

# Wheel People

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**The Charles River Wheelmen**

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### Holiday Party

Friday, December 5, 7:30 pm  
at the home of  
Mark Roseman, Debra Glassman  
and

Max Roseglass (maybe)

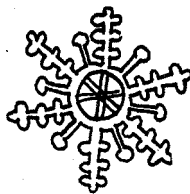
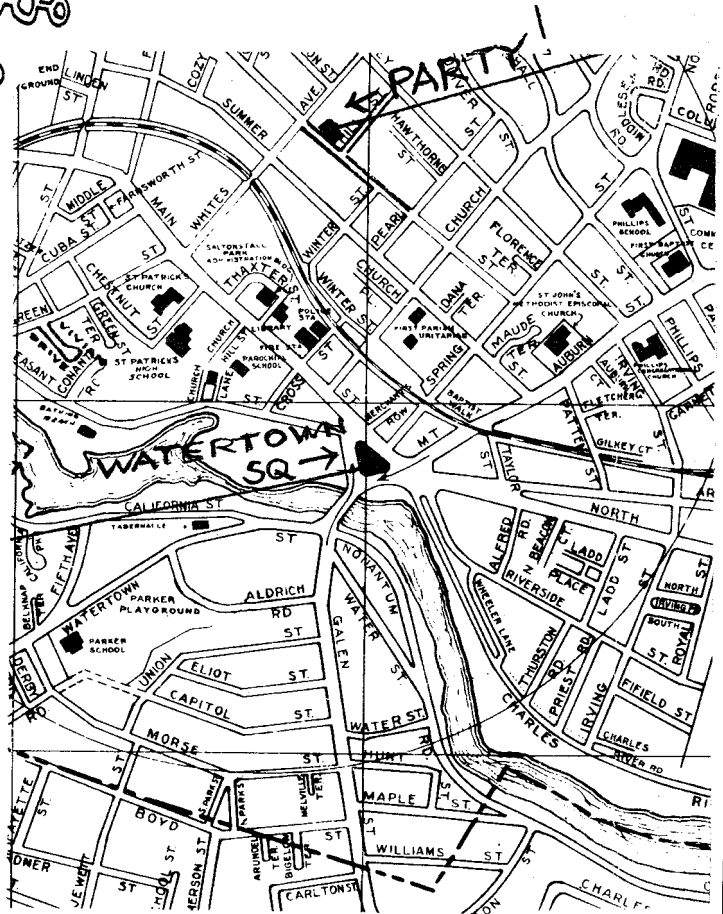
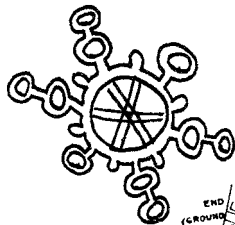
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(see map below for directions)

Once again we open our home to the club's Annual Holiday Party. We look forward to the big turnout that we always get, so we want to see you there!

We'll serve drinks and light refreshments, but the real highlights of the party are the special dishes that you all bring; so cook up something good and add to the fun.

An extra treat this year will be the unfurling of the new CRW banner which will be used at special events where our club is represented.

Please call us with any questions at 924-4542.





The Charles River Wheelmen is a group of active adult bicyclists who sponsor a year-round program to promote the enjoyment of bicycling. During the regular season (early Spring to late Fall), two ride loops are usually available every Sunday, designed to be ridden at your own pace. The routes are arrowed in advance and the leaders stay in the rear to ensure that nobody gets left behind. Our Winter Frostbite rides are more informal; the route and pace are decided by those who show up to brave the elements.

Our dues include membership in the League of American Wheelmen; CRW members also receive Wheelpeople, the Club's newsletter.

Address all mail to the Charles River Wheelmen, 19 Chase Avenue, W. Newton, MA 02165

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#### MILEAGE THROUGH OCTOBER 1986

John Latva	22,714
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Dick Buck	10,412
Lindy Konigsberg	9,068
Jack Donohue	8,246
Frank Womboldt	7,383
Jim Merrick	6,408
Steven Fellows	6,140
Jamie King	6,056
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Osman Isvan	4,998
Jim Broughton	4,155
Dick Howe	4,066
Elissa Ghitelman	3,118
John Allen	2,656
George Caplan	2,017
Bill Fine	1,808
Joe Repole	1,686
Richard McVity	1,667
Susan Grieb	1,615
Jack Jacobs	1,525
Nancy Peacock	1,509
Rosalie Blum	400
Carol Tesiero	392

With two months to go, it seems some of you are hiding in the closet. Come on out and join your friends on the list.

