

# Wheel People

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## The Great LAW Debate

By the time you read this, the Forum to discuss the CRW's affiliation will have been held, and hopefully you will be ready to cast your vote.

Enclosed with this edition of Wheelpeople is your ballot card on whether the CRW should remain 100% affiliated to the LAW. This is a very important question for the club, and all members should participate in the decision. All you need to do is check either the YES or NO box, stick on a postage stamp, and place in the nearest mailbox. Those who cannot afford a stamp may deliver their ballots to Jill at 31 Ronald Road, Arlington. Ballots must be received by Jill no later than February 29, 1984.

Results of the ballot will be announced at the March 6 Board Meeting, at which time the Directors will vote on whether the club's by-laws should be amended.

The outcome of 'The Great LAW Debate' will be reported in the April issue of Wheelpeople.

### and inside

P.6 Letters--just in case you have still to make up your mind, yet more arguments for and against.....

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### AWARDS COORDINATOR

The Annual Awards Banquet will again be held this April. To help make it a success someone is needed to arrange the purchase of awards for deserving members of the club (as designated by the Board), and coordinate the solicitation of door prizes from local bike shops.

### PUBLICITY OFFICER

This new position has been created by the Board, as it feels that someone is needed to coordinate the efforts of the club to attract new members, and retain the interest of those who have already joined.

If you are interested in filling either of these vital roles, please contact Jill Lewis (641-1066) for further details.

## SORRY!

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the misprinting of Dick Lewis' phone number in last month's notice of the XC ski day on February 4. His correct phone number is 641-1066.

# Board Notes

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

Jan. 3 agenda items and actions summary:

Budget: A 1983 treasurer's report was distributed by Don Blake. The Budget Committee will meet to consider quarterly budgeting procedures.

Awards Banquet: Likely to be held in late April; a volunteer is needed to coordinate awards and door prizes.

Additional Club \$\$\$: Jerry Campbell has devised a small voltage regulator to protect generator lighting systems from overload, thus protecting expensive lamps. CRW may sell the device after members road test it. Call Jerry at 762-6700, x3630, if interested.

CRW as 100% LAW Club: Earl Forman addressed the Board. He suggested that members should consider two separate issues: 1) club finances, and 2) LAW and what it means. Ballots will be included in the February Wheelpople.

Membership Committee: Will meet to work on details of a new application form and informal survey of non-renewing members.

Bike Month (May): The Committee has come up with a draft program; details are still being worked out.

Next Meeting: February 7, 1984, at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Hanauer, Secretary

## NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dave Brahmer has taken on the duties of membership secretary, and all relevant correspondence should be addressed to 9 Hatch Street, Everett, Ma 02149.

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Contact Walter McNeil

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# Editorial

1984 is underway and it looks like another great year for bicycling. News of upcoming activities and events is already pouring in (well, almost!), and we'll be letting you know as soon as we hear about them.

It's not too early to start planning your warmer weather cycling activities - the CRW's Tour of New England is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend (see Calendar section for further details). Regional/national rallies include GEAR South (June 8-11; Charlotte, NC); GEAR Up (June 15-18; Towson, MD); and the LAW National Rally (July 3-8; Indianapolis). On the racing scene, U.S. events will include the John Marino Open (May 19-22); the Coors International Bicycle Classic (July 14-22); and the Tour of America (October 19-28; Virginia). CRW members who are interested in attending any of these and other events are encouraged to send notices to Wheelpeople - perhaps other individuals would be interested in making plans to go also.

Other recent news includes the change of LAW's tradename to BICYCLE USA; this is part of a major marketing plan adopted by the League's Board of Directors at their December meeting. According to the LAW, the legal name will remain League of American Wheelmen, although BICYCLE USA will be used for promotional purposes. See the January issue of Bicycle USA (formerly, American Wheelmen) for details.

For those of you who haven't perused the magazines on the newsstands lately, two new bicycling magazines have appeared during the six months or so that provide news on bicycling in the United States and around the world. Now, in addition to Bicycling, are Winning, a monthly racing magazine, and Bicycle Sport, a monthly general interest bicycling publication.

Send articles, letters, comments, ideas, etc. by the 10th of each month to:

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 Wheelpeople, the club's official newsletter. Wheelpeople is published monthly. Address all correspondence to Charles River Wheelmen, 19 Chase Avenue, W. Newton, MA 02165.

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# Calendar

## FROSTBITE RIDES

Don't hang up your wheels just because summer's over--cycling can be enjoyable all the year round in Boston, provided that you dress appropriately and have agreeable companionship to share the experience.

