

WOLVERINE Diaries

MEMBER EDITION



STORIES AND PICTURES



*The new date for the WSC Awards Banquet will be Friday, February 10th, 2023
SAVE THE DATE.*



JOHN LEVIN

RIDE AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Thanks to my training with the Wolverines in the summer of 2022.

I was ready for a 65km circumnavigation of the Sea of Galilee in Israel, also known as Lake Kinneret, by the border with Jordan.

Passing the village of Capernaum we knew we were in places mentioned in biblical passages.

This was followed a few days later by an 85km ride from Jerusalem to Park Britannia, a gift from Great Britain to Israel.



Lake Kinneret known as a Christian pilgrimage site, where Jesus was thought to have performed miracles.

Village of Capernaum became his home and the Bible calls it Jesus' "own city". Matthew 4:13 tells us that Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum after meeting temptation in the wilderness. Here he met James, John, Peter, Andrew all fishermen and Matthew a tax collector, five of his future disciples. known as a Christian pilgrimage site, where Jesus was thought to have performed miracles.

Britannia Park known as a Christian pilgrimage site, where Jesus was thought to have performed miracles.



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**Photo By Carolyn Wells
of Members Annette & Fred
DiMercurio
CRAMBA Massive Fallout
Video of Ride**
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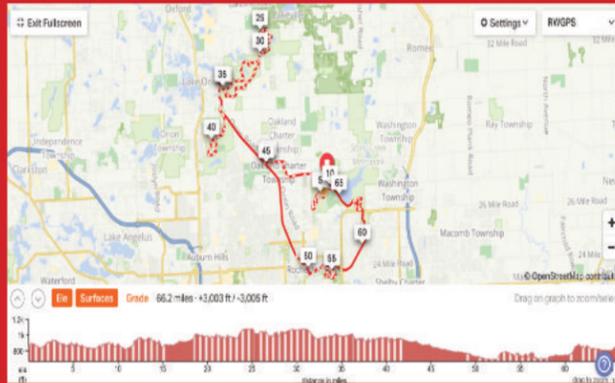


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**Photo By Calvin T. Hughes
of Members Gayle and Chuck
Reynold with Lee Hoffman during
one of his Detroit “D” Rides
September 19th 2022**
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Detroit Auto Show - Downtown Detroit
Pictured three (3) Stories High
Rubber Ducky.

This picture was taken because for years
Gayle has used small yellow rubber ducky
horn that goes "quack" as the bell on her
cross/gravel bike (not pictured)

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Official Photograph by Detroit Free Press Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022.

**Member Dawn Susman escorts Margaret Sprouse known as
Peggy. Shown here as they cross Forest Avenue overpass into the
Woodbridge neighborhood during the 45th Annual Detroit Free
Press Marathon in Detroit on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022.**



**“ It was amazing being a guide for
an Achilles rider in the marathon
“Peggy” is truly an inspiration.**

**I’ll be doing it again next year” -
Dawn**

**Since the Disability Division has been racing in the Detroit
Marathon Wolverine Sports Club members have escorted them.**

A Bicycle Story

STORY BY Kent C. Rathbun



I started cycling seriously in 1996. After a running injury to my left knee. I had been a competitive runner since high school & college. All the pounding had taken a toll on my knees. So, I started cycling in earnest! And I Love It!

I rode with some of the Wolverines long before I joined the Club. So many cyclists ride by my house in Royal Oak, I can't avoid them! But, I've been a WSC member at least 10 or 12 years.

I've never gotten into bike racing. I had done so much racing running track & road racing beyond college, I just wanted to have fun. Cycling was just that: Fun! I have done a significant amount of self contained distance cycling between Royal Oak and Frankfort, MI, where my family lived.

I always wanted to cycle across the U.S., But it would take most of the summer. In lieu of that, Club rides with the Great WSC Members are probably as much!

“WHAT A WONDERFUL CLUB”



IMAGE BY Photo by Bill Guisinger, A Friend



TO THE WSC "JACKSON POLLACK FINDS KENT'S GARAGE" DEC. 3, 2021
PHOTO BY BILL GUIINGER KENT C. RATHBUN, WSC. 1/12

About the Photo I'm seated. December 3, 2021

I've been under the weather seen last fall.

Several of my friends, including some Wolverines and cleaned out my garage, removing a ton of old bikes, frames and wheels. You know, the projects you were always going to get to! In all, there were about thirty-five (35) old hulks to be loaded onto a trailer and in a van – destined for the Keewenaw area of the Upper Peninsula, to be revived or sold if possible. A friend of mine's son is a great wrench and could do the work. He could maybe a few bucks, along the way. After the mess was all loaded, I said “that we should have taken a picture”. Well, someone did!

