

PEDAL PRESS

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

October, 1990

Summer Bike Tour '90

This year's Summerfest Bike Tour (August 25) was sunny and warm, a nice contrast to so many other weekends this summer. The tour is sponsored by the Thronapple Bicycle Club. It was rumored the 1989 tour might be the last because it's such a large undertaking for a small club, but fortunately, an influx of some new members motivated them to sponsor it again.

It was a definite success, with an increase in riders. Some from as far away as Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. The riders were hungry and unfortunately, they ran out of turkey and ham for sandwiches before everyone had come through the lunch stop. There was still plenty of peanut butter and jelly, cookies, brownies, and fruit so hopefully, there weren't too many hard feelings.

Bronson Health Fair

Several volunteers came out to talk about our club Saturday, October 22, 1990. There was a lot of interest about our club and the many activities we offer.

The biggest hit by far was the roller trainers. About a half dozen riders brought their bikes and rode the trainer for the entertainment of the fair spectators. Any person who has never tried this activity should watch an experienced rider. More about trainers in the next issue, including wheel chair trainers.

Newsletter Has a New Editor

Marc Luoma has been the editor of the *Pedal Press* for over 18 months. He has brought this newsletter quality articles and an attractive format. In viewing the newsletters from other bike clubs across the state of Michigan, there is not a single newsletter that comes close to the quality that Marc has brought to our club.

Karen Augustine has taken on the responsibility of editing *Pedal Press*. Following in Marc's footsteps is an awesome responsibility. Marc did an exceptional job of writing many articles for our newsletter. Karen does not feel that she has the bicycle expertise (every novice rider), so she is asking, no begging, for club members to write articles. As you can see the *Pedal Press* is a lot smaller this month due to the lack of articles. Please consider writing for this publication.

The next newsletter will be for the month of November and December. The deadline for publication is October 20, 1990.

Submit Articles to:
Karen Augustine
2825 Glenhaven
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

You may also bring articles to the club meetings or give them to any club officer. If you are a camera buff you could take pictures for us! (Please use black and white film, color works but not as well.)

October Club Meeting

The October Kalamazoo Bike Club meeting will be held at Scooter's Malt Shop on 36th Street in downtown Scotts (just north of "QR" Ave). The meeting will be held on Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The subject of the meeting will be: "Winter Training". (Is it Winter already?) There will not be a ride at this meeting because of the early darkness.

For more information about the meeting or for directions on how to get to Scooter's, call Steve Clarke at 384-9487.



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KBC Ride Mileage

Name	# of Rides	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total Miles	Avg per Ride
Odenwaller, Vince	54	280	382	387	911	191			2,151	40
Luoma, Marc	34	198	381	440	417	25			1,461	43
Clark, Steve	23	210	273	552	294	43			1,372	60
Christopherson, Bob	31	98	130	293	576				1,097	35
Wyrick, Jim	23		120	202	581	124			1,027	45
Fuentes, Charlie	24	88	119	108	594	90			999	42
Tiller, James	30	25	80	273	300	287			965	32
Long, Wilma	25	25	60	230	300	223			838	34
Chosay, Kimberly	22	44	238	191	259	60			792	36
Hauschild, Dave	10	100	374	65		30			569	57
Young, Melanie	15	25	60	93	293	60			531	35
Fuentes, Pat	9			36	481				517	57
Povendo, Don	14	71	235	84	118				508	36
Gackie, Mike	18	25	30	166	165	60			446	25
Mathieson, John	14	14	30	110	108	150			412	29
Hillman, Roberta	13	121	56	90	104	30			401	31
Murrel, Mike	15	25	74	161	50	80			390	26
Ehhardt, Mark	12	26	83	83	149	30			371	31
Utrecht, Karl	12	29	30	100	54	120			333	28
Rusin, Marcia	11		80	110	109				299	27
Brennan, Thom	10		55	25	86	120			286	29
Blake, Bill	8	93	83	30	32				238	30
DeDee, Bruce	8			20	122	90			232	29
Winterburn, John	9	19	100	83	26				228	25
Hackman, Brad	9	30	50	25	82	30			217	24
Zajac, Frank	8		30	153	32				215	27
Snell, Frank III	8		54	75	50	30			209	26
Luoma, Machell	3		62	138					200	67
Wetters, Jeff	7				106	90			196	28
Knop, Marty	7		54	50	86				190	27
Cosgrove, Brad	7	25		100	50				175	25
Rector, Judy	5		50	120					170	34
Forero, Andres	7		54	105					159	23
Putt, Randy	6			20	77	60			157	26
Deboer, Nancy	4				84	60			144	36
Ogren, Janice	5			20	70	53			143	29
Holms, Alvin	4		24		106				130	33
Caruso, Phil	9		64	64					128	14
Lewandowski, John	2	100		23					123	62
Walen, Jim	4		54	40	25				119	30
McClintock, Cathy	3	43	50			20			113	38
Armstrong, Mike	5		30	78					108	22
Teel, Janet	4		53		26	25			104	26
Dudly, Blair	7	30	43	30					103	15
Truesdell, Scott	3			18	82				100	33