Everyone meets at a designated time and location, decides the route, and then cycles and finishes as a group. There's plenty of time to socialize while thawing out at the coffee stops, and there's a sense of camaraderie from riding together, so COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

If you have any questions about the frostbite rides, contact winter ride coordinator, Walter McNeil, 329-1586.

Rides start at 11:00 a.m. sharp from the following locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Starting Point</u>
Feb. 5	Weston Center off Rt. 20
Feb. 12	Natick Center, Rtes. 27 and 135
Feb. 19	Arlington Town Hall, Mass. Ave. and Rt. 60
Feb. 26	Newton Center, Beacon and Centre Sts.
Mar. 4	Dedham Plaza, Rt. 1, 1 mile north of Dedham exit off Rt. 128
Mar. 11	Concord Center - at Green
Mar. 18	Needham Town Hall at Rt. 135 (Great Plain Ave.)
Mar. 25	Medfield Common across from Friendly's at the intersection of Rts. 109 and 27



## BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Building 10, Room 178 (10-178) at MIT.

The next meetings will be held on February 7 and March 6.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Eighth Annual Tour of New England

May 26-28, 1984

Covers all six New England states through some of the most beautiful scenery in the area. The first day is 146 miles of moderately rolling terrain, the second day is 119 miles of mountainous terrain, and the third day is 75 miles of rolling terrain. This is a VERY DIFFICULT ride. The non-refundable \$53.00 fee, due by April 9, 1984, covers maps, cue sheets and motel costs in Brattleboro, VT and Dover, NH. There will be no sag wagon, and lights are required. Minimum age is 16 years old. For more information, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Jacek Rudowski  
One Belnap Road  
Hyde Park, MA 02136  
(617) 361-5273, evenings

### GEAR-UP 84

June 15-18, 1984

Towson State University, Towson, MD. This year's location offers easy access to Northern Baltimore County with its covered bridges, quiet country roads, old country churches, and general stores. Terrain varies from rolling farmland to hills. Featured events will include Mike Schermer's talk on the Race Across America, and an antique bike parade and demonstration. Sixty exhibitors are expected, and there will be a great variety of workshops. Other activities will include an ice cream social, wine and cheese party, barbeque, square dance, rock dance, and bus trips. Contact GEAR-UP 84, 3940 Link Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21236; telephone (301) 256-7123.

# 1983 Mileage Totals

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Joe Cormier	12,904	Bruce Wisentaner	3,425	Dave Brahmer	1,085
Don Blake	10,757	Jacek Rudowski	3,421	Jordan Freedman	976
Jerry Campbell	10,127	Paul Bowser	3,402	Ron Gilbert	839
Ed Trumbull	10,044	Dick Howe	3,277	Dave Thedens	830
Peter Reagan	9,300	Mark Remaly	3,216	Jack Canty	796
John Vanderpoel	8,857	Marc Altman	2,874	John Morash	706
Ned Weld	8,830	Bill Sweetser	2,694	Rosalie Blum	691
Elaine Braun-Keller	8,810	John Kane	2,652	Jill Lewis	647
Lee Howard	7,722	Glen Coffman	2,598	John Springfield	249
Osman Isvan	6,937	Gene MacGregor	2,443	Total	265,145
Dick Buck	6,770	Peter Fink	2,410		
Pete Moss	6,132	Lisa Fitzgerald	2,405		
Bob Fisher	5,930	Lois Harty	2,385		
Mike Hanauer	5,917	Linda Harvey	2,185	*Howard Moore, 1933	8,910
Carol Tesiero	5,775	Annemarie Altman	2,079		
Greg Canty	5,757	Sam Johnson	2,001		
Bob Harvey	5,705	Sue Cavalli	1,979		
Mark Leonard	5,570	Bill Case	1,948		
Jeff Luxenberg	5,350	David Gotthelf	1,654		
Jim Broughton	5,044	Wayne Miller	1,504		
Mark Becker	4,945	George Caplan	1,374		
John Gregory	4,905	Roger Lochnisker	1,370		
Bill McGrath	4,766	Carl Grant	1,368		
Jack Donahue	4,437	Chris Lucas	1,332		
Ed Hutchinson	4,315	Dick Lewis	1,208		
Eliot Specht	4,242	Earl Forman	1,194		
Emile Bielawa	4,235	Cathy Buckley	1,177		
Debbie Luxenberg	3,829	Cutler West	1,177		
Jim Thorburn	3,725	Howard Moore*	1,122		
Ron Messier	3,717	Melinda Thedens	1,098		

The above list includes everyone who reported any mileage during the year. The slate is now clean and the 5th year of reporting is already underway. So congratulations to all and let's go get 'em in 1984. Report mileage by the 5th of the month to:

Ed Trumbull  
19 Chase Avenue  
W. Newton, MA 02165  
332-8546

The Frostbite Ride season is now in full swing, with good turnouts for most of the rides. The exception was Christmas Day, when Walter and Joan waited in vain; not one rider showed. This was unfortunate as the McNeils were offering free Christmas drinks for all attendees!



