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The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc.
November, 1995

Letter From the President

I am writing my last message as your president of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club. It has been a good year with our three big events turning a profit. This couldn't have been accomplished without the help of a long list of dedicated volunteers to power these events to their fruition. I would like to recap a couple of the accomplishments for the year as well as thank a large group of people for helping the club continue its movement forward. Many of the members recall some of the work that was taken on last year and our motivation for continuing on the steady course that was set for the 1995 year. One of these tasks and probably the most timing consuming, mainly at the beginning of the year, was the rebuilding of the race team.

For instance, we started with a search for sponsors to help fund our reimbursement pool and subsidize the costs for our jersey. Alfred E. Bike, Breakaway Bicycles and Village Cyclery agreed to be sponsors for our reimbursement pool and First of America Securities, Parkstone Mutual Funds and The Big Burrito agreed to help subsidize the costs of the jerseys. These sponsors deserve a big thank you for their generosity and commitment to furthering the support of bicycle racing. After the race team was reorganized, we looked into replacing the old membership brochure with a new, updated version with photographs and better information about the club. I would like to thank the following individuals for helping me through an enjoyable year: first, the KBC Board (V.P. - Mary Rass, Treasurer - Dan Smith, Secretary -

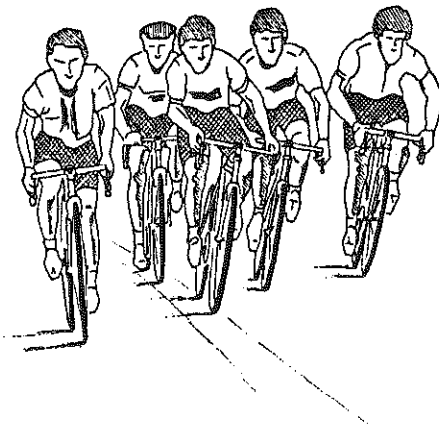
Michele Cudahy and Rose McKenna, and Race Team Captain - Brian Clissold); next, two people for helping with the reorganizing of the race team: Dave Patrick and Mike Teel; our ride leaders - Randy Putt (captain), Kathy Barrett, Steve Vonderfecht, Mike Higgins, Clayton Gallap, Don Povendo, Harold Gleaves, Brad Cosgrove and Jeff Wetters; next, individuals who stepped forward to take on tasks from race team director, Jim Wyrick, and Little Big Race directors Dan Ferrara and Scott Steurer to those who either helped out at other events or made the Flowerfest Bicycle Tour a success: Susie Baker, Paul Banner, John Brady, Dave DeRight, Carie Engelman, Mike Gapp, Dave and Sue Goldenberg, Paul Guimond, Jim Henderson, Bill Fischer, Jeanette Holm, John Hosley, Bill Hubbard, Mike Jones, Doug Kirk, Frank Machnik, Vince Odenwaller, Alex Ojerio, Kris Ouvry, Teri Post, Laura Slate, Stuart Smoot, Rob Turner, Richard Walter and Libbie Wetters.

Finally, I would like to thank Marc Luoma for his long tenure as newsletter editor (I hope all is well, Marc & Michele) and Terry Scahill for taking on the newsletter after him, Ann Johnson for her continued support as ride line coordinator (and perennial FFBT helper); and, last, but not least, our database administrator, the incomparable Phil Caruso! I hope I didn't leave anyone out of this list because as I stated earlier, this year was successful because of the volunteers that made it. Please welcome the new board and continue the support they will need.

Bill Watt

November General Membership Meeting

There will be a general membership meeting on Sunday, November 12 at 5:00pm at Bell's Brewery on Kalamazoo Ave. The election of club officers for 1996 will take place there. The nominations were held at the October meeting, the following people for these positions are: president - Rose McKenna, vice-president - John Mathieson, secretary - Mike Higgins, and treasurer - Teri Waldron. If there are any other people interested in or know someone who is interested in filling these positions, contact Bill Watt at 349-9562.





Cross-Coun- try Skiing for KBC

When the snow flies, weekly cross-country skiing outings would be a fun thing to do off-season. We could meet at 10:00am on Saturday mornings. The location is flexible - for example, Kellogg Forest or Al Sabo. It would be fun to have 3 to 4 day trips to Caberfae ski resort this year. Caberfae has miles of groomed trails which are clearly marked indicating the degree of difficulty. Call Brad Cosgrove at 372-9346 (eves) or 342-0173 (days) to indicate the time and location.

