



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 1975

SPRING VALLEY RACES The Spring Valley Park races are set for April 19, 26, and May 10, 17, (24 alternate in case of bad weather) and are being promoted by Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc., in cooperation with the Kalamazoo Dept of Parks and Recreation, under the sanction of the Amateur Bicycle League of America, Inc. There will be six classes of races for those holding ABL of A licenses and those who do not. Points will be awarded in each race, with overall winners determined by highest standing in each of the classes at the conclusion of the series. Payment of the \$3.00 entry fee entitles riders to compete on all four dates. A \$.50 deposit in addition to the entry fee will be refunded upon return of the rider's racing number. All classes register at the course on any race day beginning at 7:30 am. Registration in each class closes 15 minutes prior to start of races. All riders under 18 must have parents' WRITTEN consent to participate. Prizes for the races have been donated by the following businesses: Gear and Go Bicycle Shop, Milwood Schwinn Cyclery, Citation Cycles, Lee's Sports and Sportswear, Cycle City of Kalamazoo, New World Bicycles, Hal's Sport Sales. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, etc the day of the races. For further information call Jeff Smith 349-7490, or John Busack 342-4516.

PORTAGE FOUR LAKES CENTURY The annual century, which consists of a circular route of approximately 14 miles, will be held in the same place as last year, at the Toby Elementary School. Registration will start at 6:30 am DST, with riding to be from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm. Riders completing 7 laps will be awarded a century patch, other riders will receive a certificate of participation. Special awards will be presented to the rider who rides the longest distance in the ten hours for the following categories: person, 16 or under; person, 17-40; person over 40. All riders under 18 must have parents' WRITTEN consent to participate. The registration fees are \$1.25 adults (18 and older), \$1.00 students (17 and under) and \$.75 for active members of KBC, (those with membership paid to date). A concession wagon will be available for refreshments or participants may bring their own lunches. If anyone has a tent that can be used for registration, please contact John Busack, 342-4516.

MEETINGS Russ Schipper has arranged for a film for the June 11 meeting and we hope to have a film for the May 14 meeting also. The meetings are held in the Kalamazoo College library at 7:00 pm, the second Wed of each month. Look for the KBC sign on the door, Academy Street. Visitors are always welcome.

RIDE SCHEDULE Road captain Terry Florian has set the following schedule for our spring rides.

Sat April 19 Spring Valley Bike Race 7:30 am
Sun April 20 Kalamazoo Central 9:00 am
Sat April 26 Spring Valley Bike Race 7:30 am
Sun April 27 KVCC 8:30 am DST
Sat May 3 Four Lakes Century Toby Elementary 7:00 am
Sat May 10 Spring Valley Bike Race 7:30 am
Sun May 11 Lexington Green Elementary School 8:30 am
Sat May 17 Spring Valley Bike Race 7:30 am
Sun May 18 Kalamazoo Central High School 8:30 am
Sat May 24 Race Day alternate 7:30 am
Sun May 25 KVCC 8:00 am
Sat May 31 Portage West Junior High 8:00 am
Sun June 1 KVCC 8:00 am

For further information, contact Terry Florian at Portage Pedal Shop.

RODEO Joel Dinda will be working with the Kalamazoo Dept of Parks and Recreation on a children's bicycle rodeo at one of the latter Spring Valley Races. It is possible that the KBC may sponsor similar rodeos in other sections of the city during June, July and August.

Russ Schipper is arranging a meeting with Al White in City Planning Dept to establish a line of communication to familiarize the club members with the city's bicycle facility plans.

Enclosed are two copies of Bicycling Tips prepared by Brian Chappell. Please share one with a cycling friend as this is one of the best articles ever prepared on the subject.

Did you know that the club gets a copy of LAW Bulletin each month? The magazines are available at club meeting for anyone who would like to read them. Of special interest is the section dealing with bike events throughout the country.

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 young adult (14 and under) \$2.00, adult (15 and over) \$3.00, or family \$5.00. You will receive a patch, membership card, and newsletter for your membership. You will receive reduced rates at special 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 for members, \$3.50 for non-members, and comes in small, medium, and large.

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