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NEWSLETTER OF THE KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB



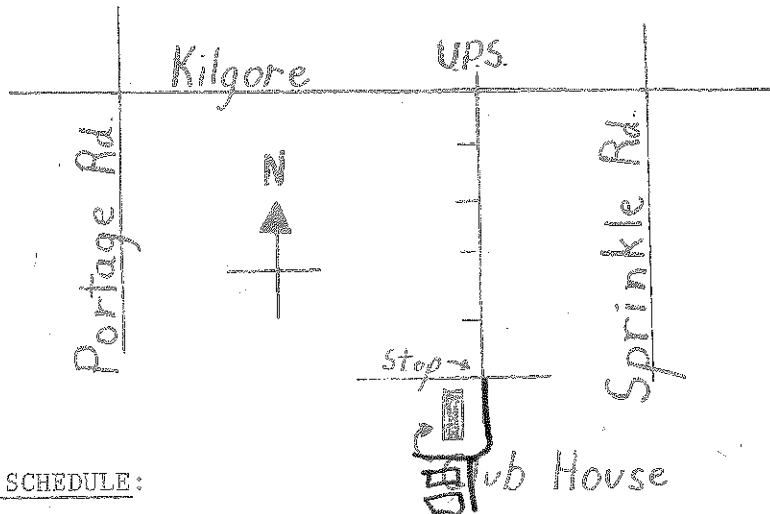
Give a KBC
Membership
For Christmas

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WHAT: CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Monday, December 17 - 7:30 pm

WHERE: Colonial Acres Mobile Home Park Club House (see map)



DECEMBER RIDE & SKI SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Dec. 1 9:00 am at Spring Valley Park (under water tower on Mt. Olivet). Ride or Ski depending on weather. Phil Caruso (381-0135).
- Sun. Dec. 2 1:00 pm from KVCC parking lot (NE corner). Ride about 20 miles. Mark Yancey (375-8789).
- Sun. Dec. 9 1:30 pm. Ski at Milham Golf Course. Park on Lovers Lane. Jan Hageman, (382-2656).
- Sun. Dec. 16 2:00 pm. Ski at Centre Court. Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690).
- Sat. Dec. 22 11:00 am. Bike from Pavillion Township Hall (Q & 29th). Sandy Kimbrough, (327-7690).
- ★ Mon. Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS PATCH RIDE. 11:00 am from Lexington Green School. 10 miles or less. Patch - \$1.00. Dave Hageman (382-2656).
- Sun. Dec. 30 2:00 pm. Ski at Al Sabo Land Preserve. Park at KVCC parking lot. Jan McLain (327-2256).
- 🛹 Tues. Jan. 1 NEW YEARS DAY PATCH RIDE. 11:00 am from Lexington Green School. Patch - \$1.00. Jan Hageman (382-2656).

TUESDAY SKI NIGHT

Weather permitting, we will have a regular Tuesday night Ski at Milham Golf Course (parking on Lovers Lane) at 7:00 pm.

December 4 Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690)

December 11 Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690)

December 18 Richard Dinda (349-3094)



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING OF KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT Phil presented the treasurer's report for Jini. The Club balance is \$302.76. However, we must still order and pay for the mileage bars and our current bid is \$158 for 78 mileage bars. Jini intends to investigate why this is so much higher than previous years and whether a cheaper supplier might exist.

OFFICERS: The following officers were nominated and elected: President: Gordon Vader, Vice-President: Scot McLain, Secretary-Treasurer: Jan McLain, Newsletter Editor: Sandy Kimbrough, Road Captain: Debbie Dinda and Racing Captain: Rick Bauer. Two other positions were filled by appointment: Program Chairman: Richard Dinda and Librarian: Mark Yancey.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: A suggestion by Sandy Kimbrough has led to a good place for a Christmas Party with room for everybody. For the small fee of \$15, Sandy has been able to obtain the use of the Party House connected with her place of residence. The place will have ample numbers of folding chairs and room for people. Of course, we would like to see all members. The Christmas party will begin with a short business meeting led by our new President at 7:30 and then members will show pictures of rides on which they have been. (Slides of Hell to Paradise will be shown and we are hoping to arrange for pictures from the Red Zinger and a major tour of in Iowa each year.) It will be a fun evening. Phil suggested that each of the club members bring their own beverages. It was agreed that Sandy Kimbrough would coordinate the non-liquid refreshments. Club members should contact Sandy at 327-7690 about what snacks they should bring. A map showing how to get there is attached.

