

## TEAM MEETING

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

The next team meeting will be held at Uptown Cycles in, well, uptown Dallas (where else?). The Uptown staff will be teaching us about basic bike maintenance and will perform bike fittings for all CitiSlickers in need. If you have not been fitted for your bike or need a re-fit (is that a real word?) then come down to Uptown. Remember that a proper fit is required to participate in next month's biking clinic.

Uptown Cycles is one of our new sponsors this year so even if you do not need a bike fit come stop by anyway to check out the store and support our new sponsor. See the Calendar of Events for more details on the meeting.

## A FUNdraising FIRST

CitiSlickers is finally having our very first fundraiser! Our inaugural benefit will take place at **Memphis Bar & Grill** in Addison Walk on **Sunday, February 11, 3:30-7pm**, and will feature four fantastic bands (**Channel 15, Chant, Diversion, and The Factory**). There will be free crawfish while the little critters last, fun events and a slideshow of the 2006 MS 150 plus a chance to register for the 2007 ride if you have not already done so.

CitiSlickers has always focused externally on other charities rather than internally but the generosity of others has enabled us to host our very own team fundraiser. The donations we receive will actually enable us to give more to other organizations by off-setting our team expenses so stop by Memphis to support your team with mini-lobsters and beer, listen to great live music, catch up with teammates after the long winter hiatus, and sign-up to ride in this year's MS 150!

## THEIR FAMILY IS OUR FAMILY

Team Captain **Elizabeth Schopmeyer** of Citigroup Smith Barney has been our Title Sponsor since CitiSlickers started. Since then, the company's family of employees, friends and relatives have comprised many of our riders and volunteers.

**Monica McGill, Laurie Guzman** and **Matthew Dann**, from the company's Galleria office, ride with



**Kathy and Matthew Dann**

CitiSlickers and will do so again this year. Matthew's wife, **Kathy**, is one of the smiling, hardworking volunteers at the MS 150 team tent along with our team cheerleaders from the Galleria office, **Pauline Stevens** and **Lyn Houston**. **Gary Purdy** is one of the cheerful faces at the MS 150 Start Line and **Gordon Stevenson** performs a fly-over at the start of the MS 150 ride (hey, Gordon, we need a lift to Sundance Square). **Loren Standifer** and **Mary Kate Malawey** who work at the company's Plano office will instead work the grill at the team tent while Client Service Assistant **Angel Milton-Hill**, a volunteer last year, will be a rider this time around.

Those who originated with the company also intend to return to our team tent including the culinary talents of **Mark Jameson** and **Debbie Hines** and her husband,

**Rusty**, who cook up that tasty barbecue we love and hold the more important job of guarding the Shiner Bock (we do have our priorities!). Even **Liz Wilson** joined CitiSlickers after being caught by our team name which derives from that of her former employer, Citigroup.

Not to forget that family, The Incredibles, who we could not do without. **Jane Schopmeyer** is the creative mind coordinating our volunteers together with her sister, **Mary Payne**. Elizabeth's sister **Mary Cobb** and sister-in-law **Sally Schopmeyer** are two of our dedicated volunteers and Elizabeth's father and brother, **Karl** and **Doug Schopmeyer**, are those cyclists you never see unless you are riding along with the front pack.

Thank you to these exceptional Citigroup Smith Barney employees and family members who are an integral part of our own cycling family!



**Pauline Stevens and Monica McGill**

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Everything else you can think of pretty much relates back to us!

# LOCAL NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS MEETING Thursday, March 1, 5:30 pm

All volunteers are invited to the Schopayne house at **7920 Hillfawn Circle, Dallas 75248** for dinner, gossip, friendship and, oh yes, discussion of plans and preparations for the MS 150 bike ride. And a couple riders will likely crash the party -- party hogs that they are. **Please RSVP to Jane Schopmeyer at 972.239.0466 or Mary Lynn Payne at marylynnpayne@cs.com.**

Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and effort! Special thanks to Jane and Mary Lynn for hosting and coordinating!

## JANUARY MEETING RECAP

We had a great meeting in January! For those unable to attend, learn the latest news from a teammate who did go or find some gossip-rag newsletter that prints that sort of information.

## NEW RIDE PROGRAMS

CitiSlickers is excited to announce that team growth has resulted in two new fun riding programs.

