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The Charles River Wheelmen

New Address !

Please note that the official address of the Charles River Wheelmen is now:

Charles River Wheelmen
19 Chase Avenue
W. Newton Ma 02165

Ed Trumbull has heroically volunteered to answer all the mail to avoid the long-standing problems the Club has had in collecting and distributing correspondence on a timely basis. So please make every day like Christmas Day for Ed, and send all mail to the new address. The Club is greatly indebted to the Bicycle Exchange for allowing their shop to be used as a postal drop for so long; this change is being made due to problems of coordination within the Club. Best of luck to the Club's new cycling postman.

THANKS SUE CAVALLI

Just a note to thank you for your service as editor of Wheelpeople over the past year. Your dedication and thoroughness were greatly appreciated. Few of us understand or realize the "behind the scenes" problems involved in keeping a deadline and getting a newsletter out

month after month. You did an excellent job under constant pressure. We are all very grateful.

Thanks again from all of us for a job well done.

Jim Broughton

THE GREAT LAW DEBATE

All member should come to the Forum to discuss CRW's 100% affiliation with the League of American Wheelmen. Leading proponents of both sides of the debate will speak to the meeting to outline the pros and cons of 100% affiliation--and members will have an opportunity to ask questions and/or air their views. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, in MIT Building 2, Room 102 (2-102), Cambridge. See the Calendar Section for a map of the MIT maze--refreshments will be provided to all who successfully navigate the route.

Ballots will be mailed to all CRW members in the February Wheelpeople. It is still not too late to get your views into the newsletter.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING NOTES

December 6 agenda items and actions summary:

Board Elections: Dave Brahmer, Mark Lamkin and Carol Tesiero were elected.

Budget: A Budget Committee, consisting of Dick and Jill Lewis, Sam Hull, and Don Blake, will meet to consider quarterly budgeting.

Cross Country Ski Day: This will be on Feb. 4, at the Woodbound Inn, Jaffrey, NH. See Other Events listing for further details.

Membership Committee Report: Major recommendations approved by the Board include: 1) Changing the official CRW address to that of Ed Trumbull, who will process the mail daily; 2) Creation of a new CRW publicity officer position; 3) Encouraging the VP's of Rides to co-ordinate recommendations for the rides program; 4) Publishing the names and towns of new members in Wheelpeople; 5) Listing volunteer categories on the CRW application form; 6) Trial campaign to call and survey people whose memberships have expired. Details for 5) and 6) will be worked out by the membership committee.

Bike Month (May): The Bike Month Committee has presented a draft program.

CRW as 100% LAW Club: The Forum will be held in January (see Calendar). Jill Lewis will serve as moderator. Members are encouraged to participate. Ballots to decide this important issue will be sent to members in the February Wheelpeople.

Election of President: Jill Lewis was elected by the Board to a second term.

Miscellaneous: Doug Mink, VP of the Boston Area Bicycle Coalition, announced the BABC May 1 commuter ride and forthcoming pamphlet series. For more information, contact Doug at 253-7556, weekday afternoons.

Next Board Meeting: January 3, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

--Mike Hanauer, Secretary

PUBLICITY OFFICER WANTED

At the last Board Meeting, it was decided to create the position of Publicity Officer, to co-ordinate the efforts of the club in attracting new members and retaining the interest of those who have already joined.

If you are interested in fulfilling this vital role, please contact Jill Lewis for further details.

Members Business Directory


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Editorial

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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Mark Lamkin	Carol Tesiero
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Starting with this issue, Wheelpeople has new editors. You may already have noted some cosmetic changes--let us know what you think of them. Wheelpeople needs input from a greater spectrum of club members, giving views on how you would like to see the Club run and develop. We are not looking for great prose or literary masterpieces (although that would always be welcome), just your point of view. Do ordinary members have enough say in running the club, should Frostbite rides have more structure, are arrows necessary for summer rides, etc. These are some of the issues we hope to highlight in future months.

The great debate at the moment is whether the CRW should remain 100% affiliated with the League of American Wheelmen. Changing the status of the club would require an amendment to the by-laws, a step that should involve the whole membership. Remember that the principle is not the merits of the LAW or even the merits of being a member of the LAW, but is whether all members of the CRW should automatically be members of the LAW. Remember also that over \$14 of your \$20 dues to join CRW is passed on to LAW, without any direct influence on how that money is spent. Obviously this is a matter of great importance to every member, and YOU should be involved in making the decision.

