

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1976

NEXT MEETING: CHRISTMAS PARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY  
December 20 meeting will be more party than meeting. Main feature will be whatever  
you bring to show or tell. Share your year; bring pictures, or films or whatever.  
MEETING PLACE: THE CARUSO'S 2301 FAIRFIELD (call 381-0135 for directions). We will  
NOT be meeting at Kalamazoo College this month.

RIDE SCHEDULE: STANDING SATURDAY MORNING RIDE (unless replaced by patchride)  
9:30 a.m. Oshtemo Hardings, distance, terrain and time arranged by those  
riding. Joel Dinda 349-3094.

CHRISTMAS PATCH RIDES: LAW patches \$1.00

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19: Tinsel and Candles 7 pm, Winchell School: length: weather?  
Among the things Christmas brings is decorations, lights and reflectors manda-  
tory. Joel Dinda 349-3094.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 10 am. Northeast Corner of KVCC parking lot, estimated 10-15  
miles around Crooked Lake. Chuck Shuster 327-7940.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 11 am; Cork Lane Shopping Center; weather permitting 20  
miles, out Miller Road into the countryside. Pat Florian 345-0465.

NEW YEAR PATCH RIDES: LAW patches \$1.00.

SATURDAY JANUARY 1: THIRD ANNUAL 1st of JANUARY RIDE. noon; Oshtemo Hardings  
(Michigan Ave & 9th St.) Two groups. #1 12 miles, 45 minutes small hills.  
#2 8 miles, 60 minutes small hills. Guy Dennehy 665-9715.

SUNDAY JANUARY 2 10 am Oshtemo Harding's 10-15 miles, Ken Nowakowski 327-2353.

MEETING SUMMARY: Officers Elected: Joel Dinda, President; 339-3094; Pat Florian,  
Vice-President; 345-0465; Virginia Caruso, Secretary; 381-0135; Phil Caruso,  
Treasurer; 381-0135. The November meeting ~~EXTENDED THE DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING~~  
CENTURY CONTEST TO JANUARY 1, hoping to attract more entries. Since the object of  
the contest was to generate ideas, we felt we should keep trying (we have two  
entries). Thirty dollars are at stake; rules in September newsletter (if you've  
lost it call Joel, 349-3094). Joel and Gary Keene reported on their experiences at  
the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Survey meetings. Both found bikes and bikers  
ignored. The meeting discussed possible courses of action for the group. A  
summary and a proposal are below in Joel's note.

NOTE FROM JOEL ON KATS.

I've long been vaguely aware that the folks who build roads and highways around here  
have been planning (even building) "bicycle Facilities" without consulting bicyclists.  
Taking an opportunity to comment during the KATS Transportation Workshop, I reminded  
people we exist, and expressed concern that no one had seen fit ever to consult us  
during any planning process.

After the workshop, I was twice sought out by local planners. Both suggested we  
make presentations to planning bodies. It appears we've got to convince them we're  
serious before they'll ask our opinions.

If we're not in on the planning, we're not in at all. The question at hand then:  
How important is all this to you? We're looking for a volunteer (aren't we always?)  
Your move. It's to facilities and legislation.

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OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO JEFF SMITH FOR HIS LONG SERVICE AS KBC VP.

We commend to your attention Darryl Skrabak's fine essay on crash helmets in Nov.  
Bicycling. It is well worth your time. (A still better discussion, if you're  
interested, is that published in the Dec. 1974 LAW Bulletin.)

ENCLOSED IS A PROSPECTUS FOR THE SPRING RACES. COMMENTS TO JOEL BY JAN ! PLEASE!!

Also Enclosed is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE RENEW NOW & AVOID THE  
RUSH!!.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 1977  
(check one)

- Young Adult (under 15) \$2.00  
 Adult (over 15) \$3.00  
 Family (all members of a household) \$5.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES & AGES OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS: USCF \_\_\_\_\_ LAW \_\_\_\_\_ AYH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEXT YEAR: WE'RE A VOLUNTEER OUTFIT!

If you are willing to serve on any of the following committees please check.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING CENTURY   | <input type="checkbox"/> FALL CENTURY             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAFETY/EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> RACE                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM          | <input type="checkbox"/> RACE OFFICIALS           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLUB LIBRARY     | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK OF MAPS             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY MAP       | <input type="checkbox"/> FACILITIES & LEGISLATION |

ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAD A RIDE OR RIDES?  YES  NO

If you know where and when please fill in below; otherwise ride captains will call you for ideas this next riding season. There is no reason we can't have more than one ride a day.

TIME      DISTANCE      PLACE DEPARTURE      TERRAIN      ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE      LEADER

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB AND MAIL TO  
KBC PO BOX 527 Kalamazoo Michigan 49005

THANK YOU