



# Spokin' Times News

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## Annual Summer Picnic

Slow Spokes Annual Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2015. It will be held at Dodge Park pavilion #2. There will be a bike ride (or two) in the morning, with the picnic to follow at 12 noon. The club will provide a mystery meat (we are thinking of pulled pork). Club members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their beverage of choice (no alcohol).

Also, please bring any games that you wish to play. We are planning to have our second annual volleyball match. Rita's Raiders team is looking to avenge their upset of last year.

Please call Sue Graham (586-549-1542) before June 30th to reserve your spot and let her know what dish you plan to bring.



As usual, there will not be a regular club meeting in July. The picnic takes the place of the meeting.

The June meeting will be at the usual time and place, Friday June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Warren Woods Baptist Church.



Peach of a Ride  
Sunday, August 30



**Meetings**—Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Warren Woods Baptist Church at 14251 E. 12 Mile Road between Hayes and Schoenherr in Warren. Refreshments are served.

**Ride Information**—Send information for rides and walks and other exciting events to our event coordinator Tom Graham, email [turbotommie@hotmail.com](mailto:turbotommie@hotmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

**Newsletter Information**—Send articles you'd like published to Jim Walter. Email the information to him at [jim.walter@comcast.net](mailto:jim.walter@comcast.net). Articles must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Feel free to call Jim at 248-879-2405.

## Welcome New Members

We have several new members in the last several weeks.

Welcome to the Slow Spokes. Come on out and join us for a ride, and come to the picnic on July 5th.

Jan & Mike Benkovsky, Troy

Larry & Karen D'John, Sterling Heights

Connie & Bob Hornok, Harrison Township

Kimberlee & James Hornok, St. Clair Shores

Anna M. Maitland, Warren

Brian & Capi Puszcz, Macomb

Posy & Bill Rządko, Oxford

Susan Wolcott, Warren

We apologize if we missed anyone's name. Again, welcome to all of our new members. We hope to see you on some rides.

## Club Ride Mileage

**Riders:** **Thru 5/18**

Clara Herndon	342
Tom Graham	288
Ed Schultz	201
Bernie Sustrich	197
Rita Wilhelm	190
Tom Miller	174
Andrew Czarnecki	149
Carol Sustrich	149
Bill Appleberry	148
Jim Walter	148

This includes only the top riders by miles, not all riders.

## June birthdays:

Linda Anderson	June 24
Barbara Bollin	June 17
Bob Grabe	June 13
Sue Graham	June 16
Lynn Kueppers	June 12
Tom McNett	June 1
Dena Moonen	June 17
Rich Ostrowski	June 30
Vaughn Reid	June 6
Roger Reini	June 5
Tim Rondeau	June 2



*The Slow Spokes*

*Wish all of you*

*A very happy*

*Birthday!*

If we missed anyone's birthday, sorry about that! We wish you a happy birthday too!

**Ride Leader miles:** **thru 5/18**

Tom Miller	1290
Tom Graham	688
Paul & Rita Wilhelm	596
Gabe Halsall	396
Mary Woloszyk	381

Leader miles is determined by the number of people on the ride times the number of miles for the ride.

The above mileage info was taken from the ride sign in sheets that were turned in to our event coordinator Tom Graham by May 18th. To get their miles included, leaders must turn in their ride sheets.

# JUNE WEEKLY RIDES

## Monday Evening Rides

DISTANCE:	15 - 18 miles	DATE:	Mondays
PACE:	11 - 14 mph	TIME:	6:00 P.M.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADER:	Mary Woloszyk (586) 778-9172		
MEETING PLACE:	St. Clair Shores library — Southeast Corner of Jefferson & 11 Mile Road		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We will ride through the neighborhoods of St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. No ride if raining.		

## Tuesday Evening Rides

DISTANCE:	25 - 30 miles	DATE:	Tuesdays
PACE:	12 - 14 mph	TIME:	6:00 P.M.
TERRAIN:	Mostly flat and paved (Macomb Orchard Trail and low volume roads)		
LEADER:	Paul and Rita (586) 243-4325		
MEETING PLACE:	Rainbow Plaza—Southeast corner of 25 Mile and Shelby Roads		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We'll ride to Armada varying the route a bit each week. There will be an optional restaurant stop after the ride at a location to be determined.		

## Wednesday Evening Rides

DISTANCE:	20 miles	DATE:	Wednesdays
PACE:	10 - 13 mph	TIME:	6:00 P.M.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADER:	Bill Appleberry (586) 573-7377		
MEETING PLACE:	Comerica Bank parking lot at Garfield and Metro Parkway.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Ride distance and destinations may vary from week to week. No ride if raining.		

## Thursday Evening Rides

DISTANCE:	14 miles	DATE:	Thursdays
PACE:	Leisurely pace to accommodate all riders.	TIME:	6:00 P.M.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADER:	Ray Carpenter (586) 321-1503 between 8 am and 8 pm		
MEETING PLACE:	At the clock on the corner of Main St. and New St. in Mt. Clemens		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	Ride 7 miles, rest stop and return. Tentative destination is St. Clair Metro Park.		

