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KBC Rides Again!

To many of us, September is the most beautiful month of the year for cycling: the heat of August is gone and the leaves are beginning to turn. Whatever your favorite style of riding, your legs have a whole summer of riding in them, and the miles seem to fly by. The fall century season brings its opportunity to tour new roads with hundreds of like-minded cyclists. The racing season is winding down, and we can concentrate on riding for fun again.

KBC Club Rides are at their highest attendance levels of the year. No matter what night you come out for a ride, you'll find a bevy of KBC riders, and you're sure to find riding companions of similar ability and riding style. All the Club rides break up into two, three, or more groups of varying speed levels.

Ride Incentive Program Revival?

During the 1991 riding season, KBC had a highly-successful ride incentive program that tracked members' yearly club ride mileage and awarded riders with the highest annual mileage. We reported Club miles every month in the *Pedal Press*. In '91, Vince "Crazy Legs" Odenwaller won the friendly competition. The program died out with the departure of Club President Steve Clarke, but we're considering reviving the program for 1994 and would like your input on how to make it work best for you. Call the ride line or write the P.O. Box with any suggestions or comments. Watch for details in upcoming issues.

KBC Mountain Bike Race September 19th

Our KBC Mountain Bike Race will be held on Sunday, September 19 at Ft. Custer Recreation Area near beautiful Augusta. Come to race, ride, watch, or help. This race will be one of only two fund-raisers for the Club this year, so please plan on helping out on or before the day of the race. To sign up, call Mike Teel at 344-7354.

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6th Street Hill: How It Feels

September Ride Descriptions

Notice:

Unless otherwise noted, ride start times are:

- Sept 1-17: 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 20-30: 6:00 p.m.

Mondays

The Monday Recovery Ride. Recover from that weekend race or century with an easy spin of 15-30 miles from Texas Drive Park on Texas Drive (Milham Road), near 8th Street in Texas Township. Led by Jeff "Taco Bell" Wetters.

Tuesdays

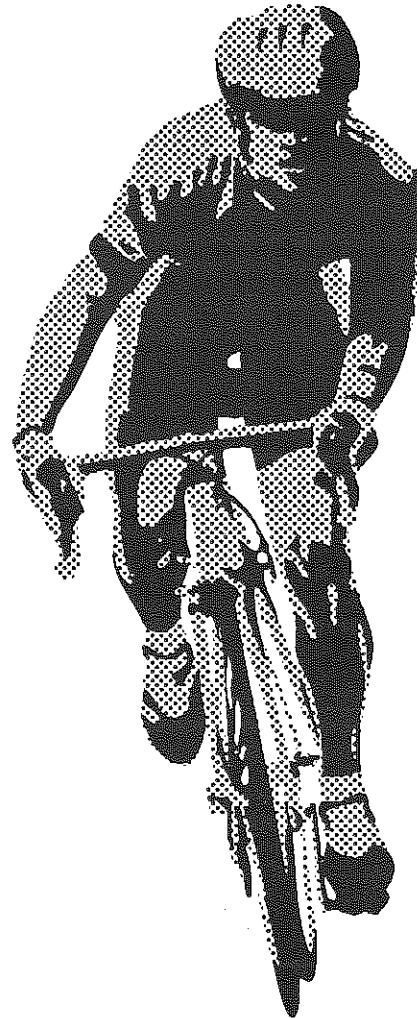
The KVCC Cruise. Join Harold "Chatterbox" Gleeves for 25 flat to rolling miles.

Wednesdays

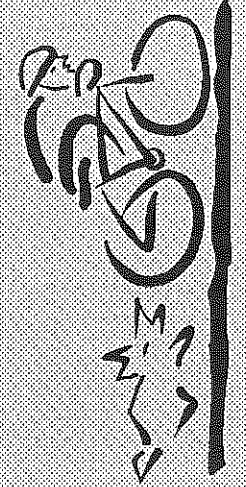
Roberta's Ramble. Join Roberta "Mo Fo" Hillman for the weekly ride to Bloomingdale and back. 45-50 fairly hilly miles. (P.S. Ask to See Roberta's DALMAC and PAC Tour photos.) Leaves from Kalamazoo Central High School.

