

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1975

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7 ... New England L A W Rally, Keene, New Hampshire. A great weekend of cycling in southern New Hampshire with cyclists from all New England and New York. There will be a hot buffet and social hour on Saturday, so pre-registration will be necessary for anyone wishing to attend these events. The Granite State Wheelmen are sponsoring the weekend so it will be up to their usual standards of a terrific time .. family attendance is encouraged. For a registration form and a description of the Rally, along with a list of motels and meal plans, write to: Granite State Wheelmen, RFD 1, 11 Winter St., Salem, NH03079.

SEPTEMBER 13, 11 AM ... Meet at the Ponkapoag School on Saturday for a 25 mile ride through Canton, Stoughton, Holbrook and Randolph. Directions: Take Rt 128 south to Rt 138 south and proceed one-quarter mile to the top of the hill. The school will be on your right and is easily identified by the large blue water tower in the yard. Leader: Jim Emerson, 344-7364.

12:00 Noon .. Meet at the same place for a Tandem Ride for the Blind. Volunteer pilots are needed and should contact Dalton Harrow, 659-4464.

2:30 PM .. Everyone re-group at the same place where we will then go to the home of the late Col. and Mrs. Sherwood, which is close by, for a cookout including corn on the cob. In spite of the Colonel's recent death, Mrs. Sherwood is having this year's cookout which she and the Colonel have traditionally sponsored as a most pleasant finish to the Tandem Rides for the Blind. Due to the preparations necessary, Mrs. Sherwood has requested that this portion of the day's activities be scheduled on a rain-or-shine basis.

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NEWS, ARTICLES, CLASSIFIED ADS ... Please send typed copy by the 10th of the preceding month to the editor, Richard Mazeikus, 55 Newman Rd., Malden 02148.

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Healthful Fellowship Through Bicycling

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 11 A.M. ... Meet at the Cambridge Common for a 40 mile ride to Ashland State Park. This will be a reenactment of the original ride of the Club and will, therefore, be the 10th Anniversary Celebration. The ride will be the same as the original ride including the original leader, Bruce Bailey. We will stop in the park for lunch and riders are reminded that they should bring a lunch from home as there will be no place to get one at the park. For those wanting to participate, but for a shorter ride, there will be a pick-up at Wellesley Hills Square at 11:30 A.M. Those starting here will have a ride of approximately 30 miles. At present we have almost 300 members in the CRW and many have never been on a ride! Let's make this a real bang-up occasion and have those first-timers out for this one. Leader: Bruce Bailey, 828-2523.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18. ... Monthly meeting at the Round-up Steak House, Main Street, Waltham. The inaugural meeting of the year will feature Prof. David Gordon Wilson of MIT. Prof. Wilson is a well known local cyclist and co-author of the recent book, Bicycle Science. He will speak about the future of the bicycle. Here is a chance to hear and exchange ideas with an expert on cycling uses, design, materials, safety, etc. Prof. Wilson is allergic to tobacco smoke and so has requested that this be a smoke-free meeting. For most of us this will be no problem, and for the few unreconstructed, his talk promises to be worth the few hours abstinence.

Dinner 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting 8:00 p.m. Program 8:15 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. Membership in the Charles River Wheelmen also includes membership in the national cyclist organization, League of American Wheelmen, and includes subscription to the monthly newsletters of both clubs.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Single Membership: \$15.00 Household Membership: \$19.00

