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The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Inc., January, 2001

## President's Letter

I hope that this holiday season will find everyone warm, healthy, and spending quality time with family and friends. Take time to reflect on this past year and don't forget to count your blessings.

I am most thankful for my new bike friends that I have met through the KBC. I have really enjoyed my first few months as your president. And I have actually been kind of busy with the club, a lot of stuff goes on behind the scenes! How exciting!

Just so you all know, KBC is in good hands. We have an exceptional team lined up for 2001. If you have any ideas, comments, concerns, please let one of us know. We are here for you, and for our community. Let's work together for a brighter future of our club.

I just have to share with you something very special that happened in my life recently. My youngest son, Rob Wilson, graduated from the University of Michigan this month. He received a bachelors degree in Finance and Political Science.

Just seven years ago when he was 13 years old he was saying good-bye to his bigger brother who was killed in a car accident. He has had a hard road to travel to get to this place in his life, and you can just imagine how proud Mom must be!!!

In closing, I would like to say thank you to those of you who email and offer me words of encouragement and gratitude. It really makes me feel good and it drives me to be the best that I can.

**Don't forget to mark Saturday, January 13th on your calendar for the Recovery Party! Jinny, Kathy and I have a special evening of fun, food, and entertainment in store for you. You really don't want to miss it. And bring a friend! This is a good way to get new members to join our club!**

Your Pedalin' Prez  
Karen Sue Ouellette

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## KBC's Wish List:

- 1) That YOU come to the Recovery Party.
- 2) That everyone in KBC volunteer to do SOMETHING for Flowerfest. See page 7.
- 3) That the snow is gone and the weather is great for riding by March 1st.

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## In Next Month's Issue:

Richard Neumann shares his tips on mountain biking in two feet of snow ("Doug, remember, easy does it with the front brake...oh, and you really need to work on keeping the rubber side down"). And our Society Editor reports on winter bike fashion trends and exactly who was seen with whom at the Recovery Party. Don't miss it.

## KBC Establishes Group Email List

### Email List Will Allow Fast, Easy Group Communication for KBC Members Setting Up Rides Or Desiring To Share Information Of Interest to KBC Members.

Another system for exchanging information regarding KBC has been established through [eGroups.com](http://www.angelfire.com/mi/kbc/) and has been named **KBC-general**. Several functions are available with this system, but the main use of the system will be to send email messages to all members of KBC who register with **KBC-general**.

With this new feature, you can use a single e-mail address to send a message to all members of the group. This is a free system and is available for all KBC members. Larry Kissinger is the moderator of **KBC-general** and will be approving requests to join **KBC-general**.

It's easy to join the list, and takes only a couple of minutes once you are online. Just go to the KBC website: <http://www.angelfire.com/mi/kbc/>. Then select "**Click here to register for Free**" and complete the online registration. After completing the registration, please go to '**My Profile**' and edit your profile to include at least your real name and indicate in the Remarks field that you are a KBC member.

eGroups will request and e-mail confirmation of registration. Then, the moderator of **KBC-general** will be notified and your subscription will be subject to approval by the moderator (primarily to make sure all applicants are KBC members). Once approved, members of **KBC-general** can send e-mail to **KBC-general@egroups.com** and the message will be delivered to all members of **KBC-general**. Members will also be able visit <http://www.egroups.com/group/KBC-general> and look at information including a list of group members, and also view messages that have been sent to the group.

In short, we'll all be able to tell everyone who registers about any ride that is coming up, or quickly spread any other information to the entire group. If you decide to do a ride on short notice, you will be able to spread the word quickly and efficiently.

eGroups.com is having some growing pains and the service has some bugs. For example, when you log onto eGroups.com, it may display an error page and not go to the proper page. If so, you can try again at eGroups.com and it will generally take you into the system and it will indicate your e-mail address on the yellow banner near the top of the page. If your attempt to join **KBC-general** fails, please try again at a later time.

Several KBC Board members are already registered, and we hope you will do so soon. This system ought to be a real boon for communication within KBC.

**KBC-general** at eGroups should be a good system for rapid communication within KBC. All members of KBC are encouraged to join and to use this system. Questions can be directed to [kalamazoo.b.c@juno.com](mailto:kalamazoo.b.c@juno.com).