New Members

James & Patricia Buckert
Charlie, Shannon &
Danielle DeVries
Matthew Hunt
Mark Knook
Greg Sackett
Dee Sandt
Gary Spykerman
Mike & Mary White

November Birth- days:

Bret Austin
Kyle Chisholm
Bruce DeDee
Shannon DeVries
Frank Machnik
Donna Oas
Chris O'Leary
Kate Stubelt
Joe Stubelt

Tour de Force

by Axel Kleat

We've got several one-day tours around here each year, and they're pretty similar--you pay your money, get your number and map, chat with a few folks, figure out which pavement markings you hope to see, and maybe buy a T-shirt if the design's cool. Then you start turning those cranks toward sag stops featuring bananas, cookies, port-a-johns and various insects gorging on the same food you are.

Exactly why we ride these tours in order to partake of offerings and facilities less accommodating than most convenience stores remains unclear, but the fact remains that we do. It can't be for the camaraderie, since people universally do these rides in ones and twos, just like any other ride.

If you ride a few of these tours, before long you recognize tour junkies--people who show up at most tours. They're easy to pick out since they wear shirts or jerseys from the 1988 edition of the ride. The serious addicts have windbreakers plastered with neatly sewn tour patches covering every square inch of polyester.

Of one fact I've no doubt whatsoever--it's the roads, not the food, that brings us riders back each year. These last two weeks have proven that, despite the similarities, our nearby tours are strikingly different. Compare the Apple Cider Century, an hour-and-a-quarter away in Berrien County, which bills itself as the largest century in the Mid-

west, and the Turning Leaves Century, held seven days later just twenty-five miles to the east in Cass County, barely forty-five minutes from Kalamazoo. The ACC is a huge operation. Over 7500 riders inundate the southwest corner of Michigan. Incredible sights abound--high wheelers, recumbent tandems, even triples. Food stops are mob scenes. It's too much of a happening to miss, but the roads ain't so great and the scenery's just okay. At least the T-shirts are top-drawer.

The food's about the same at the Turning Leaves, but the ride is another matter all together. What a difference! These rides are located so close to one another, but if the roads and the scenery are the reason to be there, Turning Leaves is a far better ride. The layout is truly inspired, and includes long stretches of deserted primary county roads--not the rutted and poorly maintained side roads one finds on the ACC. While the ACC is punctuated with corners and stop signs every mile or two, Turning Leaves' country lanes are some of the best in Michigan--great pavement, lots of lakes, beautiful woods arching right over the roads, non-existent traffic, and big, beautiful farmhouses. I suspect pigs outnumber people in Cass County. True, the T-shirts were awful again this year, but most amazing is that only about 400 people showed up. Maybe the other 7000 who did the ACC are still replacing broken spokes and pinched tubes. Or maybe they're modeling that fancy T-shirt all weekend. Riders who do the Turning Leaves ride the finest one-day tour in southwest Michigan.

Ride Calendar

A Saturday off-road bike ride is being organized for anyone interested in learning basic and technical off-road bike skills. The aim is toward teenage riders (and their families) but anyone with an interest would be welcomed to attend. John Hosley will be there to talk about technical skills and show us a few of the trails. There will be assessment of level of difficulty to be expected in the park for us newcomers and probably more specific technical info for more experienced riders. We hope to continue this as long as the weather permits. Saturdays, we will meet at 1:00 at the trail head (stop and get info at the guard hut at park entrance) and continue to meet at the same place (same time) through Novem-

ber 11. Any questions or comments please feel free to call Rose McKenna 382-4318.

