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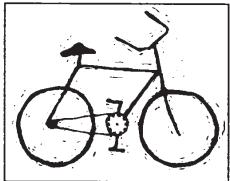
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Gossip

What with all the jerks in SUVs out there and greedy business interests making the region more difficult to ride in and events harder to stage, it's a wonder cyclists are still out there!

For example, we've received a copy of an editorial (we like to call these "idiotorials") that appeared in the *Roanoke Times*. The writer states flatly that cyclists must give up riding on the Blue Ridge Parkway; that "this isn't the Tour de France, and you're not Lance Armstrong. Take your toys home and do what your mommies told you, 'Don't play in the street.'" Well, take your toy car home, buster, and play in your living room. It's a *parkway*, for crying out loud! Bicycles may well have more of a right to be on there than motorized vehicles, in the broader view.

This season's Westlake Training Series races nearly ended when their general liability insurance coverage stopped. It seems their broker got into trouble – being investigated for fraud – and the coverage disappeared! Chris Riccardi was able to secure new coverage saving the 2002 season albeit at an increased cost for participants.

Sprawl continues to make life difficult for us. Everywhere we look we see woodlots and farmers' fields sprouting new houses and shopping centers. Progress? Every new house will likely have at least two cars that go along with the home owners and those cars don't stay parked. Even the Cleveland Metroparks Parkway down in N. Royalton and Broadview Heights isn't immune. Developers have managed to build and sell houses adjacent to the Parkway in many places and gain easement across park land. What's the problem with that? If you want,

for example, to enjoy the high-speed free-fall downhills that cyclists have long enjoyed in those areas, we now have to watch out for cars at all of those new driveways – some of which serve multiple homes with multiple cars. We are now also treated to the sight of trash cans and "for sale" signs along the once-clean Parkway. More traffic, less peace. Still, there are also a few *hopeful* signs.

The city of Cleveland has installed some sculptural bicycle racks – designed by a Cleveland Institute of Art student – in front of City Hall. The city has also applied for federal funds to install 500 (presumably less fetching) bike racks next year. Free parking inside City Hall's garage is also planned. Add to that the RTA rack-equipped buses and you have a nice mode of travel for young professionals: from home ride to the bus stop, rack the bike, bus to downtown, ride to work, lock up the bike. Reverse to go home.

We were also heartened to see Kent resident Jim Baldesare, Jr. made the cycling press with his winning of the 2002 USCF Elite Men's National Criterium Championship back in August. The win came with a lot of help from N. Royalton's own Paul Martin who finished second. The Team West Virginia/GoMart duo worked together, Baldesare saying: "It came down to a sprint and my team, Paul Martin especially, he just gave me the lead-out – I could barely hold his wheel but as soon as we came through that last corner – it felt like the world just opened up and that line just beckoned me – it was just great."

Maybe that's it. Our love for the sport lets us overcome the fears, the dangers, the jeers, and the pains. Cycling rewards racers and tourers alike with thrills, pleasures, and satisfactions not well understood outside our circles. Some see us as Lance Armstrong wannabes blocking the road, and others see the woods and open fields in terms of development acreage to be sliced up and sold off; the roads are their pathways to profit. For some of us different possibilities present themselves and the world just opens up. It's great!

— The Crank



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LEW Club Weekend & Holiday Ride Schedule

Nov. 10, 17, 24	10:00	Olmsted Falls East River Park – winter ride – weather depending.
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00	Olmsted Falls East River Park – winter ride – weather depending.
Jan. 1	10:00	Annual New Year's Day Ride starting from Scenic Park: rain, sun or snow. If the weather is truly terrible we meet and go to Einstein Bagels for bagels and coffee.
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26	10:00	Olmsted Falls East River Park – winter ride – weather depending.

Ride Start Locations

East River Park Olmsted Falls East River Park is on Lewis Road between Bagley and Water Street, across from Chestnut Grove Cemetery. It has better parking and facilities the Library did not.

Scenic Park Parking lot at marina in North Rocky River Reservation, off of Valley Parkway, located ½-mile south of Detroit Road, in Lakewood.

Weekly Rides

The weekday rides are over for 2002, and will return in the spring. Please check the LEW Web site for any last minute news or pickup rides. The Wednesday night rides out of Kamm's will continue year-round, weather permitting. For details, contact Doug Barr at (440) 734-1715. For the off-season rides from November thru February, the Ride Leader (and pace) will be chosen by those members attending the ride.

