April
1993
And the Club President said unto Noah, "Thou shalt build an Ark, and gather unto Thee two of every bicycle frame; for there shall come in April many-a flood upon the Land."

Old Testament, Chainrings 10:28

"Let's see, that's two aluminum Cannondales, two titanium Merlins, two steel Bianchis...hey! Where are the carbon-fiber Kestrels..?"
Guidelines for Club Rides

NYCC rides are friendly group rides by individuals of similar riding abilities. Our leaders are volunteers. In addition to setting the pace and choosing the route, they may require or recommend specific equipment (helmets, lights, etc.) in their ride descriptions. Unless otherwise stated precipitation at the starting time cancels the ride.

Please be sure that your bike is in good working condition. Bring a pump, spare tube(s), patch kit, tire levers, water, pocket food, and medical I.D. Optional items include a lock, maps, commuter rail bike permits. Helmets are required in Rockland County and on some roads in New Jersey, and are strongly recommended at all times. Headphones, illegal in New York State, are not.

Club rides attempt to maintain the flat cruising pace printed after the ride class in the listing (i.e. B15). Consult the chart below for details of riding style. You can assess your abilities by riding at a comfortable pace, four laps around Central Park. The northern end of the park can be dangerous; ride with other cyclists. Be sure to measure the time it takes you to complete the four laps, and not your average speed. In selecting your first club ride, be conservative. Choose an easier ride; call the leader if you have any questions.

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Deadline for the May 1993 Bulletin is April 13th.
Saturday, April 3

SigA 65ml S.I.G. Progressive "A" Series Ride #5 - Let's Rotate 9:00am
Leaders: Herb Dershowitz (212 929-0787), Ernie Yu (212 663-5747). From the Boathouse. This time we'll rotate our single paceline, taking short pulls at the front as we zip through Long Island. We'll keep the focus on the skills we've been developing: a smooth style, a fast spin, and a quick smile. Prior participation required. Rain date: Sunday, 4/4.

A18 55-60mi "A" Training Ride #9 9:00am
Leader: Alex Bekerman (212 213-5359); Co-Leader: Bob Moulder (212 682-5669). From the Boathouse. A simple loop to White Plains with a couple of respectable hills on the way back to warm up our quads. Start temp below 30°F, serious precip. cancels.

B17 70mi "We Are The Road Crew" 9:00am
Leader: Larry Kiesel (716 478-0644). From the Boathouse. This might be the most famous ride that I do. I never get a bad word from this ride. Backroads to Nyack, 9W back. Precip. cancels; wet roads call leader.

B14 50mi By Special Request 9:30am
Leader: Jim Babbit (716 296-0027). From Queens Blv. & Union Tpke. (E or F trains) at 9:30 sharp! For those of you who wanted a snowmobile ride, here it is. Picnic lunch if weather is nice. I'll try and keep it flat. Rain cancels.

B14 55mi Up the River to You Know Where 9:30am
Leader: Larry Nelson (212 874-5125). From the Boathouse. An easy Spring ride to Nyack with lunch a lunch stop at the Skylark. Nothing exciting planned but a chance to stretch our legs. 50% chance of precip. Predicted high below 40°F cancels.

MTB/C3 35mi Croton Aqueduct Adventure 8:20am
Leader: Ed Ravin (716 796-3137). From Grand Central Terminal Info booth. Cycle the historic Croton Aqueduct Trail, formerly NYC's water system and now a 30 mile off road trail passing thru parks, nature preserves, backyards, villages, and towns. Beautiful scenery guaranteed or your money back. Easy Mountain Biking. Good ride for beginner off-road bikers. Metro North passes required (may be purchased at G.C.T., window #27).

C7 15mi Bronx's Port Morris Industrial Waterfront 1:00pm
Leader: Paul Rubenfarb (212 740-9123). From NE corner 181st St & Fl. Washington Ave (A train). Familiar route among American realist painters Charles de Muth and Edward Hopper. A stroll through w纽约 industrial landscape of stacks and cranes and mammoth drop forges. With only 17% of America's workforce still in production, those images of vilge industry seem quaint antiquities — but we'll still see buildings and trappings of our blue-collar ancestry on the Bronx waterfront. Rough, unobtrusive attire. Rain or shine.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!!
Sunday, April 4

A18 60+/mi "A" Training Ride #10 9:00am
Leader: Donna Slattery (716 821-4635), Co-Leader: Mike Samuel (212 722-8125). From the Boathouse. Armonk. We're off to Armonk! Cooperative rotating paceline of 18mph. We will stop for lunch at the deli, followed by cookies at the bakery (my favorite stop). No pace busting allowed! Rain at start cancels.

A20 55mi Take Me Away 9:00am
Leader: Don Montalvo (212 307-7753). From the Boathouse. A quick ride to Nyack at a pace a little faster than the training series for those of you with some speed in your legs. Rain cancels.

B7? Who's In Charge? 9:30am
Leader: 1-800-BIKE-RIDE. From the Boathouse. If you want to do a slow ride, meet at the boathouse. Maybe others will join you.

KB16 65/70mi Killer B's Head North 9:30am
Leader: Sang (1-800-STINGERS). From the Boathouse. Today we head up to White Plains and a few of the Westchester hills. With a little luck, we will get a paceline going on the Grand Concourse. Strict adherence to pace. Rain cancels.

