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Renew Your Membership Now (and bring a friend!)

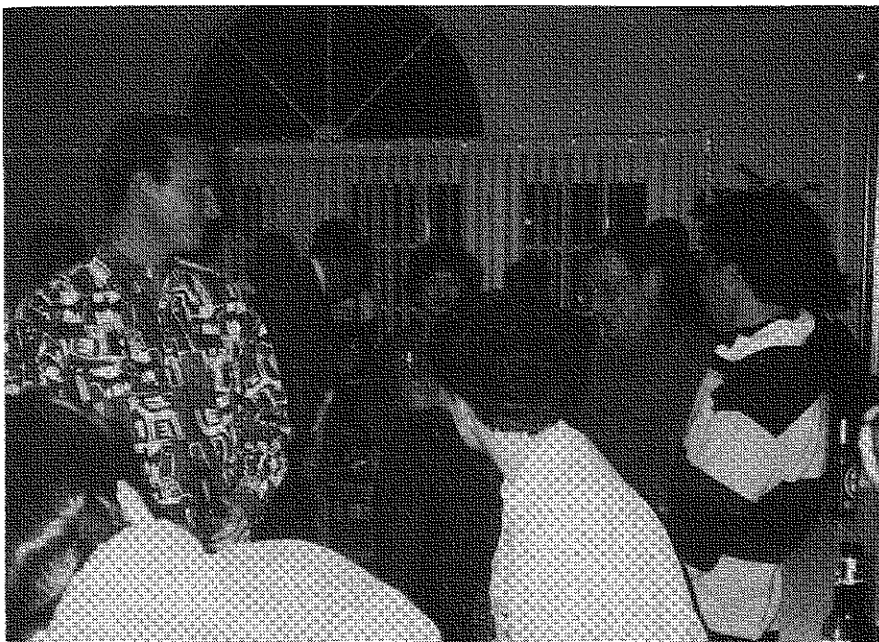
If the front cover of your newsletter is stamped with an expiration notice, please send in your renewal notice within the next 30 days. **We need your continued participation in the Club.** Renewing your membership promptly will allow the Club officers to plan accurately what events the Club can realistically expect to promote, and what type of a ride calendar and other activities best suit the Club. Renewing now will also ensure that you will continue to receive the Pedal Press. We need to maintain the momentum of the Club, so please don't procrastinate and wait to send in your renewal in the Spring. Enclosed is a membership application for your convenience.

In an effort to expand the membership base of the Club, we would like each current member to bring at least one other indi-

vidual into the Club within the next few months. Each member surely knows someone who enjoys cycling and who would make a great addition to the Club membership. Be sure to tell prospective members about the events KBC promotes each year, our seasonal weekly ride calendar, and the improvements and changes we hope to accomplish within the Club in '94. Last, but not least, our membership fees are extremely reasonable and the returns from such a small investment are enormous.

Please try your best to recruit a new member, and remember that everyone will benefit from increased KBC membership. The special events that we promote will become easier to organize as the potential volunteers increase, and the quality of our ride calendar will improve as more people partici-

participate. Enclosed is an extra KBC membership form for you to pass along to any prospective member.



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President's State of the Kalamazoo Bike Club Address

As the new year rolls in, it looks like 1994 will be an eventful period for the Kalamazoo Bike Club. The new board of directors is in place and our agenda for the year is going to emphasize one item: riding your bike. To maximize the riding opportunities within the club, we are going to concentrate on developing a solid ride calendar that offers a good variety, and we are going to work on building the membership base. These are two areas that we believe have not received as much attention as they should in the last few years.

To develop a strong ride calendar, we are going to consistently schedule the same rides throughout the riding season if at all possible. We are also going to try to resurrect a few rides that proved popular in years past (like the Ice Cream Ride), and we are also going to develop a few new ones - maybe a weekend "ride-to-breakfast." In an effort to accommodate mountain bike riders, we will be establishing a weekend mountain bike ride, most likely at Ft. Custer. We will also schedule between three and five special event club rides, like the "Tour-de-Doughnut," throughout the year.