Editor's Note—Some ride leaders specifically mention "No ride if raining". Most don't start a ride in the rain!

## Silver Spin Rides—Wednesday Mornings

DISTANCE:	Around 21 miles	DATE:	Wednesdays
PACE:	Leisurely pace to accommodate all riders.	TIME:	10:00 A.M.
TERRAIN:	Flat		
LEADER:	Gabe Halsall or a suitable mystery guest ride leader.		
MEETING PLACE:	Parking Lot behind the Rite Aid at 29 mile and Van Dyke		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	We normally ride the Macomb Orchard Trail out to Armada and stop on the way back in Romeo for lunch, but this could vary based on rider preferences.		



*Celebrate Detroit Ride  
May 24, 2015*

Congratulations and thanks to Ron Robinson for leading his first ride for the Slow Spokes.

We can always use more people who are willing to lead a ride!

Thanks again, Ron.

Pictured at left is the group who enjoyed the trip to downtown Detroit.

## Michigan Trails Funding Threatened?

Now that Proposition 1 was heavily rejected by voters, Michigan legislators are busy looking for other ways to fund road maintenance. The following is an excerpt from The Detroit Free Press:

State Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said there are some steps he'd like to see: ...

Among his other ideas, Pettalia noted that 2% of the Michigan Transportation Fund is now dedicated, by statute, to recreational uses such as trails. He'd like to amend the law to redirect that \$25 million a year to roads.

There are "these little pieces that would please most everybody" and "show that we are squeezing the money from within," Pettalia said.

Quoted from the Detroit Free Press, Sunday, May 10, page 13A.

This is one **little piece** that wouldn't please me, or anyone else that appreciates the great trails we have here in Michigan. Michigan is a leader in number of miles of rail trails.

Let's hope that more enlightened minds than Mr. Pettalia's are able to solve the road maintenance funding problem. Don't hold your breath!

## YOUR FAVORITE BIKE SHOP!!!

The following bicycle stores offer a discount on equipment and accessories. Be prepared to show your Slow Spokes membership card when making a purchase to receive the discount.

Allied Cycle	23101 Gratiot	Eastpointe, MI 48021	586/772-3411
American Cycle & Fitness	29428 Woodward Ave	Royal Oak, MI 48072	248/542-7182
American Cycle & Fitness	39900 W. Fourteen Mile	Walled Lake, MI 48390	248/960-1371
American Cycle & Fitness	203 N. Perry Street	Pontiac, MI 48342	248/333-7843
American Cycle & Fitness	20343 Mack Avenue	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236	313/886-1968
American Cycle & Fitness	18517 Hall Road	Macomb Twp. MI 48044	586/416-1000
Anchor Bay Bicycle & Fitness	35214 23 Mile Road	New Baltimore, MI 48047	586/725-2878
Bike Tech	18401 E. Warren	Detroit, MI 48236	313/884-2453
D & D Bicycles	8383 N. Middlebelt Rd	Westland, MI 48185	734/522-9410
D & D Bicycles	121 N. Center Rd.	Northville, MI 48167	248/347-1511
D & D Bicycles	9977 E. Grand River	Brighton, MI 48116	810/227-5070
D & D Bicycles	4141 W. 12 Mile Road	Berkley, MI 48072	248/547-0770
D & D Bicycles	7330 Highland Road	Waterford, MI 48327	248/461-6550
East Side Bike Shop	26210 Van Dyke Ave	Centerline, MI 48015	586/756-2001
Fraser Bicycle & Fitness	34501 Utica Road	Fraser, MI 48026	586/294-4070
Hamilton Bicycle	69329 Main Street	Richmond, MI 48062	586/727-5140
Macomb Bike & Fitness	28411 Schoenherr	Warren, MI 48088	586/756-5400
Main Street Bicycles	5987 26 Mile Road	Washington, MI 48094	586/677-7755
Main Street Bicycles	622 S Lapeer	Lake Orion, MI 48362	248/236-9100
Metro Bike-N-Sport	36649 S. Gratiot Ave	Clinton Twp., MI 48035	586/791-3488
Paul's Bike Depot	28057 Gratiot	Roseville, MI 48066	586/776-9165
Stoney Creek Bike	58235 Van Dyke	Washington, MI 48094	586/781-4451

### Club Information

For more information about our club, please see our website at [www.slowspokes.org](http://www.slowspokes.org)

Most of the information on the website is visible without signing in. If you are a member, you can use your email address as your login ID and create a password. This gives you access to some information that non-members cannot see.

If you wish to join the Slow Spokes, there is a membership application on the website that you can print out and fill out.

You are welcome to come for a meeting or try out a ride before joining the club.

### DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you want to know of impromptu rides and other information of special interest not found on our website or in the newsletter, please make sure you forward your correct email address to Paul Wilhelm at [jpwilhelm@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilhelm@hotmail.com)

#### Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

Every attempt will be made to include all articles as they are submitted, and in their entirety, in the newsletter. However, due to space constraints, this may not always be possible. If you do not want your article edited in any way, shape or form (even if typos and/or grammatical errors are apparent) please make a note of that when the article is sent.