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Slow Spokes Spokin' Times



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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By **11/10/01**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

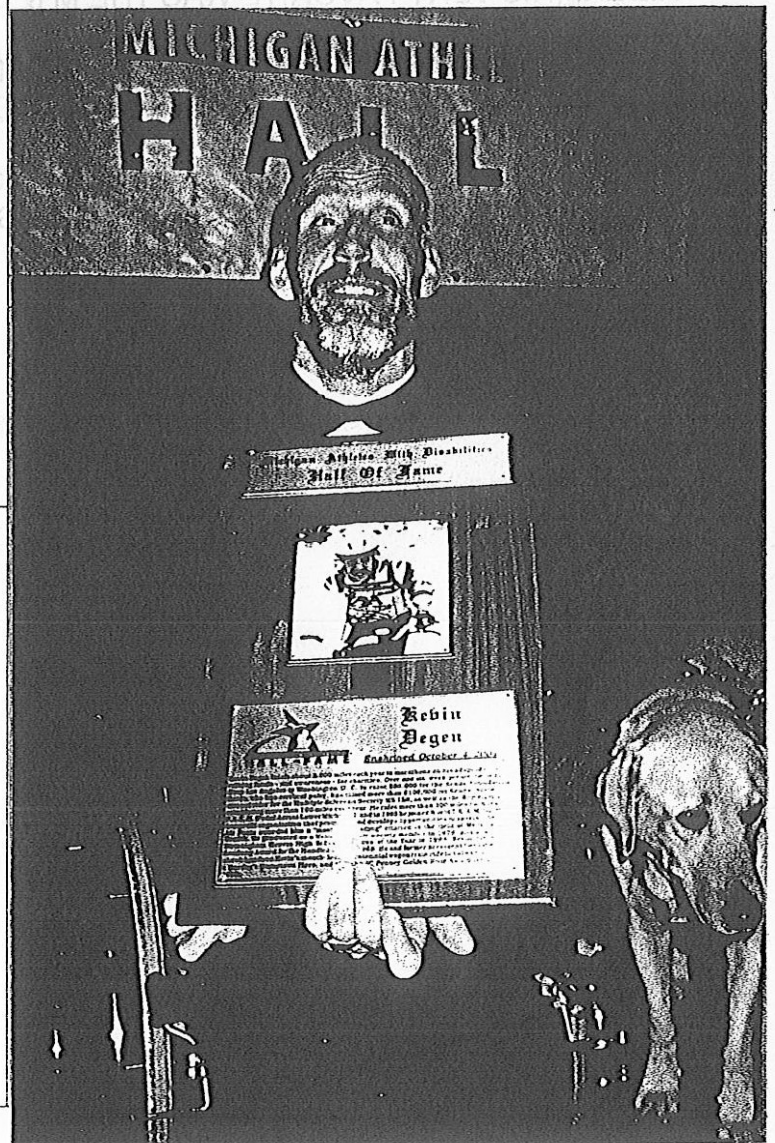
Club meetings are held the first Friday of the month at the Owen Jax Activities Center in Warren at 8:00 p.m. The center is located on 9 Mile just east of Van Dyke. Refreshments follow the meeting.

The November meeting will be Friday, November 2, 2001

The December meeting will be Friday, December 7, 2001

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin Degan who was Inducted into the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame on Oct. 4, 2001.



PEACH OF A RIDE 2001

THE DAY STARTED OFF WITH CLEAR SKIES AND SUNSHINE, BUT SAD TO SAY DID NOT CONTINUE ON THAT UPBEAT TREND. IT DID INDEED START RAINING AROUND NOON.

OUR RIDERS STILL WENT OUT AND SEIZED THE DAY. THEY CAME BACK A LITTLE DAMP, BUT WERE ALL SMILES, BECAUSE EVERYONE AGREED, IT WAS ONLY A SMALL DOWNPOUR. (IF THERE IS SUCH A THING.) BUT HONESTLY, THOSE WERE THE GENERAL COMMENTS.

