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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 **November** to:

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

By 10/10/01

Other articles please send to:

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Royal Oak, MI 48073-2228
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By 10/15/01

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 **October** meeting will be **Friday, October 5, 2001**

The **November** meeting will be **Friday, November 2, 2001**

THE THREE DIVAS

At the August Slow Spokes meeting, Carol Green told us about the 2001 Michigander Bike Tour. She mentioned that she, Rose Lambertini and Kathy Cota had a great time and had picked up the nick name "The Three Divas" and someone asked "What's a Diva?"

Diva: The primadonna of an opera, a goddess, are dictionary descriptions that I recall, but you won't find our divas at Orchestra Hall. Down old railroad beds and unpaved roads our divas ride. Wheels spinning, pedals turning, they fairly glide. Not mud, not rain, not hills can turn them back. They really love that single track.

These three divas Carol, Rose, and Kathy, too, we have hear said stick together like glue. They ride the Michigander, it's their stage you see, and riding their bikes through Hell their cup of tea.

Compliments of Tom Paonessa

TRAIL NEWS

Check out these web site articles recommended by Greg Dunn.

<http://detnews.com/2001/metro/0109/19/e01-297814.htm>

http://www.freep.com/news/metro/green20_20010920.htm

UPCOMING ELECTION

As you may already be aware, the terms of our current officers of The Slow Spokes expire at the end of 2001. As the chairman of the nominating committee, I am asking for each member's help in two ways.

First, I am looking for any member that is interested in helping me on this committee. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

Secondly, I looking for any member that is interested in filling any of the positions on our board.

Several of our current officers have indicated a willingness to continue for another year, but I would welcome any one who is willing to fill any of the positions. It has been several years since we have had a bonafide election, rather than just electing one individual who Has agreed to fill a position.

We currently have three officers who have asked to be relieved of their responsibilities. These involve the duties of ride chairperson and vice president, the newsletter editor, and the membership chairperson.

I strongly urge each member to seriously consider taking an active part in assuring another successful year in 2002 by filling one of these positions. I feel that the club would benefit by having some members on the board who has never served previously. This would hopefully result in new ideas and strengthen our club even further.

Please give serious consideration to serving. Do not hesitate to contact any of the current officers or myself if you have any questions or if you decide to serve.

Sincerely,

Fred Meinberg, Chairman nominating committee. I can be reached at 248-651-6714, or at fmeinberg@hotmail.com

CLINTON RIVER TRAIL NEARS REALITY!

The city of Rochester Hills has agreed to purchase 4.7 miles of abandoned railroad property from Canadian National Railroad to create the Clinton River Trail. "Creating this trail is a unique opportunity for Rochester Hills. The nature trail will give our residents a wonderful place to walk, bike and enjoy a piece of natural habitat in our city," said Rep. Robert Gosselin.

Rochester Hills announced a negotiated purchase price of \$3.35 million. To help pay for the trail, the city applied for three grants. In June, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) awarded a \$256,000 grant to Rochester Hills and on September 12, Rep. Gosselin announced the award of a \$1.9 million Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grant to the city. The MDNR also approved a \$412,160 grant for Pontiac and \$162,000 for Sylvan Lake to acquire their portions of the trail. Rep. Gosselin attended the MDNR Trust Fund Board meeting and spoke on behalf of the Oakland County trail requests. Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, who he met with on several occasions to discuss trail acquisition, also spoke to the Board on behalf of the Oakland County cities. "Lt. Gov. Posthumus supported the creation of the trail and worked closely with me on behalf of their request to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board," said Gosselin. Another grant was awarded on September 19 from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan for \$250,000 to Rochester Hills and \$75,000 to Sylvan Lake.

Gosselin has been deeply involved in the Clinton River Trail issue. In January, he hosted an informational meeting for over 60 local, state and federal officials. In February, he donated \$500 in seed money to launch the newly formed "Friends of the Clinton River Trail Commission," a non-profit, public-private partnership which will act as coordinating body and fundraising arm for the entire trail. Most recently, Rep. Gosselin has worked as a facilitator for negotiations between the city and Canadian National Railroad.

This summer, the Friends of the Clinton River Trail Commission staffed a booth at the Rochester Heritage Festival. They handed out informational brochures and signed up new members. Check out www.clintonrivertrail.org for the latest updates on the Trail. The creation of this trail is a unique opportunity to create a legacy for future generations and it would be a tragedy not to avail

OCTOBER RIDES 2001

Call the ride leader if weather is doubtful. The time listed is the START time. Please be 15 minutes early to get yourself ready.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3 ROCHESTER HILLS MORNING RIDE 10:00 A.M.

Join Shirley & Pat for a ride around nearby hilly neighborhoods 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). Lunch nearby after the ride.

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6 SHADY SIDE TO FREEDOM HILL 9:00 A.M.

Mike will lead an 18-mile ride on the Metro Bike Path. Meet at McDonalds at 16 Mile and Crocker. The group will ride to Shady Side Park and then on to Freedom Hill.

