

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 1977

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MEETINGS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 7 pm. <sup>either, during, before or oafter</sup> the standing ride at Lexington Green School, (Milham just off Sprinkle) if rain 2301 Fairfield

GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY MAY 16, 7 pm classroom section of Kalamazoo College Library. Reports on Races, 4 Lakes, Camping Trip,

MEETING SUMMARY:a

KBC has been invited to host the 1978 NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN. The April meeting voted to accept the invitation; we are now awaiting formal approval of our selection from the League's directors.

The LAW convention's both a rally and a business meeting. An annual membership meeting takes place, and the board of directors gets together for a couple of full days. Seminars and workshops are offered.

Visitors bring their bikes. Besides developing pre- and post-convention tours the host clubs have traditionally offered a selection of local tours during the convention. ("Imagine," says Doug Steel, "2,500 cyclists on Gull Road, going our to the lake." Says Jini " I'm glad we've been collecting maps.") Other social activities include a banquet and a bicycle race.

A busy year, this next one. Lots of plans to make, lots of calls to place, lots of work to do. But what fun....

A few details, and a hint at organization. Likely dates are Thursday June 22, through Sunday the 25th. Convention will be housed at Western. (We're looking for a place for campers--anyone have suggestions?) No other details are firm--we've hardly had time to plan, much less make committments. Committee currently consists of Joel Dinda (chair), Pat Florian, Jini & Phil Caruso, Rick Bauer (Publicity), Debbie Dinda (post-convention tour/from Hell to Paradise), and Coug Steel. A more formal organizational set up will be the main object of the May 16 KBC meeting. ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL -- WE NEED YOUR HELP

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KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 1977

Membership entitles person to newsletter by mail, distinctive club patch, membership card, KBC county map, and reduced entry fees at specified club events. KBC meets the third Monday of every month at 7 pm in the classroom section of the Kalamazoo College Librar, northwest corner of Academy and Thompson streets.

DUES: Check one:

Adult (18 & over) \$5.00  Youth (under 18) \$2.50  
 Family (all members household) \$6.00  Senior (over 60) \$2.50

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NAMES & AGES OF OTHERS IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS: USCF \_\_\_\_\_ LAW \_\_\_\_\_ AYH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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make checks payable to KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB and mail to  
KBC P.O. BOX 527 KALAMAZOO MI 49005

The 1977 Int'l convention will be hosted by the Denver Bicycle Touring Club over the Fourth of July weekend -- anyone who might wish to represent KBC there should get in touch with Joel (349-3094).

Take a few moments to contemplate the impact on our fair city.

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SPRING VALLEY 3: April 23 saw 79 racers at Spring Valley Park--56 for USCF classes, the others scattered in the novice events. Local racers acquitted themselves well in the USCF races, with Ken Nowakowski, Scott Steurer, and Nichio Yberra (all Oakland--MOTOBECAVE) taking first, sixth, and ninth in Class A; Chuck Shuster(Oakland), Mike Manning (unattached, of Hastings), Keith Topham (KBC) and Terry Florian(KBC) taking second, third, fourth, and sixth in Class B; and Joe Stegman and Pat Florian (both KBC) taking second and fourth in Class C. KBC's Garth Baldauf was knocked out of the Class B by a first lap shunt.

Allowing for the threatening weather, we're satisfied with the USCF participation; local participation in the novice classes, however, leaves something to be desired. Only Class D had what could be called a field; the others ranged from four riders to none. It would be really nice if someone would help with local publicity.

Spectator attendance, on the other hand was the best ever; perhaps local publicity was not a total loss. Come out and watch, folks; it's exciting. Bring your friends.

Thanks to Russ Schipper for serving as starter/referee, to Ken Nowakowski for a loan(insurance) and to Rick Bauer for publicity help.

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PUBLICITY CONCERN: We have publicity posters and flyers we've not been able to distribute for both Spring Valley and Four Lakes. Help would be greatly appreciated--if you can distribute materials at work, where you shop, or other appropriate places give Joel (349-3094) or Jini (381-0135) a call. Thanks.