MANY MONTHS OF PLANNING AND MEETINGS WENT INTO LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR BRINGING THE P.O.A.R. TO THE SUCCESSFUL EVENT IT WAS FOR THE YEAR 2001. TO ALL THE CHAIRPERSONS WHO CAME TO SO MANY ADVANCE MEETINGS, I THANK YOU. TO ALL THE WORKERS, SUCH AS REGISTRATION, KITCHEN, REST STOP, PARKING, PUBLICITY, MAP MAKING, ROUTE PLANNING, ROAD MARKING, SIGN MAKING, RADIO OPERATORS, SAG DRIVERS, T-SHIRT SALES AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE MISSED, I THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.

IF YOU BAKED COOKIES, OUR CYCLISTS LOVED THEM. OUR RIDERS TELL US THE HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE A VERY BIG REASON THEY COME AND DO OUR RIDE EVERY YEAR. "YOUR COOKIES ARE THE VERY BEST" TO QUOTE A 10 YEAR OLD RIDER. (HIS VERY FAVORITE WAS THE M & M COOKIES.)

SO, IN SUMMARY, IT WAS A SUNSHINE DAY IN SO MANY WAYS, EVEN THOUGH THE SUN WAS NOT VERY COOPERATIVE. WE DID WELL ON THE RIDE, WE MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS, WE HAD A GREAT MEAL, WE SAW A LOT OF SMILES AND ABOVE ALL WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. TO ALL WHO WORKED THE RIDE, YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB. CONSIDER YOURSELF HUGGED AND THANKED FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR CLUB.

R.M.J.

November Ride/Walk Schedule

Call the ride/walk leader if the weather is doubtful. The time listed is the START time. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get you and your bike ready to go.

Saturday, November 3 ROCHESTER HILLS TRAIL SAMPLER HIKE 11:00 A.M.

Join Shirley & Pat for a 3-5 Mile hike along nearby roads and the new trail in Rochester Hills, Meet at their condo at 1754 Thomas Ct. Enter Streamwood Condominiums, north off Hamlin Rd., just east of Crooks Rd. (North of M-59). Hiking boots suggested. Lunch during the hike.

Leaders: Pat & Shirley Mullin @248-656-2187

Sunday, November 4 ST. CLAIR TO ALGONAC RIDE 10:00 A.M.

Meet at the S.W. corner of Riverview Plaza in St. Clair. Take I-94 East to exit 257, Fred Moore Highway. Go east on Fred Moore, right on Clinton and left on Third to the Plaza. Ride will be 37 miles on flat terrain. We'll ride down to Algonac, have a rest stop and coffee at McDonalds and ride back to St. Clair. Lunch stop at Murphy's in St. Clair after the ride.

Ride Leader: Dick Barry (810) 329-9331

Saturday, November 4 CHECK THE HOTLINE (810)819-0187

Sunday, November 11 BELLE ISLE TO GREEKTOWN RIDE 10:30 A.M.

Tom Miller will be leading a 20 mile ride from Belle Isle through downtown Detroit and over to Greek Town for lunch. Kathy George will lead a 14 mile ride around Belle Isle and on to Greek Town. Extra miles around Belle Isle after lunch is an option. Meet at the parking lot of the Belle Isle Casino.

NO RIDE IF TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 40 OR IF IT IS RAINING!!!

Ride Leaders: Tom Miller (810)573-4754

Kathy George (810)463-6058

Sunday, November 17 RAM RIDE 10:30 A.M.

Dick Barry will lead us on an all flat terrain 32 mile ride through Richmond, Armada and Memphis. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot near Burger King at M-19 and Gratiot in Richmond. Restaurant stop after the ride.

