

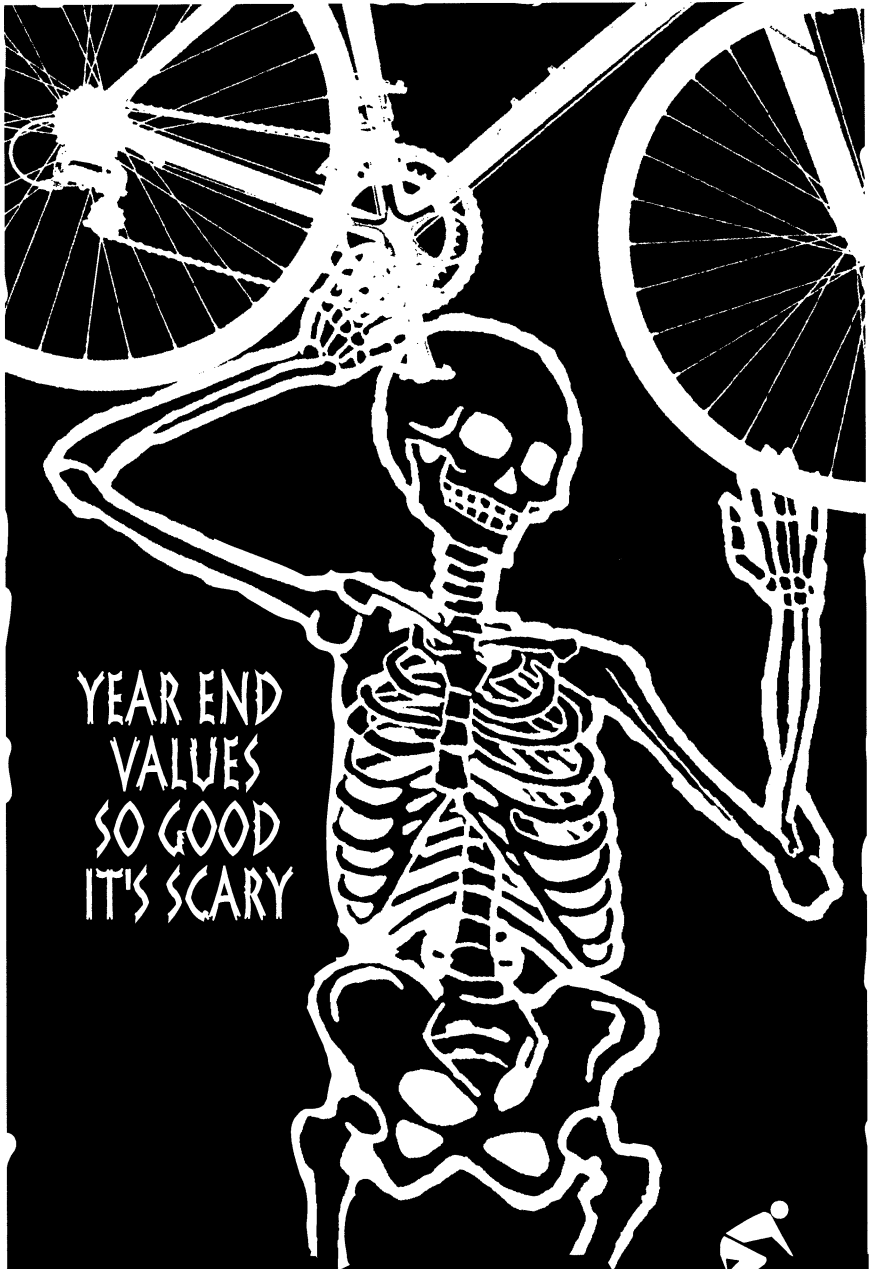


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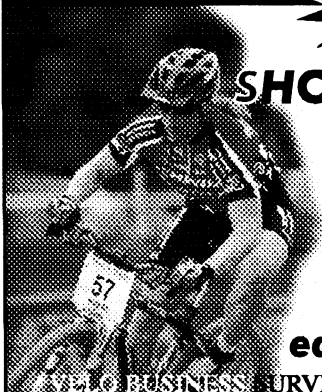
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Gossip

We thought we might not see Lance Armstrong make the Olympics! While training on the back roads outside Nice, France, Lance and teammates Frankie Andreu and Tyler Hamilton saw what **would horrify any roadie** ... a car coming the opposite way on the road headed straight for them! **They all yelled** and dove hard to the right to escape a deadly collision. Andreu was on the inside and cleared the car. Hamilton, a bike length back, had critical extra space and made it. **Armstrong... somehow he turned enough to the right**, according to Andreu, and the car **missed his legs** but nailed the rear of the bike. Andreu wrote, "...The impact sent him flying over the hood of the car and he landed brutally on the ground..." Armstrong's bicycle was demolished — a mess of tubes, decals, and parts. Sitting up after the fall, Armstrong couldn't move his shoulder — it looked like a broken collarbone. But after 10 minutes "Lucky Lance" figured out that **nothing was broken...** but he sure was sore!

While the driver offered his cell phone to call for help, the trio declined the offer of a ride and sent him on his way. The next car that showed up was **Kristin Armstrong**, an hour-and-one-half later. **X-rays** taken after the Aug. 29 accident and again later that week **were negative**. The soreness continued to plague him. The injury, which caused Armstrong to drop out of two races scheduled in Europe the next weekend, was detected after he had an MRI at a clinic in Monaco: it turned out he had **cracked a vertebrae in his C7**, basically in the area high between the shoulder blades. A few days off the bike and Armstrong was training again, though holding his head up was very painful.

He won the GP des Nations race — an event he had set as **the final test** of whether he would go to the Olympics after the accident. Clocking in a blistering time of 1:31'.05" — 30.7 mph — Lance ruled over the 75-km/46.6-mile course! **In a crash in a previous training race** — descending the *Col du Solor* in the Pyrenees on May 5, according to *VeloNews* — **the Texan was not wearing a helmet**, later saying he would *always* wear one in the future. Good thing. Besides his bike, **the Tour de France champ's helmet was shattered, not his head**, in this most recent evasion of disaster.

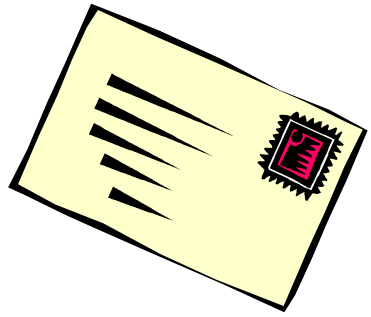
Michael, was that you? We spotted a shiny white car with a bodacious black bike rack on its roof headed down State Road. Vanity plates: DRGNFLY. Cool stuff, dude!

Sorry to report we spotted little signs in the store windows: **The Bike Station in Strongsville has closed**. The signs said the property was sold to Metropolitan Bank & Trust. The store at 15032 Pearl Rd., closed August 12 after 12 years in business.

