

## Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
January 23

### RIDE AND SKI SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JANUARY 1 FOURTH ANNUAL 1st OF JANUARY RIDE: 10 am from Oshtemo Hardings (Michigan and 9th) 8-12 miles small hills Guy Dennehy 665-9715.

Sunday January 8 CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIAL 1 pm Milham Golf Course (off Lover's Lane mostly flat. Warren Fritz 345-1830. We're hoping for snow this time. New World Bicycles special club ski rental price \$4.00. Get fitted early.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15 2 pm from Riverview and G Ave (Parchment Hardings) if weather permits to Richland over rolling terrain. Pat Florian 344-8037.

SATURDAY JANUARY 21 10 am from KVCC 0 Ave between 8th and 9th Streets about 2 hours of riding with the terrain and distance being determined by the weather. Pat Florian 344-8037.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

MONDAY JANUARY 2 RACING COMMITTEE 7:30 pm 838 West Cedar, Apt. 3, Upstairs. All interested persons are invited and urged to attend this vital meeting. Pat Florian 344 8037.

MONDAY JANUARY 9 ESCAPE 78 STEERING COMMITTEE 7:30 pm Phil and Jini Caruso's 2301 Fairfield, Parchment. 381-0135.

MONDAY JANUARY 16 KBC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 7 pm Kalamazoo College Library classroom section (Academy Street, west entrance).

SUNDAY JANUARY 22 SPECIAL MEETING for anyone wishing to learn the plans so far for the convention (ESCAPE 78), and for those offering suggestions. 1:30 pm Kalamazoo College Library classroom section (Academy Street, west entrance).

ATTENTION MEMBERS: If you bought your membership prior to September then it has expired. It's time to renew, or the February newsletter will be your last. Please return the enclosed membership form.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Christmas party and was held at the Caruso's home. Jini Caruso called the meeting to order. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Phil Caruso reported that the club balance was \$151 but that the club was shortly going to need to spend \$34 on new stationary and a \$25 balance was owed on the order of 21 club mileage patches to be awarded to those who earned them.

**FOUR LAKES** Jini reported that Al Speck of Portage Parks and Recreation has agreed to aid in the staging of the 4-Lakes Bicycle Ride this Spring in the same way as in the past. Portage Parks has advanced us the money in the past to pay for the expenses of the ride for which they are then reimbursed out of the ride revenues. They also provide the painting of the Dan Henry arrows on the roads.

**RACE REPORT** Due to procrastination of the Secretary (Phil Caruso) the letters requesting support from local firms had not been sent out. Pat Florian indicated that the racers are interested in accepting the offer of support from one of the local bicycle shops. Pat also indicated that he is interested in discussing the option of reducing the number of racing dates from four to possibly one. It was agreed that the racing committee should meet, set up a proposal and then meet with the Executive Committee. (Pat later scheduled a meeting for January 2nd at 7:30 at his apartment.. 838 West Cedar, Apartment 3 upstairs, phone number 344-8037... All persons interested in racing are urged to attend. )

**NEW OFFICERS** Jini reported that Jim Peterson has volunteered to be librarian and to bring our collection of books to each meeting for people to borrow. Debbie Dinda is now officially the Newsletter Editor and was awarded a relatively new bottle of "Liquid Paper" and the file of back newsletters. During the meeting Kevin Kimbrough volunteered to fill a long standing vacancy of Road Captain. Beginning in January, Kevin will begin calling members to volunteer to lead rides. ( Sandy Kimbrough has already volunteered to lead a Valentine's Day patch ride in February.)

**AWARDS** Debbie Dinda reported on the results of the Club Mileage Program. There were eight people who earned a 500 mile patch: Aimee Hageman, Pam and Paul Hitchcock, Gus Baldauf, Tom Mohill, Lori McLain, Dick Phillips and Phil Butler. Five people earned 1,000 mile patches: Sandy Kimbrough, Jan McLain, Jan Hageman, Doug Steel and Jini Caruso. Seven earned 1,500 mile patches: Kevin Kimbrough, Alvin Holmes, Dave Hageman, Richard, Joel and Debbie Dinda and Phil Caruso. ONE person persevered to earn a 2,000 mile patch: SCOTT McLAIN. The patches have been ordered and should be here in early February.

