

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER  
JUNE 1976

WE WILL BE ON T.V.!!! WUHQ IS GOING TO BE TAKING PICTURES OF OUR RIDE ON SATURDAY TO COLDBROOK PARK AND HAS ASKED US TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO GET A LARGE TURNOUT, PLEASE COME. AS AN ENTICEMENT, THE LUNCH OF HOTDOGS AND POP WILL BE FREE!!! if you've never tried a longer ride this might be a good one to start on, its two 20 mile flat loops with lunch in the middle.

JUNE MEETING SUMMARY: There will be a race in the fall, date as yet undecided. Tim Florian has volunteered to chair the race. Having never done anything like this before Tim would appreciate your advice and especially your support in organizing the prize list, and the work crews. Call him at 345-0465. Jini Caruso presented a draft of a information sheet for new members and asked for comments. Jini feels that many newer members would appreciate a list of organizations and books concerned with bicycling. Her own experience is that it helps one get acclimated to bicycling. Enclosed in the newsletter is a copy of the proposed sheet. If you have additions or corrections, call Jini at 381-0135. After the business meeting, David Rose talked about his racing experiences in the 1920's. Road Racing was done without brakes or derailleurs, much as a track bike is set up today. The distances were many of them shorter than today, down to 1/2 mile. The state championship medals were attractive gold and silver medals, sponsored by newspapers. We met out of doors by the fountain across the street from the library as the executive committee forgot that the college was between terms and the library locked up tight and didn't request it be left open. We'll remember K college schedules after this.

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Is anyone interested in an overnight camping expedition? If so contact Joel Dinda 349-3094.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership entitles a person to the newsletter, distinctive club patch, membership card, reduced entry fees at specified club events and THE MAP of bikeable roads in Kalamazoo county. KBC meets the third Monday of each month at 7P.M. in the classroom basement of the Kalamazoo College Library, northwest corner of Academy and Thompson streets

DUES ARE FOR THE CALEDAR YEAR: Check one  
\_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult (under 15) \$2.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adult (15 and up) \$3.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family (all members of a household) \$5.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

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NAMES AND AGES OF FAMILY MEMBERS IF A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

(if under 18)

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

JULY 19 PROGRAM & MEETING : I.B.T.S. Film Wheels and Wings, tour of Austria

RIDE SCHEDULE JULY 1976 RIDE CAPTAIN JOEL DINDA 349-3094  
 We are running two new types of rides this month. Tell joel how you like them (if you do) or don't

| DATE   | LEADER                    | TIME          | PLACE DEPARTURE                                 | DISTANCE    | TERRAIN                  | ESTIMATED TIME |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| July 2   | Joel Dinda<br>349-3094    | 11:00<br>P.M. | corner of Miller and Factory park<br>on Factory | 20 miles    | mostly flat              | 2-2½ hours.    |
| NOTE: NIGHT RIDE: MICHIGAN LAW REQUIRES A FRONT LIGHT THAT CAN SHINE 500 FT. AND A RED REAR REFLECTOR. Recommended are light colored clothing, pedal reflectors and reflectors on your wheels. LAW PATCH RIDE, PATCHES \$1.00. |                           |               |   |             |                          |                |
| July 3   | Alvin Holmes<br>349-3546  | 8:30<br>A.M.  | KVCC<br>parking lot                             | 18 miles    | a few hills              | 2-2½ hours     |
| LAW PATCH RIDE, PATCHES \$1.00   |                           |               |   |             |                          |                |
| July 4   | Jimi Cazuse<br>381-0125   | 6:00<br>P.M.  | Leaington Green<br>School                       | 14 miles    | fairly flat              | 1½-2 hours     |
| LAW PATCH RIDE, PATCHES \$1.00.  |                           |               |   |             |                          |                |
| JULY 5   | Chuck Hunter<br>327-7900  | 8 A.M.        | Oshtemo Harding's                               | 40 miles    | some hills<br>to Paw Paw | 3½-4 hours     |
| LAW Patch ride, Patches \$1.00.<br>*****   |                           |               |   |             |                          |                |
| July 10  | Joel Dinda<br>349-3094    | 8:30<br>A.M.  | Oshtemo Harding's                               | 25-30 miles | moderately hilly         | 3 hours        |
| July 11  | Richard Dinda<br>349-3094 | NOON          | Spring Valley Park<br>Mt Olivet parking<br>lot  | 45 miles,   | hilly                    | ?????????      |

THIS IS A DINNER RIDE TO GILKEY LAKE TAVERN! The dinda's report Gilkey Lake Tavern is an incredible place and one really ought to come. Sunday Dinner is fine and fun meal Both the mela and the Tavern are worth the stop. Bring money for dinner and Comfortable shoes, NO CHAIRS ON THE FLOOR PLEASE! THIS RIDE REQUIRES RESERVATIONS, CALL JOEL OR RICHARD OR DUBBIE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY THURSDAY JULY 8. Cables and locks might be a good idea as we will have to leave the bikes while dining.

