OFFICERS

President       Mike Kase       879-2649
Vice President  Eleanor Price   433-0539
Secretary       Julie Drinkard  879-2649
Treasurer       Pat Ulik        433-0756
Racing          Eleanor Price   433-0539
Touring         Donna Werner    433-8977
Publicity       "              "        "
Newsletter      "              "        "

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

My Pedal Pushing Pals... I told friends that if I became bike club president I would use that phrase in my inaugural address. Much to my dismay, I found out there would be no ceremony so I thought I would use it as my opening for my first Newsletter report.

Thanks to all who voted for me in the election. It’s a pleasure to be a part of such a fine cycling community. I’ve made many friends riding here in the Valley and through the club and I hope to make many more before my tenure is over. I would like to thank Art for the ongoing transitional support and for taking the club forward as long as he did. We all owe him a large debt of gratitude.

Looking forward, the executive committee is pursuing the question of liability insurance and should have something to report at the next regular meeting.

We are still in need of a Racing committee Chairperson and members. Many of us would like to see the weekly Time-Trial, and other events continue, but we need help. Anyone that is interested should call me and we will set up a time to get together.

The “impromptu” ride has had a reasonable amount of success and the feedback has been positive. Shall we make it a regular thing? Anyone should see Pat Ulik (a new member from Montana) for details. In addition, we need suggestions for rides and perhaps overnights. Camping anyone?

I would also like to drop another friendly reminder that DUES ARE DUE! Please renew your membership so that we can maintain you on our mailing list. Applications can be obtained at the next regular meeting and at the local bike shops.

In closing I would like to say that we, the officers and committee heads, want and need your input. As Norm put it so well at the last meeting, “the club is about riding bikes isn’t it?” I certainly hope so. My door is always open in comments and criticism. Please voice your concerns either to me personally or at the regular meeting. I believe you will find us open to new ideas and willing to persue them to best of our means and abilities.

GET OUT AND RIDE! GET ACTIVE! GET INVOLVED! IT’S SPRING!

APRIL MEETING: New Products in Bicycling

On Monday, April 11, at 7:30 PM we will be meeting at the Valley Wellness Center for the regular business meeting and program. Mark’s Bicycle Shop will present new products for all-terrain bicycles and Cool Breeze Cyclery will give some new products for racing and touring. Come on out and hear about what’s new! See you Monday the 11th at the Valley Wellness Center.

OFFICER CHANGES

Sue Rippy has resigned as Vice President. At the executive committee meeting held Monday, March 28, Eleanor Price resigned as Secretary. After her resignation was accepted the committee elected Eleanor Price to fill the vacancy of Vice President for the remaining part of this year, subject to the new By-laws. A search is in process for someone to fill the vacancy of Secretary. Eleanor will be filling in until the new officer is found.
**IMPROPTU RIDE SCHEDULE**

What are our "improptu" rides? These rides have no set leader, no predetermined routes, no set pace or length. Route, pace and length are decided by the people who show up at the starting location.

- **Sunday, April 10**
  - Keister Elementary School
  - 1:00 PM

- **Sunday, April 17**
  - Maryland Ave., Harrisonburg
  - Waferman Elementary School
  - Chicago & Gay St., Harrisonburg
  - Valley Mall - J.C. Penney
  - Route 33 East, Harrisonburg
  - 1:00 PM

- **Sunday, April 24**
  - Plains Elementary
  - Timberville
  - 1:00 PM

***SVBC RIDE CALENDAR***

- **Wednesday, April 13**
  - Evening ride, begin at Keister Elementary, 6:00pm
  - Pizza Pig-out afterwards, info. Pat 433-0756

- **Sunday, April 17**
  - Todd Lake Ride, meet at east parking lot at Purcell Park, 9:00 am. 56 miles. For information call Norm Guilkisen, 434-2692.

- **Sunday, April 24**
  - Amateur Off Road Bike Ride. 1:00 PM Plains Elementary School, Timberville. 12 miles. Info. Ray Ritchie 896-2913

- **Saturday, May 7**
  - Ride for Mother's and anyone else, about 12 miles, start at the Route 33 East Investors Savings Bank Parking Lot at 8:00 AM. Slow, easy pace, some hills. Info. Donna Werner 433-8977.

- **Sunday, May 15**
  - Begin at the Staunton Mall at J. C. Penney for about 30 mile ride around Augusta County. For info. John Zyban 703-885-5620.

Every Sunday 2:00 PM, A Pace 50 mile ride. Meet at Werner's Country Store near Natural Chimneys. Info. Mike Wenger 828-2523.

**April 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm, Touring Committee Meeting at Norm Guilkisen, 79 Weaver Ave., Harrisonburg. If you are not able to come to the meeting or/and you would like to contribute to the Tour Riding Committee, call Pat Urik at 433-0756.

May 22 will be Eleanor's Century Ride or 25-50-75 mile rides.

***OTHER RIDES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING***

- The 6th Annual Kent County Spring Fling bicycle rally sponsored by the Baltimore Bicycle Club will be held Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 27 – Monday May 30 at Washington College in Chestertown on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Costs: $119 for 3 nights 5 meals or $85 for 2 nights, 4 meals. Bike rides are from 1-10 miles on flat to rolling terrain. Info. write Marieanne Levin, 2801 Cross Country Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21218. Register by May 18, 1988.

