

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 1976

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 21 AT 7 P.M. Russ Schipper will be in England, but he has arranged an interesting program. David Rose, Michigan State Cycling champion of the 1920's will talk on Racing in the 1920 and will bring the bike he won with. A chance to ask questions and compare note and bikes, then and now.

MEETING SUMMARY: Four Lakes Century had 166 riders, who rode 11,491 miles including 44 centuries and 53 half-centuries. We gained \$145.00. Next year we will have new patches which will reduce the financial return. The Spring Valley Races were both a competitive and a financial success. We had 132 different riders. we made \$5.00. Congratulations to Jeff Smith and Russ Schipper for a job well done!! The Race committee extends its thanks to the Parks and Recreation department, Skip Obermeyer the Davis Family, Jini & Phil Canuso Joel Dinda, Al Holmes, Ken Nowakowski and the local bike shops. WITHOUT THEIR WORK AND SUPPORT THE RACES WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. Local Prize winners included Ken Nowakowski a 3rd in class A, Chuck Shuster a 2nd in class G, Cliffs Floyd a tie for 4th in class C, and Mark Johnson, a 3rd in class F. Local high finishers included Scott Steurer in 6th in C, Guy Dennehy 6th in E and Joe Stegman, 7th in F. VOLUNTEER NEEDED I: Russ and Jeff will neither be available to serve as Race Chairpersons for a Fall race. UNLESS SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS TO CHAIR A FALL RACE COMMITTEE THE MEETING VOTED NOT TO HAVE A FALL RACE. If you think you would like to serve call Jeff Smith 349-7490 or Russ Schipper 349-4643 to find out what it entails. IF NO ONE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS RACE CHAIRPERSON AT THE JUNE MEETING THERE WILL BE NO FALL RACE. The meeting authorized the the executive committee and the legislative committee to act together in the clubs name to respond to legislation and write letters. The committee supported the S.B. 874 requiring registration of bicycles. the cost seems small the benefits large in terms of recovery of stolen bikes and money for safety programs, trails and bikeways. VOLUNTEER II: ANYONE wanting to be consulted about club position on legislative proposals contact Joel Dinda 349-3094. We'll put you on the legislative committee. The bikeway committee reported it had decided to not develop a proposal for federal funding. Rather the project can likely be funded out of local money. The idea is to develop a series of trip loops out of local parks. The first step is a better bike able roads map than the one we have. TO THAT END DEBBIE AND JOEL DINDA HAVE REDESIGNED THE MAP AND THE CLUB HAS HAD IT REDUCED AND PRINTED. Please ride as many of the roads as possible and tell joel your opinion of them to more accurately describe roads for bikes in Kalamazoo county.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 1976

membership entitles person to newsletter, distinctive club patch, membership card reduced entry fees and specified club events and THE MAP of bikeable roads in Kalamazoo county. 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

Dues are for the calendar	_____	Young Adult (under 15) \$2.00
year	_____	Adult (15 and up) \$3.00
	_____	Family (all members of a household) \$5.00

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(if under 18)

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

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KBC RIDE SCHEDULE: JINI CARUSO RIDE CAPTAIN 381-0135

June 17 Jini caruso 9:30 a.m. Portage City Hall 17 miles very flat 2 1/2 hrs  
 381-0135 to Schoolcraft  
 June 18 J. Bier 1:00 P.M. Cork Lane Plaza 25 miles mostly flat  
 381-0195 Cork & Lover's to Virsburg 2 1/2-3 hrs.  
 Lane

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June 18 Al Farnes 9:00 A.M. Marchmont Hardings 15-20 miles a few hills  
 349-3546 1 1/2 hrs

June 19 Joel Dinda 4:00 P.M. Coldbrook Hardings 15 miles mostly flat 2 hrs  
 349-3094

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June 19 A LOOP RIDE OF 33 and 90 MILES. OUR FIRST SANCTIONED AMERIC CENTURY  
 RIDE. THIRTY MILES MORE IN ANOTHER LOOP.

