

CALENDAR

APRIL 5, Sunday 10:00 AM Annemarie and Marc Altman (369-3576) will lead us over moderate terrain - rolling with one (1) big hill. Start from the monument at Concord Center Green and ride thru Concord, Maynard, Stow and Acton on a choice of three loops of 20, 30 or 45 miles in length. Lunch stop in Acton Center. Bring or buy your lunch at a small store in Acton Center.

APRIL 7, Tuesday 7:30 PM CRW Board Meeting at the MIT Computation Center, Room 530, 60 Vassar Street, Cambridge. Bring yourself and your ideas to make MAY a MARVELOUS MONTH for MORE bicycling.

APRIL 12, Sunday 10:00AM Bill Roberts (489-1384) has planned an interesting roll through Burlington, Bedford, Billerica, Wilmington and North Reading. Start from Howard Johnson's on Middlesex Turnpike just north of Rte 128 in Burlington. If traveling on Rte 128, exit at the Middlesex Turnpike and HoJo's should be visible from there. Lunch on the Common in Burlington Center. Bring or buy it at Friendly's. The terrain is moderate with a few hills and the two loops are 20 and 25 miles in length (20 before lunch and 25 after lunch, both from the starting point where the ride returns for lunch. Ed. note: If you understand that, you're all right in my book!)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 10:30 AM No, not the EASTER PARADE - just the 3rd annual Cape Ann Tour with Patty and Sam. Enjoy the greening of horse country on mostly back roads with a few hills through Hamilton, Ipswich, Boxford, Topsfield and Middleton. Choose the 36 KM (22 miles) or 72 KM (44 miles) ride. Both start at the Shopping Center in Hamilton, at the corner of Rte 1A and Walnut St. The exit from Rte 128 says 'Route 1A' in addition to other things. Lunch can be bought in Topsfield Center and we will congregate (to eat) at the beginning of Parker State Park in Topsfield. Leaders are Patty Kirkpatrick and Sam Hull (648-4095).

APRIL 24, Friday 6:30 PM ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER at the Beansprout Chinese Restaurant in Medford. Great food and fun with MC John Kane and Guest Speaker John Allis. Prepaid reservations are required. Send your checks made out to CRW to Bill Piekos, 75 Suffolk Street, Medford, MA 02155. Price is \$12.50 per person; address is 66 High Street, Medford (Square). Everybody be there!

APRIL 26, Sunday 10:00 AM This perennial favorite is led by Debra Glassman and Mark Roseman (489-3141). Start at The Green in Lexington and ride through Bedford, a bit of Billerica, a beautiful part of Carlisle, a lot of Concord and some of the nicest parts of Acton. It is actually four loops, all connected very nicely by Lunch in Concord Center. Distances vary from 21+ miles for the shortest ride, to loops of 30 and 35 miles to the longest of 44 miles. This ride always attracts many first time riders; come along and help them get a good look at the club! Bring your lunch or buy it at Brigham's in Concord Center. The terrain is moderate - a few hills in the morning and afternoon.

AMERICAN BICYCLE MONTH UPDATE

We hope all of you have given a little thought to SPRING and that wondrous reunion of you and your bike.

Rides in May will be shorter than usual and increase gradually to a Sanctioned Quarter Century and Half Century Ride on May 31! followed by A PARTY! See May Wheelpeople Ride Schedule for specific details.

And keep in mind the following events:

May 1 BABC Commuter Caravan - details are still being worked out, but plan to start in Cambridge and end up at the State House by 8:00 a.m. Call Dave Mink of BABC (547-0154) for further details.

May 3 "Effective Cycling" film will be shown at 2:00 p.m. at the Hayden Recreation Center, 24 Linden Street, Lexington.

**** May 9 A CRW Saturday Breakfast Ride! Meet at 8:00a.m. somewhere as yet indefinite but within 8 miles of the Boston Common. Ride 8 to 10 miles to Breakfast and return to starting point or gather a group together on your own and plan a ride from there. The lucky restaurant is yet to be picked so call if you have suggestions by April 6 (444-7836) or look for further details in your next Wheelpeople. ps-ask for Jill at the number above.

May 16 or 17 Help mark the ECBT (East Coast Bike Trail). Join with AYH in marking 65 miles of the ECBT from Boston to Dudley, Massachusetts, part of the 800 miles of mapped and marked route from Richmond, VA to Boston. The group will be divided into teams and if the second day is needed, they will spend Saturday night (free) at the Dudley Home Hostel. Call Jim White of AYH (734-9705) for information on this and other "trail blazing" weekends.

