



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

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At the March 12 club meeting, Pres. John Busack appointed task force leaders for coming club events. Jeff Smith will be in charge of the races at Spring Valley Park. John Busack will work with the Portage Parks Dept. in setting up the annual spring century May 3. Terry Florian will be Road Captain for the summer rides. Special chairment were appointed for the following events, Russ Schipper to work with DKA in setting up a bike safety program; Joel Dinda will set up a rodeo for the Kalamazoo Park Dept. to be held at Spring Valley Park, and Terry Florian will act as official club representative for the West Main Zayre's rodeo and safety check on April 19. John Busack will make the posters for a special display at Zayre's the first week of April. Volunteers to help each of these chairmen are needed, "you can be trained" if you don't know what to do.

To date we have received only one estimate of insurance costs. Insurance to cover all club activities, except races, would be approximately \$50 per year. Extra riders can be purchased for races for about \$65 each or \$250 for four days of racing. We must have insurance before the Parks Dept will allow us to hold races at Spring Valley. Some of the cost of offsetting the insurance will come from entry fees. For the balance, Jeff was going to look into the possibility of donations from various groups. The club treasury is not able to cover the expense of all the extra insurance at this time. The membership present voted to accept the bid of insurance at \$50. or the best bid for general coverage.

We are currently experiencing a great deal of popularity. Several organizations and groups have asked us to participate in or set up rodeos and bike safety checks. Since most of these requests were for the near future when we already have conflicting plans, we are trying to have one person act as official representative and other club members help out as they can. It is gratifying to see so much interest in bicycling and we hope to gain additional members and support for our club through our services to others. It would be easier for us to help with events if we were contacted at least three months in advance. With warmer weather coming, many events have already been scheduled and we are faced with conflicts of time.

VOLUNTEERS We need you for permanent standing committees as well as one day events. We would particularly like to have someone as our official contact with the planning departments of all communities in the Kalamazoo area to keep us informed on rules and regulations involving bicycling. We'd also like to have an official legislative representative to act as our contact on the state and federal levels. We don't want a professional politician", but we could certainly use someone with a "gift of gab".

The next club meeting will be April 9, at 7:30 in the Kalamazoo College Library. Look for the big KBC sign on the door. As of this date we do not have an official program slated; if anyone has slides or a film that they might be willing to share, please contact John Busack, 342-4516. We will be setting the ride schedule at the next meeting and finalizing plans for the Spring Valley Races and the Portage century.

The club constitution has been revised and was accepted after reading by the membership present. The major changes describe the specific duties of the officers and all previous amendments were included. A copy has been sent to the insurance company.

EASTER RIDES have been scheduled by the Michiana Bicycle Assoc. and Battle Creek Club. The time and place of the Battle Creek rides is not known at present but they do plan to have a ride March 29. Call Bob Spencer, 962-5294 for information. The MBA rides will be March 29, 1:00 pm at Notre Dame-St. Mary's campus, next to Kroger's on S.R. 23, contact Bob Faulhaver, 287-0994. March 30 meet at 1:00 at the Harris School in Granger Ind, contact Marv Scher, 272-8700. Because of Daylight Saving time, Ind is now on the same time we are. Mr. and Mrs. Scher and John Galinski attended our last club meeting with information about their planned rides for the coming season. They even moved their fall century up a week so that they could attend ours this year.

We are in the process of overhauling our membership list in hopes of getting copies with address and phone numbers out to all members. If you have "dropped by the wayside" and wish to be included, call John Busack or Leila Davis, 342-5897. We'd also appreciate having your dues renewed if they have lapsed since the last ride. You can use the bottom of the newsletter, or simply send the information and check to the address listed.

MEMBERSHIP If you wish to join or renew your membership in the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, please send a check, made out to the club, for your adult (14 and under) \$2.00, adult (15 and Over) \$3.00, family \$5.00. You will receive a patch, membership card, and newsletter for your membership. You will receive reduced rates at specified club events and can purchase the club tee shirt at a reduced rate. The shirts have the official club insignia in navy blue on a 100% cotton orange shirt. The cost is \$3.00 to members, \$3.50 to non-members, and comes in small, medium and large.

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