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Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

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## Stage Race Volunteers

The race could not have happened without your volunteer efforts. A big thanks goes out to the following people:

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- Joe Torrie
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- Lee Witt
- Jim Wyrick
- Jackie Zito

have a map, you can get some from Don Povendo (381 6819). You can also get sign up sheets from Don, Jim Tiller, or Marc. Other suggested leader activities are outlined in the May Pedal Press.

## June Meeting

The June Bike Club meeting will be held Monday June 3, 1991 at 6:30 at Scotts Elementary School on 36th and QR Ave. The meeting will be a ride followed with ice cream at Scooters in Scotts.

## Newsletter Deadline

If you wuld like to have an article appear in the July issue of *Pedal Press*, send the information by June 15th to:

Karen Augustine  
2825 Glenhaven  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

I appreciate all the articles that are sent to be used in the newsletter.

## Ride Leader Opportunities Available

The #1 question asked on the ride line: "Who's leading the ride on..." Why not you?

If you would like to lead a ride in July, contact the ride line (327 7767), drop a note to the Club P.O. Box, or call me (Marc) at 778 3565 before June 15.

What's involved?

Ride leading is fun and easy. All that's necessary is that you show up at the appointed time with maps and a sign-up sheet. If you don't

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## 1991 Ride Incentive Program

Contrary to popular belief, the KBC ride incentive program is in full effect for 1991. For new members who are unfamiliar with the program, the ride incentive program works like this: when you attend a Club ride, write your name and the mileage you'll ride on the sign up sheet that is provided by the ride leader or another Club member. The leader will send the sheet to the mileage keeper (the lovely and talented Jim Tiller). He'll add up all your Club miles for the whole year. At the Club Holiday party in December, we'll give the following awards to Club members with the following mileage:

- 500 miles: KBC Water Bottle
- 1000 miles: KBC Jersey
- 2000 miles: Special Award

(If any of you haven't yet received your awards from 1990, contact a Club officer.)

You can accrue mileage from KBC events or from invitational rides like the Cereal City Century. 75% of your miles must be from KBC events, though. If you attend an invitational ride, send notification of your mileage to the P.O. Box. You don't need any proof; we use the honor system.

### What about April and May mileage?

Due to Stage Race planning and volunteer burn out, the ride incentive system worked poorly if at all in April or May. If you have any mileage from April or May Club rides, send it in to the P.O. Box on your own. Once again, the honor system prevails.

Where do we send mileage sheets?  
Kalamazoo Bicycle Club  
P.O. Box 527  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005  
Attn: Mileage

## Regular Club Ride Descriptions

### Mondays

- The Deep in the heart of Texas recovery ride:

Recover from your weekend race or century ride with an easy 2030 miles from Texas Drive Park near the corner of Milham and 8th Street. Look for the softball field. Led by Mark "12 tooth" Erhardt.

### Tuesdays

- The KBC Track Series:

Race Team ride at the Kalamazoo Speedway near the corner of Ravine Rd. and "D" Ave. Organized by Mike Teel.

- The Dutch Treat Tuesday Ice Cream Ride:

A new ride, conceived and led by Nancy "the Bruiser" DeBoer. 2030 miles from Parchment High School, on "G" Avenue about 1/2 mile east of Riverview. Nancy promises a stop in Richland or Plainwell for ice cream. Get in on the ground floor of a soon to be KBC tradition! (Note that this ride will be held on the 4th and 24th of June only.)

### Wednesdays

- The Wednesday Night Mountain March:

OK, so there's no real mountain in Kalamazoo, but this ride is usually pretty hilly. Pioneered years ago by Don "Mondo Dondo" Povendo, this ride goes 2030 miles from Kalamazoo Central High School on Drake Road about two miles north of West Main. This month led by Roberta "don't you dare print my nickname" Hillman.

