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MEMBERSHIP

Now that we have had our public meeting, giving all persons fair warning, it will not be long before Jan starts removing from the list names of those who have not renewed their club memberships. To renew your membership to be in good standing through April of 1982 send your money to Jan Marble, 7695 Huron River Dr., Dexter, MI 48130. Dues are \$6.00 individual and \$8.50 family.

SATURDAY DEMOCRATIC RIDE

In response to numerous requests, we will be having a weekly Saturday Democratic Ride for those who don't get up Saturday mornings or who have to work. The ride will convene at the Amtrak at 2:00 P.M. and the group itself will decide destination and pace.

RIDE CALENDAR MEETING

There will be a meeting at John Downey's, 906 Edgewood Avenue, Ann Arbor at 8 P.M., May 14 to plan the rides for the months of June and July. We urge anyone to come who has an interest in leading a ride or who has ideas for a different kind of ride. If you would like to lead a ride or make a suggestion and can't be there, call John in advance.



A.A.B.L. BREAKFAST RIDES .

The Ann Arbor Bicycle League will be holding the following breakfast rides on May 10 & 24. These rides will start at the Farmers' Market at 8:00 A.M. and will include a ride to a nearby town and breakfast in a restaurant. Call 761-1147 for more information.

L.A.W. MEMBERSHIP

Until I recently visited Boston and rode with the Charles River Wheelmen, I did not realize what a fine thing the League of American Wheelmen membership can be. All members receive a directory of clubs all over the country. This means that no matter where you go in this country, you can get in touch with other cyclists and have congenial riding companions. A.A.B.T.S. is an L.A.W. Cycling club.

DATELINE BOSTON, MASS. APRIL 20, 1981

Two cyclists, both originating from the midwest, have just completed three days of cycle touring in the Boston area. They swept along the Charles River in Cambridge, through downtown Boston with Magnolias in full bloom and along its stately park ways through the western suburbs. They celebrated Easter with the Charles River Wheelmen, riding through towns on Cape Ann, along the Northern shore. And on this day, the day of Patriots in historic Massachusetts, they celebrated freedom, cycling through Lexington and Concord following Paul Revere's ride, and then slipped through farm country to the Boston Marathon route to see another troup of patriots traverse these fair lands. It was quite a set of sights and sounds, and both agreed it was a lovely place they'd seen.

One cyclist now returns to the newer midwest settlements, the other will remain with Cambridge as her adopted home.

Postscript from the Cambridge cyclist. "It was tremendous fun to have Jim McGraw visit and cycle with me this weekend. He's the second member of AABTS to meet my new friends in the Charles River Wheelmen bike club. As I begin an active cycling season here, I'm very nostalgic about the wonderful biking experiences I had with you all last year. . so much so that I'm planning a trip back to Ann Arbor for the Helluva Ride in July. I look forward to seeing you all again then and hope to ride with the club both that July 11 weekend and the weekend following. Best Wishes, Barbara Thomas."

T.O.S.R.V. and G.E.A.R.

Scott Badgley has suggested we set up a mechanism for ride sharing to TOSRV and GEAR. Therefor, anyone going on either of these rides who needs a ride or who has room for a rider, call Jim McGraw. He will try to get the various parties together. (769-1955)

WEDDING PLANS

Debbie Eisenberg is helping Mary Ann and Reuben coordinate their wedding plans. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in some way, call Debbie at 994-5750. She is especially looking for the use of a van and someone with flower arranging skills.

REUBEN AND MARY ANN EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ANN ARBOR BICYCLE TOURING SOCIETY



We invite you to our Marriage Celebration Sunday, May 24, 1981



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OBITUARIES

McGraw, James T. Ann Arbor, MI

Age 78, died July 3, 2003



at the Glacier Hills Nursing Center. He was born in Dyersburg, TN on September 7, 1924, the son of the late William and Bonnie McGraw. He

graduated from Flint Central High School and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan. An Ann Arbor resident since 1968, he and his dog Fred were familiar figures in their Burns Park neighborhood. Jim had a long career as a student counselor at U of M Flint, and for 17 years at Snow Health Center at Eastern Michigan University. He engaged in many activities that enabled him to pursue his love of the outdoors, including backpacking, cross country skiing, canoeing, birding, and cycling. Jim was a long time member of the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society and his sense of adventure led him on trips from Ireland to France, and from Maine to Alaska to Arizona. He was an avid reader, writer, and a generous supporter of many charitable causes and organizations. Jim married Jean Harris, also of Flint, on August 21, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1971. His brother, Bill; nephew, Dennis; and grand-nephew, Jonathan McGraw of Memphis, TN survive him. He will be deeply missed by his family who celebrated holidays, birthdays, and many milestones together, Colleen and Phil, Michael and Jennifer, Molly and Rob of Ann Arbor, Tim and Rebecca of Lamoni, IA; and by his many, many, friends. Jim's kindness, his active pursuits, his courage, and his caring were an inspiration. Cremation has taken place. Plans for a memorial service have not yet been made. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.



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