Increasing our membership base is a major priority. There are at least fifty to sixty active road riders in the area, the majority former KBC members, who should be brought back into the club. And with the growth in mountain biking the potential to attract new members has never been greater. If we can successfully increase the membership, the quality of club activities should improve immensely. The success of these efforts will depend a great deal on your cooperation and efforts. Please read the accompanying article related to our membership drive and have a role in helping improve the club.

You should also be aware that the board has decided to keep the KBC membership dues structure the same as last year. The intention behind setting the membership fees is that the fees primarily cover the cost of your newsletters, which each month includes the

cost for printing, labels and postage. I think you will agree that the membership dues are very reasonable and offer a great return on your investment.

The club also incurs numerous other expenses that need to be taken care of throughout the year, such as a phone bill each month for our ride line and rental of our post office box. Did you know that we have to purchase liability insurance for our club rides? We also pay dues to support other cycling organizations like the League of American Wheelman, the United States Cycling Federation and the National Off-Road Bicycling Association. To cover these costs, KBC relies on the profits from the special events we promote each year which includes the Flowerfest Tour, the USCF road race and Corporate Olympics. A new fund raiser that holds a lot of potential is the Ft. Custer mountain bike race. These events are crucial to the club's prosperity and growth, and the success of these activities relies on the membership.

This brings us to the last issue I want to address: volunteering to help within the club. We can not be successful without help from our members. Please consider volunteering when you read one of the regular appeals for help that appear in the newsletter. It's a great way to meet new friends, while making a significant contribution to the club. If you have volunteered in the past year, I want to thank you and I urge you to continue to help and to encourage others to get involved.

In closing, let me say again that 1994 will be a great year for the Kalamazoo Bike Club, with several changes and improvements throughout the year. And we won't lose sight of the club's main objective: riding our bikes.

Dave Patrick
KBC President

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The Trailway Gathering

Do You Have Vision to Share?

Correspondence to KBC from the River Partners Program:

Help Create a Recreational Trailway from Allegan to Battle Creek

We see a **corridor of opportunity** stretching some 40-50 miles from Battle Creek to Allegan. The trail twists along the waters and cities by the revived Kalamazoo River, occasionally spanning off through woods, inactive railroad right-of-ways, utility corridors, existing public parks, and passes close to urban centers to offer shopping and refreshments. The trailway holds more than recreational and social possibilities for its patrons; environmental educational opportunities abound and adjacent businesses benefit from the passing tourists.

A route has not been selected for the envisioned Trailway. The final route will be selected through an extensive public involvement process. To date possibilities for the Kalamazoo River Valley corridor of opportunity have been considered including inactive railroad rights-of-way, utility corridors, existing public parks and easement across private property.

All are Invited To Attend the Trailway Gathering

DATE: Jan. 31, 1994

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo

Goals:

- To educate participants about the values of trailways, the DNR concept and support of trailways, and the proposed Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Partnership
- To solicit input and planning assistance from citizens
- To recruit participants willing to become

active in an expanded Kal. River Valley Trailway Partnership

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Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Partnership
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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For more information: (616) 337-7382
River Partners Program
The Forum for Kalamazoo County
1327 Academy, Kalamazoo MI/49006

January Board Meeting

The January Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, at the United Way Building at 709 S. Westnedge (across from old Central High School). On the agenda are the following items:

- initial planning for the Flowerfest Tour
- initial planning for the Spring Valley Circuit Race
- discussion on changing KBC logo
- discussion on merging KBC race team treasury with KBC general treasury
- planning for February KBC general membership meeting

The entire KBC membership is welcome to attend. Please show up if you have an interest in any of the topics listed above. We need members to help, particularly with the Flowerfest Tour and with the Spring Valley Race.

Questions? Call any of the Club officers.

Holiday Party A Huge Success!

