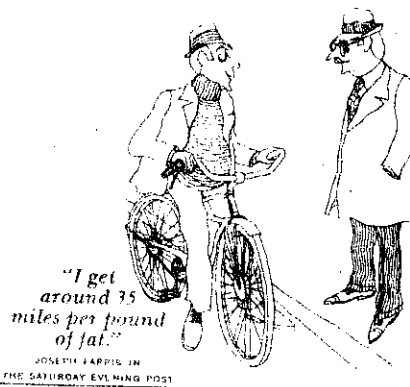


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## ride schedule

- Sat. April 4 Richard Dinda 349-3094  
10:00 from KVCC  
15-25 miles
- Sun. April 5 Randy Vader 327-9518  
2:00 from KVCC  
22-30 rolling to hilly miles
- Sat. April 11 Jan McLain 327-2256  
2:00 from Fred's Grocery  
Schoolcraft  
20-30 miles
- Sun. April 12 Dave Hageman 382-2656  
1:30 from the water tower  
on Mt. Olivet  
20-25 hilly miles to Richland
- Sat. April 18 Happy Birthday Jan Hageman  
and Alvin Holmes  
10:00 from Lexington Green  
School-0 and Sprinkle  
10-25 miles  
Join us for cake and coffee  
after the ride.



- Sun. April 19 Easter Ride  
Dan Ferrera  
3:00 from KVCC  
20-30 miles  
Easter Patches available  
for \$1.25
- Sat. April 25 Paul Wells 345-6570  
10:00 from KVCC  
15-25 miles
- Sun. April 26 Spring Valley Race
- Sat. May 2 Scotts Mill Tour  
Toby Elementary School



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

## general meeting

The April general meeting will be Monday the 20th at 7:30 in room 2006 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. This is just to the left at the tower entrance.

Paul Wells will demonstrate frame building and we hope to have the film, "531 the Winner", which shows the manufacturing of Reynolds 531 tubing and shows segments of high-speed racing action!

We also hope to have Fred Tobin of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Committee here to give a report of the meeting that was held in March. This might be a good time for the Club as a whole to give their opinions on this subject.



E. S. Patrick  
Bill Ames  
Craig Snyder  
Michael Louisell  
The Baker Family  
The Cupper Family  
Troy Pierce  
Joe VanNus

FOR SALE: Bell Helmet in excellent condition, \$25.00. Call Scott, 327-2256



## SHARE THE ROAD . . . (some basics of the bike/car traffic mix)

By Sandy Weeks

The bicycle, whether moving at road speeds of 5 or 30 miles per hour, is a very real part of the traffic mix.

Since anticipation and predictability play such a large role in preventing accidents, the safest way for bicyclists and motorists to share the roads is by obeying the same traffic laws. The cyclist is safest moving with the traffic flow, where traffic is expected on the road, the way all vehicular traffic moves.

Bicyclists are not safer riding against traffic flow so they can "see the cars." The left side of the road is the wrong side of the road from every traffic safety concept. All traffic signs are blank on the wrong side of the road. There are no STOP signs on the left side of the road at intersections. The greatest danger, however, is that wrong-way bicycling puts the cyclist in double jeopardy by creating the surprise and speed hazards which cause so many traffic accidents. Motorists never expect vehicular traffic to come at them head-on in their traffic lane, and they are startled when a bicycle suddenly comes at them head-on from behind a parked car or truck, over the crest of a hill, from around a curve in the road, or from an unexpected angle at an intersection, leaving little reaction time for the motorist or the cyclist to avoid the accident once they do "see" each other. Besides the surprise, the head-on approach means that the speed of the wrong-way cyclist combines with the motor vehicle's speed for a greatly increased closing speed, further decreasing reaction time and increasing the force of impact if they do collide.

"Ride *right*, with the traffic flow," is the primary law of bicycle safety throughout the United States. As vehicle operators, cyclists must also obey all traffic signs and signals, use proper hand signals, use lights at night, and comply with all state laws and local ordinances. Copies of state laws and local ordinances are available at local police stations.

Beyond the basic traffic laws, cyclists must bike confidently and courteously, realizing their right to the responsible use of the road and developing good defensive traffic techniques. Staying alert, scanning for traffic changes, establishing eye-contact with other drivers—these are skills crucial to anyone using the roads.

Scanning means looking for anything which might affect your action or position on the road. Look for vehicles entering the roadway, for traffic signs and lights, for pedestrians. Look for the special things that mean a lot to cyclists, the potholes, breaks in the pavement, sewer grates, railroad tracks, dogs, gravel and glass. Look especially for other vehicles before changing lanes, turning or moving into intersections.