- Larry D. Kissinger

## January Birthdays

Sara Aardema  
Paul Banner  
Jini Caruso  
Brad Cosgrove  
Mike Cutler  
Doug Gaff  
John Hahn  
Graham Hollis  
Mary Lou Hollis  
Doug Jonas  
Jeff Kokmeyer  
Marcia LaFleur  
John Mathieson  
Dan Meyer  
Renee Mitchell  
Brian Scribner  
Bill Watt  
Kathleen Wiedmayer

## Expiring Memberships

*My least favorite thing to print every month. If you are in this list, please renew your membership. If you know someone on this list, please remind them to renew.*

Sara Aardema  
Curtis Aardema  
Bill Aardema Family  
Robert Bell  
Al Cergol  
Jonathan Evans  
Monica Tory  
Paul Grabowski  
Jody Meyers  
John Meyers

## Classified Ads

**For Sale: Kreitler rollers** with PVC drums. \$120 or make offer. Call 353-5812 and leave message. *(Your Editor guarantees the use of rollers will improve your form and make you a smoother rider.)*

### For Sale: Gary Fisher Joshua 24 Dual Suspension

The finest commercially available 24" children's bike.

This bike is just one year old and in excellent condition. Features:

Front 24" RST shock Rear adjustable shock

21 speed grip shift TEKTRO

"V" brakes  
Aluminum bars

Aluminum bar ends

Quick release front wheel

Quick release seat post

This bike has been expertly maintained and has been outgrown by the current owner.

First \$200 offer takes this bike home!! Contact Marian or Chris Barnes at 327-8972

## No KBC Regular Meeting In January; Start Time Moves to 7:00 in February

Although it's true that we have regular monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month, the KBC Board decided at the December meeting NOT to have a regular meeting this month.

The thinking was that there's not that much business that needs attending to in January, and besides, the Recovery Party on Saturday, January 13th is by far the biggest club get-together each year other than Flowerfest.

Further, the Board voted to move the starting time for the meeting from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM, to accommodate a couple of members who have commitments that make 6:30 difficult. The monthly meeting will start at 7:00 PM until further notice.

Since we now meet the second Tuesday of the month, the next KBC Board/general meeting will take place Tuesday February 13th, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the Chuck Jaqua Realty office located at 414 W. Milham, just a block or two west of Westnedge Ave.

- Doug Kirk

## Wednesday Winter Workouts On Tap

Alfred E. Bike is hosting Wednesday Night Trainer/Roller Sessions. The time is 6:15 PM. Alfred E can supply up to 4 trainers for those who do not own one. Everybody else needs to bring their own.

A quick check with Alfred himself revealed that these workouts will be held to professional quality bicycling workout training tapes originally developed for use with serious trainers like Computrainers, so you'll be able to get in as hard a workout as you want.

The location is Alfred E. Bike, 320 E. Michigan Ave. in downtown Kalamazoo. Call Alfred E. Bike at 349-9423 for more details

## BMX Club Possible

Chris Barnes and his son Steve-O want to hear from everyone who might have an interest in BMX riding or racing. BMX is off-road riding for kids roughly age 6 - 12 conducted on a closed off-road course with bumps, berms, and sharp turns.

There are currently courses in Wayland and Lansing, and the racing generally goes on one or two days a week. BMX riding is terrific experience for kids, teaching competition, bike handling skills, fitness, and sportsmanship.

Call Chris or Steve at 327-8972.

## December KBC Minutes

Location: Chuck Jaqua Realtor office building, 414 West Milham Road, Portage. December 12th. Time: 6:30 PM.  
Present: Randy Loga, Paul Stevens, Steve Secondi, Matt Kern, Greg Bouwman, Dave Newman, Denny Morrison, Karen Sue Ouellette, and Doug Kirk.

Our normally trusty Secretary, Zolton, forsook our company in favor of some northern Michigan skate-skiing, so it devolved to your trusty Editor to double as secretary. Zolton disavows all responsibility for what follows.

Treasurer Paul Stevens had nothing new to report except that he hopes to be acquiring a new, faster computer soon. If this were my job, this would mean I could make more mistakes even faster, so it's a good thing we've got Paul.

In the Old Business Department, Karen Sue confirmed that the Recovery Party January 13 will be the genuine article, a real whiz-bang affair. Invitations will be sent, and required for entry, though friends of invitees are welcome. Karen Sue promises a big surprise of totally undisclosed description shortly after the soiree starts, so she advises a prompt appearance by all attendees.

