

PEDAL PRESS

ride schedule

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- Fri. Mar. 5 Moonlite Ski, 7:00 at Hugh Acton's Turskiree on 46th St. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage.
- Sat. Mar. 6 Spring Valley Park on Mt. Olivet. 10-15 miles, gently rolling. Al Holmes 10:00
- Sun. Mar. 7 March Madness Sanity Test. Meet at Kalamazoo Central on Drake Rd. 15 to 23 miles including Sixth St. Hill. Dan Ferrara 381-0922 2:00
- Sat. Mar. 13 St. Patricks Day Ride. Ride to the Leprechaun Restaurant in Fulton. Meet at 10:30 at Pavillion Township Hall, 29th and Q Ave. 25 miles, flat. L.A.W. patches available, 1.25
- Sun. Mar. 14 Green Meadow School, 26th and MN Avenue, 1:00, 15 flat to 40 gently rolling miles. Sandy Kimbrough 381-1724
- Sat. Mar. 20 Ride 10-25 miles, starting from Oshtemo Hardings at 10:00, Ninth & Red Arrow Hwy, Dave Hageman 382-2656
- Sun. Mar. 21 Ride from Kalamazoo Valley Community College at 2:00, Ninth and O Avenue. John Hart 342-8549
- Sat. Mar. 27 Farm Survey, 15-25 miles starting from Pavillion Township Hall at 10:00. Jini Caruso 381-0135
- Sun. Mar. 28 Ride 10-20 miles from Lexington Green School, Sprinkle and Milham Rd. 2:00 Jan Hageman 382-2656

GENERAL MEETING will be March 15, 7:30 PM at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Ninth and O Avenue.

The March Meeting will feature Doug Fattic, a custom frame builder from Niles, Mich. He will be discussing custom frames and hopefully showing us some of his work.

Doug apprenticed in England before coming home to Michigan to build his own frames. He has traveled world wide, and wherever he goes he visits frame builders, picking up the best of their ideas.

If you are interested in finding out more about custom frames, make sure you attend this meeting.

THANKS to June Godfrey and Jan Hageman for bringing refreshments to the February meeting.

WANTED: used panniers in good condition, larger capacity preferred. Call Jane Hagberg 381-5605 after March 8.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15

TREASURERS REPORT:

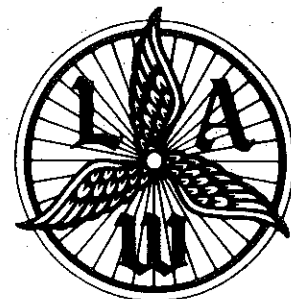
The Club has a balance of \$160.05 in the checking account.

SPRING VALLEY RACE:

This year the Spring Valley Races will be held on Sunday, April 25.



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club



WHO REALLY NEEDS A CUSTOM FRAME ?

People have custom frames built for two main reasons, fit and options.

Some people simply can not properly fit on a production bicycle. Production frames do not take into consideration different body sizes. Others just can not find a frame small or large enough. A custom frame builder will take into consideration foot length, upper and lower leg length, torso length and arm length. Having a frame built specifically to ones measurements will give a more comfortable ride.

People also have frames built because they have gotten to the point where they can not buy what they want in a bike even though they can get a good fit. A frame builder will consider the riding style and the use for the bicycle when planning a frame. When ordering a custom frame you can get any color and cosmetics you wish. You can also get any braze-ons you would like, plus get the proper size and fit.

Another aspect of custom frames is the quality. The frame will be made by hand through every step. The custom frame buyer can equip his frame with each specific component he prefers.

Last, but definately not least, is the pleasure of owing a unique item made especially for yourself.

Pat Wells

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The following excerpt is from: Willis F. Dunbar, Michigan, A History of the Wolverine State (Grand Rapids, MI, Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1970). The period of reference is from 1890 to 1905.

"The first automobiles were built and sold at a time when a bicycle craze was sweeping the nation. Millions of "wheels," as they were called, were sold. Bicycle clubs sprang up, and a Michigan man, Horatio S. Earle, became president of a national association called the League of American Wheelman. The popularity of bicycling probably carried over to automobiles, and as will be noted later, the bicycle enthusiasts were the first advocates of improved roads. ... After the disappearance of the plank roads, cities and villages maintained their own streets, while the township was the unit for rural road maintenance. In 1893 the legislature passed an act permitting counties to take over this function if the voters of the county approved, but only eighteen counties had taken advantage of the law by 1905. As has been noted, the bicyclists were the pioneer enthusiasts for good roads. The national president of the League of American Wheelman in 1901—Horatio S. Earle—was also a member of the state senate, where he sponsored a resolution calling for a committee to report on improving highways. He became so prominent in the cause of better highways that he won the nickname "Good-Roads Earle." Under the provision of



the Constitution of 1850 prohibiting the state from engaging in internal improvements, the state was without authority for getting into the road building business. Earle campaigned successfully for the exemption of "public wagon roads" from this prohibition, and an amendment making this change was adopted by the voters in April 1905. The legislature at once established a State Highway Department, and Governor Warner appointed Earle as the first state highway commissioner. The same act provided "rewards" ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 per mile to townships and counties for building roads that met certain minimum standards."

(This was submitted by the Gardner Family.)

A special thanks to Gordie and all the people who worked to make the Roller Races a big success. I also want to thank all the members who came out to the Mall to cheer the racers on!

Pat Wells

NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Pruitt	7100 Austrian Pine Way, 4A, Portage	49002	327-0790
Ted Apking	527 W. South St., Kalamazoo	49007	345-2654

membership form

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Sex _____

For family membership, please list entire family:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Sex</u>
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Signature _____ Date _____

(if under 18)

Parent Signature _____

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

DUES (check one)

- _____ Adult membership \$5. \$6.00
- _____ Family membership \$8 \$8.00
- _____ Youth (17 or younger) \$4.00
- _____ Senior (60 or older) \$4.00

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