Doug Barr is planning to resume the Saturday Morning Urban Assaults starting the second Saturday in November, weather permitting. These rides travel through the Westside neighborhoods through the city center and over to

the East Side for lunch at some of our favorite restaurants like Presti's. The pace is moderate, but be prepared for cold weather and city streets.

LEW Web keeps club informed of late breaking news

To keep informed of late breaking news, and location of rides during the year, please check the LEW club site out at: <http://www.lakeeriewheelers.org/> (please note the change in the URL). The LEW club email list is at BikeLEW@adelphia.net. If you have email, but haven't received weekly ride updates, just let us know and we'll put you in the address book.

The 2002 Ohio Bike Path Series

It began in rain, and it ended in rain, but in between, we had fun! In good weather, we drew a great many members, along with their spouses and children, for some very enjoyable riding experiences. The series is over for the year, but we are confident that it will return in the spring.

Women Only Rides

In an effort to expand the types of riding that the club organizes, we've decided to offer a *Women's Only* ride on the third Saturday of each month. Bonnie Vargo will lead a 30- to 50-mile (B-C pace) ride from the Olmsted Falls East River Park (just north of Bagley on Lewis Road) to Strongsville. Contact Bonnie at (216) 226-5918 for details.

Touring Division News

Tom Meara would like to extend his thanks and gratitude to all participants in this year's touring activities, as well as towards all who volunteered their efforts on behalf of the Touring Division.

Cross Country Skiing at Chapin Woods

When the streets are snow covered or it's snowing members often drive east to Lake County for some great cross-country groomed ski trails at Chapin Woods between 10:00 A.M. and noon on Sundays.

The October Club Meeting

Dale Stalnaker presented a proposal for improving the club Web site: changing the URL to www.lakeeriewheelers.org. The motion was seconded, and carried. It was also suggested that automatic payment be set up for the updated Web site; club Treasurer Bob Ugan confirmed that this was possible.

Club President Tom Meara proposed a new Web site, dedicated to the needs of new riders. Tom requested volunteers for the Web site committee; Dale Stalnaker and John Whitaker offered their assistance. Next up for discussion was the matter of a club invitational. Eric's Hill Challenge was well received, while the traditional Four County Metric, and the newer Scoop-A-Loop were also considered. Also proposed was a "Tour de Cleveland" ride, which would circle around Cleveland and touch on its many neighborhoods and diversity. Members were requested to consider which of these rides would be preferred as the club invitational and whether they would be willing to help. If enough volunteers step forward, a vote on which ride to host will be held.

These issues having been taken care of, several smaller pieces of new business were considered. Doug Barr proposed a series of Saturday winter

rides, to various restaurants (weather permitting), a different one on each ride. Tom Meara proposed that we review continuing our participation in Adopt-A-Highway, provided that insurance is not an issue. Jerry Storer will look into the details of the state and Lorain county programs. Mr. Meara also requested volunteers and ideas for club jerseys for 2003. Dan Izuka volunteered to work on club tee shirts for next spring.

The matter of club property was raised: a good many items were known to belong to the club, but few accounted for. A few names surfaced of members that would know where most items might be. Anyone with knowledge of club property is requested to contact Mr. Meara, or the club Secretary, John Whitaker (whose job will include keeping track of these items). Also discussed were the relative merits of various maps and map programs. Any members who know of a particular map series or program that is worth recommending are requested to do so.

The meeting ended with a fascinating presentation on bicycle advocacy by Joe Savino.

The November Meeting, Officer Nominations

The next meeting will be held on November 12, at the Westlake Porter Public Library in Westlake (27333 Center Ridge Road), at 7:00 P.M. The theme of the meeting will be Winter Activities. In addition, nominations for club officers will be held. Prominent members not in attendance may find themselves unexpectedly nominated by sympathetic acquaintances. Members in attendance run the same risk.

Club Holiday Party

Russ Marx has graciously volunteered his house for the annual Club Holiday Party, which will be held on December 7, 2002. The party starts at 7 P.M.; diehard riders are encouraged to bring their bikes for the traditional pre-party ride, starting at 6 P.M..

This event will also serve as the December meeting, during which club officers will be elected.

Bring your favorite snack or food to share. An old-fashioned paper mailing with details and directions will be sent to all club members.

Check the club Web site for more info, or call: Tom Meara at (440) 777-2563, or Russ at (440) 582-3454.



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Weeknight Ride Schedule

Tuesday Evening: Spinning classes starting at 6:30 till 7:30 Tuesday night

Weekend Ride Schedule

Saturday – Check the Web or call

Sunday – Courthouse Lot - Jefferson and E Liberty St., meet on the Square.
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Touring Group at (12 - 15 MPH) check your email, our new Web site, or call.

