



# Quick Release



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### August Cycling Quote:

"If you brake, you don't win."

*Mario Cipollini  
(of course, Super Mario quits  
before the hills start)*

### RIDE WITH THE POLICE

Dust off your mountain bike and join Off-Road Director Phil Snider and his regular Thursday night urban exploring group on August 3 for a ride with the New Haven Police Department Bike Patrol. The ride will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Johnny Appleseed Park.

Phil's group will ride out to meet the Bike Patrol officers and ride with them to the 3RVS Club meeting at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Weather permitting, the officers plan to ride in full uniform from New Haven to our Club meeting to present a program for us about bicycle policing.

Plan to join Phil and his group to give the New Haven Police Bike Patrol a grand 3RVS bike escort to the Club meeting on August 3.

## GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY

### August Program Preview

They ride mountain bikes with blue and red police lights on the front. Their bike bags contain a police ticket book, along with their bike tools and materials to repair flats. They are the Bike Patrol officers of the New Haven Police Department, and they will be coming to the 3RVS Club meeting on August 3.

The New Haven Police Bike Patrol will be presenting an interesting and exciting program about their new bicycle police unit at the Club meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3, at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. Not only will they be talking about their new unit, but they plan, weather permitting, to go outside and demonstrate for us how they use their bikes to catch the bad guys.

The officers will be arriving at our meeting in style. They will be riding their bikes in full police uniform to the meeting accompanied by our regular Thursday night riding group. See article entitled "Ride with the Police" for details. Since the officers are riding to the Club meeting, we will be able to see how these police bikes are equipped.

The New Haven Police did not have a Bike Patrol until this year. The officer's bikes are made for police use, and each bike costs approximately \$1,100 fully equipped.

The New Haven Bike Patrol consists of Officer Ed Lytal, Officer Greg Anderson, Lt. Kris Rice and Sgt. Roger Wilson. All are reserve officers, which means they contribute their time to work as bike police.

To become a bike policeman, officers have to take a 40-hour basic police course, as well as firearms, special police training AND they must complete a 32-hour course specifically designed to teach them to be bicycle police officers.

The officers also are required to take several hours of continuing law enforcement education each year to remain reserve officers. Since the New Haven officers are reserves, they must take time off from their regular jobs to receive their police training.

Besides working Canal Days, the New Haven Department uses the officers to patrol areas where possible drug activity is occurring or where burglaries or thefts from cars have been reported. Officer Lytal said the bike police are more "stealthy" than patrol cars, so they are very useful for sneaking up on persons committing crimes.

Plan to attend the club meeting on August 3 at 7:30 p.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church to see how the New Haven Police Department uses bikes to assist in controlling crime.



*Karen Walker*

## President's Message



What a great Three Rivers Festival Tour we had this year. Over 300 riders enjoyed the scenic route, good food and nice weather that included enough of a wind to keep things interesting. We owe a huge thanks to Jim Schroeder, this year's Tour Chair, and his volunteers for doing such a wonderful job with the Tour.

The Three Rivers Festival Road Race, chaired by Joe Bartels, also went very well. I was so impressed with the nice young lady from Decatur, Jessica Roth, who was the only woman to enter the road race and rode the 100 miles so well. I was pleased and honored our Club was able to give her the \$100 gift certificate she earned and hope we played a part in encouraging her to do more racing.

As usual, Susan Hunt did a fabulous with the food for the Tour. Everyone was commenting on how good Susan's pasta salad was. And the fruit—how does Susan get it just the right ripeness? Thanks to everyone who helped make the Festival Tour a success.

We have several fun activities planned for August. **Sunday, August 6**, is our very first **Club Jersey Ride**. Steve Souers has organized this ride, and he promises that everyone who comes to the ride in his or her Club Jersey will ride as fast as pro racers. I am not sure about that, but I think we will at least look mighty fine going down the road as a group wearing our Club Jerseys.

**The Museum Ride on August 19** will be a very good time. I speak from experience because I did the Museum ride last year and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Phil Snider has added a longer loop this year too for persons who want to ride more miles.

