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Mr. David Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

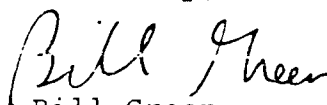
Thank you for writing to me concerning the bicycle lane
along the 59th Street Bridge.

In April, the State Department of Transportation will begin Contract II in its ongoing attempt to rehabilitate the bridge. During the construction period, four lanes will be closed to vehicular traffic. Such a limitation will accentuate the present motorist congestion; however, the City of New York is presently considering an experimental program to allow bikes an exclusive access to a designated portion of the bridge for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. Furthermore, final plans for the bridge include a permanent bicycle lane. Given the significant number of motorists desiring access to the bridge, the City and State have indicated that efforts will be made to accommodate bikers on a temporary basis, until more permanent provisions can be instituted.

I hope you find this information helpful. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Bill Green
Member of Congress

see editors' note
on page 8.

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB RIDES

NYCC rides are intended to be friendly group rides; we don't like to "drop" or lose anyone. Riders whose physical or bicycle condition seem inadequate for the ride are to be turned back by the leader. Our leaders are truly reluctant to do this, so please cooperate with them:

- 1) Select rides within your capabilities - avoid downgrading the ride for your fellow riders and stressing yourself "trying to keep up"; or, conversely, demanding a faster pace than advertised.
- 2) Be on time or a bit early. Rides will leave promptly.
- 3) Have your bike in good condition: both brakes working, properly inflated tires, adjusted derailleurs, no loose parts.
- 4) Bring water, snacks, spare tube, patch kit, pump and lights for after dark.

RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

	<u>Riding Pace</u>
"A+": ANIMALS: Anything goes. Eat up roads, hills and all.	17+ mph
"A": SPORTS(WO)MEN: Vigorous riding over hill and dale. High regard for good riding style. Can take care of themselves anywhere. Stops every two hours or so.	14-17 mph
"B": TOURISTS: Moderate to brisk riding along scenic roads, including hills; destination not so important. Stops every hour or two.	11-14 mph
"C": SIGHTSEERS: Leisurely to moderate riding. Destination oriented: nature, historical, cultural. Stops every half to one hour.	8-11 mph
"D": BEGINNERS: Very leisurely sightseeing. Discovering bike and their bodies; training up to "C". Frequent stopping and regrouping. Do not believe reports of mere mortals riding 100 miles or more in a day.	less than 8 mph

Any member may lead a ride. See the respective Ride Coordinator to submit a Ride Listing form:
"A" rides: Gloria Lasoff; "B" rides: Marsha Taggart; "C" rides: Phyllis Lehmann.

Central Park Boathouse phone numbers are: 650-9521, 744-9813, 744-9814.

Fri-Sun
Apr 2-4
"B+/A-"
PEDAL THROUGH THE PETALS/BICYCLE THROUGH THE BLOSSOMS Leaders: Barbara Silverstein and Mark DeRose. Weekend trip to Washington, D.C. to view the cherry blossoms. We will be driving to Washington and staying at the Washington International Youth Hostel and touring some of the hundreds of miles of the Capitol's bikeways and bike paths. Trippers are responsible for their own meals. Pretrip meeting will be held at A.Y.H., 132 Spring Street on March 29. Approximate trip cost is \$50.00 plus food. Advance sign up at A.Y.H. (431-7100) is required.

Sat Apr 3
"B" 55 mi
9:30 am
"B" TRAINING RIDE TO SPRING VALLEY Leaders: Martha Ramos (858-9142) and Marsha Taggart (724-6336). Meet Martha and Marsha at 9:30 am at 177th St. and Fort Washington Ave. for a ride to Spring Valley and Montvale. The ride will be cancelled if there is a 80-90 percent chance of precipitation, the temperature is below 40°, or wind speed is greater than 15 mph.

Sat Apr 3
"B" 65 mi
8:00 am
PROTOGS DISCOUNT SPECIAL Leader: Lee Gelobter (646-7037 eves, 788-2345 days). Meet at Tramway Plaza (Second Ave. at 59th St.) at 8:00 am. If you've been turned off by the high price of cycle wear, this trip is for you. Protopgs' factory outlet will be opening just for us (a large turnout would be appreciated). Closeouts and slightly irregulars at half the regular retail price. Anyone not able to cycle out can meet us by taking the LIRR to Hicksville (call Lee to arrange a meeting time).

