



# WHEELMEN PEOPLE

Charles River Wheelmen

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## LAW 100% Membership

### Pros

Advantages of CRW Having 100% LAW Affiliation:

1. Every member receives "American Wheelmen" and therefore:
  - a. is kept informed of current national bicycling issues;
  - b. is able to check listed rides and events such as other club invitations, GEAR, etc.;
  - c. can read the want ads for good deals;
  - d. can be kept informed of new products and ideas;
  - e. can read it for entertainment/information purposes.
2. It costs less to join 100% CRW than to join LAW and CRW.
3. CRW gets certain financial advantages which will save club members money (by reduced dues or lower prices) such as:
  - a. discounts for LAW patches;
  - b. discounts on LAW T-shirts;
  - c. free "American Wheelmen" advertising space.

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On January 19th, a meeting will be held at MIT (room to be announced in next month's issue) to discuss 100% membership in the LAW. In this and next month's issues we will be presenting arguments for both sides from club members. Please send any comments to CRW, 3 Bow St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

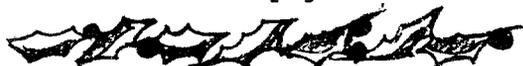
### Cons

Isn't It Time to Change LAW Status to Partially Affiliated?

Various members of the CRW have begun to question our 100% affiliation with the LAW. What is 100% affiliation? Clubs which are 100% affiliated in the LAW require their members to join the LAW and charge dues which are high enough to cover their members' LAW dues. Most LAW clubs are "partially affiliated," meaning that the club itself is affiliated, but members are given the option to join and must send in their dues separately. In other clubs, the club itself has no affiliation with the LAW, and its members may or may not be members.

LAW is a needed organization in that it is an effective voice for bicyclists' needs throughout the United States, especially at the legislative level. We, as bicy-

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Christmas Party -December 9th:  
Once again, Mark Roseman and Debra Glassman are sponsoring a potluck CRW Christmas Party at their home in Belmont. For more information turn to the calendar section.

**CRW Application/Release Form**

CRW membership includes membership in the League of American Wheelmen. If renewal, do NOT mail your LAW dues separately to the LAW as they are included in your CRW dues. Please include your LAW number (on your American Wheelmen magazine).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ LAW # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if renewal)

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

I will not hold the CRW, its officers or members responsible for any injury or damage encountered while participating in any club function.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18)

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_  
Dues: \$20 individual, \$26 household,  
\$30 sustaining membership

MAIL TO: Karen Lease, 44 Meacham Road,  
Somerville, MA 02144



**The Charles River Wheelmen**

3 Bow Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

The Charles River Wheelmen is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of bicycling through the sponsorship of rides and other social activities. CRW is a 100% chapter of the League of American Wheelmen and works with other groups to encourage government and industry to act favorably toward the interests of all bicyclists. Membership in CRW entitles members to take part in the club's year-round rides program, as well as full membership in the League of American Wheelmen. CRW members also receive a free subscription to Wheel People, the club's official newsletter. Wheel People is published monthly. Address all correspondence to Wheel People, 3 Bow St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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# Board Notes

Mike Hanauer

Questions, comments, and help gladly accepted; just call me at 862-5927.

Nov. 1 agenda items and actions summary:

Christmas Party: Don't forget, will be Friday, December 9. See the Calendar.

Mileage List Criteria: Includes only "outdoor" mileage; rollers, etc., do not count.

CRW as 100% LAW Club: Pros and cons appear in this newsletter. Early member responses (by Dec. 10) will be printed in the Jan. issue. An open forum will be held in mid-January; all members are encouraged to attend (see Calendar).

Budget: Crunch is worse than last year. A number of alternatives are being pursued.

Winter Meetings: A number of people are being considered who have been on recent bike trips and could give slide shows.

"Wheelpeople" Editor: Two people have come forward, but additional help would be much appreciated. Please contact Sue Cavalli.

Membership Editor: If you have a mind for detail and access to a computer, please contact Karen Lease.

Bike Month (May): A committee has been formed to make recommendations to the board at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Non-member Rides: The Board voted that rides will not be listed unless held by recognized non-commercial, non-political organizations, except at Board discretion.

New Member Committee: Was formed to look into effective ways of increasing club membership with experienced, dues-paying riders. Will report to the Board Dec. 6.

Next Meeting: December 6, 1983.

Adjournment: 9:35 p.m.

PS: Many thanks to you all for your concern over my recent bone breaking encounter with the Vermont pavement, it really did boost my morale! Am doing well and expect to be back on my (new) bike real soon. --Mike

## Notices

### New Editors

Geoff Forrest and Carol Tesiero will be taking over as co-editors. Please send all news items, etc., to Geoff Forrest, 36 Hancock St., Somerville, MA 02144.




## WHEEL WORKS

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## RIDES · MEETINGS

December 6, Tuesday 7:30 pm  
 "CRW Board Meeting"

Members Welcome! At MIT, Building 10, Room 178 (10-178) on the ground floor under the Great Dome, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

December 9, Friday 7:30 pm  
 "Winter Solstice Party"

Mark this date on your calendar! This is the time for the CRW Annual Holiday Social. Meet CRW officers, old friends, and new members at "Debra and Mark's place." See if you can recognize people without their bicycles and "Bells" and dressed in colors other than black! Swap tales of summer trips and maybe get some great ideas for next year. Share ideas for winter riding.