About 30 people turned up for the traditional New Year's Day ride from Boston Common. We had an invigorating trip to Castle Island via the Copley Square ice sculptures, the Combat Zone, and Quincy Market, where a few would-be celebrities cavorted before the TV cameras. Others made a dash for the warmth inside, but luckily we managed to save them from chronic wimpiness, and drag them back out onto their bikes. A tour of Castle Island failed to reveal any swimmers; just a few holes in the ice were all that remained. Taking that as an omen, we headed home.

The following Sunday, Ned led us on an enjoyable ride from the Duck Feeding Area, following the uphill portions of last summer's arrowed ride through Wellesley, Weston and points beyond. We managed to prove that arrows on the road aren't necessary to have an enjoyable ride through backroads, and that mountain bikes aren't required to enjoy rough-riding! Fair weather members of the club also missed a lively pre-debate debate on (what else?) the LAW.

Geoff Forrest

# Letters

## The One-Way Fare

"As a proud member of the LAW, I am even prouder of belonging to its largest 100% affiliated club." I believe these are the feelings of most of our more than 400 members.

This pride, however, is not the reason why we should maintain our 100% affiliated status with the LAW. Rather, it is a manifestation of the numerous good reasons outlined by Mike Hanauer, Don Blake and John Kane (see the December Wheelpeople). For some, this "prestige value," as Mike calls it, may even be worth paying for, but as I understand from Jeff Luxenberg's article, we are not only getting it for free but we are also saving as much as 20% on our League membership dues. Quoting the numbers directly from that article, I would like to make the comparison from the perspective of League members comparing the 100% affiliated CRW with the average unaffiliated club.

We pay \$20 a year for membership to the LAW and CRW. The average club's member pays \$6.83 locally and \$18.00 for the League, a total of \$24.83. Our members are saving almost \$5 each year because of our Club's privileged status. If our club needs more income, as is implied, then the discussion should be on whether the club, or its members, should use this money. Currently the CRW is getting only \$5.40 a year from each member. If we decide to increase this to \$6.83 (the average club fee) then it will be \$21.23 for us vs. \$24.83 for them. If we were to decide to increase dues to \$24.83, then our club would collect \$10.43 instead of the current \$5.40, or the average \$6.83.

I don't understand how the LAW can be interpreted as "not encouraging 100% affiliation" when it offers a 20% discount on dues to members of a 100% affiliated club.

The argument that the "high cost of dues is a deterrent to gaining new members" is surprising in view of the fact that the CRW has more than 400 members. Our club has two types of objectives: social, and political. The size of our membership is certainly not a deterrent to our social objectives - many members don't even know each other. However, our political voice is heard through the LAW, and the more members our League has the better our voice will be heard. Our members should worry more about failing to gain new members to the League.

The hypothesis that the unaffiliated CRW will have more members is also unproven. If we broke from the LAW, members who could no longer afford both CRW and LAW would have to decide which club they are more loyal to. This is not a contest that the current CRW wants to see itself in. Therefore, while it is unknown whether a partially affiliated CRW will gain or lose "body," it is certain that it will lose "soul."

I wouldn't use the term "mandate" to describe CRW's policy on supporting the LAW. People who are not willing to support it are free to join other clubs or form new ones. We do not even discourage non-members from riding or socializing with us. I can't imagine that anybody thinks we have somehow acquired the monopoly of organizing bike rides in the Boston area. Yet, we are by far the biggest bicycle club around.

If the membership in the CRW is a ticket for a joyful and safe ride today, we owe it to the League, and the membership to the League is the ticket for tomorrow. The way I see it, the 100% affiliation is a round-trip ticket (with a 20% discount). Now we can choose to buy the "one-way ticket," but on the way back, there may be no lanes for us or our fellow cyclists anymore!

The right choice is obvious: Vote 100% for the round-trip deal.

Osman Isvan

The activities reported in the December and January issues of Wheelpeople and the December issue of the American Wheelmen justify a review of the short history of the League since its reactivation in 1965, and of the CRW since its founding in 1966, and also a look at the near future of CRW after the momentous choice it is about to adopt by vote of its full membership.

