



# Spokin' Times News

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## Location change for the October Meeting

The October 5<sup>th</sup> Club meeting location has been changed to the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Harry C Wheeler Community Center and Administration Building located at 24076 Frederick Pankow Blvd, (just east of Gratiot between Joy Blvd and Hall Rd.) in Clinton Township. The meeting will be in multi-use room A. Take the elevator to the second floor. Turn left coming out of the elevator and follow the hallway around to the back of the building.

The reason for the change is to explore the possibility of permanently moving our monthly meetings to this location. As of the 2012/2013 school year there will be a \$25.00 per hour or \$250.00 yearly flat rate for L'Anse Creuse facility use. The yearly fee is not prorated based on the number of times used. This school year we will be holding 7 two hour meetings. As you can see, the yearly flat rate is less expensive. We would still need to find meeting locations for three or four meetings (when Graham Elementary School is closed).

The Wheeler Community Center and Administration Building is a brand new facility – opened this past August. More importantly, it is open year round thereby eliminating the need to find other meeting sites. The other advantage is that the cost would be the same as for the media room at Graham.

I want the membership to see this facility and decide if we want to move to it on a permanent basis.. The move will be on the October meeting agenda and our treasurer, Clara, will have all the necessary information for the membership to make an informed decision.

JP Wilhelm, President



Happy Halloween

**Meetings**—Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Graham Elementary School located on Crocker, north of Metro Parkway. Refreshments are served.

**Note: October meeting location has been changed. See article on page 1.**

**Ride Information**—Send information for rides and walks to Rose Marie Jacobs via email: [rmj211@comcast.net](mailto:rmj211@comcast.net) by the (10th) of the month.

**Newsletter Information**—Send articles you'd like published to Jim Walter. Email the information to him at [jim.walter@comcast.net](mailto:jim.walter@comcast.net). Articles must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Feel free to call Jim at 248-879-2405.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JoAnn Alford, Royal Oak

Pam Markey, Sterling Heights

Robert S. Bloink, Birmingham

Jeanne Robinson, Yale

John Lewis, Almont

### Officer Elections in November

It's Fall, the Peach is history, as are many rides, tours and miles along with some terrific memories and good times in 2012. It hardly seems possible that another year and another biking season is drawing to a close. Time really does fly when you're having fun. The Fall also means it's time to elect club officers for the coming year. As most of you know, nominations are accepted at the October and November meetings and elections are held at the November meeting. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Membership Chair. Without good leadership, any organization will crumble and fail. All of you have skills, and talents that are needed to maintain the health of our club. I encourage everyone to give careful consideration to sharing you talents and abilities with the club as an officer. JP

October Book Club—October 30 at 7:00 pm

Hostess: Shelly Mallon 248 652-1655

Book: The Coral Thief

649 Augusta Drive

Author: Rebecca Stott

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

### DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you want to know of impromptu rides and other information of special interest not found on our website or in the newsletter, please make sure you forward your correct email address to Paul Wilhelm at [jpwilhelm@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilhelm@hotmail.com)

Corrections: Everyone liked the 1998 ride photo that appeared in last month's newsletter, but a few questions were raised about the identifications of the people in the photo. Although it seems that some identifications may be in doubt, we are fairly certain that the person standing next to Dick Barry should have been identified as Rita Zupan.

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

Every attempt will be made to include all articles as they are submitted, and in their entirety, in the newsletter. However, due to space constraints, this may not always be possible. If you do not want your article edited in any way, shape or form (even if typos and/or grammatical errors are apparent) please make a note of that when the article is sent.

## *Many thanks to all of the Peach of a Ride volunteers*



The 2012 Peach of a Ride is now history. And what history it is. We had over 360 very satisfied and somewhat tired riders on an absolutely perfect day. All in all, the 2012 POAR was a huge success. I'd personally like to thank everyone, organizers, day-of-event volunteers, cookie bakers, etc., who worked so hard to make it "happen". THANK YOU!!!

JP Wilhelm

## *Other words of thanks*

A big thank you to Ruth Ann and Leo Booms for all the work in buying and distributing all the supplies to the rest stops.

