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The Charles River Wheelmen

The Charles River Wheelmen
3 Bow Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

The Charles River Wheelmen is an affiliated club of the country's oldest bicycling organization, The League of American Wheelmen.



The Charles River Wheelmen is a group of active adult bicyclists ranging in age from 16 to over 70. Our abilities and interests include beginning rider, long-distance tourer, commuter, and racer. Regular rides are scheduled from spring to fall. These rides have a leader, a route marked with arrows (or a map is supplied), and planned stops to facilitate social fellowship. Efforts are made to encourage new riders in aspects of cycling proficiency, highway safety, and bike maintenance. Optional loops are planned for those who wish to ride longer or shorter distances than the main group. One proficient rider is assigned to the rear of each ride to help with repairs and to insure that nobody is left behind.

In the winter we have informal "Frostbite Rides" where riders meet at a designated point and mutually decide the pace and route of the ride.

Once a year we join with our parent organization, the League of American Wheelmen, and sponsor a 100-mile (Century) Ride. Riders travel at their own pace and try to complete 25, 50, or 100 miles. Refreshments are supplied at designated stops, and patches are award to the those who finish.

If you have any questions about the Charles River Wheelmen, please contact the appropriate officer or chairperson:

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Membership Application

Membership in the CRW also includes membership in the League of American Wheelmen. The L.A.W. publishes a monthly magazine, sponsors regional bike rallies, and helps in protecting your right to the road.

New? Renewal? If Renewal, include LAW member no. _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Single Membership: \$15 per year Household: \$19 per year

The CRW bylaws require that members be at least 16 years of age.

Make checks payable to: Charles River Wheelmen

Mail to: 3 Bow Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Dues include L.A.W. dues. DO NOT MAIL L.A.W. DUES TO L.A.W. SEPARATELY.

schedule of rides and events

(all distances expressed in kilometers and miles)
(1 km. = .62 mi.)

SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M. - Here's a great set of rides to get you into autumn cycling. Meet at the BPM parking lot (super market) on Route 138 at the intersection of Central Street, 5 miles south of Route 128 in Stoughton. Choose the 20-mile (32 km) or 30-mile (48 km.) loop through Stoughton, Canton, Norwood, Sharon, and Easton. The routes are well-marked with good road surfaces. The terrain is mostly rolling with a few long hills. Both groups will meet at a deli in Sharon for lunch. Leader: Jim Emerson, 344-7364.

OCTOBER 1, SUNDAY, 8:30 & 11 A.M. - What's crispy, red, and hangs from apple trees? Apples! And who will lead two rides through Concord, Littleton, Harvard, and Bolton? Mike Gengler, 484-5088, that's who! Cycle 65 miles (105 km.) through apple country by meeting at Belmont Town Hall in Belmont Center at 8:30 a.m. Or if you're interested in a more leisurely pace (ie. less cycling and more apple munching), start in Littleton at the Boston & Maine Railroad Station parking lot at 11:00 a.m. for a 20-mile (32 km.) ride. Directions to the RR station: take Route 2 west to the Taylor Street exit (1st exit past Route 495), go north on Taylor for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Littleton Center and the RR station. Both rides will have the same lunch stop, but no stores are available. Munch, munch!

OCTOBER 8, SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M. - The Mendon Marathon. The third annual stew ride leaves Hopkinton Common and heads toward the lake-side Mendon villa of Larry Williams, 1-478-3676. Co-leaders will be John Springfield, 566-1928, Janet Kornmeyer, and Debby Hess. Leave the site of the Boston Marathon start and cycle 26 miles (42 km.) or 38 miles (61 km.) through Hopkinton, Upton, and Mendon. Both rides will have a mutual feast of stew; and it won't cost you a dime. The stew is made from tender chunks of Mendon beef, slowly simmered in Upton potatoes, and Uxbridge broth. If it rains, come anyway. We'll have a stew ball. For those who wish a fast-paced show-and-go ride, leave the Duck Feeding Area at 10 a.m. sharp.

OCTOBER 10, TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M. - Board of Directors meeting at the Harvard Community Health Plan, 1611 Cambridge Street, Cambridge. Name-change ballots will be counted, T-shirt/jersey issue discussed, winter meeting program planned, and more. All are welcome.

