News FLASH!!!!
Anyone looking to be on TV?
American Lung Ass. is looking for volunteers
(and their bikes) to help with a
promotional spot on TV-3 for CLEAN AIR WEEK.
Feb. 9, 10 a.m., at LE CLUB parking lot, Massanutten.
Dust those bikes off and come be on TV!!!
(They also need HIKERS)
Come on out and have some fun!!!!!

FEBRUARY 1991

DON'T FORGET- GIVE YOUR BIKE A TREAT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.

MEETINGS

February 11 - 7pm VALLEY WELLNESS CENTER.
Maintenance - come and pick up a few winter maintenance tips
your bicycle ready for spring. Also, nominations for SVBC
officers will be taken.

March 11 - 7pm VALLEY WELLNESS CENTER.
Martha Edward or Alan Trumbell of 4 seasons cycling will give
a slide presentation of Bike Virginia - the five day cycling
event that will tour the Valley this year.

1992 Surface Transportation
Assistance Act

This is the chance we've all been waiting for! Not
since the Highway Trust Fund was initiated by the
Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) back in
1956, has the U.S. Department of Transportation been
able to make such sweeping changes to the way it uses
the millions of dollars collected each year in national
gasoline taxes. The result is that bicycle enthusiasts
have never had so much to gain by making their presence
known in the hallowed halls of Congress.

The STAA, which authorizes federal road programs
every three to five years, is always important. This year
it is especially so. The Act slated for consideration this
summer will have major repercussions for cyclists and
other road users for the coming two to three decades
because the interstate are essentially complete, and
funds previously used for them are now available to fund
alternative programs. This year's restructuring of the
funding formulas could be the most dramatic in 34 years,
and will be difficult to modify once it is adopted.

Shaping an enlightened, bicycle-friendly Act merits
the League's top 1991 federal legislative priority, and will
probably be among the top five issues of the decade. I
have spent considerable time conferring with agency
officials and researching the topic in order to draft a fact
sheet which will be used in our Highway Trust Fund
Action Kit which is currently being prepared. The kit also
includes copies of reports, key addresses, and other
materials to help local advocates promote cycling viewpoints.
Your input is essential. As constituents, you wield a
great deal of influence in Washington. But to make a
difference, you must be heard. For additional information
on this project, as well as ways you can get involved
in a grassroots movement to promote the viewpoint of
cyclists in the government, use the order form below to
order an action kit, or contact Anne Markham at the
League office.

A program of this magnitude is obviously very complex.
The stakes are very high, and the League, and other
lobbying groups have already become very active in this
issue which could greatly affect our future.

Surface Transportation
Assistance Act Action Kit
☐ YES! I want to help make a positive change in national
transportation policy. Please Send me a Surface Transpor-
tation Assistance Act Action Kit(s) for $5 each.
☐ Please send me information only
☐ Check
☐ MasterCard, Visa #

Signature
Name
Address
City State Zip
UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are planned and so mark your new 1991 calendars:

HARRISONBURG CYCLING CLASSIC - April 20
Downtown Harrisonburg Critérium.
(NO SNOW THIS YEAR!)

EARTH DAY - April 24
The SVBC will conduct some educational events - If you can help, contact Jack Foster.

CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE - May 5
Kick off Clean Air Week - Rides of 8, 25, 62 miles, hikes, foo. Hosted by Massanutten Resort. Environmental Watchdog and other volunteers needed - call Rita or Rose 434-5004.

BIKE VIRGINIA - June 21-26;
Fun ride through the scenic Shenandoah Valley (804)253-2985.
Historic GEAR '91 will be an opportunity to pair the charm of colonial Williamsburg with outstanding cycling through Virginia's tidewater region. Riders will stay on the College of William and Mary's serene and tree-lined campus adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg, a village which has been restored to the Revolutionary era. Riders will be able to cycle to both Jamestown and Yorktown along the Colonial Parkway, and enjoy plenty of quiet, back roads while cycling past peanut farms and plantation houses along the James River. One of the nation's best theme parks, Busch Gardens, the Old Country, is also right next door.

GEAR '91 has been organized by the largest bicycle touring club in the nation, Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, Inc. (PPTC) of Washington, D.C. PPTC has planned an unsurpassed cycling vacation that will combine the best of American history with riding in rural splendor. Bring the whole family and enjoy your stay.

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L.A.W. Membership Categories
(Add $7 for postage to foreign countries. Pay by check drawn in U.S. funds or by money order)

- Individual: $25
- Family Life: $525
- Family: $30
- Sustaining: $50
- Individual Life: $350
- Public Library: $15
- Please add me to the Hospitality Homes list.

Tax-deductible contribution to the Bicyclists' Educational and Legal Foundation:

- $0
- $50
- $100
- $25
- $500

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Faulty Wilderness Access Bill Fails

A deceptively appealing bill, H.R. 3172, introduced by Representative James Hansen (R-UT), died an unlamented, quiet death in Committee late in 1990. No hearings were held (none were scheduled) and there are no plans for its re-introduction in the 102nd Congress. The bill seemed helpful to off-road bicyclists due to its intent to provide greater access and increased riding opportunities. Upon closer analysis, however, the League, as well as environmental groups, were compelled to oppose the legislation. Under the provisions of the 1964 Wilderness Act now in effect, bicycles and all other forms of mechanized transport are not permitted in those portions of the National Parks and Public Lands designated as wilderness areas.

Dangers posed by Hansen's bill consisted of its granting unlimited bicycle access to wilderness areas, and its failure to provide extra funding for trail construction, maintenance, and patrols. Those with bicyclists' interests and wilderness preservation at heart also recognized that this bill constituted an initial wedge in a process of opening the national wilderness to motorized vehicles.

The League will be working again this year with other environment and user groups, including American Trails, the American Hiking Society, and the American Horse Council, for responsible wilderness access, and the development and maintenance of trails under an equitable and conservation-minded shared-use philosophy. Contact League headquarters for a copy of the Draft Statement of Principles Concerning Multi-Use Recreational Trails by Non-Motorized Users, which has been adopted by several of these groups.

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MEMBERSHIP

The SVBC membership list is now up to 75 memberships, including the following new (or renewed) members:

Russ Culver
Wendy and Denniz FitzGerald
Susan Martinelli
Neal Paxson
Joe Ragione

Waynesboro
Carp, Ontario
McGaheysville
Charlottesville
Verona

Welcome to all and we hope we'll see you all soon on rides and at meetings. We especially feel worldly and proud of our first foreign membership.

For those of you who paid their dues about this time last year, it is that time again. Please take the time to fill out the application with this newsletter and renew today. If you don't you will probably get a last notice with the next newsletter.
SHENANDOAH VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S) ______________________________________ Phone __________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________

city ________ state ________ zip ________

Check type of membership desired:

INDIVIDUAL (X)  FAMILY (X)  JUNIOR (12-16 yrs.) (X)

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  15-60
C  8-12  10-35
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  _____ Touting  _____ Program  _____ Safety  _____ Century

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 a 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 eftant, I hereby agree to absolve and hold harmless the Club, the Club officers, and the members, as well as any others connected with events sponsored by the Club in any way whatsoever, for blame or liability for any injury, misadventure, harm, 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

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