

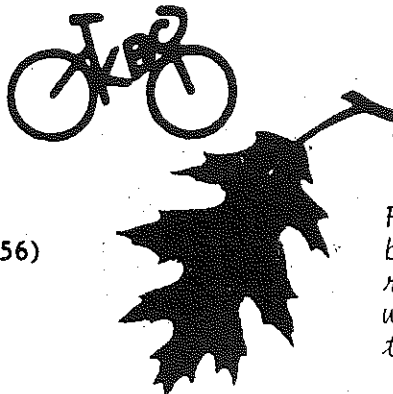
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NEWSLETTER OF THE KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

OCTOBER 1979

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Fall is the most beautiful time to ride. So come out with us and see the colors.

S. McLain

KBC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, October 15, 7:00 am at Kalamazoo College on Academy St.

OCTOBER RIDE SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Oct. 6 GULL LAKE BICYCLE FESTIVAL. Registration from 9 am to 4 pm at Ross Township Park on E. Gull Lake Dr. Loop of 12½ miles around the lake. Fee, \$3.00 for 19 and older, \$1.50 for 18 and under, or \$6.00 per family. Sponsored by Richland Lions Club. Call (629-9484).
- Sun. Oct. 7 FALL COLOR TOUR. 1:30 pm from Green Meadow School (MN & 26th). 20-30 miles of rolling country. Jan McLain (327-2256).
- Sat. Oct. 13 WINE & CHEESE COLOR TOUR. KVCC, NE corner of parking lot. 10:00 am. Bring your lunch and stop at Blockers Pond. Meet at Court House in Paw Paw to go to Wineries together. 37 mi. Debbie Dinda (375-3204).
- Sun. Oct. 14 TURNING LEAVES CENTURY. Edwardsburg High School. Registration, 7:30-12:00. Fee, \$4.00 adults, \$2.50 under 12 or \$10.00 per family. Call Marv Scher for more information. (219 272-8700).
- Sat. Oct. 20 10:00 am from Pavilion Township Hall (Q & 29th). 20 or 50 miles. Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690).
- Sun. Oct. 21 1:00 pm from Hardings in Oshtemo. 35-40 miles of rolling to hilly terrain. Mark Yancey (375-8789).
- Sat. Oct. 27 9:00 am from Fred's Grocery in Schoolcraft (parking lot in back of store). 20, 50, or 100 miles. The 20 mile ride is flat and the 50 and 100 mile rides are rolling to hilly. Debbie Dinda (375-3204).
- Sun. Oct. 28 1:30 pm from Green Meadow School (MN & 26th). 2 loops of about 20 & 25 miles, mostly flat. Halloween patch - \$1.00. Phil Caruso (381-0135).
- Tues. Oct. 30 HALLOWEEN RIDE. 5:30 pm. Meet at Peter Pan Park (Palmer & Race). Ride about 10 miles. Sloppy Joes, cider and donuts will be provided. You must have lights and reflectors on bike. Halloween patches - \$1.00. Richard Dinda (349-3094).



SUMMARY OF KBC MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 1979: by Jini Caruso

SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL: Mike Mutter of the South Central Michigan Planning Council (SCMPC) met with the Club to suggest an opportunity for the Club to air its complaints about the existing environment for bicycling. The SCMPC is a regional planning council that covers Kalamazoo, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, and St. Joseph Counties. The SCMPC is holding meetings in the various counties and is giving representatives of various transportation groups, including bicyclists, the chance to indicate how their mode of transportation should be considered in transportation planning. A meeting for the Kalamazoo County area was scheduled for September 25th in Schoolcraft. Volunteers to attend the meeting were requested and obtained. Phil Caruso agreed to draft a position paper which could be read and/or distributed at the meeting. Phil Raker's help in writing the position paper was solicited and obtained. Discussion ensued on what should be in the position paper. Some ideas mentioned included, statements about driver and bicyclist education, a bicycle/pedestrian bridge connecting with Bronson Blvd. to facilitate travel between Portage and Kalamazoo, the statement on wider roads passed at the August meeting.

GLEEP: Although it will not be called GLEEP, the Richland Lions Club will be staging a ride on October 6th which will be on the GLEEP route around Gull Lake. Members are encouraged to participate in this ride.

CLUB T-SHIRTS: Phil Caruso reported that the firm which had sent us a sample T-shirt and requested that the Club purchase Club T-shirts has failed to send us some price information. Other suggestions for a Club T-shirt, including having a silk screen made and doing our own shirts, were presented and discussed. For lack of information, the issue was tabled.