C>B 40mi "C" to "B" Progressive Training Series 10:00am
Leader: Irving Weisman (212 567-9672). From the G.W. Bridge Bus Terminal (Fl. Washington & 178th St.) First of a series of rides that will enable "C" riders to improve their riding efficiency, increase their comfortable cruising range, and broaden their cycling horizons. This series will incorporate elements from the Effective Cycling program. Don't miss this inaugural ride as subsequent rides will increase in difficulty.

Friday, April 9

A21 60mi The First Long Weekend 9:00am
Leader: Rikki Furman (212 734-2867). From the Boathouse. A fast ride up to Westchester. We'll see what the day looks like and take it from there. Rain cancels.

B17 55mi Friday Is Good (For Biking) 8:00am
Leader: Steven Britt (716 322-7265). From the Boathouse. We'll try to beat most of the rush hour crowd as we exit the city for a visit to Nyack. Miles and destination can be altered upon request. Rain, temps below 40°F cancels.

Saturday, April 10

SigA 70mi S.I.G. Progressive "A" Series Ride #6 8:30am
Leaders: Ellen Richard (212 505-0697), Christy Guczetta (212 595-3674). From the Boathouse. Please note the earlier start and the extra miles. Today we ride to Saddle River Road in a double paceline with another bike at our side as well as in front and back of us. You get to talk to someone other than yourself this way (IF you have any energy left to talk). Please bring 2 water bottles and pocket food. Prior participation required. Rain date: Sunday, 4/11.

A18.5 60mi "A" Training Ride #11 9:00am
Leader: Bob Moulder (212 682-5669). From the Boathouse. Oh, Valhalla!! Flat on the way up with a couple of easy hills on the way back. Breakfast at the nice restaurant in Valhalla that is always hospitable. Start temp below 30°F, serious precip. cancels.

A20 125mi "Back to the Island" 7:00am/7:30am
Leader: Larry Kiesel (716 478-0644). From the Boathouse/Queens and Yellowstone Bvds. Yes, that's right, "back to the island" means just that: Montauk the flat way. Precip. call leader. Pocket food recommended, LIRR pass needed.

A20 70+/mi Roubaix Slippers 9:00am
Leader: Mark Martinez (716 726-7644). From the Boathouse. Cinch up your Diadoras, Dorothy, and follow the gray brick road. In honor of the combatants
in tomorrow's Paris-Roubaix classic, we will traverse 0.1km of Gotham pave en route to New City. Unlike the real thing, rain, snow, mud and cow manure cancel.

KB16.5 60/55mi Killer B's Go to Kensico 9:00am
Leader: Sting. From the Boathouse. Today we add a few hills with a little less mileage while we try and keep it together on the Grand Concourse. Strict adherence to pace. Rain cancels.

B? Who's In Charge? 9:30am
Leader: Bea Leader (1-800-I CARE). From the Boathouse. (See Apr. 4th).

C7 18mi Bedford Stuyvesant, Brownstone Nocturne 1:00pm
Leader: Paul Rubenfarb (212)740-9123. From front of Brooklyn Museum. (Eastern Parkway stop on #2 or #3). Intoxicating ride through the most of all NYC's architectural streets. Rough, unobtrusive attire. Rain or shine.

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Sunday, April 11

A18.5 60mi "A" Training Ride #12 9:00am
Leader: Bob Moulder (212) 882-5669; Co-Leader: David Regen (212) 222-0532. From the Boathouse. Join the Easy-star Parade to Rockland Lake with Bob and Dave. We'll pass over a couple of hills going there and on the return trip. We'll dream of Paris-Roubaix. Start temp below 35°F, serious precip. cancels.

A20 53mi The Easter Parade 9:00am

B16 55mi Nyack 9:00am
Leader: Karl Dittlebrandt (212) 477-1387. From the Boathouse. Will take River Road on the way out. With maybe Bradley, Tweed, and the easy way home. Rain, temp below 35°F cancels.

C8 45mi "C" to "B" Progressive Training Series 10:00am

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Saturday, April 17

SigA 77mi Progressive "A" S.I.G. Ride #7 8:30am
Leaders: Herb Dershowitz (212) 335-0787, Christy Guzzetta (212) 335-0674. From the Boathouse. If you thought one rotating paceline was fun, try doing it with two! We'll practice our rotating double paceline on the L.I.E. service road, taking short pulls and being mindful of traffic. Let's stay in sync and in first. Practice makes perfect. Prior participation required. Rain date: Sun., Apr. 18.

A19 65mi "A" Training Ride #13 9:00am
Leader: Alex Bekkerman (212) 213-5359. From the Boathouse. I don't know where we're going but 65 miles at this pace shouldn't hurt anyone. Start temp below 35°F, serious precip. cancels.

MTB-A Mud Slide 9:00am
Leader: Mike Samuel (212) 722-5125. Take our fat tires to 34th & Glen Ave at 9:00am. Take the PATH to Newark then climb the big hill to South Mt Preserve and take it from there. Some will helpful. Rain, snow or 40° & below cancel.

B14 50+mi L.I. Schmooze 9:30am
Leader: Jim Babbitt (718) 296-0027. From Queens Blvd. & Union Tpke. (E or F Trains). Know some backroads that you probably haven't been on. Lunch will be in Roslyn. Rain cancels.