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FOUR LAKES IS PROGRESSING NICELY: ALL THE PATCHES, MEDALIONS, CERTIFICATES AND SO ON ARE READY TO GO.

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KBC member Tom Sloan was injured on a club tour on April 16. He got off the road into the gravel, lost control of his bike, and banged his head on the pavement. The resulting concussion, sent him to the hospital.

We understand he's recovered, and hope to see him out again soon.

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As noted in the Gazette April 17 the KAL\_HAVEN TR IL is having trouble getting off the ground. The biggest problem is land acquisition. Hopefully it will work out.

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Tri City(saginaw are) AYH Club will be hosting a bike rally over Memorial Day Weekend, and is inviting other clubs to join them. They promise more fun than politics; it sounds like a worthwhile weekend. Joel (349-3094) has more information, and would be pleased to see KBC represented.

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Bob Palrud, LAW's Michigan legislative rep, will be hosting a meeting in East Lansing on Saturday, June 11. The aims are political and organizational, of course. The morning's session will deal with education, the afternoon's with legislation; there may also be a short bike tour. KBC members are urged to attend.

Politics is important, people; legislators write laws, and we have to live with them. If we want to safely share the road with those confounded machines, we must worry about the rules of the road. If we want adequate facilities, we've got to make people aware of our needs. If we want schools to teach proper cycling habits and practices, we'll have to offer worthwhile programs.

Plan to attend. More information available from Joel at 349-3094.

Several local charitable organizations have taken to using bike-a-thon as fund-raising activities within the past year. Unfortunately, they too often ignore our existence, despite the obvious advantages of contacting organized bicyclists for this sort of event. If you are aware of any group contemplating a bicycling fundraiser, please get them in touch with Guy Dennehy (665-7915) who's trying to improve our club's participation in these events, to assist an occasional organizer, and to minimize the possibility of conflicts. We're currently aware of the following events:

- Diabete Bike-a-thon May 14. Call 381-3874 for information.
- Battle Creek Bike-a-thon: May 21.

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PICNIC AT THE RACES: On May 22, after the last of the races, we'll be picnicking at Spring Valley. Herb Mearing of the South Westside Pizza Hut has been kind enough to offer us reduced prices on pizzas. Pre-registration & prepayment are required--inquire of Phil Caruso by telephone (381-0135) or ask Jini at the races: (registration table.) All members are encouraged to attend.

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EFFECTIVE CYCLING CLASS starts Saturday, May 14, at Portage Public Library. Cost is \$6.00 (plus \$7.20 for textbook, if you wish--I recommend it strongly). Inquiries about registration should be addressed to Portage Parks (327-4411, ask for Parks Department); querries about course content may be directed to me: at 349-3094.

The course aims, through assigned readings, lectures, and (especially) on-the-road training sessions, to teach inexperienced cyclists the skills necessary to more thoroughly enjoy cycling. Members are urged to recruit among their friends, and are welcome to enroll.

I'll be needing weekly assistants -- basically, an extra experienced rider to join us on rides. Much of the teaching will take place on the road, and I'll not be able to teach and ride sweep both. Volunteers please call 349-3094 soo. Thanks.

My main equipment need is broken wheels -- especially workable hubs, so I can teach about bicycle bearings. Anything else will be welcome, and I'll undoubtedly be calling individuals asking loans of tools and/or components.

Thanks to Al Speck, of Portage Parks and Recreation, for organizational assistance.

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A REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTORS

I am looking for pictures of bicycles, bicyclists and places around this area that bicyclists like. Why? Mainly because of the convention (see notice elsewhere), but also for club functions. If we are to have a display in Denver this summer (we might), then more and different kinds of pictures are needed. I can use any of the following:

- 1) black and white negatives
- 2) color slides
- 3) color negatives
- 4) prints (black & white or color) which you don't mind giving up
- 5) exceptionally good prints (B?W or color) which you insist on getting back.