- COLONIAL CHALLENGE, May 28, 29, 1988, Double, Single, Half, and quarter English and metric centuries. To take place in the Williamsburg, Jamestown area. $250 to Fred Denn, Peninsula Bicycling Association, 102 Bayberry Lane, Hampton, VA 23666.


- BIKE VIRGINIA ’88. The First annual statewide fun ride will start in Charlottesville June 22 and end in Williamsburg on June 30 or 310 miles in five days. Accommodations: Camping or motel. All cyclists will receive luggage transportation, van support, transportation for you and your bike back to Charlottesville. Feel free to call 800-96-BIKE if you have any questions or want to make a reservation.

- BETTERTON, MD 3rd annual "Bay to Bay Ride" June 26, 1988, Betterton Beach front, 7:00 a.m. 72, 85, 107 miles flat; $6.00 until June 16th, then $9.00. Includes: nap, marked route, sag, swimming in Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, 3 food stops, and 4th of July LBF condo, Eastern Shore Velo Club, Box 393, Centreville, MD 21617 (301)707-4851.


- NS 150-Bike Tour—August 13-14—700 plus riders; two day event; from Harrisburg, PA to Harper’s Ferry, W.V.A.; tour benefits Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, meals, return transportation, sag wagon, and sleeping facilities included. $25 registration fee, must ride 31.00 per mile. Central Pennsylvania Chapter, Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1 Ararat Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9720. (717) 654-1400.

- Fourth Annual Southern Utah National Parks Bicycle Tour Sept. 11-17; Bicycle 240 miles through Red Rock deserts and high alpine forests. Info: Carl Herman, 3967 Bon View Drive, SLC, Utah 84109, (801)278-9386.

For more information on the above rides, contact Donna Werner, 433-8977.

**SUNDAY RACER**

Sunracer, the vehicle that won the 1,950 mile race across Australia for solar powered cars, used some bicycle technology in spite of being a big dollar effort from S.G.M. The wheels were spoked, rather than solid, and covered with plastic discs to reduce drag. They had aluminum rims, 17 inch diameter, with quick mount hubs for speedy changes. The wheels were designed by Chester Kyle of Arvaiement Inc., whose past efforts included the Gossamer Albatross, the pedal power English Channel Crossing Aircraft.
TIME TO RENEW, ALSO A GREAT TIME TO JOIN!
The month of March started the 1988 SVBC Year. If you haven't turned in your dues, remember to do so now. Please indicate your ride preferences committees you may wish to work with and sign the release on the application below. Mail or bring to the April meeting.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) __________________________________________ Phone __________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

Check type of membership desired:

INDIVIDUAL ______ (50) FAMILY ______ (98) JUNIOR (12-16 Yrs) ______ (52)

NOTE: Membership begins in March of this year, and lasts until next March.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTERESTS BELOW.

RIDE CLASS

DESIGNATION

APPROX. SPEED

(MPH)

APPROX. DISTANCE

(MILES)

CHECK

HERE

A

14-22

25-100

B

12-16

15-50

C

8-12

10-50

D

less than 10

5-15

INDICATE TYPE(S) OF CYCLING IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED:

Racing ______ Off-Road ______ Recreational ______ Overnight Tours ______ Other (specify)

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES?

Racing ______ Touring ______ Program ______ Safety ______ Century ______ AGVTHH

SHENANDOAH VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB RELEASE

All club members must sign the release below. For persons under the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign. Any person riding on an invitational status must furnish it release. This signed release will remain in effect as long as the Club is officially active.

In signing this release for myself, or for the named entrant, I hereby agree to absolve and hold harmless the Club, the Club officers, and the members, also any others connected with events sponsored by the Club in any way whatsoever, for blame or liability for any injury, loss, or inconvenience suffered. I understand that the Club is not responsible for and is not an insurer of my personal safety. I also hereby consent to and permit emergency medical treatment in the event of injury or illness. I shall abide by traffic laws and practice courtesy and safety in cycling.

__________________________
signature of Club member or applicant

__________________________
date

__________________________
signature of parent or guardian of member under 18

RETURN TO: Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 1014, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

FOR SALE

** Racing Bike for sale: FR 800 Cannondale Racing Bike, Size 53cm, Suntour Superbe Pro Group, 12 Speed P1S105 derailleurs. $700.00.

** One pair Oakley glasses: Make offer.

** Leather recliner: $350.00

Call Eleanor Price 483-0539

ARTICLES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOMED. Send articles to Donna Werner, 1450 Crawford Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

DEADLINE: Last Monday of the month!
RAAM Needs Volunteer Observers

Official observers are still needed for the 1988 Race Across America. If you are interested in being a part of the longest single-stage bicycle race in the world, this is the ideal way to be close to the action.

Official observers spend anywhere from a few hours in the West to a few days in the East at race time stations. They call in rider times, keep track of race progress, and generally hang-out, away from everyday pressures and ringing office telephones, while waiting for the next rider to pass.

Volunteers are needed at all 81 official time stations along the San Francisco to Washington D.C., RAAM route this year (June 19 thru July 2). Interested parties should contact: John Marino, 4730 Irvine Blvd., #105-111, Irvine, CA 92720, (714) 544-1701.

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Hard To Believe

The El Paso Times reported in its October 7, 1987, that a private detective in Johnson City, Tenn., had been found guilty of spitting on a bicyclist. The judge offered to waive the $100 fine if the detects would replace a “kill bikers” bumper sticker on his pickup with “a more positive message.”

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