

Slow Spokes Bicycle Club

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Governor Granholm signs Ride of Silence Declaration

Mind over Matter Ride- August 4, 07

July Picnic Details

Amhurstburg Ride Plans include walk!

Spokin' Times News

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July 2007

RIDE OF SILENCE REPORT

Michigan Rides of Silence were held in conjunction with Rides of Silence worldwide in 274 locations, in 15 counties on Wed. May 16th at 7 PM (and Sat. May 19th at 10 AM in the southern hemisphere). We rode with cyclists in all 50 states and with cyclists in Antarctica, Aruba, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore and South Africa. (a cyclist in Lima Peru recently emailed the board on holding a Ride there)

Where did we ride in Michigan and who rode?

Adrian-8 riders, **Ann Arbor**-35 riders, **Battle Creek**-60 riders, **Boyer City**-25 riders, **Detroit**-51 riders, **E. Lansing**-25 riders, **Grand Rapids**-113 riders, **Grattan**-101 riders, **Grayling**-7 riders, **Haslett** (Lansing area)-12 riders, **Holland**-45 riders, **Houghton**-60 riders, **Jackson**-2 riders, **Kalamazoo**-93 riders, **Lennon** (Flint area)-5 riders, **Menominee**-7 riders, **Midland**-12 riders, **Sault St Marie**-6 riders, **Westland** (Dearborn-

Livonia area)-40+ riders.

Why did we ride globally? Cyclists across the globe face many of the same issues that we face here in Michigan. We all rode to remember our fellow cyclists; both family and friends, who've been injured or killed by motorists while enjoying a sport they love. We rode in hopes of educating motorists and the public that cyclists have the same rights out on the road,

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July Meeting Notice

Fourth of July Picnic



The Slow Spokes annual 4th of July picnic and meeting will be held on

Saturday, July 7th at the East China Township Park Pavilion #2, on Recor Road ¼ mile west of River Road (M 29).

Prior to the picnic, Rita will lead a 25 to 30 mile ride at

13 to 15 mph pace. There will also be a Senior Spin ride of about 20 – 25 miles at 10 to 12 mph pace and a Rookie Ride of 10 miles at a 10 mph pace. Rita's ride will start at 2:30 pm, the Senior Spin at 3:00 pm and the Rookie Ride at 3:30pm. All rides will begin and end at Pavilion #2 in the park.

We'll plan on eating between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. The Club will provide hot-dogs, hamburgers and


accoutrements. You need to bring a dish to pass, your beverage of choice and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. We haven't planned any entertainment for the evening (just conversation with good friends). We may have a bonfire (if the park will allow) and perhaps a Euchre game or two.


Directions to East China Township Park are as follows: Take I-94 to the Fred W. Moore Highway (exit 257). Go East 7.2 Miles on


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<u>President</u>	Paul Wilhelm	<u>Membership Chair:</u>	Lennie Raines
<u>Vice President</u>	Kim Mau	<u>POR Co-Chairs:</u>	Kim Mau
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Donna Mesyn		Concetta Pellerito
<u>Secretary</u>	Carol Blanchard		
<u>Newsletter Editor:</u>	Chuck Pottenger	<u>Ride Coordinator</u>	Kim Mau

Website: www.lmb.org/spokes

 **Meetings**—Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Graham Elementary School located on Crocker, north of Metro Parkway. Refreshments are served.

 **Ride Information**—Email information for rides and walks to Kim Mau at maumarkd@sbcglobal.net or call at 586/779-2767 or email the information to her at by the (10th) of the month.

 **Newsletter Information**—Send articles you'd like published to Attention Chuck Pottenger at 26507 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 or email the information to him at chuck@milupus.org. Articles must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Feel free to call Chuck at his office 586-775-8310.

If you want to know of impromptu rides and other information of special interest not found on our website or in the newsletter, please make sure you forward your correct email address to Paul Wilhelm at jpwillhelm@hotmail.com

Please join us for the Amherstburg Ride

July 15, 2007

We will also be walking along the Dieppe Gardens first thing in the morning. There are two routes available on this ride.