The Annual KBC Holiday Party was held on Friday, December 17, at the Gull Run Apartments Clubhouse. This Club member arrived at about 8:00, by which time the party was in full swing. A tub of ice held cold beverages brought by the guests, and two folding tables sagged under the weight of sugary goodies. I myself staggered out a few hours later with belly bulging. It was great to see those fellow riders we haven't had a chance to talk to since those last hurried rides in September. It was also fun to see our "bike buddies" in regular clothes. A highlight of the evening was the door prize giveaway. Bike Santa dropped the following items down the Gull Run chimney:

Mike Cutler	Chain Lube	KBC
Bill Watt	Chain Lube	KBC
Marc Luoma	Chain Cleaner	KBC
Janet Teel	Chain Cleaner	KBC
Andy Burns	3 Powerbars	KBC
Marcia Russin	3 Powerbars	KBC
Jim Richl	3 Powerbars	KBC
Ann Johnson	3 Powerbars	KBC
Mike Teel	12 P-bars	Alfred E Bike
Tom Cross	12 P-bars	Alfred E Bike
Harold Gleeves	1 pair Tubes	KBC
Dave DeRight	Fr. Pump	Village Cyclery
Laurie Wyrick	Fr. Pump	Village Cyclery
Mary Raas	\$25 Gift Cert.	Breakaway

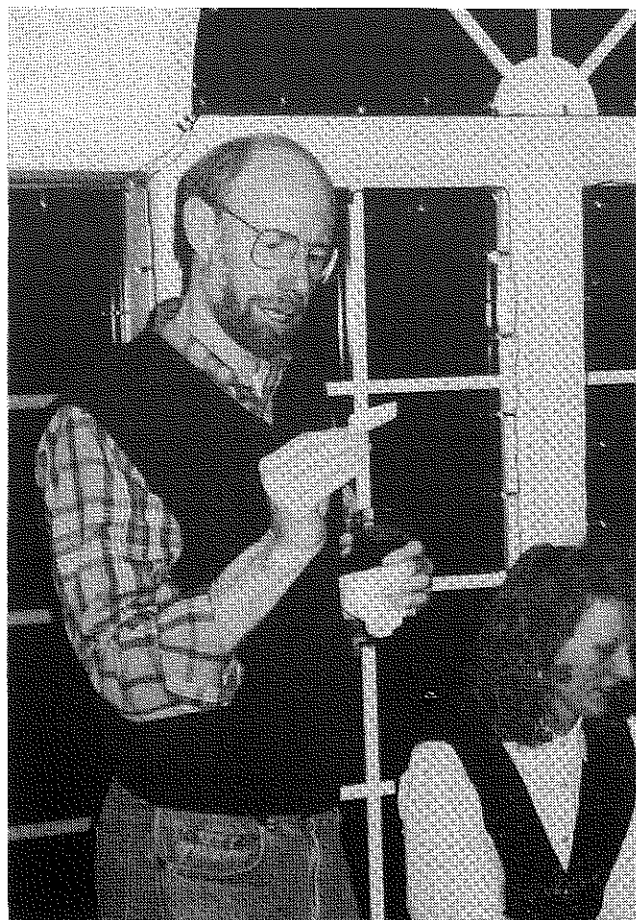
Special Prize: Volunteer of the Year

Mike Teel wins an ultra-super-way-cool-and-much-coveted Park Tool pizza cutter.