A personal comment: If you think I had 1200 mile miles for the month, you're wrong. It seems I cheated myself by 300 miles last month. Demonstrates impartiality, if nothing else!

You know who to advise by the 5th?

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

## Attention veteran members (and experienced ride leaders)

I have some information to impart that might possibly be offensive to some of you unless I start out by describing my own experience. Prior to leading my 1<sup>st</sup> ride for CRW, I had been on a number of CRW rides and, also, had bicycled tens of thousands of miles alone, so I felt very confident that I knew how to do a good job as a ride leader. As a result, I made the 2 mistakes that are made, believe it or not, almost exclusively by only experienced club members.

What are these 2 mistakes? First, when arrowing turns, I put the 2<sup>nd</sup> arrow right at the turn, instead of 25 feet before the turn, as it should be. Second, I did a very inadequate job of the pre-ride 5 minute oral presentation. Namely, I did not welcome new members and did not (for the sake of new members and the club's liability) go over the rules of the road. Also, I did not describe the way that the arrows were placed on the road.

Why did I make these mistakes? The reason is that I did not realize the importance of the "Ride Leader Guidelines" that have been established by CRW members at the CRW Board Meetings held each month (these meetings, by the way, are open to all CRW members). When I received my copy of the Ride Leader Guidelines, which are mailed to all CRW ride leaders 2 or 3 months prior to leading their ride, I did not, in my overconfidence of knowing how to lead a ride, take the time to thoroughly read them.

So my message is the following. Please take the time to read the "Ride Leader Guidelines" before leading your ride. Over the years, CRW board members have perfected these guidelines as a result of input and feedback from club members. If there is any part that you object to, please give me a call so that we can talk about the possible alternatives.

David Garrant, VP of Rides

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the

New (and re-elected) Board Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Rosalie Blum	73
Jamie King	71
Don Blake	68
Dave Hill	65

and the runners up are:

Ann-Marie Starck	36
Lindy Konigsberg	27

and write-ins for

Jerry Campbell	2
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A total of 59 individuals and 17 households voted in this election. Let's give the board members our support, and opinions. Keep in touch!



### MEMORANDUM

From: John S. Allen,  
State Legislative Representative,  
Bicycle USA (L.A.U.)

To: Massachusetts Bicycle Clubs and Industry

Date: November 5, 1986

Re: Federation of Massachusetts Bicycle Clubs

On October 30, a new bicyclists' organization began to take shape on a modest scale: the Federation of Massachusetts Bicycle Clubs began with eight people representing ten clubs.

The immediate goal of the Federation is to recommend candidates to the Governor for appointments to the state Bicycle Advisory Board. The Board will be created by a bill in the state legislature which stands a good chance of passing this year.

Long-term goals are to help with information exchange between clubs, and to take stands on statewide issues of importance to bicyclists.

The Boston Area Bicycle Coalition has promised the Federation use of its office space in Cambridge; Anita Brewer of Bicycle USA has agreed to pass along \$400 in seed money which has been kept for such purposes. We are looking into how to set up a computer mailbox so that clubs can exchange information quickly.

The Federation will meet again on December 4 at 6:45 PM at 33 Hiram Road, the Ciampas' house in Framingham. We hope then to vote on Bicycle Advisory Board appointees to recommend to the Governor. All bike clubs and bicycle-related businesses are welcome to send representatives to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or can recommend someone, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*John S. Allen*  
John S. Allen  
State Legislative Representative, Bicycle USA  
16 Hamblin Road  
Waltham, MA 02154  
(617) 891-9307



## What Your Board Did In November

### Nov. 4 Agenda Items and Actions Summary

Membership: Jack Donohue reported that the current membership stands at 416.

Treasurer's Report: Don Blake reported that the current net cash balance as of October 31 is \$4200.00.