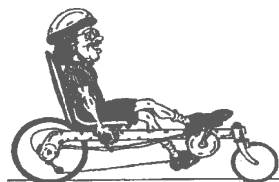
The Club meeting on August 3 should be very interesting. When I set up the meeting with the New Haven Police Bike Patrol, I talked on the telephone several times to the New Haven Police Chief and Officer **Ed Lytal**. Both of them were very personable on the telephone and seemed like really nice people. I am looking forward to meeting Officer Lytal and the New Haven Police Bike Patrol at the August Club meeting.

Our last month's Club meeting was very well attended—about 50 people. Many Club members had expressed to me an interest in exploring the topic of the maintenance of the Rivergreenway. Our speakers from the City and the County gave us a good overview of the problems with maintenance of the bike path. At a future meeting, I hope to have a representative from New Haven talk about that City's new grant for extending the Rivergreenway. If any member has a suggestion for a Club meeting topic, please call or email me with your ideas. I always appreciate suggestions for interesting meeting topics.

In many of my columns this year, I have tried to recognize officers or members who contribute their time and talents to make our Club a success. This month I would like to recognize Off Road Director **Phil Snider** and thank him for all the volunteer hours he puts in for our Club. He is especially remarkable when you consider that he lives in Ohio and often has to drive (or in his case sometimes ride his bike) to Fort Wayne to participate in Club activities.

Along with serving as Off-Road Director, Phil plans many special events for the Club. He puts on the Hicksville Hundred, does the Thursday night rides and is chairing the Museum Ride. He also is the Club Route Master. He created many of the routes that the Club regularly rides, and he continually is working on new routes. Last year, Phil did the route for the Club Century. Thank you, Phil, for your enthusiasm and for all the volunteer hours you, and sometimes your family too, put in for our Club. **Karen**

### The 11 Foot Chain Guy: Group Ride and FunFest Parade!



by Wendell Brane - [Wbrane@ctlnet.com](mailto:Wbrane@ctlnet.com)

If you have any questions, or need directions, feel free to email me at the email address above, or Jeff Hunn at [jjh514@ctlnet.com](mailto:jjh514@ctlnet.com).

Attention recumbent owners: Join us **Saturday, August 12** in North Manchester, Indiana for some recumbent fun. During the last 3 years, we have had a good representation of HPV bikes and recumbents in this local parade, with riders and spectators having a great time. We have entered the lineup again this year, hoping for an even larger turnout.

We will start with a leisurely ride (25-30 miles on smooth quiet roads), followed by snacks and social time, before the parade. If you can't make the afternoon ride, please join us for the social time and/or parade.

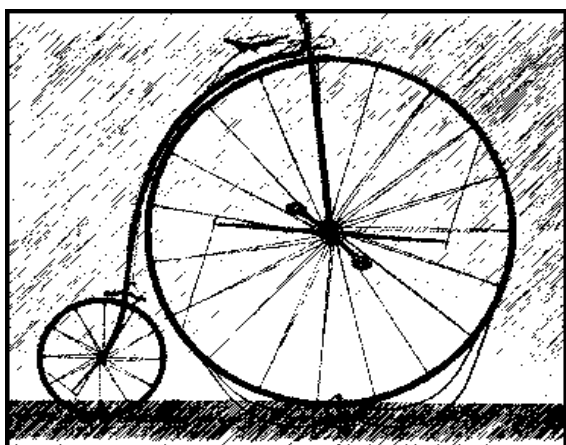
Tentative schedule:

1:00 p.m.	Afternoon ride begins at 601 Wayne Street, North Manchester, Indiana.
4:00 p.m.	Post-ride snacks and socializing
5:15 p.m.	Line up for North Manchester's Annual FunFest Parade
6:00 p.m.	Parade (bells, horns, flags, lights, spinnies, etc. are great!)
6:40 p.m.	Parade is over