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THE PREZ SAYS...

A warm welcome to our newest member **Shelley Theman!**

Our Tuesday night rides were a huge success with an average of 20 riders. It could have been the great routes, provided by **Shawn, Tom and Larry**. Or maybe the half-price burgers and beers afterwards. Either way thank you one and all for your participation. We are hoping to keep Tuesday as a ride night but with spinning class instead of road rides. The number of bikes is limited so it will be on a first come first serve basis.

Although we had a lot of competition from a Cheesy Ride, and a Wo Ride, the **Ice Cream** ride was a great success again this year thanks to all of you that pitched in. We had approx. 200 riders this year, and we received many complements. It is truly an honor and a privilege to work with such a great group of people and I must admit that it was a real pleasure to watch as our club worked together as a team to do whatever it took. Thanks again. And to all those who joined us this year, thanks for your support.

Glen Hinegardner has asked me to inquire if anyone in interested in his office as Treasurer for the upcoming year. He would be willing to work with you to make the

transition for the upcoming year much easier. I am passing this along reluctantly, only because Glen, a good friend and an outstanding individual has done such a great job for so long.

Members Share Stories of Their Adventure

Once upon a time... or is it “ONCE” upon a time?

I feel a little bit like the fabled Aesop who wrote all those fairy tales we know and love. However, my story isn't one of fiction filled with witches and talking animals - it's FACT and chock-full of bikes, riders, and the Tour de FRANCE.

As luck would have it, I was given the opportunity to travel to Paris in July along with my husband Alan and oldest daughter Lauren, age 11. (My 8-year-old daughter, Hailey, stayed home). To be honest, the dates of the bike race and the dates on our itinerary didn't click right away in my head. Although I had been religiously “watching” the race daily via Internet (yes, at work), I never imagined that I'd get to see the Tour de France in person !!

Our plans called for leaving Cleveland on July 24th and returning on July 31st. (I also turned 40 on the 24th but that's irrelevant to the story - a milestone nonetheless). As we discussed the plans for our time in France, I made sure that Sunday, July 28th was devoted to nothing but the spectating at the finish of the Tour.

(I'll skip the details of what we did between getting off the plane on July 25th and Sunday morning. It would be like sitting through someone else's vacation slide show. However, if anyone ever needs advice on what to do in Paris, call me !!). The day before the last stage of the Tour de France, we took some time and wandered down to La Place de la Concorde from the Louvre where we found bleachers already set up for the next day's activities. We sat there for a bit imagining what it would be like for the race....

Sunday was bright and HOT with temperatures reaching the mid-90s. We made our way down to the Champs-Elysee in the early afternoon. The avenue was already closed for the race and there were thousands of people everywhere. I was surprised when I saw that it was cobblestone and not a nice, smooth tarred surface (ouch). We had traveled there by way of the Metro to the L'Arc de Triomphe and we were appropriately amazed at the size and magnitude of the structure!! What a site that has to be as the racers make their way up the street.

There were people from all over the world gathered to see the finish. In fact, on the Metro, there was a family wearing green shirts with a bike gear and the name 'Zabel' on the front! I made the attempt in my fractured-high-school-French-mixed-with-English-and-gestures to find out if they were Erik Zabel's relatives. They nodded 'yes' when I said the word 'famille' and that's good enough for me! (As most of you know, however, he did not win the green jersey competition).

We had an itinerary from the 'net that gave us approximate times that the racers would be entering Paris and tried to find a decent spot to hang out and watch. They were supposed to arrive at 3:40pm-ish at the latest. So, my daughter and I found a pretty good spot about 2/3 of the way up the loop between La Place de la Concorde and the L'Arc de Triomphe. Well, we waited and waited and watched the parade of sponsors

loop up and down the route. There was an announcer who seemed to have an endless commentary but I read French much better than I can listen and comprehend it. It became somewhat frustrating to be standing in the heat and not knowing where the riders were.

Then, finally, we could hear the crowd noise get increasingly louder and closer. Although I've read about how teams work together to lead a peloton, there is nothing that can prepare you for the sight of a **US Postal-led peloton** as it races up the street. It was very easy to find the yellow jersey nestled comfortably in the pack. I'm famous for getting goosebumps at the oddest moments and I can promise you that I had millions of 'em in that 90-degree heat as those guys flew by!