Did you happen to catch this amazing show on PBS... *The Bicycle Corps: America's Black Army on Wheels*. If you see it come up on the schedule again, don't miss it! (We were taken by surprise on this one.) In the 1890s, some in the United States Army believed that the newly-developed safety bicycle could replace the horse as a means of troop transport. On June 14, 1897, 20 African-American soldiers put the theory to the test, beginning a **2,000-mile trek** from Montana to St. Louis, Missouri. The documentary chronicles the characters and the conditions they faced **in a land that had few good roads and in a time when the black man was routinely reviled**. Despite the enormous difficulties, the men acquitted themselves with honor during their travels and reported no racial incidents. The Spanish-American War halted any further tests and the bicycle corps of the 25th Infantry was dissolved. **To this day no one has been able to locate the bicycles**, which were returned to the manufacturer: Spalding Bicycle, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

— THE CRANK

Letters



Drivers Not All Bad

Dear Crank,

Thought you might be interested in a couple of positive events I witnessed on my last two rides with the other vehicles we share the road with.

On the LEW club ride to Vermilion on Sunday, a cyclist in our group got caught in the infamous railroad bridge expansion joints on the east end of Vermilion and took a nasty spill. His face was cut (requiring stitches) and he had cuts and bruises on various other body parts. A driver in the other lane witnessed the accident and stopped to help. He had his wife and child in the car but still offered to take the cyclist to the hospital. The driver stayed until the ambulance administered first-aid and left, and offered to give the cyclist a ride home to Lakewood! Not all drivers are jerks.

On my ride Tuesday night I was motoring down Station Road approaching Grafton Road when a red truck pulled around me just before the intersection and quickly stopped. I had to lay on the brakes and almost toppled trying to pull my cleats from the pedals. I was concentrating on keeping my balance so I couldn't give him any choice words before he took off. A few miles down the road (while I was thinking of evil ways to get even with such drivers), the same truck pulled alongside and asked if I was all right. Someone else had seen my struggles and told him I had fallen. He apologized again and said he didn't mean to cut me off. Not all drivers are jerks.

By the way, we never did get Rick a ride home and he was forced to cycle the 30 miles back to Lakewood with his injuries. Adding insult to injury, there was a strong headwind. I haven't heard how he is, but I know he is one tough rider.

— Tom Meara

Dog Packs May be Another Matter...

Dear Editor:

I recently moved from New York City to Cleveland. Like most New Yorkers, I don't own a car. Therefore, bicycle is my main transportation for the moment. After reading through *Car-Free In Cleveland* I decided to take the bike out and go for a ride along the Harrison Dillard Bikeway on Sunday (20th August) afternoon.

The ride was absolutely fabulous until my returning trip. On my way back to University Circle I was attacked by four stray dogs near the Finnish Cultural Garden. I couldn't have taken a detour because of the fast moving traffic. So I tried to stay calm and pedaled as fast as I could. Thankfully a driver saw me in danger and honked his horn several times to scare the dogs away. Two of the dogs actually made contact. Luckily, I was wearing long pants so that prevented any puncture wounds. I walked away with abrasions and bruises on my legs and extremely shocked.

After returning home, I called the Cleveland Police Department, since I am new to the area and don't know the appropriate agency to report to, and also received a tetanus shot

from University Hospitals. I am writing to you because I think you should definitely warn all your members/readers and active cyclists about the stray dogs along the Dillard Bikeway.

The nurses at the emergency room told me packs of stray dogs are common sights on that route and that it's actually a very unsafe route for bikes. This, of course, deeply troubled me. Perhaps the city kennel should start checking bike routes and park paths on a regular basis so this would not happen again.

— Grace Hsiu Lin

Car-Free ...in Cleveland?

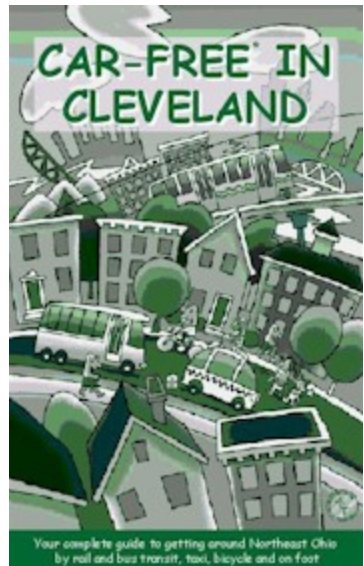
It's true, the authors say, you can do everything you want to in Northeast Ohio without being dependent on a car! This 108-page book is, as Lance Armstrong said, not about the bike, at least not *entirely*. It was written by activists who know about and practice car-free living and features (yes) bicycling information and advice, but also:

- bus and rail transit with the Greater Cleveland RTA, Laketran, Akron METRO, and seven other regional agencies, including some route descriptions
- things to see and do
- the most pedestrian-, transit-, and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods in the region
- long-distance travel
- useful tips on taking taxis, renting cars, and much more

Not owning a car can save a LOT of money, enable you to get to know this exciting region better than you ever could through a windshield, and help make Greater Cleveland an even better place to live.

Car-Free In Cleveland is a publication by Alt-Trans Cleveland, an organization of transit, cycling, and walking activists founded in 1998. It exists to improve Greater Cleveland's transportation choices and to promote mixed land use to enhance the quality of life in existing urban and suburban areas in Northeast Ohio. Contact Alt-Trans Cleveland by calling Dominic J. Liberatore: (216) 283-0200.

The book was made possible by funding from the Gund Foundation and the Environmental Law & Policy Center and is a special publication of EcoCity Cleveland. It may be purchased through EcoCity Cleveland; 2841 Scarborough Rd.; Cleveland, OH 44118 for \$9.00 per copy (\$6.95 plus \$2.05 to cover sales tax, postage and handling). Or visit the *CrankMail* Web site bookstore.





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Welcome to New Members

Kristy Hammond of Middlefield. Welcome! We hope to see you come spring!

Mark Your Calendar Now For This Great Fall Weekend

October 14-15: Early Bike Ride before dinner. Start at the Cuyahoga Valley Parking lot behind the Winking Lizard in Peninsula at **3:00** for a 25-mile ride. Bring a Pot Luck and come to the Stanford House Youth Hostel at **6:00 P.M.** Bring pictures and stories about your travels. Carve pumpkins and take a night hike or night bike ride on the tow path. **Stay overnight at no charge.** Do the **Fall Color Ride or hike** with the Cuyahoga Valley Hiking Association on **Sunday** morning. Check our web site for details or pick up a flier on one of our September rides. You won't want to miss it. It's free, it's fun and it's almost the end of our riding season.

Hancock Horizontal Hundred

Congratulations to **Lauren Carpenter** on completing her first half-century. Lauren stoked father **Andy's** tandem in the pouring rain. She seems to be making a habit of riding in the rain. Her first CTC ride was the Labor Day bagel run to Chagrin Falls when a bunch of us were caught in 15 miles of the "30% chance of scattered showers." We hope to see more of her since she has a great disposition even when wet.

Chuck Seaman, Tom Marsh, Rick Porter, Greg Forstyk, Bob Manley and Kim Boyd endured 60 miles and **Eric Schultz** 50 miles of Findlay's best road water. The drizzle started at mile 2, before we'd even left Findlay. Eric even managed to flat just after the first rest stop during just drizzle as opposed to the pouring-down rain of earlier. Lunch was very good, though we ate on the school hall floor due to the combination of air conditioning in the cafeteria and our wet clothing.

The school custodian I'm sure had a busy day mopping up the puddles where we sat. Despite Eric's offer to shuttle us back with their van to vehicles in Findlay, groupthink (read that peer pressure) got the best of us and all but Eric rode back to Findlay. I suspect **Diane Schultz** sensibly decided not to ride after lunch as was their original plan due to the weather.

