

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER: JUNE 1977

EXECUTIVE MEETING: CALL Jini Caruso and we'll find a mutually agreeable time.
(381-0135)

GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 20 7 pm Kalamazoo College Library classroom section.
Program will be the Caruso's presentation of GEAR 77 which will include ideas for the national convention next year and slides.

SUMMARY OF MAY MEETING: Treasurer's report, \$100 in assets and \$290 estimated expenses, including Fall Century publicity, club patches, KBC County map and newsletter expenses for June July, August, September.

FOUR LAKES: We had 233 riders, 1/2 of the number were from out of town. 34 centuries were ridden and the group rode 10 miles less than last year despite the increase of 70 riders. 4 LAKES PATCHES FOR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED and will be mailed when they arrive. Financial summary: Receipts of \$668.30: Expenses \$347.60: NET \$320.70 which enables the club to pay all debts to secretary and race captain for operating loans since last November. Many thanks to Pat Payne, Alvin Holmes, Debbie Dinda and Lynn Vickery for working registration, and Joel Dinda & Doug Steel for poster distribution.

SPRING VALLEY RACES. SVRS3 was a mixed success. Local participation and spectator attendance were the best ever, despite the almost total collapse of major local publicity. USCF participation was disappointing though. The racing was excellent and typically close.

Unfortunately, we spent about \$200 more than we took in.

THANK YOU'S: To our sponsors Alfred E Bike, Cycle City, New World Bicycles, Village Cyclery, Gear & Go, Lee's Sports and Sportswear, Pizza Hut, Milwood Schwinn cyclery, McLain Cycle (Traverse City) Phil & Jini Caruso and Richard Dinda. To Parks and Recreation for their cooperation. To Dave Person of the Gazette for his fine article even though it was late. To John Brosky of the Kalamazoo Review, even though the magazine folded. To most local radio stations and especially WKMI's Joe Wright.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM, 1977

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

DUES: (check one)

Adult _____ (over 17)	\$5.00	Youth _____ (under 18)	\$2.50
Family _____ (all members of household)	\$6.00	Senior _____ (over 60)	\$2.50

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____

NAMES AND AGES OF OTHERS IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS: _____ USCF _____ LAW _____ AYH _____ OTHER _____

SIGNATURE _____ PARENT _____
(if under 18)

Make checks payable to Kalamazoo Bicycle Club and mail to
KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB P O BOX 527 KALAMAZOO MI 49005

To Rick Bauer for publicity help. To Ken Nowakowski for a loan, for a stopwatch, and for bther invaluable help. To Jini Caruso for running registration and other things. To Phil Caruso, Richard Dinda, and Alvin Holmes for many things, including course sweeping. To Debbie Dinda, Jan McLain (& family) Skip Obermeyer, and numerous pickers for finish line help. To Russ Schipper and Guy Dennehy for running the finish line the first weekend, and to Guy again for disagreeing about our objectives. To Pat Florian and Mike Murray for many things.

Perhaps that list will give you some idea of the work that goes into this event every year. I'll have some more lengthy comments on the series next month.

A final thank you to everyone who raced, or watched, or helped spread the word.

Joel Dinda.

NOTE TO RACERS: GET YOUR NAME IN PRINT!! The Gazette will publish race results in the scoreboard -- but only if someone call them in. When you get home, immediately phone in the event name, city, winners and Kalamazoo finishers. It will make you feel good, and tell the community we're doing things.

Then call Jini (381-0135). We want to know how you did, too.. Thanks.

The revised county map, enclosed with this newsletter, is both for your use and your reaction. There are undoubtably errors, and always there is room for discussion about anything so subjective as ratings of local thoroughfares. Reactions are welcome -- call Joel at 349-3094.

Thanks to Dave Hageman, and Wayne Fisher for helping make the map possible; and to Jini Caruso, Mark Johnson, Ray Davis, Debbie Dinda, Guy Dennehy, Terry Florian, and Ken Nowakowski for help with the ratings.