### Thursdays

- The Ice Cream Cruise:

The now famous ride and feeding frenzy in Scotts. Meet at the Scotts Elementary School for the ride, and stop in at Scooter's Malt Shop on the main drag in Scotts after your ride for great ice cream and socializing. Routes from 1530 miles are usually offered. These rides are normally very well attended, so they're a good place to meet up with lots of Club members. Also a good start for first timers. The school is on QR Avenue, just two blocks east of 36th Street in "downtown" Scotts. In June, Vince "Crazy Legs" Odenwaller is taking over ride leader duties.

### Fridays


- The Tour de Gull Lake:

Ride about 25 miles from Galesburg, around Gull Lake. The pace of this ride is hard to predict; usually the group splits in two, with the sane group enjoying the scenery around the lake, and the young punks (of any age) using the hills for oxygen debt orgies. The ride leaves from the parking lot behind Billy's Bike Shop in Galesburg, just east of the five way intersection in downtown Galesburg. Ride led by Bandit the Wonder Dog. Maps provided by Marc Luoma.

### Saturday, June 8, 1991

Meet at Vicksburg High School, east edge of Bicksburg on W Ave., at 9 AM. We will ride about 30 miles along the mostly flat roads of southern Kalamazoo County near Vicksburg and Schoolcraft. Riders of all ride classifications are welcome. Stay after the ride and enjoy the Vicksburg Old Car Festival in downtown Vicksburg. Ride Leaders: Randy Putt and Karl Utrecht. Questions: Call Randy at 649-1814 or Karl at 649-0716.

# KBC Rides - June 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm-Lake Tour (Plymouth)</li> <li>• Chrysler Tri-Cycle (Chelsea)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KBC Meeting &amp; Ride at Scooter's in Scotts - Steve Clarke (327-9956)</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprints @ Kalamazoo Speedway - Mike Teel</li> <li>• Parchment High School - Nancy DeBoer (342-0963)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kalamazoo Central H.S. - Roberta Hillman (629-5186)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scooter's in Scotts - Vince Odenwaller (343-4439)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy's Bike Shop in Galesburg - Marc Luoma (778-3565)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horbor Springs Classic</li> <li>• "100 Grand" In Grand Rapids</li> <li>• 100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride in Grand Ledge</li> </ul>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedal for Pups (Elsie)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Drive Park on Milham - Mark Erhardt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprints @ Kalamazoo Speedway - Mike Teel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kalamazoo Central H.S. - Roberta Hillman (629-5186)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scooter's in Scotts - Vince Odenwaller (343-4439)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy's Bike Shop in Galesburg - Marc Luoma (778-3565)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 Hour Challenge (Byron Center)</li> <li>• Great Northwest Tour (Glenn Lake)</li> </ul>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**All Rides Start at 6:30.**

## 1991 Bike Rodeo

The 1991 Bike Rodeo was not as well attended as last year due to lack of advertising. About 500 children attended the ut of Crimeevent. Approx. 88 children attended our Bike Rodeo. The children seemed to enjoy the activity, and many children went through the rodeo several times. Alfred E. Bike donated a BMX style bike, which was given away at the end of the day by a winning raffle ticket. The following people volunteered their time to help educate children about bike safety:

- Phil Caruso
- Dave DeBack
- Lynn Gualdonia
- Ed Maring
- Brad Cosgrove
- Dorothy DeDee
- Karen Augustine
- Dave DeRight
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Northside Association for Community Development
- Northside Neighborhood Watch Group
- Police Explorers
- Community Service Workers
- Al Henderson - Dept. of Public Safety

On June 1, 1991 we will have another rodeo at South Christian Elementary.

## OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN CLUB MEMBERS:

The list of other bicycling organizations that is sent out to new members contains an address for the Women's Cycling Network. I had assumed that they had become extinct since a member of the Network had not received anything in several years. Apparently, they are alive and well. If you are interested write to: Women's Cycling Network, P.O. Box 73, Harvard, IL 60033.

In the recent issue of Velo-News, there is also an ad for an organization called: Women's Cycling Coalition. Its address is P.O. Box 281 Louisville, CO 80027.