Sat Apr 3
"A-" 65 mi
9:00 am
"A" TRAINING RIDE NUMBER 8 Leader: Chris Mailing (879-6199). Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 9:00 am for a ride to West Nyack, Germonds, and Spring Valley, N.Y. Food stop in West Nyack; estimated riding time: 4 1/4 hours. The ride will be a group ride, with maps available, and may be cancelled due to cold (below 32°F) or wet weather.

- Sun Apr 4
"C"
10:00 am
- SUNDAY IN THE PARKS, II Leaders: Phyllis Lehmann (636-6037) and Martha Ramos (858-9142). PART A: Brooklynites and other similar types meet Phyllis Lehmann at the Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park. PART B: Manhattanites and others so inclined meet Martha Ramos at the Central Park Boathouse. We will get started on our "C" riders' 1982 conditioning program by circling the park bike paths. Distance (i.e., number of circles) will be determined by a consensus of each group, with the leaders as final arbitrators. Both rides are cancelled if there is precipitation, strong winds, or the temperature is below 40°. For additional information, call the leaders during evenings.
- Sun Apr 4
"C" 35 mi
10:00 am
- GREAT NECK GLIDE Leaders: Ed and Sara Flowers (544-9168), Eric Gertner (989-1176) and Paul Grieder (261-0543). The ride will take 4-5 hours, at 9 mph, over mostly flat Queens terrain with a few sharp hills. The ride leaves at 10:00 am from 111-50 76th Rd., Forest Hills (in front of the Flowers' apartment house). Take the "E" train to the 75th Ave. stop. Walk east on Queens Blvd. 1 1/2 blocks and turn right by Linhoff's Restaurant to get to 111-50.
- Sun Apr 4
"A" 95 mi
8:00 am
- "A" TRAINING RIDE NUMBER 9 Leader: Chris Mailing (879-6199). Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 8:00 am for a ride to Mamaroneck, Chappaqua, Goldens Bridge, Mt. Kisco, and Pocantico Hills. Food stops in Chappaqua and Mt. Kisco; estimated riding time: 6 1/4 hours. The ride will be a group ride, with maps available, and may be cancelled due to cold (below 32°F) or wet weather.
- Sat Apr 10
"B" 55 mi
9:00 am
- "B" TRAINING RIDE TO LONG ISLAND Leaders: Martha Ramos (858-9142) and Marsha Taggart (724-6336). Meet Martha and Marsha at 9:00 am in front of the OTB office at 179th St. and Hillside Ave. in Queens (take the "F" train to the last stop) or at 10:00 am at the I.U. Willets school parking lot. Destination is Woodbury, with a food stop in Syosset. The ride will be cancelled if there is a 80-90 percent chance of precipitation, the temperature is below 40°, or wind speed is greater than 15 mph.
- Sat Apr 10
"A" 68 mi
9:00 am
- "A" TRAINING RIDE NUMBER 10 Leader: Chris Mailing (879-6199). Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 9:00 am for a ride to Woodbury, L.I. Food stop in Syosset; estimated riding time: 4 1/4 hours. The ride will be a group ride, with maps available, and may be cancelled due to cold (below 32°F) or wet weather.
- Sun Apr 11
"C"
20-30 mi
9:30 am
- BY THE BEAUTIFUL "C" LINK-UP TRAINING RIDE Leaders: Mike Antanis ((201)420-6232), Phyllis Lehmann (636-6037) and Martha Ramos (858-9142). Limber up those winter muscles on a flat, easy paced ride to the Brighton Beach area of Brooklyn. Three meeting points: 1.) Meet Martha Ramos at 9:30 am at Central Park West and 72nd St. in Manhattan (about 30 miles); 2.) Meet Mike Antanis at 10:00 am at the Seaman's Maritime Institute, 15 State Street, opposite Battery Park, in Manhattan (about 25 miles); 3.) Meet Phyllis Lehmann at 10:30 am at Grand Army Plaza (under the arch) in Brooklyn (about 20 miles - those who wish to increase this distance a bit may want to arrive early for a lap or two around Prospect Park as a warm-up). All three groups will converge at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn for a trip to the sea. Bring lunch or money for it, a lock, spare tube and a sense of humor. Rain or snow cancel. Joint AMC/NYCC ride.
- Sun Apr 11
"A" 110 mi
7:30 am
- "A" TRAINING RIDE NUMBER 11 Leader: Chris Mailing (879-6199). Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 7:30 am for a ride to Ossining, Somers, Ridgefield, and Mt. Kisco. Food stops in Ossining, Ridgefield and Chappaqua; estimated riding time: 7 1/2 hours. The ride will be a group ride, with maps available, and may be cancelled due to cold (below 32°F) or wet weather.

