

KBC PedalPress

The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club for April, 2017
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THE NEXT KBC MONTHLY MEETING IS APRIL 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Kalamazoo YMCA on Maple Street, 1st floor. All KBC members are welcome to attend.

Have you done a tour, race, club or family ride that you'd like to tell us about? Something unique or interesting? Send your story to editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org
Mr. Editor would be THRILLED to hear from you!

Join Us May 9th at 7:00pm for a special KBC Monthly Meeting

KBC welcomes John Lindenmayer, Executive Director of
The League of Michigan Bicyclists



Save the date, more details to come!

From Ride Captain Terry Butcher

As riding season gets back into full swing here are a few reminders and updates. Riders can now check the ride calendar on the KBC website for time, pace and distance of club rides. Ride leaders will also be able to identify themselves on the ride calendar for Monday and Wednesday night rides to help expedite the process of getting the different groups organized.

We hope this will help as we try to limit group size to ten to twelve riders per group. We also would like each group (other than the race groups) to have a designated sweeper. The role of the sweeper will be to help the ride leader keep the group together. Also if a rider drops out of the group the sweeper would communicate with the rider to see if they need help or can continue on their own.

On Monday and Wednesday nights Gordy Vader and Doug Kirk will be identifying ride leaders and rides for the evening. We ask that all ride leaders identify themselves to Gordy and Doug to help streamline the process.

Always remember we are all cycling ambassadors whether we are on a club ride or on our own thus always obey traffic laws and be courteous to others. We also encourage people to join the KBC Facebook page as several riders post rides there as well.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun season.

--Terry Butcher, Ride Captain.

KBC Needs Your Help!

Looking to become more involved with KBC but don't have a lot of time? Below are a few areas KBC could use your help that won't involve much time but would be immensely helpful. My belief is that 'many hands make light work' so join us in improving and promoting bicycling in our community. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email me at president@kalamazoobicycleclub.org.

Awards Committee Chair – Chairs a small committee of experienced members that organizes and coordinates the club's awards and presentations and is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

KBC Ride Leaders – KBC would like to offer slower paced rides but needs members to step up as ride leaders to do so. Our Ride Committee will help prepare any interested member with the 'know how' and confidence to lead KBC rides.

KBC Membership Specialist – KBC is looking for a member that can explore ways to increase our membership value. Are there places in our community members can receive discounts? How can we improve our current member benefits?

SWMMBA Liason – KBC is looking for a member that can assist with the collaboration efforts with SWMMBA. We want to keep the lines of communication and sharing of information open and available. This is open to any member but if you belong to both organizations, this would be a small but great way to become involved with each. Thank you!

--Renee Mitchell ☺ KBC President

Secretary's Letter:

(Ed. Note: KBC Secretary Val Litznerski is filling in for President Renee this month.)

Many of you know a group of cyclists were struck by a car on 6th Street north of Kalamazoo last November. The driver did not stop and there have been no arrests. I was in the group but not injured. It all happened so quickly. I saw the car behind us, but it was after dark (we all had lights) and because the car was rounding a curve, it was difficult to judge whether it was moving over for us. Headlights from the other cyclists behind me also limited my ability to judge the behavior of the vehicle. I am happy to report that everyone on our ride has since recovered, and one of them just took 5th place in his age group at the Melting Mann gravel road race in Vandalia. Congratulations, Matt!

After the accident I wanted to increase my awareness of what's going on behind me while riding. Looking for options, I spoke with a rider who has Cycliq (<https://cycliq.com/>) cameras (front and rear). She helped me understand the benefits and limitations of this device. Specifically, in order for the camera to provide enough proof to cite a driver, the driver—not just the vehicle—would need to be visible, which isn't always possible with a bike-mounted camera. **So a camera is valuable, but it wasn't quite what I was looking for.**

Besides, I wanted something that could help me take preventative action if necessary, which a camera does not. So my parents gave me a Garmin Varia (<https://buy.garmin.com/en-US/US/p/518151>) for Christmas. It is rear-facing radar and requires a Garmin bike computer, or head unit, which beeps and shows a dot on the right side of the screen that tracks the distance of the car as it approaches. It identifies cars approaching from as far back as 153 meters. It also has a 16-lumen taillight, and has a battery life of 5 hours.

