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You MUST Come to the November Meeting! We Really Mean It— We Know Where You Keep Your Bicycles!

Ahem! The November KBC meeting will be held at a NEW LOCATION. We will meet at the Wayside Restaurant at 3406 Stadium Drive, in their private meeting room. (KBC gets the room free of charge as long as we buy some food and/or beverages.) Stick around after the meeting for socializing. Vital topics that will come up at the November meeting include:

1993 Club Officer Elections—

Come and vote for the Club Officer(s) of your choice.

Roller Riding/Racing—

The lovely and talented Bob Kennedy (a.k.a. Bobke) of Breakaway Bikes will make a presentation on roller riding and racing in the upcoming frozen Michigan winter. He'll talk about the benefits of riding rollers to stay in shape as well as the 1992/93 roller racing season.

Brent Walk of Fun Promotions is sponsoring a roller racing series in Michigan to begin in December. Roller racing is a good motivator to stay in shape rather than ride the couch, and is way fun for novices and veterans alike. Group roller training sessions will take place at-an-as-yet-to-be-determined location. Look for more info at the November meet

ing or in the next Pedal Press or try the ride line (327-7767) for updates

Al Sabo Land Preserve Update—

Paul Wells of Breakaway Bikes is serving on the Al Sabo land use committee which is working hard to reopen the preserve. He tells us that compromises have been proposed that could allow users to coexist in the preserve, and that the preserve may be reopened soon.

However, we need a show of support for the bicycling community. If you truly care about what's going on at the land preserve (or about cyclists' rights!) then please come to the November meeting to show your support. Paul will be there with the latest.

Paul is also one of the more dedicated cycling representatives at the monthly Al Sabo trail maintenance sessions. These sessions are held on the first Saturday of each month, weather permitting. Work crews assemble at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Drive entrance to the Boy Scout Camp (which borders Al Sabo). These sessions last only 2-3 hours. We suggest that workers bring gloves, shovels, and pruners. Just show up, OK? If you can possibly help out at the work sessions and can't make it to the meeting, you can call Paul at 349-5555.

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OFFICER ELECTION REMINDER

During the October KBC meeting, candidates for Club officers were nominated. Elections are to take place at the November meeting. Nominations of officers and their duties were as follows:

Elected Positions:

President— Dave DeRight: Run monthly meetings, authorize spending money, general delegation duties.

ready newsletter to the designated printer.

Vice-President— Shirley Williams: Arrange meeting activities (speakers, meeting sites, etc.), and run meetings when the President can't be there.

Database Administrator— Phil Caruso: Keep the Club roster and mailing list, prints mailing labels for the newsletter.

[These are summary job descriptions. For complete, official descriptions, please see the KBC constitution.]

Treasurer— Nancy DeBoer: Balance the Club checking account and disburse funds.

Secretary— Dennis Morrison: A new position, will keep minutes of monthly meetings.

KBC MEETS RAPID WHEELMEN—

(Additional Nominations may be submitted at the November meeting.)

On Saturday, October third, a contingent of KBC riders met a group from the Rapid Wheelmen Club of Grand Rapids. The group from KBC started from Shelbyville and met with the Rapid Wheelmen at the restaurant in Hilliards. I greatly enjoyed meeting Gary DeKock and many other Grand Rapids cyclists. We had lots of fun and the food was delicious.

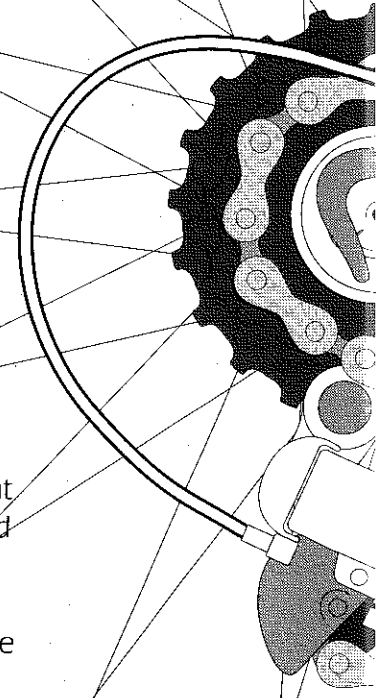
Appointed Positions:

Ride Captain—Any Volunteers?: Arrange for ride leaders for the weekly rides and submit the names to the Newsletter Editor.

We discussed a January event for both Clubs to meet again at Yankee Springs for cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain biking. Watch for more details in the December Pedal Press.

Newsletter Editor— Marc Luoma: Gather and write stories and ride lists, submit the camera

— Shirley Williams



FOR THE WANT OF A COG—

[Sung to the tune of For the Want of A Nail by Todd Rundgren.]

- For the want of a cog, the freewheel was lost
The broken cog was last year's innovation, and new cogs won't fit the old freewheel
- For the want of a freewheel, the hub was lost
They've "improved" the freewheel so it won't work with the one-year-old hub
- For the want of a hub, the wheel was lost

The new hubs are available only in 33-hole versions, this week's innovation

- For the want of a wheel, the frame was lost

The new hub/wheel comes only in 145.7 mm spacing, while the frame has last year's 130 mm spacing

- For the want of a frame, the bike was lost
None of the seriously-outdated eight-month-old components will work on the new frame fittings.

So those of you riding high-zoot, high-tech, hot-stuff yuppie components beware of hard downshifts.
One broken freewheel tooth could cost you a new bike.

October Meeting Minutes—

The October KBC meeting was held on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 at Kalamazoo Central High School. President Jeff Wetters presided. Topics included: Club Officer Nominees: The Following Club members were nominated as Club officers for the 1992 season: President: Dave DeRight, Vice President: Shirley Williams, Treasurer: Nancy DeBoer, Secretary (new position): Dennis Morrison

Phil Caruso has agreed to remain as the Club database administrator.

Marc Luoma will remain and share newsletter duties with publishing whiz Michael Radtke. Marc will write and edit, Michael will do layout.

Other officer nominations will be accepted by mail and at the November meeting.

Bronson Health Fair Booth:

Once again the KBC booth was a success, with roller-riders drawing crowds. We distributed KBC literature, safety brochures, and Flowerfest Tour waterbottles. Thanks to the following Club members for their help: Nancy DeBoer, Mike Teel, Marc Luoma, Michael Radtke, Jeff Wetters, Libbie Wetters, Randy Putt, Dave DeRight and Gorby.



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