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October General Membership Meeting

The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club is planning on a general membership meeting for Sunday, October 16th from 3:00-6:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and we will be meeting downtown at the Kalamazoo Brewing Company at 345 E. Kalamazoo Ave. This site was chosen because it is non-smoking; for those in attendance who wish to have nonalcoholic beverages, soft drinks and bottled water will be available. For

the coffee lover, there is the Water Street Coffee Joint across the street. The nomination for club officers will be one of the tasks to be accomplished. If you know of anyone or are personally interested in being a club officer, you are invited to cast your vote. Nominations will be taken in October and the elections will be carried out at the November general membership meeting.

-Bill Watt - KBC Vice-President

Tandem Rides A Huge Success

On August 15th and 22nd, the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club held tandem rides for the visually impaired within the community and we had a great turnout. The first evening twenty-two riders showed up along with 13 tandems, and the following session had twenty riders and ten tandems. This was an excellent chance for our members to introduce the pleasures of cycling to individuals who don't often have the opportunity. Everyone had a great time and they were appreciative of our efforts. It is also worth noting that these rides were featured by WWMT on their evening news and by the

Kalamazoo Gazette in their September 17th Health and Fitness section. Hopefully we can do this on a monthly basis next summer.

A big thanks to the following tandem owners who kindly donated their bikes and time to act as captains on these rides: **Doug Kirk, Paul Guimond, Mike Teel, Charlie Fuentes, Phil Caruso, Bob Kennedy, Bill Fischer and Roberta Hillman, Paul Wells, John Thome, Jim Stark, Jim Henderson, John Hart, and Dave Dapser.**

-Dave Patrick, KBC President

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Little Big Race – A Treat For All

By any measure you could think of, the second annual Ft. Custer Little Big Race, sponsored by Alfred E. Bike, was an unequivocal winner. Building on the fine start made last year by promoter Mike Teel, this year's event was bigger and better by all accounts. For the racers the course, laid out by the labors of the local MMBA and KBC members, was a dream come true. A nice long (8-mile) loop containing a little bit of everything: single-track, open fast sections, tight technical trails. The sponsorship dollars and merchandise were the icing on the cake, bringing in the big-name Michigan racers as well as droves of Beginner and Sport (intermediate) racers.

For KBC, we cleared almost \$1700. We spent enough on racer amenities to firmly place the LBR as a technically top-notch event in the minds of this year's racers, who came out 246-strong (compared to last year's 117) and will spread the word back home about our fine event.

We're already making plans for next year, learning as we go, and LBR '95 will be truly spectacular. (Please see the accompanying article about the fine support we got from the "usual suspects" within the KBC membership roster.)

Dave's World

The news from the Club this month is that two members have married. Yes, folks, on September 2nd, Bill Fischer and Roberta Hillman made it official and tied the knot. Over the past few weeks friends of Bill and Roberta have contributed so we could send the happy couple out to dinner as a wedding gift. Best of luck to the little love birds and be sure to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fischer the next time you see them.

The October membership meeting is set and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. Not only is it going to be a lot of fun, but we will also be making officer nominations for the coming year. We still are in need of potential candidates for the board of directors, so please volunteer to help the Club out if at all possible. Either

way, show up at the meeting and socialize with your friends and have a good time.

Everyone should be aware that we will have a full financial accounting of the July Flowerfest Tour in the next newsletter. There are still a few loose ends related to the tour to attend to, but preliminary estimates show that our profits should be at least twice that of '93. Keep your fingers crossed and we will have all of the details in November. We will also have a full accounting for the Spring Valley Circuit race in the November newsletter. Although that event faces a loss, we have worked at reducing the loss and hopefully we will have some fairly good news next month.

–Dave Patrick -- KBC President

From the Ride Captain...

Thanks everyone for making the 1994 riding season a successful one. Since the days are becoming shorter, there will be insufficient light to continue our week night rides in October. The KBC weekday evening rides will begin again in April 1995. If you did not lead a ride this year, think about trying to lead one next year.

If anyone wants to organize an impromptu Fall Color ride in October, call Randy Putt (649-1814) or the KBC Ride Line to set it up and we will get the word out.

