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KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB FEB 1980



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING will be February 18, 7:30 PM in Room 2006 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. This is just to the left inside the tower entrance.

Human powered flight has been a dream of man for centuries. Attempts to 'fly like a bird' were revived in the late 1950's and spurred on by a \$14,000 prize (later \$100,000) offered by Henry Kremer, a British industrialist, to the person who completed a 1.35 mile figure-eight course.

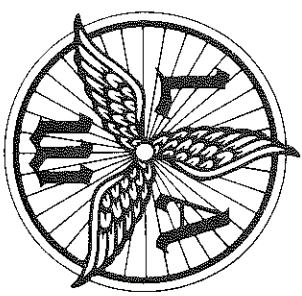
One part of the February meeting will be a film showing the development of the plane that did this, the "Gossamer Condor"; designed by Paul MacCready and flown by a 'human engine', Bryan Allen. The plane is now in the Smithsonian Institute.

The second part of the February meeting will be a roller demonstration. We will have several sets of rollers and bicycles (different sizes) there for everyone to give it a try.

IF BAD WEATHER causes the cancellation of classes at KVCC, our meeting would also be cancelled.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED ---  
THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club  
P.O. Box 527  
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RIDE & SKI SCHEDULE

- Sat. Feb. 2 Cross country ski races at KVCC, sponsored by Snowdwellers and Kazoo School (re-scheduled from Jan. 12) 20 km., start 11:00
- More races at Allegan Fairgrounds 2½, 5, or 10 km., start at noon, fee is \$5, 10 classes are planned.
- Sun. Feb. 3 10:00 Ski at Turskiree, 7801 No. 46th Augusta. \$2 trail fee. Phil Caruso 381-0135
- Sat. Feb. 9 9:00 Ski at Centre Court, Gordon Vader, 327-9518
- Sun. Feb. 10 Cross country ski race at Turskiree, see details elsewhere.
- Sat. Feb. 16 Roller races at Kalamazoo Center, start at 12:00.
- Gross country ski race at Schrier Park on Osterhout. Registration starts at 10:00, fee \$3
- Sun. Feb. 17 1:30 Valentine patch ride from Lexington School, Sprinkle & Milham ride free, patch \$1. Sandy K. 327-7690
- Sat. Feb. 23 11:00 Bike (if the roads are clear) about 15 miles from KVCC parking lot. If we can't bike, bring your skis. Mark Yancey, 375-8789
- Sun. Feb. 24 1:30 Bike from Lexington Green if roads are clear. Otherwise, ski at Milham Golf Course, park on Lovers Ln. Dave Hageman 382-2656

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB 1980 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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For family membership, please list entire family:  
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Other memberships you hold:  
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MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES: MAIL TO:

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

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LAW CONVENTION is being held in Rhode Island on May 24, 25, 26. Early registration is recommended as this is the 100th anniversary of the organization and capacity is limited. Forms will be available at the general meeting. Registration fee is \$15 (required), lodging is \$19.50, meals are \$26.50 (both are optional). Special childrens rates available.

ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT NOW Deadline for orders is February meeting, the 18th. These shirts are 100% cotton, mens sizes small (34-36), medium (38-40), and large (42-44). There is a large logo on the back (looks like the club patch) and a small logo on the front. The price is \$5.50 and comes in all standard T-shirt colors, light blue, light green, orange, red, etc., with the logo printed in very dark blue ink. Mail your order with check payable to Kalamazoo Bicycle Club to P. O. Box 527, Kalamazoo, 49005.

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Total quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x 5.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. Mar. 1 MARCH MADNESS 10:00 Bike 25 or 50 hilly miles from KVCC. Snow or shine! Half century patch \$1. Debbie Dinda 375-3204

Sun. Mar. 2 FARM SURVEY 2:00 bike from Pavillion Township Hall, 29th & Q. Sandy 327-7690

TUESDAY NIGHT SKI at Milham Golf Course, park on Lovers Lane, 7:00 PM.