Finally, women members of the Club may wish to plan on riding W.O.W.'s 1991 (Women On Wheels) to be held July 20, 1991 in Mason, Michigan and sponsored by the Tri-County Bicycle Association which is based in Lansing. Contact Phil or Jini Caruso for a copy of the Flyer.

Phil Caruso

## A New Kind of Glasses

I recently became aware of some prescription sunglasses for cyclists that might be of interest to some of you. They are similar in style to Oakley non-prescription glasses. The interesting difference is the ability to convert from non-prescription to prescription glasses and back again instantly. The cost from the manufacturer is between \$142 and \$218 depending on the prescription power and lens color. I will try and bring a sample pair to the June meeting. Hopefully I will also have more information about the availability of these glasses at the June meeting also.

Randy Putt

## New Members:

Dennis & Lori Disser  
Lee Heighton  
Mary Rass  
Pamela Ward

## BICYCLES PER PERSON BY COUNTRY, CIRCA 1985

- .79 — NETHERLANDS
- .74 — WEST GERMANY
- .49 — JAPAN
- .42 — USA
- .42 — AUSTRALIA
- .27 — CHINA

.16 — MEXICO

.15 — SOUTH KOREA

.06 — INDIA

.01 — MALAWI (I REMEMBER THEM IN THE 1984 OLYMPIC ROAD RACE!)

## Classified

Mountain Bike for Sale: Bridgestone MB-, 54cm frame, made with Logic Prestige tubing, Number 31 of a limited edition. This bike had seen very few miles and is in perfect condition. It is one of the lightest production mountain bikes made and has all of the best components. Asking \$990. Will consider selling the frame alone. 668-2409

Wheelsets: 36 hole Campagnolo Record hubs, Mavic MA-rims, 14-15-14 double butted spokes. \$85. 36 hole Campagnolo Record Hubs, Nisi Mixer clincher rims, 14-15-14 double butted spokes. \$85. 668-2409

Handlebars: 3T Competition Bars, silver, 42cm wide, \$18. Cinelli Model 64, 40cm wide. \$18. 668-2409

Handlebar Stems: 3T Black, 10cm extension. \$20. Cinelli 1A, silver, 8cm extension. \$15. 668-2409

Saddle: Ladies Vetta Anatomic, Like new, \$10. 668-2409

Truck Bedliner to fit Ford Ranger Standard box. Like new, \$145. 668-2409

Truck Tonneau (bed) Cover, also fits Ford Ranger standard box but will probably fit other small trucks. Good condition, \$135/best. 668-2409

Electronic Correcting Typewriter, Brother model AX-24. Like new, \$140. 668-2409 (John Thome)

Nishiki 10 speed Girls L412 Bike. Black with gold trim. Like new. \$125. 628-4961.

## The Adventures of Spike Bike

by Bob Fishell

Installment #2: Showdown in the  
Wilderness

In the year 1998, one man fights the  
tyranny of the automob-ile...]

The image of a white panel truck grew ominously in my helmet mirror. The vehicle's speed and the faces of the two men inside left little doubt as to their intentions. As they got closer, I saw what they had in mind. The passenger had a four-foot section of heavy water pipe stuck out the window, intending to play a little polo with Yours Truly's skull. This would call for perfect timing, but then, it always does. I faded towards the right shoulder, and the van did the same. But then, at the last possible moment, instead of going off the road, I darted in front of the van and went off on the left shoulder, into the grass, throwing the bike into a controlled skid. The driver reacted the way I'd hoped. He cut the wheel sharply to the left, still intent on having his pal brain me, and lost it when he hit the brakes to avoid a utility pole. The van skidded wildly, rolled onto its side, and slid to a halt 100 feet down the road. I picked up the bike and rode over to the wreck, tossed a grenade through a shattered back window, and sped away. The explosion was spectacular, as the grenade touched off something, a propane tank, maybe, inside the truck.

It gave me no satisfaction. This was the third one today, and I'd only been out a couple of hours. My mood blackened, just as the smoke from the plumbing truck blackened the sky. When would it end? "Spike, m'boy (I said to myself), you need a vacation." I headed home, packed up a few things, and caught the next flight to Calgary.