A special thanks to our ride leaders for the season: **Jim Wyrick, Jeff Wetters, Harold Gleaves, Janet and Mike Teel, Mike Higgins, and Marc Luoma.** I would also like to thank several first time ride leaders for a job well done: **Deb Carlson, Mary Raas, Richard Walter, Steve Vonderfecht, and Clayton Gallop.** Another special thanks goes out to several other KBC members who lead numerous rides at different times throughout the summer: **Charlie Fuentes, Vince Odenwaller, John Mathieson, Bill Watt, Phil and Jini Caruso, Roberta Hillman, and Dave Patrick.**

– Randy Putt, KBC Ride Captain

Thank You Ft. Custer Volunteers ...

Take a minute to read the names to the right. These folks volunteered to help at the Little Big Race, putting on a great race and making some cash for KBC. Special thanks go to **Libbie Wetters** and her crew at registration. Even with racers 12-deep at the registration table, there wasn't a single snag, foible, or mistake in the registration process. The success of the event also depended heavily on **Jim Wyrick, Jeff Wetters, and Bill Watt** for being there from start to finish, doing whatever needed to be done, filling in for people who backed out, and even learning to ride a mountain bike (nice endo, Jim). Finally, extra-special thanks to co-promoter **Mike Teel** whose experience, expertise, and tireless efforts at the start/finish area gave racers and spectators alike a fine venue for the race.

- Chad Allen Course design
- Gordon Allen... Course design, marking
- Paul Banner Course Marshal, p.m.
- Michele Cudahy Registration
- Harold Gleaves..... Porta-Potty Czar
- Kirstin Gocenski Official
- Gary Gocenski Official
- John Mathieson..... Food Guy
- Rose McKenna . . . Course Marshall, a.m.
- Chris Ouvrey . . Course design, marking
- Dave Patrick. . . . Pre-Race Sponsorship
- Randy Putt Registration, p.m.
- Mary Raas Registration, p.m.
- Mike Reish Photographer
- Siusaidh Schlachter . . Registration, a.m.
- Steve Schlachter . Course Marshall, a.m.
- Dan Smith..... Sign Maker
- Mike Teel..... Promoter
- Steve Vonderfecht . . . Rider Bag Stuffer
- Bill Watt. Co-promoter
- Jeff Wetters Water Boy,
Ambulance Liaison
- Libbie Wetters..... Registration
- Jim Wyrick. Accounting,
Course Marshall

... and Sponsors ...

We would be remiss if we did not thank all of the sponsors who came on board for the Ft. Custer race. Without their help it is unlikely that the event would have been a profitable undertaking for the bike club. First, and foremost, a big thanks to Alfred E. Bike and **Giant Bicycles** who both acted as title sponsors. **Alfred E. Bike** not only donated the majority of the cash towards the prize list, but also donated a generous assortment of merchandise for the event raffle, while **Giant** was kind enough to give us a new **Giant Iguana** mountain bike for the raffle. The following additional sponsors must also be thanked for donating goods and/or services to the race: **Giro Helmets, Litespeed Titanium, Gatorade, Mall City Ambulance** and **Bell's Brewery**.
- Dave Patrick - KBC President

... and Flowerfest Volunteers

The following people came out the day of the tour and donated their time to make the event a success:

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| Phil & Jini Caruso | John Mathieson | Alex Ojerio |
| Gerry Bloom | Mark Bystry | Chris O'Llary |
| Vince Odenwaller | Ann Johnson | John Bradshaw |
| Mike McCarthy | Gerry/Dana York | Dan Smith |
| Mike Teel | Mahesh Nallakatla | Tom Gushurst |
| Richard Walters | Randy Putt | Bruce Dedee |
| Marc Luoma | Janet Teel | Tom Small |
| Michele Cudahy | | |

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For Sale

Bicycle: 54 cm 1993 Team Miyata w/ Shimano 600 STI. **Bicycle:** 52 cm Nishiki, criterium geometry. **Race Wheels:** two 32-hole lightweight wheelsets, one 36-hole stronger training-type wheelset, two 26-inch TT wheels, one Roval brand. **For all above, call Bret Austin, 375-6529**

Personals

Clincher: Okay, I was wrong. I miss your tandem, I miss your quadriceps, I miss stoking for you every weekend. Skinsuit will only leave you bonked and roadrashed. All is forgiven. Please ride home. —Pookie

MMC: Congratulations on fifth place in your first race ever, medal and all! I'm so proud of you.—MOL

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Billy's Bike Shop 665-5202

Breakaway Bicycles ... 349-5555

Millwood Schwinn 349-6384

Parchment Bicycle 343-8118

Portage Schwinn 327-3393

Safety Cycle 381-7233

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