

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1976

RIDE SCHEDULE: OCTOBER IS COLOR TOUR MONTH

This might be the best set of rides we've ever planned. Come out and look at the colors.

Non-members and members are always welcome on KBC rides. Interested riders should not be put off by either our (sometimes fancy) equipment or their presumed lack of ability -- expensive gear is a luxury (and ought to be recognized as such), and we never abandon new riders. Mostly our tours are leisurely, our riders friendly, our scenery pleasant. Please examine the ride descriptions and avoid tours you won't be able to handle -- we offer an occasional ride plainly intended for strong riders (note the October 16 description below).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: 1 P.M. Harding's Gull Rd & East H Ave. 25 miles through rolling countryside with a brief rest stop in Richland. 3 hours, Jini Caruso 381-0135

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 10:30 A.M. Oshtemo Hardings (Michigan Ave & 9th) 35 miles gently rolling countryside 4 hours, Phil Caruso 381-0135

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9. WINE AND CHEESE AND COLOR TOUR. (LAW's got the date wrong) 10:30 A.M., Oshtemo Hardings (Michigan Avenue & 9th), 37 leisurely miles. Not flat, but not difficult. Good people, good colors and good wine available in Paw Paw. However long it takes. Bring locks and food for a picnic (or cash to buy some). Joel Dinda 349-3094

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10. 9 A.M. Kendall Township Hall (7 miles West of 131 on D Avenue) 15-20 miles, a few hills in 2-2½ hours. Del Bassett 628-2774

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16. 8 A.M. THE PRETTIEST ROADS IN THE COUNTY. KVCC northeast entrance, about 50 miles, 5 or 6 hours. This is a difficult ride, (though not fast); The terrain is much like the last third of the century. Riders who do not like hills will not enjoy this tour. Joel Dinda 349-3094

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17. 3 P.M. TO MARCELLUS FOR PIZZA. behind Fred's Grocery in Schoolcraft, 20-25 miles 2 or 3 hours (plus pizza). Marcellus, perhaps the sleepest of local burgers, is reduced to a pizza parlor on Sunday afternoons. Bring a lock for your bike and money to share a pizza. Splendid Scenery. Alvin Holmes, 349-3546

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23. DISTANCE MEDLEY TOUR. This is a LAW sanctioned patch ride for the following distances: 50 miles, Metric Century (62.5 miles), 100 miles, Double Metric Century. Maps supplied, but best to bring your own as well as we're again off into new territory, -- VanBuren, Cass, and Berrien Counties. Undoubtably a hilly ride. Lights and reflectors are mandatory for all riders All riders must pre-register with Debbie Dinda, (349-3094) before October 22; necessary information available only at that phone number. Patches \$1.00. One last long ride!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24. 10 A.M. Milwood Jr. High to Krum Park. 30 miles, a few hills 3-4 hours, Tim Florian 345-0465

TWO HALLOWEEN PATCH RIDES. PATCHES \$1.00

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30 9 A.M. Maple Hill Mall north parking lot, 20-25 miles moderatley hilly 2½-3 hours Doug Steel, 383-9676

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 3 P.M. Paddy Miller Woods (corner Miller Road and Factory) 20-25 miles. Fairly hilly to G lesburg and Comstock, 3 hours. Richard Dinda 349-3094

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CALL THE SECRETARY, JINI CARUSO 381-0135.

SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY: WE MOSTLY SET DATES FOR NEXT YEARS ACTIVITIES. SPRING CENTURY May 7. Since we've finally run out of Four Lakes patches, we are able to examine some alternative names, patch designs, and circuits. The meeting decided to have a contest to determine each. Prizes are still undetermined, but these are the rules:

- 1) Entries must be in (to Joel or Box 527) by Monday Nov. 1.
- 2) Since we need a name, a course and a patch design entries should (but needn't necessarily) include all three. Judges will be free to combine entries as they see fit and to determine prizes accordingly.
- 3) Suggested courses should be 5 to 8 lap courses (i.e. maximum course length 20 mile, minimum 12.5) Course must include satisfactory starting point (minimum facility is ample parking; restrooms a close second; tables, chairs, pleasant setting and such are nice and should be considered) It would be best if the course went through or near the City of Portage, and better that it be flat than hilly.
- 4) Judges will be selected by the President and announced at the Oct. 18 meeting Prizes will be determined at the same meeting. Winners will be announced on Nov.. 15..

SPRING RACES: APRIL 23 & 30; May 15 and 22.

FALL CENTURY, TOUR OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY Same circuit SEPTEMBER 3

SANCTIONED CENTURIES IN AUGUST: (METRIC & BRITISH ON A RIDE TO NASHVILLE MI)

CAMPERS JUNE 25&26 is the target weekend for a major expedition with no details set yet. Interested persons are urged to clear those dates now so they'll be able to participate. QUESTIONS: Where to go? Route? Two days? Three days? Four? a week? Do we want to try something less ambitious first-say in May? Talk to us!!

A KALAMAZOO COUNTY TOUR: Our fall century was a great success. We had 173 riders (previous high 108): 85 centuries, 46 halves, 42 quarters (Mark Johnson rode centuries both Saturday and Sunday). Our thanks to many people, including: Dave Person of the Gazette, several radio stations (especially WIDR, WKMI and WKZO) Jini Caruso (registration) Leila Davis (registration) Gert Butler (sagwagon) Wayne Fisher (sag) Phil Caruso (sag) Tim Florian (arrows on the road) Debbie Dinda (checkpoint and sag) and Alfred E. Bike (sag wagon stocks). Local participation was encouraging and may be credited to the media mentioned above and to the cooperation of area bike dealers. Thanks to all!!.

FALL SPRING VALLEY RACE: we got soaked. The committee doesn't want to talk about it. Despite the rain, our sincere thanks to many: Dave Person again, (what would we do without friends at the Gazette?), radio station, Tim Florian (race Chair- did a fine job to little avail) Jeff Smith and Russ Schipper (knowledge and experience are immensely valuable) Ray Purdin and Chuck Wray (the usual cooperation from Parks and Recreation; The course was -- wonders!-- well swept), Kellogg Ambulance Radio Shack (Walkie Talkies) Ken Nowakowski and Nichio Yberra (Publicity help) Jeanie Florain and Jini Caruso (registration as usual). Once again loyal sponsorship from local Bicycle shops, as well as encouragement and patience. Now if someone had turned on the sunshine....

ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT KBC'S OFFICERS FOR 1977 WILL BE ELECTED TO THE Nov 15 meeting. Anyone interested in serving as president, vice president, secretary or treasurer should inform Joel (349-3094) or Jini (381-0135) before the Oct. 18 meeting that we might announce the candidates and publish the slate in the newsletter.

MAPS: We've nearly exhausted our supply of Kalamazoo County Bicycle maps and are taking this opportunity to revise amend and update. ALL SUGGESTIONS WELCOME Errors, ratings differences suggestions for improvement etc. Direct feedback to JOEL at 349-3094. Relatedly: Joel and Phil Caruso are editors of a book of bicycle maps (the one's we've collected all summer) Where do you ride? why do you ride there? If you want to help They'll be pleased to let you.

WE'VE GOTTEN (JUSTIFIED) COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE PRINTING IN THIS NEWLETTER. CAN ANYONE SUGGEST AN INEXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE? current cost 50¢ a month.