




# Slow Spokes Spokin' Times

November, 2005

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-  **Meetings** - Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Owen Jax Activity Center located on Nine Mile Road, east of Van Dyke. Refreshments are served.
-  **Ride Information** - Send information for rides and walks to Jim Walter at 6870 Emerald Shores, Troy, 48085, call at 248/879-2405 or email the information to him at [jim.walter@comcast.net](mailto:jim.walter@comcast.net) by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month.
-  **Newsletter Information** - Send articles you'd like published to Lennie Raines at 28048 Pine Tree Lane, Harrison Township, 48045, call at 586/463-4916 or email the information to her at [lbrmcrest@yahoo.com](mailto:lbrmcrest@yahoo.com). Articles must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

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 address to Paul Wilhelm at [jpwilhelm@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilhelm@hotmail.com).

Notes from the Newsletter Editor: 1) 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. 2) 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 note of that when the article is sent.



## J P WILHELM'S Ps and Qs



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - November is elections month for the Club when the officers for the coming year are chosen. Candidates, so far, are as follows:

President: Paul Wilhelm (incumbent)  
VP:  
Ride Chair:

Secretary: Dawn Somerville  
Treasurer:  
Membership Chair: Lennie Raines (incumbent)

As you can see we still need a VP and Ride Chair as well as a Treasurer. These are the most important offices. **The Club cannot function without them.** If the Slow Spokes Bicycle Club is to continue, we must have someone come forward to fill these positions. Nominations will remain open right up to the time voting takes place. You are strongly encouraged to give consideration to participating in the leadership of the club as an officer. If you would like to run for office or know someone you think would make a good officer, contact Paul by phone (586.247.6397), email at [jpwilhelm@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilhelm@hotmail.com) or see him at the November meeting.

**PIZZA PARTY** - To celebrate the success of the 2005 Peach of a Ride and (hopefully) the election of new officers for the coming year, we will have pizza and salad at the November general meeting. Come hungry and ready to take one of the open club officer positions.

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### A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mark Holden of Chesterfield  
Claire Tomlinson of Macomb  
Michelle Wilkmler of Washington

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#### **A Thought.....**

When your feet tire, permit the dance to continue in your mind.  
You will find the music no less vivid.

#### **A Second Thought.....**

There is a wonderful mystical law of nature about the three things we crave the most in life.....

Happiness... Freedom... and Peace of Mind  
are always attained by giving them to someone else.

Submitted by: R. M. J.

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# RIDE INFORMATION

## Halloween Haunt Ride

DISTANCE:

15-25 miles, depending on the weather

DATE: Sunday, October 30

PACE:

12 - 13

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TERRAIN:

Flat

LEADER(S) & PHONE NUMBER(S):

Rose Marie Jacobs, 586/779-4780

MEETING PLACE:

The clubhouse at Riviera Terrace Condos, 24000 E. Jefferson, just north of Nine Mile Road in St. Clair Shores.

When entering the complex stay on the main road, the right hand side of the street. The clubhouse is next to the swimming pool. Park around the clubhouse.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

After a haunting ride through some old and charming Grosse Pointe neighborhoods to view the ghoulish Halloween decorations, we will gather at the clubhouse for some delicious homemade soup, delectable homemade chili and all the trimmings and some great dessert. Afterwards there will be some tomfoolery to celebrate Halloween Eve. Again, as last year you must wear a funny, scary or outrageous hat. Entry to the clubhouse will not be permitted and no food will be served to anyone not wearing a great hat. Those of you who did this ride last year will have to find a new hat to wear. **YOU CANNOT WEAR THE SAME HAT.** It must be another choice for 2005. We have pictures from last year so you cannot fool us. We will again be telling stories about our hat, be it real or fictitious, on how we acquired our chapeau or anything relating to the hat that you feel may be of interest to all the gathered cyclists.

Best stories and best hats will be awarded their very own trick or treat bag. We had a great time with this last year, but now that you have had some practice, we expect greater hats and very adept storytelling in 2005.

We look forward to welcoming all the fun people in our club. If the weather is inclement the ride will be cancelled, BUT PLEASE, the clubhouse is warm and cozy. We'll light the fire in the fireplace and serve some wonderful homemade food and scrumptious dessert at 12:00 noon. We can still break break bread, share stories and view silly hats.