The next Flowerfest planning meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2001 at 7:00 PM downstairs at the Portage Public Library. Please attend.

Karen Sue reported that the first spinning class (previously reported here) at Borgess Fitness Center is quite a success, and a second six-week class will begin Friday January 12, 2001 at 6:30 PM at Borgess Fitness Center on Gull Road. Cost is \$24 for six sessions. Your Editor guarantees you will get a seriously high quality workout. Call Karen Sue at 327-5846 if interested.

There will be no January KBC meeting other than the Recovery Party, so the next KBC meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th at the Chuck Jaqua Realty office at 414 W. Milham Ave., just west of Westnedge Ave.

**Finally, the Board voted to publish a list of current KBC members in this issue, and to solicit feedback concerning publication of all KBC members' phone numbers and email addresses in directory form to be included in a future issue, most likely April. Contact any Board member to voice your feelings on this idea.**

- Doug Kirk

## Annual KBC Recovery Party January 13, 2001

KBC's annual winter party, also known as the Recovery Party, will take place Saturday, January 13, 2001, at 6:00 PM,

This year's party will take place at the Chuck Jaqua Realty office located at 221 S. Drake Road, south of West Main St. at 6:00 PM.

### PLEASE PARK IN BACK AND USE THE BACK DOOR.

To quote our esteemed Prez, Karen Sue: "Jinny (Ahrens) and I are working together on this project and we want to make it a very special evening. I have some ideas I am working on right now. Rest assured it will be a fun evening! We will take care of all food, invites, beverages, etc. Even some interaction might play into the evening! Maybe a surprise too!"

Kathy Barrett & Doug Kirk are likely to give several awards, as in the past couple of years.

At the December monthly meeting, we learned that all KBC members will be receiving invitations in the mail, and that these will need to be presented at the door on the night of the party—not just to gain entry, but because of something special the Prez and her cohorts have cooked up.

-Doug Kirk

## KBC Race Team Possible

Long ago, racing was the primary purpose behind KBC. But interest in racing, especially road racing, flagged, and so did KBC's involvement—and sponsorship.

Matt Kern appeared at the December KBC meeting to sound us out about interest in re-establishing a road racing team for men and/or women, something both he and his wife are quite interested in developing.

Matt has even been talking to potential sponsors. PLEASE CALL Matt if you are interested at 567-3257 (home) or 833-5566 (work).

