

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB APRIL NEWSLETTER

MEETING SUMMARY: We agreed to develop a ride map file to help us establish good rides and survey participation. When you lead a ride give a map or cue sheet to one of the officers, Joel, Jeff, Jini or Phil, On of us at least are at most rides. On the back note date, time and number who rode. The voting for the USCF board of directors doesn't coincide with our meeting schedule at all. USCF members will be polled to establish our vote for directors. Our new Legislative Coordinator is Joel Dinda. The meeting voted to send \$5.00 to LAW-LAC to help get a statewide bicycle club legislative network started. The money would underwrite newsletters so that next year we can be better organized to influence legislation on biking in Lansing. We nearly got nailed by a couple of bad bills this year. Tri-county carried the ball on testifying. They need help. Joel also volunteered to investigate the bikeway project and put together a presentation. Developing the proposal will generate contacts and publicity at a minimum. At maximum, we do a bikeway project! SEE PAGE 3 for the idea as it is April 27. Other meeting business is grouped below. After business, a short slide presentation from bikecentennial was enjoyed. Is anyone besides Doug Steel going on part of it? We stay at homes would love to hear your experiences.

4 Lakes Century: Portage Parks has been helpful and cooperative. We will need some help at the registration desk and marshalling. When you arrive check with Joel, Jini or Leila and volunteer. Thanks. One or two hours each would be great.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: several of us are interested in such things as developing a bicycle education program in Kalamazoo. Since we've seen little that we like, we'll be starting from scratch. If you've ideas, talk to Joel about them. Four Lakes will be a fine opportunity. A meeting will be called soon.

FEMINISTS (AND PEOPLE IN FAVOR THEREOF) Women invariably get shorted in racing prize lists. Help us do something about it at Spring Valley. This note is to solicit small donations for our women's prize list. We already have \$55. Five or six \$5 donations would be lovely; even one would be appreciated. Call Joel today 349-3094.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 1976

Membership entitles person to newsletter, distinctive club patch, membership card, and reduced entry fees at specified club sponsored events. KBC meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the classroom basement of the Kalamazoo College Library, Northwest corner of Academy and Thompson streets.

DUES: (check one) _____ Young Adult (under 15) \$2.00
 _____ Adult (15 and up) \$3.00
 _____ 6 Family (All members of household) \$5.00

Dues are for the Calendar Year.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____

NAMES AND AGES OF FAMILY MEMBERS IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

SIGNATURE _____ PARENT _____
 (if under 18)

MAIL FORM TO : KBC, P.O. BOX 527, KALAMAZOO MICHIGAN 49005

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NON-MEMBERS: Our rides are not restricted to members. Please feel free -indeed encouraged- to join us. Some of us dress funny, and some of us ride expensive bikes; but most of the rides are leisurely, casual, and not very demanding. Pick one that looks interesting, and within your abilities. See you there!

MAY RIDE SCHEDULE Phil and Jini Caruso Ride Captains 381-0135

May 1 Spring Century at Prairieview Park 7 a.m.-6 p. m. Ride as many 13 mile loops as you wish. Eight laps earns you a century patch.

May 2 Joel Dinds 4 p.m. KVCC parking lot 23 miles flat 2 hours
349 3094 to Schoolcraft

May 8 Diabetes Bike-a-thon at Austin Lake. Entry Forms at McDonalds,

May 9 Spring Valley Road Race series III beginning 8 a. m.

May 15 Del Bassett 8 a.m. Kendall Township Hall 20 miles 1st half 3 hours with
628-2774 hilly rest break

May 16 Spring Valley Road Race Series IV 8 a.m.

May 22 Phil Caruso 9:30 a.m. Spring Valley Park 20 miles to mostly flat 2 hours
381-0135 Lot Mt. Olivet Plainwell

May 23 John Ball 2 p.m. Oshtemo Harding's 28 miles rolling
** 375-0863 to Paw Paw terrain 3- 3 1/2 hours

May 29 Debbie Dinda 10 a.m. KVCC Parking 15 miles some hills 1 hour
349 3094 lot

May 30 Joel Dinds 4 p.m. Prairieview Park 35-40 miles some gravel 3 hours
349 3094 to Parkville mostly flat

May 31 Doug Steele 10 a.m. KVCC parking lot 20 miles flat 2 hours
343-3229 to Schoolcraft

MEMORIAL DAY PATCH RIDE: LAW PATCHES AVAILABLE \$1

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Help I: We need ride leaders. The way to get a ride you want to see on our schedule is to lead it. Any terrain, length or speed is acceptable. Since participation increases as lengths and speeds drop, I'd like to see "family" rides; but personally I ride fast and rather long. We need both. Call me 349-3094 or Jini 381-0135 to volunteer. Joel.

