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The newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club

Michigan House Bill #4864 and the "Portage Bike-way"

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Section 660 of the "Michigan Vehicle Code" currently reads: "Where a usable and designated path for bicycles is provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle rider shall use that path and shall not use the roadway." Our state affiliate, the League of Michigan Bicyclist's (LMB), have informed us that House Bill (HB) #4864, which would delete the above language from the "Code", was introduced last July and referred to the House Transportation Committee and tabled.

The LMB has been working to get this law returned to the house and passed so that our side-path legislation would be more in accordance with the "Uniform Vehicle Code" adopted by many states. Your letters of support—directed to Rep. Terry London, Chair of the House Transportation Committee, to pick up HB4864 and return it to the House of Representatives for passage—are urgently needed now. Letters to your district Representative would also be helpful. London's address is: Representative Terry London; Chair, House Transportation Committee; Rm. 625 Olds Plaza Building; Lansing, MI 48913.

Those of us who frequent the Portage area, or other areas with poorly designed "bike-paths", should understand the benefit of this bill's passage. Until then, if the city of Portage wishes to enforce the current law, they could write traffic citations to those who choose to not ride on their path. If ticketed, for your defense, you could argue that the path isn't "usable" with the case hopefully being dropped. Those who do obey the law and are injured for a fault of the

path, which there are many, could probably sue the city for damages. Any other input or ideas could be directed to the Portage City Council, or your *Pedal Press* Editor. Feel free to contact me also. Keep up the good work, KBC.

Dave .DeRight



KBC Spring Party

We are having a KBC spring party on Saturday, May 7 and all club members should plan on attending the festivities. The club is providing the location, lots of ice, music, and plates, cups and napkins. Each member should bring the beverage of their choice, and a snack or hors d'oeuvres to pass. The party will be held at Candlewyck Apartments Clubhouse on Kilgore Road. Blast-off will be at 7:30 p.m. and we will be landing about midnight. Dress is casual. Come on out, have a lot of fun, bring a guest and see how funny we look in our street clothes. Be there! Questions? Call Bill Watt at 349-9562.

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Cycling Hits the Airwaves

The twelve day Tour DuPont will be featured on the CBS "Eye on Sports" program on May 8 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., and on May 15 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tune in, or set your VCR, so you can view the premier professional cycling road race in North America.

KBC Hits the Dirt

Check out the calendar for the new mountain bike rides being lead by Mike Teel. These are great rides to develop your off-road skills if you are just beginning, so plan on attending regardless of your abilities.

It's finally starting to warm up outside as the cycling season gets off to a great start. We have an expanded ride calendar this month so we hope to see all KBC members out on their bikes. Let me take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members who have joined the club in the past few months. We hope that all of you enjoy the club by participating in both our rides and our special activities. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call me at any time.

I am also pleased to announce that club member Randy Putt has volunteered to act as Ride Chairperson during the '94 ride season. Randy will be coordinating all of the rides this year and he will be making a special effort to accommodate all riding abilities. Please call Randy at 649-1814 if you can help out as a ride leader. The success of this year's ride calendar will depend on your volunteer efforts so please help out.

I would also like to bring to your attention an issue that may influence your riding schedule this year. As you know, charity

bicycle rides are now a dime a dozen. You name the cause and they have a bicycle event. I am well aware that most, if not all, of these charities are raising funds for a good cause. The problem lies with the fact that these charity events are taking money out of bicycling but, in most cases, they are not putting any money back into bicycling.

So when you are deciding what special events to ride this season, consider the event sponsored by a bike club. The profits earned by bike clubs are put back into the cycling community in the form of bicycle safety, advocacy efforts, race promotion and more riding opportunities. If you are considering a charity ride, check with the promoter to see if a percentage of the profits are being donated back into bicycling. The financial pressure on bicycle clubs and bicycling events has increased drastically in the last several years and their prosperity in the future rests with you.