Ride Leader: Mike 810-792-7709

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7 TROY-FRANKLIN CIDER MILL RIDE 10:00 AM

Mary will lead a 24-mile ride from Troy to the Franklin Cider Mill. This is a rolling to hilly ride. Cider & donuts halfway through the ride. Optional restaurant stop after the ride. Meet at Firefighters Park in Troy, located on Square Lake Rd. between Crooks & Coolidge. Meet near restrooms.

Ride leader: Mary Stoolmiller 248-879-6004

Kathy will lead a 10-MPH 20-mile ride through Troy with no hills. We will leave from the same park as above, same time.

Ride Leader: Kathy George 810-463-6058.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7 BLUE WATER RAMBLE

40, 60, 80, 100 miles All routes cross into Canada by ferry. Fee includes ferry charges to and from Canada. Hot lunch is served. See the fall colors. Sponsored by the Clinton River Riders. Call 810-468-6605 24H/7D. **No day of ride entry.**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11 GROSSE POINTE MORNING RIDE 11:00 A.M.

Meet at the Grosse Pointe Municipal Building at 20025 Mack Ave., between Moross and Vernier, on the West side of Mack. Park at the north side of the parking lot. Lunch during the ride. If weather is questionable, we may not take the long drive into GP. Call before 9:30a.m.

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11 CRANBERRIES CAFE 10:00 A.M.

Len will lead a 38 mile ride with rolling terrain and some hills. Restaurant stop during the ride is Cranberries Cafe. Meeting spot is the Lapeer Meijer's Parking Lot. From I-69, exit 155. Turn North to the first traffic light-Baldwin Road. Turn left onto Baldwin and follow the sign into the Parking Lot. From the West side, use M-24, turning left at Baldwin Rd.- 1st traffic light.

Ride leader: Len Ziegenmeyer Phone: 810-724-8054

OCTOBER 12,13,14 MUSKEGON-HOLLAND WEEK-END TRIP

We are planning a weekend trip, staying two nights at the Hampton Inn in Muskegon on Friday and Saturday nights. We will be riding on the new Muskatawa Trail (28 Miles) on Saturday and driving to Holland on Sunday to ride a brand new trail(21 miles). We will form small groups that will ride the speed and distance of their choice. Rooms are \$79.00 plus tax for 2-4 person per room.

Breakfast is included and there is an indoor pool and fitness center. About 15 people are already signed up. I have 2 more rooms at the Hampton. If you want to stay at another motel or camp, there are some nearby. If you are already signed up, maps and other details will be sent to your home by Oct 8.

Ride organizers: Bob & Kathy George (810)463-6058

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13 CHECK THE HOT LINE 810-819-0187

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14 ARMADA APPLE FEST 10:00 A.M.

Meet at the K-Mart Parking Lot near the Burger King located on Van Dyke between 30 and 31 Mile Rd. on the West side of Van Dyke. Approximately 35 miles of flat to rolling terrain. There will be a Chicken Barbecue in Armada. Call if the weather is unfavorable.
Ride Leaders: Tom Paonessa 810-293-8624 & Rita Zupan 810-264-0712.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19 ROCHESTER HILLS MORNING RIDE 10:30 A.M.

Join Shirley & Pat for a ride around nearby hilly neighborhoods 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). Lunch nearby after the ride.
Ride Leaders: Shirley & Pat Mullin 248-656-2187

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 THE PIEROGI PEDAL 10:00 AM

Meet at the Veteran's Memorial Park (Warren City Pool) at 27400 Campbell, Warren. From Eastbound I-696, exit at Van Dyke, continue on service drive, turn left on Campbell. Ride will be about 4 hours. Distance is about 25 miles on flat terrain. We will visit Hamtramck. There will be a lunch stop at the Polonia Jaworka Restaurant at 2934 Yemens during the ride.
Ride Leader: Tom Miller 810-573-4754

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 FOLLOW THE LEADER THRU ROCHESTER 10:00 A.M.

Kay will lead the group around Rochester Hills on a 25+ mile ride with lots of fun hills. Meet at the NW corner of Walton & Adams across from Oakland University and Meadowbrook. Park by the mailboxes in the center of the lot. Lunch after the ride nearby.
Ride leader: Kay Hein 248- 879-9165

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 PAINT CREEK TRAIL 10:30 A.M.

Come to the Paint Creek Trail and see if there are any leaves left on the trees. Meet at the Rochester City Park at the foot of Pine Street, one block west of Rochester Rd., one block north of University. We will ride in small groups with your choice of speed. Short lunch stop in the middle at Wendy's or your choice. Perfect ride for new members. You can turn back at any time.
Ride organizer: Kathy George 810-463-6058

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 CHECK THE HOTLINE 810-819-0187

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This is a reminder that all members of the club are invited to place a ride on the HOT TINE. If you find that you are able to lead a ride during October, either on the weekend or a week day, please call Tom Paonessa at 810-293-8624 or Bob George at 810-463-6058 (leave a message). They will be happy to put your ride on the HOT LINE. The month of October can have beautiful weather for cycling but there is no way of knowing until the last minute. Therefore the use of the HOT LINE is especially useful at this time of the year.

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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. Nepeasing 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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

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



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