The longer route starts at 9:00 a.m. with Tom Miller as ride leader

The shorter version starts at 9:30 a.m. with Kim Mau as ride leader

Welcome New Members

Julia Trudeau Harrison Twp	Shelley Jennings Sterling Heights	Richard Hanson Warren
Dolores Baumgarten Macomb	Vicki Szambelan Sterling Heights	Alex Lopiccolo Clinton Twp
Pat Hill Clinton Twp.	Marshall Kaczkowski Warren	Ron Epp Rochester Hills
Brant T. Miller Chesterfield		

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

Every attempt will be made to include all articles as they are submitted, and in their entirety, in the newsletter. However, due to space constraints, this may not always be possible. If you do not want your article edited in any way, shape or form (even if typos and/or grammatical errors are apparent) please make a note of that when the article is sent.

President's Corner

Rural Pearl

As many of you know I am on the Board of Directors of Oxford

editor allots to me to promote the OAYA annual fund raiser - The Rural Pearl of a Ride - scheduled

50% of the route is on crushed limestone trails and hard packed dirt roads, so a hybrid bike or mountain bike is recommended (although I've ridden this route on my Trek 520 road bike).

9th Annual Rural Pearl of a Ride

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OXFORD, ADDISON & OXFORD AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Saturday July 28th, 2007

Be a part of the return of the Rural Pearl of a Ride - a one-day, rail-trails and back roads bike tour of scenic NE Oakland County. Ride your choice of 3 well marked routes, 15, 30 or 48 miles, through rural country side and parkland. See the newly built Polly Ann Trail and celebrated bridge!

Registration includes a mesh shoe /ditty bag full of coupons. Pre-register by July 12th for a \$5 discount. Regular registrations are accepted after July 14th & the day of the event. Registration and routes open at 7:30 a.m. at the Oxford Village Offices.

Ride cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per family.

Before and after your ride, take advantage of the fantastic breakfast and lunch options specially offered by our downtown vendors, anrest stops stocked with local specialities.

Applications and additional details can be obtained from the OAYA office 248-969-5177 or from me at 586-247-6397 or email at jpwilhelm@hotmail.com.

There isn't a scheduled Slow Spokes ride on July 28th, so come on out to Oxford for a Rural Pearl of a Ride.

Polly Ann Trail
Oakland County Michigan

Registration forms can be downloaded from: www.pollyanntrailway.org

Presented by Oxford Downtown Development Authority and the Polly Ann Trail of Oakland County Michigan

Addison Youth Assistance (OAYA) an organization in Oxford, MI that provides counseling, family education, mentoring, etc. to "troubled", "at risk" youth and their families. If we can get a "troubled" kid into our program early enough, there is better than a 98% chance of keeping him/her out of the juvenile (and later the adult) penal system.

I'm using a portion of the space our

for Saturday, July 28th. This ride is being revived after a several year hiatus with a twist unique to this area. The full Rural Pearl Ride (nearly 50 miles) will traverse four Rail Trails (Polly Ann, Macomb Orchard, Clinton River and Paint Creek) and a portion of Stony Creek Metro Park. There are also shorter routes of 15 and 26 miles. All pass through the rolling country side of northern Oakland and Macomb counties. Better than

August Meeting Change

Since the Graham Elementary School will be closed, the August meeting will be moved to the Riviera Terrace Condominium Club House, located on Riviera Drive approximately 2 tenths of a mile north of Nine Mile Rd. east from Jefferson in Saint Clair Shores. The meeting will start at the usual time. This is an important meeting as the Peach of a Ride will then be a little over a month away.

<p>(Continued from page 1)</p> <p>Fourth of July Picnic July 7th</p> <p>Fred W. Moore Highway to Clinton St. (in St. Clair). Turn right .2 miles to</p>	<p>River Rd. (M29). Go right .4 miles on River Rd and bear left for .8 miles on Oakland St. Oakland St. becomes River Rd. Continue on River Rd. for 3.3 mile to Recor Rd. Turn right on Recor Rd and in ¼ of a mile turn left</p>	<p>into the park.</p> <p>So that I can get an idea of how many burgers and dogs to buy, please call Paul (586.247.6397) or email (jpwilhelm@hotmail.com), if you (and spouse/friend/family) will be attending.</p>
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July Ride Calendar

MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL			
DISTANCE:	Approx. 20-25 Miles		
PACE:	12-14 mph	DATE:	Tuesdays
TERRAIN:	Flat	TIME:	6:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE:	SE Corner of 25 Mile Road and Shelby in the shopping plaza parking lot		
LEADER:	Mark Mau 586-779-2767		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	At times, we will be exploring the new section of the Macomb Orchard Trail and going into Stony Creek - NO RIDE IN RAIN		
FREEDOM HILL RIDE			
DISTANCE:	20-25 miles	DATE:	Wednesdays
PACE:	14-16 mph	TIME:	6:00 p.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Bob Grabe 586-772-0571 & Mark Mau 586-779-2767		
MEETING PLACE:	Freedom Hill and into Metro Beach and back again.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	There is always the possibility of ice cream afterwards.		
WEDNESDAY WRAMBLE			
DISTANCE:	18-22 MILES	DATE:	WEDNESDAYS
PACE:	11-13 MPH	TIME:	6:30 PM
TERRAIN:	Flat to rolling		
LEADER:	Jim Walter (248)879-2406		
MEETING PLACE:	NE Corner of Livernois and Long Lake in Troy. Park next to AAA office.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Optional restaurant stop after the ride		
JEFFERSON RIDE			
DISTANCE:	30 Miles	DATE:	THURSDAYS
PACE	18 +/- mph	TIME:	6:00 p.m.
LEADER:	Carol Green 586-296-7381		
MEETING PLACE:	Jefferson and Masonic Parking Center		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We will be riding either into Mt. Clemens or into Grosse Pointe		
HARSEN'S ISLAND			
DISTANCE:	25 Miles	DATE:	Weds July 4, 2007
PACE	10-12 mph Flat Terrain	TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LEADER:	Evelyn Bires 586-778-8397		
MEETING PLACE:	Parking lot of McDonald's in Algonac on M29		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Bring a snack. No lunch stop planned. Please be there 15 minutes before starting time. Call leader before 7:45 if there are concerns about the weather.		
ROOKIE RAMPAGE			
DISTANCE:	6.5 miles	DATE:	Friday July 6, 2007
PACE	10-12 mph Terrain: A Little Hilly	TIME:	6:30 P.m.
LEADER:	Kim Mau (586) 779-2767		
MEETING PLACE:	Boat Launch at Stony Creek		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We will go around Stony Creek at least once and then see what everyone wants to do.		
CITY FEST (Formerly TasteFest)			
DISTANCE:	42 miles	DATE:	Sunday July 8th
PACE	12-14 mph Flat Terrain	TIME:	9:00 AM.
LEADER:	Tom Miller 586-573-4754		
MEETING PLACE:	Majestic Plaza Shopping Center located on the SE corner of Van Dyke in Warren		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	The restaurant stop will be one of the many booths at "CityFest".		

GROSSE POINTE RIDE			
DISTANCE:	25 miles	DATE:	Weds, July 18, 07
PACE:	10-12 mph	TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Rose Marie Jacobs 586-779-4780		
MEETING PLACE:	St. Lucy's parking lot, 23401 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, 1 block south of 9 mile road.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We'll ride south on Jefferson to Windmill Pointe. There will be a lunch stop at Panera's. Call leader before 8:30 a.m. if there will be concerns re: weather.		

MACOMB ORCHARD TRAIL			
DISTANCE:	23 miles	DATE:	Weds, July 25, 07
PACE:	10-12 mph	TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Aloys Turk 249-362-4031		
MEETING PLACE:	Parking lot on the East side of Onyx Ice Arena which is South of 24 mile on Dequindre.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Bring a snack. No lunch stop is planned. Call leader by 8:15 a.m. if there are concerns regarding the weather. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m.		

SUMMER EVENING WALK			
DISTANCE:	4 miles	DATE:	Friday, July 27, 2007
PACE:	3-4 mph	TIME:	7:00 p.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Mary Miller 586-573-4754		
MEETING PLACE:	Frank L. Licht Park located on Campbell South of 13 Mile road between Van Dyke and Hoover in Warren.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We will stop at Leason's Dairy for ice cream. We will walk through the Warren neighborhood with a stop in the New Downtown area, then an ice cream break along the way.		

COUNTY ROADS OF RICHMOND			
DISTANCE:	25-30 miles	DATE:	Weds, August 1, 07
PACE:	10-12 mph	TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Few small hills		
LEADERS	TBD		
MEETING PLACE:	McDonald's on M 19 in Richmond. Follow the curve of M 19 past the shopping center about 100 ft.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Call leaders either Aloys, Evelyn or Rose Marie if instructions need to be clarified. Call before 7:45 a.m. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. Bring a snack. We may eat at McDonald's after the ride.		

PEACH OF A RIDE UPDATE



The time is almost here for the 2007 Peach of a Ride. There are a lot of new things happening this year.