The last stage required the racers to complete 9 or 10 loops (I lost count) on the Champs-Elysee so we were able to really get a good look at the race. Some folks from Texas gave us a good tip: the first 8 or 9 loops are just a formality...the guys chat amongst themselves and enjoy the ride (on cobblestones? Ouch!). It's the LAST loop where you can see them RACE! Now, the course was on a slight incline so they were riding uphill to the L'Arc de Triomphe and obviously had a nice downhill after the turn around the cone. I don't know - to the untrained eye, they sure looked like they were moving along pretty fast to me! From our vantage point, it took the bikes about six minutes to come back into view as they headed up the hill and two minutes on the way back down.

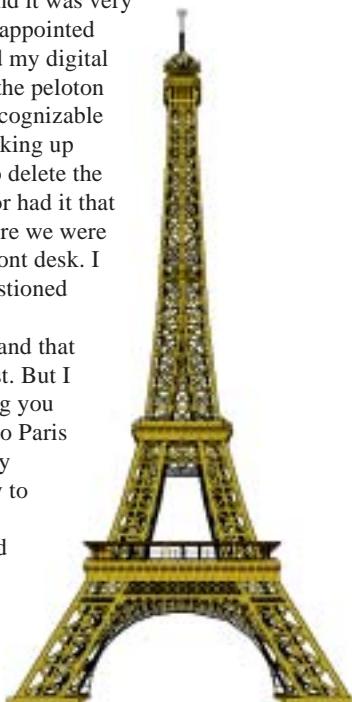
But the Texans were right. As the group headed up the hill for the last time, it was obvious that the tempo had changed. When they came past us for the last time, the jerseys were just a blur of colors that blended into a gorgeous mosaic mass of moving man and machine! The speed was incredible - you could feel the breeze as they literally rocketed towards the finish line.

We were too far away to see the actual finish (and it was very crowded down at that end as well) but I was not disappointed with what we were able to see and experience. I had my digital camera with me and managed to get a few shots as the peloton rode by and I depended on luck to get something recognizable without the head of the small child in front of me taking up most of the view. (Thank goodness I learned how to delete the really bad ones to save room for another try). Rumor had it that Lance Armstrong was staying at the same hotel where we were - my husband thought he saw him check in at the front desk. I never saw Lance but then, I think I would have questioned whether this was reality or a just a dream.

Well, it's pretty obvious that I'm no Mr. Aesop and that I'll never be on the New York Times Best Seller List. But I hope that I was able to keep you interested and bring you into some of what I experienced that day. This trip to Paris will be one of my best memories - it was a genuinely fantastic experience all around - but the opportunity to watch an athletic event like the Tour doesn't come along very often and I am very fortunate that I could be there.

Ride well and ride happy !!

— Julie Gauvreau



A Letter from Vetter

by Lou Vetter

THE CIDERFEST RIDE: For the past two weeks I've been riding my custom made Romic. Even though it has only fourteen speeds and quaint old-fashioned shifters -- you know the ones on the down-tube and not part of the brake handles -- I was riding faster and better than I had all summer. Of course, working on the Presidential Sports Award might have contributed to my improved riding ability. I got a reality check when I entered the Norton Cider Festival Bike Ride and decided to ride my touring bike with 27 speeds and those new fangled shifters; you know, the ones built into the brake handles. Reality set in early, while Tom and I were trying to keep pace with Phil Hrush. About an hour into the ride Tom and I got a huge shock when we checked our odometers to find that we had only ridden about twelve miles. On the next hill I dropped out of our short pace line and Tom slowed down to ride with me. Phil was leading a shorter pace line now but we did meet up with him at the first rest stop and agreed to hoist a few at the Loyal Oak Tavern after the ride.

This ride is a fund-raiser for the Kiwanis Club of Norton, Ohio, providing funds for the community service work they do in the area. The ride travels the back roads of Summit, Wayne, and Medina Counties. This year Tom and I rode the metric century. The Kiwanians were generous this year and included a few extra miles on the long route at no additional charge. The terrain was rolling with no real hills to speak of but I felt the ride offered plenty of climbing. The weather was perfect with low temperatures, no humidity, and only a slight breeze to keep the air moving. The course was color-coded with pink arrows for the century ride and at the rest stops they even had pink cookies. I think the cookies were color coded to match the distance.

