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# Spike Bike #5: Armageddon in Detroit (Part 7 of 7, installment 2)

by Bob Fishell

[Synopsis: fugitive Spike uncovers a nuclear conspiracy in Detroit. He escapes the evil Ames Morgan, a high-ranking member of the crumbling Corporatist government, but not before Morgan starts the countdown of a 30-kiloton, suitcase-sized H-bomb. It cannot be disarmed. Spike escapes with the Bomb and elicits the aid of Anticorporatist leader Senator Joseph Crisp in getting the Bomb to the only place it can be exploded in relative safety: the vast salt mines under the city of Detroit. After a spectacular auto chase, Spike and the Senator part company near the mine's entrance. Spike must yet engage the Security force guarding the mine. There is now less than two hours left before the Bomb explodes.

In the year 1998, the fate of millions rests in the hands of one man...] —

The last hurdle was yet ahead. Emerging from the salt maze, I sprinted for the entrance to the mine. To the left and right, two grey Plymouths sped towards me. I took aim at the windshield of the nearest, fired, and watched the car spin out of control. The other car spat fire from the passenger's window. I felt something thud solidly against my flack vest and nearly lost control of the bike. Bringing it around, I fired again, off balance, but I hit one of the Plymouth's front tires.

I reached the entrance to the mine shaft as the security force began to regroup near the salt field. I rode straight into the elevator, slammed the doors, and threw a switch which I hoped was for "down." Reassuringly, the car began to sink.

Several minutes passed before the elevator lurched to a halt. I wondered what awaited me outside. I threw the doors open, submachinegun ready, but saw only a few startled, unarmed men. I bolted through the door, into their midst.

"Everybody into the elevator! You have to get out of here!" To convince them, I fired a burst into the air. Salt rained down from the high ceiling. The frightened workers packed the elevator.

"Is this everybody?" I snapped.

"We're all there is. Most of the mine's automated, now. We're just a maintenance crew, going off shift"

"Then get the hell out of here! And don't bother punching out. You won't be working here tomorrow."

The doors closed and the elevator began to rise. The adjacent shaft would bring the other elevator down, teeming with armed men. I would not be able to deal with them directly. I set one of my satchel charges at the bottom of the shaft and rigged it to explode when the car contacted it. In the mean time, I had more urgent business to attend to.

I saddled up and headed down a tunnel. There was a fairly steep grade; good, I was getting deeper and deeper into the earth. After perhaps half a mile, I reached a large chamber at the tunnel's end. I did not know if this was the deepest part of the mine, but it would do. I detached the suitcase-bomb from the bike,

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## Classifieds

### FOR SALE:

**BICYCLE:** Trek 520 Road Bike. 19" frame. Campy and SunTour components. Look pedals with size 8 Sidi shoes. Excellently maintained. \$300. Call Judith at 345-1274.

**WHEELS:** 36-hole road wheels. Sansin hubs (QR w/ skewers), Araya rims, complete with Specialized Touring II K4 tires. All like new. Sell for \$100 o.b.o. or trade for 32-hole hubs. Call Bill at 375-6712.

### WANTED:

**BICYCLE:** 60 cm frame used bike in mechanically sound condition. Will pay up to \$150. Call Jo Anne at 327-6421.

**OLD COMPONENTS** for restoration project.

- Fiamme red label sew-up rims (1 or 2), 36-hole
- Campy large-flange nuovo record hubs, 36-hole
- Campy NR/SR brake lever hoods

# August Club Rides

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*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 by Jeff "Big Bunny" Wetters (343-4328).

### Tuesdays

*The Wine Country Cruise.* From Kalamazoo Valley Community College for a brisk, refreshing trip through prime vineyard country. Dave "Dirk" DeRight (381-2678) leads (or hangs on to) the lead group, while Bill "Miguel" Watt and others lead a slower group. Routes vary from flat to rolling, 15-30 miles or so.

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

### Wednesdays

*The Drake Road Double.* Its "two rides- two rides- two rides in one." Usually splits in to 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. Led by Roberta "Berta-Meister" 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 by Charlie "Twin Tandem" Fuentes.

### 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 by Annie the Bike Dog and her helper Marc (731-2739).

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

### Spike Bike (continued)

setit down, and examined my surroundings. This was evidently a center of operations. There were tracks and conveyers leading through various tunnels, and there were crude offices set up.

That's where I found this terminal. The mine, like everything else these days, is run by computers. This one has an operating system I'm familiar with, and it was fairly easy to get an outside link to access the main computer at Bikopoulis Imports. I brought up my diary file and began typing.

This, you understand, will be my last entry. I heard the satchel charge go off a few minutes ago. It had to be done in order to seal the mine shaft and contain the blast. It also leaves me with a problem. That was the only elevator. When the Bomb detonates in thirty-nine, make that thirty-eight minutes, Spike Bike will be no more.

Men like me are, I suppose, an inevitable consequence of harsh times. But when the times change, we are out of place in the World.

To be continued

# Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Events--August 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride/meeting from Texas Drive Park, 20-30 miles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride from KVCC, 15-30 miles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride from Kalamazoo Central High School, 20-30 miles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride from Scotts Elementary School (Ice Cream Ride!), 15-30 miles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride from Billy's in Galesburg, 25 miles.</li> </ul>	1
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## Bronson Health Fair

The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club will once again, in 1992, participate in Bronson Hospital's Health Fair, to be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last year, KBC won the "best booth" award at the Fair. This year, we need Club members to work at the booth, handing out literature, telling passers-by about the Club, and riding rollers to attract attention to the booth.

If you can give any time during that day, no matter how short a time period, please call Dave DeRight at 381-2678.

## New Members

Paula Goss  
Denny Morrison  
Jackie and James Pettis  
Rick Evans