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| July 17 | Gary Keene<br>345-3327      | 9 A.M.       | Maple Hill Mall<br>N. Drake            | 35-40 miles | 3 nasty hills<br>gorgeous scenery | 3½ hours                         |
| July 18 | Floyd Iebe<br>349-2308      | 9:30 A.M.    | Milwood Jr. High<br>to Scotts Mill     | 24 miles    | one long hill<br>rest flat        | 2½-3 hours<br>rest break<br>inc. |
| July 24 | Debbie Dinda<br>349-3094    | 8:30<br>A.M. | Oshtemo Harding's<br>to Grand Junction | 70 miles    | a few hills<br>1½ miles gravel    | 6-8 hours                        |
| July 25 | Frank Desposato<br>342-0792 | 1:00<br>P.M. | Gull Road<br>Hardings                  | 20-25 miles | rolling                           | 2½-3 hours inc<br>rest break     |
| July 31 | Gary Keene                  | 9:30         | Gull Road<br>Hardings                  | 25 miles    | roling countryside                | 2½ hrs.                          |

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Sr. Marie Beaulac, 307 Balch, Kalamazoo, 49001, 345-4611; Wayne Fisher, 10015 S. 29th Street, Scotts Mi. 49088, 323-1650; Jean & Time Florian, 1812 Race Street, Kalamazoo, 49001, 345-0465; Marilyn & Joseph Hasfurther, 1515 Southern, Kalamazoo, 349-9211; Leslie Harom, 152 Clayton, Battle Creek Mi 49017, 964-4213; Gary Keene, 1303 Turwill, Kalamazoo, 49007, 345-3327; Terry Quick, 221 East Orchard, Dleton, Mi 49046, 623-6396; Dennis Simonovic, 105 Scribner, Dleton Mi 49046, 623-2959;

IN STATE TIME TRIALS LAST WEEKEND @ local racers did well, Ken Nowakowski finished 2nd as reprinted in the paper. Scott Steurer finished second in the Intermediate class. If anyone else did well the secretary hasn't heard. Racers: Please keep the secretary posted on your successes and near misses, the rest of us like to know how you're doing! Thanks to whoever got Ken's success to the Gazette.

INFORMATION FOR NEW AND OLD MEMBERS (any one got a better title?)

In the past months you will be getting newsletters filled with alphabetical organizations legislative work, rides and races. KBC rides a club every non working day between the first weekend in August and the last week-end in October. Our rides range in length from 15 to 100 miles in Kalamazoo county and into nearby counties. We sponsor races, our legislative committee cooperates with other bike clubs to influence legislative concerning bikes, we are developing a bike map. we do all kinds of things. We are a volunteer outfit, so if you'd like to have KBC do something, help get us started. Below is a list of organization concerned about biking and some books many of us have found helpful.

KBC is affiliated with both D.A.W. and U.S.C.F.

D.A.W. League of American Wheelmen is the oldest cycling organization (1880) in the U.S. and fought for the cyclist's right to the road before the legislature and the judicial system. Oriented toward bikeclubs and non-racing, LAW seeks to encourage safe and enjoyable bicycling. KBC feels LAW is important, so we enclose a membership brochure with each new member's first newsletter.

U.S.C.F. the United States Cycling Federation just changed its name from the Amateur Bicycle League of America (A.B.L.A.). The group is the governing body of an amateur competitive cycling in this country and is affiliated with the International Cycling Federation and the United States Olympic Committee. If you are interested in competitive cycling you will find a list of clubs available from our Race Chairmen (usually) and a copy of the U.S.C.F. Year Book, East Detroit, MI 48021..

AYH is the American Youth Hostels which encourages all kinds of out door recreation, especially hiking and biking. They have some good atlases. Persons of any age can join despite the name. The address is

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BikeCentennial is a non-profit organization building trail(s) across America. Currently one trail cross country is finished. Their address is Bikecentennial, P.O. Box 1034, Missoula, Montana, 59801.

The Urban Bikeway Design Collaborative is interested in bike facilities in urban areas. Their address is Urban Bikeway Design Collaborative, Building W20-002, MIT, Cambridge Mass. 02139.

The International Bicycle Touring Society organizes long informal tours and tend to stay in hotels. For information write Dr. Clifford Graves, 846 Prospect St. La Jolla California, 92037.

BOOKS FOR BIKERS SOME OF US HAVE LIKED.

Effective Cycling by John Forrester is written for adults who have never biked or not since childhood. Several members think its the best book out.

Two Wheel Travel by Tobey Press and Richard's Bike Book, by Richard Ballatine come recommended by several. DeLong's Guide to Bicycling by Fred DeLong is very complete

ON REPAIRS: doing it yourself is cheaper than paying a shop: AnyBody's Bike Book by Tom Cuthbertson is the general easily available paperback. Many mechanics use Glenn's Complete Bicycle Manual.

ON TRIPS: Bike Tripping by Tom Cuthbertson has suggestions on trip planning, For long trips the AYH as a North American Bicycling Atlas. In addition Bicycling a magazine has good articles.

MAGAZINES: Bicyling! P.O. Box 4450, San Rafael, CA. 94903 . \$9.50 a year.

Bike World, P.O. Box 306, Mountain View, CA. 94040, \$8.50 a year.

both of these are general magazines, though Bike World is more competitive oriented.

Velonews, 140 Eliot, Battleboro Vt. 05301 is "indispensible for racers. Available with USCF License or for \$3.25 a year.

League of American Wheelman Bulletin available with membership, especially good for ideas for clubs and safety and touring. Includes listing of most patch rides in the U.S.

The "Bible" for racer's is "the Cinelli book" titled Cycling but not written by Cinelli.

Bicycling Science: Ergometrics and Mechanics by Whitt & Wilson is a technical freaks dream come true.