Notes from the President



Update

An update regarding our fund raising drive for an advertisement regarding cycling/motorist safety. At last count we had approximately \$200 in donations to the fund. If we can reach the \$800 mark, the KBC treasury will make up the difference for a one half page ad. You still have plenty of time to send in a contribution because at this late date we would hold off on publishing such an ad until the spring season. Please help by mailing your contribution to the KBC post office box. If we do not reach our goal, the funds presently available will be used in developing a bicycle safety program for youngsters. KBC has made a commitment to this area and we have volunteers ready to assist in its implementation. I am exploring the possibility of getting the Gazette to do a bike safety column for us so that the funds being raised can be used for education rather than the expense of an ad.

Mission Statement

Last month I presented in this column two mission statements for KBC. Some confusion exists as to where you can send your comments. As always, send your vote to the PO box or call the ride line. A

Any comments or concerns you may have regarding KBC can be sent to the PO box where they are forwarded to me.

Elections

KBC will hold elections by ballot at the November meeting. Nominations must be made at the October meeting. I am reminding you now that if you have an interest in a position, please have your nomination to me by the October meeting. Offices open for election are President, Vice President, and Treasurer/Secretary. Absentee ballots will be accepted if signed and mailed to the PO box for counting at the November meeting. All ballots will be counted at our November Meeting.

THANKS to our great ride leaders, membership participation in our KBC rides is higher than ever. Let's keep up the excitement and carry it into next year. Mountain bike season is here so if anyone would like to organize a ride let us know. This month marks the end for two very active members of KBC, Marc Luoma and Karen Torre. Both of these super people have resigned their positions. I know they will continue to be active in KBC but their efforts as Editor and Treasurer will be greatly missed.

Committees

I have established four new standing committees for KBC. A skeleton membership for each committee has been identified. If you would like to be part of the Ride Committee, Constitution Committee, Safety Education Committee or the Volunteer Recruitment Committee Please call the ride line or let me know. The ride Committee will tackle the issue of ride classifications, choose

ride leaders, and establish rides for 1991. The Safety Committee will start the ball rolling on implementing a safety awareness for children. The Constitution Committee has the task of re-writing the KBC Constitution addressing such questions as voting policy, expenditure policy, dismissal of inactive or abusive members, etc.

Welcome Karen Augustine

Thank you Karen for volunteering to be the newsletter editor. I look forward to working with you as our new Minister of Propaganda.

No Bullies Allowed

Over the summer I have received the usual reports of cyclists not obeying the rules of the road or of being rude to runners and walkers. We all make mistakes and generally attempt to correct our errors. Unfortunately I have received an unusually large number of complaints regarding abusive rude treatment among our own members. Membership in KBC has its benefits as well as its obligations. Being rude or insulting to non-riders or to less experienced riders is inexcusable. Most importantly, KBC will not tolerate sexual harassment and embarrassment. If you are or have been the victim of such rudeness, please bring it to my attention and I will talk with the people involved. If a complaint persists regarding a particular individual(s), then after a warning, I will as President of KBC recommend that the person be dropped from KBC and asked not to participate in KBC activities. Such harsh action will not likely be necessary but it is important to our membership that each member have fun and feel "safe" within our group. No one should be subjected to bully type behavior.