Remember the joy you experienced when you "discovered" biking? Dedicate May as the month to introduce a friend to this joy.

MAY IS AMERICAN BICYCLE MONTH

Submitted by Jill Eiseman
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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Date: Friday, April 24, 1981
Place: The Beansprout, 66 High Street, Medford (Square)
Time: 6:30p.m.
Price: \$12.50 per person

It's BANQUET time again! Time to dine with the old biking gang, trade laments of how little riding you did during the winter and resolve to ride more this year. Only the location has changed for this year's Spring Bash. Our hard-working Social Chairman, Bill Piekos, has outdone himself this time, having located one of Anthony Spinazzola's 3 Star restaurants to serve us an oriental banquet in a private dining room. Our speaker, John Allis, for those who are new to cycling, is one of the great American cyclists having been a 3 time Olympian. He's a mean competitor as well as a cycling commuter. For our entertainment there will be our own John Kane as MC and Awards Chairman. Don't miss this

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Back in the office, my 4th bodyguard, Bill announced he'd gotten the 1st 3 digits of their license before they saw him and sped off. It was a burnt orange Buick. I called the police because I had filed a theft report with serial number, etc. at the Cambridge Police station. The officer I spoke with bawled me out for not having called a half hour earlier. They could have booked L and his partner for possession of stolen property. As for the license fragment, the police response was, "What good is that?" Chastened, I mentioned that there was still a reward out for the rest of my things. The officer told me to call the desk and they'd send a car out if it happened again.

An hour later, L called again. He'd found the Kearney battery and the Citadel lock and the leglight. I said the reward was \$15. I later regretted offering so much, since only \$5 was left for the other half of the missing things. L said he didn't have access to the car anymore, so how could I get the things? I said I'd pick them up in Cambridge. L said he'd call me back.

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L and his partner were at the Fire Station at 5:40 with a brown bag. I checked out the contents and the lock wasn't there. I gave them \$10 and they said they'd be back with the lock. They wanted to know where my friend in the car was. Satisfied that all was as I said it would be, they suggested that I wait with him in the warm car. In the time it takes to walk to the project and back, the partner in the white straw hat came back with the lock and I handed over \$8.

There's still a \$2 reward out for the rain pants and the ski boots.

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TOTAL 1981 MILEAGE (THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY)

John Latva	2627	Nancy Tichanuk	295
Ed Trumbull	708	Bill Sweetser	240
Jerry Campbell	619	John Springfield	212
Joe Cormier	457	Robert Fisher	151
Dick Buck	446	Eva Casey	148
Rob greene	420	Earl Forman	109
Walter McNeil	402	Arleen Brown	40
Rudy Rudowski	383	Dave Brahmer	23

This is a real good start. Let's shoot for 200,000 miles reported for the year! It'll be easy! Just let me hear from you. That's everybody! We're a club---don't forget. All for one---and stuff like that. Mail your mileage by the 5th of the month to Ed Trumbull, 19 Chase Ave., West Newton, MA 02165 Tel. 332-8546.

MEMBERS' ADS

For sale: 2 Clement Crit. Seta extra, 230gm, ridden 75 miles \$30 each
 New 100mm alloy stem, both bolts Allen head, recessed 8
 Ideale plastic seat, used 5
 Lyotard platform pedals, Fr.thrd, used 5

 Call Rob Greene, Cambridge, 547-1845 (days & eves til 10pm)

For sale: 1980 Windsor Pro, 58cm, Columbus tubing, Campagnolo equipped with Universal model 77 brakes. Comes complete with 2 spare tires, Blackburn bottle cage, Silca pump and an Avanti tire bag. Excellent condition. Ridden under 100 miles!! \$800.00

 Call Bill Sweetser at 244-8626 (newtonville)

For sale: Men's Avocet Touring I seat - virtually new \$15.00

 Call John Levy evenings 969-1984.

Wanted: Riding companion for 4-5 week bicycling tour of the United Kingdom. Leaving around July 25, return before Labor Day.

 Contact David Gotthelf for more information, 964-1326.

For sale: Adapters to fit 5-speed sprocket cluster to Sturmey-Archer hub.