I needed to pick up a couple of Dura-

Ace gruppos, anyway. Canada had no Bicycle Act and no Japanese trade restrictions, unlike what was left of the States, and I was really looking forward to getting to my cabin and putting in a few days of mountain biking without having to bring along an arsenal. After a couple of hours of tearing up and down the trails, I found myself on the road, heading down the mountain and into town. I could do with some breakfast. I heard a roar behind me, the unmistakable sound of knobby tires. I looked back to see a jacked-up Jeep Cherokee following me down the twisting, gravel road. Nothing to worry about, I thought, this is Alberta, after all. I hadn't lost my instincts though, and I kept an eye on it. As soon as it was close enough for me to see the Illinois plates, I sprang into action, heading for some rocks near the edge of the road. He barely missed me, and put some big gouges in the side of the Jeep as he side-swiped the boulder I cut behind.

It was two men, American men. Just my luck. Goddam tourists, and drunken ones at that. They didn't stop to inspect the damage, just threw a bag of empty beer cans and cigarette butts in my direction, and sped off down the road. I didn't have so much as a firecracker with me, and I stood there, impotent, shaking with rage and frustration.

A clear head soon returned, though. There were no motels in the little town at the foot of the mountain, just a grocery store and a couple of restaurants. They could only be staying at one or two places, campgrounds up the mountain. They would be back, probably soon. I made a few preparations down the road and doubled back to the spot where I first encountered them. No more than 45 minutes passed before I once again spotted the roaring blue Cherokee coming up the road, laden, no doubt, with beer and junk food for another day's revelry. I hefted the bag of garbage they'd tossed out

before and waited behind a rock. As they roared past, I hurled the bag at the driver, shouting "hey, you dropped something!" It hit him in the head.

As I expected, he slammed on the brakes and skidded to a halt, manhandling the Jeep to get it turned around on the narrow mountain road. By the time he got it straightened out, I was a good 200 yards ahead of him, which was all I needed. I kept him in sight, making sure he wouldn't lose me, as I headed down the old fire road from which I'd removed the barricades. The surface was bumpy, barely navigable for both me and the Jeep, but it would get a lot worse — for them. I spotted them closing in behind me, nearly bouncing out of their seats. That's it, buddy, watch me and not the road. Just a little farther. Atop a sharp rise, a chasm 10 feet wide and perhaps 40 feet deep cut across the old road. The bridge had long since collapsed, but I'd laid a foot-wide plank across the abyss. I shot across with the Jeep nearly on my back wheel. As the heavy vehicle lurched over the edge, the plank snapped like a toothpick and it and the Jeep tumbled to the floor of the ravine.

After a while, I peered over the edge. The only sound from below was the babble of the little stream at the chasm's floor, which now ran under the wreckage, carrying away beer cans and little scraps of trash. What a shame, to pollute such a pristine wilderness. Before I headed back to Chicago, I would call the RCMP — anonymously — and tell them about the mess. In the mean time, I had a couple of days to take it easy, breathe the clean mountain air, and get in some more trail riding. After today, though, I'd tuck my 9mm Browning into one of the panniers, just in case I ran into some unfriendly critters, like bears. Or more tourists from the States.

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

*Address Correction Requested*

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**Ride Classifications**

20+ mph	12-14 mph	17-20 mph
14-17 mph	<12 mph	Family

*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 won pace. Rest stops, their number and duration are a separate issue.*

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**Club Phone Numbers**

President	Steve Clarke	327-9956	MTB	Valerie Marsh	343-9637
Vice President	Mark Luoma	778-3565	Race Captain	Mike Teel	344-7354
Secretary/Treasurer	Mark Ehhardt	345-8582	Race Captain	Joe Torre	381-4329
Newsletter	Karen Augustine	381-3251	Membership List	Phil Caruso	381-0135
Ride Line		327-7767	Mileage Statistician	Jim Tiller	375-8112

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**Kalamazoo Bicycle Club - Membership Form**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 For family membership, please list other family members:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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)