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# Slow Spokes Spokin' Times



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next newsletter deadline:** Please send any rides/walks you are planning to lead in the month of April to:

Kathy George  
18822 Woods Dr. W.  
Clinton Twp., MI

By 03/10/01

Other articles please send to:

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By 03/15/01

Dear Friends,  
To those of you who contributed to the purchase of a bike for Harry, I just want to let you know that I have made a gift of the monies from the sale of the bike. This was donated to the Harry Campion Memorial Scholarship Fund. Again, thanks for your purchase of a four-wheeled bike. Harry enjoyed it very much.

Mary Campion  
9/18/00

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Club meetings are usually held the first Friday of the month at the Owen Jax Activities Center in Warren at 8:00 p.m. The center is located on 9 Mile just east of Van Dyke. Refreshments follow the meeting.

The **February** meeting will be on **Friday, February 2, 2001.**

The **March** meeting will be on **Friday, March 2, 2001.**

## PEACH OF A RIDE MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, March 28, 2001

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: The George Residence  
18822 Woods Dr. W.  
Clinton Twp., MI  
(810) 463-6058

We will be discussing and finalizing our 2001 P.O.A.R. application. Also on the agenda, ways to improve and sharpen up our big ride. If you have any great ideas, stop by and let's discuss them.

All team leaders, chairpersons and anyone interested in improving our P.O.A.R. are cordially invited to attend. Look forward to seeing everyone.

## SUNDAY HIKE/BIKE/SKI

All Sundays in February and March

Meet at the Stony Creek Boat launch for walking or hiking at 12:00 Noon. If snow conditions are favorable for cross country skiing, meet at the Stony Creek Golf Course at 12:00 Noon.

For more information call Tom Paonessa at (810) 293-8624 or Rita Zupan at (810) 264-0712

### Wanted: A few more volunteers

At the January meeting it was suggested that the Slow Spokes club partake in an Adopt-a-county-Road of Macomb County. There were approximately 10 Slow Spokes interested in the program. The plan is to have a short ride after we do our road clean up. The club would need to make a commitment of 1 year to this task.

There would be four litter pickup dates: 1) early spring, as soon as weather permits after the final snow melts, 2) just prior to Memorial Day, 3) just prior to July 4, and 4) just prior to Labor Day.

The Road Commission will supply orange vests and bags. We also will hold a safety meeting each year. An attractive Adopt-a-County-Road program sign with our group name will be erected after our first regular scheduled pickup.

We would like to have a significant number of volunteers, as many hands make the job go quickly and our ride can begin. Presently the club has been offered Metro Parkway between Ryan Rd. and Mound.

If you are interested in this project, contact Aloys Turck at (248) 362-4031.

## WINTER WALK

Saturday, February 24, 2001  
10:00 A.M.

Walk will be approximately 4 miles in length at a 3-4 MPH pace. Meet at the Belle Isle Casino parking lot.

Leader: Tom Miller (810)573-4754 or @walk (810) 343-0613

## YEAR 2000 RIDE REVIEW

This year was a tough one for our ride leaders. Kay Hein, Terry Taylor, Greg Dunn, and Fred Meinberg all suffered major health problems that kept them sidelined for much of the season. But we did manage to schedule 112 rides with 31 different leaders and /or co-leaders. Shirley and Pat Mullin co-led 14 rides, Marilyn Drellishak led 11 Wednesday Wrambles and Kay Hein led or co-led 9 rides. Tom Miller and Mary Stoolmiller each led 7 rides; Dick Barry, Marie Clifford, and Len Ziegenmeyer each led 6 rides and Tom Paonessa led 5. Alex Schneider, Greg Dunn and Kathy George led 4 rides each, and several folks led 3 rides: Adolfo Torres, Bob George, Aloys Turck, and Jim Sieradzinski. Lots of folks led one or two rides: Terry Taylor, Carol Trombley, Lester Useted, Paul Wilhelm, Don Windhorst, Fred Meinberg, Jim Carson, John Gentilia, Phil LaRonge, Richard Keller, Art and Carol Meerhaeghe, and David Saul. And of course Peter DeFavero and Rita Zupan led the extended Little Miami Trail Ride.