Any special bicycling interest? _____

Charles River Wheelmen decal - Sheet of three - \$1.00

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, BENNINGTON, VT. ... LAW Vermont Rally being held at Willow Park in Bennington. Rides to include a Century, 8 AM, and shorter rides, from 55 to 5 miles in length, visiting some of the many historic sites around the Bennington area. The day's activities will be topped off with a cookout at the park. For details and registration, write to: Mrs. Thom Steffen, 201 Crescent Boulevard, Bennington, Vermont 05201.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20. ... Earn your National Century patch the easy way. Join the work party marking the route on bicycles, then sit back and watch the crowds at work on the 28th. If interested, please call Ed Gross 969-0477 6:00-9:30 p.m. in advance for details. Paint and brushes provided.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 6:00 A.M. ... Sunrise tour of the South Shore coastline. Two rides available - 17 and 25 miles - longer ride along the coastline of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate, including a stop at the "Bicyclists' Rock of 1879" - shorter (level) ride to Hull, Nantasket and Pemberton, viewing beaches and shore installations. Breakfast will be served after the ride at the home of Ed Corea. Important. Call if you plan to attend! 749-4741 so the Coreas will know how many to plan for.

Directions: South on Rt 3 to Exit 36 (Washington St., Braintree) at end take left, 1 1/2 miles bearing slightly left, go left at stop light, go to next stop light, take East Howard Street to end - shipyard will be on your right; after 1/2 mile go right over Fore River Bridge (Rt 3A). In Hingham go left at Exxon Station; this is Downer Avenue; after passing Curtis Compact Store take third left to 14 Mann Street. Leader: Ed Corea, 749-4741.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 ... LAW National Century Tour of the Nashoba Valley at Apple Time. Once again our National Century will traverse the orchards of Eastern Massachusetts famous apple country when the trees are heavy with fruit, driving riders onward to the cider and apples at rest and check stops. Ride will begin as before from Lincoln Guide Service (Lincoln Road, Lincoln - please park along Lincoln Road across from the market and Post Office) and traverse 100 miles of mildly rolling country with a fair hill or two but no real impediments to speed, other than the luscious scenery. Register between 7 and 9 a.m. (\$2.50). Sagwagon, refreshments, national century patches provided. Quarter and half-century turnoffs possible, so everyone come. The route will be well marked so you can go at your own pace and return whenever you feel the need. Let's see the whole Club out for this one! Last year over 80 members rode a slightly longer version of this route and universally liked it. Leader: Dr. Ed Gross, 969-0477 evenings till 9:30 only.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 10 A.M. ... Fall Foliage Ride #1. Meet at the Purity Supreme parking lot, Rt 4, Chelmsford Center, for a 55 mile, moderately paced ride through what should be some real pretty foliage areas of Chelmsford, Tyngsboro, Dunstable, Littleton and Westford. This is ride F-2 of the maps published by the Mass. Dept. of Natural Resources. Leader: Don Blake, 275-7878.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12, 8:30 A.M. ... Fall Foliage Ride #2. First Leg: Meet at the Fresh Pond parking area near the intersection of Huron Ave. and the Alewife Brook Pkwy (Rt 16) for a ride straight out to the Charles River Dam on Pleasant Street in South Natick where we will meet up with others for the second leg. Leaders: Erv Pfau, 969-5965; Ed Trumbull, 332-8546.

Second Leg: Meet at the South Natick Dam at 10:30 for the start of a 60 mile loop proceeding south and cutting the northeast corner of Rhode Island and Cumberland Hills and return. The ride passes a number of state parks which some may wish to explore. This includes the Rhododendron State Park and Stony Brook Reservation which contains a bird sanctuary. Those who were fortunate enough to go on this ride when it was first scheduled in May, will remember it as one of the most pleasant rides we have ever had. With the added benefit of the fall foliage it should be a real winner. Some fast mathematics will demonstrate the following ride lengths: 1. First leg and return, 26 miles; 2. Second leg and return, 60 miles; 3. First and second combination, 86 miles. Leader: Mike Gengler, 247-1482.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19. ... Another foliage ride, this time with Don Plant for 25 miles through North Andover, Boxford and Topsfield.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25. ... Join Dalton Harrow and his friends for a ride around the South Shore.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26. ... The Halloween special L A W patch ride with the witches and Richard Mazeikus around the Salem, Mass. area. For the purists who point out that more witches were killed in North Andover than in Salem, go on Don Plant's ride as a Halloween ride and come on this one to visit historic Salem, and to commemorate the death of Cyrano de Bergerac.