Any negative/photograph/slide can be used and will be appreciated. ALL NEGATIVES AND SLIDES WILL BE RETURNED. Any prints which you wish to have back will also be returned.

So let's dig out our old photos, find the negatives. mote: LETS GET OUT THE CAMERA and see what we can do by June, August and December. Give me a call if you have ANYTHING. Debbie Dinda 349-3094.

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AMISHLAND AND LAKES: The Michiana Bicycle Association's annual cycling seekend is scheduled for July 30 and 31. Amishland and Lakes is a touring delight, and we urge all KBC members to attend.

We'll send registration information and entry forms with next month's newsletter.

LEISURELY RIDES: 7 pm from Lexington Green School (Milham & Sprinkle) 10-12 miles in 1-1½ hours.

SUNDAY MAY 1, 1 pm., Lexington Green School (Milham road just off Sprinkle) 2 rides: I is 40 miles in 4 hours to Climax, near Fulton: flat. II is 25 miles in 3 hours, flat. With luck we'll meet at Scotts Mill Park sometime between 2:30 and 3 pm. Bring a snack. Joel Dinda 349-3094.

SATURDAY MAY 7. FOUR LAKES BICYCLE TOUR Riding from 7:30 to 8:30. Ramona Park ( Long Lake & Sprinkle Road) cost \$2.00 for students, seniors, and KBC members; \$2.50 others. Patch, certificate, pleasant scenery for all riders. FLAT 15 mile loop. E

SUNDAY MAY 8 7:30 to 7:30 FOUR LAKES BICYCLE TOUR FOR THE SAG WAGON COMMITTEE. SATURDAY MAY 14, 10 am., from KVCC, 18 miles and rolling hills. Phil Caruso 381-0135.

SUNDAY MAY 15 RACES AT SPRING VALLEY PARK 9:45- 3pm.

SATURDAY MAY 21: FAMR SURVEY II. Have the swans hatched any young ones on T & 39th? Has the county improved 39th? What do the f look like 7 weeks after the first trip? Ride 13 miles (without the swans) or 18 miles of mostly flat terrain with a few small hills. Both rides include a WATERFALL. We leave from Q and 29th (Pavilion Township Hall) at 9:30 am. Jini Caruso 381-0135.

SUNDAY MAY 22 SPRING VALLEY RACES FOLLOWED BY PICNIC WITH PIZZA.

SATURDAY MAY 28, 9:30 am from Kendal Township Hall to Allegan State Forest & back. We will picnic in the State Forest & return. Bring your lunch. the ride is 65-70 miles, including a small stretch of sand-gravel and a few short miles on M-40 (the only road around there). The ride will take all day. Ride leader Del Bassett (628-2774) would appreciate it if all riders had some form of head protection.

SUNDAY MAY 29, 2:30 pm, from KVCC, 18 miles of hills & more hills in about 2 hours Alvin Holmes 349-3546.

MONDAY MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY PATCH RIDE: 10 am from Green Meadows School MN and 26th, mostly flat 15 miles in 1½ hours. Ride free, LAW Memorial Day Patch \$1.00. Debbie Dinda 349-3094.

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Several of aus are planning to weekend in Detroit on June 3 and 4 (Friday and Saturday). The main attraction is racing -- Friday night at the board track in South field, Saturday afternoon at Dorais Velodrome. Anyone interested in joining us, please talk to Phil Caruso (381-0135).

Ian Hibell, touring cyclist, will be speaking in Kalamazoo on Friday, October 7. Ian's nearing the completion of a Scandinavia to South Africa tour; not long ago he rode from C ile to Alaska. He's reputed to be a delightful lecturer. Mark your calendar, and watch for more details; we'll be using his appearance as a fund raising event.

Sad to report that the Kalamazoo Review has folded. More important than our lost publicity is the death of magazine, which was a worthwhile endeavor. Those of you who weren't familiar with it ought to have been.

CORRECTION TO THE DIRECTORY: Renoos Family PHone number is 694-9700