicycle racing community sent their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Nicole Reinhart. Nicole, 24, of Macungie, Penn. and the Saturn Cycling Team, died Sunday, Sept. 17, from injuries sustained in an accident while competing in the *BMC Software Tour of Arlington*. Witnesses say she hit a pothole at high speed, crashed head-on into a tree, and then struck the curb. She was declared dead on arrival at hospital.

Reinhart's enormous talent and unrelenting determination had brought her to the top of the US road scene, according to *VeloNews* writer Bryan Jew, to a position where she was fighting for the \$250,000 prize money in the BMC series, as well as wrapping up the overall title in the season-long Saturn USPRO tour. In just two short seasons of full-time road racing with Saturn, she had developed into one of the team's most valuable assets.

Nicole was leading the BMC Grand Prix by virtue of having won the previous three BMC Grand Prix races and BMC Software will use the \$250,000 bonus money from the series and will work with USA Cycling and the Reinhart family to create a foundation for young cyclists in memory of Nicole.

Thoughts, wishes and messages for Nicole's family has established a web site where thoughts, feelings, and photographs can be shared: [www.nicolesbench.com](http://www.nicolesbench.com). A Memorial Fund, in lieu of flowers, has been arranged.

A public memorial service was held Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome in Trexlertown, Penn. with the crowd reportedly filling the stands. The Reinhart Family wished the service to be a celebration of Nicole's life.



*A shining star — Reinhart rolling out as she was introduced to the starting line that Sept. morning.*

*photo by Jonathan S. McElvery*

Memorial contributions may be sent to:

*Nicole L. Reinhart Memorial Fund  
c/o The Ludwick Funeral Home, Inc.  
P.O. Box 25  
Topton, PA 19562*



## Nov/Dec 2000 Calendar

Day	Date	Starting Point	Destination	Distance
Sunday	Nov 05	Oberlin Community Cntr	Red Flannel	50 & 100 km
Thursday	Nov 09	Nordson Depot	Meeting	7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov 11	Oberlin Inn Parking Lot	Veteran's Day holiday ride	
Sunday	Nov 12	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Sunday	Nov 19	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Thursday	Nov 23	Amherst Powers School	Turkey Day ride	20 to 40 miles
Friday	Nov 24	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	Recovery day	20 to 40 miles
Saturday	Nov 25	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	More recovery	20 to 40 miles
Sunday	Nov 26	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Sunday	Dec 03	Oberlin Inn parking lot	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Sunday	Dec 10	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Thursday	Dec 14	Nordson Depot	Meeting	7:30 PM
Sunday	Dec 17	Oberlin Inn Parking lot	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Sunday	Dec 24	Amherst Powers School	U-Show	20 to 40 miles
Monday	1/1/01	Amherst Powers School Medina Public Square	Early bird ABCDEFGHIJ	20 to 25 miles 25 miles

### All rides start at 9:00 Eastern Standard Time!

By the time you read this, another *Red Flannel* will be history! As I write this, I hope we can have a third year of good weather. If any of you got kinda lost in Oberlin looking for the starting point, we apologize. At the last moment, the College wouldn't let us use the gym and parking lot. They wanted it (the parking lot) for parent's weekend and we had to find other quarters AFTER the *Crank* published.

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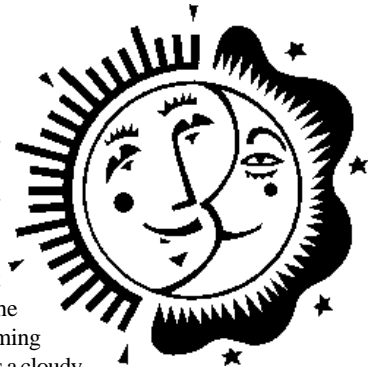
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# Solar Eclipse to Star in Yuletide Skies

Nearly all who live in North America will receive a very special holiday gift this Christmas Day. The moon will slip between the earth and sun bringing a partial solar eclipse to all, whether they've been naughty or nice. The eclipse will begin at 10:54 a.m. in the Greater Cleveland Area reaching its peak coverage at 12:30 in the afternoon. At the peak of the eclipse, the disc of the moon will cover 56 percent of the sun, dimming the lights considerably even (or perhaps especially) if it's a cloudy day. If the weather's clear, it should be quite a show, but there are few safe ways to view this type of eclipse. *It is important to remember that viewing a solar eclipse improperly can instantly cause permanent eye damage or blindness!*