At the second rest stop in Westfield Center I noticed a rider with number 275 on his helmet. I asked him about it and he had ridden the National 24-Hour Challenge. I was just glad to hear he didn't ride any farther than I did on that ride. He and his riding partner joined Tom and me riding north on Balash Road. Tom and I just started bragging about how close we were to our homes when one of our new friends had a blowout. He got the tire off the rim and was checking for a nail or piece of glass when he found the problem. It was bad news too. The tire bead was broken so the flat was caused by the inner tube squeezing out under between the tire and the rim. He reassembled the tire and pumped some air into it but it wouldn't hold more than 25 pounds per square inch. I asked if anyone had any tape, but none of us did. Tape would have helped the tire hold more pressure. Tom and I rode on ahead to the next rest stop to request a sag. The Cleveland riders stayed together and rode slowly and carefully as not to get a pinch flat on the low-pressure tire. Tom and I saw them at the finish. They made it to the rest stop before the sag wagon got to them and once there they were given some tape. Good ole' 275 said the tape worked like a charm.

I rode my Romic that day and enjoyed it but my Bianchi had tape in the saddlebag.

FALL-N-LEAF by THE MID-OHIO BIKERS: For the second year in a row, if you stayed home because of dark skies in the morning you missed a great ride. The morning started out cold, even threatened rain, during the drive to Lexington, Ohio. Tom and I were rethinking our decision to ride during breakfast at a Bob Evans restaurant on I-71 but the rain held off, the skies cleared and it even warmed up. This year the start was

from a hotel at Exit 165, the registration was inside and the bathrooms were "posh." They still are.

The ride is configured along the B&O bike trail and has three separate loops that take you through the rolling countryside where fall colors and spectacular views encourage a slower pace. The M.O.B. provided lots of rest stops with lots of snacks and Tom and I stopped at all of them. The official distances are 35 and 62 miles but if you cheat and ride only on the trail there are no hills whatsoever and you still get a 20-mile ride. Additionally there is a restaurant in Butler a hearty breakfast if so desired. The second loop leaves the trail at Butler and offers numerous vistas. Tom was climbing the hills effortlessly while I huffed and puffed after him. He was nice enough to wait for me on several occasions.

Some people skipped the third loop cutting five miles off of the ride but Tom and I rode the whole thing. On the third loop it happened. For the past two months I have been crashing and using the pavement to remove excess weight. My chain came off just as we were climbing the last hill and Tom got way out in front of me. At the top he waited for me one more time. I turned the corner and started the long descent back to the trail and the finish line. I was able to get out in front for the first time all day. Tom was chasing after me now and I was trying to stay in front at 23 miles per hour but Tom was closing in. Then I saw a red squirrel running across a field on our right. We were on a collision course but there was no way he would try to cross the road in front of us so I kept pushing, trying to outpace Tom. I thought the squirrel would just run up a big tree lining the road. The squirrel thought otherwise and just lengthened his stride and kept on coming. I started to scream "Oh Nooooo" bending over and yelling the no part as loud as I could right at the squirrel. While I was bent over yelling "Noooooo" I could see the squirrel running straight for my front wheel. He must have taken ballet classes and gone to obedience school because I saw him stop with his head less than a dollar bill's length from where my wheel met the pavement. His tail was folded up over his back and somehow he managed to turn around keeping his head and tail out of my spokes. Tom witnessed the whole thing and neither of us could believe the braking power of that red squirrel.

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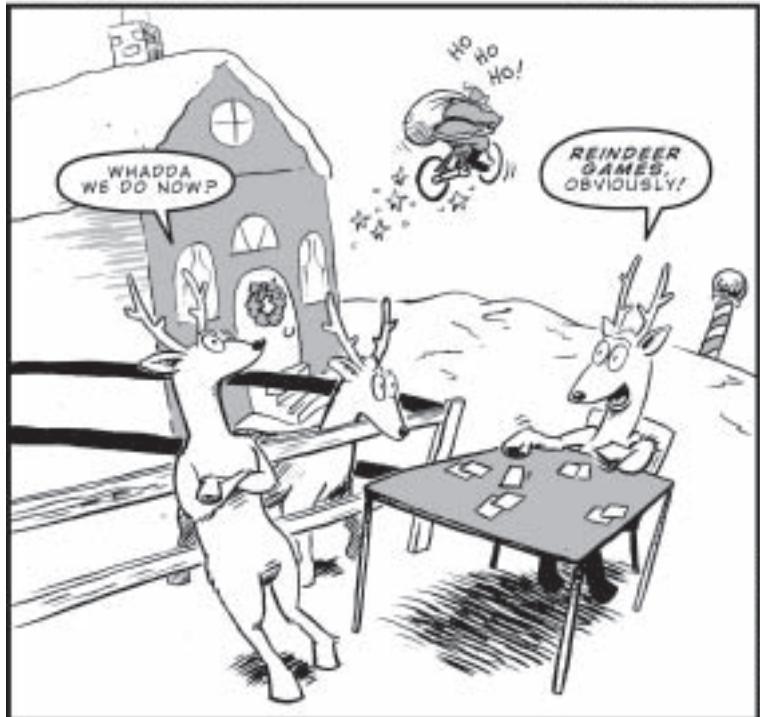
COLUMBUS — The Ohio Bicycle Federation (OBF) reports that Rep. Arlene Setzer, Vandalia, is to reintroduce legislation to authorize creation of a cycling safety auto license plate for Ohioans. The original effort, begun at the urging of the OBF, resulted in House Bill 176 passing the House unanimously. The bill was later stopped by one state senator who will leave office at the end of this year. The plate would have featured the image of a person riding a bicycle and the safety motto, "Share the Road." Rep. Setzer is reportedly to reintroduce the bill in the next House session.