I've used it the last three months and I am more aware of what is behind me and more aware of how much space cars are giving me because of the increased awareness. At first the increased awareness caused some anxiety, but I am getting used to it. Others who ride with me pick up on visual cues from the device (a flashing taillight) that indicate traffic approaching from the rear. Generally, only 4 of the squares on its taillight are lit, but 6 light up to alert riders behind me of an approaching car.

Curves and hills interfere with the device's ability to detect cars because radar is line-of-sight. Similarly, when I am alone or in a small group the device is helpful, but if a larger group of riders is behind me they block the radar.

So far the biggest drawback is that it seems to have decreased my Garmin's battery life. Also, it does not tell me if a car is moving over, but I can tell if they are slowing down. Finally, the 16-lumen taillight is not as bright as other taillights on the market, and it will only operate when connected to a computer. (Recently, when I was out riding and my Garmin 510 died, the Varia turned off.)

I really appreciate using my Varia, but I can't say that it would have prevented the crash last November. I saw the car, but couldn't judge its position due to the curve in the road and the headlights behind me from the other cyclists. There are several unanswered questions for me. I am now aware of cars approaching sooner than I have been in the past (when using a mirror, or without one). For me, that's worth it.

There are several less expensive options for riders not willing to spend the cost of the Varia. Rearview mirrors can be mounted on helmets, handlebars or glasses. Nothing will replace your eyes and your ears and your voice for identifying and communicating the presence of approaching traffic. We encourage you to stop by your local bike shop to discuss rear-view and camera options that are available. Have a fun and safe riding season.

--Val Litznerski, Secretary@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Bicycle Advocacy Day is May 24 in Lansing

The League of Michigan Bicyclists will be hosting their annual Bicycle Advocacy Day on May 24th in Lansing. This is an opportunity for you meet with your local representatives, tell them why bicycle legislation is so important to your community, and ask them for their support. It is also a great opportunity to meet and connect with Bicycle advocates from across the State. It starts with a bike ride to the Capitol, meetings with Legislators and includes lunch. Find out more at LMB.org/advocacyday.

--David Jones, KBC Database Manager and S.W. Michigan LMB District Representative

Legislative Update

As reported last month, the bicycle safety bills, including the 5-foot passing bill, have been re-introduced into both houses of the Michigan legislature. Sadly, no action has been taken by either the House or the Senate at this time. You can follow any progress at the homepage for the League of Michigan Bicyclists, www.lmb.org

--Doug Kirk, Editor

Kalamazoo Bicycle Club's Purposes

(Ed. Note: President Renee Mitchell thought it would be a good idea for us all to be reminded what our Club's Constitution has to say about the purposes for which KBC exists. The following is the preamble to the KBC Constitution.)

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote bicycling; 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 need for safer riding conditions; to encourage the allocation of facilities for bicycling on public lands; to cooperate with the public authorities in the observance of all traffic regulations; to provide an opportunity for members to socialize with others who have an interest in bicycling; and to recognize bicycles as vehicles used for pleasure, fitness and transportation. The Club may cooperate with other organizations with a similar goal and purpose.

The Club shall be strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-profit. All money collected by dues or other means shall go to the treasury, and be used only for furthering the stated purpose of the Club. The Club will not engage in any activity contrary to its non-profit status or which would be contrary to Section 501 (c) (3) or Section 501 (c) (4) of the IRS code.



KBC Monthly Meeting Notes for March 14, 2017

In Attendance:

Chris Thomas, David Riggs, Elijah Jones, Gordy Vader, Jerry Amrhein, Joe Williams, John Olbrot, John Shubnell, Julie Bradfield, Kerie Crawford, Kevin Oostema, Michael Krischer, Mike Boersma, Paul Selden, Paul Sotherland, Paul Wells, Rick Rumsey, Rick Whaley, Ryan Heidenfeld, Scott F Powers, Teri Olbrot, Terry Butcher, Tyson Gilmore

Vice President **John Olbrot** filled in for President **Renee Mitchell** in her absence. After introductions, John mentioned the need for more help with the ride committee as the goals of the committee for group rides are taking more time than originally anticipated. Please feel free to reach out to John if you can help out.

Treasurer **Mike Boersma** reported the Club possesses the following sums: Checking Account \$5,104.40, CD: \$6,165.87, PayPal: \$1,498.13.