### August Touring Schedule - Rides start at 8:00

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Location/Ride To</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Saturday	August 5	Arcola/Coesse/C. City/Pierceton	ARC-1	21/37/57
Sunday	August 6	Carroll/Laotto/Avilla/Kendallville	CHS-2	19/31/42/57
Saturday	August 12	Huntertown/Waterloo/Hudson	HTN-7	47/61
Sunday	August 13	N.Haven/Monroeville/Van Wert	NHB-4	35/67
Saturday	August 19	Wayne/Poe/Ossian/Huntington	WHS-3	19/33/60
Sunday	August 20	Homestead/C. City/S. Whitley	HHS-2	24/48/62
Saturday	August 26	No Ride Scheduled	see below	see below
Sunday	August 27	Woodlan/Antwerp/Cecil/The Bend	WLN-1	12/30/57/63

**Note: No club ride is scheduled for Saturday, August 26,** because WBNI, public radio in northeast Indiana, is having their annual bicycle ride on that date. All proceeds go to support the radio station. If you would like to participate in that ride, it starts at Leo High School at 8:00 AM. The cost of the ride is \$12 per person or \$25 per family.



### Weeknight Rides

**Tuesday evenings, 6:00 pm, Carroll High School.** These rides average between 17-20 mph and are 20+ miles in length. Bring a tail light for your safety.

**Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm, Saturn Christian Church, CR 800S.** Averaging 15 to 17 mph, these rides are a quick touring pace but not so fast you can't talk with other riders. Call Susan for more info at 424-2030 or smhunt@concentric.net.

### The Sociables Schedule

**The Sociables** are a new group of riders that all stay together, where no one is left behind. Their rides are between 30-40 miles long, and ridden between 10-15 mph. They ride to have fun and enjoy the ride and riders. Most rides include a food stop.

**August 5:** 3RVS Club breakfast ride. See Touring schedule.

**August 12:** Cheryl Mathews will lead a ride of approximately 35 miles to the Gene Stratton Porter State Historic Site near Rome City, with a post ride meal at St. James restaurant in Avilla. Meet at St. Mary's Catholic Church and School on the north edge of Avilla on Old Hwy. 3 at 9 AM. Bring locks and snacks, as there will be no food available on the ride.

**August 19: Bike Museum Ride.** We will be on this interesting and fun ride with other club members. Details on page 9.

### Special Rides in August

**0th Annual Jersey Ride:** See Page 8 for details

**2nd Annual Bicycle Museum Ride:** See Page 9 for details

**Gene Stratton Porter Ride:** See this page

### Bike Rides in Indiana and Surrounding Areas

<http://www.cris.com/~mheyes/bikeIN/bikeIN.shtml>

<u>Ride Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Further Info.</u>
Hot August Night (11PM) Ride	August 5	12	Columbus, Indiana	812-379-9553
Amishland and Lakes Tour	August 11-13	25/34/45/56/62	Howe, Indiana	616-695-9591
YWCA/Meijer Duathlon	August 12	15	Fort Wayne, Indiana	219-424-4908
Son Seekers Bicycle Ride	August 19	11/20/52	Advance, Indiana	765-676-6500
Sizzling Century	August 20	31/51/62/100	Kokomo, Indiana	765-459-8531
WBNI Classic Tour	August 26	15/30/45/58	Leo, Indiana	219-452-1189
2000 MS Bike Tour	August 26	15/25/50/75/100	Indianapolis, Indiana	317-870-2500
Wabash River Century Ride	August 27	12/39/65/100	Lafayette, Michigan	765-423-5361

## FESTIVAL TOUR 2000 REPORT

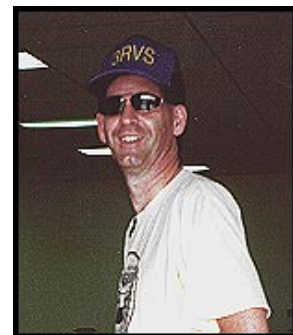
by Jim Schroeder

The Three Rivers Festival Bicycle Tour 2000 was quite the event as we expanded our coverage to all types of bikes and riders. The weather was great, and it even got a little overcast in the afternoon and that always keeps the temperature down. There were even a few sprinkles, but just enough to cool the riders off! The course was well marked except for that important intersection, but the new asphalt sure was smooth. Most of the riders took it in stride, and since our route is composed of four loops, it became a “create your own route” tour for some.

