

# *KBC PedalPress*

The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club for April, 2018  
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**THE NEXT KBC MONTHLY MEETING IS Tuesday April 10th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Kalamazoo YMCA, 1001 W. Maple St. All KBC members are welcome to attend.**

## **Special May KBC Meeting at Boatyard Brewery**

KBC's May 8<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting will take place at 7:00 pm at **Boatyard Brewery**, 432 E. Patterson St., Kalamazoo, 49001. We are excited to announce that Boatyard will release "**Give Them Five Ale**" at the same time. Boatyard Brewery is creating this beer especially for KBC and will share some of the proceeds with our Education Committee to support their efforts to improve cycling in Kalamazoo.

But don't just come for the beer. We'll have a number of special guests from other local cycling organizations joining us for our meeting. It will be a great opportunity to gather with other members of organizations to learn about the different ways we all work to enhance the cycling experience for our diverse community of cyclists.

**We will have another event on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, an escorted family ride on the KRVT. This will be a no-drop, roughly 10mph ride, which will start and end at Boatyard Brewing. So come ride the trail, enjoy the views and relax afterward at the Boatyard.

For those who aren't familiar with Boatyard Brewing Company, it's a laid-back brewery in a converted warehouse the north end of town. It frequently makes special beers for causes to bring together like-minded community members to support an initiative or an organization. We are lucky to have them in town and look forward to visiting not just in May, but in years to come. Whenever you stop by, be sure to thank them for supporting KBC!

We hope to see many returning and new club members for both events. There will be good food, great beer, and *for those who don't drink alcohol, Boatyard makes delicious root beer as well.*

**--Val Litznerski & Robin Sides**

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## **Legislature Moving Fitfully Forward on Bike Safety Legislation**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> (coincidentally the first day of spring), the Michigan House of Representatives passed a bill requiring drivers of motor vehicles to give bicyclists 3-feet of clearance when passing by a vote of 106 to 2. Sadly, this bill provides much less protection for us than the Senate version passed earlier this year, which requires 5-feet. Worse, the House version contains language that creates an exception allowing drivers to pass at a "safe distance" and "safe speed" if 3-feet is not "practicable." Both versions allow a driver to cross the centerline to give the required clearance if it is otherwise safe to do so.

According to John Lindenmayer at the Michigan League of Bicyclists, various legislators offered several other, even worse amendments, and the 3-foot standard was the result of a great deal of give-and take since about 28 other states have already enacted 3-foot laws. However, LMB (**and yours truly-Ed.**) are both very unhappy with the language allowing drivers to pass closer if not "practicable" since this language gives drivers an easy excuse for not giving 3 feet.

Putting on my lawyer hat for a minute, the effect of this language is to shift the burden to prove the driver was at fault from the driver (to prove he gave 3-feet to a cyclist he just ran over) to the cyclist (to prove it was “practicable” to give 3-feet.) Who decides what is practicable? The real-life result of this language is that the cyclist has to prove the driver is at fault—that giving 3-feet really was practicable—instead of requiring drivers to pass cyclists safely.

Since the Senate and House versions differ, neither bill becomes law. The two bills must be reconciled. This requires a joint committee composed of both senators and representatives to hammer out one bill which must then be approved by both the House and the Senate before being sent to the governor for signature. Hopefully the objectionable language will disappear from the final bill. Time will tell, but there is no fixed time frame for this procedure to be completed.

In addition, the House also passed a bill requiring a minimum of one hour of instruction in drivers’ education classes about bicycle and motorcycle safety by a large margin. Hopefully the students will pay attention and not be transfixed by the cell phones they look forward to holding in one hand while steering and eating with the other!

--Doug Kirk, [Editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org](mailto:Editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org)

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### **A Few Words From Paul Wells**

Hey KBC! It's me, Paul, reminding you to get those 5-foot passing yard signs back out there to remind everyone to be aware of us on the roads. If you need signs, I am in the middle of delivering them to the bike shops, the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, Oshtemo, Kalamazoo Township, and elsewhere. Contact me at the email address below. If you need some delivered, let me know.