Light refreshments, liquid and solid, will be provided but if you have a favorite drink or thirst quencher bring it along. Also, if you would like to bring some favorite foods or sweets to share, it will greatly add to the festivities. Please notify Debra Glassman or Mark Roseman of what you plan to bring so they can balance the menu.

This Holiday Party is a CRW tradition - don't miss it!

Place: 35 Payson Road, Belmont

Directions: Take Trapelo Rd. to Common St. North on Common St. for one block to Payson Rd. on the right.

More information: Debra or Mark, 489-3141.

January 3, Tuesday 7:30 pm  
 "CRW Board Meeting"

Members Welcome! At MIT, Building 10, Room 178 (10-178) on the ground floor under the Great Dome, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Our regular season goes from early Spring to late Fall; it includes Sunday rides that have at least two differently-paced routes. The routes are arrowed in advance by the leaders, and sometimes maps are distributed. Our Winter Frostbite Rides are informal; the pace and routes are mutually decided by the hardy group that shows up to brave the elements.

On all CRW rides, please arrive at least 15 minutes before

January 19, Thursday 7:30 pm  
 "LAW Debate"

At MIT (room to be announced). Come and participate in the great 100% affiliation debate. This may be your last chance to air your views on this subject for a few years. Refreshments will be provided.

# Frostbite Rides

"The Show & Go, Frostbite Rides"

Come join us in officially celebrating the winter riding season. From now, until next March, the rides won't be pre-planned. Members just show up and go. This is the time of year that we really need your support--to show the public that bicycling is feasible and enjoyable throughout the year--and not just in the warm weather months. Explore with us new and familiar roads and terrain as they take on exciting new dimensions with the absence of foliage. The air is crisp, and the coffee, tea, and hot chocolate tastes better than ever. The group decides the length and direction of the route--only the starting point is pre-determined. Come and participate in a true democratic process.

It only takes but one other person besides yourself to have a club ride. Don't let that other person wait for you. Come along and join the fun! If you have any questions about the frostbite rides, contact winter ride coordinator, Walter McNeil, 329-1586.

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## OTHER EVENTS

starting time so the ride can start on time. In addition, always bring a pump, a small patch kit, and wrench and screwdriver, a map and, most importantly, the knowledge to use them.

During the "arrowed rides season," CRW also sponsors Saturday Show and Go rides which meet at 10 a.m. each Saturday at the start of the previous Sunday's arrowed ride.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Starting Point</u>
Dec. 4, 11 am	Cambridge Common
Dec. 11, 11 am	Natick Common, Rts. 27 & 135
Dec. 18, 11 am	Arlington Town Hall, Mass. Ave. & Rt. 20
Dec. 25, 11 am	Dedham Plaza, Rt. 1, 1 mile north of Dedham exit off Rt. 128
Jan. 1, 11 am	Boston Common, Park and Tremont St.
Jan. 8, 11 am	Duck Feeding Area, west side of Charles River, Rts. 30 & 128
Jan. 15, 11 am	Lexington Green on Mass. Ave.
Jan. 22, 11 am	Needham Town Hall on Rt. 135
Jan. 29, 11 am	Cleveland Circle, Brighton

## Thanks

We wish to thank all the Club members who helped make the past ride season successful. We greatly appreciated the cooperation of all the ride leaders, coleaders, and other volunteers who made our first year as VPs of Rides a surprisingly easy one. We hope many of you will volunteer again and we also hope to see some different members lead rides in the upcoming year.

--Patty Kirkpatrick and Mark Lanekin

## Other Events

### "Chicken Dinner (Family Style)"

Start: December 4, Sunday 11:00 am  
Jerry Campbell's house in Mendon

What: Jacek "Rudy" Rudowski and Jerry Campbell will be your hosts for a low mileage ride to the French speaking community of Woonsocket, RI for an El Cheapo, all-you-can-eat chicken dinner.

Jerry will be serving refreshments before and after the ride.

Send self-addressed, stamped envelope or contact:

Jacek "Rudy" Rudowski  
One Belnap Road  
Hyde Park, MA 02136  
361-5273

Jerry Campbell  
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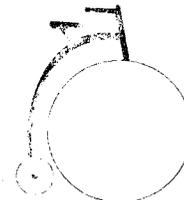
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4. All members can receive trip planning assistance, including:
  - a. LAW directory, with its hospitality home listing;
  - b. maps and trip planning (AAA for bikers);
  - c. large list of where to go for still more information.
5. Discount on certain products and services offered by the LAW, such as books, bike accessories, national rallies.
6. Generally helps the bicycling cause by being part of the "national organization of bicyclists" interest group; i.e., a larger LAW helps us all.
7. Increases awareness of safety issues because of LAW programs such as legislative activities and Effective Cyclist. This helps all of us whenever we are on the road.
8. CRW and its members will get greater attention from LAW because we are such a large club and we are all LAW members.
9. The "prestige value" of the individual being an LAW member and CRW being the largest 100% LAW affiliated club.