Feb. 5 Richard Dinda 349-3094  
 Feb. 12 Sandy Kimbrough 327-7690  
 Feb. 19 Sandy Kimbrough  
 Feb. 26 Richard Dinda

ROLLER RACES - FEBRUARY 16 - KALAMAZOO CENTER

For those who have never seen a roller race before, here is a short explanation of the procedure.

The first thing you will see is a large 'clock' with four hands, each in a different color. Each hand is connected to a set of rollers in the same color. As the roller moves, the hand moves, indicating how far the rider has gone. Each race will consist of three complete rotations of the hand.

The first part of the races will see each rider timed individually, so the riders may be grouped according to the ability of the rider.

The elimination races and the final race will have four riders competing against each other with the "clock hands" showing the respective distances each has pedaled.

Now you know what to look for, come on down and cheer for your favorite racer.

## FROM THE HANDLEBARS:

Those of us who have put away our bicycles and taken out our cross country skis are finding this mild winter hard to cope with. With the temperature too cold for cycling and the ground too bare for skiing, the obvious question arises "How am I going to stay in shape?" One solution to this problem is roller riding, one of the more little known facets of bicycling. A set of rollers consists of three rollers, each about five inches in diameter and sixteen inches wide, set in a metal frame. The rear wheel of a bicycle rides on two of these rollers spaced about eight inches apart, and the front wheel rides on the third roller. A belt connects the front and rear roller. Roller riding is not at all like riding a stationary exercise bike, because you have to balance the bike just as if you were riding on the road, and you have to steer carefully to avoid falling off the edge of the roller. Roller riding gives a chance to maintain the 'feel' of your bicycle during the winter, and, with a proper training program, can help you improve your cycling form and breathing rhythm. Riding rollers isn't the most exciting thing to do because the scenery never changes! To relieve the boredom, you can watch T.V. while you ride, listen to music, or, with the help of a music stand in front of you, even read a book! At our February meeting, we will be giving a roller riding demonstration, so if you are interested, you are welcome to come and give it a try! Also, you might enjoy watching the roller races at the Kalamazoo Center on February 16th, put on by the KBC/Cycle City racing team.

Gordon Vader

From the club's beginnings, the local newspaper has been (almost) unflinchingly supportive. The Gazette's early support can likely be attributed to Paul Todd, who obviously wished us well. Paul's long term support shows in the club's clippings collection; when something was important to KBC, Paul gave it excellent coverage. Local participation in our major promotions probably owes more to Paul -- and to Dave Person, who covers us now -- than to any effort of our own. Especially in the early days, before we'd solved some of the mysteries of club leadership, Paul's loyal support kept the club alive.

The year's end was marked by two major events. The first was our first century tour, the Tour of Kalamazoo County (in October); and the second was the club's first meeting.

Of the tour, I'll say (this month) only that it was a success; I'll tell more in a later Pedal Press. The meeting is important because it marks the full formalization of the club--henceforth we've officers, regular meetings, and a publication, even when all else collapses. And, as we shall see, everything else does, in time, collapse.

Joel Dinda

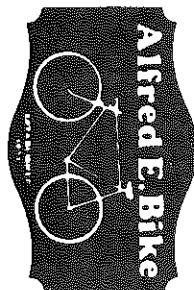


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**CLUB HISTORY**

**BEGINNINGS**

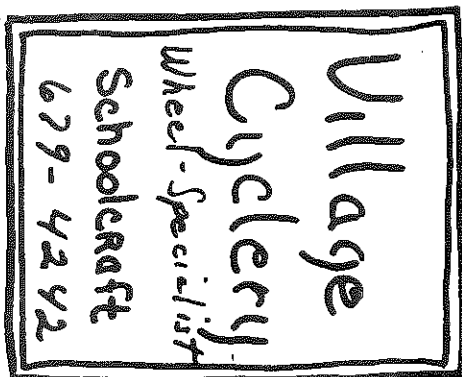
A few words in introduction: 1980 will be KBC's tenth full year as a relatively formal organization. Perhaps it's time we looked back and took stock.