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Sunday, April 18

A19 60-65mi "A" Training Ride #14 9:00am
Leader: Mike Samuel (212) 722-5125, Co-Leader: Donna Slattery (718) 925-4635. From the Boathouse. We'll take a rather hilly route to Nyack to get your legs in shape. Emphasis on cooperative riding. Let's help everyone in shape and not drop the hindmost. Rain, snow, 40° and under cancel.

A19 55+mi Springtime In Oyster Bay 9:30am
Leader: Steven Brit (718) 24-9470. From the Boathouse. Some North Shore hills, some North Shore views, and hopefully, some Southern temperatures. Wet roads, temps. below 45°F cancels.

B14 40mi Do Aircraft Still Fly At Floyd Bennet Field? 9:00am
Leader: Marilyn & Ken Weissman (212) 222-5527. On time from the Boathouse. First of a mostly unpublished Sunday series, culminating in a 7-10 day NYCC August tour — Toronto to NYC or Vermont or whatever. Series features alphabet soup conditions: C speed, B distance and stops, later some A terrain. Today's ride follows the Brooklyn waterfront. Weather determines indoor/outdoor lunch. Rain, expected highs below 45°F cancels.

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Sunday, April 24

SigA 80mi S.I.G. Progressive "A" Series Ride #8 8:30am
Leaders: Carolyn White (212) 250-5783; Ellen Richard (212)505-0697. From the Boathouse. Off to Armock and the land of burning thighs. Yes, the hills are your friends and from now on you will be spending some quality time with them. Prior participation required. Rain date: Sunday, 4/25.

A19 75+/-mi "A" Training Ride #15 9:00am
Leader: David Regen (212) 222-0532; Co-Leader: Bob Moulder (212) 682-5689. From the Boathouse. Miles of beautiful scenery and nice rolling hills up to South Mountain Rd. Don't worry, you can handle it . . . the weather isn't too hot yet. Start temp below 30°F, any precip. cancels.

A18 70mi "Up the Hill Backwards" 8:00am/8:30am
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...Club Rides...Club Rides...Club Rides...Club Rides...Club Rides...

Leader: Larry Ksiez (718-478-0644). From the Boathouse/Queens and Yellowstone Blvds. Bayville, Oyster Bay, Syosset; with a lot of hills thrown in before and after lunch, so take your hill climbing gears. Call the leader to hear the names of the streets with "hill" in them. Precip. maybe.

A20 70mi In Search of the Ghosts of Sleepy Hollow 9:00am Leader: Maynard Switzer (212-265-6330). From the Boathouse. We will wind our way on roads not usually traveled on this hopefully beautiful spring day. Rain cancels.

KB17 75mi Killer B's Swarm Westchester 8:30am Leader: Buzz. (718 204-4970). From the Boathouse. The Bees will descend on Westchester via the Grand Concource. You'll learn why hills are honey to the Bees. Lunch at the Flagship or out-of-doors if the pollen count is high. Rain, temps 40°F cancels.

C1 19mi The Old Left's Stallinist Bronx 1:00pm Leader: Paul Rubenfarb (212 740-9123). From NE corner 181st St & Ft. Washington Ave (A train). Roll past the Depression era Workers Cooperative Colony apartments on Bronx Park East and other memenitos of our forefather's zealousy. Rain or shine.

C14 50mi Piernont, The Scenic Way 10:00am Leader: Sandy Gold (212 222-4078). From the Boathouse. The title of this ride talks for itself. Helmets required. Precip. temps below 35°F cancels.

Sunday, April 25


A19 50-75mi "A" Training Ride #16 8:45am Leader: Mark Martinez (718 726-7644). Co-leader: Bob Moulder (212 682-5669). From the Boathouse. Note time! Steady cruise past Kensico Reservoir and then let our climbing legs on Whippoorwill hill. A quick regrouping at the top and then on to Chappaqua for refueling. Return via rolling hills and then we chain gang down Grassly Spring. Rain cancels.

A18 90mi Stony Point 8:30am Leader: Karl Dittebrandt (212 477-1387). From the Boathouse. Breakfast at the Stony Point Diner. Then a somewhat twisted way home. Bring gears and some attitude. Rain, temps below 35°F cancels.

KB? Buzz Off 9:00am Leader: Sing. Grand Central Station. Dear Killer B's, today you can do your own thing or join other "B" riders on the Connecticut Shoreline Ride (see above). Enjoy it, next month, hills, hills, hills.

C-1 35mi "C" to "B" Progressive Training Series 10:00am Leader: Irv Weisman (212 567-9672). From the G.W.B.T. (see 4/4 listing).

C13 45mi Piernont With(out) Blue Lips 9:15am Leader: Peter Hochstein (212 427-1041). From the Boathouse. Snow on the ground in Rockland Co. canceled this sucker in December & February. Let's try again. Easy route up; only one bad hill home. Indoor lunch at the artsy-smartsy Italian cafe and brunch place on Piernont's main drag (bring about $7). Helmet required. Actual cruising speed depends on abilities and whims of group. While stuff sticking to the ground cancels.

