

WHEEL PEOPLE

the newsletter of the Charles River Wheelmen

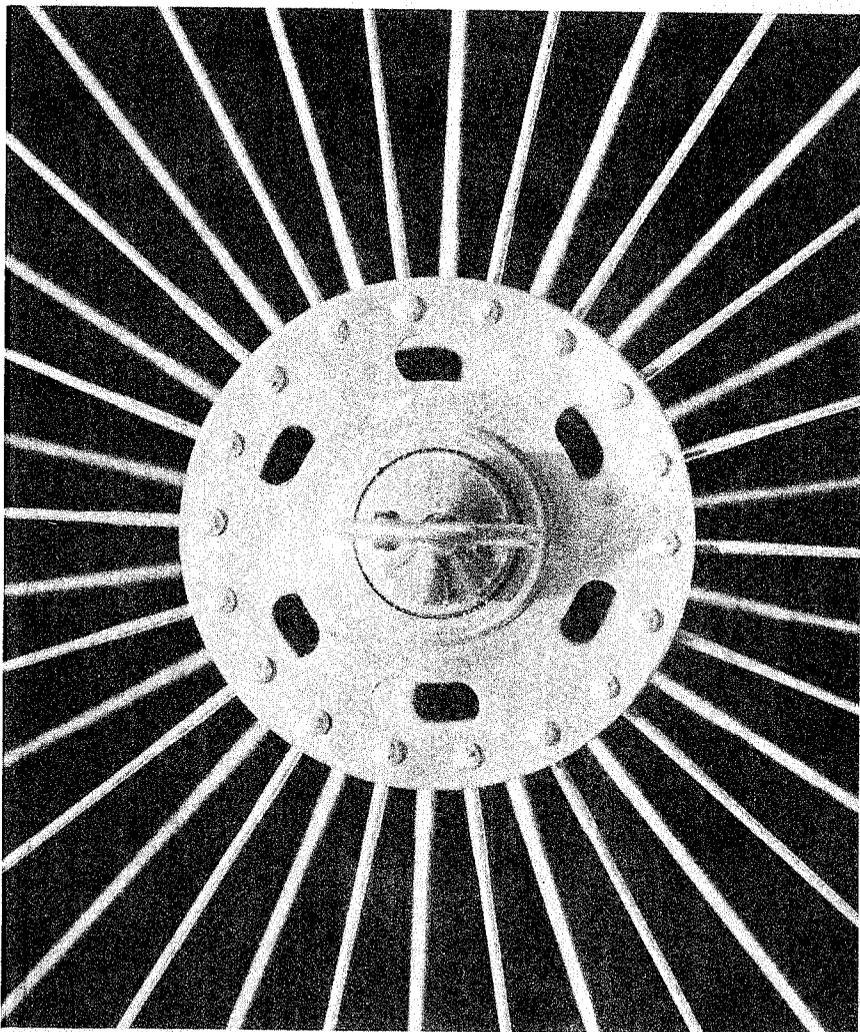


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RIDE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 12:00 Noon. Frostbite Ride #4. This will be a 20 mile ride through Cambridge, Arlington, Medford, Winchester, and Stoneham, with the possibility of a longer ride, weather permitting. Meet at Club Headquarters, 131 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. **Leader:** Keith French, 868-8723.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11. "Rain/snow" date for above ride.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10:00 A.M. Frostbite ride #5. The moderated winter climate of Cape Cod calls us for this ride. Rendezvous at the Bourne Bridge (Sagamore is closer to Cape Cod Bay). Cross the canal and follow Rt. 6 a quarter of a mile east of the traffic circle to the school on the left. A slightly over 40 mile route is planned with a short cut available which will make it a 25 mile ride. On the Cape, call **Leader:** Don Burch, 775-1205. In the Boston area, call Mike Gildea, Frostbite Ride Chairman, days 354-8595 or evenings 861-8222.

Attention all road runners! Join in a winter century! We will depart from club headquarters by bicycles to put in a 60 mile ride to the canal and then join the Frostbite Ride #5 described above. This gives road runners options which range from 60 to 160 miles in length. Departure time from club headquarters at 131 Mt. Auburn St. will be at 5:00 A.M. **sharp.** Those who desire to participate or make arrangements for return transportation should call **leader,** Dave Bailey, 868-3529 or Mike Gildea.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 12:00 Noon. Frostbite Ride #6. We are planning a ride towards Newton from Club Headquarters. Call Mike Gildea for further details.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18. Frostbite Ride #7. Leaving Club Headquarters no later than noon, this ride is planned for the area of Swampscott and Marblehead. Further details from Mike Gildea.

Tuesday, March 13th is the date for the next C.R.W. Board of Directors meeting. It will take place at 7:30 P.M. at Club Headquarters.

C.R.W. MEETING

The next meeting of the C.R.W. will be Thursday, February 15th at the Round-Up Steak House in Waltham. Dinner, for those who wish, at 6:00 P.M. There will be a short business meeting at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8. Keith French will discuss his progress and plans for the Ride Atlas and David Cary will talk about his Skills Learning program, which was written up in an earlier issue of the bulletin.

