



WheelPeople

Newsletter Of The Charles River Wheelmen

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Annual CRW Banquet

Thursday, November 17

Have you signed up for the annual banquet? We'll have special awards, the customary annual awards, and lots of goodies to give away. Gather at Ristorante Firenze, 249 Lexington St. in Waltham (inside the Waltham Racket Club). Arrive between 6 and 6:30 PM for drinks and socializing. The four course dinner begins at 7 PM, and will be served family style; main course choices are chicken, veal or vegetarian pasta (chicken for those who don't choose). Tour de France videos will be on view. Directions: From route 128 take the Totten Pond Road exit (#27A) toward Waltham. At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Lexington Street. About 1/4 mile past the lights, look for Fotobeam on the right. The Waltham Racquet Club is just beyond on the left. This is a pre-registration dinner so we can tell the restaurant how many dishes to prepare so please send \$15.00 today to Don Blake, 1 Gleason Road, Bedford MA 01730.

Classified

FOR SALE: 22.5" Schwinn frame with Campy drop-outs. Cinelli handlebars, Modolo sidepull braking system, biocam triple crankset. Shimano multimode clipless pedals and rear Blackburn rack. \$450. Call 327-0150 and ask for Emile.

FOR SALE: Santana Marathon tandem, 20 yr old, 22x19 inch frame, Phil Wood bottom bracket and hubs excellent condition \$1100, Kevin or Judi 617-630-5104.

FOR SALE: Fully restored 1971 Mercian Olympic, w/ 23" hand-brazed frame; Reynolds 531 double-butted tubes & stays, professionally resprayed in 1992; Campy Nuovo Record seatpost & rear hub; Shimano front hub; Campy SL pedals w/ Binda straps; new spokes & Nashbar touring rims; Brooks professional leather saddle; TTT stem; Mafac Comp. center-pull brakes; Stronglite Supercomp. 175mm double crankset; new Bluemels narrow mudguards; Blackburn seat-stay rack. \$599 or \$565 w/out mudguards/rack. John Likins, 19 Roosevelt Ave., Waterville, ME 0490 (207) 872-6161 (4-9PM) e-mail jrlkins@colby.edu

Dollars And Sense

In light of ongoing board discussions, it's important that we share some basic facts about club finances.

Your annual dues payment of \$30.00 includes a \$20.00 payment to LAB, a rate guaranteed through 1995. This leaves \$10.00 per member for CRW activities, or about \$10,000.00 overall.

Our yearly operating expenses range between \$11.00 and \$11.50 per member. The largest portion of this, of course, is the newsletter. We spend over \$9600.00 per year to print and mail *WheelPeople*. Other printing expenses like letterheads, envelopes, membership cards, renewal notices, membership letters, brochures, and ride maps increase our yearly printing bill to well over \$10,000. This does not include two first class mailings to each member, mailing of approximately 50 information packets per month during the summer, weekly ride expenses like paint and maps, occasional bounced checks, yearly awards for our dedicated volunteers, the Christmas party, mailings between officers and volunteers, and other such expenses. You can see how the \$11.50 per-member cost is incurred.

All is not bleak, however: Our two yearly century rides can net between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00 each, keeping our fiscal heads above water, but we live in fear that one of these events will be rained out, since we must spend nearly \$1,000.00 in advance of each ride. An early morning rain on the day of this year's Fall Century held ridership down to 250 instead

of the 400 we generally expect. We did not lose money, but we did not make as much as we had hoped.

Earlier this year we were able to achieve considerable savings by mailing *WheelPeople* at third class rates and printing on standard weight stock instead of the costly lightweight bond used to keep our first class mailing weight under one ounce for a 12 page issue. Unfortunately, at least 30 to 40 newsletters are not delivered each month, and many of those that are delivered take 3-4 weeks. Postal officials assure us this should not happen, but happen it does. If we must again mail our 16 page newsletter first class on the lighter weight paper we used to use, our total cost will jump by about \$5,000.00 per year.

The board of directors constantly debates these issues and the need for a dues increase, and we welcome suggestions from you, our members. We work for you to be sure CRW runs smoothly, provides a high quality ride schedule and maintains a high profile in the cycling community. We have many forces constantly pulling at our meager financial position. Do we raise dues? Do we offer subscriptions to our newsletter? What do we do?

