

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1977

****NOTICE: IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES YET, THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.
NO DUES, NO NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: SPRING CENTURY Committee is trying to get a meeting organized before the next general meeting. If you would like to serve call Jini Caruso (381-0135) for information.

GENERAL CLUB MEETING: February 21, 7 pm, Classroom section of Kalamazoo College Library.

RISE SCHEDULE:

STANDING SATURDAY RIDE: (weather permitting & unless replaced) 9:30 am; Oshtemo Harding's; distance terrain, and time arranged by those riding. Joel Dinda, 349-3094

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12: VALENTINE'S DAY PATCH RIDE: Weather permitting, we're going to the Chocolate Shop. Treat your Valentine to hot chocolate there. Leaving from Harding's Market, Gull Road and H Ave, to Richland and back, at 1:30 pm, 20 miles. Jini Caruso (381-0135) is bringing her Valentine, will you?

SATURDAY MARCH 12: MARCH MADNESS \$1.50 10:30 am from KVCC: LAW sanctioned half century. Hills and high winds Joel Dinda 349-3094

FRIDAY APRIL 1: APRIL FOOLISHNESS 8 pm, Ramona Park, (Sprinkle Road in Portage) Flat, 10-12 miles. Let's celebrate the arrival of the new riding season by circumnavigating Long Lake. Lights and reflectors. Invite your friends. Joel Dinda 381-0135.

OUT OF TOWN: Sun. Feb. 5/ Ground Hog's Day Tour, Libertyville Ill.: Sun. Feb. 13/ Elk Grove Fireside Tour, Elk Grove, Ill. (This one's a neat idea): Tues Feb 15? MICHIGAN NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, Lansing: KVCC FLORIDA TRIP, March 3-13: Sun March 20 Celebrate the Equinox, Toledo. INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE CALL JOEL 349-3094.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 1977

Membership entitles person to newsletter by mail, distinctive club patch, membership card and reduced entry fees at specified club sponsored events. KBC meets the Third Monday of each month at 7 pm in the Class room section of the Kalamazoo College Library, northwest corner of Academy and Thompson streets.

DUES: (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 AND AGES OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS: USCF _____ LAW _____ AYH _____ OTHER _____

SIGNATURE _____ PARENT _____ (if under 18)

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MEETING SUMMARY (with asides): Treasurer reports a net balance of \$16.43 after all bills are paid. The meeting approved the idea of a reward system for ride leaders. RIDE LEADER APPRECIATION PROGRAM Proposal attached. Please read, this will be on the agenda. The meeting also approved the development of a miles/patch program for riders. Doug steel is working on a standardized form. Patches for 500, 1,000 and 1,500 miles were approved and can be earned by riding club rides during the riding season April-October. Other club rides will count. THE SECRETARY REQUESTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING DUES. The newsletter is now costing about \$3.50 a year per member to put out and mail. Included with the newsletter is a COPY OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION. READ IT THINK ABOUT WAYS TO IMPROVE IT. The executive committee will make a recommendation about the Dues issue at the February meeting.

HELP WANTED WE'RE A VOLUNTEER OUTFIT

These committees represent KBC's major concerns, though we've lesser committees which also need attention. Races, rides and politics are the club's major activities; and meeting would be (have been) improved by programs and presentation. Members interested in serving in any of these capacities please talk to Joel. (349-3094)

PROGRAM CHAIR: Responsible to recruit/discover/ develop programs for KBC's meetings that members attending, may be thereby entertained or educated, or otherwise diverted. (Joel has a few ideas, This is not an exciting job; but it's not terribly demanding, either) MANY THANKS TO RUSS SCHIPPER FOR TWO YEARS OF Service in this post until last November.

RACE CHAIR: Responsible to provide services to KBC's racers. These services may include keeping the racers informed of coming events, arranging training activities, providing that transportation is available for those who wish to attend out-of-town events, and whatever other activities seem appropriate. Responsible also to recommend to the executive committee and to the club any course of action which will allow us to better serve our racers.

ROAD CAPTAIN Responsible primarily to recruit leaders for weekly rides. Other responsibilities include administering the Ride Leader Appreciation Program (assuming we implement one) and the KBC Mileage Patch Program.