Susan Hunt again did a wonderful job concentrating on the food stop planning and creating her own grand buffet at the fairground lunch. Which reminds me of some biking philosophy. Do we bike to eat or eat to bike? Although I was between Cook’s Landing and Avilla Park most of the morning, Kevin Truelove and Karen Walker stepped up and handled lots of the administrative duties at the fairgrounds.

Speaking of hearing things, those Allen County Radio Tech Society’s HAM radio operators really came through and kept everything together. Howard Pletcher and his crew are to be commended for all their hard work.

Joe Bartels got the bike Tour rolling with our first annual 100 mile Road Race for about 25 racers, including one woman, Jesse Roth, a Blazing Saddle club rider from Berne, Indiana, who rides with 3RVS on occasions. With the help of Jeff Bechinski and Earnie Williamson driving the pace vehicles, the race was kept safe for all. All the prizes were handed out, surprising the fourth and fifth place men! By the way, Jesse still rode a fabulous solo effort. But ladies, I know there’s some animals out there that could boost up the competition!



Indiana-Jim Schroeder



Michael, Cindy, & Susan

The Gravel Road Ride was another new addition for the day, and we had about 20 riders cranking through the dust. Phil Snider diligently signed the course and was our gravelly bikensag. This should grow and grow. A lot of riders I talked to were in a group of three to five, and there was even one road bike!

Our road routes were again travelled far and wide by all types of people. The road crew performed admirably the whole day. They really worked well with the food stops, the HAM radio operators and helped a few lost bicyclists. We had just the right amount of food; just a few extra bananas so if any of you are into banana bread, see Susan! Actually, we donate all the perishable food to the Rescue Mis-

A total of 316 riders came to the fairgrounds for the day. 64% were from Ft. Wayne; 20% were from “near Ft. Wayne”, 5% from Ohio, and 2 people, the VanDynes, came all the way from Springfield, Missouri!

It’s not just me that should thank everyone. We all need to pat each other on the back as so many people helped out and benefited. Mike Heyes commanded the website, put out a classy brochure and handled T-shirt production that Jeff Bechinski designed. Phil Snider turned my gravel idea into reality and adopted it like a new daddy! Gene Dixon did so much behind the scenes, like the mailing and then painstakingly marking the entire road route himself! Susan Hunt volunteered her expertise early on and gave me someone to lean on in February and March (yep, February!). I especially thank the Ballingers for getting to my house at 5 am and loading their van full of things, unloading, and then loading some more at Lynn Reed’s food depot across Carroll Rd. Lots of people were plenty warmed up before they rode for the day!



Joe Bartels, Eric Reber, Jessica Roth





Being brand new to this ride made me quite nervous especially with the registration, but we had plenty of people there ready to lend a hand. Shawn Bartels, Kevin Truelove, Leslie Melcher, Joe and Tess Brooks, Karen Walker, Marge White, Doug Meyers, Cindy Souers, and Tim Johnston kept the money flowing and sold practically everything except the fairground's sink!



The food stops were well stocked and always had some smiling faces for the riders. Max & Ann Tinkel, the Klines, Barb Pontius, Diane Mardoian, Bonnie Miller, Art Miller, Norb Beyer, Todd & Rita Anderson, and my wife Lisa definitely displayed that Hoosier hospitality! The road crews definitely were out there and I know the riders appreciated that. There was Greg Duncan, Joel Vilensky, Steve Souers, Kent Ellis, and Larry Landmeier unfortunately driving the miles and not riding them! Maurene Botterton came up in that big truck of hers and tore down both food stops, and Don Glick, Chuck & Marilyn Bash came out to help with the clean-up.

I'm sure I'm leaving someone out and I apologize for that, but you know what you did and when I see you sometime in the future, I'll remember! I also want to give a special thanks to my two daughters, Melissa and Lindsey. They were up before dawn and helped me set up the registration area and both food stops, and stayed on and (wo)manned the food stops throughout the day. Lindsey was still there with me at the end at about 5pm. And what did I do afterwards? I got home and started tabulating and loading in all the names for the mailing list next year. Am I crazy or what? *Indiana-Jim*

## Festival Tour Race Report

by Joe Bartels

We had the third race this year in Fort Wayne, during the Three Rivers Festival Tour 2000, a USCF sanctioned, 104 mile road race. Just under 30 riders entered this gruel-athon. Only 6 riders completed the race, five men and one woman.