The best way for an experienced cyclist to make a left turn is just like any other vehicle operator would, from the proper traffic lane. The cyclist approaching the intersection should look behind for traffic, signal a left turn, move over into the proper lane when safe, continue watching traffic and using eye-contact and, when safe,

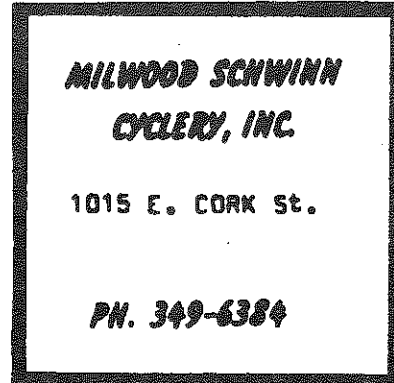
make the left turn with both hands on the handlebars, moving around the corner as any other driver would, into the proper lane, then to the side of the road when the turn is complete. Side of the road does not mean at the curb or in road debris. Ride an average of two to three feet out from the curb and take more room when you need it. The best way for a child or inexperienced cyclist to make a left turn at a busy intersection is to get off the bike and walk it across the streets as a pedestrian. The vehicular left turn and the pedestrian left turn are the only legally correct ways to make a bicycle left turn.

When approaching parked cars, check behind for traffic clearance and move far enough into the traffic lane to clear the car door if the driver should suddenly open it in front of you. That should also help you clear the front of the car if the driver starts edging out of the parking place without proper observation. In either case, go for your horn and yell if you're in danger because the bicyclist is the loser in a battle with any part of a car.

Sharing the road is a two-way street, with much of the responsibility for bicycle safety in the hands of the motorist on the road. Many motorists are learning to scan for bicycles, establish eye-contact, extend road courtesy to cyclists and do their part to share the roads safely.

As a cyclist, you must also do your part. If you keep your bike in good condition, bike by the rules, obey the traffic signs and stay alert in the traffic mix, you're ready to share the roadways. Ride *right* and keep on biking!

Thinking about going to the L.A.W. Convention in Ames, Iowa this July? We are planning to pedal there. Join us if you wish. 650 to 700 miles in 6 days, leaving Friday, July, 3rd. Camping (usually), sag, maps, sharing costs. If interested call Richard Dinda 349-3094 or Debbie Dinda 381-8668.



### HELL TO PARADISE

Is anyone interested in riding Hell to Paradise any time this summer? I want to ride it again and wouldn't mind a crowd. If interested, contact me between now and summer. Kevin Kimbrough.

## officers

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# membership form

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

For family membership, please list entire family:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(if under 18)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

DUES (check one)

_____	Adult membership	\$5.00
_____	Family membership	\$6.00
_____	Youth (17 or younger)	\$2.50
_____	Senior (60 or older)	\$2.50

Mail to: KBC

Box 527

Kalamazoo, MI 49005



minutes

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There was \$110.00 deposited in the checking account and \$330.17 was paid out leaving a balance of \$197.59.

**AMERICAN CYCLIST:** The deadline for subscribing to the "American Cyclist" magazine, through the Club, will be at the April 20th meeting. Subscription blanks are available from Gordon Vader.

**RACING:** Spring Valley Race is Sunday, April 26th. Kevin did not have anymore to report but the trophies have been ordered.

**BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION:** The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Committee is having a public information meeting to review recommended guidelines for the proposed Bicycle Transportation Plan. Several members plan to attend this meeting and giving the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club's views on bicycle transportation. Hopefully, we will get a report from those attending at our April meeting.

We would like to thank Mark Yancey for showing his slides of the Roller Races. They were excellent. Also, thanks to Greg McLain for coming to last month's meeting and talking on building rollers.

A special thanks to all those who gave their time to man the booth at the Maple Hill Mall Show.

## NEW WORLD BICYCLES & SKIS



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Approximately 20 bicyclists attended the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) meeting. Six of those people were from the KBC. Fred Tobin explained what the proposed routes were around the Kalamazoo area. What types of routes to "build" was also discussed. It was generally felt by the bicyclists that separate roadways were not necessary. The cost of this type of path would be excessively costly. What has been suggested is maintenance of roads and limited separate paths in high auto traffic areas. The committee allowed anyone to express their ideas. It appears that the ideas have been already formed as to what a "Bike Path" is by the committee (which appeared to be all non-cyclists). The chairman of the meeting stated that he felt that one route should be established to find out what the use generally would be.

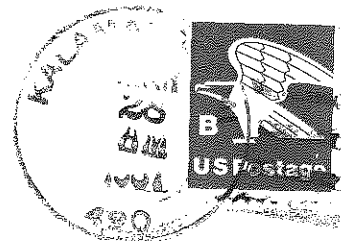
We have invited Fred Tobin to attend our April meeting to give us a more detailed description of what KATS plans on doing the future.



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