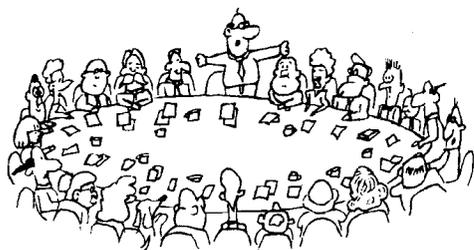
If you have any suggestion you would like to air, please drop a note (no phone calls, please!) to Ken Hablow, 35 Longmeadow Road, Weston, MA 02193, or to Jack donohue on the internet at JDONOHUE@world.std.com. Let's hear from you!

A Note On This Issue

Since club by-laws require that we mail board election materials first class, we are holding less time and issue sensitive material for future issues in order to produce a mailing under one ounce and, in

addition, to hold our printing costs to the absolute minimum in order to help defray the substantial added postage cost for this issue. *WheelPeople* will return in its regular format next month.

Board Meeting Minutes



October 4, 1994

Membership: Currently 998 members

Finances: Showed a net gain of \$ 528, due mostly to the Fall Century.

Newsletter: Chronic delivery problems persist.

Rides: The ride calendar for the rest of the arrowed season is full. Eric Ferioli has gone south, and we need a new Winter Rides Coordinator. There will be a Rides Committee meeting in November.

Century: The century netted \$ 666, which is low due to poor attendance caused by the weather.

Safety: Ken suggested that we send a letter to the police departments of the towns rides start from, since they like to know about large gatherings beforehand.

Board Election: The issue of sending ballots separate from the Wheelpeople was discussed. The bylaws state that the ballots must be sent first class. It was decided to send the November Wheelpeople first class with the ballots. This would involve a stripped down issue, as we can only use eight pages and stay within the one ounce limit for first class.

Events: Christmas Party: Don Blake reported that the church in Bedford where we were thinking of holding the party won't allow alcohol. We are going to look elsewhere. GEAR '95: Four area clubs will hold joint rides on the weekends before and after the rally in mid June. The clubs involved are CRW, Nashoba Valley Pedallers, North Shore Cyclists and the Seven Hills Wheelmen. Banquet: Ken is looking into plaques for the volunteer awards as opposed to the traditional mugs.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at MIT. The next board meeting will be November 1 at 7:30 pm. Directions in ride calendar.

Candidate Statements For the CRW Board Election

The statements below were submitted by the four candidates for the three vacancies on the CRW Board Of Directors:

Lee Bardin

I have been a member of CRW for two years. During this time, I have enjoyed the club rides and become active in the organization. I feel that a few dedicated people are doing so much quality work as witnessed by all of us who participate in the club events, that I am responsible to the "club" to "give something back". Selfishly, I feel great when I do.

I created and coordinated the Sunday 2:00 afternoon rides. I coordinated this year's Introductory Ride program. I am the 1995 Sunday rides coordinator.

I attend the monthly board meetings, am helpful, enthusiastic, creative, decisive, and flexible.

I look forward to seeing you all on the road and volunteering!

Marty Weinstock

I have been a member of The Charles River Wheelmen for almost eight years. I have led one or more rides every year for the past five years; have been a bike shop representative for the past three years; a safety marshal since the beginning of that program and have helped out at various events. I wish to be on the board to further contribute to the success of the club.

I believe that CRW has a great rides program. During my membership I have seen the club triple in size. This has brought forth numerous issues; many result from our impact on the towns we cycle through. I have been involved with the management of several non profit and for profit organizations and have the background to deal with these issues.

I have spoken with people in other parts of the country and appreciate our strengths. I have the ability to help maintain our strengths while dealing with the challenges growth has brought us.

Don Blake

As a CRW member for 24 years and Treasurer for 23 years, I feel I have a good, long term perspective of the direction the club is/should be following.

In 1971, I helped draft the Papers of Incorporation and was one of its signers.

I am a past member of the Board of Directors, and have been active in organizing invitationals, banquets, leading rides and being a consistent attendee of Board of Directors meetings.

Other bicycling activities include membership in: Adventure Cycling Association, American Youth Hostel, Bedford Minuteman Bikeway Committee, Bedford Friends of The Minuteman Bikeway, and the League of American Bicyclists

I'm a past bicycling merit badge councilor for the Boy Scouts of America

Your vote will enable me to continue to participate in the decision making process and continued growth of our club.

Lori Reed

My best qualification for being a member of the Board of Directors is my willingness to do work for the Club. I'd appreciate the opportunity to give back to a club that has given me great pleasure. In addition to my work experience of juggling multiple tasks, organizing and overseeing projects, communicating, etc, I have the necessary energy for this position.