The safest way to view it will doubtless be on television. Watch for news coverage, live or delayed, of the event. Another completely safe way to view it, and a great project for the kids, is to construct a pinhole viewer. One can be made out of two pieces of stiff white cardboard and a piece of aluminum foil. Cut a square hole in one piece of cardboard, then tape the aluminum foil over the hole. Next, take a straight pin and poke a small hole in the center of the foil. To view the eclipse, let the sun's light pass through the pinhole and on to the second piece of cardboard which serves as a screen. Stand with your back to the sun as you view the screen. An even better viewer, using the same principle, may be fashioned out of a cardboard box with the pierced aluminum foil covering a hole in one end of the box and a movable "screen" card inside the box. Leave one side of the box open to allow viewing and adjustment of the screen in the shade the box provides.

If a telescope (holiday gift or otherwise) is available, the telescope can be used to project an image of the eclipse from the eyepiece on to a white card. A second card can be used to provide shade for the screen-card. This technique will allow viewing of sunspots on the sun's exposed surface. **DO NOT LOOK THROUGH THE TELESCOPE AT THE SUN AT ANY TIME** and take special care when aiming the 'scope not to look at the sun. Amateur telescope users should also take note that you are advised NOT to use the so-called "sun filters" that screw on the bottom of telescope eyepieces. The filters, which come with some inexpensive telescopes, can overheat and crack during use and let through the concentrated power of the sun's light.

At no time during this eclipse will it be safe to view the sun without substantial eye protection — and we don't mean sunglasses! Among the very few filters safe to use to look at the sun is an arc welder's #14 glass (the kind they use in those big, bulky welding masks). These inexpensive filters block all of the sun's infrared and ultraviolet radiation and dim its visible light to comfortable levels. It is best NOT to use exposed color or black & white film, smoked glass, polarizing filters, or photographic neutral density filters — they all reduce the amount of visible light that passes through, but do little to stop dangerous infrared radiation.

Be safe and enjoy the show!

*For detailed eclipse watching information, pick up a copy of Astronomy Magazine (November issue) or Sky and Telescope (December issue), or visit their Web sites.*

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## Weeknight Touring Schedule

It get's dark too early now. Therefore, til next year, keep those rollers spinning and thanks to everyone for some great Tuesday rides.

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## Weekend Touring Schedule

Due to the weather it becomes very difficult to plan rides for this time of year. If, however, it looks as though the weather might cooperate, call or check your email to see if anyone else is feeling as foolhardy.

**Sunday - 9:00 a.m.** park in the Courthouse Parking Lot — and look for us on the square or in the coffee shop (12-15 MPH) — call Tom Dease or Dave Shultz for ride destination.

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## Mountain Bike Chapter Riding Schedule

*Effective November 1, 2000* the mountain bike club will coordinate all rides through an email distribution list or via the telephone. If anyone is interested in being on the email or phone list please forward the appropriate information to Linda Miranda. Thanks for your cooperation as we look forward to riding more great trails during the months of November and December as the weather permits.

Contact Linda Miranda (330) 483-4512 or email at [lmiranda@mircosolutions.com](mailto:lmiranda@mircosolutions.com) for directions or further details. Helmet required at all rides.

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## Hiking, Anyone?

If you get cabin fever and you have to get outside, dust off your mukluks, and call Lou Vetter or Email Tom Waterson (TLW@ohio.net) for a copy of their HIKING SCHEDULE.

# Invitational Rides

If anyone is interested in riding any of these events please contact Tom: 725-1058

**11/05** — 26th RED FLANNEL METRIC CENTURY — Oberlin 62/32 flat to rolling  
**1/1/01** — 25th ABCDEFGHIJ 24/12/2 Medina Square.

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## The Prez Says...