Your hosts for this gathering on the eve of the spookiest night of the year are:

Evelyn Bires  
586/778-8397

Aloyse Turck  
248/362-4031

Rose Marie Jacobs  
586/779-4780



P.S. Those of you not riding the ride but attending the get-together at the clubhouse, we should be back from the ride between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. You could call my cell phone at 586/980-0458 to inquire of our progress. The clubhouse will be closed until we get back with the keys.

## Lower Huron Metroparks Trail Ride

DISTANCE:

23 miles

DATE: Saturday, November 5

PACE:

11 - 13

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TERRAIN:

rolling

LEADER(S) & PHONE NUMBER(S):

Bill Zakosky, 586/779-4836

MEETING PLACE:

Tulip Tree picnic area in Lower Huron Metropark. Take I-94 west to Haggerty Rd., Exit 192, (first exit west of I-275). Go South on Haggerty for one mile into the park to the second parking area. Park at the OPEN restrooms, the last set of restrooms in the Tulip Tree picnic area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ride on paved bike path through 3 metroparks.

## Coney Island Ride

DISTANCE:

34 miles

DATE: Sunday, November 6

PACE:

12 - 14

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

TERRAIN:

flat to flatter

LEADER(S) & PHONE NUMBER(S):

Tom Miller, 586/573-4754

MEETING PLACE:

Veterans' Memorial Park (formerly Warren City Pool). 27400 Campbell, North of I-696 between Van Dyke and Hoover.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Restaurant stop at Lafayette Coney Island in Downtown Detroit. Ride through historic Detroit neighborhoods, Greektown, Detroit's Cultural Center, Comerica Park, Ford Field, Wayne State University, and more. Ride may be shortened, depending on weather. No ride if temperature is below 40 degrees.

## Stony Creek Ride

DISTANCE: 15-30 miles  
PACE: 12 - 14  
TERRAIN: rolling  
LEADER(S) & PHONE NUMBER(S): Jim Walter, 248/879-2405  
MEETING PLACE: The boat launch area at Stony Creek  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ride duration and route will depend on the weather.

DATE: Saturday, November 12  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR  
EMAIL FOR IMPROMPTU RIDES

*\*\*\*Please check with the event leader if the weather is questionable\*\*\**

If you would like to lead an impromptu event, please contact Paul Wilhelm at 586/247-6397 or email him at [jpwilhelm@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilhelm@hotmail.com) and/or Jim Walter at 248/879-2405 or email him at [jim.walter@comcast.net](mailto:jim.walter@comcast.net). Paul will send out an email to all members with an email address and Jim will post it on the web site.

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### **MORE FUN and OTHER INFO.**

THERE'S STILL TIME TO LOG THE MOST MILES FOR 2005. Once again this year Jim Walter will be putting together a list of ride leaders and miles ridden for the riding season. If you would like to have your mileage published, you will need to let him know by **January 10** for inclusion in the February newsletter.

BICYCLIST CHARGED IN DEATH - Corvallis, OR. A bicyclist was charged with manslaughter after he ran through a stop sign and struck and killed a 71-year-old woman, police said Monday.

Jean Calder died at Good Samaritan Hospital after she was struck Friday night, Corvallis Police Capt., Ron Noble, said.

"A car and a bicycle are both vehicles, and if they are operated in a way that could be criminal, then charges are filed equally in both situations," Noble said. "He was going right through a stop sign."

Christopher Lightning, 51, was jailed with bail set at \$57,500.

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## **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	1109 S. Washington	Royal Oak, MI 48067	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	56732 Van Dyke	Shelby, MI 48316	586/677-7755
Paul's Bike Depot	28057 Gratiot	Roseville, MI 48066	586/776-9165
Pointe Cycle & Fitness	20343 Mack Avenue	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236	313/886-1968
Scarlett's Bike & Fitness	203 N. Perry Street	Pontiac, MI 48342	248/333-7843

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### **SLOW SPOKES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this application along with a check for \$10.00 payable to:  
Slow Spokes  
P. O. Box 792  
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-0792