COMMUTER PATCH: Phil Caruso raised the issue of whether we wanted to establish a separate patch for commuters. It was agreed that such a proposal should be considered along with other proposals for change in the mileage program for next year at a future meeting.

RACING PROGRAM: The Cycle City Racing Team and those interested in racing with the Team in 1980 should attend a meeting at Terry Florian's house (6121 West KL Ave.) on October 13th at 7:00 pm. For additional information call Terry at 375-0695.

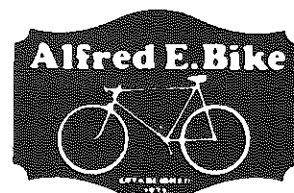
OFFICERS FOR 1980: The Club needs volunteers for officers for 1980. At least three officers will definitely resign. Dave Hageman is resigning the vice-presidency, Jan McLain is resigning as newsletter editor and Jini Caruso is resigning as secretary-treasurer. In addition, the president will serve only with a great deal of reluctance. The Club functions on the basis of volunteers. The burden is much less onerous if it is shared. If you would like to volunteer, contact Phil Caruso.

MEETING PLACE: The combination of a reduction in classrooms at K-College and our unofficial status raise the question of an alternative meeting place. The possibility of using one of the bank community rooms was mentioned. The President agreed to obtain information about alternatives for discussion at the next meeting. (The October meeting will be held in the same place at K-College.)

**MILWOOD SCHWINN
CYCLERY, INC.**

1015 E. CORK St.

PH. 349-6384



To: Members and others interested
 From: Joel Dinda
 Date: September 12, 1979
 Re: Cycle City Racing Team

It is time, I think, to sit down and seriously discuss our club's continued role in the sport of competitive cycling.

We must begin by acknowledging our failure to provide even minimal support for the team. With the cancellation, this year, of most of the Spring Valley series we've lost what little we previously offered, as a club, to our racers--the opportunity to race. Our sponsorship, while appreciated for what it attempts, is inadequate in both cash and conception. And the only legitimate accomplishment we can claim, after five years, is the recruitment to the sport of the heart of another club's fine team.

The problem is leadership. The racers are unwilling--apparently unable--to provide the sustained effort a functioning organization requires; and even the most supportive tourists have long since abandoned any serious commitment to organizational roles. Among the leadership roles needed--and lacking--for the team are a coach, a team leader, a race promoter, a full set of officials, support personnel at races, and people committed to keeping things functioning smoothly. As club, and as team, the Cycle City Racing Team is a failure.

Some specific problems:

The racers are unhappy with some of the details of the sponsorship--particularly the requirement that they purchase their own jerseys.

Except this year--when club support for the team was/is essentially non-existent--the racing team's strain on the club's resources was unacceptable. This year's "solution" to that problem is equally unacceptable.

We must find a way to reduce the financial and psychological barriers to getting started in the sport, and to staying involved once started.

Our publicity efforts have unfailingly been failures.

Except the Florians and Ken Nowakowski, the current crop of local racers seems to lack any notion of the function, value, purpose or maintenance requirements of a racing team as a social organization. This is the fundamental problem; unless someone proposes a workable solution, we should seriously consider disbanding the team.

I have lots of ideas; I've even a complete set of specific proposals for a full-fledged, serious program. What I don't have is a solution to the lack of leadership.

A book recommended for all racers: THE BICYCLE RACING BOOK by William Sanders. \$8.00.


NEW ADDRESSES:

LAW
 P.O. Box 988
 Baltimore, MD 21203

USCF
 USOC National Sports Bld. No. 4
 1750 E. Boulder
 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Bicycle Forum
 317 Beverly
 Missoula, MO 59801
 (\$10.00 a year)

NOTE: A number of members have commented about the absence of Paul and Pam Hitchcock at th year's rides. A note from Pam provides the explanation. They are alive and well, but have been busy working on their new house.



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WORLD
BICYCLES

5942 Lovers Lane
Portage, Michigan 49081
Telephone (616) 345-1830

Village
Cyclery
Wheel-Specialist
Schoolcraft
679-4242

FOR SALE:

Schwinn Varsity - 21", yellow.
Good condition. \$80.00. Call
MaryAnn, 345-8708.

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

September 1979 - December 1980

DUES (check one). Adult membership \$6.50
 Youth (17 or younger) \$3.00
 Family \$7.50
 Senior (60 or older) \$3.00

Mail to:

KBC
Box 527
Kalamazoo, MI 49005



PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____

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

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

PARENT'S
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

(if under 18)

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