Dave Patrick -
KBC President

Flowerfest Bicycle Tour Update

At the March Flowerfest Meeting, groups were formed to set up the tour route, sag stops/service, brochure, shirts, etc. We are still in need of volunteers for the day of registration and sag stops. The tour is scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 24, 1994. We are still working on the details regarding our responsibilities for the 1994 Flowerfest. Those in attendance at the March meeting were: Clayton Gallup, Pat Hemple, Bill Watt, Jim Wyrick, Mike Higgins, Dave Patrick, Jeff and Libbie Wetters and Vince Odenwaller. There was no April Flowerfest meeting. The May meeting will be May 9th, 7:00 pm at Wayside West (upstairs) on Stadium Drive.

Membership Drive is a Success

The membership drive conducted at Alfred E. Bike during their Super Sale weekend was a great success. The bike club gained a lot of good exposure and we already have over twenty new club members as a direct result of these efforts. A thank you goes out to the following KBC members who volunteered their time to help represent the club: Randy Putt, Brad Cosgrove, Mike Teel, Doug Kirk, Bill Watt, Jim Wyrick, Mary Rass, Gary Schlender, John Mathieson, Pat Hempel and Gerald Blohm. A special thanks goes out to everyone at Alfred E. Bike for their help.

Dave Patrick - KBC President

KBC Ride Calendar May 1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride from Kalamazoo Academy. 8:30 am, 30 miles. <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Recovery Ride <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike & Janet's Big Bike Adventure <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-Central HS (two rides, two start times) <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raas Ramble Ice Cream Ride <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Gull Lake <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Blue Mountain Bike Ride. 10:00 a.m., 1-2 hours. <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day Ride with Phil. 2 pm, 15-20 miles. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Phil</i> 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Recovery Ride <p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike & Janet's Big Bike Adventure <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-Central HS (two rides, two start times) <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raas Ramble Ice Cream Ride <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Phil</i> 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Gull Lake <p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Blue Mountain Bike Ride. 10:00 a.m., 1-2 hours. <p style="text-align: center;">14</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride from Kalamazoo Academy. 8:30 am, 30 miles. <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Recovery Ride <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike & Janet's Big Bike Adventure <p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-Central HS (two rides, two start times) <p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raas Ramble Ice Cream Ride <p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Gull Lake <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Blue Mountain Bike Ride. 10:00 a.m., 1-2 hours. <p style="text-align: center;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Recovery Ride <p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike & Janet's Big Bike Adventure <p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-Central HS (two rides, two start times) <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raas Ramble Ice Cream Ride <p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Gull Lake <p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Recovery Ride Phil's Memorial Day Ride. 9:30, 15-20 miles <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Phil</i> 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike & Janet's Big Bike Adventure <p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 6:30</p> </div>			

April Rides

KBC Ride Policy Statement

You must wear an ANSI or Snell approved helmet on all KBC rides. All riders should also bring a spare tube and tire, frame pump, water, food, money, and identification. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions, obey traffic rules, and ride on the right side of the road. Check your bicycle, especially the brakes, before each ride.

Mondays

The *Monday Recovery Ride* has been expanded to include 3 ride leaders in May at a pace to suit riders of all abilities. If you haven't tried a club ride yet, this ride is for you. Join Jeff Wetters, Mike Higgins, and Deb Carlson (all the way from Three Rivers) at Texas Drive Park, just east of Texas Corners on Texas Drive (Milham Rd.) for a ride in the flats south of Texas.

Jeff will lead riders at about 18 mph for 20-30 miles.

Mike will lead his group at 13-16 mph for 20-25 miles.

Deb will be pulling a trailer and leading her group at 8-12 mph.

Memorial Day Only:

Phil Caruso has planned a Memorial Day ride at Kalamazoo Academy (East of the Airport off of Sprinkle Rd. and east on E. Milham 1 block to the school) beginning at 9:30 AM. This will be a leisurely ride of 15-20 miles at about 10 mph. The route will be mostly flat.

Tuesdays

Mike and Janet's Big Bike Adventure. Bring tandems and singles to Eastwood Plaza (corner of Nazareth and East Main) and discover the east side. Early season rides will be mostly in the flats, moving into the hills as DALMAC nears. 25-35 miles at a moderate pace (16+ mph). Led by Mike "Java Breath" and Janet "Bruiser" Teel.

Wednesdays

Kalamazoo Central High School on Drake Rd., about a mile north of West Main St. two rides:

• The 6:00 group goes to Bloomingdale and back (about 50 miles), at a pretty quick pace. Led by Roberta Hillman.