As a Board member, I would want to make sure current programs are functioning so members are being served in the best possible way so the Club can grow. Additionally, I believe it is important to propose and implement new programs and services based on continuing changes in membership volume, legislation, and member needs and desires.

Please vote for the candidates of your choice by returning the enclosed card by November 12.

The Ride Calendar - November, 1994

CRW Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 4 - 7:30 PM

Location: MIT, building 5, room 314 (5-314). Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Enter through the main entrance (the one with the big columns) on Mass. Ave. Take the first corridor on your right and follow it to the model ships. Go up the stairs on your right to the third floor, and turn left. All members are welcome!

An Artsy Ride - Waltham Open Studios

Saturday, November 5 - 10:00 AM

Ride Type: Map and cue sheet **Routes & Times:** 10:00 for 28 or 36 miles. **Leader:** Charles Hansen H 617-734-0720 or W 617-572-0277. **Start:** Waltham - Embassy parking lot on Pine St. **Directions:** From Rt. 128/95, take Rt. 20 east (exit 26). In about a mile this becomes Main St. After a half mile turn right onto Moody St. Cross the tracks and turn left onto Pine St, left into the Embassy lot and park near the river. **Highlights:** Explore Waltham, Weston, Lincoln and Concord. After the ride you can tour the 50+ artists' studios (open from 1-5 PM) in the old mill buildings in downtown Waltham. There is always a very wide range of artwork on display and for sale. The Charles River Museum, at the site of America's industrial birthplace, is also nearby. **Note:** Bring a lock for your bike!

A Spooky Finish to the Season or A Sweet Ride

Sunday, November 6 - 10:00 AM

Ride Type: Arrowed routes of 50 and 25 miles featuring beautiful hilltop views. **Leaders:** Jim Cavanaugh 508-667-7006 and Ken Hallow 617-647-0233. **Start:** South Acton "T" Station. **Directions:** Rt. 2 West, to exit 43 at Rt. 111. Turn left onto Rt. 27 at the light. Central St. is a sharp right turn in .95 miles from the light at Rt. 111. Look for the Mobil station then the blue and white tower of the Acton Music Center on the corner. **Highlights:** Take a tour of the roads in the area of Spooky World in Berlin, with hills, vistas, and a last glimpse of Mt. Wachusett. Several food stops along the long loop and some new roads too. The short route goes to Berlin and then onto Sugar Rd. and past Hebert Candies. **Note:** there are no food stops on the short loop - bring a lunch if you want one.

Breakfast Ride

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00 AM

Ride Type: Arrowed **Routes & Times:** 9:00 AM; 15 or 20 miles, looping through Weston with some options north of Rt. 117. Mostly flat, with a few moderate hills. **Leader:** Al Goldberg 617-566-9869. **Start:** At the fish ladder by the bridge on Rt. 16, at River Rd. Newton Lower Falls, 1/2 mile West of Rt. 128. **Highlights:** Come early and have breakfast before the ride at Louie's Cafeteria, diagonally across Rt. 16. Late comers can find food in Weston near the park, if you so desire. **Note:** Park your car at the Pillar House (closed weekends) or on nearby streets.

A "Goode" Ride is a "Great" Ride

Sunday, November 13 - 10:00 AM

Ride Type: Arrowed **Routes & Times:** 10:00 AM for about 40 to 50 miles for the long loop and about 25 generally flat miles for the short. **Leader:** Gerald Goode 617-843-6283. **Start:** Cranberry Plaza, Kingston. **Directions:** From Rt. 3 South, take (exit 10) for Rt. 53. Turn right at the end of the ramp and drive 1/4

mile. **Highlights:** Back roads and by-ways of Southeastern Massachusetts. Both rides will stop for lunch in Plymouth.

Dover Chocolate Warm-up

Saturday, November 19 - 10:30 AM

Ride Type: Arrow/cue sheet combo **Routes & Times:** 19 or 28 miles of beautiful country roads. Optional cue-sheet ride to Meridien Hotel adds about 20 extra miles. **Leaders:** Pete Knox 617-731-5944 and Susan Broome 617-965-4586. **Start:** Nahanton Park, Newton **Directions:** Take the Highland St. exit off Rt. 128 toward Needham, take a left at the light onto Hunting Rd, at the next light make another left onto Kendrick St. The park is on your left immediately AFTER crossing the river. At 2:00, the Cafe Fleury in the Meridien Hotel (250 Franklin St. Boston) hosts a sumptuous chocolate buffet of world class pastries, tortes, puddings and ice cream concocted by real French pastry chefs. Nearest MBTA is State Street on the Orange Line or Haymarket on the Green line. Validated parking on Oliver St in back of hotel. Cost: \$14.00 per person, reservations required; please call Susan or Peter at least 5 days in advance. **Note:** Proper dress is required. **Bike Parking:** Covered off-street bike parking is available but bring a good lock.