OCTOBER 15, SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M. - This ride was snowed out at Easter. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and crisp. Start at the Weston Town Green and cycle a figure 8 through Weston, Wayland, and Sudbury. Each loop is about 17 miles (27 km.), so you can ride the whole figure 8 for 34 miles (54 km.) or just one loop. Lunch will be at Friendly's just west of the Weston Town Green. If you want to ride the 2nd loop only, meet at the Friendly's at 12:30 p.m. Leader: Earl Forman, 894-2084. EXTRA EXTRA! Harold Lewis will take the CRW club photograph with a 360° Cirkut camera at 10:00 a.m. at the Weston Town Green. IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THE PICTURE, BE AT THE WESTON TOWN GREEN AT 10:00 A.M. Rain date for picture: next Sunday's ride.



OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. - Dalton Harrow's annual cycling and chowder social will again start from his home in Norwell. At least three loops of 15 miles (24 km.) to 45 miles (73 km.) will be marked. Dalton invites all riders to call him in advance at 1-659-4464 if attending. Tandems with blind stokers are especially welcome. Hopefully a blind ham operator will be on hand to contact local hams via radio from the back of the tandem. Directions to Dalton's house: Take Exit 41 off Rte. 3, follow Rte. 53 toward Norwell 3/4 mile; turn right at traffic light at Rte. 123; follow Rte. 123 2 1/2 miles to Lincoln Street; left on Lincoln and follow it to the end; left on Mt. Blue Street to Dalton's, second house on left. Do not park in front of house; park on dirt road on the right. Happy Chowdering!

OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M. - Meet Harold Lewis, 332-3649, at the Duck Feeding Area, Routes 128 and 30, for pleasant set of rides through Wellesley, Weston, Newton, and Needham. Choose the 12-mile (20 km.) loop or the 20-mile (32 km.) ride. The terrain is moderate with some hills. If it rained last weekend, Harold will attempt to take the club photograph with his vintage 360° Cirkut camera.

OCTOBER 23, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. - First Club meeting of the fall. We will present a discussion on Winter Cycling. How do you keep that bike in good running order, how do you keep your toes and fingers warm, how do you get your body used to breathing cold air? Come and find out what our group of winter experts have to say. Meet at the Harvard Community Health plan, 1611 Cambridge St., Cambridge. The next winter meetings will feature film(s) on the Tour de France cycle race, and possibly a slide show by Lloyd Sumner, author of THE LONG RIDE, a four-year round-the-world bicycle adventure.

OCTOBER 28, SATURDAY - Bicycle Flea Market. You say you have three left pedals, four front brake cables, and two rear hubs that you'd like to trade for a set of fenders and a pair of winter riding shoes? Well, look no farther. Vic Oliver, 272-4915, is in the process of setting up an outdoor swap/sell/buy bike flea market. Clean out your attic and garage of all the accumulated bike parts and fill your shopping bags with more parts (you got to fill that space with something, right?). If you would like to offer your large driveway or patio for such an event, call Vic. He has a large tent-like structure to keep out the elements. More on this in the next issue.

OCTOBER 29, SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M. - Join Kim Rich, 665-0377, and Donald Rich for a 33-mile (53 km.) loop to Salem offering historic museums and sights, or ride a 44-mile (71 km.) loop to the town of Essex enjoying a country and coastal ride. This well-marked route is flat and smooth with a few small hills. Restaurants are plentiful. Lunch at McDonald's in Salem. Meet at Saugus Plaza, Rte. 129 and Rte. 1.

NOVEMBER 5, SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M. - Meet at the Needham Town Hall for 13-mile (21 km.) and 25-mile (40 km.) rides through Needham, Wellesley, Natick, Sherborn, Medfield, and Dover. Lunch at Dover Center. This is a joint ride with the Needham Cycling Association. Leader: Dick Talbot, 449-3792.

FREEWHEELING THOUGHTS

A number of thoughts are rolling through my mind this month. It's hard to focus on them though since at the time of this writing Bea and I are just a week away from leaving for our first extended vacation in a long time. We're looking forward to it with excitement and anticipation. Before we leave, there are a few things I'd like to share with you.

First, a few last words about our name. You will have a chance at choosing whether we retain our present name or change it. Regardless of the outcome, we will be the same great club. Charles River Wheelmen or Charles River Wheelers, we are still the same people, individually and collectively. It is what we are and do that makes the CRW great to be a part of.

