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KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB

MAR 1980



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club  
P.O. Box 527  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49005

MARCH GENERAL MEETING will be March 17, 7:30 PM  
in Room 2006 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.  
This is just to the left inside the tower entrance.

Our rides in the summer are fun, but they are over  
very familiar territory. Have you ever wanted to  
ride someplace where all the scenery was new? At  
the March meeting, we will have a slide show about  
a group of people that did, riding from here to  
Niagara Falls.

ALSO on the agenda will be a SWAP MEET. If you  
have any rims, cranks, panniers, whatever, that  
you no longer need, bring them to swap or sell.  
Now is the time to get your bike set up for the  
season.

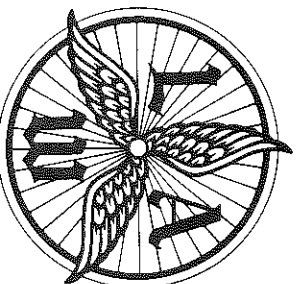
#### ROLLER RACE WINNERS:

	Class A	Class B	Class C
1	Ken Nowakowski	Joe Stegman	Steve Louisell
2	Chuck Shuster	John Nulver	Phil Raker
3	Ken Mange	Terry Florian	Bob Haney

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

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 3 Four Lakes  
July 12-13 Wine Country Weekend  
Aug. 10 Barry Patch (Distance Medley)  
Sept. 13 Fall Century



RIDE & SKI SCHEDULE

- Sat. Mar. 1 MARCH MADNESS 10:00 Bike 25 or 50 hilly miles from KVCC. Snow or shine! Half century patch \$1, for 50 miles under 6 hours. Debbie Dinda 375-3204
- Sun. Mar. 2 Farm Survey 2:00 Bike from Pavilion Township Hall, 29th and Q. Sandy 327-7690
- Sat. Mar. 8 Ski at Al Sabo Preserve. Meet at McDonald's first on 9th St. for breakfast at 8:30 or meet at NE corner of KVCC parking lot around 9:15. Richard Dinda 349-3094
- Sun. Mar. 9 Bike 10-15 miles or ski, depending on the weather. Spring Valley Park on Mt. Olivet 2:00. Sandy K. 327-7690
- Sat. Mar. 15 St. Patricks Day Ride I from Pavilion Township Hall, Q and 29th. 10:00 am, 5-20 miles of flat to gentle hills depending on weather. Cider and ride free. Holiday patch \$1. Jini Caruso 381-0135
- Sun. Mar. 16 St. Patricks Day Ride II from Lexington Green Elementary (Milham at Sprinkle) 10 flat miles. 2:00, ride free, holiday patch \$1 Jan Hageman 382-2656
- Sat. Mar. 22 Ride if the roads are clear; ski otherwise. 11:00 AM from KVCC, NE corner of parking lot. Mark Yancey 375-8789
- Sun. Mar. 23 2:00 Ride 20-30 miles from Fred's Grovery in Schoolcraft. US 131 to stoplight in Schoolcraft, west 1 block, north to parking lot. Jan McLain 327-2256
- Sat. Mar. 29 10:00 AM from Spring Valley Park (under water tower on Mt. Olivet). Ride 20-30 rolling miles to Richland and back. Alvin Holmes 349-3546
- Sun. Mar. 30 2:00 PM Ride from Lexington Green School Milham at Sprinkle, 15 flat miles. 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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 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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For family membership, please list entire family:  
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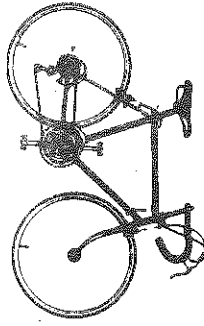
Other memberships you hold:  
 LAW \_\_\_\_\_ USCF \_\_\_\_\_ AYH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if under 18)

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES: MAIL TO:

Mailed Newsletter and KBC  
 Ride Schedule P.O. Box 527  
 Club Patch Kalamazoo, MI  
 Membership Card 49005  
 KBC County Map  
 Reduced Fees at certain  
 Club Events  
 Access to Collection of  
 Touring Maps  
 Access to Club Library



<b>OFFICERS</b>	
President	Gordon Vader 327-9518
Vice President	Scott McLain 327-2256
Secretary-Treasurer	Jan McLain 327-2256
Road Captain	Debra Dinda 375-3204
Racing Captain	Rick Bauer 345-2094
Program Chairman	Richard Dinda 349-3094
Librarian	Mark Yancey 375-8789
Newsletter Editor	Sandy Kimbrough 327-7690



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OTHER: Debbie got volunteers to fill the ride schedule and then the 30 people present watched an excellent film about the Gossamer Condor. After the film, a few members rode rollers for the first time. Thanks to those who brought rollers and/or bikes for people to use.