Fort Wayne riders took a back seat on this one; not one rider from here stood the test. I started with the racers and led them off for the first few miles. After a few good surges from the strong riders through the Cedar Canyon area, the main pack had made its selection process known; just as we reached about 20 miles into the race, two riders took off! HAH! What fools, we all thought. Who in their right mind would ever try to break away with 84 miles to go? After all, we had just shed the weaker links and seemed to have a fairly strong and well organized group. Well, the joke was on the main pack. How's that? Well, two strong guys took off; and they naturally get the pace car to lead them through the next 84 miles. All they had to do is put their heads down, hold a tight little formation and follow Earnie in the pace car.

This little trick was all it took to shatter the main field's chance of ever reeling them back in. You see, once the pace car was gone, the chase group was on their own. Even with route maps in hand and the course well marked with Dan Henry's, they constantly lost time on the front two because they always had to keep their heads up in an effort to not get lost! My hat's off to the two guys that held it together for 84 miles and were able to take first and second place! *Joe Bartels*

### Festival Road Race Final Results

<b>Men</b>	1st	Eric Reber	B&B Bike Shop, Muncie, IN
	2nd	Matt Vanhoosier	Indiana Flyers, Indy
	3rd	John Wright	Maumee Valley
	4th	Josh Corbin	
	5th	Dan King	
<b>Women</b>	1st	Jessica Roth	Decatur, IN

## From the Official Tour de France Web Site,

### *following the Mount Ventoux stage:*

When asked before the Tour which stage worried him most, Lance Armstrong responded without hesitation. "The Ventoux! It's the weirdest 1,900 meters I've ever felt in my life: it's like 3,900 meters. There is just no air. Once you get out of the tree line, it's like the moon."

"You can't breath - it's the craziest thing."

After this year's Ventoux stage, however, Armstrong must realize there are crazier things. Like the sheer fact that so many (300,000) people who go to such lengths to see a bike race in such a bizarre, oxygen starved place as the Ventoux. Or that he had conquered the beast in front of them all and even had time to consider the historical value of allowing a climbing Pirate to plunder the day all riders wanted to win most.

PS. Subsequent to the posting on the LeTour web site, Pantani said that what **actually** happened on Ventoux was that he just out rode Armstrong. Hmm. That must have been a different Pantani vs Armstrong battle on Ventoux than the one I saw!

### August Training Schedule

Tues	8-1	5:45pm	Monson	Circuit Race
Weds	8-2	5:45pm	Harding HS	Easy
Thur	8-3	7:30pm	Club Meeting	Mellow
Tues	8-8	5:45pm	Jefferson MS	Circuit Race
Weds	8-9	5:45pm	Homestead HS	Easy
Thur	8-10	5:45pm	Monson	Huntington RR
Tues	8-15	5:45pm	Wayne HS	Circuit Race
Weds	8-16	5:45pm	Harding HS	Easy
Thur	8-17	5:45pm	Flaugh Rd	C. City RR
Tues	8-22	5:45pm	Monson	Circuit Race
Weds	8-23	5:45pm	Wayne HS	Easy
Thur	8-24	5:45pm	Homestead HS	S. Whitley RR
Tues	8-29	5:45pm	Harding HS	Circuit Race
Weds	8-30	5:45pm	Flaugh Rd	Easy
Thur	8-31	5:45pm	Wayne HS	Decatur RR