Budget Committee: The budget committee will have a preliminary 1987 budget at the December meeting. The budget report focused on income projections from memberships and advertising and on newsletter expenses. Projected income from memberships for 1987 is \$3700.00. (Total income is projected at \$11500 of which 68% or \$7800 is passed on to IAW.) Advertising income is projected at \$600. The estimated costs for 12 issues of the newsletter (printing and postage) are \$4200. The annual CRW budget is based on the assumption that membership fees cover the newsletter, operational costs, and awards. On the basis of 1986 figures, the per membership cost of the newsletter alone is \$9.40 per annum and the membership income averages \$8.60 per annum. All other budget items, such as normal and special events, must operate on a break-even basis. The report was accepted by the Board.

Winter Get Together: The Galen's have graciously offered to host a winter party in late Jan. or Feb. Has anyone travelled to the ends of the earth recently? And are you willing to show slides of your trip?

1987 Events: Planning for the 1987 season is underway. Now is the time to volunteer to lead or help with various events. Foremost, we need co-ordinators for the Banquet, May Bike Month, and the Centuries. Please contact Mike Hanauer or Dave Garrant.

Awards Banquet: The 1987 awards banquet will be a sit-down dinner at a local restaurant or club. We need someone to coordinate the event. Hopefully, with good planning, the cost can be kept to \$12-15 per person. Any volunteers?

Presidential Election: The CRW Board will elect the Club President for 1987 at the December Board meeting. Mike Hanauer announced his candidacy for re-election. Any club member is eligible to be president. If interested, notify Deb Allinger, CRW Secretary, by Dec. 1.

Bicycle Advisory Board: John Allen and Al Goldberg reported on the current status of Mass. Senate Bill 1795 which establishes a state level bicycle advisory board. Please refer to the related articles on the legislation. The CRW Board endorsed the concept of the State level Bicycle Advisory Board and recommended that individual members urge their State Representative to approve Senate Bill 1795. The CRW Board did have reservations about designating the State DFW Director as co-chairman of the Advisory Board.

1987 NEAR: Rosalie reported on the recent NEAR organizational meetings. At long last, the 1985 NEAR monies are about to be released to the 1987 NEAR Committee and the 1985 participating clubs. Fran Ciampa is co-ordinating publicity for the 1987 event. If you are interested in helping with publicity, contact Fran at 877-2313. Current plans call for 30 or so rides in the Durham, NH area during NEAR. Housing will be at UNH dorms with bikes permitted in the rooms. While expectations are for 2500 cyclists, total participation may be limited to 1500, so apply early.

Bicycle Safety: From a limited discussion on bike safety, the suggestion was made to include some workshops on ride safety, bike handling, group riding, and basic bike repair during Bike Month. Would anyone like to coordinate a workshop?

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM  
Deb Allinger, CRW Secretary

# Presidential Perambulations

## INCLEMENT WEATHER EXORCIST WANTED

Yes, you read it right. I desperately need a true professional to remove the inclement weather which I carry around within my soul. Since I leave a bit of this stuff at virtually every ride I attend, I must be full of it. Please, I am desperate for help!

First there was the first arrowed ride of 1986 led by Ned Weld. Snow, rain, sleet and hail. Yes, I did write right here that the lousy weather had been fun-but that was only the beginning.

In March I flew to California with Jerry, Jamie and Paul: it poured almost every day. It even rained in the desert and into our rented car (ark). Yes, believe it.

Then, came the "Big Event" in April. I left my mark there too. It was at this point that the complex started to develop-maybe it's not just a coincidence all this rain.

And in July, Jamie and I went to the Northwest, to Washington and British Columbia and Vancouver for three weeks. No, it didn't rain every day--only the first two weeks. Help, I am desperate. My presence makes it rain.

Next major event, run by Jamie, the National Century in September. The forecast said it would clear by 9 am. One hundred and ten miles in the rain. I had spoiled this major event for the whole club!

Then, last week Iris, Al and I spend a week cycling in central Florida, where it never rains in the autumn. Almost never. Only when I am there. Only when I am anywhere.