As this year ends I would like to thank all of you who rode with us this season. Your company and camaraderie made the miles fly by. While there were lots of new members, those of you that didn't make it were missed. This is not to say that the season is officially over because some of us will ride (weather permitting) through the winter. So if you haven't got your lazy butt off the couch yet, and you now have lots of insulation, a crisp clear winter morning can be an exhilarating experience.

There are still many programs and projects to accomplish. I hope we can do more with the Internet to keep the membership informed, possibly a web page with a bulletin board for those who are looking for an impromptu ride, or as a forum for new suggestions, rides and events. Your active participation in our club is what makes it a club.

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Please don't forget to renew you membership in January so Glen doesn't have to eliminate you.

Hope all your holidays are happy and may all your wishes come true!

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## Glen Scouts it Out...

My family and I rented a gorgeous home on the west ridge of Snowshoe Mt. in West Virginia .At an elevation of 4848 feet the view was spectacular. While there, we spent half a day mountain biking at Snowshoe Mt. I had a blast and gained a greater respect for all the mountain bikers out there, it was a lot of work . The trail system was well marked and they have trails for all levels even beginners like me! It was way cool to start out at the top of the mountain and ride down to the lake via trails, roads, and gravel access roads only to get on the chairlift, ride to the top and do it all over again. As for you animals the road to the resort is a six-mile climb, if you climb it you are the "man" or "woman" in my book!

We also made the 12-mile drive to the Greenbriar River Trail. The trail is 75 miles end to end. It starts out as a paved surface and quickly turns into a combination of double track, and sections of rather large driveway sized gravel.

If you plan on trying this rail to trail I would definitely recommend a mountain bike. The trail is flat but very rough. And although the people were friendly, I would rate this trail as not nearly as nice as the CVNRA towpath.

— Glen Hindgardner

P.S. The skiing looks awesome!!

# A Letter From Vetter...

THE LOUDENVILLE LOOP: There were five of us at the start. Tim and Jeannie, Charlie Horn, Tom Waterson and Lou Vetter. The air was as chilled as expensive champagne and the sun was bright in the eastern sky. Our first stop was scheduled to be The Wooster Inn, a restaurant at the Country Club right next to the College of Wooster. The ride was hilly but uneventful until there. It sure was embarrassing when we discovered that the Inn doesn't serve breakfast on Saturday. (OOPS!) Well cyclists are pretty flexible when it comes to adapting to adverse conditions, so we just mounted up and went downtown for breakfast. It started to get warmer as we rode out of town Westward bound on back roads, being flexible you know. A truck carrying a burial vault stopped me for directions to Reedsburg. In my most confident manner I directed him to go Southeast to Rte 3 which turned out to be totally opposite of what he needed.

It was about here that Charlie developed knee problems and insisted that we go on without him. Charlie toughed it back to Wooster where he procured a sag wagon for the return home. Tom called him later, from Loudenville using a cell phone, to see how he was feeling. Charlie was fine but his knees were killing him, mostly because he was missing out on all the fun we were just about to have. Sorry Charlie . . . even if this isn't a Star Kissed commercial.

We found our way to Route 95, turned West and I hoped that truck driver wasn't coming back this same way. Tom and I dropped back while Tim and Jeanie enjoyed their Tandem, another example of flexibility. They stopped every few miles and waited for us but we just couldn't keep up, the hilly terrain was killing us. Tom rode what he refers to as his beater bike; an old mountain bike converted to road use with smooth high-pressure tires and dropped handlebars. Tom carries only one water bottle on that bike so he was running low when we came to the town of Mohicanville. There is a church with an artesian well running all the time. It's half way up a hill on Rte.95 and that water sure comes in handy. Resting in the parking lot isn't bad either. Tom and I started up again (emphasize UP) and two miles later we met Tim and Jeannie coming back at us just as we missed our turn. One quick U-turn and we were all back together and on the route again (flexible).

The next stop will be Loudenville and the canoe rides. Of course we had to stop at Radar's Restaurant for pie and coffee first. I had Black Cherry ala mode (yummy). Tim and Jeannie enjoyed alternative pie. The restaurant sold-out of their first choice and they exercised flexibility by making a second choice. After snacks we strolled across the road to the canoe livery and asked if we could modify the route. That was fine if we could be ready to start before 4:00 p.m. The plan was to check in at the motel, ride the trolley back to the livery and finish our canoe ride back at our motel. Riding along Wally Road we waved at canoes and enjoyed the flatness. We checked in and realized we were out of time so we went into the motel restaurant for a beer (flexible you know). Next it was back to our rooms to sleep off that beer.