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RALPH

Ten years ago in answer to a need the Charles River Wheelmen was established. Our first ride left from 131 Mt. Auburn Street under cloudy skies with approximately a dozen riders, one of which was the assigned leader. A Boston Globe reporter was also on the scene to interview and photograph this unusual gathering. Please keep in mind that ten years ago adults in their right mind had better things to do than ride bicycles.

In the town of Ashland there is a veterinarian's office which has been converted from an old train station. In addition to being a haven for animals, it is an excellent shelter from the rain - particularly if it is pouring. Just how long we stood under the eaves of the building I don't know, except to say that before we left the CRW was born. A delicious luncheon served by two of the wives was more than welcome when we reached the State Park in Ashland.

This year on the 14th of September, the original CRW ride will be led by its original leader, Bruce Bailey, and where else than to Ashland State Park. Program chairman Earl Forman and his able assistants, Pat Goodwin and Al Basso, will provide the good food that has become traditional with Club affairs. The planning of the route and its supervision will be done by our Rides Chairman Ed Trubull and Erv Pfau. Due to previous vacation plans it with great regret that I will not be able to be with you. Have a great day!

BIKECENTENNIAL EAST Recently some CRW members, along with people from AYH, met with Ed Hayes from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the U. S. Dept. of the Interior to discuss plans for an East Coast link-up with the cross country bicycle tour commemorating the Bicentennial Bikecentennial.

BUYER BEWARE

Robert Reed

Several weeks ago a friend of mine ordered a bike on special sale at a local bike shop. According to the spec sheet she was given the bike featured, among other things, a frame of Reynolds 531 double-butted tubing. When she received the bike, however, the decals indicated straight-gauge Reynolds tubes. At first she didn't realize the difference. When I pointed it out to her, she took the bike back and the manager told her, "That's the way they've been coming through."

In addition, the bike also "came through" with hubs that appeared quite inferior to the high-quality hubs specified, and cheap clincher tires instead of the tubulars listed. (My friend had requested this substitution of clinchers, but under the assumption that their value would be approximately equal to that of the tubulars.) And most curious of all, the bike "came through" with no name plate or label, and no serial number.

To me the most disturbing thing about this incident was the "so what" attitude of the shop. They offered no apology, expressed no surprise that their bike was not up to the advertised specifications. It appears that they would be only too happy to pass off the cheapest junk their unsuspecting customers would accept. As long as there are shops like this around it would be a good idea for any wheel-person to 1) patronize established shops with good reputations, and 2) inspect his/her new bike thoroughly before accepting it.

Fortunately, because she quickly discovered the difference between the bike she ordered and the one she got, my friend got her money back. You might not be so lucky.

Howard Moore ...

The first Lake Winnepesaukee Bicycle Rally that I read about in the CRW bulletin must have been in May of '72. However, I did not get up there even to observe what went on until this May just passed. My wife and I and another couple drove

up to Wolfeboro on Saturday morning the 17th and arrived at the Allen "A" Resort, rally headquarters, at exactly 9:00 a.m. A group of 12 or 15 riders was getting ready to take off. They were to make the 62-mile trip around the lake, or at least some of them would do so. A few minutes later a smaller group departed in another direction.

The riders making the circuit of the lake were doing so in a clockwise direction. After brief conversation with a member of the Granite State Wheelmen, sponsors of the event, and with the management of the Allen "A" Resort, I returned to my wife and friends in the car and we proceeded around the lake in counter clockwise fashion.

Some two hours later, as we were driving south on Rt 3 between Meredith and Weirs Beach, we began to encounter bicycle riders. They were in no group of course. They were quite widely separated. We stopped at the gift shop known as Kellerhaus, and while we were still in the parking area more bicycle riders went by. It seems quite obvious that they were of the group we had seen leave the Allen "A" Resort. We probably saw ten riders in all. I think they did well to be half way around the lake in about 2½ hours.

