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SEPTEMBER PEDAL PRESS DEADLINE
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Bring your family to the ride! All bicyclists are welcome. Inexpensive gear, conventional clothing, and relative inexperience are not handicaps. Thursday rides, especially, are leisurely, flat, short, and friendly.

Ride descriptions include the starting point and time, the length of the tour, the terrain, and the expected duration. Questions about these (or about the weather) should be directed to the ride leader, whose phone number is listed at the end of the description.

See you on the road.

AUGUST RIDE SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS

FROM LEXINGTON GREEN SCHOOL (SPRINKLE AT MILHAM) 7:00 10-20 miles flat
1-2 hours.

August 3 Richard Dinda 349 3094
August 10 Sandy Kimbrough 327 7690
August 17 Jan Hageman 382 2656
August 24 Scott McLain 327 2256
AUGUST 31 Phil Caruso 381 0135

TUESDAYS

TEN MILE TIME TRIALS with Battle Creek BC; start from just east of the Augusta Village (limit on M-96. TTs are not just for crazy people; better than any other test, they measure your improving physical fitness. Come out and race the clock. Starts are sometime between 6:30 and 7:00, depending on who shows up.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AUGUST 5 and 6 AMISHLAND AND LAKES Howe, Indiana
Michiana Bicycling Association (MBA) Earl Huxhold 1-219-674-8260
one of the country's great tours 100 miles in two days (50 each) and only 50 miles away.

SATURDAY AUGUST 12 9:30 am from Comstock North Elementary School (H and 26th)
THE CARUSO'S ANNIVERSARY RIDE. Our 12th anniversary with lemonade and cookies after the ride. We hope to find a 12 and a 24 mile loop to celebrate. The terrain is rolling to hilly. Jini and Phil Caruso, 381 0135.

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 THE DISTANCE MEDLEY BICYCLE TOUR 6:00 am from Spring Valley Park. Registration closes at noon. Sanctioned half-century, metric century, century, and double metric century (50,63,100 and 125 miles). Members received the form in a past newsletter and more registration forms will be at the start point. ROLLING TO HILLY. 6 hour max for 50, 9 hours for 63, 12 for 100 and 15 hours max for 125, for the sanctioned patches—for fun, take the time you wish. \$2.50. Debbie Dinda 349 3094.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE TOUR.

SATURDAY AUGUST 19 SAG WAGON DISTANCE MEDLEY TOUR. All are invited to come and ride with the people who did the work on the regular DMBT last Sunday. The fee is \$2.50 for those who did not ride the week before, but free for those who did. (for them patches are \$1.00).

There is only one starting time (6 am) but all other facts listed under August 13 above still apply. Come and ride with us. Debbie Dinda 349 3094.

SUNDAY AUGUST 20 1 pm from Comstock North Elementary School (H and 26th) 35 miles several hills 3-4 hours. Frank Desposato 342 0792.

SATURDAY AUGUST 26 10 am from Comstock North Elementary School (26th and H) 20 miles several hills 2-3 hours Frank Desposato 342 0792.

SUNDAY AUGUST 27 noon from Spring Valley Park 45 miles rolling this is the GILKEY LAKE TAVERN DINNER RIDE. Bring \$4 for your dinner. Non-riders should arrive at the tavern at 2 pm to join the riders for dinner. Debbie Dinda 349 3094. THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE RIDE.



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LABOR DAY WEEKEND bicycling events. Make plans.

Saturday, September 2.

A KALAMAZOO COUNTY TOUR/25 miles or more/7 am or later/KVCC/\$3.00 fee

Sunday, September 3.

A KALAMAZOO COUNTY TOUR repeats/mainly for the work crew, but anyone's welcome

Monday, September 4/morning.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY BIKE-A-THON/details later

Monday, September 4/afternoon and evening.

MADISON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/wings Stadium/information elsewhere in Pedal Press

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 KBC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
7 pm, Kalamazoo College Library classroom section (Academy Street, west entrance).

Minutes of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Meeting of July 17, 1978

TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil reported that the Club had assets of \$57. (With additional memberships brought to the meeting by Debbie Dinda and LAW patch revenues, the balance was \$98.96 as of July 24th.) The publicity for the Distance Medley and the Fall Century has already been mailed, so these monies plus the revenues from the Distance Medley must finance the printing and mailing of the August and September newsletters, the maps for the two rides and any sag services that these two rides require. The treasurer also reported that only very preliminary estimates of the income of the Convention are available. At this time, it appears as if we may have netted around \$200 total on the Convention and pre- and post-tours. A full report will be submitted after all of the bills are in.

FALL CENTURY: Jini reminded those in attendance that Scott McLain and Dave Hageman have agreed to paint the Fall Century route arrows, but that a Committee is needed to check the route, change the map if desirable, and seek and organize sagwagon volunteers. Sandy Kimbrough, Frank Desposato and Jan McLain agreed to have the route decisions made by August 16th so that Dave and Scott could have sufficient time to paint the route. Jini agreed to get the flyers to shops.

