Flood of ’85 – Cue Sheet

Brown-Robertson Park

*Shadeland Avenue and its nice homes were destroyed in the flood. Mrs. Brown was a taxi driver and Mrs. Robertson operated a day care. Both women drowned in the flood.*

Due to construction on 10th St NW, the tour cannot be followed as designed. Use the following detour:

Proceed east on the Lick Run Greenway.

At Orange Ave NW, continue straight on Gainsborough Rd NW.

Right on Harrison Ave NW

Slight right on Moorman Ave NW

Left on 10th St NW (end of detour)

Left on Ferdinand Ave SW

Right on Main St SW

Left on Howbert Ave SW

*Howbert Ave*

*Howbert Avenue residents were rescued by boat on Nov. 5, 1985. (Source: Roanoke Times)*

Left on 8th St SW

Right on Winona Ave SW

Left on Wiley Dr SW

*Green Goat*

*Trains at the former location of the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Wasena Park beside the Roanoke River (Source: Roanoke Times). The former museum building is now the Green Goat restaurant.*
South on Roanoke River Greenway

**Roanoke River Greenway**

*Parks and greenways are a good use for flood plains. Greenways are designed to withstand repeated flooding. This low-water crossing is often under water today.*

Continue on Roanoke River Greenway to Rivers Edge Park.

**Victory Stadium**

*Victory Stadium, submerged during the flood, was torn down in 2007. The footbridge between the parking lots and the former stadium still stands.*

Continue on Roanoke River Greenway

**Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital**

*The hospital lost power during the flood, to the consternation of patients and health care staff. Flood walls kept the hospital safe during September, 2015 high waters (Source: WSLS10).*

Use the footbridge to the parking garage to cross to the north side of the river.

Right on Reserve Ave SW

Right on Jefferson St SE

Right on Williamson Rd SE

Left on Church Ave SE

Right on 1st St SE (wrong way!)

**Downtown**

*First Street merchants on the Roanoke City Market toss out flood debris and spoiled merchandise for removal to the dump. (Source: Roanoke Times)*

Right on Salem Ave SE

Left on Jefferson St SE

Right on Norfolk Ave SE
Use the elevator to take your bicycle to the enclosed pedestrian overpass and walk your bicycle over the railroad tracks.

From the Hotel Roanoke parking lot, head east and north to the Lick Run Greenway at the intersection of Wells Ave NE and the I-581 exit ramp.

Proceed north on the Lick Run Greenway.