A few days later, Bill Guisinger pushed a couple awesome photos thought my mail slot, as shown here. I didn't do anything, just sat there, and watched! I want to thank all my friends and especially WSC members who have supported me through the lasts few months.

2018 GAP & C&O Trails Pennsylvanina

My husband Chuck and I have been riding annual bike trips since 2018. We started with a trip in Pennsylvania along the popular GAP and C&O.



2019 Riding Around Lake Champlain NY

In 2019, we were joined by Dawn and Kamilo Susman for a ride around Lake Champlain, ending in Montreal.



2020 Finger Lakes Region

In 2020, the four of us toured the Finger Lakes region in New York.



2021 GAP & C&O DC to Pittsburgh

In 2021, we added Lee Hoffman and Jim Gettel to our crew and rode the C&O and GAP from DC to Pittsburgh. H. Falconer also join us on the ride for a few days.



Our 2022 Annual Bicycle Trip



WRITTEN BY MEMBER GAYLE REYNOLDS



IMAGES BY CHUCK & GAYLE AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS

This year we gathered an even larger crew for a tour of Wisconsin.

Our group represented the Wolverines with Lee Hoffman, the Susman's, Mark Bedard, Calvin Hughes, and Jim Gettel. Our merry band left Grafton, Wisconsin on July 16th to begin a 9-day trip north along the Lake Michigan lakeshore.

PREVIOUS BICYCLE TRIPS

The toughest part of the trip was the logistics. It takes a ton of work to find a route with acceptable mileage on decent roads, accommodations for eight, and food and beverages along the way.

Jim created the route and scouted the segments for road safety, accommodations and places to eat.



Day 1 was 65 miles starting with 25 miles on the Interurban Trails and then along the Lake Michigan lakeshore to Manitowoc.

Day 2 was 63 miles from Manitowoc to Algoma along the lakeshore connecting to the Ahnapee State Trail.

Day 3 was 59 miles from Algoma to Sister Bay, passing through the scenic Egg Harbor.

Day 4 was 69 miles and we stayed in Sister Bay and rode north to catch a ferry to Washington Island.

Day 5 we left Sister Bay and headed 42 miles south to Sturgeon Bay along the lakeshore.

Day 6 was 48 miles to Green Bay riding partly on the Ahnapee State Trail.

Day 7 was 61 miles to Cleveland riding partly on the Fox River State Trail and Devils River Trail.

Day 8 was a 59 mile ride to return to Grafton.

Day 9 was a 27 mile tour of Milwaukee, with a surprise appearance in an air show by the Blue Angels and a finish at a Biergarten in a city park.

EXTRA

Spin with Ray



When the weather is frightful outside spin indoors with Ray Dybowski in his Virtual Training Every Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Learn from Ray and his knowledge of Coach Mike Walden's training and other legendary Wolverines.

Training indoors can be fun and keep you in shape in these winter months.

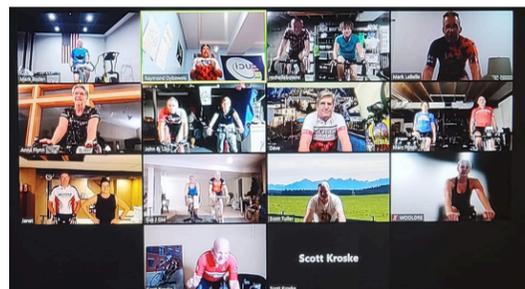
Just grab your shoes and jump on your trainer or exercise bike, Spin along with Ray and many others.

WANT TO SPIN TOO!

Please message Ray, if you'd like to join!

<https://www.facebook.com/ray.dybowski>

And Ray will send the you the zoom meeting link.



MISC. PICS

**END OF SEASON RETIREE RIDE POTLUCK!
WEDNESDAY, NOV 16. 2022 GRANT PARK, ROYAL OAK**



MARK FREEDMAN

Member and Ride Leader Mark Freedman lead numerous midday retiree rides from Royal Oak through Detroit and Dearborn during each week again this year.

Averaging 30 to 40 miles these moderate paced and well attended rides (20 riders or more) traveled to various Ice Cream, Coffee, and Sandwich shops including the Famous Motz Burger pictured to right on Fort Street. Thanks Mark.



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TO ALL THAT HAVE
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FREE BIKES4KIDS**



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