Committee Reports

Relative to the Awards Committee, **Paul Selden** said it is looking for members and a new chair. Paul is willing to stay on Pro Tem, but hopes someone will express interest in the position. Because of Paul's many roles, he is concerned about potential conflicts of interest if he asks for help from the community and also chairs the committee that offers the awards. He also stated that his letter of resignation was omitted from last month's notes.

As Director of Road Safety, **Paul Selden** reminded us the Metropolitan Planning Organization is planning thousands of miles of bike routes throughout the community. Paul is also contributing to Bike Week and is involved in the Ride of Silence on May 17th. There will be another event on June 7th of this year as well, the anniversary of last year's tragedy.

Team Clark Logic (TCL) representative **Tyson Gilmore** reported **Dan Kannegieter**, won the Fat Tire Bike Nationals in Grand Rapids. Melting Mann is 3/19 in Vandalia and TCL will be well represented. Barry Roubaix is also coming up and many team members will be participating.

Education Chair **Paul Wells** reported on preparations for Bike Camp: Brochures have been printed and are available for distribution to those that can help. Coffee shops, work places, bike stores and other local businesses have been willing to display brochures in the past. Individuals have started registering for Bike Camp through Pay Pal.

Paul Wells, also reported on progress about educating the public about the 5-foot law. MLive may do an interactive story with media. A local apartment complex has included a write-up in their newsletter. You can help the club by introducing Paul or Valerie to a contact you know at a neighborhood organization, church, business or other organization that might have an opportunity to help us further education the community about the 5' passing ordinance. We are still seeking funding for this project as well. **Paul Selden, Doug Kirk, and Mike Boersma** have given input along with the committee members: **Robin Sides, David Jones, Mike Krischer, and Renee Mitchell. Chris Barnes** has created a new sign that will posted at the Portage city limits, informing drivers of the ordinance.

News Channel 3 also had a brief mention of the 5' passing rule and we are trying to get representation on the electronic billboard on Westnedge. Ryan Heidenfeld mentioned there are billboards in Grand Rapids that are targeting both cyclists and drivers to encourage safe habits. We all need to be ambassadors for the sport.

KalTour Kahuna **Mike Krischer** asks that you contact him if you can help with KalTour. The prices have been raised this year, and KalTour is a fundraiser primarily for the club. Mike also asked for help distributing flyers—he would like to distribute to a larger geographical area this year. We will need a ride leader for the family ride this year as the individual that has done it in the past has been seriously injured.

Webmaster **Paul Sotherland** reported additional bike-related gatherings will be posted to the webpage. We will reach out to other clubs to share our events, and we will share events from other clubs. Email Paul at webmaster@kalamazoobicycleclub.org if you have an event you would like to share.

Old Business

Silent Observer Sponsorship: There was a hit and run accident on November 10th, involving 4 club members. After the incident, Paul Selden emailed several club members to ask for help brainstorming ideas to help locate hit and run drivers. Silent Observer handles awards for tips and manages compiling information for locating perpetrators. Paul also suggested that we look into rear-facing cameras for club rides for safety. Paul would like us to form a relationship with Silent Observer to support efforts to find at-fault drivers. Team Taylor, Tri Kats, TCL, and other local clubs have also been approached for these efforts.

Paul Selden offered the following Resolution:

The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club is prepared to pledge a reward fund of up to \$1000 per year for each of the years 2017-2021, for information submitted to Silent Observer regarding motorists who commit an act of hit and run upon a cyclist. Our pledge is a promise to pay Silent Observer for actual award(s) disbursed and receipted according to Silent Observers customary screening and graduated reward amount determined procedures.

Vice President **John Olbrot** wants to keep this open for discussion by the executive committee and also public comment for a month before bringing this to a vote. Paul mentioned that we have flexibility with the amount that we pledge to Silent Observer. Paul is asking that this is resolved before the next meeting. Paul thinks that this is an important collaborative effort with the community. Valerie expressed concerns about rewarding partially culpable parties with rewards, but Paul cautioned against pre-judging potential recipients of the rewards before justice has been served.

Mike Boersma suggested we table this for further discussion by the club. Mike also mentioned the recent expenditures and financial position of the club may not support this. John reiterated that the financial position of the club is half of what it was last year. John mentioned the various grants that the club funded in 2016 including the Maple Hill Trail and the connector to complete the KRVT. Several individuals supported the idea but also want to defer to the executive to committee to consider this further. Teri Olbrot requested that we move to another topic.