This brings me to share some thoughts with you about a couple of our members who are contributing beyond the call of duty towards making our program successful. First is our social chairman, Bill Piekos. Many of us have enjoyed the bountiful refreshments at the winter party and after two recent rides at the home of Nadine Krasnow and at my house. And even though it was announced that Bill was providing the refreshments, many of us assumed that we were being treated by some anonymous benefactors. It wasn't until I pressed Bill so that I might thank the anonymous donor, that I found out that Bill himself was our benefactor. In effect, the food and drink were in payment of debt owed him which he in turn donated for our pleasure and the club's well being. I bring this up, even at the risk of embarrassing Bill who obviously wanted to remain anonymous in this matter, because I think many of you might want to thank him personally. In addition, I'd like to suggest that one way of showing appreciation would be to make a small contribution to a club fund that would be used to further cycling interests. My own suggestion would be to contribute the fund to the LAW legal action fund for support of the effective lobbying program initiated by Ralph Hirsch. Another possibility is that contributions go to a refreshment fund. If a fund is generated, its use can be discussed and determined by the Board of Directors.

I don't want to leave the topic of those who contribute more than their share without mentioning Ralph Galen. Ralph's latest in his long record of contributions to the CRW welfare was his recent organization of the Tri-State Triumph ride and social, starting in Rye, NH. In addition to organizing, making the arrangements and leading the ride, Ralph has absorbed the expenses and passed the fees collected into the Treasury. As a result, we are richer by \$75.50 as well as enriched by a new and interesting side that many enjoyed. With members like Ralph and Bill, we can't miss.

I don't want to leave you with the idea that the only way to contribute or help the club is by monetary contribution. On the contrary, like every volunteer organization, we run best on contributed efforts. And the more, the better. Every activity we have can benefit from more help and there are many things we could and perhaps should do that haven't been implemented yet for lack of people. For example, we might think about having a legal committee, perhaps combined with a PR program to influence and protect the rights of cyclists. Or how about an education committee to run programs for our own members as well as generate resources that public schools and towns might use for improvement of their own cycling safety efforts? Or in a less serious vein, how about establishing social and riding events with other clubs such as the Granite State Wheelmen, the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen, or our neighbors in Worcester, the Seven Hills Wheelmen? There is room for many in old and new activities. Come join in making us an even stronger and more meaningful club and at the same time increase your fun and involvement with a great group of people.



Racing Report

OLD CYCLISTS NEVER DIE; MOST JUST RACE AWAY

Dick Talbot, CRW Board member and ace time-trialer, has picked up some very impressive wins this summer. They include:

USCF District Time Trial Championships - June 3, 1978

Silver Medal 2nd Place Veteran Men
Qualifying for National Championships

USCF District Road Race Championships - June 11, 1978

Silver Medal 2nd Place Veteran Men
Qualifying for National Championships

Also competed in the USCF National Championships in Milwaukee this July and did a 1:03:48 in the 25-mile time trial (rainy). He finished 31st nationally in the new vets category (35 years and over this year) and 6th nationally in the over 40 group (he is 43).

Nice going, Dick!

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AND SPEAKING OF DOUBLE CENTURIES

Dick Buck, Greg Lenhart, and Tom Marx cycled 50 miles to Fitchburg in the middle of the night to the start of the double-century. Then they rode the 200-mile course. Dick decided to accept a lift home, but Greg and Tom cycled the remaining 50 miles back to Boston!

When was the last time you cycled 250 or 300 miles in 24 hours?



Board
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NOMINEES

The Board Nominating Committee contacted 23 members to see if they were interested in serving on the Board. Ten accepted. Six positions will be filled (3 three-year and 3 two-year terms). The candidates getting the highest votes will win the three-year positions. Ballots will be distributed in the next issue of WHEELPEOPLE. Individual memberships will get one vote; household memberships will get two votes.

Here are the candidates:

Marc Altman
Al Basso
Carla Buerig
Joan Campbell
Ed Gross
Eric Hall
Nadine Krasnow
Harold Lewis
Chris Ryan
Ed Trumbull

Candidates were offered 100 words to explain their positions. Only one reply was received by press time;

Carla Buerig: I am a newcomer to CRW, having joined this past spring. Last week I also joined the tandem section. CRW is a great group, I enjoy riding much more now and have made several new friends. As a member of the Board of Directors I hope that I can learn much more and help to see the innovative ideas we have materialize. We've all talked among ourselves about bicycle safety for children as well as adults, competitive rides within our own group, collective buying power, and increased membership. I'd like to do what I can to make this all happen.