Other CTCers observed hanging out in Findlay on Saturday were **Tom Black** and his favorite tandem stoker **Cynthia, Freya Turner** and **Beth Armstrong**. Hopefully they planned a later start on Sunday and smartly decided to skip the day's cycling. It's a fun event regardless of the weather. Hobnobbing with friends on Saturday at the vendor exhibit, going to dinner together...and how 'bout ice cream at Dietsche Bros! Look out Ben & Jerry's. Yum.

— by Kim Boyd.

The Prize Guy

The Prize Guy gave away two more prizes recently to **Tom Marsh** and **Chuck Seaman**. It pays to show up for club sponsored rides.

Eco Tour at the Wilds

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Well not exactly, but rhinos and camels and 'raffes.

In case you ever wondered what a reclaimed strip mine COULD look like, this is a good example. American Electric Power donated the property and the Wilds was born 20 years ago. Since then its been replanted with six species of grass and stocked with endangered Asian and African mammals too numerous to remember. No kitschy car safari here. To complete an expansion of their rhino facility they organized a bicycle event. Apparently well publicized, 640 cyclists turned out for 38-, 62-, 100-mile and 14-mile off-road options through the rolling hills around Cumberland, OH.

The event was well supported at rest stops and along the route at key turns. The first rest stop even featured a youth group string symphony! A turkey and pig roast with a rock/blues band followed the ride. A bus tour of the grounds to see the animals (and we saw a lot) was included with registration along with a tee shirt and water bottle. A little extra \$ got you a camp site or spot in one the yurts on the property. Ask **Nan and Bruce Horvath**, any of the **Marty Cooperman clan**, **Bob Manley** or **Kim Boyd** and I'm sure they'll tell you that it was worth the drive and registration fee.

— by Kim Boyd.

Tuesday Morning Rides Are Over for the Season

Thanks all of you for coming out and joining us. We'll be starting up again next spring. See you all then.

Ride Schedule

- Oct. 8 9 AM** **North Chagrin** to Shaker Hts. (30) Breakfast at Arabica. Rolling.
15 **Fall Color Ride.** Richfield. **Call Eric @** (330) 659-3274. Stay at Stanford Rd Youth Hostel the night before (optional) & enjoy the festivities. *See the article above.* Rolling/hilly.
- 22 9:30 **Chardon** to Burton(30), Middlefield(45). Rolling.
29 Wildwood Park – new route (25,45). Flat – rolling.
- Nov.-Feb. 10AM** **North Chagrin Pick up ride** to various locations (15-35) if dry and over 35 degrees and the sun is shining and the birds are singing.

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LEW Club Ride Schedule

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| Oct. 8 | 9:00 am | Olmsted Falls to Oberlin & Kipton 50/60 flat miles |
| Oct. 15 | 9:00 am | Eric & Diane Fall Color ride 30/45 miles starting at Schultz's |
| Oct. 22 | 9:00 am | Huntington Park - Bay Village - Surprise ride 30/45 miles |
| Oct. 29 | 9:00 am | Olmsted Falls to Grafton & Wellington 30/60 flat miles |
| Nov. 5 | 8:00 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 |

Ride Start Locations:

Bonnie Park Pkg. Lot off Metro Parkway east of Pearl Road junction with Albion Rd.

Scenic Park in Lakewood in Rocky River Reservation just south of Detroit Rd at the east end of Detroit bridge in Lakewood

Kamm's Corner at Pizza Hut Pkg. Lot Lorain Rd & Rocky River Dr rt 237 in Cleveland

Brecksville - Station Road parking lot off Riverview Rd just south of SR82

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

Schultz fall ride 2498 Monica Dr, Richfield call for info 330-659-3274

Weekday Rides:

Tuesday Evenings – Short slower rides starting from Fairview Park Shopping Center on w. 220th south of Lorain Rd. behind Fairview Post Office, 6:30pm. Call Bob Ugan at 216/476-0353 or email at: Sundance@gwis.com (October only)

Wednesday Evenings – The new Wednesday Evening "Ice Cream" slow and short rides from the Olmsted Falls Public Library. The rides will leave at 6:30 pm. contact Marc Snitzer at 440/236-3017 or e-mail at msnit@juno.com (October only)

Regular Club Wednesday Evenings – Moderate to fast pace 20-30 mile rides starting at 6:30 pm from Kamm's Corner parking lot at Lorain Rd & Rocky River Dr (rt237) in Cleveland (behind Pizza Hut), Call Ed Wheeler at 440/572-1122 or e-mail at wheels@ameritech.net

(These rides continue year 'round – weather depending.)

Touring Division - Gone International

Five cyclists (four from Cleveland and one from Madison, WI) spent 25 days in Europe during August biking through Bavaria, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The group included Bob Parry, Ed James, Russ Marx, Bonnie Vargo and Pam Sprecher. We flew to Munich, Germany to begin an odyssey of 950 Kilometers of cycling and visiting romantic and historic towns of: Augsburg, Fussen, Bregenz, Stein am Rhein, Schaffhassen, Luzern, Lugano, St Moritz, Innsbruck, and back to Munich.

The route included riding on roads, bike paths, cobblestone, gravel, dirt paths, single track, hiking trails, farm fields, and a few ferries and trains. Many of the good trails in Switzerland were nicely paved and well signed as part of a national system of nine bike routes that criss-cross the country. We also had many poorly-signed roads along the Romantische Strasse and some very steep sections of mountain trails that were exhausting considering we carried all our clothes and supplies in panniers. During the trip we had only one broken spoke and a few loosened bolts, but not one flat tire which was surprising with the combined 3,000 miles of biking on all kinds of surfaces.

Some of the most spectacular views were along the shores of the Vierwaldstätter See (Lake Lucerne) with the sharp vertical mountains surrounding the lake on all sides. Portions of the route required us to load the bikes on two separate ferries to get to the southern end of the lake at the base of the Alps. While staying at a small family Pension in Erstfeld we were approached by the son of the owner who spoke a very little English but was excited to tell us about his brother Bernard Risi who is a member of the Swiss Olympic cycling team and a national champion cyclist. Mr. Risi told us a way to bike over the St Gottard Pass and miss the very steep and difficult portions of the pass. So the next morning four of us took the Swiss trains to Andermatt at 1,447 m and biked on the old road to the top of the pass at 2,108 m. Much of the road up was ancient cobblestone used by the few cyclists and a horse drawn carriage. At the top we had a well-deserved lunch on a sunny terraced restaurant before the breathtaking 30-km descent to Faudo at 711 m elevation.

Europe is a great place to cycle. There are thousands of bicycles parked all over the major downtowns, bike lanes solely for cyclists run through the urban areas. The country starts at the edge of each town generally with quiet well-maintained roads and paths. Bikes are welcome on most trains and subways. Most hotels and hostels we stayed at had provisions to safely store bikes and everyone we encountered is bike-friendly including motorists. The hardest part of cycling in Europe is getting a bike there on domestic airlines and having to take the bike apart to ship overseas. When our Eurobike2000 Web page is up and running we'll post the site as a link in the club Web site. *Auf Wiedersehen* until next year.

Team LEW - Hey there, race fans!

