

KBC PedalPress

The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club for January, 2018
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THE NEXT KBC MONTHLY MEETING IS Tuesday February 13th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Kalamazoo YMCA, 1001 W. Maple St. All KBC members are welcome to attend.

KBC's Annual Recovery Party Set for January 27, 2018

KBC's Recovery Party is the best off-the-bike event of the season, and will again be held at the **Eckert Wordell** architectural firm, same as last year, thanks to KBC member and FC4 Fearless Leader **David Jarl**.

We go from 7:00 to 10:00pm. The party is potluck, so please bring a side dish or salad or dessert to share. We'll supply the plates, utensils napkins, beer, wine, soft drinks and small sandwiches.

--John Idema, socialdirector@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

President's Letter:

Happy New Year KBC! Hope you enjoyed wonderful memories and good times with family and friends during the holidays! I was delighted to wake up and see it snowing Christmas morning. It was beautiful and, after all, isn't that why we live in Michigan?

Congratulations Pedal Bicycle!

Congratulations to Pedal Bicycle on being the recipient of KBC's Friend of Bicycling Award for 2018. This honor is awarded annually to an individual or other entity who 'significantly advanced the interests of bicycling.' With Tim Krone at the helm, Pedal Bicycle goes way beyond advancing the interest and encouraging more cyclists in our community. Pedal Bicycle demonstrates its commitment to bicycling in ways that include supporting many of the local bicycling organizations and events financially as well as volunteer service hours, providing employment opportunities to college students and others interested in learning the bicycle trade, offering leadership and assistance with weekly rides, and promoting bicycling benefits, safety and education through advertising, articles and interviews. We are very appreciative of Pedal Bicycles' support and commitment to bicycling in our community. Many thanks to Pam Sotherland and the Awards Committee for their work gathering nominees and managing the voting process.

New KBC Insurance Coordinator

I'd like to welcome Thom Brennan to KBC's Board as he has graciously agreed to join the team as our new Insurance Coordinator. Thank you, Terry O'Connor, for managing this role and doing a tremendous job for over 5 years. Your shoes will be hard to fill but I'm betting Thom is up to the task!

Ramblings...

As a new year begins, we all look for new adventures to seek, goals to accomplish and resolutions to fulfill. As you envision your year ahead, be encouraged to try something you've never done before, meet someone you've

always wanted to meet, get involved with something you're passionate about, and ride somewhere you've never ridden! Happy 2018, make it a great year! Just a reminder, there will be no KBC Monthly Meeting in January. See you at the Recovery Party on January 27th! Safe cycling (brrrr)!

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Renee Mitchell president@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Important Information Concerning KBC Applying for Non-Profit Status

Renee Mitchell, John Olbrot, Doug Kirk, and I met with Jennifer Holder, a CPA with the Seber Tans accounting firm in November to discuss whether the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club could become a non-profit organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), which covers charitable organizations. Ms. Holder offered her opinion that the activities of KBC qualified for 501(c)(3) status.

Ms. Holder noted the IRS filing fee is \$800 for an application, that accounting fees would run \$950, and that it takes the IRS anywhere from six weeks to six months to process an application. We also learned that upon approval by the IRS, the date the application was submitted becomes the effective date of the 501(c)(3) status, meaning that KBC could advertise that it is in the process of seeking approval and that the organization and its donors get the benefit related to being a charitable organization.

There are several benefits to KBC becoming a charitable organization. First, membership fees are tax deductible. Second, many program fees, like those for BikeCamp and KalTour, are tax deductible. Third, the State of Michigan gives charitable organizations a break on sales taxes, so the KBC would not have to pay sales taxes on items purchased for KalTour and for social activities. Fourth, KBC's credit card processor gives a small break on the fees it charges for processing credit cards for charitable organizations. Fifth, as a charitable organization, KBC would have an easier time soliciting grants for programming activities such as the 5 foot passing campaign because contributions would be tax-deductible to donors.

Ms. Holder indicated that the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club is required to file a tax return with the IRS regardless of its decision to pursue 501(c)(3) status. This means that the KBC will need to start filing either a corporate tax return or a Form 990 with the IRS. Based on the information that the Executive Committee received, the EC recommended to KBC's Board of Directors that we pursue becoming a charitable organization. Part of that process requires amending KBC's Constitution to include the following two amendments required by the IRS:

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

By a unanimous vote, the KBC Board agreed to these two amendments, which will now be the subject of a membership vote by those present at the February meeting, and if approved, KBC could then begin the application process.