C.R.W. Ride Atlas is Progressing, by Keith French

The response to my request for bike route write-ups has been very good. As of this writing (January 13th) I have about 25 rides and another 10 promised, so this is an excellent beginning for the atlas. It appears as though just about every part of the eastern third of Massachusetts will be represented by at least one ride, and any blank areas which still exist can probably be easily filled in during the cycling season.

I will be accepting "late" write-ups until the end of February. Whatever I receive after that will have to wait until a future edition of the bike atlas is being prepared, since my projected March or April publication date will not allow for anything later. If you would like to help out in preparing the ride write-ups for publication, don't hesitate to contact me — 868-8723. There is much to be done.

For now let me just say thanks to all of you who have already made your contribution. And I hope to hear from the rest of you soon.

Associate Member Information, Joe Stanewick

The Associate Member promotional material is now on display at the respective shops. It is a rather attractive display that all C.R.W. members can be proud of.

A Response

One of the surest ways of presenting an argument, and win it, is to set up a straw man and then shoot him down. The letter from Richard L. Lotreck is a very excellent example of such a tactic. The argument is well presented and presents a good case against any form of bicycle legislation. I feel that Richard L. Lotreck is wrong and that bicycle legislation is a must.

The original legislation, introduced by Senator Saltonstall in 1972 was well intentioned even though most cyclists found it lacking in many essentials. The Senator withdrew the legislation and went back to the drawing board. This year he has written a new package of legislation and has looked for guidance from the L.A.W., C.R.W., Commuter organizations, American and Foreign bicycle manufacturers, and bicycle dealers. The Senator is interested in cyclists and their "rights" and is most definitely working in the best interest of all cyclists.

There is need for legislation concerning cyclists and bicycles. Point for point the new law will put obligations upon cyclists. We will be obligated to ride on the proper side of the road, to give way to pedestrians, to obey traffic regulations insofar as they help in the smooth flow of traffic, to park our bicycles in a manner that will not impede foot traffic, and to honor signs posted by the highway departments.

With this legislation we, and youngsters who ride, will be able to use sidewalks in all areas except business districts, we will have coverage when injured by a car under the no-fault system, we cannot be put off the roads, we will have "rights of passage" on "ways" of the state with the full protection of the law, and yes . . . drivers will be required by law to extend exactly the same courtesy to cyclists as they do to horses.

The Senator's legislation also has an "enabling" section which will help city and town government provide cycle paths as does the United States Department of Transportation. There are also proposals concerning the registration of bicycles and their sale from one party to another. There will be product safety requirements.

Having attended the hearings on November 27th, I have already heard an argument very much like Mr. Lotreck has advanced. As much as we all would like total freedom to do as we please I think it is the height of ego to ask for the "right" to ride through a red light. If you are in that much of a hurry — "GET OFF AND WALK". Who among us would be foolish enough to ride the wrong way? Is there a member of this organization who is not aware that even without a leash law the owner of a dog is liable under the law for damage or injury caused by that dog. I am very sorry to find that there are adults in this place who are so selfish that they are against anything that even resembles an attempt at honest legislation. I would hate to see any cyclist organization adopt the tactics of the National Rifle Association as suggested.

I, for one, urge you to support Bicycle legislation as the best means of assuring that the cyclist will have a fair share of the road — and a safe and pleasant means of transportation and recreation. Mr. Lotreck has seven paragraphs "against" and one single sentence of constructive

information — find it. I hope this attitude is not representative of cyclists in general.

Very truly yours,
Philip A. Robinson

TREASURER'S REPORT

This is a true account of the treasury of the Charles River Wheelmen Bicycle Club, Inc. for the period Feb. 13, 1972 to Dec. 13, 1972,

Beginning Balance		\$ 611.97
Income:		
Memberships	\$1824.00	
Advertising	100.00	
Arm Patches, Hats	8.00	
Trip Insurance	62.50	
Savings Acct. Interest	6.57	
Ride Fee	7.00	
Century Day	119.00	
Associated Memberships	150.00	
Clambake Refund	100.00	
Banquet	77.00	
		2454.07
Expenses:		
LAW memberships	974.00	
Advertising Commission	40.00	
Trip Insurance	67.00	
Bulletin	683.89	
Miscellaneous	343.48	
Checking Acct. Serv. Chg.	12.80	
Donations	10.00	
Century Day	81.39	
Clambake	100.00	
Banquet	25.00	
		2337.56
Ending Balance		\$ 728.48

Respectively Submitted
Donald G. Blake, Treasurer

REVISED CRW STRUCTURE

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| 2. Improvement Programs | | |
| 3. Skills Learning | David Cary | 423-1938 |

TREASURER

Don Blake 275-7878

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PLEASE NOTE!! There are still a few committees with no chairman. We need at least six more volunteers, especially someone for Advertising Sales as this is a vital source of income to the club.

SHORT ITEMS

Thanks are due to Janet Belsky for her contribution to the C.R.W. as Secretary. Due to an increase in the number of classes she is taking, she is currently unable to continue in the position. However, she is available to anyone who wishes her help with any particular project.