Many thanks to all these folks who helped to fill out another successful season of riding. I expect they are all prepared to help our new ride chairperson make our next season even better!

Mary Stoolmiller  
Ride Chairperson, Retired

## THE LOST SUMMER OF 2000

Summer is over, but it never came,  
Quite unusual, it was not the same,  
Rain and clouds, the sun was nil,  
Warm weather was not, forever a chill.  
What came our way, we made the best,  
Had no choice, we could all attest.  
Now Autumn is upon us, a little to soon,  
Bringing Fall colors, the Harvest moon.  
Winter is not far off, bitter cold they say,  
Ice, snow, the works, are on the way.  
Then comes Spring, if it shows,  
What it will bring, one never knows.  
Ah! it's Summer again, and God forbid,  
It does not disappoint us, as this year's did.  
Gary Zientak

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### SUBJECT: NICE T-SHIRT RECEIVED SLOW SPOKES OF MACOMB

Thanks for sending my T-shirt. I was sick & as you know the weather was pretty gloomy. I hope some were able to ride. The shirt looks great this year & it was nice to see it in my mailbox. I was a member of SS back in 1972,3,4,5 in my high school yrs. I was introduced through Jim Galahger. I'm glad to see the club still rides & the "Peach" is always one of my favorite rides. Thanks again & I look forward to the 2001 "Peach of a Ride".

Patrick Kennedy, Rochester Hills, Mi. 48309



## Update on Clinton River Trail

Dear Friends of Clinton River Trail,

The new rails-to-trails pathway which will link the West Bloomfield Trail on the west...the Paint Creek and Pollyann Trails to the north...and the Macomb Orchard Trail to the east...is off to a flying start in 2001! A big "Thank You!" goes to State Representative Bob Gosselin, whose office organized and coordinated a terrific meeting this past Friday in Rochester Hills of all the key stakeholders and interests groups involved with the proposed new trail.

Attending were representatives from the Cities of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Oakland County Commissioners, Oakland County Planning, Oakland County Parks & Recreation, Paint Creek Trailways Commission, Oakland Land Conservancy, West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation, the offices of Levin, Stabenow, Dunaskiss, Bishop, Knollenburg, as well as Bob Gosselin (chaired the meeting) and his staff. Many of you know the progress achieved in the final days of 2000. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant by the City of Rochester for purchase of its trail portion was approved. The City of Auburn Hills entered into a direct purchase of its trail portion with the Canadian National Railroad.

All trail enthusiasts owe these two communities a vote of thanks for leading the way down our new trail! It has begun to happen! Further progress was achieved in December. The city of Rochester Hills and the City of Pontiac both applied for acquisition grant money from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the current cycle, to be announced in April. The only negative mark on this path of progress is the trail portion in Sylvan Lake. The City of Sylvan Lake's MNRTF grant application was rejected. City officials there continue to face an unrepresentative pocket of local resident opposition. An unsatisfactory, and unsafe, alternative plan to re-route the trailway out onto the Orchard Lake Road sidewalk has been proposed. Representative Gosselin's meeting this past Friday clearly identified for all public decision makers involved what accomplishments need to happen in 2001 in order to keep the new trailway's momentum going. There are TWO: #1. A shared formula for acquisition funding...Cities, County, State, Federal...which all public officials can live with, and is affordable to each. There is a funding shortfall, and the available DNR/MDOT grant money will not cover the full acquisition purchase. #2. Swift resolution to the Sylvan Lake impasse, and the unacceptable routing of the trail along Orchard Lake Road. "Our" new trail needs your help in the coming months. Email's, faxes, meeting attendance, corporate/private donations. The Clinton River Trail will happen, if we ALL work on it together in 2001!

Please reply, by email or phone, to find out how you can help.

Best regards,  
Dan Keifer, Friends of Clinton River Trail  
[Dckeifer@aol.com](mailto:Dckeifer@aol.com) 248.652.1434

P.S. Please give Representative Bob Gosselin a note of thanks for his leadership on this project. You can reach him at  
[rgosselin@house.state.mi.us](mailto:rgosselin@house.state.mi.us)  
517.373.0615

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