--Mike Boersma, Treasurer@kalamazooBicycleClub.org

Share Your Favorite Routes

KBC anticipates a January rollout for the KBC's **free** Ride with GPS (RWGPS) premium account. Members will receive an email with a link and instructions to join the club account. In the meantime, if you do not have a (free) RWGPS personal account, you may want to go ahead and open your account and start playing with it.

If you have routes you would like to share so everyone can access them, you can submit routes for inclusion in the club account library. To submit a route, create the route in your individual RWGPS account (or upload it if you have it in another compatible format), make sure the privacy setting is set to "public," and then copy the URL/link for that route into an email message and send it to routesandrides@kalamazoobicycleclub.org.

Please provide a brief description of the route along with the link, such as type of road surface (we will assume all routes are paved roads unless otherwise stated); terrain, scenery or other attributes, like hazards. Unless it's obvious you can include where the start/finish is for parking purposes.

We expect to build a nice collection of routes that everyone can use and share. Remember, when using the club account, members will have access to all the "premium" level features of RWGPS at no cost!

--Dale Abbott, Cyber Map Maestro

Get Your Free 5-Foot Passing Stickers and Magnets

We received our 5-Foot passing stickers and magnets. They are available at all the local bike shops and various other locations. Please display them prominently on your vehicle, or your relative's, friend's, neighbor's, or co-worker's vehicle—or anywhere else that they will be seen. These are free, but if you are so inclined, leave a donation to replenish the KBC education fund. We spent over \$1200 on these, so we hope they have an impact, and that we will have more funds to do more promotion and education.

We also plan to order more yard signs similar to the signs you've no doubt seen around town. Please think about good places to put more of these (like in front of City Hall and the City and school bus garages and sympathetic businesses—Ed.) Thank you for your support!

--Paul Wells, Educationchair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

5 Foot Education Campaign Donation Report

On behalf of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club, Paul Wells and I want to thank the following individuals and organizations that have supported the 5 Foot Passing Education Campaign:

The DALMAC Fund, The Young Professionals Network, Mariann and Robert Litznerski, Heather Byrd, Mike Boersma, and the many cash donors at KBC meetings, at Kalamazoo Swift, at Zoo City Sports, and at Pedal North & South.

As of December 20, 2017, the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club has raised \$3869.87 for the campaign and has spent \$2146.58 on signs and decals. Paul Wells reports that demands for signs requires an additional purchase which will be forthcoming in time for spring.

--Mike Boersma, Treasurer@KalamazooBicycleClub.org

KBC Monthly Meeting Notes for December 12, 2017

In Attendance: Carolyn Wyllie, David Riggs, Doug Kirk, Gordy Vader, John Idema, John Olbrot, Mike Boersma, Mike Krischer, Pam Sotherland, Paul Marquardt, Paul Sotherland, Paul Wells, Renee Mitchell, Rick Whaley, Terry Butcher, Terry Florian, Terry O'Connor, Thom Brennan, Tory Cane, Valerie Litznerski

Renee Mitchell, President: After introductions, Renee reminded everyone that membership prices are going up January first. Renee thanked retiring insurance coordinator Terry O'Connor for his service and welcomed Thom Brennan to take his place. There is an opportunity in the club for someone who has experience with grant writing and grant requests. Let any Board member know if you know anyone who is interested. Renee also mentioned there were two meetings outside of the general membership meeting in November—the Ride Leader Summit and the Social Media Meeting.

John Olbrot, Vice President: Said all ride sanctioning for 2017 ride leaders will expire at the end of the year but we can sanction ride leaders tonight for 2018. We're making progress with the Ride With GPS account and will start inviting club members to the club membership site to test it. The goal is to make it available to the general membership next month. Dale Abbot, Terry Butcher and John Olbrot have been working on the developing KBC's Ride with GPS account over the past few months. KBC members will get many of the premium Ride with GPS benefits just by being in KBC. Paul Sotherland added there is information about Ride With GPS on the club website. John also mentioned that they are still hoping to get the 5' passing rule passed in Texas Township and is gathering supporters to attend a township meeting.