Report road hazards online!

CLEVELAND — A new feature has been added to the *CrankMail* Web site. Now you can report road hazards you encounter and have that report sent to government departments that can do something about them! Report such hazards such as potholes, dangerous pavement cracks, wheel-trapping storm drain grates, actuated signals that don't detect bicycles, etc. When you wish to make a report, go to the *CrankMail* home page (www.crankmail.com); there you will find a link to the hazard report form. It's quick and easy and it may help prevent bike damage or personal injury to yourself and others. Thanks to Ryan Mckenzie of EcoCity Cleveland for initiating this project and for volunteering to do the work of forwarding the hazard reports to the proper authorities.

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PDQ / Pyro Apparel Riders Perform Across the Continent

The best female climbers in California were not prepared for the sheer dominance put forth by our own **Felicia Greer** at the Mt. Tam Hillclimb. Felicia bested the nearest competitor by 1:23 on the famous 12.5 mile course, which rises 2,200'. This was a spectacular way to announce her presence in the Fresno region, after having moved from Ohio. I can bet the other racers are dreading any race with a climb in it! Felicia has now won prestigious races on both coasts this year.

Matt Domonkos traveled to his old home of New Mexico to tackle the (also famous) Moriarty Time Trial. With limited racing this year, Matt performed very well, finishing with the tenth best time for the 30-34 age group. 58:13 for a 40k time trial is quite respectable. We can be proud to have this TT specialist on our team!

Dave Kovach Battled for Overall at Westlake Training Series

Using volume to get the job done, Dave raced in 18 Tuesday night criteriums in Chris Riccardi's Westlake series to gain enough points for a **second overall** in the "B" series. During his quest, he gained 3 first places, 3 seconds & a third. Perhaps this will please the sponsors! *Editor's note: Dave is a sponsor.*

Course Record & PR Set

Bill Gallagher set a new course record for age 55-59 men at this fall's Presque Isle Time Trial. He pounded the pedals on the wet 20k course in 28:29 at 26.33 mph, beating his old record set last fall by 51 seconds. **Ed Enyedy** set a PR on the same day, pedaling to a time of 30:02 at 24.98 mph. Perhaps the sub-30:00 is in reach next year.

Welcome to new members **Bob & Elaine Turba** and a belated welcome (sorry for the delay) to **Corlee Zak**.

Other News:

A special thanks to Jason Rapp for providing medical assistance to the crash victims at the Summit Freewheeler's Fall Challenge Circuit race. In a very unselfish move, Jason opted to help those involved in the crash instead of continuing on with the race. A true sportsman, especially since he was wounded as well.

In the last issue, it was reported that Jim Cunningham Jr was recovering from a multiple fracture. He wasted no time in getting back to the racing scene. As soon as he had clearance from his physician, he raced at the last Westlake Tuesday night race and finished second in the "B" race. Way to go, gimpy!

Results:

Road (CR – circuit race; CT – criterium; TT – time trial; HC – hillclimb)

Record Challenge 40k TT, Moriarty NM, September 1, Domonkos
Iroquois Sports Boosters Fall ITT, Erie PA, September 15, Enyedy (4 th, 35-39),
Gallagher (1 st, 55-59, 6 th overall), Hofstetter, Rapp
Summit Freewheelers Fall Challenge CR, Bath, September 21, Hofstetter, Rapp
Team Columbus Chagrin Falls GP CT, Chagrin Falls, September 22, Collander,
Griffith, Hofer, Hofstetter
Mt. Tamalpais HC, San Rafael CA, September 28, Greer (1 st, women cat 1-3)

