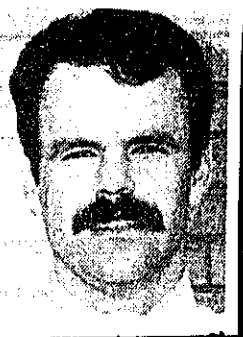


PEDALING AROUND

Sloppy cycling

By Mike Eliasohn



I like to think of myself as being rational, but if you would like to argue that getting up at 4 on a Saturday morning in order to drive two hours to ride my bicycle 40 miles in the rain is irrational, I won't disagree.

immodestly admit, I loved every minute of it.

(I will be doing an article about my bike -- I always wanted to interview myself -- once I finally get all the bugs out. It might be winter by then.)

Everything was perfect that Saturday except for the weather. While on my first five-mile lap it started raining and it didn't stop.

Bicycles are not at their best in the rain. They don't stop good and without the proper raingear, which most cyclists don't have, the rider gets very wet.

I got very wet, as did my bicycle. I was, of course, more concerned about my bike than about me.

I slogged on for 40 miles, which took me about 5 1/2 hours, record time for slowness. The farthest I have ever ridden in a day, done at Belle Isle a few years ago in dry weather, is 60 miles, which to many cyclists is a short excursion.

The record at Belle Isle for the 24 hours of the event is more than 400 miles. Because of poor weather, the farthest distance recorded this year was 235 miles.

As a bicycle enthusiast, that is the one event in Michigan on my "don't miss" list and the one I can justify using gasoline to drive to.

The unofficial count was that 4,500 cyclists started the event, so it is my one chance each year to mingle with lots of people with a common interest. In terms of numbers, it is the largest bicycle event in the state.

Driving to Detroit via M-53 was interesting. There isn't much traffic at the hour I drove there, but I could have safely assumed that without getting out of bed.

Almont is a truly beautiful community, at least from what can be seen from M-53. Wall-to-wall trees, beautifully maintained old homes and no franchise hamburger stands.

I also saw Michigan's hope and despair. I drove past the missile plant in Sterling Heights, which is to be converted into a Volkswagen plant employing 4,000. Just south of the bridge to Belle Isle is the Uniroyal tire plant, to be closed permanently in July resulting in the loss of 1,700 jobs.

At last year's marathon, I rode for a while alongside a laid-off Chrysler Corp. worker, who was white. This year I rode for a while alongside a laid-off Detroit school security guard, who was black.

This year's event was a very special one for me because for more than a year-and-a-half, I have been building a bicycle, starting from scratch, so Belle Isle marked its debut in the cycling bigtime.

It is not a normal bike. The pedals are in front of the rider, instead of underneath, and the seating position is lower than on a regular machine. Thus I attracted lots of attention and must



SENIOR SWING-OUT -- Cass City High School seniors finally got to "swing out" last Thursday as they paraded through town in full graduation dress, led by the high school band. High School Principal Russ Richards said the event ran smoothly with the lighting of a smoke bomb at the end being the only she-nanigans. He said he thought the tradition would continue next year but was not certain. The event was originally scheduled Sunday, May 18, but was postponed due to rain.

Pair charged with drunk driving in area accidents

Two persons were arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of driving under the influence of liquor following accidents last Thursday.

At 5:10 p.m. in Gagetown, they reported, Donald J. Twomey, 32, of 4679 South Street, was backing from the alley by Mr. Kelly's Market on Lincoln Street and backed his pickup into the trailer of a beer distributor's truck parked in front.

The truck was owned by Max R. Treu, Inc., Saginaw. Twomey was given a citation more than an hour later by deputies, charging him with failure to stop and identify at a property damage accident and taken into custody on the driving under the influence charge. He was stopped while riding his bicycle on Cleaver Street.

Ronald B. Keys, 22, of Marlette, was arrested by deputies on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor after a 9:20 p.m. accident in Kingston.

Deputies said his wife, Christine, 19, of a different address in Marlette, was northbound on Washington Street, south of Noble Street, when he ran into the rear of his wife's car.

One of the passengers in her car, Ryan Skinner, 4, of Linden Street, Kingston, was thrown forward, resulting in a bruised head. He did not require medical treatment.

Both Twomey and Keys were taken to the county jail and later released after posting \$100 bond. Arraignment for both in district court is scheduled June 2.

THREE INJURED

Three Ugly teenagers were taken to Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after a 2:50 a.m. accident Saturday.

The driver, Francis A. Sweeney, 19, told Huron county deputies he was westbound on Wadsworth Road, east of Nugent Road, when he turned to miss a deer in the road.