Sat Apr 17 "B" 60 mi 9:00 am "B" TRAINING RIDE TO POCANTICO HILLS Leaders: Martha Ramos (858-9142) and Marsha Taggart (724-6336). Meet Martha and Marsha at 9:00 am at 177th St. and Ft. Washington Ave. for a ride to Westchester. Food stop in Chappaqua. The ride will be cancelled if there is a 80-90 percent chance of precipitation, the temperature is below 40°, or wind speed is greater than 15 mph.

Sat Apr 17 "A" 70 mi 9:00 am "A" TRAINING RIDE NUMBER 12 Leader: Chris Mailing (879-6199). Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 9:00 am for a ride to Mamaroneck, White Plains, Chappaqua, and Pocantico Hills. Food stop in Chappaqua; estimated riding time: 4 1/4 hours. The ride will be a group ride, with maps available, and may be cancelled due to cold (below 32°F) or wet weather.

Sun Apr 18 "C" 35 mi 10:00 am GREAT NECK GLIDE Leaders: Ed and Sara Flowers (544-9168), Eric Gertner (989-1176) and Paul Grieder (261-0543). The ride will take 4-5 hours, at 9 mph, over mostly flat Queens terrain with a few sharp hills. The ride leaves at 10:00 am from 111-50 76th Rd., Forest Hills (in front of the Flowers' apartment house). Take the "E" train to the 75th Ave. stop. Walk east on Queens Blvd. 1 1/2 blocks and turn right by Linhoff's Restaurant to get to 111-50.

Sun Apr 18 "C+" 35 mi 9:00 am SEVENTH ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM RIDE Leaders: Irv Weisman (562-7298), John Lubaszka, David Miller and Martha Ramos. Meet at 9:00 am at the Coliseum, Broadway at 60th St., or 9:45 am at City Hall Park. Take PATH from the World Trade Center (30 cents change) to Newark for an easy-paced, sociable ride through Branch Brook Park to the Belleville Cherry Grove which should be in full bloom, with delicately tinted cherry blossoms covering the hillsides and lining the walks. After lunch (best to bring your own, with drink, but a supermarket is nearby) and a stroll along the walks, we'll leave the park at 1:30 pm to return through New Jersey suburbia to the George Washington Bridge by 4:00 pm, encountering several demanding hills near the end. Trip cancelled if the 8:00 am prediction of rain is 60 percent or greater. Joint AYH/NYCC ride.

Sun Apr 18 "A-" 75 mi 8:00 am PALISADES PARK-HUDSON RIVER RIDE Leader: Richard Herbin (666-2162). Leaving the Central Park Boathouse at 8:00 am, or the east end of the George Washington Bridge at 8:40 am, for a quick but not frenzied ride through suburban New Jersey to Seven Lakes Drive; thence to Stony Point (lunch stop), from which we will return via Route 9W, including the beautiful riverside paths from Haverstraw to Nyack, Piermont Rd. and Tallman Park. Theoretically, the speed will be inversely proportional to the quality of the views. Note: there are some loose surfaces in Rockland and Nyack parks - ultra narrow tires are not recommended. If the weather is doubtful, call the leader Sunday morning between 6:30 and 7:30 am.

Sat Apr 24 "A" 9:00 am "A" LEADERLESS RIDES Meet at the Central Park Boathouse at 9:00 am for an "A" ride. Destination decided by the riders who show up. For those wanting to try an "A" ride, this is an excellent opportunity. As there is no leader, everyone is responsible for themselves.

***** REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME TAKES EFFECT ON APRIL 25, 1982. *****

Sun Apr 25 "C" 38 mi 7:00 am CITIBANK/AYH FIVE BORO BIKE TOUR Organized by American Youth Hostels (431-7100). Cost of \$2.00 includes safety vest, ferry fare and sag wagons. Join 15,000 other cyclists for the world's largest bike ride. The ride starts and ends at Battery Park. All streets are closed to automobile traffic by the New York Police. Ride over the Verrazzano Bridge, FDR Drive, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, the Belt Parkway and other liberated highways. Mail in advance registration to A.Y.H., P o m 5, 132 Spring Street, New York, NY 10012.

Sun Apr 25 RAMBLING RESERVOIRS Leaders: Ed Schweber (567-2661) and Richard Seltzer
 "A" 105 mi (568-2593). Meet Ed and Richard at the Central Park Boathouse for a scenic
 7:30 am ride through northern Westchester past the Croton, Byram Lake and Kensico
 Reservoirs. Food stops in Millwood (choice of deli or luncheonette) and
 Armonk (deli with inside tables and restroom).

Ride Previews

1982 RIDING SCHEDULE

DATE	RIDE	LEADER/CLUB	CLASS	DISTANCE
5/2	Westbury Breeze	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B-	50 mi
5/2	Queens Parks Tour	Antanis & Lehmann	C	30 mi
5/2	Morristown Meander	Schweber	A	110 mi
5/8-9	Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV)	Columbus, Ohio AYH	A/A-	210 mi
5/16	Montauk Century	Bollag/AYH	A/A-	110 mi
5/16	Westbury Breeze	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B-	50 mi
5/23	All Class Club Ride/Tallman Park	Rides Committee	A/B/C	
5/28-31	Boston Bike Weekend	Cohen & Gewirtz	C	N/A
5/29-30	Pepsi Marathon	Toefield/KCC	A/B/C	
5/30	Westbury to Cold Spring Harbor	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	60 mi
6/4-6	Great Eastern Rally (GEAR)	Harrisburg, Pa LAW	A/B/C	
6/13	Westbury to Cold Spring Harbor	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	60 mi
6/27	Westbury to Cold Spring Harbor	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	60 mi
6/27	Staten Island Round-Tripper	Antanis & Lehmann	C	35 mi
7/1-5	LAW National Convention	Dayton, Ohio LAW	A/B/C	
7/8-11	Bike Trek for Life and Breath	Bklyn Lung Assn/AYH	B	150 mi
7/11	Long Westbury Breeze	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	65 mi
7/25	All Class Club Ride/Old Bethpage Park	Rides Committee	A/B/C	
7/25	Long Westbury Breeze	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	65 mi
8/8	Eaton's Neck By Way	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	75 mi
8/14-15	Delaware Water Gap	Mailing	A+	280 mi
8/22	Eaton's Neck By Way	Flowers, Flowers, Gertner & Grieder	B	75 mi
10/3	Second Annual Bill Baumgarten Memorial All Class Club Ride/Kingsland Pt.Pk.	Rides Committee	A/B/C	

Every Saturday, when there is no "A" ride scheduled, a leaderless "A" ride will leave the Central Park Boathouse at 8:30 am.

Sherman Cohen and Lorraine Gewirtz are organizing a joint AMC/NYCC trip to Boston for the Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 31. To register, IMMEDIATELY send deposit check for \$27.00 payable to Sherman Cohen and a self addressed, stamped envelope for further information to: Sherman Cohen, 1245 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235. The group is limited to 25, so act quickly - the deadline for registration is April 15. The total trip cost will be approximately \$100.00. IMPORTANT: when you register, please include the following information: full name and address; home and work phones; when you can leave, from where and whether you can supply (or will need) transportation and for how many people and/or bikes. List any passengers you've already arranged to take (include \$27.00 deposit for each).