Multi-sport

Team Toledo/Sylvania Sprint Triathlon, Sylvania, August 11, Miller (2 nd, 50-54)
Carnation Triathlon, Alliance, August 18, Miller (2 nd, 50-54)
HFP Racing/Pymatuning Triathlon, Andover, August 25, Miller (4 th, 50-54)
NCN Firelands Duathlon, August 25, Rapp
HFP Racing/Summa International Triathlon, Portage Lakes, September 15, Miller
(4 th, 50-54)

Through 09/28/02, 36 riders had competed in 122 events – 86 road (14 CR, 42 CT, 12 RR, 3 SR, 14 ITT, 1 TTT), 0 track, 0 cyclocross, 16 off-road and 20 multi-sport (Westlake training races in parenthesis): Beeson 3, G. Bennett 3, R. Bennett 15 (7), G. Bosl 1, J. Bosl 5, Burkey 4, Collander 12 (6), Cunningham Sr. 14 (6), Cunningham Jr. 27 (16), Domonkos 6, Estlack 1, Enyedy 5, Gallagher 20 (1), Garrett 3, Gardner 4, Greer 8, Griffith 12 (5), Hayden 1, Hofer 6, Hofstetter 8 (3), Howe 1, Kovach 22 (18), Limkemann 2, Lutzke 27, Madison 11 (6), Mallon 1, Marcossin 2, Miller 26 (8), Papajcik 1, Peplin 2, Plas 2, Rapp 17 (10), Rees 6 (3), Stefancin 5 (3), Strouhal 2 (1), Vadini 1

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Ride Schedule

NOTE: All Saturday rides commence at JCC with same start time as following day.

DATE	TIME	START	DESTINATION	MILES
Nov.				
3	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
10	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
17	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
24	9:00	JCC	Pick-Up Ride	??
28	9:00	JCC	Thanksgiving Day Pick-up Ride	??



NOTICE: Any nonmember guest who has not signed a release will not be considered, for insurance purposes, as a part of the club, nor will they be entitled to any protection afforded by the club insurance policy. In addition, all minors must be accompanied by an adult and must have a release signed by parent or guardian.

Yo, Wheelers...



In the words of the immortal song, "the days dwindle down." We are nearing the end of our season. While the rides were all great successes, injuries and illness have diminished the luster of the season.

Look forward to receiving your notice for the annual dinner, always a popular event at a top-notch eatery! Great food and dinner are yours. All you need to do is sign up when the notice arrives. I almost forgot... the dinner is in November.

After that, the annual meeting will be held in February. Again you will receive notice and your annual dues statement. Don't neglect either.

Finally, I heard of a bicyclist getting ticketed by a suburban police department because his bicycle was not licensed. It may be a good idea to check with your local police department and obtain a decal to register your bicycle.

May the Wind Always be at Your Back

— Ed Reichek

September Song

Written by Maxwell Anderson & Kurt Weill

Well, it's a long, long time from May to December,
But the days grow short when you reach September.
And the autumn weather turns the leaves to gray,
And I haven't got time for the waiting game.

And the days dwindle down to a precious few,
September, November . . .
And these few precious days I spend with you.
These precious days I spend with you.





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Please return to: Allen M. Wapnick
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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT
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IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in _____, (Name of LAB Club) ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of travelling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if, at any time, I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

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ADDRESS: _____
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PHONE: _____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (only if age 18 or over): _____ I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE _____

DATE: _____

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AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

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PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18): _____ I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE _____

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Welcome To New Members

Jay & Toni Randall of Valley View, **Robert Lisy** of Sagamore Hills, and **John & Jane Mullen**, and **James Bolce** of Shaker Hts. Welcome to the club!

Danny Wynne will be handling the club's membership replacing **Nan Horvath**, who's been doing this task for a long time and very well. Thanks for all your efforts Nan, and thanks Danny for taking it on.

Looking for Volunteers

The club has identified tasks with anticipated 2003 need. If you are interested or need more information please contact **Kim Boyd** or the Web site. We'll get you in touch with the right people.

- 1) Someone to handle jersey/jacket orders
- 2) Tuesday night map person(s). Nan could probably provide wealth of maps

GEAR East

On August 1, **Jean Shibley**, **Henri Nelson**, and I headed East for the League of American Bicyclists' Bikefest. On the way we stopped at the Corning Museum, a very worthwhile place to visit, and spent the night in Albany. Arriving at the University of Massachusetts before noon, we spent some time finding our very warm (no air) dorm, of course on the fourth floor. It was decided we should do a short ride, 12 miles to an arts and crafts center so as to be back for the evening picnic. Five miles out the sky suddenly turned black. We were almost blown off our bikes as the wind came up so strong. After being pelted with hickory nuts, twigs and things we couldn't see, we got off our bikes and took shelter behind a house trailer, chickens and goats running in all directions behind us. I was sure the trailer was going to blow over on us as the wind was howling and lightning and thunder was crashing right overhead. Finally, the nice young man who lived there invited us in and we were most grateful. So we got to meet a local resident who told us some of the history of the area. The storm abated after 45 minutes and we decided to try and ride back. The rain was still coming down and it had gotten quite cool. The road back was blocked by a tree and power lines down so we had to find another route, and fortunately, met up with other cyclist. We were very happy to see our very dry, hot dorm room after that!