Joel Dinda 7:30 A.M.. from Spring Valley Park, to Nashville Mich  
 349-3094 Mt Olivet Parking a very hilly ride.  
 lot

June 20 Dick Phillips 9:30 A.M. Maple Hill Mall 18 miles hilly 2 1/2-3 hours  
 349-2534 Drake Road lot

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 June 26 AMERIC LUNCH RIDE TO COLDBROOK PARK

Joel Dinda 9:30 A.M. Millwood Jr High 40 miles mostly flat 4 1/2 hours  
 349-3094 N end of Konle off inc lunch  
 Cork

June 27 Steve Anderson 12:30 A.M. Eastwood shopping 35 miles to rolling 3-3 1/2 hrs  
 381-0511 Center Gull Lake terrain inc rest  
 stop.

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Rides to palm your Calendar for: FALL CENTURY: September 4: WINE, CHEESE AND COLOR,  
 October 9, Sanctioned Half Century August 7.

VOLUNTEER III: WE NEED A JULY RIDE CAPTAIN AND JULY RIDE LEADERS. July 2, July 3  
 and July 5 are taken..All else is open. The Plan for the National sanctioned  
 half century includes three groups of riders, a strong group 3 1/2 hours, the medium  
 group in 4-5 hours, and a slow group finishing in 5-6 hours. We need a leader for  
 the strong group. Debbie Dinda will lead the medium group and jini Caruso the slow  
 group. Bring your plans to the June 21 meeting and volunteer.

Lee Murray reports that son Mike racing in Denver has done well. He finished first  
 in the Great Lorimer Square Criterium and a third in the Flagstaff Mountain Hill  
 Climb. One of his prizes was a crystal beer mug!

Time Trials near Battle Creek 10 mile time trials every Tuesday after May 4, 1976  
 at 6:30 P.M. (Raindate, Thursday, same time). Starting point is the Railway crossing  
 sign, east side of tracks, 1/2 mile east of Augusta on Highway through Fort Custer.

To: Members, and others interested  
From: Joel Dinda, president  
Date: May 28, 1976  
Re: Maps

Enclosed with the newsletter this month are two draft copies of a bicycle map of Kalamazoo County. We've been working on this project for a couple months, and send you this draft as a progress report and a request for help and advice.

One copy is yours to keep and use, pending a better edition. The other we ask you to pick up and return. We'll use any replies we receive to create an improved edition.

Here's what we want you to do:

First, just look over the map. Check every road you ride to see if you agree with the rating shown. (Keep in mind always that the ratings are aimed at family cyclists--just because I ride Westnedge doesn't mean a father should take his kids there. I ride straight lines.) If you don't agree with the rating, please take a pen of the appropriate color (see the key to the map) and mark the change you'd make. (Bright colors will make finding suggestions easier than other possible codings, and simplify the task of editing and revising. Thanks.) We anticipate some differences of opinion in preparing this draft, when we've found such disagreements we've made arbitrary decisions. If you wish to set an argument on paper, perhaps thereby making it more convincing, feel free to do so. Better information is always welcome.

Use the map for a couple weeks. Continue to mark changes. Ride roads you've not ridden. Find out what they're like. Make a special effort to seek out the "unexplored" roads--we need information there even more than elsewhere, as none of our previous sources was familiar enough with them to venture to rate them.

What roads, not on the map, ought to be added? On the map, deleted? (These questions refer mainly to the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage.)

We're also interested in facilities, and other points of interest. Where can a person park a car, take a bike off a rack and pedal away? Where are rest rooms available? Mark every park--city, county, village, or township--you might bicycle to. What points of interest should we mark? Where are the bad hills? Pretty roads? Ugly roads? Anything you can think of--devise a code, mark it on the map, and explain it in the margin.

Any suggestions will be welcome. Telephone me at 349-3094, if that's appropriate. Better, send the map to the club's post office box (Box 527, Kalamazoo 49005). Or bring it to a ride.

We'll hold a meeting of everyone interested in the project after the regular meeting on June 21. See you there.

Thanks for your help.

Postscript: Thanks to those who marked up the maps Debbie and I based this draft on--Ken Nowakowski, Ray Davis, Terry Florian, Jini Caruso, Mark Johnson, and Guy Dennehy.