All articles, letters, complaints, comments, ideas, etc. must reach the editors by the 10th of each month for inclusion in the next month's Wheelpeople. Address all correspondence to:

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or

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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. If you spent the summer with your eyes glued to the arrows, now's the time to look up and follow the scenery instead.

Frostbite Season is the time when the CRW has real Club rides--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 whilst thawing out at the coffee stops, and there's a sense of camaraderie from riding together.

So get your polypropylene undies out of the closet, take the winter wraps off your bike, chip the icicles from the water bottle, and 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>
Jan. 1	Boston Common, Park and Tremont Sts.
Jan. 8	Duck Feeding Area, west side of Charles River, Rts. 30 & 128
Jan. 15	Lexington Green on Mass. Ave.
Jan. 22	Needham Town Hall on Rt. 135 (Great Plain Ave.)
Jan. 29	Cleveland Circle, Brighton, Beacon St.
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.

BOARD MEETINGS

Don't be misled by the name--all CRW members are welcome to come along to these meetings to air their views or simply find out what's happening in the club.

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 in Cambridge.

The next meetings are on:

January 3
February 7

OTHER EVENTS

ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

Have you noticed a change in the weather? I hope so. The change in the weather means that its time to think about winter activities like weather stripping windows, thawing frozen pipes, shovelling snow, and SKIING. Our annual X-C skiing day trip is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 1984 at the Woodbound Inn, Jaffrey, NH. The inn is a two-hour drive from Boston. Travel west on Rt. 2 to the rotary in Concord, then follow Rt. 119 into New Hampshire to Rt. 202. Take the off-ramp and turn right onto Rt. 202. Look for the Woodbound Inn sign on your right about one half mile down the road. Follow the signs to the inn. It's best to arrive about 9:30 am, particularly if you need to rent skis. Lunch is at noon at the inn. Rates are as follows:

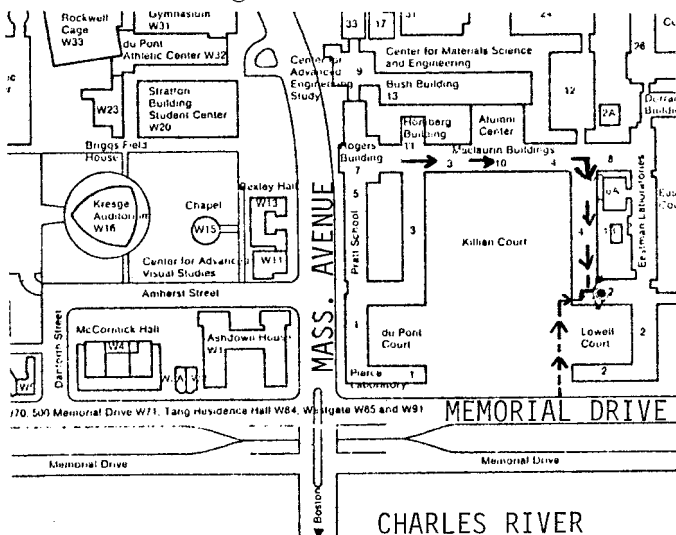
Trail fee	\$ 5.00
Ski rental/trail fee	\$11.00
Lunch	\$ 5.00 range, plus tip

Woodbound Inn telephone number is (603) 532-8341. Please call Dick Lewis at 641-0166 by January 28 if you plan to go. Remember to wear warm clothing in layers and to bring a change of clothing for the trip home.

LAW Debate Thursday, January 19 7:30 pm

100% LAW-affiliation debate in Building 2, Room 102, MIT, Cambridge.

There are parking spaces along Memorial Drive. Refer to map for location of meeting room.



BABC General Meeting January 25 7:00 pm

Topic: "Folding Bikes." 70 Vassar St. (MIT Building 37, 1st floor), Cambridge. Talk and demonstration of several folding bikes. For further information, call Doug Mink, 253-7556, weekday afternoons.