Point

A LONE(?) DISSENTER TO THE BOARD'S UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION ON LEADERS' EXPENSES

Irv Weisman

"The Board...unanimously passed the resolution...that the expenses of a leader shall not be paid by the members participating in a ride other than those expenses incidental to the setting up of the ride." (NYCC Bulletin, March 1982)

This is an affirmation of the altruistic sentiment that those who can contribute something to a society should give of themselves, freely, without thought of reward. The same attitude is echoed in the idealistic sentence, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." It gets freeloaders, the world over, atwitter with anticipation of unearned delights produced for them by the efforts of others.

I believe that this policy will result in undesirable consequences for the club. It is my contention that in order to give one's time to any cause, there has to be some payoff - either monetary, or psychological (e.g. appreciation, here on earth, or later in heaven), or a worthwhile growth experience. On an objective scale, the payoff can be rather modest, but if there is no payoff, people will not give their time.

Traditionally, few club members are motivated to assume the responsibilities of club office or ride leadership; the rewards are inadequate for them. And although there have been repeated expressions of interest in 2 day weekends, few, which are suitable for the majority of the membership, have actually been run. There are time consuming difficulties in planning, scouting, and in arranging transportation. Only a few leaders have been willing to undertake the effort.

So, in order to develop and run weekend trips, I think that the Board should use its collective creativity to motivate leaders to undertake the job. Instead, the Board has opted to reduce incentives. Thus, Lorraine Gewirtz and Sherman Cohen, who are planning a trip to Boston, similar to the very successful one they led to Washington, DC several years back, presumably will not get their expenses paid if the Board's resolution stands unchallenged. I suppose the reward for Lorraine and Sherman is the delight of the participants in the inexpensive trip resulting from all the effort they are putting into this event, including, also, the cooperation of Bill Knight who is now up in Boston.

When I was president of the club, I did not lobby for increasing the incentive for weekend leaders because I was, myself, one of the few leaders who undertook such efforts. (My payoff, aside from my genuine satisfaction when people enjoy a ride I lead, was the "glory" the trip would bring to my administration. The present payoffs do not balance the effort - therefore, no effort by me.)

While very few of us would like to see the NYCC become a beehive of commercial wheeling and dealing, it is naive, in my view, to expect to see the development of weekend programs with nothing offered to the leaders as an incentive to take on the job. And so far, you notice, we do not have a flourishing weekend program.

Please note that the AYH does pay its leaders' expenses on weekend and longer trips. Their bike repair instructors receive some modest payoff for their time. And the sponsors of GEAR do defray the expenses of room and board for its workshop leaders.

Aside from the ultimate wisdom of the Board's resolution, I strongly object to the manner in which it was made. Since the matter was deliberated at 2 Board meetings, with one club meeting interposed, the Board should have attempted to ascertain the membership's views before concluding their own deliberations. Why didn't they?

How do you feel about this? Are you prepared to extend modest monetary thanks to leaders who scout, plan, and lead weekends for you? Or do you expect that your leaders be pure and altruistic to the highest degree, only to discover that there are very few such leaders around? Do you prefer commercial weekends at higher cost? Let's share some views at the next meeting, and advise the Board to rescind, or to retain, their recent resolution. If you can't make it, call or write me on a Board member's address.

Counter-point

NYCC RIDES:
OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE

Bill Vojtech

Irv, you are wrong. Wrong on many points. First, I'd like to point to your out-of-context quote. In full it reads, "The Board clarified its' position regarding the payment of leaders' trip expenses and unanimously passed the resolution that it is of the general opinion that the expenses of a leader shall not be paid by the members participating in a ride other than those expenses incidental to the setting up of the ride."; the meaning changes.

The Board only clarified this long standing policy because you raised some questions as to what our policy is.

As far as "freeloading" goes, under your proposed system, a leader could scout one route, lead a trip, and get his pay-back. Then he could lead it again the next month and get his "pay-back", again. For what? A phone call to the motel to confirm the reservations? Now who's the "freeloader"?

The reasons you give for the lack of week-end-long rides are bunk. See Martha Ramos' article in this issue; the first paragraph outlines the real reasons for the lack of full weekend trips.

I must take issue with you on yet another point. Comparing NYCC with AYH is like comparing apples and oranges. If they didn't serve widely different functions few of us would waste our money by joining both of them.