Editorial: What's in the Bag?

This is your page. It belongs to Kalamazoo Bicycle Members. If you have views, ideas, complaints, good news, or any information you would like to share, here is your place.

Dear Editor:

In response to one of the comments in the Editorial Observation #2 printed in the September Pedal Press, I would like to make the following comments:

I have been an active club member for four years and have observed the following participation of the race team members at club events as CLUB REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Working sag for the Kal Haven Trail Blazer.
2. Working sag, as well as riding for pledges, at Bike for burns for the last four years.
3. Worked the past booths for the Bronson Health Fair promoting and educating youths on safe cycling.
4. Assist wheelchair racers at the Borgess Race each Spring.
5. Lead rides, as well as having two team members volunteer to be ride captains (Roberta Hillman and Karen Torre).
6. Assist the Sierra Club with trail maintenance at Al Sable.
7. Have been more than willing to provide information on off season conditioning, training tips and bike maintenance to other club members who are interested.
8. Work hard to promote races to provide financial stability for the club and team.

You may not see many of the team members at the monthly club meeting or club rides because their training schedules are very time consuming and regimented. How-

ever, they do give the club EXPOSURE from training daily and representing the club at race events throughout the state.

I dislike very much the segregation that is developing between the club and team members. Remember we are ALL club members who have a common like of riding our bicycles.

Thank you for listening,
A Concerned Club Member

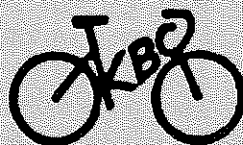


Dear KBC Members:

I have been unable to participate at club meetings because of conflicting school schedules, and with regret announce I will not be seeking another term as Secretary/Treasurer.

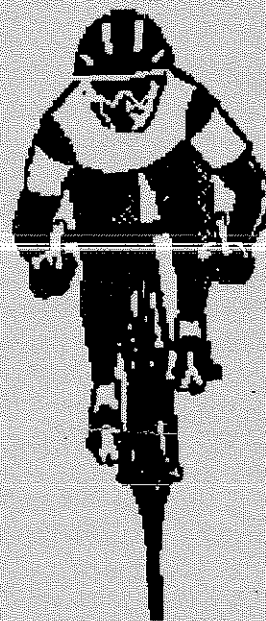
I wish to thank all of you for your support. Nominations should be submitted quickly so it can be voted on before the end of the year. If you are interested, and would like to know what the position duties are, you can contact me at 381 4329 (please leave a message if I am not home).

Thanks again,
Karen Torre



Mountain Bike Race

On Sunday October 28, there will be a mountain bike race. We need volunteers to be field marshalls at this race. There is no physical labor involved with this job; the field marshall only watches the race. For further information please call Steve Clarke.



New Members

The following are the new members to be included in the October Newsletter:

Tamela Stutz
Kirk Goodrich
Erik and Kristen Utrecht

Classified

Look Pedals for sale. I have two pair of red and white Look Pedals in excellent condition. I will sell them for \$45 a pair.

Brad Cosgrove
Home: 349-7367
Work: 327-3061



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

Events - October 1990



Recurring Rides

Monday

A+/A/B, 6:00. 20-30 miles from Texas Drive Park, 1/2 mile west of 10th Street on Milham Road (Texas Drive). NOTE: This ride will not be held on 10/1, the night of the KBC monthly meeting.

Leader: Steve Clarke

Thursday

A+,A,B,C, 6:00. 15-30 miles from Scotts Elementary School on QR Avenue just east of 36th Street in Downtown Schotts. Leave from the school for your choice of rides, then meet back at Scooters' Malt Shop after the ride for conversation and ice-cream.

C Ride Leaders:

10/4: Brad Cosgrove
10/11: Brad Cosgrove
10/18: Mystery Ride Leader
10/25: Brad Cosgrove

Special Saturday C Ride

Saturday, October 13th, meet at 10:00 at:

Tobey Elementary School
Vicksburg
25th and Long Lake Drive

Led by Jan McClain. 15, 30, and 50 mile choices.