Last month I requested that we all work on recruiting new riders to join us at Bike Camp, so here's a reminder to mention it to anyone who might benefit. Just send them to the website to check it out. We will have brochures at the YMCAs, bike shops, and many other locations by the time you read this. Thanks for helping spread the word!

--Paul Wells, [EducationChair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org](mailto:EducationChair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org)

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### **Help Wanted: KBC Needs a Communications Director**

KBC’s Executive Committee wants to broaden KBC’s Public Relations Director position to include social media. So we’ve renamed the position Communications Director to encompass a wider scope and provide unity in club news shared with the community.

**Communications Director Duties:** Communicate and publicize club news and events to media outlets and community organizations and on social media by:

- 1) Developing and maintaining a contact list of media outlets, other bicycle groups, and retailers as well as social media profiles on suitable platforms to use for communicating club activities
- 2) Preparing and disseminating press releases as needed to publicize club activities
- 3) Create and share content on social media relevant to the club’s mission and members’ interest
- 4) Work with KBC committees to support their initiatives

We REALLY need someone to take this on. Please give it serious consideration. If this interests you, please email me.

--Renee Mitchell, [President@KalamazooBicycleClub.org](mailto:President@KalamazooBicycleClub.org)

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## **Tuesday Night Women's Ride Begins May 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Pedal Women's Ride (a/k/a PWR), which is a regular KBC weekly ride, begins on May 1, 2018 at 6:15 (same time as other club rides). We will meet every Tuesday at Pedal South all spring and summer, weather permitting. Plan to arrive up to thirty minutes before we roll out to find your group and get the ride notes.

This ride welcomes women cyclists at all levels. We ride on beautiful Portage roads and trails, perfect for novice cyclists and those willing to share their bike skills with other women. Current groups include:

12-13 mph group that rides about 20 miles, with a short break at the turn around; this is a No drop ride.

14-15 mph group also covers about 20 miles, with a short break at the turn-around; this is a No drop ride.

16-17 mph group covers about 30 miles, with some hills; this is a No drop ride.

**Valerie Litznerski's** group — fast, and you may well be dropped — but the chase is a blast!

If you're a woman who wants to ride her bike, come ride with us. Questions? Call me at 269-615-5297.

**--Teri Olbrot**

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## **The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual W Ride**

Baseball's opening day, the Masters, the Boston Marathon. April sports classics all, but do they involve riding a bicycle, unless one cheats at the Boston Marathon? No! There is only one April sports classic that does involve riding a bicycle and it is the W Ride!

"And what is the W Ride?" You may ask, if you're still reading the second paragraph of this article. It is a ride that is on W Avenue and only W Avenue, starting from the east parking lot of Vicksburg High School at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 28.

Because this is an even numbered year, we will be riding the east-west-east Non-Classic W Ride Route. Leaving the parking lot, we will turn left and ride on W Avenue until we reach the Calhoun County line. And then we will all make graceful 180-degree turns and ride back to Vicksburg. After taking a break at the Shell station, "The Unofficial SAG Stop of the W Ride," we will continue to ride on W Avenue through Schoolcraft and to the Van Buren County line. After even more graceful 180 degree turns, we will ride back to Vicksburg, where we will be rewarded with snacks and Gatorade after our 48 mile journey, compliments of the Ride Leader.

Once again, superfluous maps will be provided. Rick Whaley will lead the main group of riders at about 15 to 18 mph. And there will likely be other groups of riders, riding at other speeds.

Astute historians of the W Ride, whomever they may be, might remember that last year's ride was advertised as the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual W Ride. This could lead to the conclusion that the Ride Leader has some sort of prejudice against the number 18. Even though this number can be represented as 6+6+6, this is not the case. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual W Ride because the RL, while reviewing old KBC newsletters, discovered that for many years he had been laboring under the misapprehension that he started this ride in 2001, although he actually started it in 2000. This could lead to the conclusion that the RL may actually need a W Ride map.