## KBC Membership List, January, 2001

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bill Ardema Family                 | Clayton Gallup                      | Denny Morrison                 |
| John Abbey                         | Maureen Gibson                      | Cliff & Robin Muller Family    |
| Linda Adamecz                      | Rick Gippert and Family             | Ray Murphy and Family          |
| Jinny Ahrens                       | Sherrie Glas                        | Dan Nash                       |
| Arthur Albin Family                | Harold Gleaves                      | David Newman                   |
| Scott & Mary Aldrich               | Sherry Gordon                       | Rob Nicey                      |
| Lori Allen                         | Paul Grabowski                      | Sally Niermann                 |
| Lee Anderson                       | Ruth Grevenstuk and Family          | Maynard Oberlin                |
| Laurie Anderson                    | Paul & Annie Guimond                | Terry O'Connor                 |
| Tony Artiles                       | John Hahn                           | Cheryl and Mark Olson          |
| Jack Baldwin                       | David Hapman Family                 | Joan Orman                     |
| Paul Banner                        | Mike & Sherry Higgins               | Terry and Karen Sue Ouellette  |
| Christopher Barnes Family          | Scott Hite & Sandy Stevens          | Paul and Anne Pancella         |
| Kara Linne Barone                  | Bob Hoffman                         | Susan Peterson                 |
| Kathy Barrett and Doug Kirk        | Graham Hollis                       | Greg Petty                     |
| Cathryn Bastien                    | Jeanette Holm                       | Mark Prairie                   |
| Robert Bell                        | Terry and Kathy Hutchins            | Andrew Price                   |
| Emil Berro                         | Robert Hyams                        | Randy Putt                     |
| David and Diane Bishop             | David Jarl                          | William Rewalt and Family      |
| Jack Bley                          | John and Marcia Johnson Family      | Brian Scribner Family          |
| Gerald Blohm                       | Doug and Anjanette Jonas            | Matthew Seaman                 |
| Wiley C. Boulding Family           | Mike and Sheri Jones Family         | Janice Selby                   |
| Greg and Jennifer Bouwman          | Dan Kallewaard                      | Jack Shook                     |
| Ron Bush                           | Tom & Celine Keizer                 | David Sluyter and Jill Stewart |
| Jose Luiz Ferraz de Camargo Family | Stephanie and Robert Kennedy Family | Carol Stafford                 |
| Phil & Jini Caruso                 | Larry Kissinger                     | Paul Stevens Family            |
| Al Cergol                          | Jeff Kokmeyer                       | Bill Strome                    |
| Jamie Clark                        | Mark Krook                          | Nancy Summers                  |
| Zolton Cohen Family                | Steven Kuntzman                     | Harriet Swanson                |
| Jeff Corbett and Family            | Tom and Shari Labrenz               | Ann Thomas                     |
| Brad Cosgrove                      | Marcia LaFleur                      | John Thome                     |
| Thomas & Rhonda Cross              | Greg and Julie Lawford Family       | Rick Updike                    |
| Mike Cutler                        | Amy & Gary Lehman                   | Jim and Sally Van Buren        |
| Beth & Jeff Davis                  | Bryan Lewis                         | Victor Van Fleet               |
| Bruce DeDee                        | Rand Loga                           | Dan Van Sweden                 |
| Carl Degen and Family              | John Looman                         | Steve Vonderfecht and Family   |
| Mark DiJulio Family                | John Mathieson                      | Richard Walter                 |
| Joe and Julie Dill                 | Ed Mazurkiewicz                     | David & Karen Watt             |
| Cathy Doan                         | Rose McKenna                        | Bill Watt                      |
| Laurie and Ron Doering             | James McNett                        | Jeff Webster and Family        |
| Bill Duggan                        | Will McWhorter                      | Jeff & Libbie Wetters          |
| Stephen Dunyak                     | Jeffrey Mehring                     | Rick Whaley                    |
| Kay Eddy                           | Justin Merklng                      | Mary White and Family          |
| Ronald Eichaker                    | Carol Meyer-Niedzwiecki and Family  | Kathleen Wiedmayer             |
| Jonathan Evans and Monica Tory     | John and Jody Meyers                | Jim Wilson                     |
| Stacey Flinn                       | Jeff and Kerry Miller               | Richard Wolf                   |
| Scott Freer                        | Charles Miller                      | Ken Wolf                       |
| Brad Fry                           | Renee Mitchell and Family           | Ron Wrege                      |
| Patricia Frye                      |                                     | James Wyrick                   |
| Doug Gaff Family                   |                                     | Sandra Zegerius                |

## Why Not Ride Across America?

by Randy Putt

*This is Part Two of Ride Captain Randy's series about riding coast-to-coast on a ride sponsored by KVCC last summer. We hope to have articles from other participants in future issues. -Ed.*

You'll recall from last month's *PedalPress* I rode across America last Spring with a local group sponsored by KVCC. The Coast to Coast group consisted of a diverse group of riders including 9 retirees (ages 54-65), 4 riders still employed in their 50s, 9 riders in their 40s, 2 riders in their 30s, 6 riders in their 20s, and 2 teenagers.

The following information also indicates the diversity in this group: one rider was from Colorado with some connections in Kalamazoo, one rider was from Lansing, the remaining riders were from SW Michigan.

Justin, Allen, John, and Jen were experienced mountain bike riders and had little road riding experience. John and Jen rode a tandem they had recently purchased, and several people bought new bikes in preparation for the trip. Jack and Russ rode cross country last year with Wandering Wheels, and Terry, Darrell, and Paul rode across the country in 1976 as part of another KVCC group.

Several riders had never ridden more than 30 miles in any one day, and there were numerous riders who had never ridden a century let alone multiple centuries in row. Many of the riders had never ridden in a group before.

There were several of us who have ridden many centuries and several multi-day rides, but most of us had never attempted this type of ride before. Considering the diversity of personalities and riding abilities in the group there were several challenges to overcome. Some were recognized before the ride and others became apparent after the trip started.

Challenge 1: How do you bring such a diverse group of riders, most of whom to not know each other, together for such a trip? Challenge 2: The riders each had their own agenda for the trip. How do you satisfy all of these agendas and still have the riders get along?