My skin is wrinkled, my toes are starting to web. My grab-ons have begun to rust and I have installed clincher pontoons. I have to wet down the sheets at night in order to simulate a wet sleeping bag. People have actually called me Noah. The only good thing--people who ride with me are never called a wimp; but after a point people don't seem to mind being called a wimp.

Well, that's my situation. How does a sun worshipper survive this? Does Gore-Tex come in transparent with a sun lamp? If you can help, or have friends in high places, please call me. Call me desperate!

--Mike Hanauer

## Welcome New Members

Patricia Chessare	Newton
Gerry Desrosiers	Quincy
Timothy Cantwell	Walpole
Joanne McDonnell	Boston
Earl Dean III	Woburn
Jerome Milgram	Arlington
Michael Gordon	Milton
Karen Hannon,	
Archer Wright	Andover
Michel Selva	Cambridge
Jeannette Veizades	Somerville

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# Do you like people?

Actually, considering you are a member of the Charles River Wheelmen, the answer to this question is probably yes, but now that I have caught your attention, let me ask a few more questions. Do you enjoy speaking with people on the phone? Are you good at tactfully encouraging people to do something they would probably enjoy if only they would make the time for it? Are you able to organize and carry through projects (in this case, "fun" projects) that you plan out ahead of time? If your answers to the above questions were either yes or maybe, please read on.

So its time to get to the point! Please, please volunteer to be one of the two organizers for the 1987 Spring Century on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The day is quite far off in the future, but May is Bike Month, so the volunteers for this event, preferably 2 new people, are needed by the end of January. Once we get someone to take on the responsibility of being the organizer, it is fairly easy to get enough volunteers to help them out.

It definitely takes some work to be an organizer for an event like a century, but you will not be on your own in this venture. You will be in very good company and a real people person should find it lots of fun. Some club members who have either been organizers, co-organizers, or very involved in helping out at one of these events in the past include Debbie Allinger, Dave Hill, Don Blake, Jill Lewis, Dick Lewis, Barry Fricks, Jamie King, Jim Broughton, Mike Hanauer and Sue Genser. All of these people are more than willing to either help out or give lots of advice to any new volunteer organizers. CRW members can contact me, David Garrant, or any CRW officer in order to either volunteer or just get more information.

**P.S. Coming soon in future issues of "Wheel People":** Don't miss my requests for volunteers to be organizers for the CRW Invitational in August and the Fall Century in September, and, additionally, someone with artistic skills to do the poster for Bike Month (May).

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## Let the Second Season Begin

### LET THE SECOND SEASON BEGIN!!

by Walt McNeil  
Winter Rides Coordinator

Come join us in officially celebrating the winter ride season. From now, until next March, the rides won't be preplanned. 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, 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 taste better than ever. The group decides the length and direction of the route--only the starting point is predetermined. Come and participate in a true democratic process.

The CRW rode as a club on every Sunday last winter. 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 winter rides, contact Winter Ride Coordinator Walter McNeil at 329-1586.

ALSO...

### A Note to all our Members!

In the past, the rides during the winter months were called the Show & Go Frostbite rides. While this moniker may have evoked visions of icicles dripping from frozen cyclists battling their way through snowdrifts, it simply was not true. To many members, we have spoken to, just this above thought alone turned them off from winter cycling.

Our club has changed remarkably in the seven years that we have been coordinating the Winter Ride Program. We have grown from a few members cycling occasionally during the winter to an average of 30 riders every week; some members ride more with the club during the winter than any other season. The sunlight may wane, but their enthusiasm doesn't.

Therefore, we are proud to announce the start of "The Second Season." Because that is what it truly is--a bit different in some aspects--but the same spirit and camaraderie that is prevalent during the entire year.

Come join us in welcoming in this new era. We look forward to riding with you throughout the entire year.

--Walter

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MARK O'BRIEN

## A CRW Christmas Party Tradition

For those of you who are thinking of leading a ride in 1987, look for the 2' by 3' 1987 CRW Ride Calendar posted up on the wall at the party, and consider signing up for that ride ahead of time.