NYCC has 300 or so members. Most of us fall into small groups of friends who ride with each other week after week.

AYH is not a club. It is an outdoor organization with 14,000 members in the area. AYH has about 10 or 20 active weekend leaders. $14,000 \div 20 = 700$ members, potentially, to be served by each leader. Obviously the demand for weekend trips in AYH exceeds the capacity of its' leaders. To boost this capacity somewhat AYH allows participants to pay leaders expenses. The AYH leaders would go broke if they paid their own way on all trips.

In NYCC it would be more like $300 \div 10 = 30$; that's one or two trips per leader per year. Most of us make that many trips anyhow, it won't break anyone.

Due to its large membership, AYH gets a wider range of riders, with bikes in various states of repair. Often the leader gets stuck with a turkey. NYCC riders generally are better able to take care of themselves and their bikes. Also, they are all adults.

Another difference is that AYH leaders must follow fairly strict rules as to how a ride must be led and budgeted. AYH has salaried employees who check the leaders' expenses and receipts. The leader is held accountable for discrepancies.

Some AYH leaders lead weekend trips for NYCC because they don't want to collect money from people, and have to deal with the paper work that goes with it.

AYH leaders also have to pass a leadership course, which is time consuming, and includes a weekend trip, which is at their own expense. You should know this, Irv. You took and passed the course.

It seems to me, if you want your expenses paid, you could organize an AYH weekend trip, (specify no teenagers, if you wish), and list the ride jointly in the AYH and NYCC bulletins. As the NYCC bulletin comes out early and the AYH bulletin is usually late, you will be able to fill the trip with NYCC members before the AYHers even read about it, that is if the club is all that interested in your trip. One hitch; you'll have to lead from the back, AYH style. Not too tough, unless you want to have your cake and eat it too.

One item that caught my attention in the recent club questionnaire was a desire to see the club plan more weekend long rides (see the article in last month's bulletin). In recent years the orchestrating of this has been a problem area. The major difficulties, that I have heard verbalized, include the following: 1) the club consists of city people and they usually don't own cars 2) most people will not commit themselves until a week or two before the ride and this creates a problem with reservations 3) organizing this type of ride is so complicated that most leaders are reluctant to become involved 4) despite prior stated interest, when such rides are organized they usually are cancelled due to a lack of interest.

While all of this seems on the pessimistic side, I have to agree with what is stated above. With a special emphasis being on the lack of transportation and a non-willingness to commit oneself to an activity that is many weeks away.

Despite all of this, I would like to propose a solution -- of sorts. It is not new but (to my knowledge) it has not previously been attempted on a regular basis as part of our rides schedule. It has disadvantages but it does offer the club membership an additional rides option.

The obvious major barrier is of course transportation. Well to belong to a bicycle club means to own (at least) one of the most efficient forms of transportation. That's right, I am proposing that we ride to our destinations. After all, the major objective is to be able to ride the bicycle. By taking the available public transportation (subway or ferry) to the end of the line it is possible for a B rider to cover 90 - 100 miles in a day (8 - 12 hours) and for a strong C rider 50 - 60 miles (8 - 10 hrs.). Within that radius there are a number of areas to which rides can be organized.

I realize this is not a problem free solution. Possible difficulties include: weather, route choice, terrain, mechanical and physical difficulties, the unexpected, etc.. There are also advantages: the opportunity to spend the whole day riding, more weekend rides, the feeling of accomplishment (and exhaustion), the company of those you are riding with, the unexpected, etc..

In late September, as an experiment, Art Guterding and I lead a weekend ride to Shelter Island and were joined by three other foolish souls. Each person was responsible for their reservation (we provided the name, address and phone number of the inn) and transportation to the starting point. Two of us came by subway. The ride was approximately 100 miles in each direction. Riding time was about 9½ hours each way. This included stops, a couple of wrong turns and a really great lunch stop. Clothing consisted of two changes and a pair of slacks for the evening thus keeping luggage to a minimum. I would characterize all five of us as reasonably strong B riders. The only mechanical problem was one flat tire on the entire ride. Despite the exhaustion, the company and the riding made the whole experience something special. Everyone involved indicated their enjoyment of the ride and a desire to repeat the experience.