Got a note from Tom Nezovich, the writing half of our intrepid ultra-distance duo — “Uncle” Charlie Martin being the other half. He writes, “Boston-Montreal-Boston is out of the way. Charlie finished well in about 85 hours, 15 minutes. This has been a banner year for the high-milers: B-M-B, PBP Brevets, 24 Hour Challenge—whoa!

The rest of the Team has been busy, as well. Starting with Brian Schneider and his Ride for Sight race. A wonderful community-based event, this race is generally flat with the backstretch filled with rollers. Brian said he hung with the main group of his age category until the hill, which generated a big split in the field. He held on to stay in the top 20 of his group.

Next on the calendar was Orrville's Milk Race, another really nice road race with rolling terrain. (Sorry, folks—after racing in PA, ya gotta show me a HILL to make it more than rolling...) Brian, Scott and I signed up for the IV/V race; it was pretty cool that we had a field of

about 50 riders. The pace was wicked from the get-go, with Scott taking off after a potential break, I followed as the group strung out. The speed continued down the backstretch, with a nice descent (40+ mph with Scott's help) to keep things interesting.

At the bottom of this hill, a car had pulled over way right to avoid the oncoming peloton (a State Trooper with lights on led the way). I got past the vehicle but heard that sick clatter and yells that accompany a crash, behind me. After the crash, the pack was thinned down to about half. On the second lap the leaders started tried to break the race open; I got gapped just shy of the S/F and had to work like a dog to bridge. I saw Brian in shorts and tee shirt at the finish line, bandaged and bleeding — he had gone down in that crash. Scott had to do evasive maneuvers to stay on the course, got seriously gapped and couldn't bridge. But it's a great course, great race — y'all ought to try it next year!

Our efforts at promoting races came to a head on the last weekend of the month. On Saturday, the 26th, we staged the Lake Road TT. While the turnout could have been better with 21 contestants, it was the first time we put on the race, so we will give it a couple of years to gel. The results were excellent (check out Truesport.com for results). We'll probably use the same strategy for the Canton Downtown Crit (8/27), in cooperation with Stark County Bicycle Club. The turnout for CDC 2000 was very fulfilling; racers came despite the potentially dreadful weather that could have made the turns way too exciting (but the rains held off). The course has wide turns, nice straight-aways, and I heard a lot of compliments. Seemed like folks were just happy to have a local race in a spot where the schedule had nothing to offer. Riders from LEW competed, also: Scott Hoffman managed to place third in the "C" race, Brian was three places back. Once again, see Truesport.com for a complete race summary. Thanks to the riders who took part in both races, to the club volunteers (Mary W., Malec, Nezovich, and Schneider and the whole Stark County contingent), and the cities that hosted our races!

Club Meetings – I guess we have to once and a while.

There will be a club meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 3, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Brookpark Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library located at 6155 Engle Road. Meetings will be held at the Library the first Tuesday of the month in October and November. Important club business will be discussed including club dues, club expenses, and club officers for next year.

Club Holiday Party - So who wants to host a bunch of rowdy bikers?

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START-FINISH ... The start-finish and registration is at Phillips Gym, Oberlin College, Oberlin. If you are driving via the Ohio Turnpike, exit at Exit 145 (old gate 8) and take Route 57 north to Route 2. Take Route 2 west to the Route 58 exit and take Route 58 south to Oberlin. Turn right on SR 511 (west) and right (north) on Woodland Street. From the west, exit the Ohio Turnpike at exit 135 (Baumhardt Road), turn south on Baumhardt Road to Route 511. Turn left (east) and proceed into town. Turn left (north) on Woodland St.

REGISTRATION ... Advance registration (\$10.00) will be accepted until Oct. 27, 2000. Late registration (after October 27th and the day of the ride) will be \$12.00. Registration fee includes map, and snack stops. Please make checks payable to the LORAIN WHEELMEN. Please include a SASE for confirmation if you would like one.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ... are available at the Oberlin Inn, downtown Oberlin. For reservations, call (440) 775-1111. The Country Hearth Inn and Motel 6, located in Amherst, (approx 8 miles north of Oberlin on SR 58 at SR 2). Call (440) 985-1428 or (440) 988-3266 for reservations.

ROUTE ... The route will be familiar to regular Red Flannel riders. Mill Hollow has been improved with a sweeping (longer) climb on the east side. The route will generally be rolling with the exception of the river valley climbs. The route will be marked at each turn.

SAG WAGON ... Riders with physical injuries or unrepairable mechanical breakdowns will be given first priority for sag wagon service. If necessary, other riders will be picked up as time and circumstances permit. The last sweep will begin about 4 PM. All riders should be off the road by 5 PM.

WEATHER ... During the history of the Red Flannel, riders have seen a variety of weather ranging from a bone chilling blizzard, to temps of 70 degrees plus, to pounding rain. The last two years have been kind to us. Let's hope for a return engagement in the weather department! We've had all kinds of weather, sooo ... come prepared according to the forecast.

For more information:

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www: <http://www.eriecoast.com/~lorainwheelmen/>



October 2000 Calendar

Day	Date	Starting Point	Destination	Distance
Sunday	Oct 01	Amherst Powers School	Milan	50 more or less
Monday	Oct 08	Oberlin Inn parking lot	Wellington	Not too far!
Thursday	Oct 12	Nordson Depot	Meeting	7:30
Sunday	Oct 15	Oberlin Inn parking lot	Fitchville	About 55
Sunday	Oct 22	Amherst Powers School	LaGrange	About 45?
Sunday	Oct 29	Oberlin Inn parking lot Club Red Flannel	Vermilion Milan	32 - ½ metric 62 - Metric

All weekend rides start at 8:00 Eastern Daylight time
EXCEPT October 29, that'll be at 8:00 Eastern Standard time!

This is the last month for 8:00 rides. We'll retreat to 9:00 rides right after the Red Flannel.

EVENING RIDES: Are done for the season. There is still a LOT of good riding in October, so check with some of the retired members. There are impromptu rides in the 50 mile range on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Check with Carl, Clyde or Frank.

Check the Ohio Events calendar for invitationals. There are some really nice rides in October that'll show Ohio's fall color. Don't forget to check the baggage cart at the meetings for applications to various rides.

Check our website for the **Tracks** at <http://www.eriecoast.com/~lorainwheelmen/>.

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Autumn Tour Visits Cuyahoga Watershed Oct. 22

CLEVELAND — On Sunday, Oct. 22, The Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Century Cycles, and Hale Farm and Village will host a bike tour of the Yellow Creek watershed around the Bath area, to increase public awareness of the importance of the tributaries in the Cuyahoga River watershed to the health of the river and Lake Erie. Last fall's ride toured the Big Creek area on Cleveland's near west side, and future rides will focus on other Cuyahoga River tributaries. These family-oriented tours are a fun way to learn local history and geography while viewing the fall foliage on a short, well-supported bike ride.

This year's ride will begin and end at Hale Farm, 2686 Oak Hill Road, in Bath. Registration opens at 8:00 am, and the ride will begin at 9:00 with a light breakfast and a brief talk on the features of the landscape along the route, which will include stops at historic mill sites. Maps and cue sheets will be provided for an easy 20-mile, or more challenging 30-mile route. Both routes will be well marked and swept by a sag van from Century Cycles in case of breakdowns. Hale Farm will provide coupons for half-price (adults \$5, children \$3) admission after the ride or at a later date.