Sunday, May 2

B10-13/C14-17 35-55mi Newcomers Ride 9:00am Leader: Irv Weisman (212 562-7298). "B" from the Boathouse at 9am. "C" riders at 9:30am from G.W.B.T. (Fl. Washington & 176th St. "A" train to 175th St.). This ride is intended to take newcomers to the Club on "C" and "B" level rides through some of the scenic suburbia which we enjoy. The distances are a bit more modest than those used in previous years. The routes are designed so that a tired rider can fall back and be absorbed into a following, slower group. If you have been wondering how and when to begin riding with the Club, this is for you. Old-timers are welcome to join in and help welcome newcomers into our midst. Precip., temps below 35°F cancels.

RIDE PREVIEWS

Time: Late May or early June (2-3 weeks)
Place: Belgium/France/Germany/Switzerland/Liechtenstein/Austria
Daily Distance: 60-75 mi. (A17 pace)
Leader: Marty Wolf (212 935-1460). Call if interested.

Time: Mid-June to Mid July
Place: Hungary, Austria, Germany, France, Ireland
Daily Distance: 50-70 miles (B16 pace)
Leader: Michael DiCerbo (212 645-1120). Call if interested.

A/B Cycle Italy June 25 - July 4
9 days of cycling plus* through the Marches and Umbria (50 - 80 mi. daily). Full van support, 3 star accommodations, sumptuous meals, bilingual leaders. Cost: $500 plus airfare. *Many non-cycling activities available, call leaders for details and reservations. Leaders: Lori Vendinello (wr: 212 387-5605/h: 212 353-9068); Howard Turoff (wr: 212 214-2366).

A/B David Tours the Pyrenées July 22 - Aug. 1
Here's your opportunity to ride the scenic roads where bike racing's legends have battled: Val Louron, Col du Tourmalet, Luz Ardiden, among others. Terrain? It's not hilly; it's mountainous, but 30 miles average per day makes this attainable for any B rider. Self contained. Cost: $1,494 including airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily. Another trip Aug 15-Sept 6. Call for info. Leader: David Schlichting (516 482-3423).

OUT-OF-BOUNDS

Sunday, April 18

C 20mi Bike Tour & Tea 10:00am
Sponsor: Staten Island Bike Club. For info: (718 816 4506). Enjoy tea and a talk at the Alice Austen House, a Victorian Cottage overlooking New York Harbor, followed by a historical bike ride. $3.00 donation.

Saturday, May 1

25/40/62/100mi Farmlands Flat Tour Central Jersey Bicycle Club
NYCC coordinator: Larry Ksiez (718 478-0644). Cartop. Ride starts from Brookdale College near exit 109 of Garden State Parkway. NYCC contingent will car pool to start. Organizers will provide map, sag support, route markings, snacks, and T-shirt for $11 registration ($13 day of ride). Helmet req. C.J.B.C., P.O. Box 2202, Edison, NJ 08818. Call for details.
Front Derailleur Blues

A couple of years ago I wrote two complimentary articles on rear derailleur adjustments (a revised, combined version appeared recently in Traffic), but I never wrote an article about front derailleurs, figuring them to be idiot-proof. They used to be, but not anymore, so let’s take a look at them. Even downtube-levered front derailleurs can be fine-tuned for optimal performance.

A job description

A front derailleur’s task is much simpler than that of a rear derailleur, which must move the chain over a larger lateral range and, at the same time, take up slack in the chain. The front derailleur encloses the chain in a cage and has only to shove the chain between 2 chainrings or, in the case of triples, among 3 chainrings. Easy!

Two significant similarities between front and rear derailleurs are 1) the hinged, spring-loaded, swinging parallelogram that allows them to travel through their lateral range, and 2) “High” and “Low” limit screws that restrict the lateral range so the chain doesn’t fall off every time you shift. The spring tugs the parallelogram inward, toward the small chainring, while the shift lever and cable work against the spring when shifting up to the big chainring. Friction, or more commonly a combined ratchet/friction mechanism, makes the shift lever stay where you put it.

STI and Campy ErgoPower shifters are complex-gutted, 100% ratchet-dependent, and they also have a “staged” big chainring trim function. In the event you crash-mash these sophisticated babies, get ready to fork over big money for some new ones.

Overview: A quick look at the forest

As you shift your rear derailleur, the chain line—the path of the chain between the front chainring and rear cog in use—constant changes. When you’re using the largest cog and smallest chainring (which is the lowest gear), and when you shift to your smallest cog and largest chainring (your highest gear), the chain line is at its most extreme inner and outer points, respectively. Front derailleur misadjustments at these extreme points are what cause your chain to fall off. Perfect adjustment is achieved when, in your lowest gear, the gap between the chain and the inner cage plate is about 1.0mm, and when, in your highest gear, the gap between the chain and the outer cage plate is about 1.0mm. Wobbly chainrings, or a flexy frame, crank spider or bottom bracket spindle might force you to leave gaps of 1.5mm or more, but keep them as small as possible. This will provide for the most rear derailleur up- and downshifts without having to trim the front derailleur.

By the numbers

If you’re experiencing front derailleur blues, buy yourself a new shift cable, remove the old one and start from scratch, as enumerated below:

1) Look at your derailleur’s instruction sheet and eyeball your derailleur to confirm that it’s mounted the way it should be. Most manufacturers specify that the outer cage plate should be aligned parallel with the big chainring, but some say their derailleur’s inner cage plate should line up with the small chainring. Also, nearly all component makers indicate that the bottom of the outer cage plate should be 1mm-3mm above the big chainring’s teeth.

