

June, 1992

Flowerfest Tour Update

The organization of the Flowerfest Tour continues to fall into place. The commitment and support that our tour has received from KBC volunteers and sponsors has been overwhelming.

General Tour Information

When: July 26, 8:00-3:00.

Where: Starts at Kalamazoo Central High School

Routes: 15, 31, 62 miles in northwest and western Kalamazoo County.

Costs: \$10 individual, \$25 family. Lat fee: \$15 individual, \$30 family.

Amenities: Maps, rest stops, refreshments, sag wagon service, safety check, low-cost T-shirts.

Volunteers

Over 40 KBC volunteers have pledged their support. Many of you will be contacted so with further instructions.

Sponsorship

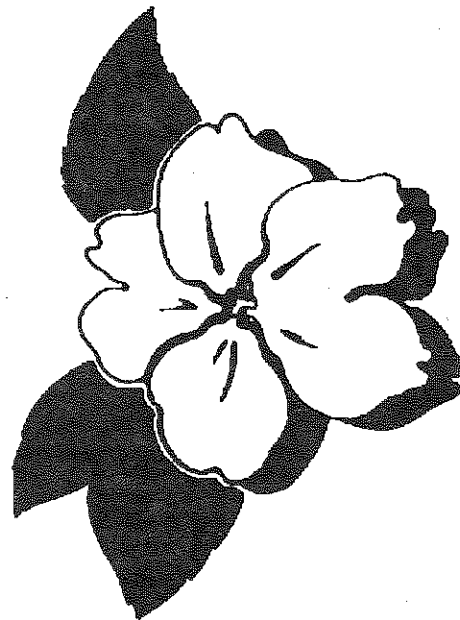
Our sponsorship list has grown considerably in the last month:

- Alfred E. Bike
- Breakaway Bicycles
- Millwood/Portage Schwinn
- Village Cyclery
- Safety Cycle
- Heart Institute of Michigan
- Plaza Pizza
- Big Al's
- Walker Design
- The Copy Desk

Cash sponsorship is still needed.

Publicity

Over 1500 Flowerfest Tour Brochures will be mailed and distributed in Kalamazoo County, using our new bulk mail permit. Watch for several articles in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, press releases on local radio stations, and two TV-3 programs in July.



For more information or to give cash sponsorship leads, contact me at 376-7198 during the day.

-- Nancy DeBoer

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Bike Ride and Picnic at Yankee Springs

Sunday, June 7th. Ride at 1:00 p.m. Picnic at 3:00.

There are more than 5,000 beautiful acres, criss-crossed by trails, dotted with lakes, and covered with woods at the Yankee Springs State Recreation Area. We'll have a ride starting at 1:00 and meet back for a picnic at 3:00. I will have maps of the area available for mountain biking and road biking.

The roads around Yankee Springs offer great scenery and light traffic. The mountain bike trails feature landmarks like the *Devil's Soup-bowl* and *Graves Hill* and the *Pines*. New this year is a five to six-mile bike trail which climbs to the north end of the *Soupbowl*. Members of the Southwest Michigan Mountain Bike Association assisted Park officials in laying out the trails and placing markers along the route.

State Park vehicle passes are required. Cost

is \$3.50 for a one-day sticker.

Directions

From Kalamazoo take U.S. 131 north to exit 61, Hopkins/Bradley. Turn right (east). Go eight miles, turn right at the third stop sign (Shell gas station—Gun Lake Road). Go 4-5 miles to Yankee Springs Road, turn left and go about a mile to the Deep Lake Campground. Meet near the entrance for the ride. The picnic will be at the beach/picnic area, which you will pass on your way to the Deep Lake campground.

Questions?

Call Shirley at 329-4003. See you there!

-- Shirley Williams

KBC Open House Report

The open house was a great success this year. Plenty of food, laughter, and in general FUN. We saw lots of new faces, and all of them interested in getting involved in KBC.

Our membership has increased quite a bit this spring. Let's try to make our new members feel very welcome.

If you didn't make it to this year's open house, be sure to catch it next spring.

-- Shirley Williams

KBC Ride and Party

When: June 19th. Ride at 6:30, party at 8:00.

Where: Meet for the ride at the Kalamazoo Academy on Milham Road, just east of Sprinkle Road. Party following at Shirley Williams' house just down from the Academy at 5638 Cheshire. If you can't ride, come for a beverage and snack. I'll be serving beer, wine, and my famous pina colodas.