Cost is \$5 preregistered or \$8 on the day of the ride. Forms are available at Century Cycles (in Rocky River, Medina, and Peninsula), at any Cleveland Public Library branch, Westlake Porter Public Library, or at www.noaca.org. Preregistration is encouraged, to ensure enough breakfast for all, with a gift pack for the first 50 registrants. Helmets are required, and children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. A limited number of helmets will be available for purchase at the start for \$25. A windbreaker and gloves are recommended for fall riding. More information is available by calling Tori Mills at 216-241-2414 x 275.

The Cuyahoga River has been identified as one of 42 Areas of Concern for serious environmental problems affecting the Great Lakes. The RAP was formed to address persistent pollution problems in the watershed, such as poor water quality, high bacteria levels, and degraded wildlife habitat. The RAP sponsors events like this ride, and conducts stream stewardship projects and other programs that identify pollution sources, educate the public, and help residents enhance the environmental quality of the streams in their own backyards for the benefit of the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie.



Public Meetings on Green Neighborhoods

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and the Greenspace Working Group have scheduled several public meetings to help identify special places in area communities for: green trails and bikeways, gardens, parks and recreation areas, preservation of special green areas. Several meetings have already taken place. Remaining meetings include:

Wed., Oct. 4 — 7 to 9 p.m. — Orange High School, 32000 Chagrin Blvd.

Wed., Oct. 11 — 7 to 9 p.m. — South Euclid City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1349 S. Green Rd.

Mon., Oct. 16 — 6 to 8 p.m. — Shaker Heights Community Center, Rm. 114, 3470 Lee Rd.

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Weeknight Touring Schedule

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

Weekend Touring Schedule

Sundays – 9:00 a.m. Courthouse Parking Lot – Jefferson at E.Liberty St.

BICYCLE HELMETS REQUIRED ON ALL OFFICIAL CLUB RIDES

We would like to add a new rider or more moderate level of rider ability to our Tuesday and Sunday rides along with other club events. So if you have ever considered riding with a club but your worried that you'll get left in the middle of nowhere, fear not. Anyone interested in riding with this group or being a ride leader, please contact Ian Halliwell 725-3074

If anyone is interested in riding any of these events please contact Tom: (330) 725-1058

10/28 – (FFF) FRIENDSVILLE FREEBIE FIFTY – Medina 50/25 flat to rolling

11/05 – 26th RED FLANNEL METRIC CENTURY – Oberlin 62/32 flat to rolling

1/1/01 – 25th ABCDEFGHIJ 24/12/2 Medina Square.

GOT A MOUNTAIN BIKE ?

Mountain Bike Chapter Riding Schedule: Contact Linda Miranda (330) 483-4512 or email at lmiranda@mircosolutions.com for directions or further details. Helmet required at all rides.

Date Time Meet Location

Oct. 5 6:00 p.m. Vulture's Knob

Ride Description

Experience the trails at Vulture's Knob.
Eight plus miles of trails.

Oct. 7 8:30 p.m. Vulture's Knob

IT'S A NIGHT RACE. Bring your brightest lights and race at the Knob.

Oct. 12 6:00 p.m. Home of Ken Frankenbery

The technical three-mile loop has challenges for the advanced rider and bypasses for those still polishing their technical skills.

Oct. 19 6:00 p.m. Findley State Park	Approx. 8 miles of trails. Park by the Ranger's Station/Camper Check-In Parking Lot
Oct. 26 6:00 p.m. Indian Hollow Reservation	Follow the driveway until the last big parking lot. Meet in the pavilion. Nice trails.
Oct. 28 4:00 p.m. Vulture's Knob	5th Annual Pumpkin Ride. Join us for a ride at 4:00 p.m., Cookout at 7:00 p.m. and the Great Pumpkin Night Ride at 9:00 p.m. Call Linda Miranda for further details.
Nov. 2 7:00 p.m. Cleveland Metroparks	Meet in the parking lot at Brecksville Road (Rt. 21) and the Parkway. Bring your lights as we head down to the towpath, incorporating various hills between Brecksville and Pennisula.

The Prez Says...

Please welcome our newest member Melinda Kellerstrass from North Royalton. Melinda was somewhat reluctant to ride with us fearing that she might not keep up. But this was only a problem when going down hill. However Carl's Incredibly Scenic and Rather Hilly ride to Canal Fulton went a long way in convincing her in the merits of using momentum to ones advantage. For those of you that didn't make it, this is one to look forward to. Better luck next year.

There will be a club meeting on the first or second week of November. The time and location will be announced via-email or phone. Please plan on attending as we appreciate everyone's input.

The slower hybrid C-group for Sunday's didn't happen this year because nobody took the time to get it organized. If you have a couple extra hours a week and are interested please call me.

I finally got one of those great stories and here it is:

Charlie Says...

It was the end of June, the beginning of July. All the planning and anticipation was over, my cycling vacation was starting. I had been planning and getting ready for my vacation since November.

I flew from Cleveland to Shannon Ireland without incident, the perfect start to my vacation. I got to Shannon airport early in the morning and was met by Paul McQuad from Celtic Adventures. Little did I know how significant the Adventure part of the name would be. As we were traveling to our meeting point, we passed several ruins. After my exclamation following the third ruin, Paul told me that the Irish referred to them as ADCs or another damn castle. These three were the first of many ruins that I was to see during the eight days of cycling. Paul collected all 30 of us who were in this particular tour group. There were people from all over the world, Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Germany and various parts of the US. There was a

family of twelve that was from the East Coast ranging from Bangor, Maine to Richmond, Virginia. There was a lady from Seal Beach, California and a family of four and a friend from Boulder, Colorado.

On the first day of cycling we were transported to our departure point. Here we were given our cycles and put our rain gear on. We were given a set of instructions and maps that charted our course each day. On this first day we were going to ride 50 miles but weather conditions changed our plans. It never got above 15° Celsius, it rained all day and the winds were blowing in excess of 45 miles per hour. We started cycling at 10:00 AM. By 2:30 in the afternoon, we were drenched clear through and exhausted. The SAG people started picking us in groups of six or eight and taking us to our hotel for the night. Only 10 people completed the ride that day. That day was a sample of other days to follow. In short we had rain four of the days, temperatures never got above 15° C, and we had winds in excess of 25 mph every day. In fact on several days the winds were so strong that we had to peddle to go down hill. It seemed like we were always climbing and never going down hill but I know that was not true.

On the first day we found out why the tour group was called Celtic Adventures. The directions given to the riders were very descriptive. We were told to cycle until we came to a t-junction with a bunch of signposts, turn left and to stay on that road until we came to a y-junction. At the y-junction we were to take the wee road because if we took the wrong road the sea would be on our left side. On another day we were told to ride until we came to a row of lovely wee thatched cottages on the left. At the end of the cottages, we were to make a sharp left, not right or straight but left. Any distances specified were in Irish miles. By the third day we determined that an Irish mile was equal to two or three American miles.

During the adventure, we visited many different places. Some of the places we visited and stayed over night were Clifden, Renvyle House, Ennis, Adaire, and Bunratty. Along the way we pedaled around Galway Bay and up a three-mile hill to Black Head Point where we had a picnic lunch. We rode to the Cliffs of Mohr and visited the Aryan Isles. Two of the quaint villages we stayed in may be familiar to you, Cong and Lisdoonvarna. Cong is village where the movie *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne was filmed. Lisdoonvarna is know for its' matchmaker festival where single woman from all over the world are matched with single Irish gentlemen.