2) If your derailleur is mounted correctly, but isn’t shifting properly, leave it alone at this point. But if yours isn’t set up properly, loosen the shift cable and remove it from the derailleur, then loosen the derailleur’s clamp or attachment bolt and re-tighten when the derailleur is correctly positioned. When mounting so-called “braze-on” derailleurs I often find it necessary to use a thin metal shim as a spacer to get things to fit just right. Make shims from aluminum soda cans, which can be cut and trimmed just like paper with ordinary scissors.

3) Now that the front derailleur is correctly positioned—and with the front shift cable still loose—shift the rear derailleur onto the largest cog.

4) What we’re going to do now is create the 1.0mm gap between the inner cage plate and the chain. Use a small Phillips-head screwdriver to turn the “Low” limit screw, which is the innermost of two small screws on top of the derailleur. When you turn this screw counter-clockwise you’ll notice the cage move inward, outward when it’s turned clockwise. Make whatever turns are necessary to end up with the 1.0mm gap between the inner cage plate and the chain.

5) Downtube shifter users, move your front shift lever all the way forward; STI users, click the small lever three times; Ergo users, hit the inside button three times. This step is necessary before securing the shifter cable.

6) Pull the shift cable tautly (by hand) through the derailleur’s cable anchor bolt and tighten the bolt. Do not over-tighten. STI and Ergo

users, make sure to anchor the shift cable exactly as indicated in the instructions, because if you don’t the big-ring trim function won’t work.

7) Shift the rear derailleur onto the smallest cog, then gently shift the chain onto the big chainring. Stop all moving parts.

8) At this point we’re going to create the 1.0mm gap between the outer cage plate and the chain. While watching the front derailleur, move the shift lever (upshift) until the derailleur shifts as far outward as it will go without forcing it. If that now-famous gap is more than 1.0mm, turn the “H” limit screw (which is the outermost of the two small screws atop the derailleur) clockwise, which will make the cage move in. If the gap is less than 1.0mm, turn the “H” screw a half turn counter-clockwise, move the shift lever in the upshift direction and check your adjustment. If necessary, repeat these adjustments until you get the magic 1.0mm gap.

9) Now test your adjustments by riding your bike and shifting through all your gear combinations and listening for any telltale rubbing. The real-world loads, stress and flex on your bike may cause some rubbing in your lowest and highest gears, but these can be “cleaned up” quickly with very small turns of the “H” and “L” screws.

10) STI and Ergo users, your trim function should work pretty well right out of the barn. If it doesn’t, give the downtube barrel adjuster 2 or 3 counter-clockwise turns to increase the cable tension, and check to make sure you anchored the cable correctly.

If your front derailleur still doesn’t perform to your satisfaction, here are some possible reasons:

* Your chainrings are too far outward or, much less likely, inward. You may need to get a shorter bottom bracket spindle, or a bottom bracket that allows chain line adjustments, so that the chain line meets the manufacturer’s requirements.

* Your derailleur’s hinge points are worn out, making for “sloppy” lateral movement.

* You are using a derailleur with insufficient “tooth capacity” for your chainring spread. For instance, most road bike front derailleurs can handle only about a 14-tooth difference between the large and small chainring, so 52/38 or 53/39 chainrings would be the maximum spread you can use.

* Dirty or corroded shift cables, kinked cable housings and anything else that might introduce unnecessary friction into the picture can degrade performance.

That’s all. Happy shifting!!
Two months ago I mentioned that the LLBC had a column that sounded very similar to this one. Squeakle Wheel’s response is: Readers of the NYCC Bulletin surely know the inspiration for this missive is Blowouts, by the redoubtable Lou S. Pokes. Mr. Pokes has taken me to task for fitching his conceit of linking names by (yes) or (no). Well, it does have an elegant simplicity, and, at any rate, you’re right that “imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.” Another idea I may steal from Pokes is the “Road Bozo of the Month.” Please send your nominations to club officers for any particularly stupid, inept or silly act on a club ride, and I’ll try to treat it with no more mean spirit than the act deserves, right in this space.

I can’t even take credit for Road Bozos. It was Jane Kenyon’s idea. She stole it from a snow mobiling club that had a monthly Snow Bozo.

I found a great new source for gossip - the Club’s membership application. How else would one find out that Julia Goodman and Noel Comess (yes) signed up as a couple? Or that Jeff Vogel’s name was not on Margaret Cipolla’s application? Hmmm.

The March/April issue of Fitness magazine had an article titled “Meeting Your (Perfect) Match.” It talked about how clubs like ours are the new way to meet people and mentioned “Jody Sayler and Christy Guzzetta’s first date was a ride to Bear Mountain.” How did Fitness know about Jody and Christy? The article was written by our Grace Lichtenstein.

The February/March issue of New York Running News had an interview with NYCC member Suzanne Rohr. After reading about her swimming six days a week, finishing the Hawaii Ironman and competing in 10K races, I was exhausted.

Mark Martinez’ Out of the Saddle last month asked if anyone knew the name of the Michelin tire man. Gail Heneay was the only one who knew Bibendum. (It’s Latin for someone who drinks too much, or something like that.) I think Gail should be disqualified. She had inside information. She works for the ad agency that handles the Michelin account.