-- Shirley Williams

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Events—June 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KBC Meeting/Ride at Texas Drive Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at KVCC • Race Team Sprints-KVCC at 6:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Kalamazoo Central High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Scotts Elementary School ***Special slower ride at 7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Billy's in Galesburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Grand in Grand Rapids • 100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride in Grand Ledge (Lansing)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Texas Drive Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at KVCC • Race Team Sprints-KVCC at 6:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Kalamazoo Central High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Scotts Elementary School ***Special slower ride at 7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Billy's in Galesburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magic Ride in Holt (Lansing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow ride at 1:00 from KVCC. About 15-20 rolling miles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Texas Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at KVCC • Race Team Sprints-KVCC at 6:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Kalamazoo Central High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Scotts Elementary School ***Special slower ride at 7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Billy's in Galesburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow ride at 9:30 from Comstock North Elementary School. About 20 rolling miles. • Ludington Legend in Grand Rapids • Michigan 24-hour challenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow ride at 1:00 from Kalamazoo Academy About 15-20 flat miles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Texas Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at KVCC • Race Team Sprints-KVCC at 6:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Kalamazoo Central High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Scotts Elementary School ***Special slower ride at 7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride from Billy's in Galesburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ludington Legend in Grand Rapids • Michigan 24-hour challenge
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June Club Rides

All weekly rides will have routes of 15-30 miles and are open to everyone! All speeds and abilities are accommodated at weekly rides. All week night rides start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted.

Mondays

The Texas Recovery Ride. Recover from that weekend race or long tour with a flat 15-30 miles. Due to the terrain, this is a great ride to bring the tandem on. From Texas Drive Park on Texas Drive (Milham Road), almost to 8th Street. Led in June by Jeff "Big Bunny" Wetters (365-4664).

Tuesdays

The Valley Tour. A moderately-hilly tour from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Led in June by Dave "Safety Man" DeRight (381-2678).

Race Team Sprint Training. Starts at 6:00. No map. No sign-up sheet. Call Blair "Sprint Dog" Dudley for details.

Wednesdays

The Drake Road Double. It's "two rides- two rides- two rides in one." Usually splits into two groups, with the faster group riding "the loop" while another group rides an interesting route. This ride is pretty hilly. Leaves from Kalamazoo Central High School on Drake Rd, about a mile north of West Main St. This month led by Roberta "Guess My Nickname" Hillman (345-0531).

Thursdays

The Ice Cream Cruise. A great introduction to Club rides. 10-30 mostly flat miles from Scotts Elementary School on QR Ave., just east of 36th Street in Scotts. After the ride, we meet at Scooters Malt Shop in Scotts for conversation, socializing, idle gossip, and the best darn ice cream deals in the county. Led in June by Charlie "Twin Tandem" Fuentes.

*** Special slower-paced ride on Thursdays, same location, starting at 7:00. Led on the 4th, 11th, and 18th by Phil "The Professor" Caruso.

Fridays

The Tour de Gull Lake. Circle beautiful and picturesque Gull Lake. The terrain is rolling and the scenery stunning. Leaves from Billy's, one block east of the five-way intersection in Galesburg (next to the video store). Please park in back. Note: This ride offers only one route of about 25 miles. Led in June by Annie the Bike Dog and her helper Marc (731-2739).

Saturdays

June 20: About 20 slow miles from Comstock North Elementary School to Richland and back. Led at 9:30 by Phil Caruso (381-0135).

Sundays

June 7: Slow 15-20 rolling miles from KVCC parking lot. Led at 1:00 by Phil and Jini Caruso (381-0135).

June 14: Slow 15-20 over flat terrain, from Kalamazoo Academy on Milham just east of Sprinkle Rd. Led at 1:00 by Phil and Jini Caruso (381-0135).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO HEAR ABOUT LATE-BREAKING RIDES, CALL THE RIDE LINE AT 327-7767.