The ride organizers held a number of organizational meetings to help the riders get acquainted and explain the trip logistics. The only way to get to know the other riders was to actually ride. I organized some warm up rides to help people get to know each other and to help gauge the

physical preparedness of the riders. The riders appeared to fall into ride three general ride groups: 18+ mph (10-12 riders) 15-17 mph (12-15 riders), and less than 15 mph (5-8 riders). This group appeared to be a nice mix of riding styles and paces. Everyone would have someone to ride with. We could have nice groups with pace lines for riding efficiencies.

The trip began with the 2 day bus trip from Upland, IN to Oceanside, CA. It was a quick way to get to know the other riders. We talked a lot, played cards, read, and slept. By the time we made it to Oceanside, bonding with the other riders had begun and we were meeting the first challenge.

On the 1st day of riding it was apparent that ride groups of 10-12 people would be the exception rather than the rule. After riding in a couple of large groups about 15 miles through a heavily populated area, the riders tended to group into small groups of 2-4 riders and individuals as the population and heavy traffic diminished. The traffic, rolling hills, climbs, and descents separated the riders. The riders would gather at the rest stops and share experiences. It was rare for the same riders to stay together the whole day. I was surprised by the group dynamics.

Challenge 3: How do various riders cope with the rigors of riding an average of 100 miles per day in unfamiliar climates and terrain? A lot of teaching went on, especially the more experienced riders helping the less experienced riders with tips on riding technique and how to ride differing terrain.

Those of us who were experienced group riders taught the virtues of group riding to those who had never done it before. When one of us had a problem others stepped up and helped. I learned that always finishing with the lead group is not necessary or desired.

Riding for miles alone or with one or two other people was enjoyable. You could do your own thing and could still join a larger or different group at the next stop or you could enjoy the sights at your own pace. We slowly discovered the fortitude to handle riding the miles.

*(To be continued next month. -Ed.)*

## News From The Front

by Steve Vonderfecht

### KBC's Delegate to Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Group Now Also Area Representative To LMB

At the last meeting of the KATS Technical Committee, applications for 5 transportation enhancement projects were discussed. I was not able to attend the meeting, but I looked over the summaries of 4 of the 5 applications.

These applications are for Transportation Enhancement Activity funds through the TEA-21 process. All involve separate pathways for non-motorized transportation. The proposed projects are pathways:

Along Portage Creek from Kilgore Road to the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail near Michigan Avenue, in the Parkway area envisioned in the Western Gateway project area of Kalamazoo, through northwest Portage from the Romence Road/Constitution Boulevard area to Angling Road, and along Lovers Lane from Romence Road Parkway to Milham Avenue.

The fifth project is a non-motorized pathway involving Kilgore Road, but I don't really know anything else about this proposal since a summary was not included in the material that I received from KATS.

The efforts of the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage to include bicycles and other modes of transportation in the planning process is encouraging and should be applauded.

I am concerned by the number of separate (off the street) pathways being proposed, and especially by the number of these pathways that will be built along only one side of the road.

The proposed pathway along the east side of Lovers Lane is an example of this design which presents a variety of complications when dealing with intersections.

I continue to feel these conflicts are not being given serious enough consideration, particularly if the pathways are to provide a safe and convenient alternative to motorized transportation.

Enough of that. I noted the piece in last month's

*PedalPress* about my "candidacy" for the District 4 position on the Board of the League of Michigan Bicyclists and appreciate the support of KBC. No one else was foolish enough to seek this position, so I ran unopposed. Apparently a recount of the ballots was not necessary.

I look forward to working with the Board and with Lucinda Means, the Executive Director of LMB, who is an outstanding spokesperson for bicycling and LMB. If there are questions or concerns regarding LMB, let me know by calling 329-0540 or sending email to [svonderfecht@lmb.org](mailto:svonderfecht@lmb.org)

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## 2001 Flowerfest Meeting January 18, 2001; Volunteers Needed

The Flowerfest 2001 Team will meet Thursday, January 18th, 2001 at the Portage Public Library Heritage Room at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

Flowerfest is KBC's primary source of income and is building on its reputation of being one of the best one-day tours in Michigan. KBC volunteers are needed to sweep corners, paint routes, register cyclists, set up tables, pick up trash, staff rest stops, deliver subs, mail brochures, muscle water bottles, mix drinks, stuff pre-registration bags, hang posters and a multitude of other tasks.