# Ride Calendar

## 1986-87 WINTER RIDE SCHEDULE ALL RIDES START AT 10:30 AM

Dec. 7

Cambridge Common Intersection of Mass Ave. and Garden St. (West of Harvard Square)

Dec. 14

Natick Common, Junction of Rts. 135 & 27

Dec. 21

Stone Zoo, Stoneham, 1/2 mile east of the intersection of Rts. 28 and South Street --with a tour of the Zoo (remember the Birdhouse?) after the ride.

Dec. 28

Arlington Town Hall, intersection of Mass. Avenue and Route 60

January 1, 1987 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Boston Common, intersection of Park and Tremont Streets. This is our famous annual New Year's Day Ride. What better way is there to clear the mind and body of the evening before's merriment than an invigorating ride in the crisp, clear air of downtown Boston--with very few cars. Explore Boston as it once was --before internal combustion engines take over. We will visit Castle Island and stop at Freedman's Bakery for lunch. Start the New Year off right--come in and ride along with us. Who knows, maybe you will be the 1987 mileage champ for the day!

Jan. 4

Dedham Plaza, Route 1, One mile north on Rt. 1 from Rt. 128.



## TIPS FOR WINTER RIDING

The following are just a few tips for safe, enjoyable winter riding. If you have any tips that would be beneficial to winter cyclists, share them with your fellow members on the winter rides, or send them to the editor of WHEELPEOPLE. (Those tips can make useful space fillers! --ed.)

Winter cycling can open up an exciting new world to you. Get out, ride, and explore!

1. Dress appropriately. This cannot be stressed enough. Wear several layers of clothing, instead of one heavy layer. Manmade materials do not absorb perspiration, natural materials do. A layer of manmade clothing next to your body, such as polypropylene, followed by several layers of natural clothing allow you to perspire through the manmade clothing to the natural clothing, keeping your body dry, thus warmer. Wool is the best for warmth for natural clothing, although cotton is acceptable if wool can't be worn. A dry body is always warmer than a wet body, no matter how many layers of clothes you have.

2. Protect the extremities of your body. This means keeping your head, hands, and feet protected and warm. Much heat is lost from your body when these areas are inadequately protected. A ski band or hat under your helmet (you can remove the pads if your helmet won't fit), warm gloves (be careful--bulky gloves may impede handling of the bicycle) and several layers of socks help keep you warm when you are riding. Plugging up the holes in your helmet cuts down on the wind's chilling effect, and a scarf around your neck keeps that area warm. A nylon windbreaker can help stop the cold wind.

3. Keep your bike in top condition. It is more important that your bike be running correctly in the winter than other times of the year. A simple flat tire on a cold day could turn into a complex affair. Check all your equipment every day before going out on a ride.

4. Dress to be seen. With a lower morning and evening sun, you can get easily lost in the sun's rays by an unsuspecting driver. Wear bright clothing, or better yet, various garments, materials, or objects made especially for bicycle riders.

5. Beware of road conditions. Pot holes begin their growing season in winter. Slippery roads due to ice and leaves also make riding more difficult. Be aware of these and changing road conditions. With the advent of snow, roads become narrower, so adjust your riding style accordingly. Obey and follow all traffic rules!

6. Carry a map. In the winter, CRW rides are unmarked. If you should get separated or lost from the group, there are no friendly arrows to look for to resume your ride. A map of the area you are riding in helps limit any of the above problems. (Note: there is much more of a commitment to stay together during winter rides, so people tend to look out for each other--besides, we usually stop at a great breakfast place on the route of the ride.--ed.)



\*\*\*\*\* MASSACHUSETTS BICYCLE BILL \*\*\*\*\*

The Massachusetts Bicycle Bill described below is a matter that concerns us all. It now awaits its third, and last, reading in committee and if approved will be voted on by the House of Representatives; it has already been passed by the Senate. A request has been made that the third reading be postponed until mid-December so that the bicycle community will have time to make comments on it. The bill has a good chance of passing in its present form but there are controversial elements in it that are worth your careful attention. The issue at present is whether to endorse the bill as it stands, and so to have a Mass. Bicycle Advisory Board now, or to change the bill to have a revised board at a later time. The CRW Board of Directors have endorsed the intent of the bill but express reservations on its implementation and await a consensus from the club on what action to take.

Remember, there is not much time so make your thoughts known. The bill is called Senate #1795. Please write to: Representative David Cohen, Room 20, State House, Boston, Ma 02133. Or phone his office: 722-2410.