In my recollection, since about 1968, there has been a separate orderly development in both the League and the CRW. Under the sort of partnership arrangement that has prevailed from its start, CRW members are more accurately designated by the name CRW-Leaguers, and the status of the CRW can be designated as League Chapter Club (LCC). Should the junior entity, the CRW, vote to divest itself of the senior entity, the League, by the upcoming vote, the status of CRW would thereby be downgraded from LCC to League Affiliated Club (LAC), and its by-laws would require updating.

The letters, notes, and editorial in the Wheelpeople and comments from individuals suggest three positions: sharply for downgrading, sharply against, and don't care. It seems that the printed ballots should offer four options: for proposal; against proposal; defer proposal until 1987, when the CRW-League partnership reaches the adult age of 21 years; and finally, don't care. If my ballot offered me these options, I would vote for deferring; if it offered me only the first two, I would vote against the proposed downgrading from LCC to LAC.

Should the CRW-Leaguers agree to the three year deferment, I hope that it would clean up the present partnership to the satisfaction of both entities taken separately, and thereby possibly set a model for the 5 other existing LCC's, and LAC's who might be considering upgrading to LCC status. At the same time and for the same purpose, the CRW-Leaguers should work out budgetary means for providing services that its members may reasonably expect.

Finally I find it reasonable for me to expect the Wheelpeople editors to print the names, addresses, and dates of the five other LCC's.

Cutler West

*We find it reasonable to expect the League of American Wheelmen to print details of the six League Chapter Clubs.*

Editors

It seems that the arguments presented for remaining 100% affiliated to the LAW can be summarized as:

1. The LAW is a worthy organization for cyclists, which does effective lobbying on their behalf, and provides many important services.
2. Therefore, all serious cyclists should support the LAW.
3. Hence, CRW members must also be LAW members.
4. Gosh, aren't we important being the largest 100% affiliated club.

I don't believe anyone in the CRW would dispute points 1 and 2 - what is in dispute is whether 3 follows inevitably from them. Surely the issues are firstly if members of this club should also have a choice on whether to support the LAW, and secondly what the CRW gains from its 100% affiliation status.

In my opinion, no one supporting the present status has addressed these central issues. If we believe that our collective membership has some importance - "prestige value" is an expression that has been used - then we are deluding ourselves. When was the last time you saw mention of CRW's 100% affiliation in an LAW publication, or acknowledgement of CRW's contributions, or even awareness of our Club's existence?

If you were to ask me, do we have a moral obligation to support the LAW, my answer would be yes - but let's not allow ourselves to be short-changed. The LAW is currently collecting over 400 subscriptions from cyclists who have been attracted to the Charles River Wheelmen - if the LAW is so great then it should also be able to survive by attracting those members on an individual basis.

Geoff Forrest

I must mildly rebut the comments about encouraging each other to do business with plumbing suppliers (see January Wheelpeople). To begin with, I personally have a very good rapport with several of the bike shops in the area and I can't believe that any of them would resent it if I spent a dollar in a plumbing supply store. During last year I spent approximately \$800 in bike shops equipping my new frame and restoring my old one. It never occurred to me to check with a plumbing supplier on any of it. It might be worthwhile for our friends in the bike shops to check the wholesaler who supplies the O-rings in question and buy from them.

Ed Trumbull

I have once again been ordered off the road by the MDC Police and charged with the criminal offense of refusing to obey an officer. The officer had no legal authority as the road was not posted against bicycles. If you have had trouble with the MDC Police, please call me (625-3966) so I can demonstrate a consistent pattern of harassment when I go to court.

John Allen



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<u>Chelmsford Cyclery</u> 210 Boston Rd., Rt. 4, Chelmsford	256-1528
<u>The Cycle Loft</u> 1644 Mass. Ave., Lexington 28 Cambridge St., Burlington	862-7048 272-0870
<u>Family Bicycle Center</u> 149A Belgrade, Roslindale	323-9720
<u>Farina Cycle</u> 61 Galen St., Watertown	926-1717
<u>Harris Cyclery</u> 1355 Washington St., West Newton	244-1040
<u>International Bicycle Center</u> 70 Brighton Ave., Allston	783-5804
<u>Laughing Alley Bicycle Shop</u> 51 Harvard Ave., Allston	783-5832
<u>Lifecycle</u> 1013 Mass. Ave., Cambridge	354-8595
<u>Lincoln Guide Service</u> Lincoln Rd., Lincoln	259-9204
<u>Mt. Auburn St. Cycle</u> 145 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown	926-6010
<u>Mystic Valley Wheelworks</u> 889 Main St., Winchester	729-0425
<u>Northeast Bicycles</u> 102 Broadway (Rt. 1), Saugus	233-2664
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## 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)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_  
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