



## Slow Spokes Speak Out!

The *Slow Spokes Spokin' Times* Speak Out page will offer members a forum for speaking out about issues pertaining to the club and its activities. The *Slow Spokes Spokin' Times* welcomes your comments. Feel free to share a concern or simply write to praise a ride leader or someone who went beyond the call of duty to make Slow Spokes a better organization.

The *Times* will consider for publication only signed letters and communications but will, if requested, not publish the writer's name.

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### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SLOW SPOKES' POLICY OF LEAVING NO RIDERS BEHIND?

Starting the ride I led on Saturday, October 20, 2001, twenty-one riders signed the sign-up sheet. Only seven were with the group upon return to the starting location. Three of the fourteen riders who departed from the group were at least courteous enough to let me know they were leaving. The rest of the riders departed without letting anyone know.

Circumstances occasionally cause the ride to last longer than anticipated, making it necessary for some of the riders to go ahead, but I doubt that applies to more than 50% of the riders. Check the ride write up before you leave, and if it does not fit with the time you have available, perhaps, you should consider a different ride.

If you wish to co-lead a ride at a different pace, let the ride leader know far enough in advance so that it can be listed in the newsletter or posted on the hot line and co-lead the ride. A dual-paced ride may bring riders who otherwise may not have been interested in riding.

Our ride leaders make a commitment of time and effort in preparing a ride for you. Allow them to lead the ride. If there is no one to follow, there will be no need for ride leaders.

Another practice that has been occurring lately is that a few riders have been notifying each other by telephone for a ride and not posting it on the hotline, thereby excluding potential riders. While it may seem like it is no "big deal" it undermines the purpose of belonging to a club. Call Tom Paonessa @ (586) 293-8624 or Bob George @ (586) 463-6058 and post it on the Slow Spokes Hotline.

Tom Miller

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For all the riders who stayed with Tom or told him they were leaving!



For all those who left without telling Tom!

## December – January Scheduled Activities

### Sunday, December 2, 2001 and all Sundays during the winter months.

Activity: Hike/Bike/Ski Activity to be determined by the weather. Check the hotline (586) 819-0187.

Leader: Tom Paonessa (586) 293-8624

Meeting place: Stoney Creek Metro Park boat launch parking lot Meet at the golf course clubhouse for cross-country skiing.

Starting time: 12:00 noon Distance: To be determined (TBD) Pace: TBD

Lunch: Contact Tom Paonessa

### Friday, December 7, 2001

Activity: Slow Spokes Monthly Meeting and Christmas party

Meeting place: Owen-Jax Activities Center, 9 Mile Road east of Van Dyke

Starting time: 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

### Saturday, December 8, 2001

Activity: Mt. Clemens Walk

Leader: Dolores Baumgarten (586) 725-3447

Meeting place: Mt. Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Avenue (across from Mt. Clemens High School),  
between Groesbeck and Gratiot.

Starting time: 10:30 a.m. Distance: 4 miles

Pace: TBD

Lunch: Optional after the walk.

### Saturday, December 15, 2001

Activity: Belle Isle Walk

Leader(s) Tom and Mary Miller (586) 573-4754

Meeting place: Belle Isle casino parking lot

Starting time: 10:00 A.M. Distance: 4 miles

Pace: 3-4 mph

Lunch: Downtown restaurant after the walk

### Tuesday, January 1, 2002

Activity: New Years Day Club Ride

Leader(s): Alex Schneider, (810) 329-7245 and Mike Ziegler, (810) 359-7461

Meeting place: Ehardt Drug Store across from Whimpy's Restaurant in Lexington.

Take I-94 to M-25 to Lexington. Turn right at the traffic light. Turn left into the Ehardt Drug Store parking lot.

Starting time: 10:00 a.m. Distance: 12 miles

Pace: TBD

Lunch: Optional after the ride.