First, is the addition of the Century Route. The

second is the addition of a Geocaching for the dirt ride. Save the date post-cards went out a few weeks ago and the applications have been mailed.

It is never too early to start thinking of baking cookies for this event. Sue Windhorst has agreed to be the Cookie Chairperson again this year. Please let her know if you are able to bake cookies.

Future POAR meeting dates will be:
July 16th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

(if warm, bring a swim suit) we'll have the meeting outside while floating in the pool and sitting on the patio.

August 13th @ 6:30 p.m. (if warm, bring a swim suit)

September 7th @ 6:30 p.m. (before the club meeting)

I want to thank everyone for all they have put into this event. You have all been working very hard to pull everything together. Thanks so much!!

METROPARKWAY			
DISTANCE:	24 miles	DATE:	Weds, July 11, 07
PACE	10-12 mph Flat Terrain	TIME:	9:00 AM.
LEADER:	Aloys Turk 248-362-4031		
MEETING PLACE:	Parking lot of Freedom Hill		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Bring a snack. No lunch stop planned. Plan to be there by 8:45 a.m. Call leader by 7:30 if there are concerns re: weather.		
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL			
DISTANCE:	52-53 MILES	DATE:	Saturday July 14, 07
PACE:	14-16 MPH	TIME:	12-5 PM
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADER:	Rita Zupan 586-264-0712		
MEETING PLACE:	New Baltimore in front of the police station, on the water front by the water tower. We will then meet up with the group from Algonac at the Ferry then off to Harsen's Island.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	There will be a ride from the Algonac McDonald's with a distance of approx. 25 miles. That ride leader and specific information has not yet been determined.		
WINDSOR WATERFRONT WALK			
DISTANCE:	4 miles	DATE:	Sunday, July 15, 07
PACE:	3-4 mph	TIME:	7:00 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Tom Miller 586-573-4754		
MEETING PLACE:	Dieppe Gardens at the foot of Goyeau St. in Downtown Windsor, near the "Spirit of Windsor" Steam Locomotive.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Please don't forget to bring a passport or birth certificate and one other piece of identification for the border crossing. Parking meters at the starting location require a Canadian "loonie" for all day parking.		
WINDSOR /AMHERSTBURG RIDE			
DISTANCE:	44 miles	DATE:	Sunday, July 15, 07
PACE:	12-14 mph	TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Tom Miller 586-573-4754		
MEETING PLACE:	Dieppe Gardens at the foot of Goyeau St. in Downtown Windsor, near the "Spirit of Windsor" Steam Locomotive.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Bring or buy a lunch to enjoy at Amherstburg's Fort Malden Park. Ice cold soft drinks and munchies will be provided at the Fort Malden Lunch Stop by Tom and Mary Miller. Please don't forget to bring a passport or birth certificate and one other piece of identification for the border crossing. Parking meters at the starting location require a Canadian "loonie" for all day parking.		
WINDSOR /AMHERSTBURG SHORTER VERSION RIDE			
DISTANCE:	19 miles	DATE:	Sunday, July 15, 07
PACE:	12-14 mph	TIME:	9:30 a.m.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADERS	Kim Mau 586-779-2767 please call if driving directions are needed		
MEETING PLACE:	St. Joseph's Church in Amherstburg, Canada		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Bring or buy a lunch to enjoy at Amherstburg's Fort Malden Park. Ice cold soft drinks and munchies will be provided at the Fort Malden Lunch Stop by Tom and Mary Miller. Please don't forget to bring a passport or birth certificate and one other piece of identification for the border crossing.		

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must follow the same rules, to please **Share the Road** with us, to please be **CAREFUL** and be aware that we are out there!

Not unique to the Rides, most locations had direct support from local law enforcement agencies, many understanding what cyclists face each day out on the road, and wanting to make the evening's Ride safe for everyone. Many had media coverage, helping to raise the awareness of the public.

To my fellow Michigan cyclists, if there wasn't a Ride of Silence in your area and you'd like to see one, or are interested in organizing one for next year and would like information, please feel free to email me. As one of the Ride's Mentors, I will help support any location in starting a Ride.