Mike Boermsa, Treasurer: \$5,387.58 in checking, \$1,634.29 in the education account, and \$560 in the Jeremy Smith memorial fund. Also \$6,170.48 in the CD, and \$6,251.54 in the PayPal account. A \$400 check was received from the Young Professionals Network for the education fund. Mike mentioned the KBC Board discussed pursuing 501(c)(3) status. This will require that KBC update its Constitution. The language is included in this Pedal Press and will be voted on during the February meeting. (*See article above—Ed.*) Mike mentioned that Renee, John and Mike met with a CPA and they discussed the expenses and requirements to achieve the 501(c)(3). Total costs would be about \$2,000 for the filing and CPA assistance. Donations to the club in the future would be tax deductible and the club would be able to access grant funding more easily for club campaigns and activities. Scott Baron mentioned that this would allow us to partner with other non-profit organizations. Scott asked if we have a vision for how we want to spend additional revenue should we receive it. Mike mentioned this may open up more possibilities and opportunities. It is easier to attain 501(c)(3) than it has been in the past. Recently, the club has focused more on community enrichment, charity and advocacy than in years past. This is what should qualify the club for 501(c)(3) approval. Mike mentioned that the annual expenses would be about \$250 with the club's current revenues, and the club expects to save at least that much through the sales tax exemption which non-profits receive.

Paul Wells, Education Committee: Magnets and stickers are available for distribution throughout the community. Paul also asked for feedback on the stickers and magnets. Pam encountered some comments from a co-worker who was unsure as to how to safely pass. Renee mentioned that we should post photos of safe passing on the website. Paul mentioned that we should order more yard signs. Doug was speaking with a representative of Oshemo Township who asked to have signs for distribution at the Township Hall. Terry asked if there is any intention to put up more signs along bike routes. Paul mentioned that he thought that was a good idea.

Paul Sotherland & Renee Mitchell: spoke about KBC's website development. Membership tracking might be made available on the website for members as a part of a login. Members will be able to renew and register for KalTour with the login. Terry asked if the PedalPress will be accessible in the member log in area.

Valerie Litznerski, Secretary: spoke about the Social Media Meeting. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Ride With GPS were discussed. There was discussion about whether the PedalPress should be available to the public

via the website immediately upon publication instead of the current 3-month delay. **John Olbrot** felt like keeping the PedalPress as an “internal document” might foster more openness in the opinions expressed. **Paul Marquardt** said sending the PedalPress outside of membership could be used as a marketing tool. **Carolyn Wyllie** thought the information in the PedalPress could attract new members. **David Riggs** said the PedalPress should be printed and distributed at bike shops. PedalPress Editor **Doug Kirk** said the response to physical copies of the PedalPress has been tepid in the past. **Scott Baron** mentioned that the PedalPress could be condensed. Someone suggested that we could include less information in the PedalPress and more utilization of emails. **Mike Boersma** asked if we should invite people to sign up for the PedalPress even if they are not club members. **Terry Butcher** mentioned that we could create a link that wouldn’t fully load unless your membership was current. It was also asked if meetings should be posted as events on Facebook. No decisions were made about these things.

John Idema, Recovery Party: Will take place on January 27th from 7-10 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be no free parking in the lot this year in the lot on the North Side of the building, more details to come. **Doug Kirk** mentioned that we need to reach out to local bike shops for swag. **Paul Sotherland** asked if the party is members only, to which the answer was yes, but Paul suggested we invite old, long-term or early members of KBC to the party, even if they aren’t current members. This idea was well received. **John Olbrot** mentioned that we should invite the couple that gave us the newsletters for the club’s archives. **John Idema** is happy to invite any one. Send names of people you would like to invite to him at socialdirector@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Renee Mitchell, 2018 Goals Petition: Previous years’ goals were based on survey results. Tonight, Renee passed around a small sheet for attendees to write suggestions the club should work on in 2018.