SUMMARY OF BICYCLE BILL: Senate #1795

A bicycle advisory board is to be created within the Dept Environmental Management. Composition and chairmen of the board are named. The board is to advise represented state departments on bicycle transportation matters, also to advise and assist the Dept of Public Works in a statewide bicycle plan that is broadly defined as to kinds of facilities that may be considered. Recommendations for the plan are to be filed by 7/1/88.

The board is to represent the following groups:

1 member to be appointed from each dept:  
 environmental management (co-chairman)  
 public works (co-chairman)  
 MDC  
 public safety  
 registry motor vehicles  
 metropolitan area planning  
 to be appointed by the governor:  
 bicycle industry - 1 member  
 bicycle safety & transportation - 3 members  
 undefined - 1 member

The plan is to consider, but not limited to:

abandoned rights of way for paths  
 commuter & recreational trails  
 access to: roadways, bridges, airports  
 coordination bicycles & motor vehicles  
 enforcement traffic safety laws  
 amenities such as cycle parking  
 bicycle routes, paths, & trails  
 bicycle sensitive traffic signals  
 bicycle commuter transportation  
 propose legislation relative to bicycle transportation

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SENATE — No. 1795

[January

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MASSACHUSETTS BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing  
 2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
 3 section 11, the following new section: —

4 Section 11A. A bicycle advisory board, in this section called  
 5 the board, shall be established within the department of  
 6 environmental management. Said board shall consist of  
 7 commissioner of environmental management or his designee, the  
 8 commissioner of the department of public works or his designee,  
 9 the commissioner of the metropolitan district commission or his  
 10 designee, the commissioner of the department of public safety or  
 11 his designee, the registrar of motor vehicles or his designee, one  
 12 representative of the metropolitan area planning council and five  
 13 members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be  
 14 a representative of the commercial bicycle industry, three of whom  
 15 shall be experienced in bicycle safety and transportation. Each  
 16 such member appointed by the governor shall serve without  
 17 compensation for a term of two years and may be reappointed.

18 The commissioner of the department of environmental  
 19 management and the commissioner of the department of public  
 20 works shall serve as co-chairmen of the board. Said bicycle  
 21 advisory board shall meet at the call of its chairmen and shall  
 22 advise the departments on matters relative to bicycle  
 23 transportation.

1 SECTION 2. The bicycle advisory board shall advise and assist  
 2 the department of public works in the preparation of a statewide  
 3 bicycle plan pursuant to the provisions of chapter ninety E of the  
 4 General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition. Said plan  
 5 shall consider, but not be limited to, the use of abandoned rights  
 6 of way for bicycle paths; the development of commuter and  
 7 recreational trails; bicycle transportation facilities including  
 8 roadways, bridges and airports; the development of a coordinated  
 9 program for bicycles and motor vehicles; the enforcement of  
 10 traffic safety laws; the development of bicycle amenities such as  
 11 assigned parking facilities; bicycle routes, paths and trails; bicycle  
 12 sensitive traffic light actuation; and bicycle transportation as a  
 13 commuter activity.

14 The bicycle advisory board may, in addition, make recommen-  
 15 dations relative to the use of tax incentives for bicycle parking  
 16 equipment and to the use of zoning to promote bicycle  
 17 transportation, and may propose legislation relative to bicycle  
 18 transportation.

19 The bicycle advisory board's recommendations for the  
 20 statewide bicycle plan, together with drafts of any such legislation  
 21 as may be necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, shall  
 22 be filed with the clerk of the senate on or before July 1, 1988.



PROWHY I AM FOR  
THE STATE BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD

John S. Allen,  
State Legislative Representative, Bicycle USA

I've spent over 100 hours lobbying for the Bicycle Advisory Board over the past two years. Why?

Because we need one. Due to a lack of planning and of input from the bicycling community, state agencies too often design bicycle-unfriendly features into the roads. Also, much state bicycle bond issue money goes into projects which serve the needs of bicyclists poorly. There is no state bicycle plan spelling out what should and shouldn't be done. The Board will write one.