Any other candidates who which to explain their positions may send them to the Editor by October 10th.

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TANDEM TIDBITS

The Tri-State Triumph sponsored by the Tandem Section of the club was held on August 20th and enjoyed by all. 31 members and guests arrived at the Rye Harbor Motel which was the starting point of a full day's activity.

At least three of the riders completed the Century while most did the half-century from Rye Harbor to Ogunquit and back, stopping at York Beach for lunch.

Five tandem teams were on deck to welcome the CRW members and, of course, to ride the route originally laid out by the Granite State Wheelmen. All present seemed to agree that the ride should be repeated next year.

Ralph W. Galen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
(all concern proposed name change)

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A name does give certain connotations to whatever it is applied. No one would ever think of calling anything "grass" without evoking an image of all that is grass - soft, green, populated by a multitude of thin strands etc. So although a name does not mold what it is affixed to, it does, however, convey certain nuances.

Specifically in the issue concerning the CRW name, I feel thus. The word "man" down through the ages has connoted the male gender; when "man" was used to stand for the totality of the human race (as in mankind), it was no less a denigration of the female sex then, as it is today. Whether we as a club choose to ignore this subtle slur or not, it does exist in the name "Wheelmen". Therefore, I would like to see the name changed, and I am open to any name that does not refer to any one gender.

Melanie Zibit

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Do those who claim to be confused about the gender of "wheelmen" propose changing "mankind" to "personkind", or "woman" to "wo-person"?

For those interested in bicycling, asking one question is sufficient to end any confusion about the gender of "Charles River Wheelmen". For those interested only in other issues, no amount of explanation will convince them of the dual-gender usage of "man".

About the suggestion that our club name is offensive (editorial, August Wheelpeople), I do not know what to say except that I am confused.

James C. Emerson

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About the suggestion that our club name is offensive (editorial, August Wheelpeople), adj. Obnoxious, revolting; as, an offensive smell (Webster). I suggest that that suggestion is offensive.

Rose Emerson

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The talk of changing the name of the Charles River Wheelmen really bores me. I'll support the change from the day that Debra Glassman officially petitions the courts of Massachusetts to change her name to Debra Glasser.

John A. Vanderpoel

Editor: I would prefer that you keep to the issue and not single out an individual with whom you may disagree. There are varied opinions in the club. Let us have opposing arguments, but let us respect each other.

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Re: the proposed amendment to change the club's name; we would like to remind all members that it requires "only an affirmative vote of two thirds of the ballots returned within ten days after mailing". This means IF ONLY THREE PEOPLE VOTE AND IF TWO OF THEM VOTE FOR THE CHANGE THE CLUB'S NAME WILL BE CHANGED. So come on all you CHARLES RIVER WHEELMEN and make sure you vote now.

Dick and Muriel Wagg

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OFFICIAL CRW BALLOT

Name Change Amendment

The following amendment to the club Constitution has been proposed: Change the first sentence of Section I

FROM:

"The name of this corporation shall be The Charles River Wheelmen, Incorporated."

TO:

"The name of this corporation shall be The Charles River Wheelers, Incorporated."

I APPROVE

I DO NOT APPROVE

THIS BALLOT MUST BE MAILED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3. BALLOTS POSTMARKED AFTER OCTOBER 3 WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

The Constitution stipulates that it can be amended only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership ballots returned within ten days after mailing, abstentions not being counted.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS - continued

Ed: A three-paged letter was received right before I went to press. The following is an attempt to reduce it in words without detracting from its content. It pertains to the name-change proposal.

...This proposal is not calculated to make CRW a better, stronger club, but rather to set in motion processes of deterioration. This expectation is based on several lines of argument of which the first follows.