This year’s SIG is picking up where last year’s left off -with terrible weather. On a day that was so miserable that the CRCA canceled racing, 36 dedicated riders braved the snow and slush to do four laps of Central Park. Afterwards, I’m sure the day’s lesson was on bike cleaning!

The weather was so bad through all of February that just about every ride was canceled. We hope that didn’t ruin Greg Vandenberg’s Valentine’s Day. His Bride, No Achy Breaky Hearts, was one of those canceled. Why was “A” rider Greg leading a “B” ride? Has he figured out something most of the other male “A” riders haven’t?

Bad news, good news. I guess Tom Lowenthal did jinx himself last month when he reported an $100 mile, accident free year. Three days later Tom slid on some black ice, went down and broke his pelvis. The good news is that Allie Ragazzino has been doing such a great job taking care of him that Tom and Allie are now engaged! Allie, an avid hiker, says she has no plans to take up cycling. Based on Tom’s accident record, we understand.

The March Club meeting was highlighted (?) by a spirited debate between Irv Weisman and Bob (Not Tech) Moulder on optimum cadence. (Who said cyclists are boring?) While Irv wowed the audience with his Ross Perot-like charts and graphs, Bob presented a practical view. With Irv’s 20 years of presenting lectures on the subject, Bob said he felt like a “One-legged man in an ass kicking contest.” Since debate went on long after the audience had left, we may never know who won.

So who is it that’s been submitting the anonymous poetry to the Bulletin? We needed a literary antithesis to this column. Someone should take credit for it, before I do.

Speaking of anonymity, several readers questioned who last month’s unamed Road Bozo was. I really had no one in particular in mind, but I was thinking of “A” riders, who don’t know enough to come in from the cold. However, I did find out that Peter Hochstein volunteered to lead a ride in place of Gro Kaplan. To Peter’s surprise no one showed up on a 24 degree morning. Undaunted, Peter did a couple of laps before retreating to the warmth of the Boathouse. Peter, you should be ashamed of yourself, a “C” rider out on a brutally cold day. You’re our Road Bozo this month.

And, finally, details are leaking out about Amy Saekman. Her fiancee’s name is Josh and a wedding date has been set. More to follow.*
POKER PACE

Carol Baron

A flat, straight road along the barrier islands of Florida’s east coast, A1A is about the only road fit for a cyclist to ride in the Miami-Palm Beach area, and it’s BORING. You can’t just ride A1A — you’ve got to do something. Paceline, speedwork, intervals, anything to break the monotony.

On our semiannual visits to Steve’s mom in North Miami beach, rather than pay $90 each to have our bikes accompany us on our flight, we occasionally rent decent bicycles from an excellent local shop, Gary’s Megacycle. Last June, while riding our rentals through Pompano Beach, we saw a familiar shape in lycra. It was Art Guterdin, an ex NYCC member who moved south about five years ago.

“The Broward Wheelmen are running a poker ride tomorrow. It costs five bucks, and the winner takes half the pot. Meet us at the shopping mall on Sunrise at seven.”

“Well, we’ve got nothing to lose but our shirts, and in this heat, I don’t mind,” Steve said.

The deluge that began as we drove up to the parking lot at 7 a.m. Sunday morning didn’t look promising, but the home-baked blondies and the Gatorade did. We signed up in the shelter of an overhang, hoping for sunshine.

The deal was you ante up $5. For that you get a chart rather like a bingo card, with deuce through aces on the vertical axis and the four suits across the top. Choose five or seven cards draw, depending on whether you’re planning to ride twenty-five or thirty-five miles. Every five miles you stop to pick a card, have your chart stamped, and schmooze a bit. The best hand, or card, at the finish wins half the pot. The other half goes to the club.

A rainbow appeared and the ride began at 7:30 on wet roads in storm-cooled air. Art, riding his new custom Masi, modestly professed that he hadn’t ridden much this year. Steve rode a Bottecchia and I steel Masi with tirbars, our rentals. Our paceline was soon joined by Jim. When not training for triathlons, Jim captains the flagship of a private yacht builder’s fleet. He was incredibly steady, and fast. Shortly after joining us, he leaned down on his tirbars and started pulling. I dropped down on mine and pedaled furiously to hang on. Though it’s not a good idea to ride tirbars in a paceline, this was my first time using them, and it was my only salvation. The straight road and infrequent intersections of A1A are ideal for this kind of riding.

At Lauderdale, we stopped for Gatorade and to draw our second card. Art added a jack to his ten of spades. Steve’s card was totally unrelated to his first. Mine was of the same suit as my first, as was Jim’s. We resumed our paceline, spinning along at twenty-plus to the next stop, then to the turnaround at Spanish River in Boca Raton.

“I think you’re the only ones going this far,” a blond woman named Sue observed as she offered refreshments.

“Well, that just means there are more of these blondies for us. We can handle it,” said Jim. The Gatorade Nouveau was the perfect accompaniment.

We each drew our fourth card. Art was working on a straight, Steve was still drawing random cards, and I seemed to be drawing to a very spread out inside straight. We weren’t sure where Jim’s hand was headed. It was 8:30 and the sun was rapidly warming the air, making it tempting to remain in the shade of the live oaks and Spanish moss.

“This is great,” I said, “but it would be really difficult to pull off an event like this in New York. You need wives and cars to provide support, and all our women ride. We have no one to bake and drive the Gatorade around. Thanks, Sue.”