• The 6:30 group goes for 20-30 miles at about 16 mph. Led by Jim "Camelback" Wyrick and/or "Hyper" Harold Gleaves.

Thursdays

The *Rass Ramble.* Come on out to West Portage and ride with Mary Rass at 5:30 PM from Portage West Middle School (Romence Rd 1 mile west past Oakland Dr to Moors Bridge Rd. and South to the school). Mary will lead riders on a mostly flat 20 mile route at 15-17 mph. Mary will lead this ride the first three Thursdays in May (May 5, 12, and 19). Note the special time of 5:30 PM.

The *Ice Cream Ride* has been revived. Come join us at Scotts Elementary School (located on QR Ave 1 block East of 36th St. in Scotts) on Thursdays in May at 6:30 PM. The terrain is flat with a few small hills. 20-30 mile rides at 17-18 mph will be led by Charlie Fuentes on May 5 and 12, Richard Walter on May 19, and Randy Putt on May 26. Phil Caruso will also lead a 10 mile ride at about 10 mph on May 5 from this location.

Fridays

The Tour De Gull Lake. 25-30 miles from Billy's Bike Shop, just east of the five-way intersection in downtown Galesburg. Ride around picturesque Gull Lake. Pace depends on who shows up, but all are cordially invited. Led by Marc, Michele, and Tasha the Cycling Cat.

Saturdays

May 7 and May 21:

Urban Blue Mountain Java Ride. Yes! KBC's first fat-tire urban extravaganza! Meet at the Water Street Coffee Joint (at Kalamazoo Avenue, Downtown). For all you folks

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB GENERAL CLUB ACCOUNTS

		Total Debits	105.20
Beginning Balance	4144.20	Race Registration	0.00
Pedal Press Printing	503.56	Interest	0.00
Club Meeting Expenses	443.75	Total Credits	0.00
Pedal Press Postage	195.24	Ending Balance	3076.90
Club Insurance	200.00		
LAW Membership	100.00		
Membership Forms	48.86		
Office Supplies	45.34		
Christmas Party Expenses	43.32		
Phone	40.71		
Misc Printing	39.91		
LMB Membership	30.00		
Club Postage	26.96		
Member Packet Material	20.28		
Annual Report Filing	15.00		

Total Debits 1752.93

FFBT Registration	0.00
Dues	1584.02
Corp Olympics Fee	250.00
Damage Deposit Refund	0.00
Interest	0.00

Total Credits 1834.02

Existing Balance 4225.29

KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB RACING TEAM

Beginning Balance 3182.10

USCF Membership	65.00
NORBA Membership	25.00
Team Postage	9.50
Reminder Postcards	4.32
Misc. Printing	1.38

Club Rides (continued)

who've bought mountain bikes and want to know where to ride them. See: amazing bunny hops, tenacious triple shifts, and bottomless pothole descents! Join Mike Teel as he drinks altogether too much espresso and takes you to Kalamazoo's hidden urban jungles. Pace: very laid back, Distance: 1-2 hours. Start Time 10:00. (Please park in the gravel parking lot by the Warehouse, across from the Water Street Coffee Joint.)

Sundays

Hey you early birds, join John Mathieson at 8:30 AM for a Sunday morning ride of 30 miles at 16-18 mph from Kalamazoo Academy (East of the Airport off of Sprinkle Rd. and east on E. Milham 1 block to the school) on May 1 and 15. This ride is mostly flat with a few small hills.

Mother's Day, May 8

Phil Caruso will also lead a Mother's Day ride on May 8 at 2 PM from Kalamazoo Academy (East of the Airport off of Sprinkle Rd. and east on E. Milham 1 block to the school). If Phil holds up, the ride could make an ice cream stop at Scooter's in Scotts mid-way through the ride. 15 and 20 mile loops at 10 mph will be available.

We need ride leaders for June and beyond, especially for the 10-16 mph ride pace. Please call Randy Putt if interested.

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For Sale

Bicycle: 1989 White Cannondale, 58 cm, Shimano components, wheel cover. Way cool bike, goes mucho fast. For more info, call Jim at 349-1744.

Frequently-Called Numbers

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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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