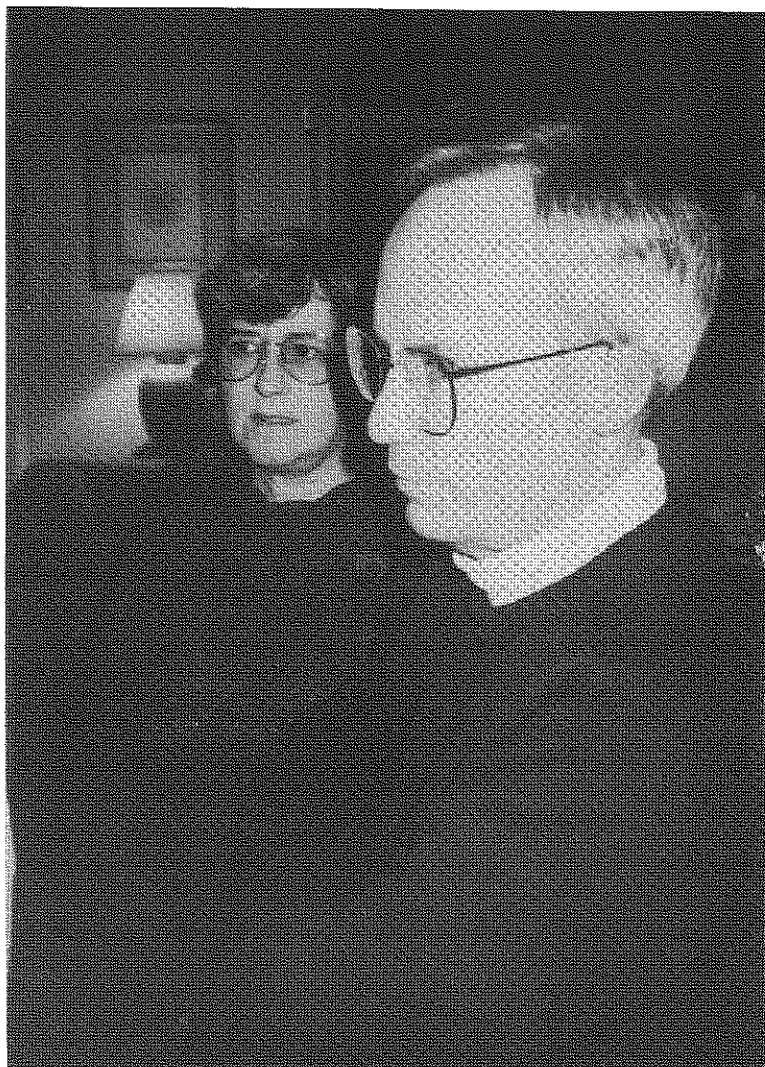
NOTE: All KBC-donated items were purchased at Alfred E Bike at dealer cost.

Thanks once again to the generous bike stores in our area who have once again supported KBC.

Also, special thanks to Nancy DeBoer who signed her life away to the Liability Police at Gull Run Apartments in order to get us the hospitable venue. Thankfully, we proved there's an exception to every adage, and this *was* a fun party and nothing got broke'.



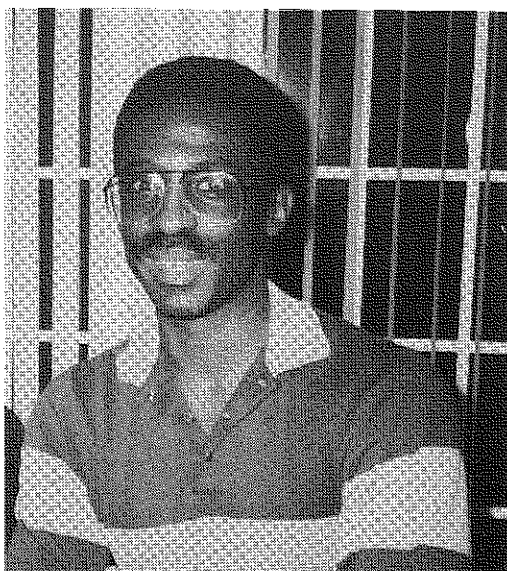
Bill "Big Bike" Watt Giving Away Cool Bike Stuff