Finally, the following members were sworn in as sanctioned Ride Leaders:

Chris Thomas, Gordy Vader, Jerry Amrhein, Julie Bradfield, Kevin Oostema, Rick Whaley, Ryan Heidenfeld, Scott F Powers, Teri Olbrot

–Val Litznerski, Secretary@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

SWMMBA Announces 2017 Fort Custer Stampede Mountain Bike Race

SWMMBA sent us a link to a webpage for this year's Fort Custer Stampede, which is a SWMMBA fundraiser. Dozens—if not hundreds—of KBC members have competed in the Stampede over the years. It's May 7th this year. Read all about it, check out all the divisions, and register at:

<https://www.bikereg.com/23rd-fort-custer-stampede-swmma>

The 17th Annual W Ride is April 29th

Looking for something to do the last Saturday in April that doesn't involve yard work, closet cleaning, or sumo wrestling? Well, have you considered the W Ride? That's right, the 17th Annual W Ride will be taking place on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m., starting at its usual location, the east parking lot of Vicksburg High School.

“And where might the W Ride go?” you might ask, especially if you are alphabetically challenged. Well, since this is an odd numbered year, we'll be doing the “Classic” W Ride route. We will leave the parking lot and ride through Vicksburg, through Schoolcraft, and to the Van Buren County line on W Avenue. Then, we'll turn around and ride back to Vicksburg.

After taking a sustenance break at the local Shell station, the unofficial convenience store of the W Ride (I recommend the Combos for an aesthetically pleasing crunch), we will continue our W Avenue adventure, riding through Fulton to the Calhoun County line. Then, if you think that we'll turn around and ride back to Vicksburg, you must be psychic.

And our reward for 48 miles of linear cycling pleasure? Salty treats and Gatorade, courtesy of the Ride Leader. As always, maps will be provided for no apparent reason. Rick Whaley will lead the main group of riders and the speed will be in the 15 to 18 mph range, depending on who shows up. And there will probably be other groups of riders, riding at different speeds.

So come and experience directional deprivation at the W Ride. The weather will be wonderful, the company will be enjoyable, and the road will be straight. But remember, if you want to ride north or south, you'll just have to organize your own ride.

—**Rick Whaley**, W Ride Leader

Bike Camp 2017 Coming in May

If you know someone who isn't comfortable riding on the road, tell them to enroll in Bike Camp for 2017, a multi-session information and training program for beginning cyclists or those wishing to hone their skills.

KBC has successfully trained new cyclists for many years with this program. The instructors are seasoned, experienced cyclists who are passionate about bringing interested folks into this great sport. Attendees complete the program knowing how to safely, comfortably, and efficiently ride their bike.

Topics covered include a review of laws applying to bicycles, safe biking skills, bike fit adjustments to improve comfort and efficiency, fitness goals, nutrition, and bike maintenance. Families, adults new to road cycling, and those renewing their interest in the sport can all benefit from Bike Camp.

Bike Camp Dates

Session 1: Wednesday May 10th at 6:30 PM. This is an orientation and informational session, without your bike, held at the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors (GKSR) Auditorium located at 5830 Venture Park Drive, Kalamazoo.

Sessions 2, 3, 4, and 5: Saturdays, May 13, 20, 27, and June 3. These are educational and riding sessions held at the Portage YMCA, 2900 West Centre Ave in Portage. We will be getting into the details of safe riding and keeping your bike operating properly, so bring your bike and all your riding gear (helmet, mirror, bike clothing, protective eyewear, and bike gloves).

On Sunday, June 25th , Bike Camp concludes with participation in KBC's KalTour, the Kalamazoo Scenic Bicycle Tour, which starts at Bronson Athletic Club on 9th St, just south of I-94.

Cost: includes one-year KBC membership

\$50.00 for individuals signed up on or before May 1

\$60.00 for individuals signed up after May 1

\$60.00 for families signed up on or before May 1

\$70.00 for families signed up after May 1

For additional information and to register, go to <http://www.kalamazoobicycleclub.org/club/bikeCamp.php>.

