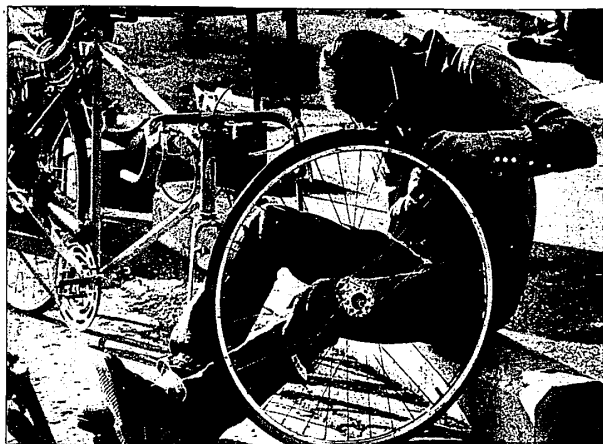




Out of the early morning mist emerged O&E copy editor Mike Regulski (far right) on the first leg of a 50-mile trek around Oakland County to help raise funds for the March of Dimes. Beginning their freewheeling adventure about 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Regulski and West Bloomfield Editor Ron Garbinski traveled through sections of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac and Royal Oak on their way to raising more than \$1,000 for the charity in its fight against birth defects. Heading north on Woodward was the most scenic portion of the ride as Garbinski (right) shared the road with Sunday morning traffic. But Super Ride 77 wasn't all fun as Mark Ilczyn (top right) of Wayne soon found out. Riding along a major thoroughfare had its hazards in the form of broken bottles, manhole covers and other obstacles that posed dangers for the scores of bike riders that ventured out last weekend to support the March of Dimes. The O&E Downhill Freewheeling Club started out from Checkpoint 7 at Memorial Park, Thirteen Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, and headed north into Pontiac and the circle around Wide Track Drive. Throngs of bike riders looped around Pontiac then headed south into Berkley, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights and Oak Park.



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## Charity riders

# \$1,000 O&E pledge helps fight against birth defects



MIKE REGULSKI

They form another link in your community. And when the needs of crippled children are at stake, they're usually there to answer the call.

The actions of such newspaper persons as copy editor Mike Regulski and West Bloomfield Editor Ron Garbinski typify the spirit that achieves distinction for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Collecting more than \$1,000 in pledges from fellow O&E workers, the freewheeling duo set out to ride their bikes 50 miles each to help the March of Dimes in its fight against birth defects.

The two-day Super Ride 77, sponsored by radio station WRIF-FM and Vernors, the local distributor of RC Cola, drew thousands of riders who pledged thousands of dollars for every mile they rode around various routes in the Detroit area.

Freewheeling through sections of the O&E circulation area, Garbinski and Regulski spent Sunday morning doing what most only talk about.

They joined scores of other riders to help the March of Dimes continue its research, therapy and medical programs.

This is one of several charities supported by Observer & Eccentric employees.

Advertising representative Ron Krumman's involvement in the Jerry Lewis Telethon, collecting more than \$2,000 is another example.

The O&E prides itself on the achievements of its employees.



RON GARBINSKI



Fog and cool temperatures dampened the start of Super Ride 77 Sunday morning as Mike (left) started out

fast and finished the ride with ease. Eileen Landry (below) of West Bloomfield stamped Ron's Super Ride.

safety vest to record the number of miles he chalked up during the big event.