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THE CAMPING EXPEDITION!!! Direct quotation from leader Gary Keene currently in Germany.

" The date as I remember it is July 2-3, leaving at 8 am from Maple Hill Mall parking lot. Let's say I collect ten dollars at the start of the trip, and what isn't used on food will be returned at the end. I would like to know for sure one week in advance how many people are going. ... The route is already mapped. It is generally: Kalamazoo to Bloomingdale, straight across to South Haven, up the shore drive to Saugatuck; return is via Allegan State Forest, into Allegan, over to Yankee Springs rec. area, (though no completely north into it,) and home south via Richland. Something like 140 miles total. Accomadations??? This is what I don't know: it was too early to call a church and make a "reservation" as it were, and besides, I didn't know if this was what people wanted, So... at this point camping out is the alternative: where?? I propose doing it in true touring style: we find out when we get there. Sans tent too. I would hope that people be willing to pack their own gear; however if somebody wants to play it soft and arrange a sag wagon, that is up to them.

For a first whack club sponsored overnighter, perhaps this is too inexact: but as much of a "planner" as I am, I think its safe to a) leave a few things open and b) give this trip at least some of the sense of adventure that a real tour involves. (It may therefore involve some of the discomfort fo a tour - e.g. sleeping in a cemetary in the rain!) What I chicken out to, then, is saying I'll lead the ride and all that entails, but promoting it, and making that one crucial decisions as to the nature of the accomadations I leave to the whims of ... those who actually committ themselves to the ride. "

IF YOU WANT TO RESERVE SPACE ON THIS ADVENTURE IN BIKE TOURING CALL JINI CARUSO at 381-0135 and leave your name and phone number by June 23.

AMISH LAND & LAKES. July 30 & 31.

Amishland and Lakes is a great touring weekend, Fortunately, it's also nearby.

The first day, the tour explores northern Indiana's Amish country. The roads are narrow, scenic and lightly trafficked -- what traffic there is being horse & buggy. The second day's tour, in Michigan's Cass county, features lakes and rolling hills. The people are exceptionally pleasant, the scenery is lovely, the tour's a delight.

Tour headquarters is Howe Military Academy in Howe Indiana, on the state line just south of Sturgis. Registration cost is \$3.50 before June 30, \$5.50 thereafter. Camping and inexpensive rooms are available at Howe; other accommodations are possible. A Saturday banquet and a Sunday breakfast are offered at low cost, and are well worth the charge.

It's a fine weekend. Plan to attend.

We had planned to send all publicity materials with this newsletter, but Marv Scher neglected to send them to us. In retribution, we'll publish his address and phone and invite KBC members to harrass him:

Marv Scher
50657 Blackhawk court
Granger Indiana 46530
219-272-8700

League of American Wheelmen Summer Conference June 11. Bob Palrud, LAW's Legislative rep for Michigan, Greg Neff, LAW's Michigan VP, and Gene Losey president of Lansing's Tri-County Bicycle Association, will be holding a conference at MSU on Saturday June 11. The day's agenda includes such topics as bike facilities planning funding educational programs, planning legislative initiatives an education workshop a couple (reputely excellent) films, and opportunities for discussion. Anyone who wishes to attend please call Joel Dinda at 349-3094.

PEOPLE WITH CAMERAS!!

I am still needing pictures of club activities and places in the area of interest to bicyclists. We have been invited to have a display in Denver (first July weekend) so I need your pictures soon. Please call. Debbie Dinda 349-3094.