Later it was back to the restaurant for the evening special of prime rib. We seated ourselves and it took awhile before we realized a party of twenty was monopolizing all of our waitress's time. The hit of the night had to be the record DJ. His stage name was "Bart the Radical Dude" after Bart Simpson. He was pretty timid in conversation so there must be a big metamorphosis when he performs his DJ duties. We got sleepy after dinner so we went back to our rooms for sleepy time and didn't find out.

Checking out the next morning entailed making the motel owner's dogs bark loud enough to wake the dead. The office was closed so all we did was wake up everyone trying to sleep. Then, luckily, we made it out of the parking lot without getting shot and rode to Radar's for breakfast. Next it was Northbound on Route 60 to Hayesville where we turned East onto the Cardinal Trail. Five miles later we stopped in Jeromesville for water and snacks. The scenery along this route was beautiful. Scenery means you climb up some hill and then you can see for miles. Another five of those miles later we arrived in Reedsburg and I looked over my shoulder hoping I wouldn't see that truck driver. We rode to West Salem for lunch. After that we got to see the gassers and the rail jobs at DRAG WAY 42 (Vroom). Actually it was two pickups and an old VW.

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## Finishing up strong

That's how the season ended, thanks to our mountain bike team, as **John Hayden**, **Bill Gardner**, and **Rick Bennett** each had impressive showings at Alpine Valley Vulture's Knob, while **Scott Evans** not only finished strong, but started and continued that way too, as shown by his season-long dominance of the Sport Men's class at Alpine Valley.

Through 10/13, 46 riders had competed in 110 events (Westlake Training Races in parenthesis): Baddour 3, Barr 0, Behrens 13, Bennett 7, Billman 15, Bobick 0, Bodell 0, Craft 2, Cunningham Sr. 17 (12), Cunningham Jr. 21 (17), Eldred 23, Enyedy 16, Evans 12, Gaither 6, Galla 2, Gardner 4, D. Garrett 4, M. Garrett 3, Hayden 15, Howe 4, Hritz 3, Jackman 4, Jankowski 0, Jewitt 15, Koenig 0, Kovach 28 (17), Kriz 2, Maddock 1, Marcossion 15, Miller 18, Mullen 2, Papajcik 2, Plas 18 (12), Riddle 0, Rubick 6, Simpson 10, Stefancin 12, Vadini 3, Wagner 1, Weiner 8, Wilkinson 18 (13), Bosl 11, Anderson 3, Beller 34 (15), Gallagher 24 (3), Gamm 6, Hultgren 16, Hosmer 3, Lu 32 (12), Riccardi 49 (21), Stern 40 (17), Whitehouse 13 (5), Ziccardi 21 (8).

**Road** (CR - circuit race; CT - criterium; RR - road race; SR - stage race; TT - time trial)

Erie Racing Association ITT Championship, Erie PA, September 9 - Behrens (5th, Men 45-54; 21st of 79 Men overall), Gallagher (4th, Men 45-54; 19th of 79 overall).

Tuesday Night Training Series, Westlake:

September 12 - Bennett, Cunningham Jr., Eldred, Kovach (1st, "B" race), Riccardi (3rd, "A" race), Stern.

September 19 - Beller, Billman, Jewitt, Miller, Plas, Riccardi (5th, "A" race), Stefancin.

September 26 - Bennett (1st, "B" race), Billman, Cunningham Jr., Eldred, Lu (4th, "A" race), Riccardi, Stefancin.

ECM International Racer's Loop ITT, Cuyahoga Falls, September 16 - Enyedy (1st, Citizen Men), Galla, Gallagher (2nd, Elite Men), Hayden (3rd, Elite Men).

Erie Racing Association CT Championship, Munroe Falls, September 23 - Enyedy, Riccardi (5th, "A" Men; 4th, Men 35+).