Fridays

The Tour de Gull Lake. Come tour 27 miles from Galesburg around picturesque Gull Lake on a beautiful, rolling course. Leaves from Billy's Bike Shop, just east of the five-way intersection in Downtown Galesburg. Led by Team Floppy Disk. (No ride leader on 9/3--TFD will be on DALMAC, but come and ride anyway.)



Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Ride Schedule--September 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notice! Starting September 20, ALL weekday rides start at 6:00 sharp (due to earlier sundown).						
• Breakaway Shop Ride	• Texas Drive Park	• KVCC	• Kalamazoo Central		• Billy's In Galesburg	• One Day Ride Across Michigan (ODRAM)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
• Brteakway Shop Ride	• Texas Drive Park	• KVCC	• Kalamazoo Central	• Corporate Olympics Bike Event	• Billy's In Galesburg	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
• KBC MTB Race	• Texas Drive Park	• KVCC	• Kalamazoo Central		• Billy's In Galesburg	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
• Breakaway Shop Ride	• Texas Drive Park	• KVCC	• Kalamazoo Central			
• Apple Ci der Century						
26	27	28	29	30		

KBC Phone Numbers

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Shirley Williams329-4003

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Treasurer
Laura Dagwell372-0103

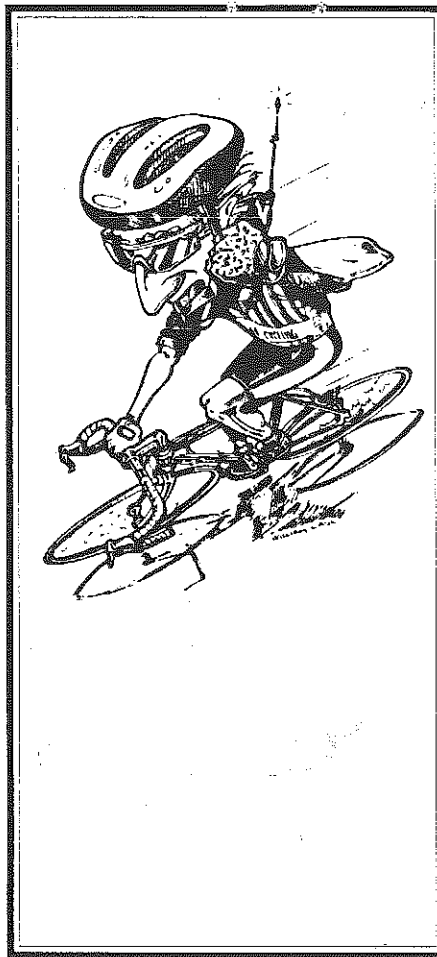
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Corporate Olympics
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Database
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Ride Line
Ann Johnson327-7767



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Weather Line ...382-8585 (3333)

Vorncamp Bike344-3599

Village Cyclery679-4242

Team III Schwinn962-7688

Scooter's Malt Shop626-8860

Safety Cycle381-7233

Portage Schwinn327-3393

Parchment Bicycle343-8118

Millwood Schwinn.....349-6384

Breakaway Bicycles349-5555

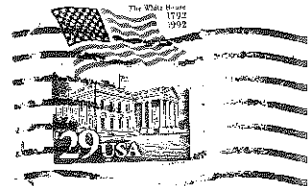
Billy's Bike Shop665-5202

Alfred E. Bike349-9423



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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be (the) KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB INC., also referred to as "The Club" in the following document.

ARTICLE II

Club Purpose

Section II-A.

The purpose of the club shall be to promote the general interest of bicycling in all its phases; to encourage and facilitate touring, races, bicycle outings, and all forms of recreational bicycling activities; to defend and protect the rights of bicyclists; to secure a better understanding and recognition of the needs for safer riding conditions; to encourage the allocations of facilities for bicycling on public lands; to cooperate with the public authorities in the observance of all traffic regulations; to advocate the registration of bicycles in the interest of safety and proper regulation; to provide an opportunity for members to socialize with others who have an interest in bicycling; and the recognition of the bicycle as a vehicle used for pleasurable, healthful and viable transportation.

