



Slow Spokin' Times

November 2003

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Don't forget our Pizza party is happening November 7th

Potpourri

- The November meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, November 7, 2003, at 7:30 P.M., at the Owen-Jax Activities Center, 9 Mile Road east of Van Dyke. Refreshments will be Pizza, Salad & Pop for this month.
- **Ride information:** Send information for rides/walks for the December Spokin' Times to Mary Stoolmiller, 6143 Walker, Troy, MI 48085, by November 10, 2003. (248) 879-6004.
- **Newsletter information:** Send any articles or information you want published in the December Spokin' Times to Bob Barron, 11904 Daisy Ct., Sterling Heights, 48313 by November 15, 2003 (586) 803-0609. Email address RBarron586@AOL.com.

A THOUGHT.....

*It is not known precisely where angels dwell---
Whether in the air, the void, or the planets.
It has not been God's pleasure that we should
Be informed of their abode.
Voltaire, on angels.*

Submitted by, Rose Marie Jacobs

Bike Feast Meeting
Time 6:30 p.m.

Date - Thursday, Nov. 13th
586 759-0903

Place: Evelyn Bires Home - 28105 Rosebriar, S.C.S., Mi.

We hope to see all of our key people attend this meeting to try and resolve all the issues that are still outstanding in regards to the Bike Feast. All club members are also invited to attend this get-together to perhaps give us some fresh input regards this new undertaking for our club.

Homemade scrumptious desserts will be served after the meeting, and if you have been forthcoming in contributing your very best ideas to the gathered members, you just might get two portions of dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone attend this meeting!

Join us at the
Slow Spokes Bicycle Club
After Christmas Dinner

Sunday, January 18, 2004

Dimitris Rendezvous
36217 Gratiot, Clinton Twp.
(South of Metro Parkway (16 Mile) on West Side of Gratiot)
(586)792-2200

Arrival 4:00 P.M.

Dinner 4:30 P.M.

Dinner Menu

Sit down family style dinner consists of:

Two Entrees, Relish Tray, Soup, Pasta, Mixed Tossed Salad, Potatoes,
Vegetable and Dessert

Beverages:

Coffee, Tea, Milk

\$17.50 Per Person

Members and Non-Members Welcome
(Pay in Advance, Price Includes Tax and Tip)

Make Checks Payable to:

Fred Hamann

And Mail to:

14640 Bade Dr.

Warren, MI 48088

Checks and Reservations must be received by January 10, 2004

November 2003 Ride & Walk Schedules

Saturday, November 1, 2003 **Redford Theater Outing** **7:00 PM**
Leader: Aloys Turck (248) 362-4031 Enjoy the amazing Barton Theatre Pipe organ and a great 2003 Vaudeville Show. Advance Reservations needed for this event, as written up in the October newsletter!

Sunday, November 2, 2003 **Metroparkway Ride** **10:00 AM**
Leader: Ray Carpenter (586) 463-6899 Distance: 25 miles Pace: 11-13 MPH Terrain: Flat Meet at Freedom Hill Park on 16 Mile between Utica Rd. and Schoenherr. Restaurant stop during the ride.

Saturday, November 8, 2003 **Marysville Dirt Ride** **10:00 AM**
Leader: Alex Schneider (810) 329-7245 Distance: 30 miles Terrain: Flat Meet in the S.W. corner of St Clair Mall parking lot. Take I-94 East to exit 257. Go east into St Clair, right on Clinton, left on 3rd street to mall parking. Short distance along the river. If dirt is to wet, we'll ride on pavement. Pit Stop at Mc Donald's during the ride.

Sunday, November 9, 2003 **Royal Oak Ride** **10:30 AM**
Leader: Tom Miller (586) 573-4754 Distance: 30 miles Pace: 12-14 Terrain: Mostly Flat Meet at Warren City Pool, 27400 Campbell, north of 696 between Van Dyke and Hoover. Optional restaurant stop after the ride.

Saturday, November 15, 2003 **Clinton River Trail Hike** **10:00 AM**
Leaders: Pat & Shirley Mullin (248) 656-2187 Distance: 4-5 miles Terrain: Flat Meet at Riverside Park of Auburn Hills, jut N.W. of Auburn Rd. on Squirrel Rd., about 1 mile South M-59. Lunch after the hike in Auburn Hills Village. The hike will include the new Pedestrian Bridge over I-75. We will be joined by our Friends of the Clinton River Trail.

Sunday, November 16, 2003 **St. Clair – Algonac Ride** **10:30 AM**
Leader: Carol Blanchard (810) 329-2457 Distance: 35 miles Pace: 11-13 Terrain: Flat Meet in the S.W. corner of St. Clair Mall parking lot. Take I-94 East to exit 257. Go East into St. Clair, right on Clinton, left on 3rd St. to mall parking. Restaurant stop after the ride.