Team Burn Time Trial, North Royalton, September 30 - Enyedy (2nd, Men 30-39), Gallagher (1st, Men 50+; 3rd overall), Kovach, Marcossion.

## Off-Road (XC – cross-country)

Sun Valley Sports Ohio Vulture's Knob XC Series, Wooster:

August 26 – Evans (7th, Sport Men 31-40)

Alpine Valley XC Series, Chesterland:

September 10 – Bennett (4th, Beginner Men), Evans (3rd, Sport Men; series: 1st of 32, Sport Men 19-35; 1st of 57, Sport Men overall; 5th of 174, all categories), Gardner (1st, Beginner Men 35+), Hayden (2nd, Sport Men 35+; series 2nd, Sport Men 35+).

Mid-Ohio Mountain Bike Championship Series:

Mohican Wilderness Mountain Bike Race, Glenmont, October 1 – Bennett (1st, Beginner Men), Gardner (2nd, Beginner Men).

## Notice, News & Correction:



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One of the body's adaptations to chronic exercise is increased blood volume. Now that the riding season is over and your level of activity has decreased, why not donate what you no longer need? Call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for more information.

- Saying that his only definite plans for next year are not to race as a professional, local pro **Paul Martin** will leave the Navigators Cycling Team at the end of the year and will continue to pursue the law degree which he began working toward after enrolling last August. "The birth of our second child, Anna Marie, last July 18, as well as my desire to spend more time with my family, were big factors in my decision to go back to school and not continue racing as a pro. Law school will still take a lot of time, but at least I will not be away from home as much as with cycling," he said, adding "I will not stop cycling, but I don't know how much racing I will do or at what level. I would like to support younger riders getting into the sport as time allows. I do plan to do some cyclocross this fall locally and I would encourage all other road racers to come out and give it a try – it's a lot of fun, you don't have to train much for it, and it will keep you in shape"

Martin, who works as a financial consultant for the dedicated estate-planning law firm of Dennis C. Jackson LPA, closed out his road season with a highly creditable 20th place in the general classification at the Killington (Vermont) Stage Race over Labor Day Weekend, despite riding in support of teammates Vassily Davidenko and Brendon Vesty. "I lost a lot of time on the first stage, chasing down a break on Brandon Gap. Fortunately, I didn't have to work much on the last stage so I finished with the first group on the final climb.

Shades of the '96 A to Z race perhaps were felt as hard luck once again struck Martin in the First Union US Pro Road Race Championship in Philadelphia on June 7. "I flatted on the last 3 mile circuit (with about 1 mile to go) while I was with the main group chasing the winning break of 7, and ended up 51st. Otherwise, I feel a top-20 finish was very possible."

- It is finally settled: **Birmingham** is a city in **Alabama**. Don't fooled by foreign imitators.

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## Public Memorial Services Held for Nicole Reinhart

by Charles Howe

*On September 17, Nicole Reinhart, 24, of the Saturn Cycling Team, was killed when she crashed into an elm tree on the final lap of the BMC Software Grand Prix in Arlington, Massachusetts. Had she won, Reinhart would have collected \$250,000 for winning all four races in the BMC series, and she was also the overall leader in the season-long Saturn US Pro points series. Her memorial services were held one week later. I attended, in part, as an official for a fallen rider who had once, so to speak, been 'in my charge.' I think any conscientious, caring official feels something when anything of this sort happens, no matter who the rider is. There was more to it than that, however, though I don't want to misrepresent the facts here; the truth is, I'd had only a brief acquaintance with her during the Wendy's Classic in Columbus last July 25-30. We were introduced just before the second of the race's six stages, and we chatted just before the final race, in Grandview Heights, where she was excited that her parents had come to see her race, and I teased her that if she won, she'd have to pay their airfare home (as I later found out, that's one place where her winnings often went.) She did in fact win the stage, then spoke graciously and earnestly on the podium afterward of the faith she had in her teammates when the going was tough, and she had nearly been dropped on the hill just before the finish line. But this scant familiarity was enough to make me want to head out after working a race in Akron the previous morning and make the 410-mile trek to eastern Pennsylvania – let that be my tribute to her. Like others who had merely crossed her path, I had been charmed.*

