

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1977

***** RIDE SCHEDULE *****

STANDING RIDES: Wednesday and Thursday rides are discontinued this month due, respectively, to lack of participation and encroaching sunsets. Thursday rides -- our best attended tours-- will resume next May. Weekend rides continue; all riders are, of course, welcome.

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 3 A KALAMAZOO COUNTY TOUR. Riding from 7:30 am at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Loops 25, 50, 100 miles. Details on flyer.

Just this once we'd like to meet all our members. The 25 mile tour is almost entirely flat, and riders are allowed four hours to complete (even longer, if you'll settle for no patch). The fifty is also flat. The century--well, that's another story....

We expect about 250 riders. Traditionally this has been our biggest annual event. This year's will be the best ever -- most scenic, finest roads, complete services, friendly workers, and best attendance. See you there.

footnote: We've still posters to post and brochures to pass out. Any location is appropriate; the need is ideas, and helpers. We may also need help at the registration table. Volunteer to Joel at 349-3094.

KBC MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RIDE ON SEPTEMBER 3 AT REDUCED RATES. Individual riders \$2.25. Families will be assessed \$4.50 for three members, and additional 75¢ for each additional rider.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4 A Kalamazoo County Tour for the Committee. Anyone who wants to ride a second century is invited to join the sag wagon crew at 7:30 am. Rules are the same as for Saturday except no sag service. A second group aiming for the shorter tours will leave at 12:30.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5 9:30 am from Oshtemo Harding's (Michigan & 9th) 25 miles, moderate hills mixed with flat terrain. If you want a LAW QUARTER CENTURY PATCH \$1.00. Ride free. 3 to 4 hours Doug St341-3229

ALSO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5 Bike-a-thon for Muscular Dystrophy, riding from Chicken Coop at corner of Centre & Westnedge. Registration from 8:45am. Riding from 10 am. Pledge information at any Chicken Coop. KBC MEMBERS: IF you are willing to marshall contact Joel 349-3094. (marshalling gets you a free dinner.)

*** SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CENTURY MONTH ***

Note that each weekend features another club's tour, this month. Each tour has special charms; members are urged to sample one or more. September's a good month to ride -- better weather than most. Come out on a ride.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 MAPLE LEAF METRIC, from Comstock Park, Michigan at 9am. Two 30+ loops through rolling terrain to Kent County, two food stops. \$3 by Sept. 3, \$5 after that; Rapid Wheelmen, Mick Groff, Box 1008, GrandRapids MI 49501 1-457-0589

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11 3:30 pm. from Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2 loops; 45 miles to Marcellus & back, or 20 miles, mostly flat. 3½ hours to Marcellus & back. Debbie Dinda, 349-3094.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 CALCO TOUR: Battle Creek Michigan. 7 am. 25/50/100. \$2.50 by Sept. 1 or \$3.50. From Chapel Hill Methodist Church, Battle Creek Bob Spencer, 313 S. Moorland Dr. Battle Creek MI 49105 1-962-5294

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 3:30 pm from Lexington Green School (Sprinkle Road & Milham) loops of 12, 19 and 25 miles, primarily flat 25 mile loop may have a few rolling stretches. 2-3 hours to complete. jini Caruso 381-0135.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 9:30 am, from Pavilion Township Hall, (Q&29th) 20 miles to Vicksburg flat, 2-2½ hours. sandy Kimbrough 327-7690

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 APPLE CIDER CENTURY: Three Oaks Michigan. 7am. \$4.50 advance, \$4. family. \$6 late. 100/50/25. fees include continental breakfast, dinner refreshments, and century lunch available. Winding country roads along rushing streams grassy pastures, through apple orchards. Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Club, 303 East Michigan Street Three Oaks MI 49128.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 GLEEP: Tour of Gull Lake: After a one year lapse, the GLEEP tour's back with us. Those who've participated before won't need any encouragement to return. Imagine: Kids on Stingrays. Racers on Colnagos. Housewives and serious tourists and unicyclists. Highwheelers, and tandems and ordinary neighborhood riders. Guaranteed You'll not feel out of place Clear your Calendar for Oct. 1. KBC will offer a ride out to Gleep with the mileage to count toward Gleep patches that Morning.

GLEEP: 8 am starting from Ross Township Park on the east side of Gull Lake. Awards will be given for all ages and sexes. Food will be available for sale. Families invited. Ride fees are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for people under 16). (50¢ less for each with preregistration.) GLEEP is the Gull Lake Environment Educational Park.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2 TURNING LEAVES. Edwardsburg Michigan. an MBA ride.