ESCAPE'78: Jini reported that the comments obtained from nonclub members indicate that the Convention appears to have been an artistic success. Sandy also reported that the pre- and post-tours were fun.

BIKE-A-THONS: Jini reminded those at the meeting that we have previously agreed to help the Chicken Coop people to stage a Muscular Dystrophy ride. (Club members will remember that the Chicken Coop furnished weekly awards for the Spring Valley Road Series IV.) She indicated that she would meet with them to get further details. Jini also reported that the local chapter of the Michigan Lung Association (MLA) is interested in obtaining our help to stage a bike-a-thon which would be held either this fall or next spring. Jini indicated that the basic requirements would be a ride with access to bathrooms, checkpoints to validate miles ridden by participants and available refreshments. The MLA has indicated that they would take care of publicity while the Club would plan the ride and staff it. Discussion ensued. It was indicated that other Clubs which have staged such rides have received a small share of the ride fees. General willingness to cooperate was indicated but the discussion revealed questions about insurance for the ride, and the financial return for the Club. Debbie moved that the Club help stage the bike-a-thon next spring if the answers to the financial questions are satisfactory. Richard seconded the motion and it was passed. Jini was instructed to obtain additional information and report at the next meeting. Debbie Dinda, Kevin Kimbrough and Phil Caruso volunteered to help staff the bike-a-thon.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Phillip Caruso, Secretary-Treasurer

From the Road Captain---

Another month has come and I still haven't gone on any rides.... Oh, well.

If you've never attended a major bicycle tour, I strongly recommend Amishland and Lakes.

Because of my poor distribution of ride leader report sheets, my mileage records are pretty sketchy. Please keep careful track of your miles for the patch program.

Kevin Kimbrough

THERE ARE STILL CONVENTION T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN LARGE AND MEDIUM AT \$3.00. The shirts have three rear pockets and are of cotton polyester. Jini & Phil Caruso will be bringing them to most of the rides and the meeting. We have about 100-150 left of the 800 we bought. When they are gone that is it, no more.

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CLUB SPECIALS

- Blackburn Rack/\$17.99
- Grab-Ons/\$7.25
- Avocet Saddles

VILLAGE CYCLERY schoolcraft

Michelin Elan/\$8.50/pr
Campy Record SF/\$48/pr

BOARD TRACK RACING/Southfield Arena, August 11 & 12.

Fantastic thrills. Spectacular bicycling: High speeds in close quarters on the steep banking. Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690) is arranging car pools; if you're interested, give her a ring.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB 1978 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DUES (check one):
 Adult membership \$5.00
 Youth (17 or younger) \$2.50
 Family \$6.00
 Senior (60 or older) \$2.50

Mail to:



KBC
Box 527
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49005

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____

For family membership, please list entire family:
 NAME AGE BIRTHDATE SEX

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- MAILED NEWSLETTER and
- RIDE SCHEDULE
- CLUB PATCH
- MEMBERSHIP CARD
- KBC COUNTY MAP
- REDUCED FEES AT CERTAIN
- CLUB EVENTS
- ACCESS TO COLLECTION OF
- TOURING MAPS
- ACCESS TO CLUB LIBRARY

Other memberships you hold: LAW _____ USCF _____ AYH _____ OTHER _____

PARENT'S
 SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____
 (if under 18)

ESCAPE '78/The National Convention of Bicyclists.

Finally we're recovering; it was a difficult and exhausting year. Thanks for your patience with our disorganization and frustration.

Most of the feedback we've received has been positive, and we're both pleased and satisfied. We did a good job. Someday we'll sort things out, and share them; for now, a few highlights.

The Great Escape-In (the mass ride you likely saw on WKZO news) was a delightful and fine beginning. Thursday night featured a lovely party. The rides and tours—especially to Scotts Mill and the Paw Paw wineries—were universally popular. John Forester, Keith Kingbay, Ralph Hirsch, Mandy Joslin; four famous and interesting cyclists. Dave Knox twice showed an excellent slide program on Bikecentennial.

The Paul Dudley White Award for 1978 went to Fred DeLong.

The major action taken by the LAU Board was the first step toward a new, more effective administrative structure for the League. This should have important repercussions for American cycling, permitting the League to better represent our interests.

Many people helped—too many to list. To those who led rides, helped with planning, staffed convention tables, helped stuff mailings and convention packets, or did anything else—we owe you. Thanks, all.

Joel Dinda

US NATIONAL MADISON CHAMPIONSHIPS. September 4 at WINGS STADIUM, KALAMAZOO(!). Qualifications from 2 pm with Finals at 8. (This contradicts previous information published in Competitive Cycling but is supported by a full page advertisement in the most recent Velo-News.) Madison racing—two man teams on the high banking—is competitive cycling at its purest, fastest, and most exciting. We urge all members to attend. (The facility, by the way, is the portable board track currently set up in Southfield Arena. Wings Stadium ought to be an excellent location—and it's delightfully convenient for KBC members.)

Going to the Hancock Hundred? Need a ride? Call Sandy Kimbrough at 327-7690. (Only a small car; but some room.)

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