Full of liquid and carbohydrates, we headed back south.

Jim pulled for the entire return. He seemed to get stronger as the ride progressed. I, for one, was working very hard to keep up, even with the aid of my tribars. I welcomed the occasional red light. We stopped twice more for cards.

In perfect form, we made the last turn into the parking lot to draw the final card. By now, my hand was as random as Steve’s. Art was disappointed that he failed to fill in his inside straight. But Jim, it seemed, had a full house. It was good enough to win the $50 pot.

Fear and Loathing

Mark Martinez

So you wanna be an “A” rider. You say you’re a pretty fit cyclist who likes to ride fast but wants to know what the aerodynamic benefits and camaraderie comes from riding in a paceline. No problem. Join the progressive “A” Special Interest Group. What’s that you say? You missed the first rides and it’s too late to join? Problem.

You could show up for a regular “A” ride and try to pick up group riding skills a little bit at a time. What kind of reception would you get? That’s a good question. You might be given an enthusiastic welcome, but don’t count on it. More often than not, you’ll get a couple of icy stares, a sharp word or two, and if your lucky, some friendly pointers on riding style.

You probably think “A” riders are a pretty rotten bunch. They’re not. Those lean riders aren’t mean, they’re afraid of you. Yes you. You are an unknown factor that worries them. They don’t want to risk crashing because of some new guy’s erratic bike handling. Riding time is prime time and they would prefer not to have to worry about some dweeb who’s gotten in over his head.

So how are you ever going to get to learn “A” rider skills if you don’t go on an “A” ride? You’re not. A little preparation is all you need to make the experience positive.

Find an “A” ride listed at a pace and distance that is a little easier than what you are used to. It’s hard to concentrate on learning technique when riding at the edge of your fitness level. Call up the ride leader and tell him that you want to develop your group riding skills. Be honest about your fitness and skill level. If the leader knows you’ve got the physical conditioning and right mental attitude, she shouldn’t have any reservations about having you join a ride. If she does, find another leader who doesn’t. If you can’t, call up the “A” Rides Coordinator or the VP for rides and explain your situation. (Perseverance is always a good quality for “A” riders.)

When you’ve found an appropriate ride, show up on time with your bike in good working order and related essentials (see page 2). Identify yourself to the leader and listen to what he or she says. Don’t be afraid to ask questions. If you want additional attitude insurance, bring along a map, train pass and some pocket food; some days even veteran “A” riders get dropped.

See you in the paceline.
New for 1993: New York Cycling Club Jersey

The new jersey will have sublimation printed designs on CoolMax material.
The colors are:
Safety Yellow background, Hot Red Skyline, Black NYCC logos (except for the large white one on the rear pockets), black side panel, with New York Cycle Club spelled out in white.
The new jersey design incorporates the Official club logo, both of which have been designed by club member Michael Toomey.
Sizes available:
Women: XS, S, M, L
Men: S, M, L, XL
Price will be $50. each.
1993 New York Cycle Club Jersey Order Form

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Total Number of jerseys

PRICE: $50 EACH

TOTAL ORDER: $__________ (Do not send cash, please make checks payable to New York Cycle Club)

Prepaid mail orders are accepted c/o Club President, Geo Kaplan, 18 West 16th Street, Apt PFF, NY, NY, 10011.

Name:

Address, Apt. No.

City, State, Zip

Telephone number (including area code)

Jerseys are made of Cool Max material, by Canari Cycle Wear Products of San Diego, and have an extra-long 14" zipper.

ORDER NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

No extra jerseys will be stocked. Orders will be taken at the April Club meeting and by mail. After the April Club meeting, jerseys will only be available depending on demand. Delivery time: Approx. 6-8 weeks

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Re: Letters to the Editor
Judging by the letters received by the Editor, Bob Moulder seems to have touched some raw nerves with his article on "Why Cars Hate Us". Due to space constraints this month, the letters will be printed in the May Bulletin and we welcome all opinions on the subject. Please send them as early as possible to make the deadline.

- Editor

“What’s in a Name” Department
The Seattle Cyclones franchise of the National Cycle League has been sold and will relocate to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

New York Cycle Club Contest #1
(Sponsored by your V.P. for Rides)
This contest is inspired by similar contests in New York Magazine and by my close call with carpal tunnel syndrome after typing the ride listings for March and April. All contestants will receive honorable mention in the May Bulletin’s Ride Listings. The winning entry will actually be proofread.

Ride leaders are requested to submit their May ride listings in brief, telegraphic prose. Samples:

A22 102mi Warm Up 8:00am
Leader: Lance Corporal Punishment (212 555-1212) RIDE STOP RIDE FASTER STOP RIDE STRAIGHTER STOP RIDE CLOSER STOP DON'T STOP

B15 52mi The Usual 9:00am

C3mi The Bowery - Sublime Gutters of the Lower East Side 1:00pm
Leader: Paul Rubenesque (212 555-1212) Keep this short: You Must Be Joking!

BIKE-TO-WORK-WEEK
Bike To Work Week, organized by Transportation Alternatives is being held May 17th to 21st to encourage increased numbers of New Yorkers to experience the benefits of bicycle commuting. For more information, pick up City Cyclist, or contact Cindy Arlinsky of TA at 212-475-4600.