"Why the DPW and Registry?" asks Al Goldberg. Because these agencies have a legally-defined responsibility toward bicyclists. DPW funds pay for highway and bike-way projects. The Registry runs educational programs for bicyclists and motorists -- and anyway, registration of bicycles is up to the cities and towns, not the Registry).

With the Board, for the first time we'll have representatives of all of the agencies together in one room to hear our point of view. Bicyclists' legally-defined rights, and nationally-recognized bicycle program guidelines, point the way to a positive plan which it would be very risky for the agencies to reject. A substandard plan would open the agencies up lawsuits resulting from accidents on the substandard facilities they recommend. In this way, the power of bicyclist representatives on the Board goes beyond our number of votes.

Other states which have established Bicycle Advisory Boards have experienced major improvements in government policies toward bicycling. Please support the bill. Write or call your state representative, and if you have the time, consider volunteering for a position on the Board -- including the undefined one! For more information, call me, John Allen, (617) 891-9307.

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## PROBLEMS WITH THE BICYCLE BILL

- o Dept. of Public Works is a co-chairman.
- o Registry of Motor Vehicles on the board.
- o Bicyclists have only a small vote.

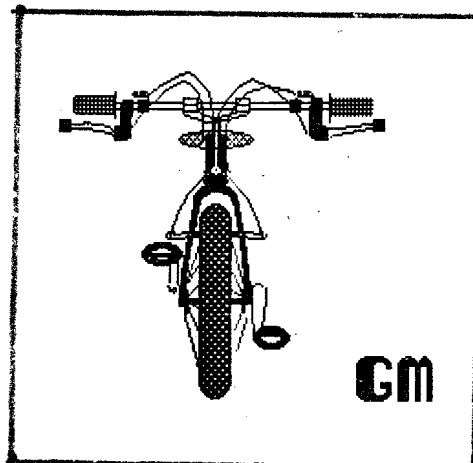
The bill may produce a positive atmosphere within which productive results can be achieved. However, it may also backfire since the ingredients are there for a hard-nosed vehicular bureaucracy to steer the board into unproductive and time consuming planning that does not come to grips with urban bicycle problems, and a worst-case possibility is that bicyclists may emerge with less freedom than they now enjoy. Much depends on the attitude within the senior management of DPW, something not known at this time.

Currently the bill effectively casts DPW as the bicycle advocate for the state, a role it may or may not relish. Should it choose to take a bureaucratically protective stance there would be little that the bicycle community could do as it does not have a large vote on the board. DPW needs to be represented but it ought not to be named as a chairman; that role should be given solely to a planning group that has a demonstrated interest in bicycle affairs.

The writer does not see much need for the presence of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on the board. Its main function is registry and licensing, an area that one hopes will not be extended to bicycles. Compliance with vehicular codes, if that becomes an issue, is more practical through publicity and education programs.

Finally, the currently undefined appointee by the governor ought to be a bicyclist, thus giving us one more vote.

Al Goldberg



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CRW: Let's Share the Wealth

Several years ago when I took over as the CRW president, I think we had a minus \$200 balance in the club's treasury. Over the next several years we were involved with a number of successful events and bit by bit our account grew. Then at the Bike Fest that was held this Sept., a Grapenuts rep stood up and claimed to be giving the 3 bike clubs involved a total of \$28,000. Now, for those who might have heard that, the truth is that was gross. Boston and MDC police plus T-shirts are some of the costs that had to come out of that. However, it appears that CRW will be receiving at least \$2,000. If that is added to the already "healthy" CRW bank account, then I think it is time to consider putting some of this money to use.

Several options are: contribute to a charity (ie. MS, Heart Assoc., the Wayne Phillips Fund, etc.) or bicycle advocacy group (ie. LAW); subsidize part of the cost of the Awards Banquet (only about 50 people would really benefit); reduce the membership cost (since so much already goes to LAW, the actual saving per person would only be about \$1 or \$2); put more money into printing the WHEELPEOPLE (ie. more photos, multiple colors, etc); advertise the CRW in the phone book and set up an answering machine ("staffed" by CRW volunteers); or, run an event for the public such as a Bike Education Workshop.