Invitational Rides

This list includes many of the larger invitational rides that are being held throughout the state in the coming weeks and months. For more information about any ride, call or write the person listed as a "contact." If you're wondering about a ride, such as "how's the food," "where's a good place to stay overnight," or "how hilly is the ride," KBC members will be able to provide "reviews" of most of the rides from years past, as most of these rides have been held before. These members can be found at the Club meetings, held the first Monday of the month. This is just one more reason to attend the Club meetings regularly!

October

Sat, 10/6. **Octoberfest Bike Tour and Mountain Bike Challenge.** Whitehall, MI (North of Muskegon). Off-road portion uses part of the Hart-Montague Trail. On-road portion uses part of the *Shoreline* tour route. Contact Muskegon Bike Club, PO Box 922, Muskegon, MI 49443. Call (616) 452-BIKE or 780-3298.

Sun, 10/7. **Blue Water Ramble.** St. Claire High School, St. Claire, MI. 40, 65, or 100-mile routes. All routes go through Canada (ferry tickets included). Start time 7:00 a.m. Entry fee \$11.00 (Pre-registration only). Includes Ma, MR, SS, Pa, FS, Sh. Contact *Blue Water Ramble*, PO Box 1435, Sterling Heights, MI 48311-1435. Call 616/452-BIKE or 313/792-4670.

Sat, 10/13. **Colorburst.** Fallasburg Park (North of Lowell, MI). 25, 40, or 62 miles. Rolling to hilly contour. Ride begins with pancake breakfast. Great home-made cookies. All proceeds donated to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). Start time 8:00 a.m. Entry fee \$14.00, \$8.00 under 18 years old, \$30.00 for family.

Includes Ma, MR, SS, FS, Br. Contact Allen or Sue Brewer, 2021 140th Ave., Dorr, MI 49323. Call 616/452-BIKE or 681-9601.

Sun, 10/14. **Helmetour.** North Side Community Center, Ann Arbor, MI. 17, 35, 50, or 75 mile routes. This ride promotes and requires helmet use. Ride through the Huron River Valley through the great Fall foliage. Start time 8:00 a.m. to noon. Includes Ma, MR, SS, Pa, FS. Contact Jayne Miller, PO Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Call 616/452-BIKE or 313/994-2786.

Sat, 10/27. **Falling Leaves Forty or Fifty.** Saline, MI (South of Ann Arbor). Beautiful fall color tour and optional time trial. Map and sag sweep only. No fee for tour. Includes Ma, SS. Contact Downriver Cycling Club, PO Box 488, Flatrock, MI 48134. Call 616/452-BIKE or 313/671-9356.





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Kalamazoo, MI 49005

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Ride Classifications

A+	17+ mph	MTB	Off-road
A	15-17 mph		
B	13-14 mph		
C	11-12 mph		
D	under 10 mph, frequent stops		
E	over 50 miles, at your own pace		
F	Family ride		

Note: All mph given indicate pace while on the bike that the ride leader would like to maintain. Please feel free to come to any ride and ride at your own pace. Rest stops, their number and duration are a separate issue.

Club Phone Numbers

President	Steve Clarke	327-9956	MTB	Valerie Marsh	343-9637
Vice President	Mike Gacki	349-6527	Race Captain	Mike Teel	
Secretary/Treasurer	Karen Torre	381-4329	Race Captain	Joe Torre	381-4329
Ride Captains:			Membership List	Phil Caruso	381-0135
A	Roberta Hillman	381-4450	Mileage Statistician	Jim Tiller	375-8112
B	Open		Ride Line		327-7767
C	Brad Cosgrove		Newsletter	K. Augustine	381-3251

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club - Membership Form

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____

For family membership, please list other family members:

Other memberships you hold: LAW USCF

Other _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____

I can help with: Ride leading _____ Newsletter _____

Meeting programs _____ Other _____

Dues: Adult - \$15 Family - \$17 Youth (<18) - \$13 Senior (>60) - \$13

New Membership _____ Renewal _____ (mark one)

Mail to:
KBC
Box 527
Kalamazoo, MI 49005

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Mailed newsletter and ride schedule
- KBC Kalamazoo County map
- Access to collection of touring maps
- Access to Club library
- Availability of membership services