 Call John Allen, 254-5995.

Nancy Clark, CRW's favorite nutrition person, recommends CARBOHYDRATES for "metabolic magic" that will ensure lasting energy whether you're running the Boston Marathon or riding the TOSRV. Nancy says the foods highest in carbohydrates include fruits, vegetables, juices, rice, noodles, pasta, bread, cereals and other grain products.

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LET'S GO TO FRANCE

When we last left Ralph (Galen) and Dorothy (Cunningham)-see Feb 81
Wheelpople-Ralph had just finished his French lessons.....

One thing that I did know however was that we were not going to wait at the air-
port for our plane any longer than absolutely necessary. We had waited six hours
the previous year to board our Brannif flight to Brussels and the memory was
still vivid. My plan was to get to the airport at flight time and in this way avoid
some of the delay which seemed inherent in overseas travel. Therefore when
Dorothy asked me what time we were to go to the airport I gave her the flight time
out of Logan. She assumed that this was one and a half hour before the actual
flight time. Need I say more? We missed our flight!

We tried to get a flight to Rome or London or anywhere that night so that we
could shuttle to Paris but without success. All flights were in the air by that
time. The ticket agent however did check on the same flight the following even-
ing and we reserved two seats. What she didn't take into consideration was that
our tickets should have been voided as they stated "no changes" with a fifty dollar
penalty. A new ticket and the penalty would have cost us about \$500 apiece. When
she handed me our boarding passes I knew we were all set. That is except for one
minor factor; she wanted \$106 to transport the bicycle from Boston to Paris and
from Paris to Boston. Last year the charges were \$15 one way. Inflation or not
I decided to negotiate that one the following evening.

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Cape Cod is beautiful in July especially the Heritage Plantation in the town of Sandwich when one has a "found" day. The weather was perfect and the seafood dinner that we enjoyed on our return to Boston was as good or better than anything that we had in France and a lot less costly. Lodging is very reasonable in France but food prices are out of sight.

Rather than our going directly to the airport we called to inquire about the cost of transporting our tandem bicycle on an overseas flight where our only luggage was carry-on luggage. The New York TWA operator looked up the ruling and informed us that there would be "no charge". Armed with this information we proceeded to the check-in counter for the second time.

When confronted with the outrageous charge of \$53 each way for the bicycle we quoted the New York operator and even though she was ill informed the cost of taking the tandem to Paris was waived. "We had been given improper advice but they would honor it". "Be prepared to pay for the return trip however". We boarded the TWA flight and as you the reader, can imagine we left on time.

Our arrival at Charles DeGaulle Airport was very successful particularly where a French tandem owner flying with us helped us in every way possible. Our only problem was the rear wheel which had been damaged in flight. Our newly laced wheel was so out of alignment that riding was out of the question without elaborate truing. We turned the bicycle upside down and spent the better part of an hour aligning the wheel. My judgement told me to take the wheel off and inspect the spoke ends but I decided to trust to luck since pulling a tandem wheel ~~off~~ with wide range gears and a Phil Wood disc brake can be tedious. I'll try to remember to tell you about our spoke puncture and the interesting adventure that we experienced because of it. This occurred a few miles outside of the city of Brive, the perfect center for the Dordogne. Come to think of it I may as well tell the story now:

At the crest of a very steep hill after cycling through some wet tar our rear tire let us down. This was our first and only flat. My first inclination was to discard the casing to avoid getting tar on myself but in France 27" x 1-1/4" is not a popular size, 700C being the standard on the continent. Having discovered that it was an extended spoke that did the damage and not a damaged casing we went in search of a heavy duty file to eliminate the puncture producing villian. Armed with my travel dictionary and the word lime which means file I knocked on the nearest door. They produced a lime and even helped hold the wheel as I did my work. I then said "Merci Beaucoup" and in the heat of the day mounted the tar/tire on the wheel and the wheel on the bike. All looked d'accord except for myself. I was covered with tar, grease, perspiration, and a small quantity of blood.

With a bar of soap in hand I approached our new friends in hope of using their hose to wash up. As I approached the rear of the house they were waiting for me with a basin of kerosene, a basin of warm soapy water, a basin of clear cool water, and the lady of the house who held a pitcher of water for the final rinse. They told me of their relatives in Florida and of their friendship to Americans. All this was of course in French. Back to the Tour:

to be continued.....

