

RIDE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS RIDE Saturday December 27, 10 a.m. from KVCC parking lot. Keep looking for us its a large lot! Phil and Jini Caruso will lead a ride of 5 to 15 miles weather permitting. Call 381-0135 for more information.

NEW YEARS RIDE ON January 1 at 9 a.m. from Harding's parking lot in Oshtemo. Ken Nowakowski will lead a ride of 10 to 15 miles. Call 327-2353 for information.

LAW patches for each ride will be available. The Sunday rides have been suspended due to a dastardly bike theft! Our sympathy to Joel.

MEETING SUMMARY

On December 10 we set the dates for the 1976 Century Rides which anchor our ride schedule. The Spring Century is set for May 1 the Fall Century for September 4. The dates have already been sent to LAW. Suggestions for routes are welcome. The May route will be set in March. We have requested April 17 and 24 and May 9 and 16 from Michigan USCF for the Spring Races. We hope to get them but scheduling is difficult this year. USCF is trying to cram the entire season in before the Olympics in July. IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK ON THE RACE COMMITTEE, COME TO THE MEETING JANUARY 5 AT 7.p.m. AT THE CARUSO'S 2301 FAIRFIELD AVE. Call 381-0135 if you need directions.

At the January 14 meeting we will decide abo ut changing the meeting date to either the first or third Monday of each month from the second Wednesday as it is now. Come to the meeting and voide your opinion. If you can't come call the Caruso's 381-0135 and state your preference and reasons. They will convey the information to the meeting. The club has received its complimentary copy of Michigan Bicycle News. It is to be a monthly. Subscriptions are solicited. It will be available to members for examination at the meeting. Do we want to be listed in their directory?

All the members and the Executive Committee particularly extend many thanks to Leila and Ray Davis for their many years of service as club officers.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES DECEMBER 31: RENEW NOW AND AVOID THE RUCH.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

DUES: Young adults(14 &under)\$2.00; Adults (15 & older) \$3.00; Family(all members of a household) \$5.00 per year. Membership entitles person to newsletter, distinctive patch, membership card and reduced fees at specified club sponsored events. Club meets second Wednesday of each month at the Klamazoo College Library at 7 p.m. Make checks payable to Kalamazoo Bicycle Club and mail to KBC, Box 722, Kalamazoo Mich. 49005.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____
SIGNATURE _____ PARENT _____
(if under 18)

One NIC for sale, 23" frame, suntour cyclone, beautiful condition, \$130. Contact Richard Weyrick, 682,7351.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

It is sometimes convenient to pigeonhole bicyclists by type. The following labels seem to surface: 1) Utility Cyclists; 2) Competitive Cyclists; 3) Recreational Cyclists; 4) Touring Cyclists; 5) Suicidal Cyclists. Note that these categories are plainly not mutually exclusive. 'Tis likewise plain that each category can be further divided. Neither shortcoming's important.

Each of these groups might be viewed as a potential constituency for KBC. Indeed, I'll go farther: They ought to be so viewed. Certainly no one reading this newsletter imagines that bicyclists are a homogeneous lot. This certainty of differing styles and tastes and needs ought to condition the things we do, and the way we go about them. If we ignore the commuter, few commuters will join our club. (A bicycle commuter myself, I'd view that an especial failure.) If we neglect the racers, we should plan to lose them to the sponsored clubs.

To diverse ends, a few questions. Does KBC have any responsibilities as a recognized group of organized cyclists to the great mass of unorganized bicyclists in this community? (If not, what are we here for?) If so, what are those responsibilities? What strategies should we use for developing such programs as may be needed to meet those responsibilities? (May I suggest that our responsibilities probably duplicate our personal concerns, interests and needs?) What media should we use to publicize such programs? What activities would interest which cyclists? (What activities would interest you?)

Then we can turn about, and ask similar questions of ourselves. If we make special efforts in behalf of one sort of cyclist, what sort of image will we project and what sort of club will we become? Contrawise, if we neglect one of these groups, what shape will that neglect give to our club? In general, what do we want to be and how can we become that?

It will be a new year in a few days and a new cycling season in a few months. What do you want us to be doing, come April? Do you want rides? Then you'll have to lead rides and find others to lead rides. Are you worried about proposed legislation? Then you best get on the phone, find out what's on the legislative calendar and share what you learn. Commuting? Figure out what we should do, and do it. Do you want races? Then help out them together. Safety? Education? Bicycle Trails? Don't let my neglect kill your special interest -- I've interests of my own and limited time. Map out a program, recruit help, and get to work. Start something. I'll do what I can to help you along.

The Club is what you make it. What sort of club do you want? It's nothing if you neglect it. WE'RE A VOLUNTEER OUTFIT.