My vote is for the Workshop. With the help of 10 to 20 CRW volunteers, this is what I suggest some Sat. in April or May: We would rent a location that would allow for both indoor and outdoor activities. Indoor we would show films and have several clinics on bike repairs (ie. how to fix a flat, how to align the derailleur, how to tighten brakes, etc.). Outdoors we would have bike safety checks, road handling skills, and short group rides of 5 to 15 miles thruout the day.

What do you think of the idea?? and would you be interested in helping??

Hoping to hear from you (641-1066)  
Jill E. Lewis

PRAY FOR SNOW

In anticipation of good skiing this winter, I am beginning to plan for the annual CRW cross country ski trips. I am planning a day trip in January and another in February.

If you have any suggestions for ski areas which might be appropriate, please give me a call at 641-1066. The ski area should be within a two hour drive of Boston, have rentals and food available, and have trails suitable for novice as well as more advanced skiers.

A spot north of Boston is preferable since snow cover is more reliable. Please feel free to call with your suggestions--at a reasonable hour, of course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

--Dick Lewis

SPACE FILLER

After advising you of my "Hallmark" establishment of total 5¢ pieces and pennies, it occurred to me that many (well, maybe one) of you might be curious on how many of the other denominations I had retrieved. So to "drop the other shoe," listed below is my total accumulation through September 30, 1986:

5103 @ 1¢, 507 @ 5¢, 861 @ 10¢, 260 @ 25¢, 1 @ 50¢, and 9 @ \$1.00, Grand Total: \$236.98!

--Ed Trumbull

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The following shops offer discounts to members of CRW:

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<u>worthy Bicycle</u> 311 Walnut St., Newtonville	956-5868
24 Moody St., Waltham	893-8769
<u>Belmont Wheelworks</u> 480 Trapelo Rd., Belmont	489-3577
<u>Bicycle Bill</u> 253 North Harvard St., Allston	783-5636
<u>Bicycle Corner</u> 916 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington	665-5449
<u>Bicycle Exchange</u> 3 Bow St., Cambridge	864-1300
<u>Bicycle Workshop</u> 233 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge	876-6555
<u>Chelmsford Cyclery</u> 210 Boston Rd. (Rt. 4), Chelmsford	256-1528
<u>Cycle Loft</u> 28 Cambridge St., Burlington	272-0870
<u>Family Bicycle Center</u> 149-A Belgrade Ave., Roslindale	323-9720
<u>Farina Cycle</u> 61 Galen St., Watertown	926-1717
<u>Frank's Bicycle Barn</u> 123 Worcester Turnpike, Westboro	366-1770
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347 Edgell Rd., Framingham	877-7878
82 Boston Post Rd., Sudbury	443-6696
877 Main Street, Waltham	894-2768
<u>Harris Cyclery</u> 1355 Washington St., West Newton	244-1040
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<u>Landrey's Schwinn Cyclery</u> 80 Hollis St., Framingham	875-5158
<u>Laughing Alley Bicycle</u> 51 Harvard Ave., Allston	783-5832
<u>Life Cycle</u> 1013 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge	354-8595
<u>Life Sports</u> 1100 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington	648-1305
East India Mall, Salem	745-6311
<u>Lincoln Guide Service</u> 152 Lincoln Rd., Lincoln	259-9204
<u>Mt. Auburn St. Cycles</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>Pedal Pushers Bike Shop</u> 473 Main Street, Waltham	899-6293
<u>The Ski Market</u> 34 Cambridge St., Burlington	272-2222
400 Franklin St., Braintree	848-3773
860 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	731-6100
Endicott Plaza, Danvers	777-3344
<u>The Stoughton Bike Shop</u> 742 Washington St. (Rts. 27 & 138) Stoughton	344-2414

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 CRW dues include membership in BICYCLE USA, the League of American Wheelmen. Do NOT make payments to BICYCLE USA.  
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 \*If currently an LAW member call Jack Donohue at 324-3926  
 Send completed form Jack Donohue  
 and membership fee to: 11 Overlook Park  
 Malden, MA 02148

I might like to help the CRW in the following activities:  
 1. Ride leader or co-leader       6. Legislative action  
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 3. Newsletter       8. Special events  
 4. Publicity       9. Other (specify)  
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