Ride Leader: Dick Barry (810)329-9331

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The Slow Spokes Ride The Apple Cider Century

Contributed by

Peter Del Favero

Eight Slow Spokes members participated in this year's Twenty-Eighth Apple Cider Century (ACC) in Three Oaks, Michigan on September 29 and 30. This ride is unique in that it is not sponsored by a cycling club but rather by the Three Oaks Community. It is a total-community, unified effort with different groups assuming a multitude of responsibilities. For instance, the Three Oaks Fire Department prepares the Sunday all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast; the high school's Football Parent's Club prepares the after-ride spaghetti dinner; the Lions Club handles the rest stops. Many more groups contribute in various roles. The Three Oaks Community unites to provide an exceptionally well-orchestrated ride. This year the ACC attracted almost 5,000 riders.

One interesting attraction in Three Oaks is the Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle History Museum. The museum is especially meaningful for the Slow Spokes since Slow Spokes member Fred Meinberg has a bicycle he donated prominently displayed. The placard with the bike's history identifies Fred as its donor.

Hilda La Mont arrived in South Bend earlier in the week and then joined Bill and Annette Smith, Aloys Turck, Rita Zupan and this writer on Saturday. Barb Pontius and Dean Scoles also joined us on Saturday.

Those of us who drove to Three Oaks on Saturday enjoyed a relaxing, traffic-free ride across M 60. This route avoids busy I 94 and takes you through many bucolic farm communities and idyllic small towns, one of which is Mendon, Michigan, where we stopped for lunch. The food was good; the service excellent, and the surroundings scenic.

We all agreed that when we do this ride next year, we'd order lunch at the same restaurant but eat outside in the gazebo on the banks of the St. Joseph River.

After we arrived, registered for the ride, and claimed tent and sleeping spaces, we did a short 15-mile ride and then stopped in Three Oaks for a chicken dinner that is sponsored by a local church. It appeared the chicken dinner is the social event of the evening for the Three Oaks Community. The hall was crowded with church members and cyclists.

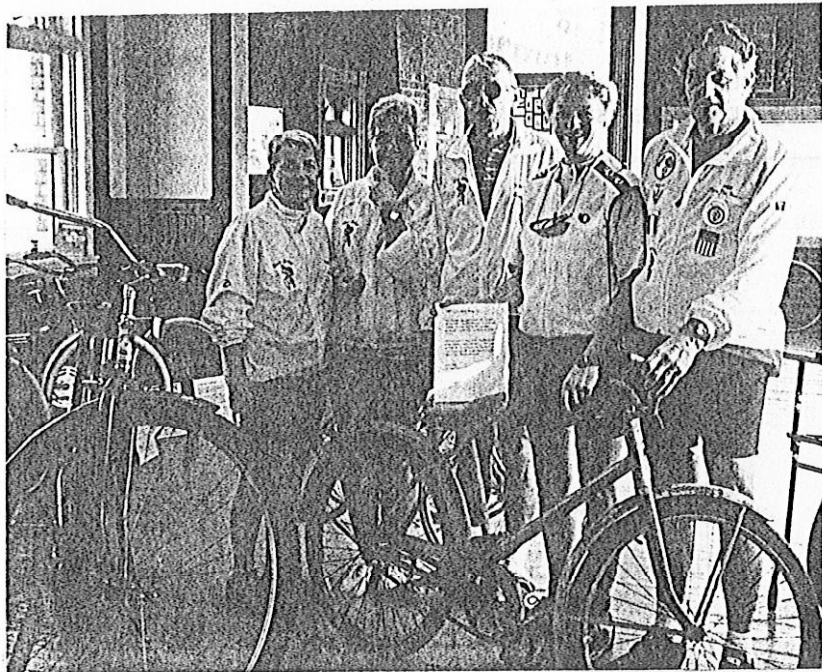
We were in for a pleasant surprise when Hilda joined us for dinner accompanied by sister, Pauline, who is as gracious, charming, and delightful as Hilda.

The Saturday after-dinner entertainment was provided in the school cafeteria. ACC hosts its renowned ice cream social at this time.