### August Area Racing Schedule

8/5	Schweizer Fest, Tell City, IN, 812-547-7161	
8/5	Mich. State TT Championship, Midland, MI, 734-424-0549	dditto@ford.com
8/6	Tour of Brookside, Indianapolis, IN, 317-578-8793	krahn_amy@lilly.com
8/6	Redline Criterium, Wood Dale, IL	www.ambikerace.org
8/12	Nora C.C. MTB Race, Indy, IN, 317-773-1090	
8/13	Kokomo Trib. TT Series, Kokomo, IN, 765-883-5082	rivella@juno.com
8/13	Italian Fest Criterium, Grand Rapids, MI, 616-241-1969	rpdwhmn@aol.com
8/13	Lafayette Road Race, Lafayette, IN	www.ambikerace.org
8/19	Chicago SunTimes Grand Prix, Chicago, IL, 773-868-3010	
8/19	Off-Road, 12 Hrs of Pando, Rockford, MI	www.funpromotions.com
8/20	Greensburg RR, Greensburg, IN	ww.ambikerace.org
8/25	Masters Grand Nat. TT, Garden Prairie, IL	www.ambikerace.org
8/26	Ft. Harrison St. Park RR, Indianapolis, IN	www.ambikerace.org
8/26	Masters Grand Nat. RR, Rockford, IL	www.ambikerace.org
8/27	Masters Grand Nat. Crit, Rockford, IL	www.ambikerace.org
8/27	Fort Custer TT, Battle Creek, MI	www.mmba.org

### Race Results

#### June 10 King of the Road Challenge

Cat 3	Ed Messer	3rd
Citizens	E. Williamson	5th

#### June 25 State Fairgrounds

Master 40-49	Doug Wintin	12th
	E. Williamson	13th
Master 50-59	R. Kingsberry	2nd
	J. Cron	3rd
Citizens	E. Williamson	5th
	J. Cron	8th

"Come on  
Pantani,  
give me a try!"



## MTB Trail Review: J.B. Franke Park

*excerpted from "Mountain Bike Indiana" by Layne Cameron*

John B. Franke was the owner of the Perfection Biscuit Company in Fort Wayne, and he has left his mark on the city. Franke Park holds an estimated 15 miles of trails, a 13-acre pond, nature center, BMX course, Foellinger Theatre and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. The zoo, open from late April to late October, is a great reward for completing a challenging singletrack ride.

**Ride Specs**

**Start:** Nature Center

**Length:** 15-miles of rideable trails

**Rating:** Moderate

**Terrain:** Twisting singletrack

**Riding Time:** 30 minutes - 1.5 hour

The trails of this 280-acre park are intertwining, challenging, twisting, and predominantly singletrack. This system offers an inner-city getaway for urban cyclists without the long drive to make such an escape. While these trails were a challenge to map, an even bigger

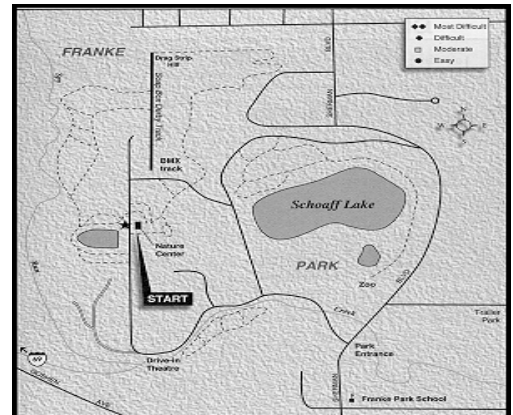
challenge would be to ride the same loop twice. The benefit of having such a condensed trail system, though, is that it is possible to get a great workout without fear of getting lost.

A couple of trail highlights include the two race courses at the park. Take a lap around the BMX track and test your skills on the camelback hills and the banked, hairpin turns. Climb the hill to the top of the (old) soap box derby track, which is also used as a toboggan run in the winter, and take in the view of the park and surrounding subdivision.

For advanced cyclists, the exhilarating downhill run off the back of the soap box track definitely gets the blood pumping. A clear

stretch after the hill allows cyclists to enjoy the speed before the trail twists back into the woods, causing cyclists to brake for those pesky speed barriers otherwise known as trees.

Also for advanced cyclists, the most challenging portion of the trail is just west of the soap box derby track. Behind the tree line are some challenging climbs and descents as the trail climbs up and down the hills along the creek.



Cyclists looking to improve their technical skills could create a short loop in this section. But make sure you don't wear yourself out. With so much fun condensed into such a small park, it would be a shame not to take advantage of it all.

