

HELP ABOLISH THROWAWAYS! Vote YES on PROPOSAL A on November 2

RIDE SCHEDULE:

STANDING SATURDAY RIDE: every saturday morning (unless replaced by another ride) 9:30 a.m. from Oshtemo Harding's. Exact details, terrain, distance, speed, will depend on who attends, and how the feel and the weather. Joel Dinda 349-3094

HALLOWEEN PATCH RIDES, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCT 30 & 31 CHECK SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER. THANKSGIVING PATCHES RIDES.

THURS. NOV. 25: 9 a.m. Bronson Park, around 12 miles. A casual ramble through sev several interesting neighborhoods. Warm drinks, Patch \$1.00 Joel Dinda 349-3094.

SAT. NOV. 27 10 a.m. Lexington Green School; 8-15 miles of flat farming country. 2 hours, doug Steel, 383-9676 or 343-3229. Replaces standing ride.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY. Members are encouraged to bring pictures --- be they prints, slides or movies --- to December 20 meeting. Share your year with us. If the Nov. meeting (Nov 15) approves, the club will provide snacks & drinks. Best bring whatever projection equipment you'll need.

THE VOLUNTEER OUTFIT, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

- 1) THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT IS OPEN STILL FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. duties, assume presidents's functions when president incapacitated.
- 2) ROAD CAPTAIN; according to constitution he plans all tour rides, but need not ride all rides. Jini & Joel shared this this year Its often easy, never hard.
- 3) CHAIRPERSONS FOR MAJOR EVENTS. Spring Valley Races April 23,30, May 15, 22. Spring Century May 7. KBC Camping expedition Gary Keene has tentatively said yes he needs help. Aug 14 Distance Medley Rour. Sep 3 Fall Century A Kalamazoo County Tour (map basically done);.
- 4) If you already know when or what you'd like to lead as ride(s)next year, Make a reservation with Jini Caruso 381-0135.

5) Christmas & New Year's rides (patch ride leaders get patch free) need leaders.

MEETING SUMMARY: 1 1/4 hour slide show on Bikecentennial was presented by Jessie Steward & Doug Steel. It was delightful. Treasurer's report. Lost \$136 on Fall race, Balance \$26.41 with no bills outstanding. SPRING CENTURY CONTEST: Prizes are \$30 dollars in gift certificates. Rules were in Sept. Newsletter. Entry Deadline moved to Nov. 8. 1976 RIDE ACTIVITY: Attendance ranged from 2-25., mean 8.6 Some tentative conclusion.: 35-40 miles is probably the most popular distance, though distance seems the least significant detail. (Roughly 5-7 riders come, whatever the distance, unless something exceptional happens.) What seems to matter are the following: Patches attract crowds: Interesting descriptions draw crowds: Thursday Eve. were successful until summer ended. Few come on Saturday afternoons or Sunday morning Ten A.M., Noon, seven p.m. are easily the preferred times. August was our big month. Debbie, Jini & Joel --- who lead more rides than anyone else --- draw, on the average, more riders per ride (what a ghastly sentence!) Starting points may matter, data unclear. MOR INFORMATION for Joel if you want it call 349-3094.

MapMapMap Map Joel is aiming for a new improved edition of the KBC county map ready for printing around Jan 1. Without feedback it will be mauch like the present one except more readable. A Proposal. We can probably sell it. Perhaps we should set a price and make arrangements for distributing it. Any ideas? A second Proposal if any might be set aside to help finance the book of tours Phil Caruso & Joel Dinda are editing.

NEWSLETTER IMPROVEMNT PROGRAM: We're still accepting suggestims.

THE DIRECTORY: This was the first year we had one. Suggestions for improvements should be dirested to Jini Caruso 381-0135.

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CONTACT THE SECRETARY JINI CARUSO 381-0135
Next Meeting 7. PM. Nov. 15 cla ssroom basement of Kalamazoo College Library
corner of Academy & Thompson streets.

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Even the less attentive among you may lately have noticed a heavy emphasis on planning. While a number of circumstances have contributed to this emphasis, three stand out. One such circumstance is publicity deadlines--magazines need six to ten weeks warning before they reach their readers, other clubs need six to ten weeks or so (depending on when they meet), and riders make plans as far in advance as they can manage (How many of you hope to attend the Apple Cider Century next September?).

Another circumstance is that I spent a great deal of the last year doing in extended stretches things which could have been done at a more leisurely pace had appropriate decisions been made earlier. Publicity is not a difficult task, but it consumes a great deal of time. There's no reason that publicity can't be in small parcels and spread over a couple of months. Except that we have to make decisions before we publish them.

The third circumstance is that some things just require a lot of planning. to that end, a couple of proposals.

PROPOSAL I REGARDING THE KBC CAMPING EXPEDITION

Pick a location--perhaps Manistee (Manistee because it's a tourist town, and near a national forest). A tourist area, it offers interesting and useful facilities like motels, resorts, private campgrounds, and a nearby state park.

Activities remaining, once a locale is selected. (Some of these resemble busy-work, but must be done.) Where do we ride once we arrive? (For this area it happens that the DNR has published bicycle touring maps. A place to begin) Exactly where do we stay? (What campgrounds are there? Do they accept reservations? What about motels we needn't be exclusively campers. Resorts? Make the necessary reservations.) Who's going to go? (Require reservations) Prepare all the necessary materials for the week-end.

Perhaps some participants will wish to bicycle up, or back. You might give it some thought.

PROPOSAL II: REGARDING THE SPRING VALLEY READ SERIES.

It ought to be plain that we want to continue the same general pattern. Within that pattern, I offer the following suggestions, believing them improvements. The entire program should begin later in the day. Local publicity must be improved immensely. Class A should be 50 miles, class B 30. We should offer a non-USCF event for women.

Things I have questions about, but no answers for: Juniors, Intermediates, Midgets, Veterans, Douglas G. Croft, Prize Money.

A NOTE: We do not plan a fall racing event, as both attempts to date have been disastrous. The only circumstance I can imagine which would justify the effort is the unexpected emergence of a sponsor willing to put up the \$1500 or more it would require to put on a major event (which would not take place at Spring Valley I think.)

The proposals differ because my objects differ. The camping tour needs to be put together, and while I'm willing to advise I am not willing to be in charge. Manistee came to mind because I spent a couple of summers up there, but I could as well have mentioned Traverse Bay, or Southern Ontario, or Western Kentucky. (not that Kentucky's a reasonable choice. Until someone takes charge this project won't move.

The race program, on the other hand merely needs some discussion. My comments here are an attempt to shape the discussion. I'll call a meeting in the near future; anyone interested in participating should call me or I'll not consult you. I expect to bring a draft prospectus to the November meeting.

JOEL