The 5,000 cyclists were greeted with rather cold, chilly weather Sunday morning. But, as the day progressed and the miles accumulated, we were able to shed the heavier clothing and cycle through the tranquil countryside working our way to the Lake Michigan shoreline before returning to Three Oaks.

The culminating activity for the ACC was the spaghetti dinner. We enjoyed a delicious meal while being entertained by a strolling musician. It was a wonderful way to end our visit to Three Oaks and the 2001 ACC.

The 2002 ACC will take place on Sunday, September 29. If you're planning to enjoy this great ride and stay at a hotel/motel rather than camp at the school, it would be wise to make your room reservations early. If Notre Dame has a home football game that weekend, rooms will be scarce.



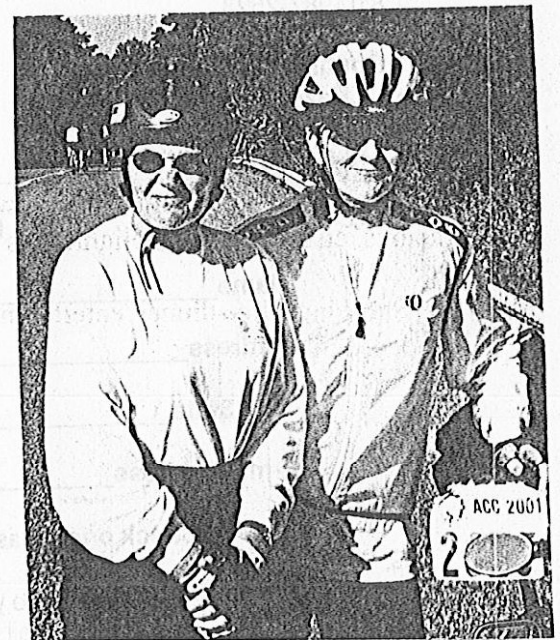
Slow Spokes and Fred Meinberg's bike at the Three Oaks Bicycle History Museum.



Aloys is smiling because we're almost done with the day's ride!



Hilda invited her sister, Pauline, to join us for the chicken dinner. Pauline is as charming as Hilda!



Annette and Rita are smiling because we're almost done with the day's ride!

These fine Bicycle Stores offer "Spokes" members a discount on bicycle supplies. You must show your membership card when making a purchase using this discount

<p>Adventure Cycle & Sport Lapeer 454 W. Nepeessing 810-664-1313</p> <p>Allied Cycle Eastpointe 23101 Gratiot 810-772-3411</p> <p>American Cycle & Fitness Walled Lake 39600 W. 14 Mile Rd. 248-960-1371</p> <p>Royal Oak 1109 S. Washington 248-542-7182</p> <p>Sterling Heights 2169 Metroparkway 810-979-7570</p> <p>Grosse Pointe 20343 Mack Ave. 313-886-1968</p> <p>Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness New Baltimore 35214 23 Mile Rd. 810-725-2878</p> <p>Bicycle & Fitness Barn Port Huron 1604 Stone St. 810-987-2523</p> <p>Continental Bike Shop Hazel Park 24436 John R 248-545-1255</p>	<p>D & D Bicycles Berkley 4141 W. 12 Mile Rd. 248-547-0770</p> <p>Northville 121 North Center 248-347-1511</p> <p>Westland 8383 Middlebelt 313-522-9410</p> <p>Fraser Schwinn Fraser 32064 Utica 810-294-4070</p> <p>Clinton Twp. 42201 Garfield 810-412-0500</p> <p>Jerry's Bicycles of Birmingham Birmingham 33502 S. Woodward 248-645-2453</p> <p>Macomb Schwinn Cyclery Warren 28411 Schoenherr 810-756-5400</p> <p>Prestige Cycles Clinton Twp. 36558 Moravian 810-792-4040</p>
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Check one please: New Membership Renewal

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

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