

PEDAL PRESS

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

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March Meeting

The club will meet at 7:45p.m., Monday March,6th at the Health Source Fitness Center Located off of west Main, at 315 Turwill lane. We will have a special guest speaker from Goulash Tours of Kalamazoo, which I'm sure will be of interest to all attending.

Eastern Europe By Bicycle

In addition to the march meeting. We will have special guest speakers David Kooda and Kathy Waksmundzki speaking on a coast to coast tour taking place on behalf of the American Lung Association which will depart from Seattle on 6-5-89. A third speaker will be lecturing on his travels through China. We are pleased to have Tom VanDyke Share his experiences with us.

April Meeting

We will meet again at the Health Source Fitness Center, Monday April 3rd at 7:45 for our Spring Social. Bring a dish or drink to pass and meet old friends and new.

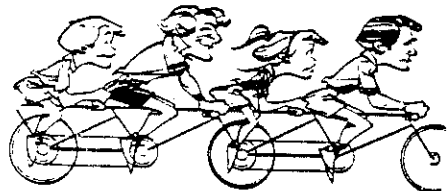
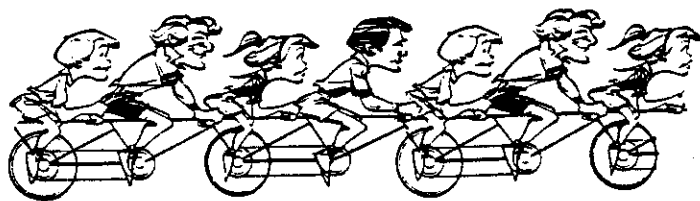
We will fly from the U.S. to Amsterdam where we will spend a couple of days seeing the sights. Then we will train to Warsaw, Poland with a half day stopover in East Berlin. We will begin bicycling from Warsaw.

The five-week group will cycle through Poland, Czech-Slovakia and Austria to Vienna, and return to Amsterdam by train.

The eight-week group continues cycling through Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria to Sofia. We will return by train to Amsterdam.

Note from the Ride Captain

The Ride Captain responsibilities now belong to Mr. Jon Mathison. Jon has already made a great effort scheduling our spring rides. Please contact Jon with any suggestions you may have for cycling excursions. Below is an updated list of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Officers for 1989.



I would like to introduce myself as the new Ride Captain for 1989, and request your ideas for Spring and Summer trips. We will need experienced leaders as well as newcomers to provide a wide array of rides for ourselves. Please use the ride-proposal form to submit rides to me through our p.o.Box. I look forward to an exciting season.

Note from the Editor

Leadership positions have been revised. Terry Jackson (former Vice-President) and promoted to President for the 1989 calendar year has resigned, due to his recent cycling injury. Our new President Keith W. Little has stepped in to fill this important position. We all wish Terry a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the road by summer. President - Keith W. Little 381-7233 or 329-4987
Vice-President - Can be filled by any conscientious member

Secretary/Treasurer - Karen Torre 381-4329
Race Captain - Jim Stark 685-1274
Ride Captain - Jon Mathison 329-0692
Newsletter Editor - Chuck Dodson 385-8355
Membership List - Phil Caruso 381-0135

Note from the President



I am very pleased to belong to the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club. My efforts as president will be designed to provide a more enjoyable, social biking club for all of its members. I will work closely with the ride and race captains, as well as other club officers to provide a wide array of tours, races, seminars and special events in the 1989 season. The club exists to ride, and we all know when we ride, we have a better existence. I invite all members and other interested parties to call me with your suggestions or criticisms as we prepare for a "SUPERB" spring, and a "SIZZLING" summer on two wheels. Lastly, please forgive my absence at the Feb-Mar meeting, as my wife and I prepare for our first baby at 'lamaze' classes.

Thank you,

Keith W. Little

Keith W. Little (President)



Ride Classification

A* 17 mph plus - few rest stops, hard rides for the experienced tourist or racer.

A 15-17 mph - occasional rest stop, designed for the experienced tourist.

B 13-14 mph - frequent rest stops, intended for the average tourist.

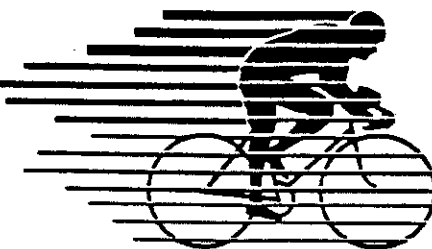
C 11-12 mph - frequent rest stops, intended for the developing tourist.

D Under 10 mph - less than 15 miles, relaxed pace, frequent rest stops to regroup, for families and developing riders.

Z Long trips (over 50 miles) To be ridden at riders own pace.

Starting Locations

- 1 - Kalamazoo Academy (Sprinkle and Milham)
- 2 - K.V.C.C. (9th and "O" Avenue)
- 3 - W.M.U. (Safety Cycle Michigan and Buckhout)



Note from the Race Captain

1. STATUS OF TEAM WITH USCF- The race teams affiliation with the USCF was not renewed on time this year. The renewal is currently in the mail to the Federation however, those of you who already renewed your racing licenses for this year may find that you are listed as an unattached rider on your license. This will result in higher race entry fees for you unless you take one of two actions.

Send your license back to the USCF with \$10.00 for a license change -or-

Send your license with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Michigan District Representative.

2. STATUS OF SPONSORSHIP-

RHP - no word for sure but this looks very good.

HOT N NOW- no way Jose.

3. PROGRESS OF SPRING VALLEY- Mike Teel has secured the sponsorship of WRKR radio for the Spring Valley Road Race. The sponsorship will consist of four advertisements per day for the two weeks prior to the race. While this is not a money sponsor, it does make getting a money sponsor much easier. Mike and I need a lot of help to pull this race off so expect to receive a phone call for help soon.

MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 1989 MEETING OF THE KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

Reports:

RACE REPORT: Jim Stark presented a report of the activities of the racing team. The racing team is still looking for a sponsor. The Team has tentatively scheduled a **Spring Valley Road Race for Sunday April 30th**. The racing team will call on you to **volunteer** to serve as marshall, work registration, etc. Be prepared to volunteer. This is **OUR** team!

Time Trials Stark reported that the racing team is planning on staging the time trials on Wednesday's this year. For further information call Jim at 685-1274. At this time, the team also intends to hold sprint workouts on Tuesday evenings and longer rides on Sunday afternoon.

There were three presentations at the meeting: David Kooda and Kathy Waksmundzki for the American Lung Association, Bonnie Campbell from Goulash Tours, and Tom Van Dyke with slides of a tour through China.

American Lung Association: David Kooda and Kathy Waksmundzki are going to ride across the US with a group of cyclists whose aim is to raise funds for the American Lung Association. They are required to raise a minimum of \$5,000. Dave and Kathy described the tour. This is the third year and they expect about 400 people to participate in this tour. They are the only two from Michigan. If you would like to help them in their fund raising efforts, you can send checks to them made out to the American Lung Association to Kathy at: 2420 Hazel Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

Goulash Tours of Kalamazoo: Bonnie Campbell entertained the Club by describing bicycle tours of 5 and 8 weeks through Eastern Europe. The emphasis of the tour is to see the countries, learn something about the history, language and culture of the people. For further information contact Bonnie at Goulash Tours, 1701 Olmstead Road, P.O. Box 2972, Kalamazoo, MI 49003 or call 349-8817.

China Tour: Tom Van Dyke had taken an organized tour through China. Although he reported some disappointment that the amount of riding actually involved was smaller than he had anticipated, he enjoyed the trip. He showed the slides of the sights encountered on his trip.