MINUTES OF THE NYCC BOARD MEETING
(TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998)
Absent: Mark Martinez, Jody Saylor, Nadine Manney, Hannah Holland and Karin Fantus.

Geo advised that there were 276 paid members for 1993. Jim advised that he was trying to establish a "B" training series.

Geo reported that Karin and Clif Kranish had prepared a new brochure. Karin had also prepared an ad to appear in "In Traffic." Richard reported that he was working on public service announcements.

Geo suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Jeff Vogel and Margaret Cipolla for the brunch provided to club members in connection with a recent ride. The secretary will send such a letter.

Geo noted that LAW had entered into a contract allowing LAW members to transport their bikes for free on certain airlines. LAW had received the NYCC as a sponsor of a proposed century ride from New York to Philadelphia. There would be no cost to the club, although there might be a requirement of $1.00 per participant for insurance.

Geo advised the Board that Dave Lutz of Metropolitan Green Space had asked NYCC to be a sponsor of a proposed century ride from New York to Philadelphia. There would be no cost to the club, although there might be a requirement of $1.00 per participant for insurance. It was agreed to defer the matter until we received a more detailed proposal.
**Classified listings**

**For Sale:**
- Davidson Impulse 52cm. Dura Ace & Campagnolo. Call let’s talk.
  Call Herb (212) 929-0787
- Bottechia Road Bike, 50cm, SLX frame, pink and white, all Campy Athena components, except Shimano 105 Rear Derailleur. Beautiful frame in Excellent condition. Asking $875.
  Call Beth (212) 689-7778 (eves)
- Polar Pacer Heart Rate Monitor. Used, but not often. $80.
- Centurion Ironman, 49cm. Mostly Shimano 105, some Ultegra plus extra wheels and gears. $400
  Call Elizabeth (212) 283-7772
- 52cm aluminum Bridgestone Radac. Mostly Shimano 200, now set up as fixed gear, can easily be converted to road bike. $500.
  Call Stefan (212) 769-8718.
- Schwinn Criss Cross Hybrid Bike, 21 speeds. #1 rated in Consumer reports. Excellent condition, $250.
  Call Howard (212) 243-5483
- Two almost new 700X38c knobby Cheng Shin tires. Also two Presta inner tubes slightly used. Asking $15.
  Call Lenny or Rebecca (212) 796-5006 (after Apr. 13)
- "Pole Cat" Bicycle Storage System. White floor to ceiling pole with two extending arms for vertical bike hanging. New $40.00
  Call Simone (W)(212)773-6828 & (H)(718)639-1732
- Polar Accurex Heart Rate Monitor. Nearly new (I’m upgrading), includes warranty (9 mos left), instruction booklet and receipt. $125 o.b.o.
  Call Don (212) 307-7753

**Other listings:**
- **Wanted:** Pro-bono Attorney to help with incorporation filing for new, exciting non-profit Children’s Sports Museum.
  Call Bruce (718) 832-3111
- **Interested?** in forming an informal Central Park tennis league (advanced beginner to advanced intermediate players).
  Call Jonathan (212) 794-4692

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**FROM THE NICE FOLKS AT METRO NORTH...**

As you know, we often lead rides that leave or return on a Metro North 'Bike Train'. If you would like to lead a ride that uses one of these trains, following is the schedule (Note: there are no bike trains on holiday weekends):

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Metro North passes are still required for every rider (call 212-340-2176 to get an application).

If you absolutely have to lead a ride that needs a bike train at a different time, you must call the NYCC Metro North liaison, Jeff Vogel (718-275-6978), and he will try to arrange another train for your ride.

As always, if there are only four people on a ride, you may still take a Metro North train, with passes. All other rules still apply.

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**Membership Application**

I know that bicycling is a potentially hazardous activity. I represent that I am over eighteen years of age and that my physical condition and the condition of my equipment is to the best of my knowledge adequate to allow me to participate in NYCC activities. I assume all risks associated with such activities, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my application, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the NYCC, its Board of Directors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participating in NYCC activities.

**Name:** ______________________  **Signature:** ______________________

**Name:** ______________________  **Signature:** ______________________

**Street Address/Apt#:** ______________________  **Phone (H):** ______________________

**City/State /Zip:** ______________________  **Phone (W):** ______________________

**Where did you hear about NYCC?** ______________________  **Date:** ______________________

☐ New  ☐ Renewal  ☐ Change of Address  **Check Amount:** ______________________

**Circle if applicable:** I do not want my (Address) (Phone Number) published in the semi-annual roster.

**For demographic purposes only (Optional):**
- ☐ M  ☐ F  Age:_____  Occupation:_____  How many NYCC rides have you done in the past 12 months?____

1993 dues are $17 per individual, $23 per couple residing at the same address and receiving one Bulletin. Members joining after Labor Day pay one-half ($8.50 individual, $11.50 couple) until December 31st. Mail this application with a check made payable to the New York Cycle Club, P.O. Box 199, Cooper Station, New York, N.Y. 10276.
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Come welcome the Sailings and learn of their long, exciting careers in cycling. They are charming ambassadors of the sport.

CLUB MEETING LOCATION
FLATIRON GRILL at 937 Broadway (betw. 21st and 22nd Streets)
Drinks at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, program follows. Members and non-members welcome.

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