His car went off the south side of the road, traveled 296 feet and came to a halt in a ditch.

Sweeney was released from the hospital Sunday. His two passengers, Robert W. Talaski, 17, and Andrew J. Sweeney, 16, were both treated and released.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Tuscola county deputies reported that at 1 a.m. May

20, James E. Spencer, 22, of 6057 Severance Road, Deford, was eastbound on Elmwood Road, east of Krapf Road, when his car got close to the soft shoulder, which gave way causing his car to roll over onto its top.

James P. Henderson, 19, of 6862 E. Cass City Road, was ticketed by Cass City police on a charge of failure to stop within an assured clear distance after the car he was driving collided with one being driven by Clyde E. Wells, 51, of 6632 M Street.

The Wells vehicle was westbound on Main Street waiting to turn south on Maple Street, officers said, when the Henderson auto attempted to pass, hitting

the car in the rear. The accident occurred May 20 at 9:40 p.m.

No injuries were reported when a bicycle ridden by Patricia L. McDonald, 16, of 6167 Main Street, was struck by a car driven by Esther M. Buehrly, of 6415 Garfield Avenue.

The Buehrly auto was southbound on N. Seeger Street, slowing for the red light, and hit the bicyclist as she was crossing the street in the crosswalk on the "walk" light.

The accident occurred at 7:20 p.m. last Thursday.

CAR-DEER

The car of Richard N. Jones, 39, of 6340 Shabbona Road, Decker, struck a deer when he was westbound on Deckerville Road at the Hurds Corner Road intersection.

The collision occurred at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, according to the sheriff's department.

Annette M. Robinson, 16, of 6778 Third Street, Cass City, hit a deer when it ran in front of her car. Miss Robinson was eastbound on Schwegler Road at the Milligan Road intersection. The accident took place at 5:26 p.m. Monday, deputies said.

Bruce L. LeValley, 29, of 4225 Sherman Street, collided with a deer Sunday as he was heading east on M-81, east of Crawford Road. Cass City police investigated.

Plans set for foster care month

Governor Milliken has again declared May as Adult Foster Care Month in Michigan.

Activities planned in Tuscola county will be an open house at the VanWinkle Home, a foster care facility, 1710 W. Caro Road, (M-81) this Thursday from noon-4 p.m.

The providers and residents will hold the annual adult foster care picnic June 7 at Indianfields Township Park from noon-4 p.m.

Licensed adult foster care homes provide a supportive 24-hour residential environment. Residents are persons 18 years of age and older who due to age, physical or mental handicap are unable to maintain themselves independently, but do not require nursing care.

Tuscola county has 138 residents living in 28 foster care homes. These adults may need supervision, protection, training or assistance as they learn to care for themselves.

Many can benefit from community involvements by participating in various social, educational, and recreational activities. Many can learn to develop new hobbies and be employed in sheltered work settings. Helping them along the way are adult foster care providers, Department of Social Services workers, and other public and private agencies.

With the support of contributions of prizes and refreshments from Caro merchants, the annual picnic has been an event residents look forward to each year. All foster care providers and residents are invited to attend the picnic again this year.

Anyone who has an interest in becoming an adult foster care provider may call one of the adult services workers at the Tuscola County Department of Social Services, 1900 W. Caro Road, telephone 673-4144.

Revenge may give satisfaction, but try and collect on it.

Sales, earnings up at Walbro

Walbro Corp. had 1979 earnings of \$1.4 million or \$1.84 a share, up from \$1.3 million, or \$1.68 a share for 1978, Walter E. Walpole, senior vice-president of the Carburetor Group; Garry Hoffman, general manager of the Plastics Group, and Howard Johnson, general manager of the Auburn Diecast Group.

A 23 percent increase in sales was due in part to price increases, while strikes at Walbro's Auburn Diecast Group and at other diecasting suppliers hampered U.S. operations for the international manufacturer.

Lambert E. Althaver, president and chief operating officer, reported a first quarter sales increase of 6 percent, with reduced earnings due to increased energy and material costs.

He also predicted substantial reductions in sales and earnings for the second quarter because of the general economic situation and the seasonal sales pattern of Walbro's Carburetor Group.

Optimistic forecasts for 1980 were presented by Victor M. Guernsey, senior

Immunization, family planning clinics set

The Tuscola County Health Department will conduct its monthly immunization clinics Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 at its office on M-81, west of Caro.

The first clinic will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-7:30 p.m. The rest have the same morning hours. Afternoon hours are 1:30-3:30. The clinics are free.

The family planning clinic will be Monday, June 2, from 1-4 p.m.

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