**Virtual Riders.** CitiSlickers will debut a new rider category at this year's Frisco to Fort Worth MS 150. Virtual Riders are individuals who want to experience the thrill of being an MS 150 cyclist ... without having to actually ride a bike, either because they are allergic to early morning training rides or are too smart to spend the necessary dough on that expensive cycling equipment. Sob, sob, my wallet! Virtual Riders will register for the MS 150, raise pledge funds, and receive rider numbers and all other ride benefits but, on May 5-6, Virtual Riders will relax at the Texas Motor Speedway Spa and enjoy brunch at the Worthington Hotel in Sundance Square instead of pedaling 150+ miles through north Texas roadkill.

**Ride Buddies.** There are a number of eager and nervous new riders joining the team this year so the Ride Buddy program will partner them with more experienced team members. The experienced riders will act as mentors and ride partners to help the newbies learn about their bikes, cycling, and steer them through their first rally.

Anyone interested in participating in either program or knows someone who would be interested in Virtual Riding should see the Classified Job ads below for contact information.

## Cycling Weather Report



**Dallas, TX:** Still too cold to ride. But those happy to expose themselves and their bike to the winter elements should remember to wear warm riding clothes and take their igloo and polar bear with them. CitiSlickers does not ride until March.

# Classifieds

## SEEKING

**SPONSORS** to support the efforts of the CitiSlickers Cycling Team. For more info, contact [Captain@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Captain@CitiSlickers.org).

**VOLUNTEERS** looking for new friends and adventures by supporting innovative and insane cycling team. Contact [Volunteer@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Volunteer@CitiSlickers.org) to join.

## WANTED

**GREEN ASTROTURF** (the thin, cheap version) to protect against a repeat fire-ant infestation at CitiSlickers team tent.

**NASCAR-THEMED ITEMS** suitable to decorate team tent.

**DISPOSABLE PLASTIC FLATWARE** for eating machine biking team.

**FIRETRUCK** (you read that right) to provide water at MS 150 midpoint.

**NASCAR RACE CAR** to display at our team tent at TMS (no harm in asking).

If you or someone you know are willing to donate or sell the above items at low cost, call Jane at 972.239.0466.

## RENTALS

**MS 150 HOTEL ROOMS.** Rooms available ½ mile from TMS on overnight stop of MS 150 ride. Contact [Crash@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Crash@CitiSlickers.org) for more info.

## FOR "SALE"

**AD SPACE ON TEAM JERSEY.** High mileage, excellent condition, only worn to church on Sundays by little old lady biker. Contact [Captain@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Captain@CitiSlickers.org) for prices and details.

## JOBS

**VIRTUAL RIDERS** to raise funds, but not ride, in Frisco-Fort Worth MS 150. Contact [Crash@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Crash@CitiSlickers.org) for info.

**RIDE BUDDIES** to help brand-new cyclists and/or first-time MS 150 riders.

E-mail [Crash@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Crash@CitiSlickers.org) to apply.

## LOST

**LOYAL TEAMMATES.** Last seen with 3,000 cyclists on 2006 Frisco to Fort Worth MS 150. Identifiers include bicycle tire marks on back of calves, fanatical gleam in eyes when discussing Tour de France, and Hammer gel around mouth. Answers to the names of:

Leslie Baker  
Kathy Boyett  
Ryan Brannon  
Cheryl Campbell  
Gary Coleman  
Wayne Cressman  
Darlene Hess  
Sue Jackson  
Byron McKnight  
Beth Paul  
"Old Man on a Bike"  
Liz and Mark Wilson

Contact [Crash@CitiSlickers.org](mailto:Crash@CitiSlickers.org) if you have any dirt on their latest doings.

# Business/Finance

Help our sponsors help our team!

## **CITIGROUP SMITH BARNEY**

Elizabeth Schopmeyer, CFP®, is there for you if you need a portfolio review, investment planning or to figure out what to do with that old 401(K). Call 972-450-6604.

## **LAPGEVITY**

Steve Lapensohn is there if you need promotional supplies for your company or cycling team. Call 972-789-1777.