--Mike Hanauer

Some points in favor of the LAW from Don Blake and John Kane:

"CRW gives one a reason to ride, LAW gives one the right to ride"

"Serious cyclists have a responsibility to belong to LAW"

"Those who would belong to CRW without belonging to LAW are free loaders; how often do they reap the benefits of LAW supported legislation, but never voice their own opinion or thanks to LAW?"

"The CRW was founded on the premise that it be a chapter club, as the by-laws so state."

clists, should support their efforts and be part of the organization. As a club we too should belong to the LAW, however, why must we be 100% affiliated? Why should the CRW mandate that its members join LAW? Isn't this something the CRW should encourage, but give its members the option to do? This is one reason I feel a change in CRW status from 100% affiliated to partially affiliated is warranted.

There are also economic reasons to change CRW's affiliation status. When the CRW first became a 100% club it received a 50% reduction in LAW dues for its members. Today LAW only gives a 20% savings. Perhaps this is the reason there are only six 100% clubs in the entire country. In fact, the LAW doesn't even encourage 100% affiliation--it is rarely mentioned in their literature.

Relative to other LAW clubs the CRW dues are over two and a half times higher (\$20.00 vs. \$6.83 for individuals--see LAW club census Oct. 1983), primarily due to the LAW membership. However, the CRW only gets \$5.40 of our \$20.00 dues, which means we have \$1.43 less (over 20% less) than average LAW clubs, and \$3.15 less (over 35% less) than other LAW clubs with over 400 members, with which to work. What this all means is the CRW has much less money per person to work with than the average LAW club. This in turn means the CRW cannot afford services crucial to club members such as first class mailing of our newsletter. Further, the high cost of our dues (\$20 vs. \$6.83) is a deterrent to gaining new members.

Although LAW does give 100% clubs some freebies in reduced prices on patches, etc., the financial benefits of being only partially affiliated far outweigh any additional LAW costs we may incur. It will of course cost the individual member slightly more to be a member of both the CRW and the LAW, but this choice will be up to the individual member.

In summary, I encourage the change of LAW status to partially affiliated, which is in the overall best interests of the club, while still being supportive of the LAW.

--Jeff Luxenburg

# Mileage

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Joe Cormier	11,657	Ron Messier	3298	Cathy Buckley	1056
Jerry Campbell	9249	Dick Howe	3249	Jordan Freedman <sup>1</sup>	976
Ed Trumbull	8780	Paul Bowser	3172	Ron Gilbert <sup>2</sup>	839
John Vanderpoel	8575	Bark Remaly	3015	Dave Thedens <sup>2</sup>	830
Ned Weld	8379	Bruce Wisentaner <sup>1</sup>	2945	Jack Canty <sup>1</sup>	796
Don Blake (1)	8349	Marc Altman	2874	John Morash <sup>1</sup>	706
Elaine Braun-Keller	7750	Dave Allen	2500	Rosalie Blum	647
Peter Reagan <sup>1</sup>	7300	Gene MacGregor	2443	John Springfield	249
Lee Howard	6596	John Kane	2428	Total	227,811
Dick Buck	5724	Glen Coffman	2425		
Mike Hanauer	5581	Bill Sweetser	2419		
Bob Harvey <sup>1</sup>	5542	Peter Fink	2340		
Osman Isvan <sup>1</sup>	5486	Lisa Fitzgerald <sup>2</sup>	2305		
Greg Canty	5376	Linda Harvey	2161		
Bob Fisher	5360	Annemarie <sup>2</sup> Altman	2079		
Carol Tesiero	5073	Bill Case <sup>2</sup>	1846		
Mark Becker	4945	Sam Johnson	1800		
Pete Moss <sup>1</sup>	4937	David Gotthelf <sup>1</sup>	1605		
Jeff Luxenberg	4873	Jim Thorburn <sup>2</sup>	1522		
John Gregory	4865	Wayne Miller	1504		
Jim Broughton	4527	George Caplan	1374		
Bill McGrath <sup>1</sup>	4381	Roger Locniskar	1370		
Ed Hutchinson <sup>1</sup>	4315	Carl Grant	1330		
Emile Bielawa	4018	Chris Lucas <sup>1</sup>	1300		
Eliot Specht <sup>1</sup>	3872	Cutler West	1177		
Jack Conohue <sup>1</sup>	3795	Howard Moore* <sup>2</sup>	1122		
Debbie Luxenberg	3682	Melinda Thedens <sup>2</sup>	1093		
Jacek "Rudy" Rudowski	3327	Dave Brahmer	1085		

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In Case you missed the tip of the Month in the October American Wheelman: "Replacement belts for your Huret belt-driven odometer can be bought at your local plumbing supply store. Ask for a 2-034 O-ring. They are a perfect replacement and cost less."

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### CLASSIFIED ADS:

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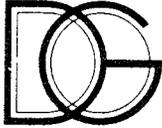
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