The tours listed below Are also worth investigating. Interested persons may call Joel (349-3094) or Jini (381-0135) or check a LAW BULLETIN for more information.

Sept. 4 Weak end Century Muncie In
Sept. 10-11 Harmon Hundred/fifty Wheeling IL
Sept 10 Maumee Valley Wheelmen Metrics: Bowling Green OH
Sept 11 Hancock Horizontal Hundred Findlay OH
(HHH is the largest in the nation)
Sept 11 Capitol City Century Springfield, IL
Sept 18 September Century Flint Mi
Atomic Bike Hike Argonne IL
Halton Hilly Half Hundred Burlington ONT Canada.

MEETINGS::

ESCAPE 78 STEERING COMMITTEE: 7:30 pm Phil & Jini Caruso's 2301 Fairfield SEPTEMBER 12

CLUB MEETING: September 19, 7 pm Kalamazoo College Library classrooms.

It's time already to begin planning for next year. As is our habit, we'll use the September meeting to set dates for next year's major events, and to discuss program possibilities. We'll also decide on a design for the Mileage Patch program (suggestions are welcome--get sketches to Joel, or bring them to the meeting). PROGRAM: Gary Keene's agreed to share slides of his European spring.

AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY: The meeting set dues as recommended by the Executive Committee for September 77- December 78. See attached form next page.

IAN HIBELL North cape Norway, to Capetown South Africa. BY BICYCLE! Ian's promised to tell about the Green Monkey Disease, whatever that is, and to fill us in on hitherto unmentioned adventures. By all accounts he's a fine speaker and an excellent photographer.

Ian will speak at KVCC on Friday October 7 at 7:30 pm. Prices; Adults \$2.50, minors \$1.50. Tickets at the door, from your favorite bike shop, or from one of the officers.

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DOG BIT

Dave Maggion was completing the Distance Medley last month when he was assaulted by dogs. Two large dogs — an Irish setter and a German shepherd — flanked him, crowded him, then cut him off. He hit the ground, his fall (of course), sustaining the usual injuries (road rash and bruises). The "assault" did considerable damage to his bike — bent the fork and stripped the derailleur. Fortunately, he was not carrying his daughter, Alice — only the third time this year he's joined us without the kiddie seat.

Don't you think it's about time the county started enforcing the leash ordinance? The sheriff's department shrugged the incident off, as did the owner of the dog. Dave's pursuing insurance — it's a custom fee, and expensive. Several of us think he should sue.

Again: Don't you think it's about time they started enforcing the leash ordinance? We're planning a systematic campaign, which we'll announce next month; meanwhile start reporting loose dogs! Call the police. Call the Dog Warden (383-8996) Phonecalls are not enough — put your complaints on paper. Include address of street farmhouse; type, size and color of dog; nature of assault (cut you off, chased, bit, whatever); anything else that seems important. Copies to editor, Dog Warden, KBC.

We're talking about all loose dogs — we want to get them off the roads. If dogs could do to ears what they can to bikes, laws here would be enforced. If we register enough complaints, perhaps someone will take action.

ESCAPE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF BICYCLISTS

We are preparing a budget, and most committees have begun work. A full report will accompany some less hefty newsletter.

Note these dates:

June 17-21: Michiana Wine Country (pre-tour)

June 22-June 25 ESCAPE 70

June 28- July 4 From Hell to Paradise (post tour)

Some flexibility remains, but the general time periods are there. Members may wish to plan their vacations appropriately.

Present Committee Chairs:

General Chair	Joel Dinda (349-3094)
Treasurer	Phil Caruso (381-0135)
Publicity	Rick Bauer (345-2094)
Accommodations	Phil Caruso (381-0135)
Registrar	Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690)
Rides and Tours	Gary Keene (383-9881)
Post tour	Debbie Dinda (349-3094)

These people need volunteer help. Feel free to call. Also we need chairs for four committees — Workshops; Pre-tour; Races; and Helping the Young Folks Happy. These are VITAL; call Joel if you're interested.

Amish land and lakes: We talked with about 20 Kalamazooans at Home, and suppose there were one or two more. Over 700 cyclists enjoyed the quiet roads and fine scenery. The promoters boast of their fine natural setting, but it's the excellent services they provide which make the tour. Our congratulations to them and our thanks.

Two incidents deserve mention. First: Debbie & Joel too huge beer mugs for bicycling the farthest to participate (only 58 miles — a steep victory, but the prizes were nice). Second: Phil Caruso somehow managed to wrestle his crankset without one of the crank arm attaching bolts; much to everyone's surprise on Sunday he was pedalling along when his crank arm became detached. We were even more surprised when the first sag wagon had the correct part in stock.