Jan McLain reported on the results of the Ride Leadership Program which the club began this year to encourage people to plan and lead rides. The winners: 1st Jini Caruso, 2nd Debbie Dinda, 3rd Phil Caruso, 4th Joel Dinda, 5th Sandy Kimbrough and 6th Richard Dinda.

Additional honors were awarded to those who were the last ones in on numerous rides (euphemistically called "riding sweep"). Those who will receive a patch in the shape of a broom are: Jini and Phil Caruso, Joel and Debbie Dinda, Sandy Kimbrough and Butch Riebe.

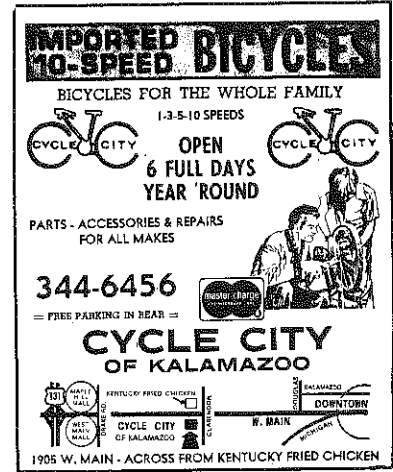
Finally, Debbie Dinda received an award to attest to the unusual performance of her tires. It was a T-shirt with an appropriate saying: Queen of the Flats.

**MISCELLANEOUS** Jini announced that the club has received the AYH catalog of rides for 1978 and also has application forms for joining AYH.

*Phil Caruso*

Many KBC members found time in September to both ride our century and to travel to some of the nearby National Centuries. A list of the top 10 as printed in the L.A.W. Bulletin follows.

CLUB	TOTAL (century, half and quarter)
1. Hancock Handlebars	1,122
2. Three Oaks Spokes	1,004
3. Denver Bicycle Touring Club	712
4. Wheeling Wheelmen	486
5. Northwest Bicycle Touring Society (Seattle)	422
6. Tri-County Bicycle Assoc. (DALMAC)	360
7. Narragansett Bay Wheelmen (Providence)	267
8. Outspokin' Wheelmen (Youngstown)	245
*** 9. KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB	237 ***
10. Potomac Pedalers (Washington D.C.)	187



ESCAPE 78/The National Convention of Bicyclists

Most of you know by now that KBC is hosting the League of American Wheelmen's National Convention of Bicyclists next June. Things are taking firm shape, finally; and we want to share our plans.

Rather than a report this month, an invitation. On Sunday, January 22,

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB 1978 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail to:

KBC  
Box 527  
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DUES (check one):  
 Adult membership \$5.00  
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 family \$6.00  
 Senior (60 or older) \$2.50

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our committee will be holding an information briefing at the Kalamazoo College Library (see meeting schedule). The meeting will start at 1:30 pm. First we'll describe our plans, then we'll invite questions.

We're learning the jobs as we go, and finally beginning to understand our tasks. It's exciting. Here's your first real opportunity to get a glimpse at our plans, and to help shape the convention. See you-there.

Joel

#### THE GREAT NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST

While many clubs have names for their newsletters, KBC has none. So, we're going to do something about that. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST.

The rules are simple—anyone can enter and you can submit as many different names as you wish. If you have a logo that is to go with the name—send it also. The deadline is January 23, 1978 . . . so hurry. Mail your entry to:

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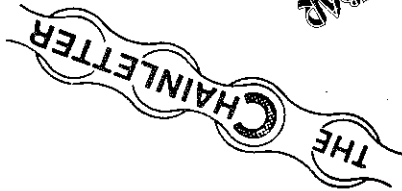
The February newsletter will contain a list of all titles entered and all KBC members will be asked to vote for their favorite.

Prizes? There are none—just the knowledge that your entry was the one voted best. Winner and first two runners-up will be listed in the March issue.

To get you started thinking, here are a few titles from other clubs newsletters:

**the link**

Chambered Chatter



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