THE CALENDAR The 1980 calendar was again discussed. Chronologically: a roller race in February, a Spring Valley Race in April, Four Lakes on May 3rd, Wine Weekend (a two day overnight trip through wine country) July 12 and 13, Distance Medley Bicycle Tour (August 10th) and the Fall Century September 6th. There was again considerable debate about the September 6th date for the Fall Century. After discussion, it was voted to table the adoption of a calendar until the Christmas Party when Gordon Vader will have had the time to obtain the dates for the Maple Leaf Century, Horizontal Hundred and the Cereal City Century.

CLUB MEETING TIME There was discussion as to whether a meeting time earlier in the month would make the task of getting the newsletter out somewhat easier. The people responsible for the ride schedule and the newsletter asked to try the existing arrangement to see if it was workable before making a change.

USCF The Club has received its USCF renewal notice. The fee for renewal is \$35. Clubs which are members must hold a race every other year or face a fine of at least \$100. After discussion, those present voted to renew the membership for 1980. **LICENSE APPLICATIONS** Along with the renewal notice was sent some copies of the 1980 license application. Jim Stark agreed to make additional copies and make them available at New World Bicycle Shop.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION Sandy reported on events that transpired at a meeting with the Kalamazoo County Parks & Recreation. They are concerned about budget cuts in their Department which are expected as a result of a tight county budget. They say that if the services of the County Parks Department are to be continued and expanded such services must be financed more extensively by user fees. They have developed a proposal for bond financing of services combined with user fees and are attempting to get a number of clubs involved with outdoor activities to support their request to put such a proposal on a special Spring ballot and to help raise funds to finance the special election. One of the possible aspects of this proposal is the development of a bicycle trail over an abandoned railroad bed in the North East part of the county and the development of cross-country skiing facilities as well as the expansion of park facilities in general. The Parks Department is willing to listen to other suggestions, but their primary interest at this time is to obtain permission to issue bonds.

BICYCLE COMMUTING: Jim Stark commented that very few of the Club members use their bikes for transportation and that the Club ought to do something to encourage people to use their bikes to commute. Discussion ensued about the possibility of those who do commute attempting to get some publicity for commuting by bicycle. It was agreed that those who commute should attempt to do this. Along with the mention of publicity, Richard Dinda pointed out that the League of American Wheelmen had asked Clubs to send the name and address of those responsible for publicizing bicycle activities in their community to them for addition to the League's mailing list. It was agreed that the Club should send the name and address of Dave Person of the Kalamazoo Gazette to the League.

ESCAPE'78 MATERIALS: After discussion those present voted to instruct Phil Caruso to discard the patches from the Convention and to allocate the T-shirts as he saw fit. (NOTE: Phil intends to bring the material to the Christmas Party and pass them out to those who wish to take them. The materials include patches, maps and T-shirts.


LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BICYCLISTS: Many of the Club members have been receiving copies of the publication entitled the Michigan League. A group of people have been attempting to develop an organization of bicyclists in Michigan to support and initiate development of proposals that would benefit bicyclists and to coordinate information flows between Clubs in Michigan. At a recent meeting the organization was officially named the LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BICYCLISTS and officers were elected. One of our former Presidents, Joel Dinda, was elected Vice-Chair. The League has been distributing the publication free but is asking for funds to help finance their activities. After discussion, those present voted to send a contribution of \$10 to the League. Individuals who want to make a contribution should send it to;

The League of Michigan Bicyclists
c/o Tri-County Bicycle Association
P.O. Box 13001
Lansing, MI 48901

They are asking for a contribution of \$2 to cover the cost of the publication.

IF YOU EARNED A MILEAGE BAR FOR 1979 and want one, please call Jini Caruso 381-0135, and tell her the bar you have earned. We will order only the number needed!

Village Cyclery
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679-4242

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5942 Lovers Lane
Portage, Michigan 49081
Telephone (616) 345-1830

ALL BIKE RACERS

There will be a meeting at Terry Florian's, 6121 West Kl Ave. on Saturday, December 15, at 7:30 pm. Any questions, call Rick Bauer, 345-2094.

WELCOME to our new member,

Sharon Closson

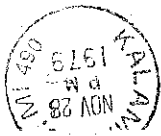
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