This type of activity is also possible for other riders. Strong C riders would be capable of 50-60 mile rides into Conn. and Long Island. One "C" ride weekend that is very rideable would be to Bear Mountain and or the West Point area. An additional option is to turn the two day trip into a three day one which would allow for additional rest time and a chance to explore the area to which you have just cycled.

If you think this type of activity would be of interest, let me know. Possibly you would like to lead a trip or you know of a really great route. In any event contact me, I am most interested in hearing your ideas on this topic.

The Editor's Corner

ON THE COVER:

Remember when the Brooklyn Bridge plans included full ramping? Continuous full access is the only way to assure future access. Two hours in the morning and the evening? Sounds like rush-hour to me. If precious road space can be given to us then, why not at non-peak hours? I think it is because there is no real intent to continue bicycle access to the bridge during or after rehabilitation.



April Club Meeting Program

LIVE FREE--AND TOUR

I don't care what the weather is. Spring is here, and I am definitely thinking in terms of touring!

This month two of our own experts will demonstrate the self-dependent way to tour: Bill Vojtech, NYCC Editor of our bulletin, and David Miller, NYCC Circulation manager, will combine forces to show us how to pack, outfit the bike, meet emergencies, set up camp, and have fun--alone or with a group.

Bill has experience as a leader, and includes Montreal and the Delaware Water Gap in his bike-touring repertoire. David's most recent tours include RAGBRAI (you know, in Iowa) and Rhode Island.

Meeting is at 6:00; supper is at 7:00 on April 13. Come to Artemis Restaurant 76 Duane Street (just off Broadway, two blocks north of City Hall).

Sara Schell Flowers, Programs

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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March Board of Directors Meeting

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (UNAPPROVED):

1. Martha Ramos suggested, and the Board approved, Marty Wolf as NYCC's representative on the "New Yorkers for the Bottle Bill" coalition.
2. The Board discussed upcoming rides, especially the July all-class ride on Long Island.
3. Martha Ramos reported that she and Dave Miller have spoken regarding the mailing of membership renewal letters.
4. Chris Mailing suggested that someone be found as a replacement for the Secretary at the general membership meetings in the Secretary's absence.
5. Bill Vojtech opened and led a discussion on the possibility of the Club's taking orders and buying bicycling merchandise in quantities large enough to get discount prices.
6. Following discussion of Bill Vojtech's suggestions for the Club's year-end awards, the Board decided to form a committee at the September board meeting to work on the annual awards program at the December general membership meeting.
7. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 6, 1982.

Copies of the complete, approved minutes are available from Irene Walter.

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LEGISLATION

GOOD NEWS!

The Suffolk County Bottle Bill came through, and should be in effect by the time you read this.

BAD NEWS!

The outcome of the Brooklyn Bridge situation is still not certain. The DOT keeps itself balanced on the fence trying to give something to both sides.

The majority of bridge users are in favor of full ramping. The Police could patrol it with relative ease and economy with a one man scooter patrol instead of several foot patrolmen.

Why was the ramping plan stopped? It seems someone on the Landmarks Commission had their aesthetics offended. They don't realize that a bridge is a utilitarian transportation link, not a damn piece of sculpture.

MOPE BAD NEWS!

The State DOT is pushing for the removal of the 59th Street Bridge Bike Lane. They claim it will only be temporary, and limited bike service should continue. Given the above case of political side switching I ask you, "Can they be trusted?".



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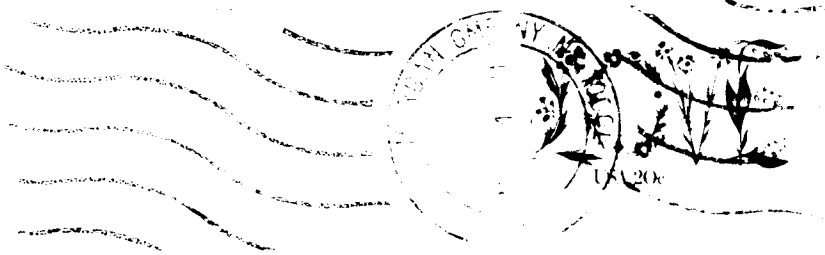
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