**Please consider volunteering. Many of the things we need help with are done before the day of the event, and many other things are done early on the day of the event. Either way you can still ride the tour. Call KBC's new Vice-President, Greg Bouwman, at 324-9024 or any Flowerfest team member to volunteer.**

The 10th Annual Flowerfest Bicycle Tour is Sunday July 22, 2001 starting at 7:30 AM from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

- Terry O'Connor

## Rebuilding Karma

by Axel Kleat

**E**very winter, while Tom and his buddies flagellate themselves till their fingers freeze cyclocrossing, I hang out in the basement and overhaul my bike.

I ride enough that I could justify yearly rebuilds simply on mileage. Cables fray. Bearings need cleaning and inspecting and packing. Brake pads wear out. Handlebar tape slips and tears.

I'm filled with wonder at the whitish crud that somehow grows between the tape and the handlebar. I'm amazed at the brown ooze that sometimes turns up inside headsets or crank bearings, and I remain convinced that there is simply no way to have a chain and gears that are both lubricated and clean for very long.

Besides, my sweat corrodes most things quicker than the highway department's most potent winter brine. An overhaul's a real good idea just to discover what fancy, lightweight parts couldn't take my sweat over the summer. The more often I take things apart, the better my chances of getting everything separated. And if there is a real problem, like a stuck seatpost or stem, better to find out when there's a month or two to deal with it.

The annual winter rebuild is the only time the bike gets truly clean every year, because when everything's apart, nothing's in the way of anything else. I clean each part separately. I polish every bit of the frame and fork. I check out every nick and scratch. Some of them are like old friends because I remember exactly how they got there, or because I've seen 'em each winter for a while now.

I spend hours cleaning derailleurs, cogs, freewheel, axles, and wheels. I peer at jockey wheels wondering if they are too worn, and I ponder if the chain has a couple thousand more miles in it, or if I'll ruin the cogs if I don't replace it now. I study rims, spokes and nipples, and take my time tensioning every one.

I'm sure I spend more time cleaning and inspecting than I do putting it all together again. I lube every thread, every cable, every stop, and carefully feel the tension on every adjustment. When I'm finished, I know each bolt, link, and bearing.

All this stuff is good for the bike, but I make the effort for my own sake too. Starting sometime in November or December each year, I spend a lot less time on my bike than I'm used to. Even if I do get out for an occasional spin once in a while in December and January, I miss the many happy hours I'm used to spending with my bike each week. So to compensate, I spend some cold, quiet winter nights making sure everything is just so.

Inanimate it may be, but I confess I have a relationship with my bike. I've been riding the same frame ten years, and many of the parts almost that long. We've been through a lot together, suffering enormous pain and enjoying indescribable pleasure along the way. When I'm charging up a hill with my heart rate maxed out, that's no mere machine I'm sweating over. The two of us are one, and I want everything right between us.

Human relationships work much better if you put some effort into them once in a while and don't take them for granted. My bike's not human, but the principle is the same. I depend on my bike like I depend on people close to me.

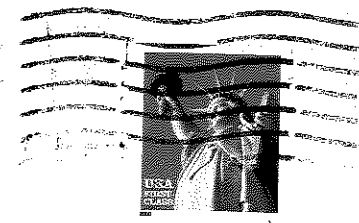
It's not enough that my bike be ready whenever I want to ride, I want my karma to be as good as it gets when it's late, I'm still 15 miles out and it's cooling off, I forgot my jacket and my taillight's sitting on the shelf, I'm hanging by my teeth at the back of the pack, I'm hungry and thirsty, I forgot to bring any money, and the setting sun's in the eyes of the semi driver barreling up from behind.

I like to think the time I spend caring for my bike each winter buys me at least some of the good karma I'll surely need sometime next summer.





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 Parchment Bicycle.....343-8118  
 Portage Schwinn .....327-3393  
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 Village Cyclery .....679-4242  
 Vorncamp Bike .....344-3599  
 Freedom Recreation.....381-7233

**KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Dues (Check One)**

- Adult Membership..... \$15.00
- Family..... \$17.00
- Senior (60+)..... \$13.00
- Youth (17 or younger)..... \$13.00

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Member Names      Birthdates**


Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if under 18)  
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Interested in working on KBC Events?  Yes  No

Rider Category: Fitness  Casual  Competitive

**SEND TO: KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB, PO BOX 50527, KALAMAZOO MI 49005**