Pam Sotherland, KBC Friend of Bicycling Award: The nominees were Steve Stepek and the KATS Moves Sterling Committee, Kalamazoo County Commission, City of Portage, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Pedal Bicycle. **The winner was Pedal Bicycles.**

Grant Request, Doug Kirk & Ryan Heidenfeld: A request was submitted by Ryan Heidenfeld for financial support for the National 24 Hour Challenge. The race has happened annually for the last 36 years. Ryan is a board member at large for the event. It is the largest personal best 24-hour event in the United States and is attended by cyclists from across the country and other countries as well. The event encourages bicycling, increases awareness of riding, especially at night. It has received support from other local cycling organizations and other bike shops. The Grant Committee discussed this over email, approving \$500.00, half of the requested \$1000.00. This grant will be allocated to support staff for the race (emergency responders). Renee asked if there are any questions about the event, and several attendees have participated in the event. Ryan mentioned that KBC can be represented at the event as a sponsor.

Cross-State Ride: Valerie Litznerski is interested in riding across the state to raise awareness for safe cycling in Michigan and would like to use this as an opportunity to raise funds for KBC. Those who are interested in helping out can reach out to Valerie. More details to come.

Ride Leader Sanctioning: Most people are signing up for the insurance. We hope the sanctioned ride leaders will step up to lead club rides. Terry mentioned that, unlike road rides, to be covered each mountain bike ride has to be declared as a club-sanctioned ride in advance, and that all attendees need to sign waivers for EACH ride. Previously, MTB was excluded, which is something that the club worked hard to change to benefit our members who ride mountain bike rides. It isn’t clear if e-signed waivers will be accepted. The rides need to be published as KBC rides.

Old and New Business: Nothing else. Upon a motion by Terry O’Connor and seconded by John Idema, we adjourned.

–**Val Litznerski**, Secretary@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

PedalPress Interview: Tory Cane

When both time and energy hit simultaneously, your Editor likes to interview KBC members who shine their own special light on our favorite sport. Tory Cane is relatively new to the sport of bicycling but she's gone all in, winning and placing in almost every variety of racing. Two years ago, Tory was often a speck in my rear-view mirror. This year, she frequently became a speck way up the road ahead of me! We caught up with her (not an easy task!) after a recent club meeting.

Tory is Dr. Victoria Cane, a self-employed fully-licensed psychologist with a full-time practice here in Kalamazoo. She also has 9- and 11-year old boys and is Team Clark Logic's liaison to KBC, so we can safely assume she leads a very busy life. Tory says she'd been a runner off and on over the years, and the biking bug didn't bite until the fall of 2014 when a friend suggested they ride the Kal-Haven trail to South Haven—far and away her longest bike ride ever. Instead of bailing once she got to the lake, Tory rode back again—a 75-mile day—on a borrowed hybrid bike. “It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be,” she claims.

By the spring of 2015, a friend had her on an old Klein Quantum road bike and she entered her first race, the M-22 Challenge near Glen Arbor—a multisport event that included a 17 mile bike ride, a 2.5 mile paddle, and 2.5 miles of running in the Sleeping Bear Dunes. “I learned I'm not good at paddling,” she says.

Tory began riding with KBC in 2015 and credits **Andrea Fore** and **Gordy Vader** for their tutelage on Club rides and teaching her how to fit into a pack of riders and use her energy effectively. (Gordy is one of KBC's longest term members.) Along the way, she was spotted by Meg Zapalowski, who recruited Tory to join Team Clark Logic, Kalamazoo's own race team. By the end of the year Tory was totally hooked on biking and came to understand the wisdom of the formula for the correct number of bikes to own ($N + 1$; where N = the number you have now)!

Now Tory races road, cyclocross, mountain and fat-tire bikes. She also lands on the podium in all four disciplines and races as much—or more—than anyone on Team Clark Logic. 2017 result highlights include 3rd place in the women's elite category in the Michigan Cyclocross race series and 5th place at the Michigan Cyclocross State Championships along with 2nd in the women's fat bike category in last month's Iceman and 2nd in women's elite Fat Bike State Championships.

Tory also placed 2nd overall in the Kalamazoo/Lawton Race for Wishes, 1st in the BTR Cat 4 criterium, 3rd overall in the Melting Mann gravel race, 6th overall in the Barry Roubaix women's 36 mile event, and 1st in the women's expert class at the Fort Custer Stampede.

How does she find time to train? Her keys are time management and flexibility. She's never had a coach and doesn't follow any particular fancy training program. She rides as much as she can fit it into her schedule and tries to make the most out of the time she has.

