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A shot from the 2010 National 24-Hour Challenge

A Letter From Our President

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Come ride with us!

Whether you have been a member for many years or are just considering joining the Genesee Wanderers, welcome!

We want to be your gateway to the joys, benefits and camaraderie of bicycle riding. Over the past 37 years the Genesee Wanderers members have shared many adventures and thousands of miles. The enclosed 2011 Ride Card is your ticket to join in on the fun and benefits of cycling. The rides and information included should allow you to find many opportunities to ride your bicycle and enjoy some great cycling locations in our own backyard.

We are hoping the new Genesee Valley trail right here in town will provide a safe and fun setting for riding and increase our ability to use the bicycle for meaningful transportation. It should be another major step forward in a community wide movement to create practical, safe and identifiable areas to enjoy cycling. In the past few years, across the state, new trails have been proposed and developed. Many of these have turned into major cycling destinations such as the Pere Marquette State Trail and the

Saginaw Valley Trail. I have had the opportunity to enjoy both of these trails along with many others facilities and believe they benefit the local area and the state as a whole. The Genesee Wanderers continues to encourage the development and maintenance of these trails through contributions and other means of support.

From the casual get-togethers to our weekly organized rides to the major cycling tours, the Genesee Wanderers is all about a friendly face, some welcome encouragement, or a helping hand. The first step is to show up! Invite a friend! Start a ride of your own! Lastly, I would encourage you to help with our Annual ride, the Assenmacher 100, on August 21st, 2011. This event, now in its 32nd year, is the Genesee Wanderers invitation to the world to "Come ride with us".

Matt Assenmacher

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