## **CERTIFIED MASTER BUILDER CORPORATION**

Skip Burks III is there if you need a referral for home construction or remodeling. Contact [www.certifiedmasterbuilder.com](http://www.certifiedmasterbuilder.com).

## **DISCOVERY CHIROPRACTIC**

Dr. Bahram Meymand is there if you need a snap, crackle, or pop to make you feel better. Call 972-239-1010.

## **ONLINE BIKING COACH**

Richard Wharton is there to help you with your cycling techniques if you are looking for a coach or just need some advice. See [www.onlinebikecoach.com](http://www.onlinebikecoach.com).

## **ATLAS LEGAL RESEARCH**

Rocky Dhir is there if you want to save on over-priced legal fees. Call 214-526-8811.

## **SHINER BOCK**

Is there to supply your favorite beverage. Just drink the beer with a smile.

## **UPTOWN CYCLING**

Donovan Dawson is there to help you with that new bike or if it is time to add another one to your collection. Check out their new store or call 214-295-5325.

## FEBRUARY SPONSOR PROFILES



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This is Elizabeth's second consecutive year as Title Sponsor for the CitiSlickers Cycling Team and her third year as the Team Captain. If you are looking to add Klein and Serotta to your investment portfolio, be sure to contact Elizabeth.



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This is CMBC's second year as a CitiSlickers sponsor. So when you are ready to build that spare room solely to safeguard your bike and cycling equipment, add-on to your existing home or construct a new one then seek Skip out for a quality referral and tell him you are with CitiSlickers Cycling.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Stephanie Ernst** for not having any flat tires since the 2006 MS 150 last May (of course, she has not been on her bike since that time).

**Jane Schopmeyer** and **Mary Lynn Payne** for being invited to attend the Sam's Club (title sponsor of the Frisco to Fort Worth MS 150) convention in Kansas City, Missouri, (learned all the ins and outs of Sam's Club flatbeds).

## THANK YOU

**Christina Lepsis** for stepping up as Communications Director (she likes to talk a lot).

**Robby Moy** for agreeing to be our Membership Director (he won by default because no one else wanted the job).

**Jane Schopmeyer** for returning as Volunteer Coordinator for the third year in a row (she must really like us).

**Julie Grimm** for two years of dedicated service as team webmaster. Wishing you luck in Florida!

**James Herrod** and **Michele and Keith Hollar**, our newest members, for driving all the way from Red Oak and Fort Worth, respectively, to attend our Annual Meeting in January (sorry, we don't reimburse for gas).

**Gerald "Mac" MacDonald** for serving a four-month tour of duty in Iraq and returning home safely. Welcome back!

**Mike Schlei** for raising the bar this year by attempting the MS 150 hat trick: riding in all three Texas MS 150s -- Houston to Austin, Frisco to Fort Worth, and San Antonio to Corpus Christi (he has a Boudreaux's paste addiction).

**Elizabeth Schopmeyer** for opening her home to us for the January team meeting (bummer about the beer stains).

To the four bands that have donated their time for the February 11 fundraiser for CitiSlickers:

**Channel 15** [www.channel-15.com](http://www.channel-15.com)

**Chant** [www.chantmusic.com](http://www.chantmusic.com)

**Diversion** [www.diversionband.net](http://www.diversionband.net)

**The Factory** [www.factoryband.com](http://www.factoryband.com)

**Memphis Bar & Grill** for donating their space for the fundraiser.

## THINKING OF YOU

**Herb Kuter** has recovered from his MS 150 injury and is doing swell.

**Christina Lepsis'** daughter, Addison, has been home from the hospital since November and now weighs a whopping 13 lbs., way up from the 1 lb. 10 oz. she weighed at birth back in July.

**Michelle Pisecco** was down but physical therapy has enabled her to join us for rallies and training rides.

**Doug Schopmeyer's** son Matthew recovering nicely from a tour of hospitals and doctors' offices.

**Joe Slovensky** returned to his native Virginia after one year with Raytheon in Texas and one MS 150 as a CitiSlicker. Here's hoping that Joe will return to ride in the Lone Star state again!

## WELCOME ABOARD

The following new CitiSlickers team members are saddling up. Give them a friendly (yes, you must play nice) hello and warm welcome when you see them:

### Riders

**Ed Moulthrop**

### Volunteers

**Michele Hollar**