Ft. Custer Trail Maintenance

The MMBA plans trail maintenance at Fort Custer for Nov. 11th. Anyone wishing to help can call Kris Ouvry at 323-3176

For Sale

Cannondale Super V 1000, Full Suspension XTR Components, \$1500.00. Call Glenn @327-9544 (eves), 337-6711 (days)

KBC General Account 1995

July	Aug.	Sept.
5,689.57	7,854.24	7,415.46

Beginning balance

Pedal Press printing	357.32	129.11	
Pedal Press postage	31.68		
Phone	20.33	20.59	47.78
Insurance	2.60	50.79	
Misc. club postage	23.59	38.00	42.83
Office supplies			
Membership brochures			
Club meeting expense			
Volunteer award			
LAB membership			
LMB membership			
FFBT expenditures	1,922.79	253.01	389.00
cameras		50.84	

Total debits

2,358.31 542.34 479.61

Dues

Bike case rental	152.00	15.00	
Interest	12.55	12.56	
FFBT regist./t-shirts	4,358.43	46.00	

Total credits

4,522.98 103.56 0.00

Ending balance

7,854.24 7,415.46 6,935.85

KBC Race Team Account 1995

July	Aug.	Sept.
3,624.91	3,727.78	4,525.15

Beginning balance

Team postage	39.30		5.57
Phone	4.60		
Office supplies			
Meeting room			
Bib shorts			
Jerseys			
Jersey refunds			
USCF membership			
NORBA membership			
SV- expenditures	612.23	4,112.10	110.20
LBR- expenditures		225.27	3,000.86
photos			28.42

Total debits

656.13 4,337.37 3,145.05

Jersey deposits

Bib shorts deposits	19.00	34.00	
LBR- regist.	90.00		6,735.00
SV- regist.		4,072.50	
SV- donation		253.24	
SV- sponsor	650.00	775.00	

Total credits

759.00 5,134.74 6,735.00

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3,727.78 4,525.15 8,115.10

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Spring Valley Race 1995

canopy	55.00		
prizes	2,150.00		
police	312.00		
insurance	530.00		
USCF license	130.00		
officials	95.00		
timing/PA	330.00		
misc. expenses	795.09		
postage	378.38		
printing	341.25		
portolets	130.00		
permit	120.00		
publicity	90.00		
truck	92.50		

Total debits

5,549.22

sponsors

donation	2,425.00		
regist.	253.24		
	4,072.50		

Total credits

6,750.74

Ending balance

1,201.52

Fort Custer Little Big Race 1995

prizes	725.00		
postage	253.00		
numbers	121.00		
official	123.75		
printing	214.88		
food	78.49		
insurance	550.00		
expenses	84.40		
timing/PA	300.00		
medals	475.34		
portolets	165.00		
MMBA membership	100.00		
permit	75.00		
labels	50.27		

Total debits

3,316.13

regist.

6,735.00

Total credits

6,735.00

Ending balance

3,418.87

Flowerfest Bicycle Tour 1995

graphics	60.00		
postage	327.90		
paint, supplies	146.82		
printing	657.89		
insurance	400.00		
water bottles	459.97		
KVCC	114.00		
meeting room	20.00		
t-shirts	1,131.00		
food, supplies	81.21		
portolets	130.00		
Flowerfest donation	125.00		
LMB donation	264.00		

Total debits

3,917.79

regist./t-shirts

4,482.24

donation

250.00

Total credits

4,732.24

Ending balance

814.45

KBC Phone Numbers

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Vice President
Mary Rass..... 324-0646
Secretary
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Treasurer
Dan Smith 388-5247
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Jim Wyrick 349-1744
Ride Captain
Randy Putt 649-1814
Database
Phil Caruso 381-0135
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Ann Johnson 327-7767
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Annual Bronson Family Health Fair

On the 16th of September the Annual Bronson Family Health Fair was held. KBC had a table set up focussing on children's bicycle safety. Members from the club manned the table to answer questions on safety and the club. Volunteers included Rose McKenna, Bill Hubbard, and Sue and Dave Goldenberg. We had all sizes and styles of helmets for kids to try on and examples of reflectors, bells and vista lights so kids and parents were aware of options to make riding safer. Supplies were loaned from Millwood Schwinn and Alfred E. Bike. We had between 40-70 people stop by to look and ask questions. A good time was had by all!

Frequently-Called Numbers

Alfred E. Bike 349-9423
Billy's Bike Shop 665-5202
Breakaway Bicycles 349-5555
Millwood Schwinn 349-6384
Parchment Bicycle 343-8118
Portage Schwinn 327-3393
Safety Cycle 381-7233
Scooter's Malt Shop 626-8860
Team III Schwinn 962-7688
Village Cyclery 679-4242
Vorncamp Bike 344-3599
Weather Line ... 382-8585 (3333)

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