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KBC Holiday Party-Be There Or Be Talked About!

This year's Holiday Party will be held at the Gull Run Apartment Clubhouse from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, on Friday, December 17th. The Club will provide munchies and soft drinks. Members are encouraged to bring other dishes (appetizers or desserts) to pass along, and you may also BYOB. Some local bike shops have helped us out with door prizes and we will be handing them out at 9:00 p.m. (you must be present to win). So plan on attending and let's turn this into a great party.

We need help with a sound system and music, and with cleanup duty.

Any questions? Contact Shirley Williams at 329-4003.

Club Officer Elections

Elections originally scheduled for the November board meeting did not happen. With the new Club constitution in place, elections must take place at a general meeting, not a board meeting. So, to keep things legitimate, we'll take care of this formality at the Club Holiday Party, just before handing out door prizes. Perhaps we can think of some other "elections" to have: how about "nicest bike shorts" or "most likely to face-plant during a mountain bike ride" or "most committed wheel-sucker?" Use your imagination...

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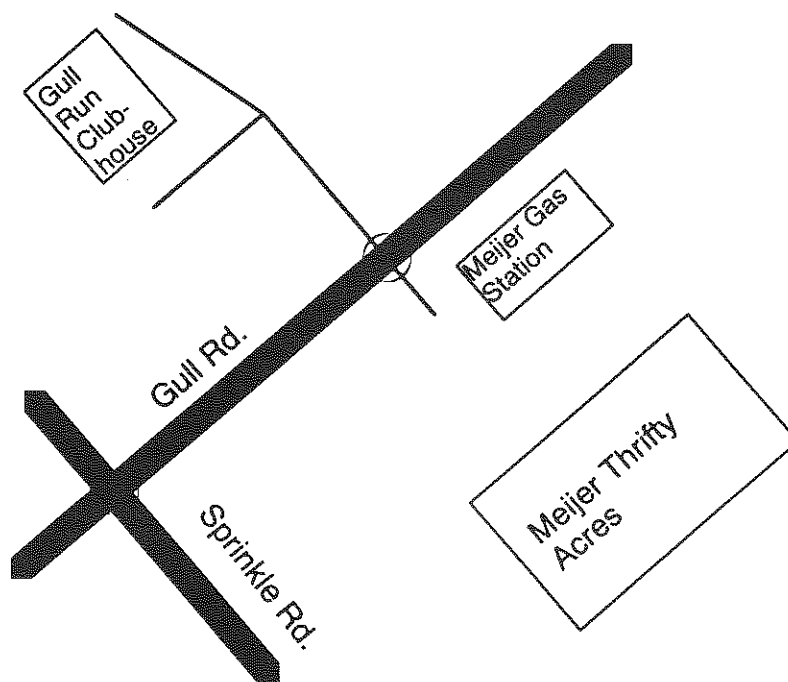
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The Iceman Cometh MTB Challenge

It was the perfect day for a race--windy, cold, with temperatures in the low 20's. Perfect for the *Ice Man Cometh Mountain Bike Challenge*, anyway. The Iceman is a 27-mile, point-to-point mountain bike race from Kalkaska to Traverse City, that drew 918 racers this year. The Iceman started just four years ago with 35 riders who informally took on November's elements. Organizer Steve Brown of Traverse City attributes the race's accelerated popularity to the challenge of the course, which winds through the hilly Pere Marquette State Forest and the Vasa ski trail, and of course the weather. "The weather's a factor that really seems to attract people" he said. "It brings out the zany in people."

It brought out the "zany" in KBC riders, with a good representation of Kalamazoo folks out there. Marty Minka, long-time KBC competitor finished fourth in the Pro/Elite division. Other KBC finishers included Mike Teel, Dan Ferrara, Paul VanSweden, Mike Jones, Mike Gapp, Scott Steurer, and Marc Luoma.

The race started at Kalkaska High School and finished at the Mt. Holiday ski area in Traverse City. Due to the huge number of competitors, officials started the riders in waves of a few hundred at a time, based on classification. The route followed about a mile of pavement to get the competitors sorted out and then turned into a combined two-track and single-track trail. The early going was quite congested,



Tandem Class First Place! (Mike Teel)

with the "hacks in the back of the pack" (this writer included) waiting for one another to pick themselves up after numerous crashes and to push their bikes up the muddy, sandy hills.

The terrain varied from frozen, level big-ring-type two-track, to winding, tight, sandy singletrack that went straight up, then straight down. Organizers thoughtfully provided three (or was it four?) aid stations, stocked with water, Cytomax carbo drink, and bananas. Camelback drinking systems were the hot setup (you should have been there, Jim), as water bottles froze solid and became unusable in the first 9 miles. The course was very well marked, and the fact that several hundred riders passed before your author did, made it very easy to follow. Mile markers appeared every mile, but by the final miles, racers tended to doubt their accuracy. The distance between mile markers 26 and 27 was at least 10 times as much as the distance between the markers for miles 10 and 11, or at least it *seemed* that way.