I wish to thank the members that worked the Riley Center rest stop namely Agnes and Michael McGartland, Aloys Turck, Evelyn Bires, Wilma Hamann.

Also thank you to the members that worked the other rest stops.

A special thank you to the members that contributed cookies. The riders enjoyed them. Comments from the riders at Riley Center were all good and said our club does a very nice job in putting on the Peach of a Ride.

Thanks to all

Fred Hamann at Riley Center

A great big thank you to all the ambitious Slow Spokes members and non members who volunteered to work the Rest Stops for POAR this year. Your hospitality had a lot to do with the success of the ride!

Also, a special thank you to Linda and Rich Ostrowski for getting donated bagels from the manager of the Roseville Gratiot Panera Bread & Bagel Restaurant.

Submitted by Ruth Ann and Leo Booms



No, this wasn't a picture of the Peach of a Ride. It was the Tour de Troit, which had 5000 participants this year.

## OCTOBER RIDES

No rides have been sent to the Newsletter Editor for October. The evening rides usually quit at the end of September due to lack of daylight. A note sent from Bill Appleberry says it all:

I will not be running the Wednesday evening ride in October. It will be getting dark too early. Please send my thanks to all who participated this summer. See you all in the spring.

I would like to join Bill and all the other ride leaders in thanking all of the ride participants this year. Your participation makes leading rides fun. I would also like to thank those who led the Tuesday night ride when I wasn't there (which was often), in particular thanks to Josie Young for agreeing to be the co-ride-leader for Tuesday night.

Ride leaders sometimes have to deal with rebellion.

Here we see a protest on Mary's Monday Night No Smoking, Drinking, Eating or Talking Ride.

I am told that Carol Ritchie was the instigator of the protest - no surprise there!



There is usually some good riding weather in October, so expect some **impromptu** rides. There are also some good rides sponsored by other organizations. The following are some rides that some Slow Spokes have participated in:

The Blue Water Ramble—Sunday, October 7th. in St. Clair. This ride is sponsored by the Clinton River Riders. Those doing a century need to get there at 7 or 7:30. There usually is a group of Slow Spokes who ride around 9:00 am and do a shorter route. You need a passport if you are going to ride into Canada. (Pre-registered riders get pre-approval of their passport numbers when they register). You can also ride only on the U.S. side.

Fall Colors Back 40 Tour—Sunday, October 14th in Clarkston. Dirt road ride sponsored by the Flying Rhino Bicycle Club. A few Slow Spokes have enjoyed this ride in past years.

Tour de Livingston –Sunday, October 14th in Brighton. Lennie and I rode this ride a couple of years ago, and really enjoyed it.

More information about the above rides and other possible October rides can be found on the LMB website. Go to [www.lmb.org](http://www.lmb.org), then to events, then Michigan Ride Calendar.

## Comments on the Upper Peninsula Tour (submitted by Carol Ritchie)

What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Touring?

Manistique to Germfask to 12 Mile Beach to Munising to Marquette to Forest Lake to Manistique. Monday 3 September to Monday 10 September.

Tree-lined lanes. Fresh air. Wide open spaces. Healthy exercise. 41mph downhills (into Grand Marais). Soul-crushing soft-sand hills (along County Road 445). The morning mist rising off the lake just after sunrise. Torrential rainstorms in the night. Every night. Two bald eagles nesting on a branch across the street from the Marquette Visitors Center. Magically delicious, authentic, home-style pasties. Half a Snickers bar passed from one rider to another along the shoulder of the highway. Dried apricots. Curious, friendly natives. Surly waitresses. Yep, we had all this, and so much more, on the recent self-contained bike/camping trip.