Spike Bike #5: Armageddon in Detroit (Part 6 of 7)

by Bob Fishell

[Synopsis: Fleeing the forces of the collapsing Corporatist government, Spike is captured in Detroit, where he learns of a diabolical conspiracy to destroy the city with a suitcase-sized H-bomb, sparking an international crisis and killing the newly-elected members of the Enterprise Party, who have defeated the Corporatists in the '92 elections. Spike escapes the evil Ames Morgan, Secretary of Transportation and leader of the conspiracy, but not before Morgan is able to arm the Bomb, which cannot be disarmed and will go off in less than four hours. Spike's only chance to save the city and the Enterprise Party convention is to take the Bomb to the depths of the extensive salt mines which run under the city of Detroit. Under fire from CFGM Security forces, who are unaware of his deadly cargo, Spike commandeers a limousine carrying Senator Joseph Crisp, leader of the Enterprise Party, hoping to elicit his aid in disposing of the Bomb.]

In the year 1998, one man fought the tyranny of the automobile. Now, the fate of two cities and a Nation is in his hands...]

"... and you're sure the Bomb can't be disarmed?"

"We can't afford to try. We've got less than three hours, and I have a feeling the people who built this thing won't help us much. No, Senator, the mine is our only chance. You have to help me get it there." The Senator finished bandaging my wounded shoulder. He'd been reluctant to volunteer any help at first, but I had convinced him of the urgency of the situation. I turned my attention to the limousine driver. Could he be trusted?

"Your driver, Senator. Secret Service?"

"Yes, but..."

I held the muzzle of my MAC-10 against the driver's neck. I told him to pull the car over and struck him sharply on a well-chosen point at the base of his skull. He slumped over unconscious. I pulled his limp form into the back seat.

"You'll have to drive Senator. I'm going to be busy back here. Is this heap bullet-proof?"

"No, it's just an ordinary limo," the Senator replied as he took the wheel and sped off. I tied the driver's hands and then busied myself with smashing out the back window. Flashing red lights pursued from behind.

"Step on it, Senator!" I implored. Several CFGM Security cars were gaining on us. I waited until they were just in range and opened up on them with the MAC-10. The lead car went out of control, creating a spectacular smash-up. Only one car came through the chaos to continue pursuit. Bullets struck the limo and I felt it swerve. I turned my head to see that Senator Crisp had been struck in the arm. It was only a scratch, but it proved that our pursuers were not overly concerned with the Senator's well-being. I took careful aim at the driver's side of the Security car and hosed the windshield. It veered crazily off the road and crashed into a utility pole.

"Are you all right, Senator?"

"It hurts like heck, but yes."

"We've got to get help. The CFGM Security force is loyal to the Corporatists. They'll kill us both. Is there any one you can trust?" "Maybe. There's a mobile phone in the back seat. Give it to me." Crisp thumbed a number, spoke a few words to the person who'd answered, and turned to me.

"The Coast Guard is sending up a chopper. The Base Commander and I go back a number of years."

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Spike Bike (Continued from page 4)

I hoped the relationship was a congenial one. Up ahead, a few miles yet from the entrance to the mine, was a massive roadblock. More grey Plymouths approached from the rear. We could not stop, and we could not turn back. I reached into my ATB's bag of tricks and readied my remaining LAWS rocket.

"Put it to the floor, Senator!" I opened the door and leaned out, took careful aim at the center of the roadblock, and squeezed the trigger. The explosion blasted a hole through the roadblock, setting the vehicles ablaze. The limo crashed through the inferno and continued down the road towards the mine. I had to hand it to the Senator; he was a heck of a driver!

A flood tide of red lights was still in pursuit. My MAC-10 was empty, and the extra mags were in the bottom of one of the panniers. I didn't have time to hunt for them. I extracted the 16-gauge sawed-off from the bike's arsenal and took aim at the center of the parade. It would not be enough. So close, dammit, so close. Another mile and we'd be at the mine entrance, but we wouldn't make it. I pumped the scattergun again and again, but they kept coming. As they were almost on us, a bolt from the heavens struck in front of the lead car. The Coast Guard

chopper! The Security cars scattered to the roadside and gave up pursuit as the chopper engaged them with rockets and machine guns. The way to the mine entrance was clear. More resistance no doubt awaited at the mine. That chopper was busy; I had to deal with it myself. A quarter of a mile from the mine entrance, I bade the Senator to stop the car.

"Thanks for the lift, Senator. Sorry about your wheels."

"I think the taxpayers can afford it. What now?"

"I take the mine. You've got to get as many people as you can out of this area. The mine should contain the blast, but there will be a hell of a shock."

"Good luck, Spike."

"You're the one who'll need that, Senator. You've got to put this Country back together. All I've got to do is dispose of some of the last Administration's garbage, here." I patted the deadly suitcase. Its flickering blue display continued the silent, businesslike counting.

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