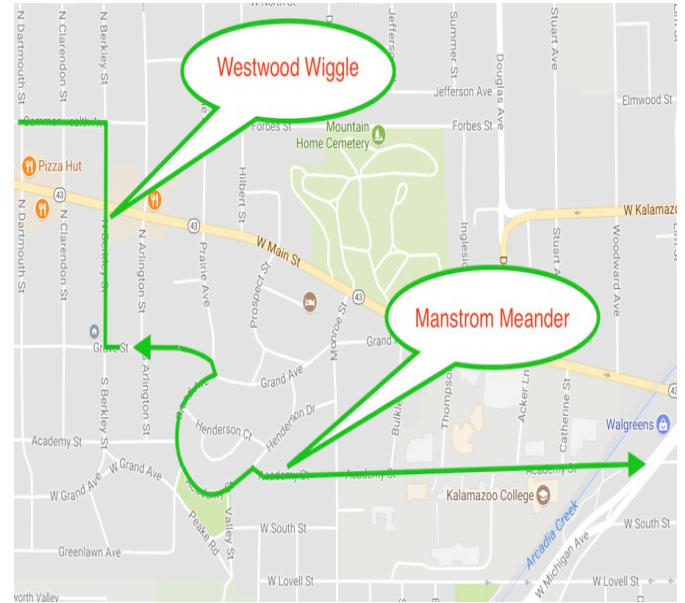
It's no secret that women's racing sometimes suffers from a relative lack of racers compared to the men's events, and Tory sometimes travels across Michigan to find reasonably large women's fields. We asked Tory what advice she has for other women who might be interested in—but maybe are nervous about—entering a race.

“Just give it a try,” she said. “The other racers are incredibly supportive. It can be intimidating when you go to your first race, so get there early and start talking to other competitors. They'll be happy to offer advice and suggestions. Most people don't expect to win, but every one of them is there to have a good time. Competition is rewarding--psychologically as well as physically. It's fun too. Just go for it!”

--Doug Kirk, Editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Kudos

Kalamazoo College and the City of Kalamazoo created a bike route from the east end of the “Westwood Wiggle” to the west edge of downtown Kalamazoo at Stadium Drive. With a gift from an anonymous donor, Kalamazoo College funded installation of “bike route” and “five-foot” signs through its campus, along Academy St. The new route continues into the West Main Hill neighborhood, where it connects with the recently established “Westwood Wiggle” bike route through the Westwood neighborhood and out to Drake Rd. The new bike route through K’s campus has been dubbed the “Manstrom Meander” in honor of Paul Manstrom, retiring Director of K’s Facilities Management. As in the past, this effort to improve Kalamazoo’s bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure was brought to fruition through patient and persistent work by Rebekah Kik, Community Planning and Development Director for the City of Kalamazoo.



Also, Oshtemo Township recently completed renovating KL Ave between 9th and 8th streets. They also striped this stretch of road to provide 3.5 feet of paved shoulder by limiting each traffic lanes to 10.5 feet instead of the usual 11 feet. Credit for making this bike-friendly development goes to Marc Elliott, Director of Public Works for Oshtemo Township, and Ryan Russell, civil engineer at Prein & Newhof. Oversight (and encouragement) was provided by Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Oshtemo Township Supervisor, who noted, “Nothing slower than progress!” But progress was indeed made.

—Paul Sotherland, Webmaster@Kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Editor’s Letter: Crime and Punishment--Reader Redux

Faithful readers will recall that last month’s Editor’s Letter asked for reader responses to my thoughts about how society, and we as bicyclists, should punish and treat drivers who through negligence, without intent, and with great remorse, kill a bicyclist. The responses I received follow. —Doug Kirk

When I worked for the Michigan State Police as a Motor Carrier Investigator, I did a 5-year program with the University of Michigan gathering information regarding fatal traffic crashes involving trucks. I studied about 100 fatal crashes and interviewed the survivors.

Regardless of who was at fault in these crashes I don’t recall anyone who did not experience a huge change in their lives as a result. By chance, I’d known one man for several years prior to the crash and he was a wonderful, productive person. Afterwards he was so affected he was only able to stay home and play video games. The program certainly changed me. One fatal crash is too many.

--Paul Clift, KBC member

It sure seems like overly light charges in Jeremy Smith’s case, but without knowing the details no one should pass judgment, and I have not looked into any details of the accident myself.