While we were riding we saw peat bogs with peat logs stacked and drying for the winter. The scenery in general was spectacular. The fields are a deep lush green and the flowers are vivid colors. I think that any thing would grow there. We rode past miles and miles of dry stone walls and dodged many sheep and goats.

Riding on any road was safe. The cars respected the bikers and always gave us plenty of space. Often on the narrow roads when we were climbing a hill, the cars would follow us for several miles until it was safe to pass. No one ever honked their horn at us or saluted us with the infamous single digit. We were never chased by a mean dog but one day a very friendly Lab decided he was going to join us and tag along. He ran with us for about 20 miles. The SAG guys took him home that the evening; he was a tired puppy.

Evenings were spent eating dinner and visiting the pubs. Dinner was always six or seven courses starting about 8:00 PM and ending around 10:00 PM. The food was excellent; I never had a bad meal. After dinner we would visit a pub. This was always an experience because Pat O'Kelly from Boulder Colorado brought his Irish bagpipes. He would take them with him into the pubs and play. One night we were in a pub in Clifden that had two walls of windows facing the streets. When Pat started playing the pipes, people outside came running up to the windows and stayed until he finished. We always were given free Guinness whenever Pat would play the pipes. Many pints of Guinness were had by all. After all, every day in Ireland is a good day if you have a Guinness. On the last night we visited Dirty Nellie's pub; it is the oldest pub in continuous operation in Ireland. Here too Pat played the pipes and got a standing round of applause from the locals along with a few Guinness.

I had many fun times and experiences that I will remember for a long time. I learned a few things during my adventure. One was how to climb hills using all the gears on my bike. Another was never try to keep up with an Irishman when drinking, particularly Guinness. I would have one pint of Guinness and Paul and Jason would have four or five. Three in a night was plenty for me but that was just a start for them. The most important thing I learned is that the Irish are a friendly, courteous, fun-loving people.

The days may have been cool and rainy and the winds may have been strong but the adventure was great. There are many more tales to tell, more than I have space for here. I'm ready and eager to go back next year. Let the next adventure begin!

—Charlie T. Horn



All you Medina Bicycle Club mountain bikers please join us for the
5th Annual Pumpkin Ride

When: Saturday, October 28, 2000

Time: 4:00 p.m. – until you see the Great Pumpkin

*Where: Vulture's Knob Mountain Bike Course
4300 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster OH*

*Bring your bikes and brightest lights, and
be sure to dress for the weather!*

Agenda

Menu

4:00 p.m.: Day ride begins

7:00 p.m.: Eat and relax by the fire

*9:00 p.m.: Night Ride and search for
the Great Pumpkin begins!*

*Everyone bring something to grill, one
side dish and choice of beverage.*

Grills and charcoal provided.



Pumpkin Ride Coordinators:
Patrick and Linda Miranda: (330) 483-4512
Email: lmiranda@mircosolutions.com

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Easy as 1 – 2 – 3

That's how it seemed to be for **Craig Jackman**, **Bill Gallagher**, and **Tom Kriz** as they swept their category at the State Time Trial Championship in Delaware on September 2, a feat duplicated exactly one week later at Potato Festival Race in Mantua by **Dave Garrett**, **Jeff Craft**, and **John Hayden**.

Through 9/9, 45 riders had competed in 100 events (Westlake Training Races in parenthesis): Baddour 3, Barr 0, Behrens 12, Bennett 3, Billman 13, Bobick 0, Bodell 0, Craft 2, Cunningham Sr. 17 (12), Cunningham Jr. 19 (15), Eldred 21, Enyedy 13, Evans 10, Gaither 6, Galla 1, Gardner 2, D. Garrett 4, M. Garrett 3, Hayden 13, Howe 4, Hritz 3, Jackman 4, Jankowski 0, Jewitt 14, Koenig 0, Kovach 26 (16), Kriz 2, Maddock 1, Marcossion 14, Miller 17, Mullen 2, Papajcik 2, Plas 17 (11), Riddle 0, Rubick 6, Simpson 10, Stefancin 10, Vadini 3, Wagner 1, Weiner 8, Wilkinson 18 (13), Bosl 11, Anderson 0, Beller 33 (14), Gallagher 21 (3), Gamm 6, Hultgren 16, Hosmer 3, Lu 31 (11), Riccardi 44 (18), Stern 39 (16), Whitehouse 13 (5), Ziccardi 21 (8).

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

Upper Cumberland Wheelman Race Series, Crossville TN, August 5-6 – Behrens (Men 45+ : 4th, RR; 3rd, CT).

Team Columbus Criterium America CT Series:

Chagrin Falls GP, August 13 – Behrens, Bennett, Enyedy, Gallagher, Gamm (1st, Men 29-), Riccardi, Stefancin, Stern (8th, Cat. 3/4), Wagner (2nd, Men 40+), Whitehouse.

Warren Family Services Kinzua Classic CR, Kinzua Dam PA, August 13 – Marcossion.

Club Glenwood Mill Creek Park CT, Youngstown, August 19 – Behrens (6th, Men 35+), Beller (2nd, Cat. 4/5), Kovach, Riccardi (9th, Cat. 1-3), Stern (4th, Cat. 1-3).

Orrville Cycling Club Milk Race CR, Orrville, August 20 – Behrens, Beller, Billman, Cunningham Jr., Cunningham Sr., D. Garrett (6th, Men 35+), Jackman, Kovach, Lu, Marcossion (8th, Men 35+), Miller, Plas, Riccardi (9th, Cat. 2-4), Wilkinson.

Tuesday Night Training Series, Westlake:

August 15 – Behrens, Beller, Bennett, Cunningham Sr., Eldred, Gaither, Howe, Jewitt,

Kovach (1st, "B" race), Lu, Miller, Plas, Riccardi, Stern (5th, "A" race),
Whitehouse, Wilkinson.

August 22 – Beller (5th, "A" race), Cunningham Jr., Cunningham Sr., Jewitt, Kovach (2nd,
"B" race), Lu, Marcossan, Miller, Plas, Riccardi, Stern, Stefancin, Wilkinson,
Ziccardi.

August 29 – Bennett (2nd, "B" race), Cunningham Jr., Cunningham Sr., Eldred, Howe,
Kovach (3rd, "B" race), Lu, Marcossan (1st, "B" race), Miller, Riccardi (1st, "A"
race), Stern (5th, "A" race), Stefancin, Weiner, Wilkinson, Ziccardi (2nd, "A"
race).

September 5 – Bennett, Billman, Cunningham Jr., Cunningham Sr., Eldred, Enyedy, Howe,
Marcossan (1st, "B" race), Miller, Riccardi (3rd, "A" race), Stern, Stefancin,
Wilkinson.

Lake Erie Wheelers Lake Road ITT, Bay Village, August 26 – Enyedy (1st, Cat. 5/Citizens),
Kovach, Riccardi (1st, Cat. 3), Wilkinson.

Stark County Bike Club Downtown Canton CT, Canton, August 27 – Kovach, Lu (4th, "B" race;
8th, "A" race), Riccardi (1st, "B" race; 7th, "A" race).

