Spokin' Times News

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Meetings in the New Year

Last year's mid-winter meetings were not well attended, so the club voted not to have a meeting in February. Since several regular attenders will be gone in March, the new President has decided to cancel the March meeting too. Accordingly, the next meeting will be on the first Friday in April.

Newsletter

There aren't any rides to post for the winter months, so the newsletter editor has decided that the next newsletter will come out at the end of April for the month of May. Most of our weekly daytime and evening rides start in May, so you will find them in the May newsletter as long as people tell me about them, that is. Last year, the Grosse Pointe Tuesday and Thursday ride started sometime in April. If that is the case, they will send out an email announcement.

Membership dues for 2019

If you haven't paid them, your name has been deleted from the website membership list, and you won't be getting emails from the club.

Just in case you can't read the fineprint

No meeting in February
No meeting in March

The next meeting will be April 5th

Meetings—Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at Christ Lutheran Church at 12500 Canal Road between Van Dyke and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights. Refreshments are served.

Ride Information—Send information for rides and walks and other exciting events to our event coordinator or newsletter editor by the 20th of the month.

Newsletter Information—Send articles you'd like published to Jim Walter. Email the information to him at jimwalter46@gmail.com. Articles must be received by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Feel free to call Jim at 248-879-2405.

Incoming Vice-president: Lora Loche Outgoing president: Jim Walter Ongoing treasurer: Cindy Clark

You never know what's going to happen at a Slow Spokes meeting.

There I was presiding over my last meeting as club president when I was interrupted by Clara who stated that she had a gift for my years of service as president. I did not know what to make of this, since we do not usually give our club officers anything but grief. Paul, who had been president for 12 years, played along and said "They never gave me anything!" But if you get a gift, you open it and there it was—the infamous Jaboo. For several years, the club has had a euchre group which exchanged trash and treasure gifts at Christmas. Over the years, Jaboo has been a traveling treasure.

And now, it's mine. Oh joy!

A note from the President—Gabe Halsall

A note from the President.

I was very pleased with the number of people joining us for the Christmas party. A good time was had by all. As usual we played lots of games and the food was exceptional.

We will not have a meeting in Feb or March as many of us will be gone. However for those of you that would like to get together on Fridays we will be going to Fish Fry at the following locations:

Feb 1, 2019 Carpathia Club 38000 Utica Rd. Sterling Heights MI 5:30

Feb 8, 2019 Commonwealth Club 30088 Dequindre Warren MI 5:30

Feb 15, 2019 Carpathia Club 38000 Utica Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 5:30

Lenten Fish Fry will begin in March

I have been reading some of the efforts of the League of Michigan Bicyclists in the past year. If interested you can go to their website and glean some of their accomplishments this past year. On that note I would like to discuss what we can do as a club to promote cycling. This may include becoming involved in the efforts of LMB, or other clubs. I hope that we can think about this and have some discussion at the next meeting in April.

It's been a chilly winter and I don't know if any of you have been riding. I have been riding in my basement on the trainer, nice and cozy. I am looking forward to the upcoming summer and the many bike tours in Michigan and other states as well as Europe. Hopefully you all have been looking into some rides this spring/summer. Some of the rides which are already taking registrations are

PALM June 22-28, palmbiketour.org

You can register for the following rides at LMB.org Hubfest, June 8, Sunrise Adventure, June 13-16, Mup July 6-13, Shoreline West August 3-10

There is a group going to Sunrise Adventure and there may be time to contact Chris Klepp regarding accommodations at their summer home.

GOBA June 15-22 www.goba.com

Northwest tour June 12-16 biketcba.org (May be sold out already!)

North Carolina Coastal Ride April 26-28 ncsports.org (about 12 of us are going and there will be a planned ride after to be determined.)

Some of our members are planning a trip to the Erie Canal also and there may still be time to join them.

Hope to see many of you at the Fish Fry in the next month.

Gabriele

Holiday Party at Bob and Gabe's House

This picture was taken late in the evening at the Holiday Party at Bob and Gabe's house. I think there were a couple of people there who had already left and of course, Gabe was taking the picture, so she wasn't in it either. We had a great pot-luck dinner and the group split up to play a variety of games or watch the old slide shows of rides from the past. Everyone had a good time.

Mileage for 2018

The following people reported their individual mileage for 2018.

Jim Walter	6000
Bernie Sustrich	5085
Bill Appleberry	3665
Bob George	3104
Rita Wilhelm	3101
Betty Boscarino	3001
Clara Herndon	2602
Irene Walter	2184
Tom Miller	1836
Shelly Mallon	1553
Carol Sustrich	1387

I hope everyone has a good year of riding in 2019!

Correction

Bill Appleberry emailed me a correction to the article that appeared in the December newsletter.

Here is his correction.

Regarding the "Buddy-to-Buddy" article in the December newsletter, the email address for Amy Kienast is incorrect. It should be amkienas@med.umich.edu

Bill Appleberry

Club ride totals for 2018

No additional ride sheets were turned in since the December newsletter. Please see the December 2018 newsletter to see those totals.

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	248/542-7182
American Cycle & Fitness	39900 W. Fourteen Mile	Walled Lake, MI 48390	248/960-1371
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 48026	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

Club Information

For more information about our club, please see our website at www.slowspokes.org

Most of the information on the website is visible without signing in. If you are a member, you can use your email address as your login ID and create a password. This gives you access to some information that non-members cannot see.

If you wish to join the Slow Spokes, there is a membership application on the website that you can print out and fill out.

You are welcome to come for a meeting or try out a ride before joining the club.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you want email notification of impromptu rides and other information of special interest, you must include your email address on your membership application. If there is a problem, email Tom Miller at tmiller793@gmail.com

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.