Folks have always taken sides in bike accident situations based on how they feel about bicyclists riding on the roads. The problem with taking sides and posting your opinion on social media is that many more people see what side you are on, and if they disagree they dig in their heels and ramp up their emotional attachment to their belief.

Many car/bike accidents involve an erratic, unpredictable cyclist, and/or low visibility situations. If all cyclists rode like we do, predictably, and brightly, we would be more welcome on the road. KBC should be emphasizing and educating members to single up more often and be more friendly than we are now.

Of course it is legal to ride two abreast, but most drivers don't know that. I have been doing my own informal, limited survey of non-cycling drivers for the last year, and all of them bring up the blocking of traffic as an issue. As bicyclists, we can get indignant and claim that we have the law on our side, but if the majority of drivers think we are a problem, we really do have a problem and should make ourselves more traffic friendly.

Smaller group sizes, using more lightly-traveled roads for bigger groups, choosing less hilly roads during higher traffic times, and singling up more often when in smaller groups would be helpful and safer for us. But who am I to police KBC rides? You have tried that in the past. Do you feel you changed riding behavior for the better?

The root problem is driver education and licensing, and cyclist education (non existent.) Driving is considered a right, and little is done to create knowledgeable, competent drivers. It's too easy to get and keep a driver's license. Even though it is completely legal, Texas township, for example, prefers to be obstructionist, regardless of the law. The only right answer is for them to be doing whatever they can to make road biking safer. or if they really don't want bikes using the roads, make it illegal. Of course I'm not advocating that. I appreciate John Olbrot's work to get them to reconsider.

In my perfect world, cyclists would be required to take a rider licensing course, and pass a written test to determine their knowledge to cycling law. Law enforcement would pay attention to cyclists, and drivers encountering cyclists, and cite those not complying. It shouldn't be KBC's responsibility to do this stuff.

Paul Wells, Educationchair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

While mulling over your points, including your admonition to be careful when exercising one's first amendment rights, a few recent missives came to mind. The first of which was a conversation between Preet Bharara and Judge Jud Rakoff on the 21 November 2017 podcast "Stay Tuned with Preet," which has the same title as your editorial (<https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/crime-and-punishment-judge-jed-rakoff>). Interestingly, Judge Rakoff, and Preet, made many of the same points that you did about informed and measured responses to crimes during their conversation. They also focused on the importance of having empathy for the accused perpetrator and for the victim of the crime.

The other opinion pieces appeared in the *New York Times*, bracketed your PedalPress editorial in time and in logic, and provide further guidance when considering how we might respond to transgressions. Part of Jim Reische's focus in "The Importance of Dumb Mistakes in College" (<https://nyti.ms/2kKRUQ0>) is on how difficult it is these days to make a dumb mistake and not have it plastered all over social media. He reminds us that we all make mistakes and should keep them (and how we were treated) in mind while passing judgment on others. Complementing this train of thought is the assertion by David Brooks, in his "America: The Redeemer Nation" (<https://nyti.ms/2hYryJf>), that "The story of America... can be interpreted as a series of redemptions, of injury, suffering, and healing fresh starts." He continues, a few paragraphs later, "Lincoln sets the course for mutual forgiveness, not the cheap forgiveness that carries no weight but the kind that contains all the stages of proper rigorous forgiveness: mercy, judgment, confession, penitence, reconciliation and re-trust."

Yup... we all have emotional responses to crimes committed; that's part of being human. Another part is taking the time to look in the mirror before casting stones.

– Paul Sotherland, webmaster@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

JANUARY KBC STATISTICS

Active subscriptions: 363 Active Members: (Includes family members): 633

New members:

Rebecca Martinez

January Expiring memberships:

Cheryl Sherwood

Renewed memberships:

Paul Marquardt • John & Maureen Shubnell Family • Joseph Williams • Rob Grainger • Gautier & Emeka Debyser • Shawn Kloha

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.

Join us for Run Through the Lights - December 7 at 6 pm.

RTTL is a festive fun run or walk through the holiday lights of downtown Kalamazoo.

The event is an un-timed, non-competitive 2.4 mile run/walk. Streets will be closed.

Learn more at <http://gazellesports.com/wp/run-through-the-lights/>

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.