SEND A KBC MEMBER TO DENVER FUND. The executive committee feels that someone from the club should go to the LAW convention in Denver over July 1-4 weekend. The logical person is general chairman Joel Dinda. LAW will reimburse Joel to travel expenses of getting there and back. If you read the treasurer's report, the club cannot pay the other expenses, registration, housing, meals and unfortunately Joel finds himself short of funds due to a no-income status. The treasurer has created a fund in the books for Donations for Denver and invites contributions to help finance the trip for Joel. Make checks payable to Kalamazoo Bicycle Club and label clearly Donations for Denver. The fund has \$25 already but need at least \$75 more. Any funds not spent will go to the general fund of the club.
THANK YOU.

** ** * * * STANDING RIDES * * * * *

MONDAY NIGHTS (except June 20) the idea is to give the stronger tourists an opportunity to go out without the enforced waits for the slower riders. no leader, no preplanned routes, no set distance or terrain. Every Monday, 7 pm, KVCC (northwest corner of northern parking lot), 2 hours or so.

TUESDAY TIME TRIALS AT AUGUSTA. Brian Chappell's TT's have resumed, and all riders are invited to participate. Both tourists and racers are welcome; the idea's to discover how fast you can ride ten miles (and if you return, to find out if you improve). Meet on M-96, just east of the village limit and the railroad tracks, at 6:30 pm. Questions to Brian Chappell at 965-5992 (Battle Creek) or Ken Nowakowski (327-2353).

THR DAY NIGHT LEISURELY RIDES: 7 pm from Lexington Green School at Milham & Sprinkle usually 10-15 miles through flat farmland in 1½ hours or a bit more. 2nd Jan McLain, 9th Phil Caruso, 16th Joel Dinda, 23 Jini Caruso, 30th Debbie Dinda.

RACER TRAINING RIDES Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday, Friday from New World Bicycles at 6 pm.

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY JUNE 4 9:30 am, from Commuter parking lot at D ave and 131, 15-20 miles to Otsego & back with 2 hills. Del Bassett 628-2774

SUNDAY JUNE 5 4 pm, 22 mile loop to Richland from Harding's Market Gull Road and H ave. rolling countryside, Phil Caruso 381-0135.

SATURDAY JUNE 11 THE 100 GRAND:CENTURY/50: 7 am \$4. a sanction half or full English Century. Leaving from Municipal parking lot Pearl & Front Streets Grand Rapids Michigan. There is one bad hill coming back. Terrain rolling. Rapid Wheelmen ride.

SUNDAY JUNE 12 from Oshtemo Harding's at 3 pm. Ride through the trees, Come & and take a pleasant ride through flat & rolling woods. Rides of 25 & 35 miles. in 2½-3½ hours. Debbie Dinda 349-3094

SATURDAY JUNE 18 2 pm from Parchment IGA 25-35 miles to Dean's in Plainwell for ice cream. 3½ hours including ice cream, rolling hills. Alvin H lmes, 349-3546

SUNDAY JUNE 19 Picnic Ride to Coldbrook Park. Bring your own sack lunch and buy something to drink in Climax. 10:30 am, from Lexington Green School, (Milham & Sprinkle) 35-40 miles mostly flat. Richard Dinda 349-3094

SATURDAY JUNE 25 9 am from 26th and H Ave (North Elementary) 25-30 miles to Galesburg with a few rolling stretches. 3 hours. Frank Desposato 342-0792

SUNDAY JUNE 26 6:30 pm from Q and 29th (Pavilion Township Hall) Farm Survey III. loops of 13½ miles and 19½ miles. both loops include waterfall. Longer loop includes swans with 3 little ones (at least there were on May 21. Also a chance to see if the corn will be knee high by the 4th of July. Jini Caruso 381-0135.

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SATURDAY JULY 2 BANKS OF THE LILIES (with the Michiana Bicycle Association). Timed and located for a display of prolific roadside orange lilies to their peak, this ride will be held jointly with the MBA, who've been doing it for several years. Meet on the southwest corner of the Courthouse square in Centerville at 11 am. Rides from 25 to 80 miles. Ride Free: LAW Patches, (Independence Day) \$1.00. Marv Scher, 219-272-8700 (Granger In).