FACILITIES AND LEGISLATION CHAIR First responsibility is to help develop discussion within the club of political objectives, that a clear statement of club attitudes may be made. Responsible to keep aware of political developments and to initiate whatever response is a appropriate. (Note that we've good bicycle contacts in Lansing) Also responsible to recommend to the executive committee and to the club initiatives which ought to be made, and to advise on appropriate strategies for achieving club objectives. Represent KBC to public bodies.

MEETING SUMMARY CONTINUED: ON THE RACES The January meeting approved whatever expenditure it may take to get three of our members (or friends) certified to officiate at racing events. Anyone interested to become a USCF licensed race official please get intouch with Joel immediately. (Racers are encouraged to recruit their parents.) THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT After the last Race M 22 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PICNIC FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND RACERS, details next month, make a note on your calendar. ***** Race Proposal as submitted in December Newsletter was OK'd. KBC'S RACERS TAKE NOTE: You will be expected to help promote the Spring Valley Road Series. Promotional activities will center on increasing local participation, and will include distributing leaflets, posting posters, and making telephone calls. We owe our sponsors much better publicity than we've ever given them. (plan too, to spend the evening before each race date helping to sweep the course.) A NOTE: USCF has seen fit to send us a package of racing license application forms. Anyone interested in receiving a copy should contact Joel. (All may be interested to learn that the Federation's also seen fit to boost the application fee to \$12.00.

MARCH 21 GENERAL MEETING: KAL-HAVEN TRAIL ON THE AGENDA. Terry Eldred, Kal-Haven Trail development director will be with us with a slide show, More to come on next page it was a busy meeting.

ALSO FROM THE MEETING: Spring Century Contest: We will retain the Four Lakes Tour name but with a new patch. The Ride will be based at Portage's Ramona Park (on Long Lake). Thanks to Guy Dennehy (chair), Al Spek and Phil Caruso for serving as judges. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

The meeting discussed the idea of "expeditions" to other major rides. This would enable coordination and sharing of transportation to Sarnia, Amish, Hilly Hundred, Apple Cider, etc. No action taken.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Someone to contact school system administrators, and high schools. The general object is to encourage the establishment of bicycle clubs in the schools. (Statistics? Well, let's talk.) Call Joel, 349-3094.

Lazity: Weyless and Pro Bike Imports have recently offered to sell us cycling clothes. We thought we'd pass along the details and see what happened. If response merits, we'll pursue.

Both firms offer cycling shorts and jerseys advertising the club's name (or sponsor if any). PBI appears to offer some design flexibility, while Weyless offers only their usual solid colors. The Weyless offer would benefit a local bicycle shop.

The problem is minimum orders and prices:

	PBI(acrylic/wool)	Weyless
Shorts	\$16.50	\$23.35
(minimum)	(30)	(40)
Jerseys		
Long Sleeve	\$21.00	\$31.15
Road	\$19.00	\$25.50
Track	\$13.00	***
(minimum)	(50 any mix)	(40 any mix)
DEPOSIT	25%	50%

Obviously the club cannot foot the bill, then wait for interested members to reimburse. But if there are thirty or forty or fifty people out there interested, we'd sure like to hear from you. Call Jini 381-0135, before the next meeting.

A NOTE FROM JOEL ON THE EFFECTIVE CYCLING EDUCATION PROJECT: We are approved participants. Exact arrangements are still being made. Two requests:

- 1) 1) Members interested to take the Effective Cycling course please contact me immediately. I can't promise to offer a class exclusively for club members as there will be a major scheduling problem. But if there's sufficient interest I'll try to make arrangements.
- 2) I'll need helpers -- basically sweep riders -- for the class we'll be offering through/with Portage Parks. There's no need for the same assistant every week, but each week we'll need someone. Interested? CALL

Next month's newsletter should include details of all arrangements. I'll doubtless be asking for various sorts of help as we go along. Please don't throw anything away without asking if I can use it -- even well worn parts might serve some purpose.

Your reward for getting this far is the note that the executive committee will meet sometime this month to figure out how to shorten meetings (among other things).