If you would like to volunteer to help at Bike Camp, or have questions, please email us at:

bikecamp@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

--Paul Wells, educationchair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

KBC Website Additions

If you haven't looked at the KBC website lately, you really ought to. It's completely re-done and vastly improved. And it's a work in progress, with more good stuff getting added. In the past few weeks, two new pages have been added.

The first is **Other Events**, available on the drop-down menu under "Events". This serves as a place for KBC members to post information about bicycling-related events they want club members to learn about. The full URL is: <http://www.kalamazoobicycleclub.org/events/other-events/>

The second is **Press Releases**, and is a repository of what gets sent out from KBC to the press. It's available on the drop-down menu under "Resources" and the URL is <http://www.kalamazoobicycleclub.org/resources/press-releases/>

--Paul Sotherland, webmaster@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

KalTour 2017

Online registration for KalTour 2017 is now open! Our lowest prices -- \$20 per individual and \$40 per family (including the KBC member discount) are available through the KalTour tab of the new KBC home page, but only until May 1. KalTour which takes place on Sunday June 25 offers a variety of routes ranging from 13 to 100 miles as well as the option to join a ride group. Routes are marked with color-coded arrows; maps are also provided. Lunch is provided for all riders along with watermelon at the end of the ride. There are also well-stocked rest stops on the longer routes.

--Mike Krischer, KalTour Director

Kalamazoo Strong/KBC Jerseys STILL Available to Order Online

Last chance!!! These awesome, one of a kind, jerseys will only be available until the end of June so order yours before it's too late!

20% Of Your Purchase Price Goes to Kalamazoo Strong

93 of these jerseys have been sold through December 30, netting an additional \$1,267.56 for Kalamazoo Strong



Kalamazoo Strong inspired KBC jerseys are available to order direct from Voler, the jersey company that produced KBC's 2010 jerseys. The design is the club's most recent jersey design with the red Kalamazoo Strong bicycle chain heart replacing the star where Kalamazoo is located on the jersey.

Cost is \$70 plus shipping (or order with a bike buddy and save shipping costs, orders over \$75 ship for free). 20% of the cost of each jersey will be donated to Kalamazoo Strong to benefit families of the June 7, 2016 cycling tragedy.

Jerseys are custom made and ship about 7 days after your order is placed and payment is verified. Here's a link to the online store where you can order the jersey:

<http://www.voler.com/browse/collections/details/li/KalamazooStrong/>

Editor's Letter: The Wave

In November 2005 Kathy and I drove 900 miles south to Alabama Cycling Camp, a bike camp run by Coach Aldo Sfalcin, an Italian immigrant, certified coach, and ex-bike racer. Aldo's gregarious and loves to talk about anything having to do with bikes, so we hit it off right away. I mention him because a seed he planted back then germinated into something of an informal study I've been doing ever since.

Aldo told us that he'd had more than one southerner drawl that bicyclists seem like snobs and aren't very friendly because they don't wave at the drivers, even if the drivers wave first. He told this story to emphasize his request that we wave as cars pass by to help us newcomers fit in to a very rural community where most everyone knows most everyone else and where Lycra and packs of bicyclists were quite a novelty.

Over the years I've taken the idea of waving to heart. Waving to drivers—and even people in their yards or by the road—seems to me like a pretty simple way to emphasize our status as vulnerable human beings and also engender a bit of positive feedback and maybe some good karma. I'm a big believer in karma, and I've waved a lot the last twelve years. Not always, but I've done it enough that I've noticed a few things along the way.

It's pretty rare to get a wave in an urban setting unless the vehicle is sporting some sort of trappings indicating bike-friendliness, so I don't even bother most of the time. Besides, likely as not there are just too many cars and too many distractions. But the further out in the country I am, the more likely I am to get a wave.

Men wave more than women. Young, attractive women almost never wave. (It's been suggested this might in fact have something to do with exactly whom it is they'd be waving to and if I looked a bit like, say Mario Cipolini, they'd all wave.)

Far more people wave in the south than up north (Some rides it's fifty percent!) Older people wave more than young ones. Black people are more likely to wave than whites, but whites are more likely to wave than Asians or Indians.