Section II-B.

To cooperate with other organizations with a similar goal and purpose.

Section II-C.

The Club shall at all times during the span of its existence, maintain an attitude strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, and non-profit. All money collected by dues or other means (tour/race registration, donations, etc.) shall revert to the treasury, and be used only for furthering the sport and recreation of bicycling unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section III-A.

The three types of membership in the club are (1) Regular Membership, (2) Life Membership, and (3) Complimentary Membership.

(1) REGULAR MEMBERSHIP in the club is given to dues paid members who are 18 years of age or older. Those under 18 years of age must have written parental approval. Regular members will be eligible to hold a club office and are entitled to full voting privileges. Each regular membership will receive the club's newsletter, ride schedule and be eligible to participate in any club sponsored activities.

Section III-B.

(2) LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the club is to be awarded by a simple majority affirmative vote of the membership attending a regular membership meeting. Nomination for life membership can be made by any club member in good standing. Nominations for life membership must be submitted to the Executive Board and published in the club newsletter in the month prior to the membership vote. LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be awarded only for an outstanding contribution to the club. All dues are to be waived for as long as the member wishes to remain in the club. A life member is to have all the privileges of a regular member, including membership on the Executive Board, but must be elected to the Executive Board like any other member.

Section III-C.

(3) COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP in the club is given to bike shops and other organizations for the purpose of keeping the shop or organization on the club's mailing list. Complimentary memberships carry no vote on club matters.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

The dues will be set yearly by the Executive Board and will be based on a fiscal year which will commence the first of the month after the month in which the dues are paid and continue for the next 12 months.

ARTICLE V

Elections

Section V-A.

The Executive Board of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Race Team Director.

Section V-B.

Election of club officers shall be held annually at the November membership meeting. The Executive Board will be the nominating committee and present a list of candidates for the offices to be filled. Additional names may be placed in nomination at the October membership meeting. All nominations will be published in the newsletter. A plurality of members present at the November membership meeting shall be necessary to elect. The officers-elect will take their position at the first meeting following the election.

Section V-C.

All officers serve for a term of one year. The office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Race Team Director are elected annually. All other positions of the club shall be appointed by the Executive Board at the December board meeting, subject to the approval of the general membership attending the next scheduled membership meeting. All appointed officers serve for a term of one year.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Duties

President

1. Is a voting member of the Executive Board in the case of a tie vote.
2. Is the chief operating officer of the club with the power to initiate and direct club policy subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
3. Chairs the Executive Board meetings.
4. Provides the club with leadership and guidance in accordance with the purpose of The Club.

Vice-President

1. Is a voting member of the Executive Board.
2. Arranges meeting sites and programs, and chairs the club meetings.
3. Substitutes for the President in his/her absence.

Secretary

1. Is a voting member of the Executive Board.
2. Records minutes of all regular club and Executive Board meetings.
3. Serves as official correspondence secretary.
4. Furnishes a copy of minutes of regular club and Executive Board meetings to all Executive Board members.

Treasurer

1. Is a voting member of the Executive Board.
2. Keeps a record of all financial transactions.
3. Pays approved bills for which there is a receipt.
4. Furnishes a copy of the monthly expense/income report to all Executive Board members.
5. Maintains the club's bank account(s).
6. Files appropriate tax returns and reports.
7. Is bondable.

Race Team Director

1. Is a voting member of the Executive Board.
2. Is responsible for overseeing club sponsored races and acts as liaison between race team and other clubs.

Appointed Officers:

Newsletter Editor/Membership Database Administrator:

Responsible for publishing the club newsletter which includes meeting notices, the monthly ride schedule, and any other items of general interest to club members. This position is autonomous, but the Executive Board has space allocated in newsletter to communicate to the club on a monthly basis. Also keeps up to date records of

the club membership roster and supplies new members with a membership packet.

Ride Committee Chair:

Responsible for developing and scheduling weekly club rides throughout the year.

Social Director:

Develops and coordinates all of the club's social activities.

Safety and Education Committee Chair:

Responsible for promoting bicycle safety and education in the West Michigan area.

ARTICLE VII

Committees and Duties

Section VII-A.