It is questionable whether a team of Hollywood screenwriters could come up with a more heart-rending scenario if they tried. Could there possibly be a more stern and cruel reminder of how precious, how fragile, how transitory and fleeting life is, than to see someone so vibrant, so full of love, laughter, and life, struck down so suddenly and so finally? Could there be imagined a more dramatic reversal of fortune than to go from the cusp of such high athletic achievement and triumph, the very threshold of the pinnacle of one's sport (domestically, if not internationally – YET), in front of one's family and boyfriend ("Mom, this is the ONE!" she had declared excitedly of him), to complete catastrophe, just plain gone from this world, in an instant? Could a more harsh, almost mocking rebuke, be issued to expectations, hopes, and dreams, and could it be served upon a person less deserving and in need of it? If so, I hope it never comes to pass.

My own attempts to make sense of and find meaning in this matter are perhaps handicapped since my experience of organized religion is limited these days to reading the sermon titles and messages posted in the sign-cases which stand in front of most every church I pass. Nonetheless, there is one which comes back now to serve me well: "Sometimes God breaks our hearts to get deeper into them."

Then there were the several little girls who sat behind me, all well-behaved, immaculately groomed and clad in Sunday-School best. From time to time, when things began to drag and my seat seemed to be getting harder, I would steal backward glances to see them absorbed in their coloring and picture-books, oblivious to the grieving adult world around them. Clichéd as it may be to say so, life, it seems, truly does go on . . .

# Yo, Wheelers...



## Where, Oh, Where Has the Time Gone —

Seems as if we just looked around and it was spring...and suddenly we're looking forward to Thanksgiving and there's talk of a really *big* winter to follow. I could swear that I just bought a Y2K calendar yesterday, and when I looked back over it, there were huge blocks of time into which were crammed a zillion things which, when reviewed, seem meaningless now as I traveled through the North Coast and viewed the incredible beauty fashioned by Mother Nature with her vibrant palette of fall colors. It makes me wonder if I've paid enough attention to my surroundings this past year to store up plenty of memories so I can appreciate how lucky I am to live in a city this size and still have scenic beauty and a playground probably the size of Rhode Island to enjoy throughout the year. Did I take a ride, a walk, a good enough look-see so I can savor all these experiences when I'm somewhere else or unable to do these things any longer? If I'm getting maudlin or too sentimental, rest assured that this is symptomatic of the Season and the *aging experience*. You can count on this happening to you sooner or later... if it hasn't already hit you!

## Oh, Boy – Oh, Baby Boy —

Congratulations are in order to co-ride leader **Bernard Kotton (Barbara)** who recently became very proud first-time grandparents to a future WRWheeler Hiking-Biker named **Benjamin**. Still on Cloud-9, the new grandparents have already made the Cleveland-Boston-Cleveland trip twice and the little fellow is not yet a month old. And they didn't believe me when I said that it would be love at first sight! One last piece of advice, Kottons: if you intend to make these weekend trips often, buy stock in an airline!

## The Benefits of Birthdays —

Many of us look with dread upon each succeeding birthday after that one called "over the hill." But I'm actually going to mention a benefit of advancing age to WRWheeler members. Longtime members of the WRW Cycling Club, **Ralph Giantonio** and **Manny Lang** are both Lifetime Members of the Club and with this designation comes *free membership* and all the frills that go with it. **Manny**, by the way, has just recently celebrated his 80th birthday. We wish him the very best...to 120!!!

## As the Days Grow Shorter and the Weather Grows Colder —

Bear in mind that this is not all there is for WRW members. If you love the cold weather, don't mind several hours of trekking up and down steep hills and crossing sometimes-muddy or icy waters, own waterproof hiking boots and a variety of cold weather clothes for layering and protecting from whatever Cleveland's often surprising climate offers, then have we got a deal for you. WRW's Hiking-Bikers brave the elements throughout the winter months and, believe it or not, we have a rip-roaring time making every Sunday morning an unforgettable experience. (Okay, I'm exaggerating a bit...but we *do* have fun!) Call me at (216) 464-0495 for more information.

See you "Out There..."