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## ROLLERS

Extremely quiet  
Adjust to any wheelbase  
Guaranteed  
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:  
Ray Barnes family, Dan Kekich,  
Pat Van Null, June Godfrey,  
Briggs family, Dan and Karen  
Ferrara, Louisell family,  
Carol Kimbrough.

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CYCLE PRO 220<sup>er</sup> TIRES  
700 25c or 27 25c

Schoolcraft 679-4242

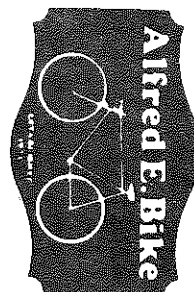
DEADLINE for April newsletter  
is March 13.

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

Mar. 4	Gordon Vader	327-9518
Mar. 11	Scott McLain	327-2256
Mar. 18	Randy Vader	327-9518
Mar. 25	Richard Dinda	349-3094

We've been going to the Dairy Queen afterwards  
for a treat, if you'd like to join us. (Cork St.)

CONGRATULATIONS to the ski race  
winners: Heather Riebe, Janice  
Bunch, Nicho Ybarra, Butch Riebe.



ROLLER RACE REPORT: The 1980 Kalamazoo Roller  
Race came off smoothly thanks to the generosity  
and co-operation of many people. Sig Beinfuhr,  
Phil and Jini Caruso, the Hageman family, Arni  
Maki, Marlene Hoyer, the McLain family, Joel  
Dinda, the Payne family and Sandy Kimbrough all  
donated money to pay for the costs of the race.

Joel Dinda, Phil Caruso, Rick Bauer, Scott  
McLain, Terry Florian, Red Reiter, Pat Florian  
and Skip Obermeyer all donated time to help  
run the event. Skip Obermeyer, who acted as  
referee donated his \$10 salary back to the  
club. The Kalamazoo Center, Lee's Sporting  
Goods and the Center Health Spa all donated  
goods or services for the event.

The total cost for the event was \$150. After  
registration was collected and all bills paid,  
there was \$20 left over which was donated to  
the club treasury.

#### FROM THE HANDLEBARS:

Spring is almost here and another bicycling season is about to start, so I think it's time to talk about public relations. How can the bicyclist, an individual, maintain and improve the image of bicycling, not only to motorists but to pedestrians and fellow bicyclists?

Remember, whenever and wherever you ride your bike, you represent the entire sport of bicycling and whatever actions you take not only reflect on yourself personally but on every bicyclist on the road.

For instance, when the average cyclist is bullied by a motorist, a common reaction is to give the "middle-finger-up" sign and maybe shout a few four letter words at the offender. This may help the cyclist to let off a little steam, but it does little to convince the motorist to change his ways; in fact, this outburst is just what he wants! A better course for the cyclist to take is to ignore the offending motorist, no matter how violent the assault, whether it be horn honking or thrown trash. I know it's hard to do, but it certainly will not encourage the motorist to try the same technique on the next cyclist a few miles up the road. On the other hand, the cyclist that bullies motorists by weaving, running stop signs and traffic signals and generally disobeying traffic laws is doing absolutely nothing to gain the respect of the motorists with whom he shares the road.

The hard work of bicycling clubs, bicycling publications, and lobbyists in federal and state governments has gone a long way in destroying the 'toy bicycle' mentality that exists in many motorists minds, but, in the end, it is up to you, the cyclist, to build a good public image for yourself and all bicyclists everywhere.

Gordon Vader

#### MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING:

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasury since the last report has paid out \$134.76 and received \$162.50 which gives the club a balance of \$315.37.

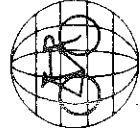
**T-SHIRTS:** Alvin received over a dozen orders for a total of 26 shirts. These can be picked up at the March meeting. Gordon announced that KBC can order USCF T-shirts (20 or more at a time).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Peter Wenzlick asked for the clubs help. He needs 10 riders to help patrol and marshall a running course. You will receive a T-shirt and lunch for helping on April 26th, 11:00 to 1:00. The proceeds from the race will go to the Borgess Cardiac Rehabilitation Center.

**PATCHES:** This year a new mileage patch program is in effect. You can count any mileage with an organized club and mileage to and from KBC rides. A new patch for commuting will be awarded this year. To earn this patch, keep track of your commuting and write a summary by December 1. The board will select the commuters that qualify.

**RACING REPORT:** Spring Valley bicycle races will be put on by KBC; Kevin Kimbrough is trying to find a sponsor to help with financing. Pat asked for the club's reaction about holding a 25 mile time trial. Those present liked the idea and we will discuss later whether to make it a sanctioned race or just an informal club event.

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MILEAGE CHARTS for 1980 are included with this newsletter. If you need more, they will be available at the general meeting.