The Executive Board of the club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Race Team Director.

Section VII-B.

The property and lawful business of the club shall be held and managed by the Executive Board, which shall possess all the powers and the authority as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and goals of the club as limited by the constitution and bylaws.

Section VII-C.

The duties of the Executive Board members shall be such as their titles by general usage would indicate, and such as would be assigned to them by the board from time to time, and such as required by law, or stated in this constitution and bylaws. The Executive Board shall perform an audit of the club Treasury on an annual basis or more often, if needed.

Section VII-D.

All Executive Board positions are unpaid positions. Members seeking board positions do so with this knowledge and seek their desired positions to help further the stated goals of the club. In recognition of their time spent on club business, annual membership dues and KBC tour (non USCF events) participation fees shall be waived for Executive Board members for their term of office. Required application and release forms must be filled out, signed, and submitted as per normal procedures.

Section VII-E.

If any member of the Executive Board does not perform his/her assigned duties to a level stated by this document and expected by the membership, he/she may be removed from his/her office as follows. Any member may petition the board and ask for the removal of a member. Such a request must be in person and presented to the board at a regularly scheduled board meeting. A full explanation of why removal is sought must be provided. The president, or vice president in the event that the action is sought against the president, with a simple majority approval of the board, shall have the authority to ask the general membership to approve the removal of any ELECTED board member from his/her position at any time, for any cause which the board shall deem adequate, and it shall be necessary to identify such cause or reason in the records of the meeting. He/she may be removed from office by a simple majority affirmative vote by the members attending a regular membership meeting. Appointed board members may be removed from the Executive Board by a simple majority affirmative vote of the other members of the Executive Board. The general membership must be informed of pending actions against any Executive Board member by notification of such action in the club newsletter prior to any club vote or approval of officer removal. Upon removal from their position on the board all documents and objects which are the lawful properties of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc. and were in possession or assigned to the particular board member must be turned over to the Executive Board in a timely fashion. Any board member removed from office shall not be eligible for reelection or reappointment to the Executive Board for a period of one year after his/her removal.

Section VII-F.

In the event of the removal or resignation of the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Race Team Director, the Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the vacated position subject to a simple majority approval by the general membership present at a regular membership meeting. In the event of the resignation or removal of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the presidency and the Executive Board shall appoint a new Vice-President, subject to the membership confirmation stated above. In the event of the resignation or removal

of any of the other appointed positions, the Executive Board shall appoint a new person to the position, subject to a simple majority approval of the members present at a regular membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

The Executive Board will meet as often as necessary. General membership meetings are to be held as necessary or as determined by the President/Executive Board. Each member shall be notified by first class mail of the added membership meeting no less than 10 days prior to such a meeting. The Executive Board will meet at least once a month or more often as needed. All club members are invited to attend Executive Board Meetings.

ARTICLE IX

Quorum

A quorum for the purpose of conducting business at General Membership Meetings shall consist of at least twelve (12) current members.

A quorum for the purpose of conducting business at Executive Board Meetings shall consist of at least four (4) voting Executive Board members.

ARTICLE X

Bylaws

1. People furnishing refreshments at club meetings will be reimbursed for beverages and snacks upon a submission of a bill receipt to the Treasurer. A reimbursement dollar amount limit will be determined by the Executive Board and made known to the membership.
2. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and then ratified by a simple majority vote by the members at the next scheduled meeting after the proposed dues have been published in the newsletter. All individual memberships shall carry one vote on club matters, all family memberships shall carry two votes on club matters.
3. A current copy of the Constitution and Bylaws will be given to all new members or any current member who requests one.
4. Complimentary club memberships may be offered to those who present programs at regular membership meetings and other meetings open to our membership. If the presenter is a current member, their membership may be extended for the next year. Required application and release form may be filled out, signed, and submitted as per normal membership procedures.
5. All club expenses in excess of \$300 need to be approved by the Executive Board before they are paid.
6. Amendments to the constitution may be submitted by the general membership at any time. The amendment proposal can be approved or disapproved by a majority of all five Executive Board members and then must be ratified by the general membership at the next scheduled meeting after the changes have been published in the newsletter.