Team Columbus Ohio ITT Championship, Delaware, September 2 – Enyedy, Gallagher (2nd, Men
50-54), Gamm, Kovach, Kriz (3rd, Men 50-54), Jackman (1st, Men 50-54), Miller, Vadini.

Maple Leaf Cycling Club Tour di via Italia CT, Windsor ON, September 3 – Beller.

Cadieux Bicycle Debaets-Devos Memorial CT, Detroit MI, September 4 – Lu, Riccardi, Stern.

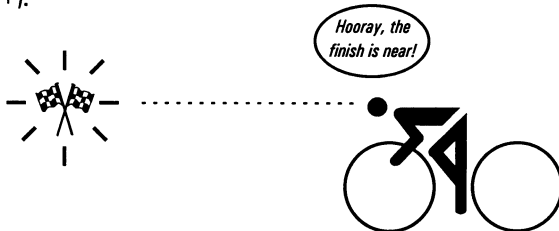
Potato Festival CR, Mantua, September 9 – Craft (2nd, Men 35-45), Gallagher (3rd, Men
50-54), D. Garrett (2nd, Men 35-45), M. Garrett (2nd, Women), Hayden (2nd, Men 35-45).

Multisport

Pacific Sports Rock & Roll Triathlon, Cleveland, July 16 – D. Garrett (1st, Women's Team),
M. Garrett (1st, Men's Team), Papajcik (4th, Mixed Team).

Off-Road (XC - cross-country)

Mickey's Mountain Bike Challenge XC Series, Hopedale, August 20 – Gardner (1st, Beginner
Men 35+).



News:

- Welcome to new member **Zach Fraatz**, of North Royalton.
- Good food and spirited games of bocci ball were the order of the day at our annual summer picnic. Thanks to **Dominic and Joanna Vadini** for the good time had by all.

The Gringo

Throughout the 2000 Tour de France, a Colombian rider on the Kelme-Costa Blanca Team, Santiago Botero, kept a daily diary. Here is one of his entries:

"There I am all alone with my bike. I know of only two riders ahead of me as I near the end of the second climb on what most riders consider the third worst mountain stage in the Tour. I say 'most riders' because I do not fear mountains. After all, my country is nothing but mountains. I train year-round in the mountains. I am the national champion from a country that is nothing but mountains. I trail only my teammate, Fernando Escartin, and a Swiss rider. Pantani, one of my rival climbers, and the Gringo Armstrong are in the Peleton about five minutes behind me. I am climbing on such a steep portion of the mountain that if I were to stop pedaling, I will fall backward. Even for a world class climber, this is a painful and slow process. I am in my upright position pedaling at a steady pace willing myself to finish this climb so I can conserve my energy for the final climb of the day. The Kelme team leader radios to me that the Gringo has left the Peleton by himself and that they can no longer see him.

I recall thinking 'the Gringo cannot catch me by himself,' but a short while later, I hear the gears on another bicycle. Within seconds, the Gringo is next to me – riding in the seated position, smiling at me. He was only next to me for a few seconds and he said nothing – he only smiled and then proceeded up the mountain as if he were pedaling downhill.

For the next several minutes, I could only think of one thing: his smile. His smile told me everything. I kept thinking that surely he is in as much agony as I am, perhaps he was standing and struggling up the mountain as I was and he only sat down to pass me and discourage me. He has to be playing games with me.

Not possible. The truth is that his smile said everything that his lips did not. His smile said to me, 'I was training while you were sleeping, Santiago.' It also said, 'I won this tour four months ago, while you were deciding what bike frame to use in the Tour. I trained harder than you did, Santiago. I don't know if I am better than you, but I have outworked you and right now, you cannot do anything about it. Enjoy your ride, Santiago. See you in Paris.'

Obviously, the Gringo did not state any of this. But his smile did dispel a bad rumor among the riders on the tour. The rumor that surfaced as we began the Prologue several days ago told us that the Gringo had gotten soft. His wife had given birth to his first child, he had won the most difficult race in the world, and he no longer had the desire to race, to win. I imagine that his smile turned to laughter once he was far enough not to embarrass me. The Gringo has class, but he heard the rumors, and he probably laughed all the way to Paris. He is a great champion and I must train harder. I am not content to be a great climber, I want to be the best. I learned much from the Gringo in the mountains. I will never forget the helpless feeling I had yesterday. If I ever become an international champion, I will always remember the lesson the Gringo taught me."

Thanks to Erik Hultgren for forwarding this.

L.E.W.'s Back-to-Back Races Punctuate the Season

Lake Road Time Trial

The first running of the Lake Road Time Trial took place on Aug. 26 in Bay Village and Avon Lake. A timed race, the rolling 10-mile course carried athletes down Lake Road between the eastern corporation limits of Bay Village and the front steps of the Avon Lake electric plant. Overall winner Jonathan Hensel of New Philadelphia set a blistering pace of 27.33 mph and established the record for future contestants to beat. He was joined by fellow Cat 1/2 racers Scott Spees of Bellbrook and Clevelander Jim Doyle to round out the overall top three finishes.

Avon Lake's Mark Wladecki took top honors in the Masters 35+ category with Bay's Paul Bauer and Brad Beeson completing the top three. Rocky River resident Chris Riccardi won the Cat. 3 race placing 5th overall.

Promoters Team Lake Erie Wheelers (LEW) expressed their thanks to the police departments and communities of Bay Village and Avon Lake for their cooperation in making the race possible. Also acknowledged were sponsors: Bike Authority, GH Sports, ProGold Lubricants, and Aker Signs.

Name, team, time in order of overall finish:

Hensel, Jonathan	Tri Tech	21:57
Spees, Scott	Dayton 2003	22:07
Doyle, Jim	Dale's Bike Shop	22:23
Wladecki, Mark	unattached	23:23
Riccardi, Chris	PDQ Cleveland	23:56
Bauer, Paul	unattached	24:32
Wilford, Derek	Team Burn	24:35
Enyedy, Ed	PDQ Cleveland	24:41
Beeson, Brad	unattached	25:09
Edwards, Tim	Team Burn	25:25
Diffenbacher, Brian	Team LEW	25:26
Kovach, Dave	PDQ Cleveland	25:53
Oliveira, Gabriel	Schmitzer	25:59
Madison, Michael	Summit Freew.	26:31
Dave/Kathy Starkey	unattached	26:40
Oliveira, Oliver	Schmitzer	27:03

Bowen/Spinazzola	unattached	27:06
Rees, Bill	Team LEW	27:32
Ward, Dan	Dannobikers	28:07
Matson, James	unattached	29:29
Smith, Wendy	unattached	32:46

Downtown Canton Criterium

The inaugural running of the Canton Downtown Criterium took place on Aug. 27, reviving a long tradition of racing in Canton after a short hiatus. After torrential rains came and left the area, 29 riders braved the partially-clearing skies and competed in the three scheduled events of the day.

The "C" Race (for beginning and advanced racers) started with a timed 30-minute section, then three laps of the course. From the start, 17-year-old Bob Vogt, Jr. jumped to a gap of 10 to 15 seconds as the pack worked to bring him back. Ultimately, he was gathered in just in time for a Jogmate prime, which his father, Bob, Sr., decided to sprint for. After the final laps started, the field set a very quick pace but on the final straightaway, the pack could not contain the four placed riders who followed Vogt Jr.'s wheel on his way to a convincing victory.