I'm more likely to get a wave from a pick-up truck than a car, and more likely to get a wave from a big truck than a pickup. Post Office letter carriers and delivery vans are very good bets. Any commercial vehicle—one with lettering on the sides or back—is likely to produce a wave. Drivers of vehicles with diesel engines are more likely to wave, and expensive or high performance cars are less likely. The more politely a vehicle passes, the more likely they'll wave. If a string of cars approaches, only the front one is likely to wave.

More people wave Sunday morning than any other time. (You can draw your own conclusions about this. Personally, I think it has something to do with the fact that riding on Sunday morning is, IMHO, attending Bike Church and even the drivers realize that if we're out riding Sunday morning we must be practicing our religion.)

Only drivers wave—not passengers. The exception is kids—if they pull their heads out of their phones and actually see you. Kids you pull up next to or in school busses love to wave—and occasionally shout (luckily, I usually can't hear what they say). A couple of kids have actually mooned me—sadly, all boys—which I figure is a far greater acknowledgement than a wave.

Thankfully, most people eating or using their phones can't figure out how to wave. People in yards are more likely to wave than people in cars, and kids and older people along the roadside are better bets. Folks mowing the yard will almost always wave if they see you.

I've seen lots of different kinds of waves. Most common is the driver lifting most of one hand off the steering wheel, but sometimes it's just a few fingers or the whole hand. Sometimes it's just one finger (usually the index finger, not its neighbor). Once in a while, someone sticks a hand out the window to wave (my personal favorite), and of course a few folks tap on the horn—more likely trucks with air horns. Funny how you can always tell a friendly beep from the other kind!

One situation when I try to wave every time is when an approaching vehicle takes some action that shows me the driver is looking out for me. When that happens I make sure to wave big, and time it to be hard for them to miss. Drivers who show me they care are definitely worth waving to.

Frankly, I think we'd all be better off if we took up waving. Not so much in urban settings, but when you're out in the country, why not? I often say the world would be a better place if everyone rode a bike. The same holds true if people waved to one another. (Besides, it might get them to put down their phones!) Now if I could just figure out how to get a "wave" going on the Monday Night Ride like they do in stadiums, maybe I could patent it and sell the rights...

--Doug Kirk Editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

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APRIL KBC STATISTICS

Active subscriptions: 374

Active Members: 626 (Includes family members)

New members: • Rafael Alcaraz • Brook Byrd • Heather Byrd • Sarah Byrd • Fred Dixon • Kerri Langdon • James Murray • Ricky Soule • Danial Witham •

April Expiring memberships:

Victoria Cane • Benjamin Clark • Jeni Czach • Todas Family • Sheehan Family • Andrea & Donald Fore • Daniel Frazier • Norman & Kate Hamann • Keith Heatherly • Anne Hoover • Kathleen Kroll • Dominique Mixon • Colleen Myers • Roger Pozezniak • Don Reeves • David Taylor • Chris VanderWeide • Tim Verdries •

Renewed memberships:

Steve Stapleton • Mike Berry • Edwin Micalizzi • Dave Dilno • Kevin & Karen High • Herb Boven • Molly Cartwright • Susan DeHollander • Matthew Lechel & Melody Daacon • Mike Connelly • Yvonne Johnson • Dan Jekic •

YOUR LOCAL BIKE SHOPS:

They support us so please support them

Billy's Bike Shop, 63 East Battle Creek Street, Galesburg, (269) 665-5202. Sadly, Billy's no longer has a website

Custer Cyclery, 104 North Augusta, Augusta, (269) 731-3492, www.custercyclery.com.

Gazelle Sports, 214 South Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, (269) 342-5996, www.Gazellesports.com.

April 8-23 is Gazelle Sports' SOCK SALE! Buy three pairs, get the fourth pair FREE!

Kzoo Swift, 445 Forest St, Kalamazoo, (269) 929-8053, www.kzooswift.com.

**Pedal Downtown, 611 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, (269) 567-3325,
Pedal South, 185 Romence Road, Portage (269) 324-5555,
info@pedalbicycle.com and www.pedalbicycle.com.**

**Trek Bicycle Store, Battle Creek 22 West Michigan, Battle Creek, 1-800-841-9494,
www.trekstorebattlecreek.com (Team Active has changed names but not owners).**

Village Cyclery, US 131 in Schoolcraft, (269) 679-4242, www.villagecyclery.com.

Zoo City Cycle, 4328 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, (269) 552-3000, www.zoocitycycle.com.