

Terra Firma Blues

T. Jefferson (Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association)

I woke up feeling sick in my stomach and uneasy about the future; due in part to eating two pieces of cold pizza prior to going to bed, and that the role of George Castanza, on the NBC hit series "Seinfeld" as seen on Thursday nights at 9:00p.m. is based largely in part - on me. You know, "Hi I'm George Castanza. I'm 35 years old, unemployed and I live with my parents." Over all of this, I wanted to go riding. First, I had to eat a bowl or two of crushed up "Chips Deluxe..." The cookie with "big soft chocolate chips..." Actually, firm's also nice...they don't even hafta be big! Even still, the bigger they are - the firmer they oughta - well, never mind. Anyway, I was feelin' uneasy...Remember...member...member...

Visions of helmet-less Huffy families heading into Yankee Springs (a bitchen trail that's more for the enthusiast of the sport). In this vision however, the enthusiasts were racing around a trail more suitable for helmet-less Huffy families, the sale and development of wood lots, homes packed so tightly there is no longer a woods. Trail closures due to uninformed trail users, informants failing to convince all trail user groups because it is a volunteer effort, with no volunteers!

Yes, I was feeling really bad. No longer wanted to ride my bike. No longer caring to accomplish something for our overall betterment. It was like someone was bringing me down, not something I ate, somebody. Considering to just throw it all away. The sounds of Neil came to heart. Swooshhh clank.... Konk-konk. "Go Neil!"

"...Here's one more kid who will never go to school, never learn to fall in love, never learn to be cool..."

What do you think? After this newsletter was sent out, Kristopher Oury, our MMBA President and Dwain Abramowski, our MMBA Executive Director went to Indiana for an organizational meeting of the Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association. Look for information in the next **Bent Rim Bugle** and **Michigan Cyclist Magazine**.

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long way in helping to shape the committee's recommended direction. Are you one of those people who will affect the future by writing a short note to the DNR? Or will the future affect you because you didn't voice your thoughts?

Hey, if you've got something to say, send it to: State Forest Recreation and Trails Forest Management Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952.

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Pizza After Your Next Ride?

American's eat about 22 pounds of tomatoes every year - mostly in ketchup and tomato sauce