The next day Henri rode with her roommate from Staten Island. They did the Emily Dickinson house tour, which they thought most interesting. Then they toured the city of Amherst and found a teddy bear festival, bears of all shapes and sizes.

Jean and I rode with a couple of members of the local bike club. We had a tour of historic Deerfield village, beautiful farm lands, waterfalls, and a sycamore tree that has been growing over three hundred years. A photographer on the ride took our pictures and put them on his Web site: www.photobylugee.com. That night Jean's sisters from Conn. came to visit her, bringing her garden veggies to share. We all got separated and had dinner with other people that we met; later attended a contra dance as we needed more exercise to work off the ice cream and cookies.

Sunday we all rode together to a local farmers market, great fruits and vegetables and more goodies. It was decided we would leave by noon and drive straight through, sharing the driving. So we dropped Henri off in Madison and drove on to Willoughby. As I got two miles from home it started raining I put my wipers on and my bright lights as there was not much traffic. But by mistake I turned off my lights momentarily. Surprised to see blue flashing lights behind me. The police officer wanted to know why I had turned off my lights, what was going on? I explained that after driving over five hundred miles I was not as sharp as I should have been. Fortunately, he gave me a verbal warning and let us continue on. It was a long drive, we didn't bike as many miles as we had planned, but the three of us really had a good time, got to know each other better, and later laughed at our mishaps. You really never know what to expect on these biking adventures, and that is what makes it interesting, and for the most part, a lot of fun.

— Harriet Pedone

Sunday Ride Schedule

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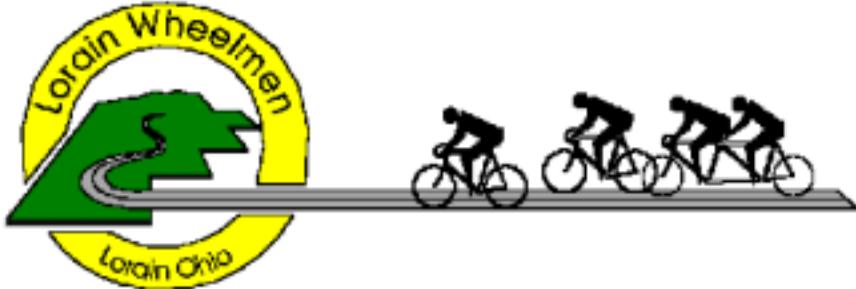
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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2002 CALENDAR

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11/03	Red Flannel	12/01	Amherst Shupe
11/10	Amherst Shupe	12/08	Oberlin Inn
11/11	Amherst Shupe (Veterans Day)	12/12	Meeting Night
11/14	Meeting @ Nordson	12/15	Amherst Shupe
11/17	Oberlin Inn	12/22	Oberlin Inn
11/28	Amherst Shupe (Thanksgiving)	12/25	Christmas – NO ride!
11/29	Amherst Shupe (Friday)	1/1/03	ABCDE ... Medina Public Square

Notes:

- 1) The **January meeting** will be preceded by a prolog roller/trainer ride at 6:30 at the Depot. We'll change the venue to the Ole Town Pizza House at 7:30 for the meeting (and a little food & drink).
- 2) The **February meeting** will be preceded by a prolog roller/trainer ride at 6:30, followed by the usual meeting at 7:30.
- 3) **Note that 15 bonus miles will be awarded for participation in these rides!**
- 4) The banquet (in February) will be in Oberlin and will be free to members. More details will come later.

Rides start at 9:00A.M. Destinations will be determined by wind, weather, and who does or doesn't want to eat where. Saturday rides will be from Prospect School in Oberlin, at 9:00A.M., usually. Call Clyde or Ralph to confirm.

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WHEELS: Campy Chorus sew-up wheelset, 36 Alpina spokes, 330 gm., Victory Strada rims, extra new rim, 5 tires, 2 mounted, New Wolber Neo-Pro, \$75. Call John: (440) 871-5211.

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