By the time you stoke up the fire in the fireplace, settle into that soft comfortable recliner, and begin reading my last "From the Saddle" article for 1996, some of you will have called it quits on your cycling season due to the time change and colder weather, and will be concentrating on how to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Others will be trying to drag out their cycling season by entering into that off-road riding world of single-track and/or forest development roads. Remember, once you finish your season, let one of the Club officers know your total mileage so we can publish it in the newsletter.

As the cycling season starts to unwind for all of us and the Club's fiscal year ends (February 1997), I must begin the process of closely examining the Club's forecasted operating budget versus the actual operating statement. I must confess that I'm more than a little apprehensive at undertaking this required financial project. Maybe, if I try, I can initially avoid this project by joining other club members on, or leading, club-sponsored off-road rides. In November and December, I'm planning to rotate my "Wannabe Rides" between off-road and road rides, depending on the weather. The off-road rides will be held for those riders who would like to try to become smoother and more efficient with off-road riding and who want to ride with groups. Call me at 828-3599 for more information, like dates and starting points.

While President of the U.S., John F. Kennedy said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future." Once again the Club's officers are changing things. The next two regular monthly meeting will not be held at the Valley Wellness Center. November's meeting will be held at Luigi’s, and the December meeting will be held at Bob's house in Bridgewater. Anyone who would like to host a meeting at their house, please call me. Did you think that we would end the year without attempting something new? Well, guess again!

Until next time, keep those pedals spinning.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 11    7:00pm    Monthly meeting at LUIGI’S.  NOTE TIME and PLACE!
December 9     7:00pm    Monthly meeting at Bob McGovern-Waite’s house.  NOTE TIME and PLACE!

This will allow us to view part of the Hotter ‘n Hell video received from Jim Ratterree (Texas).

Directions to Bob’s:
- From Harrisonburg, take 42 South into Bridgewater
- Left on 704 (at the cemetery)
- Take the first Right (into Windsor Estates) onto Victoria Dr.
- Go to end of cul-de-sac, #403.

Bring a small refreshment!

Mark’s Bike Shop, Blue Ridge CycleWorks, and Mole Hill Bikes all contribute to the cost of the monthly newsletters.
Please support these local shops.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Shaughnessy
Harrisonburg

WELCOME BACK RETURNING MEMBERS

Al & Sue Clague Family
Harrisonburg
Bob McGovern-Waite
Bridgewater

Thanks to all the above for your continued support of the Club.

EDITOR’S COLUMN

Here’s a new reason to use eyewear when riding - bird doo dropping from the sky. Yes, I’ve got a new one here. I originally thought it was a very large bug, but when it splattered, I knew I had gotten the bird!

Also, get me your 1996 mileage and I’ll be sure to get them in the next newsletter (January/February). I hope everyone has had a great season. I know I have. And I finished it off with Bike Virginia’s Fall Foliage Festival where I was able to tackle Reed’s Gap. What a climb!

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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Two bike roof racks. A bit aged with a bit of iron oxide, but still functional for that second car, or where cosmetics don’t matter.
#1 - Barrecrafters Spoke Tote (BR-20) - Was last on a ’72 Capri (was necessary for structural integrity of auto). Connects to rain gutters (remember those?).
#2 - Convert-A-Porter (No. 1002) - Was last on a ’76 Datsun hatchback. Connected to an inverted rain gutter (designed to keep water on road from splashing your roof - never caught on).

Both carry two bicycles. Best offer or for-the-taking (before I’m forced to throw ’em out). Call Art Fovargue at 433-9247.

FOR SALE: 1) Nishiki Modulus - 56 cm - 12 speed - 105 groupo - Look pedals - Good condition - $200.
2) Giant Iguana - 18” - Alivio groupo - New 95’ - $350.
3) Specialized Rockhopper Ultra - 17” - 21 speed - STX and Alivio groupo - Like new - never ridden - $350.
4) Trek 1000 Aluminum - 54 cm - Blaze groupo - good trainer or beginners bike - $150.

Call Brian - 433-4977 - or - 1-800-972-5234 on any or all of the four above items.

FOR SALE: Look PP136 Pedals with ARC Cleats - Brand New - Never Used - $75. Call Marc Stecker at 433-2711 during work hours.

FOR SALE: Cannondale Road Bike - 56cm - $225. If taken with new Look Pedals and ARC Cleats, $300. Call Alice Stecker at 564-1611.

TRASH

Thanks for a job well done to my able assistants in keeping our road area clear:
As before, the job took less than an hour. And Steve even got some cans out of it! Thanks again!

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DUES

Remember to pay your dues when the date on your mailing label is either highlighted or marked through. The newsletter deadline is the third Monday of each month, so have your check in before then.

MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING January-February

Damarius Marion    Richard McGuffin    Gene Miller    Marc Stecker & Kay Huskins

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