RACE INFORMATION: FOR MORE INFO AND ENTRY FORMS CALL RUSS SCHIPPER 349-4643

Spring Valley: April 17 103 riders: April 24 with lousy weather 50 riders. WE DO NEED MORE HELP. We need people to sweep the course (bring brooms at 7 a.m.) and we need road marshalls (essentially you spectate). Talk to Russ Schipper or Jeff Smith when you arrive. Russ also needs help at the finish line.

LISTINGS: May 8, Detroit Track OD: May 8&9, Macomb, Ill. Criterium & Women BAR: May 9, Kalamazoo, Spring Valley Road Race: May 9 Milford Mich. 4 man TT: May 15(?) East Lansing, Criterium: May 15, Muncie Ind. Criterium: May 16 Kalamazoo, Spring Valley Road Race: May 16, Syracuse NY Criterium: May 22 Pontiac Scholastic(Stock): May 23 Pontiac, Scholastic Road. Russ has more and USCF license applications also. Someone ought to be responsible for pooling rides to races and getting results to the Gazette's Scoreboard by Monday. Any volunteers?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS: James Underwood, 1429 Kingsbury Dr., Portage, 49081, 349-8183
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RECOMMENDED: The last 2 or 3 issues of LAW BULLETIN & BICYCLING have good articles on bike politics Joel reports.

TO: KBC Members, and newsletter readers.
FROM: Joel Linda, president
DATE: April 27, 1976
RE: Bikeway Project

It has been brought to our attention that KBC, as a non-profit service organization, is eligible to apply for Federal funds under a Bikeway Demonstration Program. There are rules, of course, and should we apply we'll have to conform to them. One rule matters immediately: Applications are due June 1, which gives us about a month. What follows is a place to begin.

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Recreational bicycling is a rural activity. To be sure, bicycles can be and are ridden in cities; yet to go any significant distance within a city inevitably involves sharing roads with dangerously dense traffic, while short distance neighborhood cycling is recreation only in a restricted sense. Rural cycling, in contrast is excellent recreation. Traffic is usually rare, is easily allowed for, and is generally courteous. Rural scenery, for the most part, is much more interesting than city scenery. And country miles are better suited to the capabilities of bicycles and bicyclists than the short blocks of the city.

BUT how do you get out of town?

Consider Kalamazoo County. The following roads leave the urbanized area of Kalamazoo and Portage: Bishop Road, Centre Avenue, Comstock Avenue, Cork Street, Douglas Avenue, Drake Road, East Shore Drive, G Avenue, Gull Road, H Avenue, Kilgore Road, K Avenue, East and West Main Street, East and West Michigan Avenue, Milham Road/Texas Drive, Miller Road, Nichols Road, Oakland Drive, Parkview Avenue, Portage Road, Ravine Road, Riverview Drive, S. Avenue, Shver Road, Sprinkle Road, Stadium Drive and North Westledge Avenue. Most of these are recognized as the community's major thoroughfares. To recognize this is to recognize that few bicyclists dare leave town on their bicycles. This recognition, in turn, suggests a valuable project.

Suppose we were to appoint six or a dozen locations "bicycle places" (Somebody PLEASE suggest a better name.) The important characteristics of these places would be that they be outside the urbanized area, and that they be good places to begin bicycle tours. Facilities might include (limited?) parking space, toilets, running water and some means of suggesting tours (of, say, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, and 60 miles.) Perhaps you can think of other useful facilities. Make suggestions

That's half the project: Finding these places and developing facilities for them. The other half, of course, is to make it possible to bicycle out of town using these facilities as destinations (or way stations).

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The thing I need is feedback. Alterations, refinements, anything: tell me what you think. I make most club rides. I'll be riding the Century. my phone is 349-3094.

The deadline, remember is June 1. Probably this will be my main interest for the next three weeks. Any help, discussion, or expression of interest will be appreciated..

JD/ vac.