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NEWSLETTER OF THE KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB



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"Biking is a WHEEL Sport"



KBC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, September 17, 7:00 pm at Kalamazoo College on Academy St.

SEPTEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE:

COME RIDE WITH US



- Sat. Sept. 1 FALL CENTURY: 7:30 am, KVCC.
- Sun. Sept. 2 Fall Century ride for Sag, (everyone welcome). KVCC. 8:00 am for the 100 mile ride, 12:00 noon for the 50 mile ride. Leader, Dave Hageman (382-2656).
- Mon. Sept. 3 LABOR DAY RIDE: LAW QUARTER CENTURY RIDE. KVCC, 10:00 am. 25 miles. patches, \$1.00. Leader, Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690).
- Sat. Sept. 8 MAPLE LEAF CENTURY - GRAND RAPIDS: KBC ride will be from Green Meadow School, 10:00 am, 25-30 miles. Jan McLain, (327-2256).
- Sun. Sept. 9 ICE CREAM RIDE: 1:30 pm from commuter parking lot at D Ave. & 131. Ride to Dean's Ice Cream Shop in Plainwell. 16 miles. Alvin Holmes (349-3546).
- Sat. Sept. 15 BREAKFAST RIDE: KVCC, NE corner of parking lot. 8:00 am. Ride 15 miles; have breakfast and ride 30 miles afterwards. Flat to rolling. Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690).
- Sun. Sept. 16 CEREAL CITY CENTURY - BATTLE CREEK: 25, 50, 100 & 125 mile rides. For information call Jan Hageman (382-2656).
- Sat. Sept. 22 1:00 pm from Pavilion Township Hall (Q & 29th). The 20 mile loop will be flat, the 43 mile loop includes a few small hills. Both loops go through Scotts Mill Park. Jini Caruso (381-0135).
- Sun. Sept. 23 1:00 pm from Hardings in Oshtemo. 20-35 miles, flat to hilly. Mark Yancey, (375-8789).
- Sat. Sept. 29 PEDAL TO THE TRACK: 1:00 pm from KVCC parking lot (NE corner). Terrain is flat to rolling. We will pedal to the Formula K Track outside of Mattawan and stop to allow those who wish to drive the vehicles. Fees for the Formula K cars are \$1.35 per lap while the smaller cars are 60¢ per lap. To drive the larger cars, you must be 16 or older and possess a valid drivers license. Leader, Phil Caruso (381-0135).
- Sun. Sept. 30 1:00 pm from Kalamazoo Central, parking lot on Drake Rd. 22 klm. (12-13 mi), hilly. Does not include Alamo Hill! Phil Raker (345-6020).
- October 13 WINE & CHEESE & COLOR TOUR: 10:00 am. KVCC. 40 miles. Stop at Blockers Pond.

SUMMARY OF KBC MEETING AUGUST 20, 1979:

The treasurer reported a balance of \$78.37 before Distance Medley or the Fall Century revenues.

The meeting considered including mileage in riding to and from ride start points for next year, to encourage non-motorized transportation.

Congratulations were extended to Sandy Kimbrough and the Distance Medley committee on an excellent ride. We had 77 riders, and a net revenue of \$24.50 for a ride we never planned on being a money maker. The new route is much better than the old one!

Scott McLain agreed to give some thought to designing a RIDE LEADER APPRECIATION PATCH. Other designers are encouraged to submit patch designs. The meeting agreed to delete the membership directory as a membership benefit. Phil Raker reported on his interview at the Sheriff's department concerning the bike fatality on West Michigan. The rider was rearended by a car when the bike was in the correct location on the roadway. The department is continuing its investigation into the accident. The rider died of apparent head injuries. A HELMET MIGHT HAVE HELPED!

The idea of having club T-shirts (without pockets) designed and purchased for members was discussed. Cost estimates are for around \$5.00. A decision will be made at the September meeting.

THE BIKE ROUTE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. SEE BELOW.

The executive committee was instructed to set the 16 month dues. Persons joining after Sept. 1, 1979 get memberships through December 1980. We voted to send a letter of thanks to the sheriff's department concerning the bike safety billboards.


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RESOLUTION

With increased gasoling prices, we expect a substantial increase in adults using bicycles for transportation. With this increased adult bicycle usage, the problems of joint use of roads by bicycles and cars will grow. Previous discussion of ways to facilitate bicycle transportation in an urban environment has centered on two alternatives:

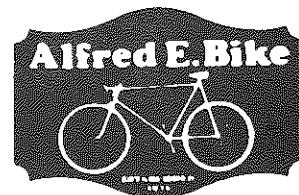
1. bicycle routes that are separate from the roadway.
2. wider roads to allow motorized vehicles to more easily pass the generally slower moving bicycles.