You will see a ballot for the election of three C.R.W. Directors. PLEASE take time to vote. The ballot has been printed on a sheet all by itself so you won't have the excuse of not wanting to send it in for the information on the back side! But seriously, as we all know, an interested membership makes for an interesting club.

Did you know that Paul Revere actually rode a bicycle on that famous eve in '75??

For those of you who do not receive or perhaps read the L.A.W. Bulletin too carefully, the New England Region is having a tour to Puerto Rico, Sunday, April 8 to Sunday, April 15. For information, contact either Mrs. Audrey K. Haskell, Travel Consultant, 4 Holyoke St., Cambridge, MA 02138 or Ralph W. Galen DDS, 131 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 02138.

As we are going to a different method of producing the bulletin, we will need pictures galore of the activities of members of the club. There are so many possibilities for the use of photographs: tours, do's and don't of bicycling, introduction to the officers of the club, etc. If the camera would function, we might even be able to show those that ride in below freezing weather in the teeth of a gale. Only that way would anyone really believe it!

If any of you have read one of the many new books about bicycling or have used any new products you think are worth mentioning to the membership-at-large, why not send a short review along to the bulletin editor.

My regrets if I offended any AYH members by my comments on the publishing of the Spokesman. Notwithstanding the fact that I have yet to receive an issue since November, if, in fact, the viability of an organization revolves around its activities, it would seem imperative that the dates and details of the activities be made known to the membership before at least one third of the activities have already taken place. I understand that there are problems that must be solved and I am indeed sympathetic to those whose job it is to produce the bulletin to begin with. Speaking for myself only, I did join the AYH in order to participate in the various activities of the group.

Crazy weather!! What more can one say? Spring one minute — a miniature blizzard the next. **Some** one of these days we will have some ski touring, but right now, short of traveling north for a couple of hours, there simply is not a consistent snow cover. (As of Jan. 20th).

CLASSIFIED

Wanted . . . Bicycle **frame**, man's 21", any condition. Also Randonneur alloy handlebars, brake levers (any brand), Brooks B-17 wide saddle.

Parts for sale . . . 46 tooth Campag. chainring, 49 tooth Campag. chainring (less than 500 miles on each). Also: Simplex F&R derailleurs: 32 and 40 hole Mavic rims for tubulars. Contact John Likins, 665-4525.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February

4 12:00 Noon Frostbite Ride #4. Leader, Keith French, 868-8723
 11 12:00 Noon "Rain/snow" date for above ride.
 15 7:30 P.M. C.R.W. Meeting
 18 10:00 A.M. Frostbite Ride #5. Leader, Don Burch, 775-1205.

March

4 12:00 Noon Frostbite Ride #6.
 13 7:30 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting.
 15 7:30 P.M. C.R.W. Meeting
 18 Frostbite Ride #7.

April

18 Evening Paul Revere Ride.

May

? Lake Winnepesaukee Rally.
 25 - 28 Great Eastern Rally, Frederick, Maryland.

June

2 Morning First "Volunteer's Ride".

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce a new associate member - The Wheel Dealer. Welcome, Don Dickie.

Lifecycle 1005 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, Mass. 354-8595	The Bicycle Peddler 832 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, Mass. 02215 731-3550
The Bicycle Exchange 3 Bow Street Cambridge, Mass. 864-1300	The Wheel Dealer 339 Main St. Malden, Mass. 02148 321-9249
Waltham Cycle 723 Main Street Waltham, Mass. 02154 893-9426	Mike Farny's Lincoln Guide Service Lincoln Rd. & Lewis St. Lincoln, Mass. 01773 259-9204

For additional details concerning this program, call either:

Ron Hazelton 782-9794
 Joe Stanewick 325-4218
 Rod Huck 266-4011

*** BALLOT ***

This page is your ballot for the 1973 election for the CRW Board of Directors. The term is three years. Each year three directors retire and three are elected. The Board is composed of nine elected Directors and the President.

The present Directors are:

Term Expires	Name
1975	Ralph Galen, Henry Soren, Norm Satterthwaite
1974	Dave Bailey, Bob Gildea, Pat Goodwin

NAME	C.R.W. ACTIVITIES	Term expires in 1976 Elect Three
Dick Bostwick Tel. 332-7745	Past President	
Ed Gross Tel. 969-0477	Century Ride Chairman	
Isabel Kelly Tel. 383-9493	P.R. Chairman	
Charlie Lee Tel. 427-3931	Various	
John Likins Tel. 327-9446	Past Bulletin Editor	
Will Mason Tel. 288-7167	Director 1972	

Instructions for completing and mailing your ballot. Simply mark an X in **three (3)** of the blanks provided, rip this page out, then address your ballot to: The Charles River Wheelmen, Att: Miss Cheryl Anderson, 995 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA 02174. (To assure maximum credibility, mark your name on the outside of the envelope.)

Be certain to vote for only three. Mail your ballot **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 24, 1973.**