### Tuesday, January 1, 2002

Activity: The First Dozen Ride

Registration fee before December 10 is \$6.00 – Day of ride registration fee is \$8.00.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

Leader(s): N/A

Meeting place: Olive Branch Masonic Lodge, 1170 Mason Street, Dearborn, Michigan

Starting time: 2 p.m. Distance: 12 miles

Pace: TBD

Lunch: On your own

**Friday, January 4, 2002**

Activity: Slow Spokes Monthly Meeting

Meeting place: Owen-Jax Activities Center, 9 Mile Road east of Van Dyke

Starting time: 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, January 5, 2002**

Activity: Sterling Heights Walk-in-My-Neighborhood

Leader: Rita Zupan (586) 264-0712

Meeting place: St. Malachy parking lot on 14 Mile Road between Schoenherr and Hayes, on the north side of 14 Mile Road

Starting time: 11:00 a.m. Distance: 4 miles

Lunch: Optional restaurant stop after the walk

**Saturday, January 12, 2002**

Activity: Mt. Clemens walk

Leader: Marie Clifford (586) 463-6647

Meeting place: Mt. Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Avenue (across from Mt. Clemens High School),  
between Groesbeck and Gratiot.

Starting time: 11:00 a.m. Distance: 3-4 miles

Lunch: Optional restaurant stop after the walk

**Saturday, January 26, 2002**

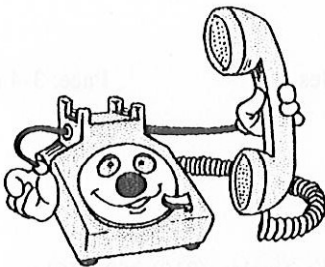
Activity: Dodge Park Walk

Leader: Evelyn Bires (586) 778-8397

Meeting place: Parking lot at Dodge Park and Utica Rd.

Starting time: 11:00 a.m. Distance: 3 to 4 miles

Lunch: Optional lunch stop after the walk.



Be sure to check the Hotline (586) 819-0187 for any impromptu activities.  
Contact Tom Paonessa (586) 293-8624 to have your  
activity mentioned on the hotline.



Visit one of the friendly shops listed below!

**These bicycle stores offer a discount on equipment and accessories. You must show your Slow Spokes' membership card when making a purchase to receive the discount.**

**Adventure Cycle & Sport**  
454 West Nepessing  
Lapeer, MI 48446-2150  
(810) 664-1313

**Allied Cycle**  
23101 Gratiot  
Eastpointe, MI 48021-1628  
(586) 772-3411

**American Cycle and Fitness**  
20343 Mack Avenue  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236-1717  
(313) 886-1968

**American Cycle and Fitness**  
1109 S. Washington  
Royal Oak, MI 48067-3219  
(248) 542-7182

**American Cycle and Fitness**  
2169 Metropolitan Pkwy.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310-4206  
(586) 979-7570

**American Cycle and Fitness**  
39600 West 14 Mile Road  
Walled Lake, MI 48390-3909  
(248) 960-1371

**Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness**  
35214 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047-3650  
(586) 725 2878

**Bicycle and Fitness Barn**  
1604 Stone Street  
Port Huron, MI 48060-3344  
(810) 987-2523

**Continental Bike Shop**  
24426 John R.  
Hazel Park, MI 48030-1114  
(248) 545-1225

**D & D Bicycles**  
4141 West 12 Mile Road  
Berkley, MI 48072-1121  
(248) 547-0770

**D & D Bicycles**  
121 North Center  
Northville, MI 41867-1413  
(248) 347-1511

**D & D Bicycles**  
8383 Middlebelt  
Westland, MI 48185-1810  
(313) 552-9410

**Fraser Schwinn**  
42201 Garfield  
Clinton Township, MI  
48038-1648  
(586) 412-0500

**Fraser Schwinn**  
32064 Utica Road  
Fraser, MI 48026-2207  
(586) 294-4070

**Jerry's Bicycles of Birmingham**  
33502 South Woodward  
Birmingham, MI 48009-0908  
(248) 645-2453

**Macomb Schwinn Cyclery**  
28411 Schoenherr  
Warren, MI 48088-6300  
(586) 756-5400

**Prestige Cycles**  
36558 Moravian  
Clinton Township, MI  
48035-1202  
(586) 792-4040

## Slow Spokes Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one, please. New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$10.00 check payable to Slow Spokes.

Mail this application and your check to:

Slow Spokes, P.O. Box 792, Sterling Heights, MI 48311-0792