The members of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club have carefully considered the arguments for and against these two alternatives and the evidence of accidents on separate bike paths and at intersections of bike paths and roads and/or driveways. Also considered was the experience of Club members that separate bike routes are generally not maintained and thus are frequently covered with sand and gravel and filled with potholes. Such lack of maintenance is hazardous to the bicyclist. Thus, members of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club feel that separate bicycle routes are not an acceptable method of providing safe, economical urban bicycle transportation. Wider roads and/or paved shoulders (if maintained) are far superior. Roads that are wide enough to allow cars to pass bicycles without leaving their lanes will reduce the congestion caused by generally slower bicycles while providing the adult bicyclist road space which is generally maintained. Further, bicycles will be more likely to be seen by motorized vehicles at intersections with other roads and at intersections with driveways when the bicyclists are part of the main flow of traffic.



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WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Jim Taft; Grant Oestreich; Janet Bond; Sig, Carol, Sean, and Shannon Beimfohr;
Janet Metsa; Joyce Bauer; Helen and Ken Huckendubler; Joe Vitous; and Tom Allen.
Be sure to look for these new members at the rides and introduce yourself!

Preliminary report of suggestions for uses of proceeds of Convention:

ALL NEED TO BE COSTED OUT BEFORE ANY ARE VOTED ON!!

A Safety & Education

- 1) Buy libraries (Portage and Kalamazoo at least) copies of John Forrester:
Effective Cycling
- 2) Purchase of Forrester film for showing to clubs, school groups etc.
- 3) Safety Spots for TV and radio (Check with Huffy on this)
- 4) Development of slide show of loco hazards for engineers and public.
Do we have any bad sewer grates? We do have lousy bike routes
(see Oakland drive) Also the one over the tracks at W. Michigan.
- 5) Helmets for police bike patrols?

B Encouraging recreational cycling:

Use the convention maps as a base assemble a short map file to be made
available either through the shops or the local parks and recreation departments
at cost?

C Club needs:

- a Typewriter for the newsletter editor
- a second return address stamp so both Sec-Treas & Editor have one.

CALL JINI CARUSO 381-0135 IF YOU HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS

PARCHMENT BIKE-A-THON for ST. JUDES CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Saturday, September 22.

10:30 - 2:30.

Kindleberger Park at Park entrance.

3 mile circuit. Minimum sponsor fee, \$6.00.

Volunteers are needed. Please call Larry Boussom if you can help. 349-8614.

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY NIGHT RIDE SCHEDULE: All Thursday night rides will begin at 6:30.
Rides will be 5 to 10 miles, generally flat.

- September 6 Spring Valley Park (under water tower on Mt. Olivet). Debbie Dinda (375-3204).
September 13 Meet at Hageman's, 2219 Fulford. Ride Milwood area. Jan Hageman (382-2656).
September 20 Lexington Green School. Ray Zelder (349-9295).
September 27 Winchell School. Ride Winchell area. Sandy Kimbrough (327-7690).

TUESDAY MORNING RIDES: Rides of varying lengths and difficulties are offered each Tuesday morning for anyone who wishes to come.

- Tues. Sept. 4 9:00 am from KVCC (O & 8th) NE corner of parking lot. 100, 50, & 25 miles. LAW patches \$1.00. Richard Dinda (349-3094).
Tues. Sept 11 9:30 am from KVCC. Metric Century (63 miles), or 21, 40, or 54 miles. Metric Century Patches, \$1.00. Richard Dinda (349-3094).
Tues. Sept. 18 9:30 am from KVCC. 50 or 25 miles. LAW patches, \$1.00. Richard Dinda, (349-3094).
Tues. Sept. 25 9:30 am from KVCC. 25 mile LAW quarter century. Patches \$1.00. Richard Dinda (349-3094).

JINI CARUSO NEEDS YOUR HELP. The mileage patches are in and she has lost the list of who gets what mileage bar! Call Jini at 381-0135 and tell her what mileage bar you earned last year and she'll mail it to you.

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This year the MILEAGE PATCHES will be ordered early. Is anyone out there aiming for 2,500 miles? If so we'll be glad to order that bar. 500, 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 are already planned for. Call Jini, 381-0135 and tell her what bar you expect to earn this year, so we can be sure we have them.