— Ellie Einhorn

# WESTERN RESERVE WHEELERS



**COMMITTEE:**

Ellie Einhorn

Howard Mayers

Bernard Greenberg

Harold Pasternak

Mitch Kursh

Edward Reichek: 241-6930

Alvin Magid

Allen Wapnick: 781-4300

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## Membership Application

(Please print legibly.)

Name:

Address:

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List All Adult Participants  
(Age 18 or Over)

List All Minor Participants  
(Under Age 18)

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Dues (Individual/Family) — \$20.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

WRW Patch(es) — No. @\$1.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTANCE:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All adult riding family members must sign and date the *Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* on the reverse side of this form.**

**MAIL TO: 1422 Euclid Ave. #1104; Cleveland, OH 44115**

**LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN  
dba LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS (“LAB”)  
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK  
AND INDEMNITY, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT  
 (“AGREEMENT”)**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way with the Western Reserve Wheelers (“Club”) sponsored Bicycling Activities (“Activity”) I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next-of-kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH (“RISKS”); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the conditions in which the Activity takes place, of THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

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I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.  
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ADDRESS:

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PHONE:

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PARTICIPANTS’ SIGNATURES (only if age 18 or over):

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DATE:

**MINOR RELEASE**

AND I, MINOR’S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR’S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE “RELEASEES” FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINORS ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR’S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

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## Ride Schedule

NOTE: All Saturday rides commence at JCC with same start time as following day.

DATE	TIME	START	DESTINATION	MILES
<b>November</b>				
5	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
12	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
19	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
23	9:00	JCC	Thanksgiving Day Pick-Up Ride	
26	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	

NOTICE: Any nonmember guest who has not signed a release will not be considered, for insurance purposes, as a part of the club, nor will they be entitled to any protection afforded by the club insurance policy. In addition, all minors must be accompanied by an adult and must have a release signed by parent or guardian.

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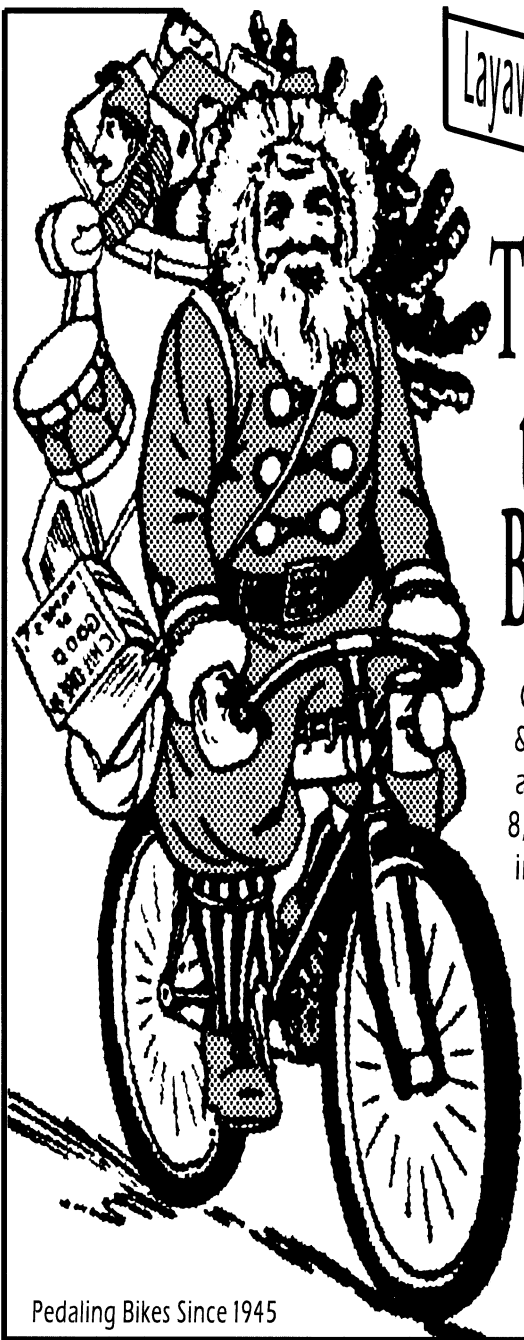
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