Saturday, November 22, 2003 **Metro Parkway Walk** **11:00 AM**
Leader: Evelyn Bires (586) 778-8397 - Meet at St. Hubert Church, corner of Metro Parkway and Prentise St., two Miles east of Mc Donald's. The distance for this walk is 4 Miles. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy by water in Metro Beach Park. Please call by 10 a.m. if the weather is questionable

Starting Sunday, November 30, 2003 and every Sunday thru March, Stony Creek Park hike or bike
No Leader - Start time: 12:00 PM Distance optional. Terrain: rolling. Meet at the boat launch area for biking or hiking, depending on the weather. Optional restaurant stop afterwards. No regular leader, but more information, call Lester Ussted, (586) 754-6334

To All Ride Leaders: Please save your sign-up sheets & return to Mary Stoolmiller as soon as convenient. Don't throw them away! Thanks!

Dear Trail Users & Enthusiasts-

Fall is in the air today, what a great time to be outdoors in Michigan and enjoying our trails. I was just out this morning with friends on the Clinton River Trail here locally. Great morning, great trail. The Clinton River is looking and sounding a lot happier now with our recent rains, providing a great backdrop to our trail ride.

There is a lot of good news about the Clinton River Trail that is worth passing along.

First, the 1st annual Greater Rochester Greenway RiverFest & Walkathon was a great success three weeks ago. About 100-150 people came out for the event, including a lot of new faces. And over \$1,300 was raised for the Greenway project! We are already more than 10% of the way toward the first goal of raising \$10,000, which will then allow the fund to be kept by the Greater Rochester Community Foundation, and thus earn the extra tax advantage that comes from donation to foundations. In the meantime, the money raised will be kept by the Oakland Land Conservancy.

It was a wonderful day to raise awareness for the trail and the greenway project at the same time. Many people are still surprised to learn that the Clinton River Trail is open for use (it is!), and then to discover what a great trail it already is.

Second, the Clinton River Trail will observe a major milestone on Wed, Oct 8th, 3:30pm.

If you have driven on I75 recently, you no doubt have seen the new bridge spanning the freeway just south of M59. It's a dandy, MDOT has created a terrific bridge meant just for non-motorized use on the trail. Parking and access to the event will be from the vicinity of Avondale High School which is west off of Squirrel Road and north off of South Blvd. This bridge is a shining example of the importance of the federal "Transportation Enhancement" funding for the development of our local trails.

Third, Pontiac will soon begin surfacing work on the westernmost 1.5 miles of its portion of the Clinton River Trail (Telegraph Rd east to Bagley). The trail will be surfaced with limestone, and work is expected to be completed before winter weather sets in. With this work, Pontiac sets another milestone for the CRT...the first section of trail to be finished-surfaced.

Fourth, Rochester Hills continues to make progress on its trail construction slated for next summer, 2004. If all goes as planned, each of the major road crossings in the city will be realigned, marked, signed and surfaced...the washed-out bridge behind Rochester College will be replaced...and the small trestle bridge east of Hamlin will be decked and surfaced. This is major work for the trail that will make it much more user-friendly and safe to use.

In the meantime, enjoy this trail, no matter what section you are on or close to.

Best regards, Dan Keifer Friends of Clinton River Trail (248) 652-1434

The new Clinton River Trail bridge over I-75 was dedicated on Wednesday, October 8th at 3:30pm, which happens to be Walk to School Day. To get to the bridge, park at the Avondale High School.

The Clinton River Trail runs along the north side of the parking lot. A map to the school is on-line at: <http://avondale.mi.schoolwebpages.com/education/school/schoolmap.php>

The official invite from Oakland County Parks is on-line at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ClintonRiverTrail/files/>

Todd Scott

Visit your favorite bike shop!!

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.

Allied Cycle	23101 Gratiot, Eastpointe, Mi 48021	586-772-3411
American Cycle and Fitness	1109 S. Washington Royal Oak, Mi. 48067	248-542-7182
American Cycle & Fitness	20343 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Mi. 48236	313-886-1968
American Cycle & Fitness	2169 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hghts, Mi. 48310	586-979-7570
American Cycle & Fitness	39600 W. 14 Mile Rd., Walled Lake, Mi. 48390	248-960-1371
Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness	35214 23 Mile Rd. , New Baltimore, Mi. 48047	586-725-2878
Bicycle & Fitness Barn	1604 Stone Street, Port Huron, Mi. 48060	810-987-2523
Continental Bike Shop	24426 John R., Hazel Park, Mi. 48030	248-545-1225
D & D Bicycles	121 North Center Northville, Mi. 41867	248-347-1511
D & D Bicycles	4141 West 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, Mi. 48072	248-547-0770
D & D Bicycles	8383 Middlebelt, Westland, Mi. 48185	734-552-9410
Fraser Bicycle & Fitness	34501 Utica Rd., Fraser, Mi. 48026	586-294-4070
Macomb Bike & Fitness	28411 Schoenherr, Warren, Mi 48088	586-756-5400
Main Street Bicycles	11 S. Washington, Oxford, Mi. 48371	248-236-9100
Main Street Bicycles	56732 Van Dyke, Shelby, Mi. 48316	586-677-7755
Paul's Bike Depot	28057 Gratiot, Roseville, Mi. 48066	586-776-9165
Prestige Cycles	36558 Moravian, Clinton Township, Mi. 48035	586-792-4040

Slow Spokes Membership Application

Date: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
City/State _____ Zip _____

Please make your \$10.00 Check payable to Slow Spokes
Mail this application & your check to:
Slow Spokes, P.O.Box 792, Sterling Heights, Mi. 48311-0792