Why did we ride locally? From some of the MI organizers; **Boyne City**; "[Donna Moll] introduced our community's latest victims, Bill Aten and Brandon Inglehart who were assisted by their families to meet with the group. Bill and Brandon were the recent victims on a tragic accident that left them seriously injured. We were happy to see that they are recovering." **E. Lansing**; "On the return ride home I had the chance to get to know some of the riders and discovered a mother-son duo who were riding to honor the memory of the mother's brother who was killed by a motorist while riding his bike a year and a half ago." **Grand Rapids**; "Many family and friends of Joey Lorentz, the 13 year old from Wyoming who was killed a few weeks ago were in attendance, all wearing matching T's with a big picture of Joey. Back at Riverside Park, Joey's aunt hugged me in tears and thanked us for giving them the opportunity to remember him." **Holland**; "The crowd listened closely as Jan Meeuwesen of Holland, seriously injured last fall by a motorist while commuting to work, thanked the crowd on behalf of injured and killed cyclists. "I am one of the lucky ones; I

can be with you today," Jan shared as her voice cracked with appreciation. It was Jan's second day out of her wheel chair." **Kalamazoo**; "I asked that 3 friends that had been involved in serious accidents Kay Barker, Amy Mack, & Kate Mann lead the ride for us." **Sault St Marie**; "One lady drove from



Alpena to ride with her son from Iron Mountain, to ride in memory of another son who was killed by a motorist dialing his cell phone 5 years ago. She hadn't ridden a bike in over 30+ years but the local Trek dealer gave her a Lime to ride and she did it."

Some unique things to each Ride; **In Ann Arbor**; "As the riders returned, they were met by a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace." **Grand Rapids**; "Thanks to Mike Burden for again arranging to have flag sticks and printing the orange R of S funeral flags we attached to the flag sticks, that we mounted to our bikes. And to members of the Grand Rapids & District Pipe Band for solemnly supporting us with Amazing Grace as we circled John Ball Park." **In Grattan at the Wed. Night Race series**; 101 Racers rode one slow, Silent lap at the start of the night's races in support of the R of S. **In Holland**; Thanks to Jim DeGracia of Jade Cycles for mounting a regulation FDOT **SHARE the ROAD** sign to his bike. **In Houghton**; "We had 60 riders and decided to make a statement with Orange Share the Road T-shirts." **In Kalamazoo**; "At the start of our ride Gloria Culp from the Kalamazoo Bag

Pipers played as we began our ride." **In Westland**; "Our route through Hines Park had blank black signs with black balloons attach to them placed every mile to give each rider a reminder of why we were there and also to give them a chance to send that special thought or prayer to a fallen bicyclist."

I'd like to again thank all the MI organizers and volunteers who donated their time to help organize a Ride in their city or town and helped make this year a great success. (I wish we had space to include everyone's full report) Thanks to all the MI cyclists who came out and rode in this year's Ride of Silence. Thanks to Rich Moeller and John Lindenmayer of the LMB, for the support and promotion they've given the Ride. (Rich & John rode in E. Lansing this year)

Thanks to Chris Phelan in Dallas, the Ride's founder, and the rest of the Ride of Silence board who made this year's Ride such a global success.

Please join us for next year's Ride of Silence, **on May 21st 2008, at 7:00 PM**, in locations all over MI and the world.

Mark Hagar

Ride of Silence, 2005-2007 Grand Rapids Organizer

MI Director Ride of Silence

National Board Member and Mentor

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alzheimer's association
Greater Michigan Chapter
Metro Detroit Region


Mind over Matter 2007
Bike Event
A tribute to Karl T. David

Held at Metro Beach's
West Grove Pavilion
Saturday, August 4, 2007
8:00 a.m.

Contact Kristen Korpak
 korpak5@wideopenwest.com
 586.876.0827

\$25-Five Mile Ride
 \$40-25 Mile Ride
 \$50-40 Mile Ride
 Kids under 16 ride for \$10
 Great Family Discounts

Governor Granholm Resolution for Ride of Silence



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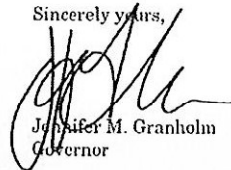
May 29, 2007

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to recognize the 2007 Michigan Ride of Silence participants. Once again your efforts have ensured our great state had the most ride locations in the world.

I am proud to say that Michigan citizens are some of the most caring individuals in the country, and your efforts in the 2007 Ride of Silence exemplifies my belief. Your participation will not only honor those cyclists who have been killed on the road but will work to increase awareness of bicycle and road safety.

Again, thank you for your compassion towards your fellow cyclists and my best wishes for happy and safe riding.

Sincerely yours,

 Jennifer M. Granholm
 Governor

YOUR FAVORITE BIKE SHOP!!!