Re-Cycle Some Old Arrows

Sunday, November 20 - 10:00 AM

Ride Type: Arrowed **Routes & Times:** We will retrace the Fall Century, 62, 50 or 25 rolling miles with a few good hills. **Leader:** Ghost Rider. **Start:** Wellesley High School. **Directions:** From Rt. 128 take Rt. 16 West to State St. and make a left. The School will be down on your right.

Mountain Bike Carlisle

Sunday, November 20

Ride Type: Mountain Bike **Leader:** Tom Greene 617-576-9607 **Details:** A ride for intermediate to advanced riders; there will be a limit of 6 riders per leader for low impact cycling - call Tom for more details and/or to be a leader.

Merrimack River Ramble

Saturday, November 26 - 10:00 AM

Ride Type: Map and Cue sheet for 40 miles of rolling terrain. **Leader:** Glenn Ketterle 617-396-1351 'til 10:30. **Start:** Georgetown Center, Park and Ride lot. **Directions:** From Rt. 95 take Rt. 97 North (exit 53 B) for 3.2 miles. Turn right on Library St. The Park and Ride lot is on the left. **Highlights:** Tour the undeveloped lower reaches of the Merrimack River and border towns in the area. Lunch is on the common in Plaistow - do bring a lunch. Heavy rain might postpone ride to Saturday, December 3rd.

A Final Spooky Finish to the Season

Repeat of the November 6 ride.

First Frost Bite Ride (Second Season)

Sunday, December 4 - 10:30 AM

Ride Type: Map and/or Cue sheet. **Leader:** Doug Kline 617-497-5502. **Start:** Cambridge Common, 1/2 mile north of Harvard Square on Massachusetts Ave. Meet at the monument in the middle of the Common. **Highlights:** Doug will give us a taste of winter rides to come.

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Are You Getting Your Newsletter On Time?

Since we have been mailing *WheelPeople* third class we have experienced constant delivery problems, very few of which are consistent. Please note the following: If you sporadically do not receive *WheelPeople*, I suggest you complain to the Postmaster at your local post office. I realize this is like talking to a wall, but it may work.

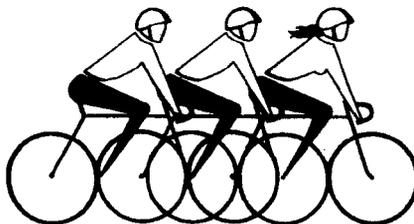
Third class is supposed to be delivered but not necessarily in one or two days. Some problems result when there is no regular carrier or the regular is on vacation. If you live in an apartment please be sure the address on this label is absolutely correct. If not, please let us know.

The post office will not forward third class mail, nor will they notify us of an address change. If you have moved, we must be notified or you will not receive *WheelPeople*.

Our computerized mailing list is keyed off the renewal date. If you are late renewing your membership you will most likely miss one or two issues of

WheelPeople simply because the computer considers you inactive. (Just the computer, not us real people!)

Please report any consistent problems to Ken Hablow, 35 Longmeadow Road, Weston MA 02193 -or- by fax to 617-894-3285. Include your actual correct address, the one from the mailing label if it is wrong, and your telephone number. Be sure to document your problem so we know how to approach it. NO CALLS PLEASE.



Annual Holiday Party

Our Christmas season party will be held on December 9 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 100 Pine Hill Road, Bedford. From route 128 take the 4/225 exit west through Bedford Center. Where 62 and 4/225 split, turn right onto 4/225. At the next split just ahead, stay to the right on route 4. Pine Hill Rd. is about 3/4 mile ahead on the right. The church is near the top of the hill on the right.

The 1995 ride calendar will be available for ride leader signup and for planning purposes. Volunteers are needed for basic tasks like buying food, helping with decorations and, of course, cleanup. If any of you would like to chair this event, please call Ken Hablow at 617-647-0233.

Last year's pot luck format brought us many delectable treats. Here's your chance to prepare that special dish. Please bring food based on the following:

A-F: Appetizers & Salads

G-L: Desserts

M-Z: Main Courses

This is a great opportunity to socialize and see your riding buddies in civvies!