The "B" Race (intermediate to advanced) was swelled by some of the top competitors from the prior race. Once again, shortly after the start, Vogt Jr. was part of a significant break from the pack, this time orchestrated by veteran PDQ rider Chris Riccardi and Billy Mathys of Oxywater/Litespeed. The three kept consistent pace, with Mathys taking two primes, and steadily worked on lapping the field. By the 45-minute timed portion, the three had jumped on the back of the field which was maneuvering for the fourth- and fifth-place finish. Riccardi proved the master of the hour with a move through the pack to take first before the field and his two break companions. Mathys rolled in with the pack

for second, Vogt shortly after for third. PDQ teammate Don Lu sprinted ahead for fourth place, with Team Burn rider Derek Wilford coming in right behind.

The "A" race was last and is for expert racers. The field was also increased by notables from the "B" race: Riccardi, Mathys, and Lu. The race was also won by a trio in a break, this time in the shape of Kurt Buchwald (Team Columbus), Brian Batke (Cuyahoga Valley Velo), and Tom Price (Guinness). The three broke free of the field about 20 minutes into the timed portion of the contest. Some of the best riders in the state were in the chase behind the three. Some high speeds and significant jumps were played out past the start/finish straightaway.

Several of the charges towards the breakaway trio were led by Jonathan Hensel and Kevin Owens of Tri Tech, and Riccardi and Lu of PDQ, but the field never put together an organized chase. Meanwhile, the leaders worked efficiently and put distance on the field with every lap. At the end of the timed portion, the break had the pack in view and were riding just off the back, choosing not to penetrate the field. Buchwald, Batke, and Price finished one-two-three, cruising in behind the pack which had one more lap to go. Team Columbus rider Dave Chernowski out-sprinted James Doyle of Dale's Bike, the pair taking fourth- and fifth-place respectively. Earlier in the timed portion, Brad Hanson worked through the field for position, successfully taking both the \$5 and the Jogmate prizes.

Name and team listed in order of finish:

"A" Race – 60 min. + 5 Laps

Kurt Buchwald	Team Columbus
Brian Batke	Cuyahoga Valley Velo
Tom Price	Guinness
Dave Charnowski	Team Columbus
James Doyle	Dale's Bike
Billy Mathys	Oxywater/Litespeed
Chris Riccardi	PDQ Cleveland
Don Lu	PDQ Cleveland
Tom Frueh	Cuyahoga Valley Velo
Larry Pandy	Team Glenwood
Rick Pudoka	Team Glenwood
Dick Brink	Guinness

Brad Hansen	unattached
Jonathan Hensel	Tri Tech
Jim Cuckovich	Team Glenwood
Kevin Owens	Tri Tech

"B" Race – 45 min. + 3 Laps

Chris Riccardi	PDQ Cleveland
Billy Mathys	Oxwater/Litespeed
Robert Vogt, Jr.	Team Glenwood
Don Lu	PDQ Cleveland
Derek Wilford	Team Burn
Brian Diffenbacher	Team LEW
Jim Gilmore	Summit Freewheelers
Gabriel Oliveira	Schmitzer
Robert Vogt, Sr.	Team Glenwood
Kevin Lutzke	unattached
Gene Belavance	unattached
Jim Gutierrez	Cuyahoga Valley Velo
Alan Wenger	Mahoning Valley Cycling
Mark Coventry	Stark County B.C.
Ted Ingraham	Summit Freewheelers
Scott McBride	Loco Velo/Bank United
Bud Scott	unattached

"C" Race – 30 min. + 3 Laps

Robert Vogt, Jr.	Team Glenwood
Gene Belavance	unattached
Scott Hoffman	Team LEW
Ted Ingraham	Summit Freewheelers
Kevin Lutzke	unattached
Ed Ellis	Trek
John Lanson	Orrville Cycling & Fit.
Carl Peshoff	unattached
Todd Pederson	unattached
Sam Seiple	unattached
Brian Diffenbacher	Team LEW
Oliver Oliveira	Schmitzer
Jim Gilmore	Summit Freewheelers
Robert Vogt, Sr.	Team Glenwood
William Russell	unattached
Brett Berardinis	unattached

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This account written by Michael Woods of Team LEW.

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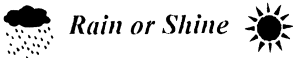
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Yo, Wheelers...



Seen at the Scene —

Among those who were seen enjoying themselves at the August “Brunch-nic” (WRW’s after-the-ride picnic/brunch) hosted by **Bernard and Barbara Kotton** on August 20, were **Julian (Etole) Kahan, Diane (Jerry) Wasserman, Bernie Greenberg, Ed Reichek, Ellie (Les) Einhorn, Al Magid, Ellen Rothchild, Louis (Nancy) Klein, Ruthe Stone and Sam Maizner, Dorothy Asherson, Les Greenberg (Betsy), Alan Goodman, the rehabbing Allen Wapnick (Phyllis), and Sy (Fern) Press** — soon to be among the surgically repaired. We were happy to be joined by ex-Cleveland **Steve Alfred**, who left us for Atlanta and is on his way to his new home up North again. (One point he mentioned was that Atlanta was definitely not cyclist-friendly, as is our hometown here on the North Coast. Hope his new environs will make up for GA’s lack.) And for those members who missed this annual event — tough luck! We feasted on really great fixins created by some of WRW’s best-kept secret chefs! Many thanks to super-hosts Barbara and Bernard Kotton for their delightful and generous hospitality.

Labor Day Labor —

Labor Day weekend brought out WRWheelers and several “guest riders” from CTC who joined us on several consecutive days, in spite of oppressively hot and humid weather. Those three ladies burned up the pavement and added some lively conversation to those rides. (They may have even saved us from some of the old jokes we usually hear repeated when the new ones run out!) Thanks, ladies! Don’t know about the rest of you, but I for one had a rough time of it, even though I drank enough to water the desert! If I had my “druthers,” I’d “druther” have Cleveland’s Spring and Fall year ’round. But then, no one asked me! The weather conditions those few days gave new meaning to the word “labor.”

When You Have a Good Thing Going —

We’re on a roll, everybody! Remember that great meal at last year’s Annual November Banquet? Well, it was so well received that we’ve decided to hold this year’s closing affair at the same place. That’s right! We’re returning to **Nido Italia** on Mayfield Road in Little Italy, on Sunday, Nov. 5. We’ll have a wine bar at 5:30 p.m. (cash bar available for those who prefer), followed by a super full-course dinner at 6:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required and, as usual, this event is open only to paid-up members and their spouses or S.O.s. Look for your invitation in the mail or, if you can’t wait, call Harold Pasternak at (216) 921-6306 or Al Wapnick at (216) 291-3960 for more information. Those in the know are already asking about this affair ’cause they know it just doesn’t get any better than this!

That’s all for now, folks...

See you on the road,

— Ellie Einhorn

WESTERN RESERVE WHEELERS



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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
October				
1	8:30	JCC	Pick-Up (2nd Day Rosh Hashana)	
8	8:30	JCC	Willoughby	30
15	8:30	JCC	Tinker's Creek - Solon "Top of Astorhurst"	50
22	9:00	JCC	Cider Ride Patterson Farms	30
29	9:00	JCC	Solon via Bedford	31
November				
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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