John Marino Open Cycling Competition

May 19-22, 1984

Riverside County, Southern California. This race is "open to any rider who owns a bicycle, who is willing to test his or her skills in the ultimate open endurance event and who has the requisite entry fee." This race covers 800 miles, and the time limit is 81 hours. Entry fee is \$150.00 and pre-registration deadline is April 1. The top 15 qualifiers in this race will be eligible to race in the "Race Across America" (RAAM). For more information, write to: Race Across America, Ste. 152, 358 S. Main St., Orange, CA 92668. For a copy of the application and information form which CRW received, send a SASE to either editor.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) has recently produced two publications: (1) Bicycle Parking at the Workplace, describing various Class I, Class II and Class III bicycle parking equipment; (2) Bicycle Commuting: A Guide For Employers, outlining the advantages of bicycle commuting and the steps involved in an employer bicycle commuting program. For further information, call or write: MAPC, 110 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108, (617) 451-2770.

The Boston Area Bicycle Coalition (BABC), the local bicycle commuting and advocacy group, has begun a new pamphlet series concerned with various bicycling related topics. The first six of this series will be available shortly. "Pothole report cards" will also be made available to bicyclists for reporting dangerous road conditions to the Director of Public Works. For more information on this pamphlet series and other BABC activities, call Doug Mink, 253-7556, weekday afternoons.

The Frostbite Ride Season got off to an exciting start on December 4th, with ten hardy souls braving the elements for a trip from Cambridge Common to the nearest Friendly's.

The ride along Brattle Street was wet and uneventful, but with the snow flurries getting harder, the bunch went "all terrain" mad at Fresh Pond. It was quickly discovered that some "cross-country" routes to the Fresh Pond bike path are better than others! Despite the numerous obstacles encountered, everyone made it to the breakfast/lunch stop safely.

After lingering long enough to thaw and dry out, the terrific ten decided, discretion being the better part of valour, to head homeward through the wind, sleet, and snow.

Thanks for a great ride, Walter. I can tell that this Frostbite Season is going to be a good one!

Geoff Forrest

Letters

When asked why CRW should continue to maintain full LAW affiliation, I am reminded of Aesop's fable of the grasshopper and the ant. While the weather was warm, the grasshopper played his fiddle, enjoyed himself and ridiculed the ant for wasting her time putting away food. When winter came, the starving, freezing grasshopper came begging to the ant's door.

It is easy to go riding a bicycle in fine weather--and this time I'm talking about a political climate--without a care or a thought as to our right to use the road, to the convenience and safety of our travel, or to the justice we can expect in the event of an accident.

The LAW is the only organization which maintains a lobbying effort in Washington speaking for bicyclists' concerns. In the past ten years, the LAW has succeeded in having legislation passed requiring bicycle access on all new and rebuilt bridges and to all airports. The LAW has been instrumental in developing traffic engineers' guidelines based on a balanced, sensible program. All around the country, the LAW has come to the aid of bicyclists whose freedom of travel was being legislated out from under their wheels.

I know that this is an appeal to idealism, but there are strong individual benefits as well. American Wheelmen magazine, besides its entertainment and educational value, is every CRW member's quick guide to invitational rides and rallies; it saves the CRW Wheelpeople editor a good deal of work which would accomplish much less. The LAW membership directory is the definitive guide to finding other bicyclists and clubs with whom to ride, information on local conditions and routes, even hospitality homes in which to stay throughout the country. The LAW maintains the East Coast Bike Trail, certifies Effective Cycling instructors and sponsors the annual Gear rallies. These are invaluable services.

In summary, the CRW is your and my connection to other bicyclists in the Boston area; but the LAW is our connection to bicycling on the national level. Let's not go drifting away.

John Allen

Cyclists in and around Boston are fortunate to have a large number of fine bike shops which stock the parts and accessories we depend on to keep us on the move. I wonder if we do them justice when we encourage each other to go to the plumbing supply store to save a dime on a Huret odometer belt (see December 1983 Wheelpeople). We certainly lose more goodwill at bike shops than we gain from plumbing suppliers.

Perhaps the lead to the Bike Shop discounts listing might say: "Our thanks to the following shops for their generous support of organized cycling. These shops offer discounts to CRW members and look forward to your patronage."