Bruce "The Terrier" and Dorothy Deede



Shortest Rider Award Winner, Laurie Wyrick



**New KBC Secretary Harold "Mr.
Excitement" Gleeves**

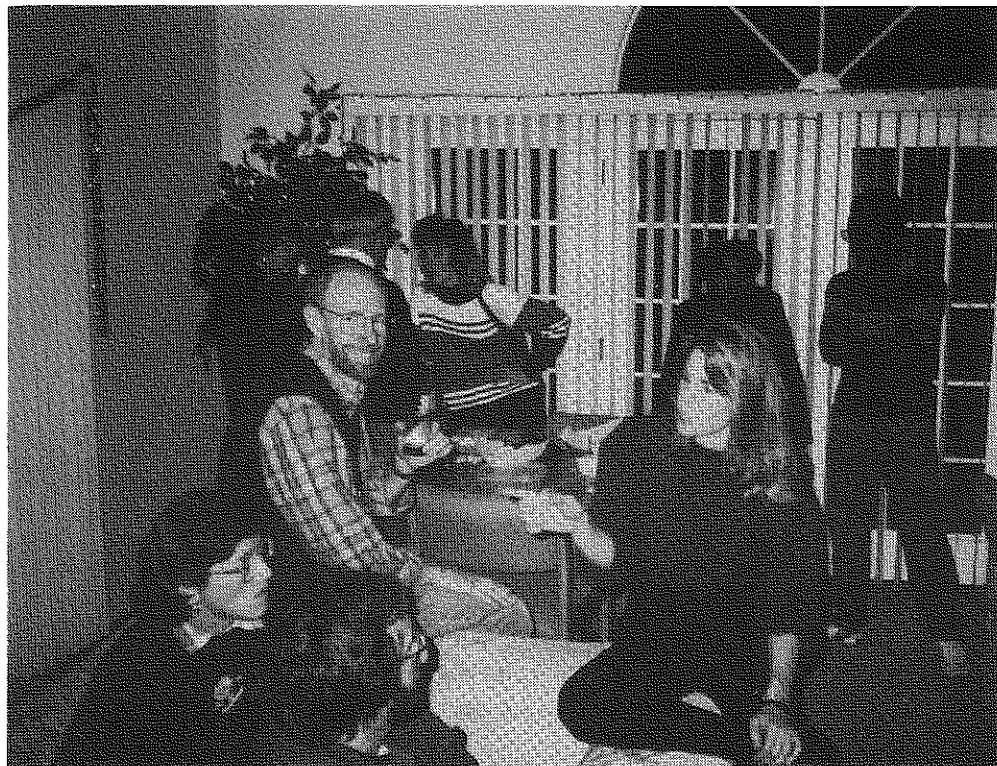
Faces at the Party



Lucky winner Mary Rass holds up her 25
Breakaway Bucks

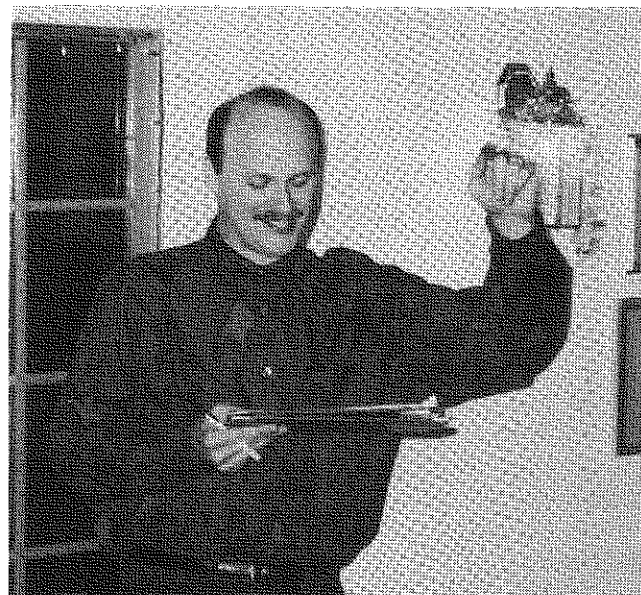


1993 Cyclocross State Champ Marty "Koba Keesha"
Minka





Club Treasurer Jim "Camelback" Wyrick



Our Pres: The lovely and talented Dave Patrick



Club Member of the Year Mike "Ren" Teel

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Parchment Bicycle343-8118

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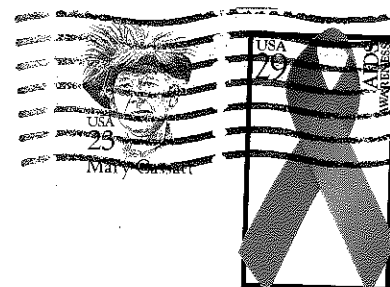
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