**Getting There:** Located at 3411 Sherman Blvd. Take Coliseum Blvd west past Lima Road. Turn left onto Sherman Blvd and proceed about 1 mile to 4-way stop. Turn right at entrance and proceed to Nature Center near the pond. Park & rock 'n roll.

Latest Club Info Located! [www.3rvs.com](http://www.3rvs.com)

### August Fat Tired Rides

**Saturday, August 5 -- Real off road at Fort Custer.** Our July excursion to Custer was rained out so we wanted to reschedule ASAP. Come along and find out why this is one of the ara's favorite off road riding spots. Meet at 8 AM at Bob Evans, DuPon at I-69.

**Saturday, August 19 - Museum Ride** -- We're inviting the FT riders to join in the ride to the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen, Ohio. The short route is an easy 40 miles with no significant hills. See page 9 in this Newsletter for details. Meet at Wayne High School at 8.

**Sunday, August 27 - Level 1 Ride** -- Invite your friends and family to this moderately paced introduction to urban riding. If you've been wanting to get into fat tired riding, this is a perfect opportunity for a "soft start". Meet at Appleseed Park at 3 PM.

**For more info contact Phil at 419-542-8971 or [bikenphil@aol.com](mailto:bikenphil@aol.com).**

### Quick Release

This is a publication of 3 Rivers Velo Sport, Inc., as the astute reader would have learned from the top of page 1. It is published 12 or so times a year, and is distributed to all club members free of charge. Well, you do have to pay your dues to receive *Quick Release*, but beside that small detail, it's free of charge to members.

### 3 Rivers Velo Sport

3RVS Inc. is a bicycling organization based in Fort Wayne, Indiana which promotes bicycling as a healthy, fun, energy efficient, lifelong activity for persons of all ages. The club sponsors a range of activities offering the benefits of group cycling to riders interested in touring, racing and off-road riding. Special thanks to the following:

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- Membership ..... Leslie Melcher  
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## Who Uses The Rivergreenway? Help To Find Out.

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and Indiana University wants to know who uses the Rivergreenway and why. Their study is part of a statewide project to study recreational trail use.

The Park Department is looking for volunteers to help with the study. As a volunteer, you would be asked to survey visitors using the Rivergreenway. Each volunteer will be asked to cover a 4-hour time slot during the week of August 1 through 7.

If you are interested in being a Rivergreenway study volunteer, please call Kathy or Bethany at the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at 219-427-6004.

## A Poem

by Jeanine Morris

I'm Alive!  
Heart pounding  
Lungs burning  
Legs pumping.  
I race the engines.  
Wind is my ally.  
Pass them ...  
One ...  
by ...  
One ...  
Burning air -  
Flowing blood -  
My body shouts!  
Shout for joy!  
I race the sun home.  
Me -  
My bike -  
The wind

## 0th Annual Club Jersey Ride

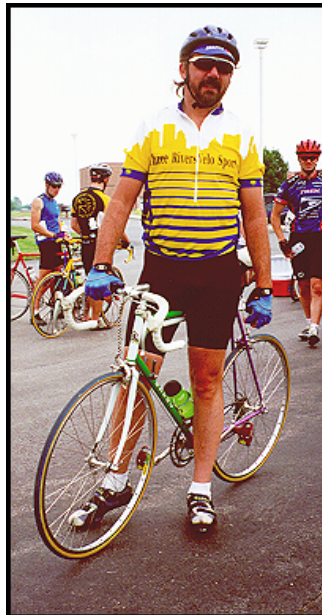
(for those celebrating the Millenium *this* New Years Eve)

Have you just finished watching the Tour de France? If so, I bet you are envious of all those teams cruising along at 25 mph+++ with their matching jerseys.

Well, now is your chance to look as cool as all of those professional cyclists! On Sunday, August 6th, we are asking that everyone wear their club jerseys for the Touring Ride that morning.

Now, if everyone wears their club jersey that morning, Steve Souers guarantees that your average speed will be at least 20 mph! If not, he will be there to push you up to that speed for the entire ride!

So, remind all of your friends to wear their club colors on August 6.