My thoughts go back to the first bicycle riding I did in that area. The date was Saturday, October 9, 1926. I was a student at the University of New Hampshire at Durham, and had arranged my schedule for the fall term so as to have no Saturday classes. That would make it possible to have some very fine bicycle rides. Here are the statistics of one of them, taken right from my diary of the above date.

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Mileage</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Mileage</u> |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Durham | 5:00 a.m. | 0.0 | Moultonboro | 11:26 | 68.0 |
| Dover | 5:23 | 5.9 | The Weirs | 1:00 p.m. | 83.0 |
| Rochester | 6:12 | 17.3 | Alton Bay | 2:34 | 101.0 |
| Alton Bay | 7:48 | 37.0 | Rochester | 3:48 | 120.7 |
| Wolfeboro | 9:26 | 49.8 | Durham | 4:59 | 138.0 |

My principal stops were at Wolfeboro and at The Weirs, as it was then called. I made no recording of the total time consumed in stops. However, my diary states that the total elapsed time for 100 miles was 9 hours and 27 minutes. The road was a bit different in 1926. There were several stretches of dirt road between Wolfeboro and Moultonboro, and between The Weirs and Alton Bay! (Seems hard to believe, doesn't it?) Also, it was necessary to go to the center of Farmington way back then. Route 11 does not do so now. Also, in at least four places, the old route followed the lakeshore more closely than it does today. Three of these places are between Gilford Station and Alton Bay. A cyclist might unknowingly stay on Route 11 along here, but if he is sharp, he will notice a sign indicating an alternate route. Such a route, even if it lasts less than a mile, is worth taking.

There is also a place between Alton Bay and Wolfeboro where Rt 28 formerly went down steeply to the head of a very pretty cove. The numbered highway no

longer does this. The route-number-minded motorist does not even get a glimpse of the cove. The alert bicycle rider should watch for this alternate road and enjoy for a moment the beauty of this spot. The road to take leaves Rt 28 at a point a bit more than half way between Alton Bay and Wolfeboro.

I do not know how many of those attending the Winnepesaukee Bicycle Rally poked around on their own, took one of the shorter conducted rides, or rode completely around the lake. But I don't think any one of them could have enjoyed bicycling in the area any more than I enjoyed my trip from Durham to Alton Bay, then around the lake, then back to Durham on October 9, 1926.

WANTED ... 10 speed tandem preferably 24 or 25 men's frame in front with Mixte 23 in rear. Need not be in top condition. Dick Talbott 973-5581 days, 449-3792 evenings.

FOR SALE ... Complete set of Mafac CP "Racer" brakes with extra set of new brake pads \$3.00 - Italian light alloy kickstand, \$1.00 new - High Pressure tire gauge, Presta, to 140 PSI \$1.50, Dick Talbott, 973-5581 days or 449-3792 evenings.

21" Raleigh International \$325. Al Basso, 666-8571 days or evenings.

One set Campy 180mm cranks, as new, \$35. Joe Cunningham, 482-5270 days, 696-7234 evenings.

Raleigh Grand Sports, 24", 2 years old but very low mileage, excellent condition. Features: Reynolds 531 frame, Nervar Star cotterless crankset, ten well spaced gears from 32 to 100. Also includes Plastic mudguards, Pletscher carrier, TA waterbottle and cage, pump, and 6W generator headlight. \$160.00.

Also a pair of Reynolds Racelite cycling shoes, size (English) 7½, used less than than 100 miles. \$12. Call Dick Buck, 923-8909.

FOR FREE. Joe Stanwick, our membership secretary, has plenty of new CRW membership application forms that need to be spread out. If anyone has a strategic place to display these, such as bike shops, schools, etc., please contact Joe at 323-8188 evenings.