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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to welcome our Club's monthly newsletter "BIKEABOUT" to the N.H.W. fold; keep in mind this newsletter will be the "contact" among all our members. This is the unit that will keep us all informed, regularly, of each of the M.H.W. events. Keep in mind, too that this is your paper; we want and expect you to become a part of its content. So to keep us informed, send in your articles.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the officers and members of the Club for all their hard work and enthusiasm which is so necessary in building an effective Bicycle Club. We are approaching "100 strong" with many new members coming in regularly. This, to me, is a dream come true. As you will know, in order to gain favorable legislation for the promotion of Cycling and the building of safe Bikeways in our State, it is necessary to have a strong voice. What better way than through a well organized Bike Club such as our own?

There is still plenty of good riding weather ahead—especially during the fall when the air is crisp and the foliage is at its best. We also plan to be busy during the non-riding season, preparing Club members for a safe, healthy and enjoyable riding season for '71. We plan to have some instruction sessions on how to do minor bike repairs and emergency repairs while on a trip. Also, how to pack for a trip and what to pack. You will be interested to know that my son Billy, who is eleven, and I took a rather extended bicycle trip this summer and are looking forward to sharing some of our experiences with you.

Bicycle safety will be another topic for discussion; and perhaps we could even have some instruction on how to stay physically fit throughout the winter when riding is impossible.

I know the other officers join me in urging you to do all you can to promote Cycling in our area.

Once again—Many Thanks!
Sincerely,
Bill Himmelwright, President.

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M.H.W. PATCH EMBLEMS ARE IN

Our blue and gold patches are in and are beautiful! Get yours at Bill's shop or at Pete Margiotta's barbershop (1673 Union St., Schenectady). They are $1.75 each. Get enough for light and heavy clothing!

CLUB ADDRESS

For official purposes, including the address for the Newsletter until a permanent address can be located please use: MOHAWK-HUDSON WHEELMEN, 231 Winter St. Ext., Troy, New York 12180.
September MEETING

The September, 1970 monthly Club meeting took place at Music Haven in Central Park, Schenectady on Sunday, September 13th @ 1:00. There were 28 members present and the Club voted in 18 new applicants! The most voted in at any single meeting! The membership committee informs us that it looks like a big new membership vote in October with seven applications so far in the books. Our new patches and aerial flags went like hot cakes with plenty still available! The treasurer reported $135.00 in the treasury as of September 13th. The only outlay so far has been for our printing unit, paper and printing supplies - envelopes and postage since January totalling under seventy dollars! All other costs on behalf of the Club have been born gratis by Club members. The Secretary read from the Club minutes covering "sterin" meetings held in June, July and August. Bill Himmelwright created a "safety" discussion that highlighted the meeting and served an extremely useful purpose. Following the meeting we had a basic Club ride around the park area; followed by a secondary ride for those who wanted a longer "bike-about". Next meeting: Oct 4 same place.

M.H.W. ROSTER

To say the least, the Mohawk-Hudson Wheelmen Membership Roster is growing by leaps and bounds! As of September 13th, 1970 we have seventy five members! (It looks like the overall prediction of 100 by the end of the years will come true.) And here is where you, as a member, can contribute to the Club's strength. Even though our Membership Committee has the responsibility of getting and processing new members, each of us as Club members should try to get as many added members as we can. Forms may be obtained from the officers or the Membership Chairman: Sandy Gordon.

BIKEABOUT will publish a complete Club Roster quarterly. The first Newsletter will appear in the October issue. At that time, the complete Club Roster as of the October meeting will appear. Between the Roster publications each new members name and address will be published in the monthly BIKEABOUT.

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SANDY GORDON: ON THE BALL!

Representing the Membership Committee, Sandy has been doing a terrific job in obtaining our new members and processing them for membership. September's new membership shows that MHW thanks you, Sandy.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1971

It's time to be thinking of our MOHAWK-HUDSON WHEELMEN leadership for the calendar year 1971. We quote from the by-laws of the Club's Constitution: "Election of Club officers shall be held, annually. An annual Nominating Committee, appointed by the President at the November Club meeting shall present a list of candidates for the offices to be filled at the December Club meeting. (The annual Club meeting.) Additional names may be placed in nomination from the floor by any Club members immediately prior to the election. A plurality vote (two-thirds) shall be necessary to elect. Any officer may be re-elected providing the majority of votes dictates that preference; and providing the officer in question feels he wants to sustain that responsibility. An officer must be 16 years of age. Installation of the officers-elect shall take place at the first regular meeting following the election. The calendar year for Club officers and Club activities shall be our fiscal."