Doug MacDonald

I would like to relate the following event for all Boston Area cyclists. On the evening of December 6, I was bicycling along the Paul Dudley White bike path between the Charles River and Storrow Drive. A little after 7:30 p.m., as I passed underneath the Mass. Ave. bridge, a young black male stepped out of the darkness on my right. He immediately took a home-run swing with a three or four foot piece of lumber, with my head as the baseball. I faded to the left and stuck up my right arm as the blow connected. I staggered but my momentum and balance kept me on two wheels--I didn't go down! Flushed with this success, I sped on after looking back and yelling at them (an accomplice was standing behind the attacker). At the Hatch Memorial Shell, I called the police.

The MDC had three cruisers in the area within fifteen minutes, but they found no sign of a young black male wearing a maroon baseball warm-up type jacket and grey baseball cap--my only recollection of the punk. I was relieved that the two had scooted after their lack of success, but was still in great shock that the whole thing had happened at all. I was riding my three-speed clunker with front and rear lights and was wearing a complete yellow foul-weather suit and my trusty Bell Helmet.

Mileage

through November 1983

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Joe Cormier	12,343
Don Blake	10,518
Ed Trumbull	9,767
Jerry Campbell	9,657
Peter Reagan	9,100
Ned Weld	8,700
John Vanderpoel	8,575
Elaine Braun-Keller	8,465
Lee Howard	7,179
Osman Isvan	6,631
Dick Buck	6,358
Pete Moss	6,132
Mike Hanauer (1)	5,581
Greg Canty	5,571
Bob Harvey (1)	5,542
Carol Tesiero	5,451
Bob Fisher (1)	5,360
Jeff Luxenberg	5,280
Mark Becker (1)	4,945
John Gregory	4,895
Jim Broughton	4,809
Bill McGrath	4,643
Ed Hutchinson (2)	4,315
Jack Donahue	4,286
Eliot Specht	4,112
Emile Bielawa (1)	4,018
Debbie Luxenberg	3,829
Jim Thorburn	3,725
Bruce Wisentanner	3,425
Jacek "Rudy" Rudowski (1)	3,421
Ron Messier (1)	3,298
Paul Bowser	3,261
Dick Howe (1)	3,249
Mark Remaly	3,216
Marc Altman (1)	2,874
Bill Sweetser	2,658
John Kane	2,613
Glen Coffman	2,598

Dave Allen (1)	2,500
Gene MacGregor (1)	2,443
Lisa Fitzgerald	2,405
Peter Fink (1)	2,340
Linda Harvey (1)	2,161
Annemarie Altman (1)	2,079
Sam Johnson (1)	1,800
David Gotthelf	1,654
Wayne Miller (1)	1,504
George Caplan (1)	1,374
Roger Lochniskar (1)	1,370
Carl Grant (1)	1,330
Chris Lucas (2)	1,300
Cutler West (2)	1,177
Cathy Buckley	1,149
Howard Moore*	1,122
Dave Brahmer	1,085
Jordan Freedman (2)	976
Jack Canty (2)	796
John Morash (2)	706
Rosalie Blum	675
John Springfield (1)	249
Total	242,595

*Howard Moore, 1933 8,638

(1) missed one month
(2) missed two months

One more month to go, gang! Let me hear from all of you. Must have in hand by the 5th of the month.

Ed Trumbull
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My forearm is still swollen, but it has steadily gotten better. I probably wasn't killed because the attacker was not able to swing his weapon quicker than my defensive right forearm; I shudder to think about the fact that this heavy piece of wood was aimed at my head. IF they are going to attack a well-lighted, helmeted, and relatively fast biker, they are going to go after anybody. I am going to refrain from using the bike path at night, as John Allen has always advised, and gamble with Boston Drivers instead.

John Gregory

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Bike Shop Discounts

The following shops offer discounts to members of CRW.

<u>Ace Wheelworks</u> 2044 Mass. Ave., Cambridge	876-8200
<u>Belmont Wheelworks</u> 480 Trapelo Rd., Belmont	489-3577
<u>The Bicycle Exchange</u> 3 Bow St., Cambridge	864-1300
<u>The Bicycle Workshop</u> 233 Mass. Ave., Cambridge	876-6555
<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
<u>The Ski Market</u> 860 Comm. Ave., Boston 57 JFK St., Galeria, Cambridge Endicott Plaza, Danvers 34 Cambridge St., Burlington 400 Franklin St., Braintree	731-6100 576-2520 777-3344 272-2222 848-3733

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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 _____

Dues: \$20 individual, \$26 household,
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