## A Bicycle Ride in Hilo

by J.B. Friday

I am coasting down a wet, muddy paved road through old sugar fields above town. The late afternoon sun is setting behind me and silhouetting Mauna Kea with gold. Around me everything is wet, lush, growing or decaying: green shining leaves, red and pink flowers, the rotting red-painted boards of an old plantation house. My front tire throws out pearls of water gleaming in the sunlight.

Ahead there are slate grey rain clouds and a bright rainbow over the sea. The mountain, the sun, the rainbow, and I all line up together.

Individual     New  
 Family         Renewal

### 3 Rivers Velo Sport 2000 Membership Form

Touring         Off-Road  
 Racing          Commuting

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## DO THE MUSEUM TOUR

A Schwinn Black Phantom bike, a favorite of baby boomers when they were growing up, is one of more than 200 bicycles cyclists will be able to see during the 3RVS-sponsored ride to the Bicycle Museum of America on Saturday, August 19.

Participants will meet at 8 a.m., at Wayne High School, 9100 Winchester Road, and will caravan to Neptune, Ohio. The drive to Neptune takes less than an hour, and is an easy and scenic drive on U. S. 33. Parking will be provided in Neptune.

From Neptune, cyclists will ride to New Bremen, where the Bicycle Museum is located. The interesting route to the Museum winds along the St. Mary's River and passes by the remains of the old Miami and Erie Canal. Another historic site on the route is the first bridge over the St. Mary's River.



*Black Phantom, circa 1949 - 1959*

This year, Museum Ride Chair Phil Snider has added the longer loop on the way to the Museum to accommodate cyclists who want to ride more than 40 miles on a weekend ride. Cyclists can choose either a 20-mile or a 32-mile route going to the Museum. The return trip is just under 20 miles, making the longer option a round trip of 52 miles and the shorter loop approximately 40 miles. Fat tire riders also will have a new option this year of 3-mile ride along the towpath of the Miami and Erie Canal.

At New Bremen, cyclists will tour the Museum, which has on display numerous interesting antique, as well as modern bicycles. Bicycles in the Museum date back to the early 1800's and include a Boneshaker, made in the 1870's, and a Schwinn Orange Krate, built in 1968.

The Schwinn Black Phantom was built from 1949 to 1959 and was the absolutely cool bike for boys growing up in the 1950's to own. The Gene Autry bike, also on display at the Museum, is another really cool bike from the same era.

Phil reports that the Museum has added several exhibits since last year, including the Schwinn family tandem. Those who went on the Museum ride last year will have new exhibits to explore if they want to participate in this fun event again this year.



### Quick Release by Email

The July newsletter was sent electronically to **billions** of club members! If you would like to receive a full color newsletter by email in the Acrobat Reader format **instead** of by regular mail, please email Leslie at lvmelcher@msn.com, or check the appropriate box on the 3RVS membership application.

**NOTE:** Please note that the newsletter submission deadline has been changed, again. **All submissions are now due by the 10th of each month.** Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter! Your contributions are appreciated by all!

Following the Museum Tour, cyclists will enjoy a sumptuous picnic at the park adjoining the Museum. There is a small admission charge to the Museum, and the Club is suggesting a donation for the lunch.

The return route from the Museum, which is the same for all riders, goes around Grand Lake St Mary's and is absolutely beautiful. Last year cyclists stopped for a short break at a Park on the lakeshore to enjoy the scenery. The group expects to return to Wayne High School by 3 p.m.

*Karen*

### Welcome to 3RVS' New Members:

#### Fort Wayne:

Amy Jarboe	Laurie Corbin
Olga Muzzy	Keny Muzzy
Frank Gallucci	Jean Tipton
Lacie Siefer	Randy Strebiger
Kris Hite	Bob Cicchi
Robert Palmer	David Lyttle
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### Next 3RVS Club Meeting

**When:** Thursday, August 3, at 7:30 pm

**Where:** First Wayne St. United Methodist  
Church, 300 E. Wayne St.

### August Meeting Program

New Haven's Police Bike Patrol will discuss their new bicycle police unit at the next meeting. And they'll demonstrate how they use their bikes to catch the bad guys.

### **3RVS Club Officers**

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