The following bicycle stores offer a discount on equipment and accessories. Be prepared to 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 & Fitness	New Address: 29428 Woodward Ave	Royal Oak, MI 48072	586/542-7182
American Cycle & Fitness	2169 Metro Parkway	Sterling Heights, MI 48310	586/979-7570
Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness	35214 23 Mile Road	New Baltimore, MI 48047	586/725-2878
Bicycle & Fitness Barn	1604 Stone Street	Port Huron, MI 48060	810/987-2523
Bike Tech	18401 E. Warren	Detroit, MI 48236	313/884-2453
Continental Bike Shop	24426 John R.	Hazel Park, MI 48030	248/545-1225
D & D Bicycles	4141 W. 12 Mile Road	Berkley, MI 48072	248/547-0770
Fraser Bicycle & Fitness	34501 Utica Road	Fraser, MI 48072	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	5987 26 Mile Road	Washington Twp., MI 48094	586/677-7755
Paul's Bike Depot	28057 Gratiot	Roseville, MI 48066	586/776-9165
American Cycle & Fitness (Formerly Pointe Cycle & Fitness)	20343 Mack Avenue	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236	313/886-1968
American Cycle & Fitness (Formerly Scarlett's)	203 N. Perry Street	Pontiac, MI 48342	248/333-7843
Hamilton Bicycle	69329 Main Street	Richmond, MI 48062	586/727-5140

The Lighter Side

Ultra-lightweight carbon fiber racing bike from Mercedes-Benz

At Mercedes-Benz it is not just the cars that benefit from the company's involvement in the field of motor racing – motor sport know-how is also used to



optimize various top-class technological Collection products. The latest example is the new "Racing Bike 2007": thanks to an innovative frame made from carbon fiber – a high-tech material used in Formula 1 – this competition-standard cycle weighs just seven kilograms. With its consistently lightweight construction and exclusive equipment, this is a cycle that will appeal to professional cyclists and serious amateurs.

Mercedes-Benz Accessories GmbH developed the new high-end bike in partnership with top German cycle manufacturer ADP Engineering GmbH, a company renowned for its exclusive, handcrafted Rotwild brand of cycles. In collaborating on the Mercedes-Benz

Bike Collection 2007 the partners' aim was to build cycles which would satisfy the every need of discerning Mercedes-Benz customers.

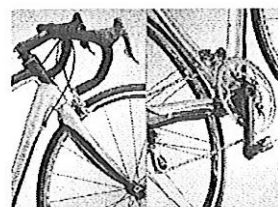
Racing Bike 2007: the high-end bike made from carbon fiber

The heart of the impressive racer is its innovative carbon fiber frame, manufactured using tube-to-tube processing. In this cutting-edge manufacturing process the frame is assembled from individual carbon fiber tubes, which are initially bonded together. The joints are then wrapped with carbon fiber and, in a process similar to that used in Formula 1, are cured in autoclaves (sealed pressurized containers) where they are subjected to high pressure and high temperatures. The frame created using this high-tech process is characterized by extreme stiffness and a low weight. The full carbon fork, made from the same high-tech material, comes courtesy of professional outfitter Topkey. The "Racing Bike 2007" weighs just seven kilograms (excluding the pedals).

The exclusive equipment for the Mercedes-Benz bikes leaves nothing to be desired – even by the most demanding of professional cyclists. The shift system, brakes, wheels and chain wheels are part of the Centaur™ series from top Italian manufacturer Campagnolo.

The Mercedes-Benz Carbon Bike is available in five versions with a frame height of 49, 53, 56, 58 or 61 centimeters. The price of the thoroughbred sports cycle is Euro 3,990 (German price, incl. VAT).

The Racing Bike spearheads the new



Mercedes-Benz Bike Collection 2007, which also includes new design men's and

women's versions of the "Fitness Bikes" and "Trekking Bikes". The technology and functionality of these two series are precisely tailored to the needs of keen amateur cyclists. These cycles too were created in partnership with top German cycle manufacturer ADP Engineering GmbH. The Collection also includes an extensive range of cycle accessories plus Mercedes-Benz-branded cycle wear.

The Bike Collection 2007 will be available from Mercedes-Benz sales partners from June.

Editor's Note: 3990 Euro = \$5350.15

7 Kilograms = 15.4 lbs

SLOW SPOKES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please mail this application along with a check for \$15.00 payable to:

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

Anyone interested in bicycling is eligible for membership. Those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult during all club activities and rides.