During the late 1960's a number of families began cycling together fairly regularly. These seem to have included Ray Davis and his kids, Ross Barker and his kids (Ross, by the way, designed our logo), Brian Chappell, Ray Barnes, John and Marianne Lacko. How these folks discovered each other, I don't know, though I imagine it to be interesting; what's more interesting is that in 1971 these people saw fit to publish a ride schedule.

By any reasonable standard, this decision marks the beginning of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club.

KBC's 1971 ride schedules were not elaborate productions. Rides were weekly; descriptions told where and when to start, where the ride went, and, curiously, a one-way trip length. Beyond the rides, the schedule told about the new club, and listed a few phones. I gather these sheets were distributed to the few (then) bicycle shops in the community.

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**WELCOME to new members:**  
 Dana Closson, Daniel and  
 Monica Loegel, Erwin Berndt  
 and Jeffrey Goerke.

**MILEAGE CHARTS** will be sent  
 with the March newsletter.

**MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer received \$123 and paid out \$44.12, which leaves \$286.63 in the treasury. Within the next few weeks, the Club will have a savings account so interest can be earned on the extra money in the checking account. We will close the Escape accounts and put all of the Club's money into one account under KBC's name.

**STATE GRANT:** \$20,000 will be awarded to the city in Michigan that comes up with the best proposal for bicycle commuting. The Club will receive a copy of the proposal.

**WHEELS FOR FAMILY FUN:** If the Maple Hill Mall puts on their "Wheels" program this year the Club will volunteer to have a booth set up to attract new members. More will be known about this at a later date.

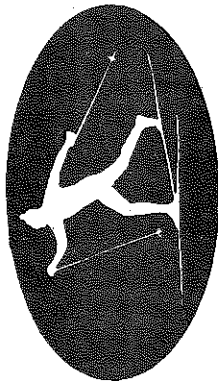
**KBC T-SHIRT:** The T-shirt issue was settled at the meeting when Alvin Holmes brought in a T-shirt with the clubs logo on it (a blow-up of the Club patch). He also had a price list that was considered very reasonable. Those members present voted to use the logo on all the club's T-shirts.

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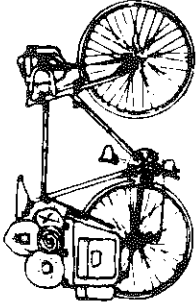
**TOURS UPDATE:** Richard Dinda reported that the Wine Country tour would be held July 12 and 13. Each days ride will be about 50 miles in length and you will visit three wineries and Lake Michigan.

Some of the people at the meeting did not like the idea of holding the Four Lakes tour at Ramona Park because of the gravel. After discussion, Gordon Vader suggested having a long loop for the older, strong riders who do not like coming in and out of the park on gravel, and having a short loop for the young beginners. Everyone liked his idea and Sandy said she would work on it.

**LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BICYCLISTS:** We received a newsletter from the LMB. Their newsletter was very impressive and said they will be working to enforce bicyclist laws and rights along with other things such as road engineers working together with cyclists. They have proposed a \$8 individual membership fee and a \$.50-\$1.00 per member club membership fee.



**LMB MEETING** will be held Feb. 23 in Detroit. Would anyone like to go with me? Sandy 327-7690



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**BIKE TO RHODE ISLAND?** Is anyone interested in riding to the convention with me? We will leave here May 12, planning to arrive the evening of May 23, approximately 800 miles. Part camping and part motels. Average 70 miles a day. Call me, Sandy Kimbrough 327-7690

**CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACES** sponsored by Turskiree Trails, 701 North 46th St., Augusta.

Advance registration is \$4 day of race \$6.  
6 Elite classes, start 12:00, 10 & 16 km.  
10 Citizen classes, start 2:00, 2½ or 5 km.  
(no classes for under 12 years old)

Registration forms are available at local ski shops and bike shops.