KBC Rider and 4th Pro/Elite Finisher Marty Minka

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Flowerfest Tour A Money-Maker for KBC

Our Club treasurer, Jim Wyrick, has completed the accounting for the 1993 Flowerfest Bicycle Tour. Although the weather did not cooperate fully, we did manage to have a profitable event. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and the Club is looking forward to a profitable Flowerfest in 1994.

Flowerfest Revenue:	\$3,858.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Meetings	168.65
Rentals	265.00
Brochures	239.75
Water Coolers	163.59
Postage	208.02
Insurance	211.00
T-shirts	964.75
Materials and Food	116.68
Water Bottles	426.62
Donation to Flowerfest of Kalamazoo County	150.00
Total Expenses	\$2,914.06
Net Profit	\$943.94

Ft Custer Little Big Race Report

Income	\$2330.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
NORBA Permit	50.00
Insurance	246.00
Licenses	198.00
Medals	348.00
Cash Prizes	815.00
Ambulance	150.00
Printing	109.00
Postage	89.00
Miscellaneous Exp	48.00
Officials	50.00
Gasoline	20.00
Total Expenses	\$2123.00
Profit	\$207.00

PHP Spring Valley Race Report

Income

Entry Fees	\$4,415.00
PHP Sponsorship	\$2,000.00

Expenses

Race Permit	210.00
Mailing List	39.00
Postage	252.26
Printing	98.66
Misc Expenses	76.22
Safety Cone Rental	32.50
Registration Change	150.00
Prize List	3,550.00
Registration Forms and Numbers	96.27
USCF Officials	250.00
Porta Johns	110.00
Announcing and Video Services	300.00
T-Shirts	740.00
Medals	32.85
Food and Beverages for Volunteers	20.00
USCF Insurance	237.00
Police Service	300.00

Total Income	\$6415.00
Total Expenses	\$6495.66

Profit/Loss	\$-80.66
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Ice Man (continued)

The finish line party at Mt. Holiday's toasty lodge included awards, a free wine tasting, and cold Molson *Ice* beer.

If you like a challenge, the most beautiful course of any race in Michigan, and wintery weather conditions, plan on attending next year's *Iceman* race. For more information on the *Iceman Mountain Bike Challenge*, write to Iceman Promotions, P.O. Box 5345, Traverse City, MI 49685.

Help Wanted

KBC has the following openings and we would like you to consider volunteering to fill these positions. You would be making a significant contribution to the Bike Club and to Cycling in Western Michigan.

Flowerfest Tour Director

This position entails planning and overseeing the bike tour for 1994. It does NOT mean doing everything yourself--it means being a good delegator/manager. There will be several volunteers from the bike Club helping with the preparations, which will help ease the work load of the director. The bike tour is an important fundraiser for the Bike Club and planning should begin no later than mid-January. Anyone who volunteers for this position will be a tremendous help to the Club. Call Dave Patrick at 382-5818 or Jim Wyrick at 349-1744 for more information.

Ride Committee Chair

This position will be responsible for compiling the monthly Club ride schedule during April through September. The time requirements are minimal--just a few phone calls each month to line up ride leaders, then forwarding this info to the newsletter editor for publication. Please call Dave Patrick at 382-5818 or Bill Watt at 349-9562 if you can help.

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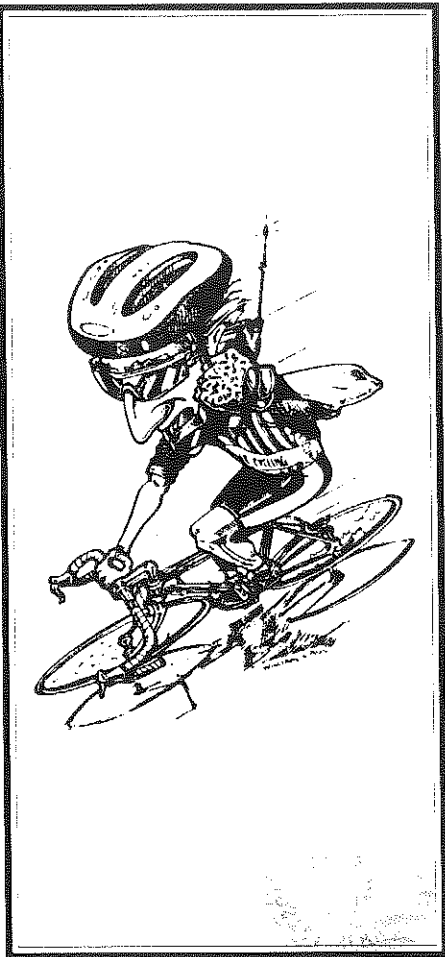
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Team III Schwinn962-7688

Scooter's Malt Shop626-8860

Safety Cycle381-7233

Portage Schwinn327-3393

Parchment Bicycle343-8118

Millwood Schwinn.....349-6384

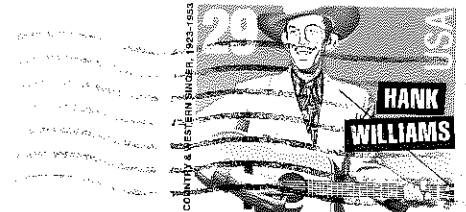
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