The CRW with a membership ca. 225 has survived its first 12 years as one of the 20 100% club members of the national not-for-profit association LAW. LAW itself has survived with its original proper name intact its first 98 years. Such survival alone testifies to the strength of LAW. CRW is functionally, similar to the other 19 100% clubs, the Charles River Section of the LAW. Both CRW and LAW would like to enlist new members and re-enlist recent drop-outs without introducing innovations calculated to displease present members enough to cause new drop-outs. A drop-out from CRW does not necessarily mean a drop-out from LAW. The relationship between CRW and LAW is strengthened by the fact that the last word, in effect a surname, in the two proper names is identically the noun "wheelmen". The common noun "wheelman" is defined in English lexicons as synonymous with "cyclist", and the latter noun is defined as "rider of a bicycle". The Basic English common noun "man" acquired taboo status in arbitrarily defined situations since the start of the current feminist movement 15 years ago. Hence the proposal to rename "C.R. Wheelmen" to "C.R. Wheelers". The same lexicons give several meanings to the common noun "wheeler", none of which is "cyclist".

The current annual cost of an individual membership in CRW-LAW is \$15, divided 1/3 to CRW and 2/3 to LAW. By this measure those CRW's who are distressed by their local club surname should be doubly distressed by their obligatory association with LAW. However the CRW name-change vote eventuates, it would only be consistent for those who voted for it to attack the obligatory membership in LAW. Procedurally this change should be easier than the name-change. Since regional sports clubs with weak or no ties to strong national associations are not noted for long life expectancy, this would suggest a possible weakening or deterioration of the no longer 100% CRW club with either of the two surnames in question. The name-change proponents have given me no indication of how they propose to handle the LAW name problem other than to ignore it.

Another question is whether a net positive, if tangible, value has accrued to the present CRW and LAW as relatively small populations in a conspicuously throw-away social environment are free to throw away whatever goodwill inheres in their names as evidence of weakening and deterioration.

In the foregoing senses the proposed name-change, which at first might be perceived as a simple and trivial one to satisfy an unknown number of CRW member-malcontents, is in fact a complex and drastic change for the worse of the club. The club name problem remains a real and thorny one; the question is, is there another, less drastic remedy. An approach based on meaning and linguistic considerations in the use of the contemporary English language is to my knowledge not available in the literature, nor has it been introduced in the CRW, LAW, or other feminist discussions.

Cutler West

C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE - 1971 VW Kombi Camper. Carries 4 bicycles, sleeps 3 people. Has Jalousie window, curtains. \$1150. 272-4915.

FOR SALE - Saddles, Spokes, & more:

Saddle - Unicanitor model 50	\$6.00
Saddle - Cool Gear "The Seat SL" 1975 model	7.50
Saddle - Cool Gear "The Seat SL" 1977 model w titanium frame	15.00
Spokes- Robergel "Trois Etoiles" stainless steel	
308mm, box of 100	10.00
292mm, box of 75	7.50
Derailleur- Campagnolo Record front derailleur	12.00
Pump head- Steel pump head for Silca	1.50
Bottle cage- TA light alloy bottle cage	3.50

Call Dick Buck at 923-8909.

FOR SALE - Peugeot track bike, 20½", with Campagnolo crankset, hubs, AVA rims, adjustable stem, \$240.

Campagnolo Record crankset with record pedals, \$80.

Call Robert Sisson in Canton at 828-5133.

CENTURY

Eric Hall reports that we had a very successful Century. 22 riders started the half-Century; 21 completed it; 71 people started the Century; 68 finished. The average time for the Century was 8½ hours. The club made about \$60 after expenses. Congratulations to Eric Hall, Ed Gross, Mike Farney, and the others who made this Century one of the best marked. And the flattest!

D I S C O U N T S

Your CRW membership card entitles you to discounts in some of the area bike shops. Be prepared to produce a valid membership card (signed and unexpired) and some other form of identification. Contact the individual shops for specifics on the discounts:

The Bicycle Exchange, 3 Bow Street, Cambridge
 The Bicycle Workshop, 233 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
 Cycle Loft, 7 Muzzey Street, Lexington
 Family Bicycle Center, 149A Belgrade Ave., Roslindale
 Harris Cyclery, 1249 Washington, West Newton
 International Bicycle Center, 70 Brighton Ave., Allston
 Northeast Bicycles, 102 Broadway (Rte. 1), Saugus

What's Happening?

NEWS, LETTERS, ARTICLES, CLASSIFIEDS, OPINIONS - Please mail by October 15 to WHEELPEOPLE Editor, John Springfield, 146 Beaconsfield, Brookline, MA 02146.

CLASSIFIED ADS - Free to members; 25¢ per word to non-members.

NOTE: Due to space limitations, the last two sections of the Boston to Cape Cod Bike Route could not be printed. Check the next issue.