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BIKEABOUT GETS OFF THE GROUND!

Our monthly newsletter, at long last, following much planning and the necessary preliminary preparations is in gear. This will be our "pipeline" to all members. Send your ideas, notes and stories to editor Randy English (231 Winter Street Extension, Troy, New York 12180).

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Keep in mind, please that each monthly edition will be printed and mailed within a week following each monthly Club meeting; so your editorial contributions should be received in time for that deadline. Any story about the Club and/or bicycling in general will be welcomed. Be sure we have your name and address so we can "by-line" your article properly. If you must "pen" it, please PRINT; however, a typed copy will be the best. The Newsletter will be different in size each month, depending upon the material available; however there will be standard sections appearing in each edition as the volume increases. To begin with, in order to keep our overall costs down, we've decided to send copies to each "individual" member; one copy to each "family membership". If this presents problems we can change the distribution routine in the future. This would be a good point to bring up at a future meeting. The printing of BIKEABOUT will also go to logical promotional areas such as mass media, locally and to the L.A.W and BICYCLING magazine. This, as a release from the Club's Publicity Committee will help our promotional efforts in behalf of the Club and bicycling as a whole; and, too will be added ammunition for our Bikeways cause. Remember, your ideas and suggestions on our Newsletter and its distribution are necessary. Bring them up at the next meeting in October.

Remember, too that we don't have a million dollar printing plant and our available staff doesn't come from the editorial staff of NEWSWEEK! So, please be patient with our humble efforts. As time goes on, and as we can add to our BIKEABOUT crew we can add, improve and embellish (like getting our emblem affixed to the publication.) --Who knows maybe we have an artist in our midst--HAVE WE? Maybe, in fact we can work out a system for photos to be printed; but, in the meantime kool it, ok? The name of the game is information, and we have, at least that means of distribution. Incidentally, our first edition is via a copying process to save time. We should have the mimeo system in operation by October.

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SWAP/BUY/SELL

This is one column that will be appearing regularly in BIKEABOUT. This, of course will be a free service to any M.H.W member. If you have something to swap or sell, or if you want to buy something, send the info to the BIKEABOUT in time for each month's publication. Be sure to include all pertinent material.

Example: Wanted to buy a second hand 10 speed man's bike, 27" frame, 23" framew/accessories, wheel.
C-11 John Knowles 283-1676.

We keep articles to bicycling and associated equipment.

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M.H.W. CENTURY '71

The L.A.W national Century run will be either Saturday or Sunday September 20th/27th. Although Ed Somers and Randy English mapped out a good flat century for our Club back in July, the consensus of Club opinion is that, generally, our members won't be prepared to do a century this year; and it's certainly foolish to attempt this annual run unless you are physically tuned to the effort required. However we will plan on our joining the century next year and will set up Club training early next season so that any member can participate. Plan NOW to join us in the M.H.W Century '71. We have the route, all we need is the proper conditioning! Get ready!
PARTIEST MEMBER

When you think you have a distance to travel to make MHW meetings, then consider one of our September members who joined us from the New York city area! The Club not only welcomes but salutes ALLEN BAVER from Monsey, New York. Allen arrived @ Music Haven with Continental and Volks; joined us and rode with us. Our pleasure, Al.

GROUP LEADERS ANNOUNCED

In addition to the Club officers, the President has named Kevin Lewis and Don Gerfin as group leaders. With the increasing membership, more are being sought.

M.H.W. CLUB MEETINGS

During the riding season, our Club conducts monthly meetings at Music Haven at the northern side of Central Park in Schenectady. These meetings take place on the first Sunday at one PM, followed by a scheduled ride.

During the remainder of the year our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday at seven thirty PM. We are presently awaiting a meeting area for these Tuesday meetings to be announced as soon as possible. Our next Club meeting will be at Music Haven Sunday October 4th at one o'clock; this will be followed by a Schenectady area ride.

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How many of the 330 miles did you cycle?