The Cast of Characters: The Instigator, in whose fertile brain this endeavor was first imagined. Not much rattles this man, who has seen more countryside from the seat of a bike than you can shake two sticks at. The Mechanic, who has a gift for just the right tweak, the proper adjustment, who, true to form, had no time for his own repairs, but gave to others instead. The Engineer, who could calculate the precise percentage of trail left to traverse, to the tenth of a mile, sometimes to the dismay of the rider who was sure we'd gone twice that far already. The Randonneurs, who had already ridden in the DALMAC party before joining the trip in Manistique, who, midway through the trip had already logged more than 600 miles (salute!) and uncomplainingly rode with style and power and grace. The Two Pillars, always ready with support, encouragement, advice, and gentle good humour. The semi-Soigneur, trained in the gentle ways of pain management, who pulled a bicep muscle saving another's bike from disaster, held a water bottle on the affected body part, and still managed to ride like the wind. The Rookie, who benefitted from having a million miles of experience on 9 bikes alongside her.

No major mechanical breakdowns. A few snags. Some inadequate equipment. Mostly co-operative weather. What a great trip! And can't wait till next year!

Acknowledgments to (in alphabetical order) : Bill Appleberry, Ray Carpenter, Bob George, Tom Graham, Clara Herndon, Rich Ostrowski, Carol Ritchey, Ed Schultz, Bernie Sustrich, John Williams.



Right: Arts, Beats and Eats, Sept.2, 2012.

Another picture of ride leader Mary Woloszyk looking back to make sure that none of her followers are breaking any of the rules. She must have been a school teacher in a former life.

Paul looks a little guilty, doesn't he.



Below: Polish Festival, Sept. 3, 2012

When will the parade start, Tom



Right:  
Hot Dogs  
on a Night Ride,  
Sept. 13, 2012



## YOUR FAVORITE BIKE SHOP!!!

The following bicycle stores offer a discount on equipment and accessories. Be prepared to show your Slow Spokes membership card when making a purchase to receive the discount.

Allied Cycle	23101 Gratiot	Eastpointe, MI 48021	586/772-3411
American Cycle & Fitness	29428 Woodward Ave	Royal Oak, MI 48072	586/542-7182
American Cycle & Fitness	2169 Metro Parkway	Sterling Heights, MI 48310	586/979-7570
American Cycle & Fitness	203 N. Perry Street	Pontiac, MI 48342	248/333-7843
American Cycle & Fitness	20343 Mack Avenue	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236	313/886-1968
American Cycle & Fitness	18517 Hall Road	Macomb Twp. MI 48044	586/416-1000
Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness	35214 23 Mile Road	New Baltimore, MI 48047	586/725-2878
Bike Tech	18401 E. Warren	Detroit, MI 48236	313/884-2453
D & D Bicycles	8383 N. Middlebelt Rd	Westland, MI 48185	734/522-9410
D & D Bicycles	121 N. Center Rd.	Northville, MI 48167	248/347-1511
D & D Bicycles	9977 E. Grand River	Brighton, MI 48116	810/227-5070
D & D Bicycles	4141 W. 12 Mile Road	Berkley, MI 48072	248/547-0770
D & D Bicycles	7330 Highland Road	Waterford, MI 48327	248/461-6550
East Side Bike Shop	26210 Van Dyke Ave	Centerline, MI 48015	586/756-2001
Fraser Bicycle & Fitness	34501 Utica Road	Fraser, MI 48072	586/294-4070
Hamilton Bicycle	69329 Main Street	Richmond, MI 48062	586/727-5140
Macomb Bike & Fitness	28411 Schoenherr	Warren, MI 48088	586/756-5400
Main Street Bicycles	5987 26 Mile Road	Washington, MI 48094	586/677-7755
Main Street Bicycles	622 S Lapeer	Lake Orion, MI 48362	248/236-9100
Metro Bike-N-Sport	36649 S. Gratiot Ave	Clinton Twp., MI 48035	586/791-3488
Paul's Bike Depot	28057 Gratiot	Roseville, MI 48066	586/776-9165
Stoney Creek Bike	58235 Van Dyke	Washington, MI 48094	586/781-4451

### SLOW SPOKES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL BIRTHDAY (MONTH and DAY): \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this application along with a check for \$15.00 payable to:  
 Slow Spokes  
 P. O. Box 792  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-0792

Anyone interested in bicycling is eligible for membership. Those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult during all club activities and rides.

I ***do not*** wish to receive a hard copy printed of the Newsletter.