So, come enjoy the ambience of the W Ride, particularly if it is pouring down rain, which never happens, because the weather is always terrific. And if you don't, you will just have to live with the fact that you never rode the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual W Ride, unless the RL decides to call it the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual W Ride again next year.

**--Rick Whaley, W Ride Leader**

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## **Bike Racing This Summer at the US-131 Dragway!**

**Dan Frazier**, a KBC and Team Clark Logic member, has arranged with the folks at the US-131 Dragway to have bike races there on Monday nights this summer. Those dragsters need a way to get back to the pits and the parking area after they race so there are additional paved roads besides the dragstrip. Dan says the side roads can be configured to create courses up to 2 miles long. The following is taken directly from the website for the series, <https://www.131cyclingseries.com>

- 17 nights of racing on a closed asphalt course--Mondays from May 7 – September 24
- 2 divisions of racing each night for all levels--A and B divisions
- No vehicle traffic to contend with
- Nightly prizes and awards
- Season Points Championship for both Divisions based on your top 13 finishes
- No sanctioning body license required to compete

**In addition, Dan adds that each week a person races, he or she will get a raffle ticket for a 7-night stay at his cabin in Tennessee, near the Great Smokey Mountains. [www.revenueusersridgecabins.com](http://www.revenueusersridgecabins.com) We will draw a winner from all the entries at the end of the season.**

### **Special Offer for Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Members**

The 131 Cycling Series is offering a Season Pass to ONLY Kalamazoo Bicycle Club members. This offer is available from now until May 14, the second night of racing for the series. The Season Pass cost is \$200, for a \$140 savings over general admission prices for the season. To take advantage of this offer, please mail the following to **131 Cycling Series, 59518 County Road 657, Mattawan, MI 49071**

A check for \$200.00, your name, date of birth, phone number or email address, a signed and dated “Release of Liability” form that can be found on our web site [www.131cyclingseries.com](http://www.131cyclingseries.com)

Only checks can be accepted at this time. A list of season pass holders will be at the registration table at each series race. No actual card/pass will be printed. You may be asked to provide a form of identification at the race to be checked against our season pass list. If necessary, you can contact me by phone at **269-720-1760**.

I have also created a Facebook page about **the 131 Cycling Series**. That link is <https://www.facebook.com/131cyclingseries/>

**--Dan Frazier**

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### **KBC Monthly Meeting Notes for March, 2018**

**Attendees: Dale Abbott, Dan Frazier, David Jones, David Riggs, Gordy Vader, Jason Young, Jerry Dahl, John Idema, John Knowlton, John Olbrot, Jonathan Evans, Julie Knowlton, Kevin Oostema, Michael Vandever, Mike Boersma, Mike Krischer, Monica Tory, Pam Sotherland, Paul Runnels, Paul Selden, Paul Sotherland, Paul Wells, Renee Mitchell, Rick Whaley, Robin Sides, Scott F. Powers, Ted Robinson, Terry Butcher, Terry O'Connor, Tom Keiser, Tomme Maile, Tory Cane, Valerie Litznerski**

After Welcome and Introductions, **President Renee Mitchell** began the **Officer Reports**:

The Executive Committee emailed Margaret O'Brien to thank her for her support and request her assistance in defending local ordinances. A letter was sent to the Road Commissioners to thank them for their consideration of member input about the recent sign policy that was proposed. Johanna Johnson responded on behalf of the KCRC,

and is looking forward to working with the club in the future on common goals and initiatives. **Thom Brennan** was introduced as KBC's liaison to the KCRC.

Bike week is May 12th - May 19th . Please email David Warwick, the organizer, with information about any events being organized during that time. He is also looking for assistance promoting Bike Week.

Finally, KBC is looking for a Communications Director. If you can think of someone who would fill this role, please mention him/her to Renee or John Olbrot.

**Vice President John Olbrot:** Ride leader sanctioning was mentioned. Please let John know if you will consider leading rides, and if so, what pace. We are hoping to have a regular Monday night ride for Bike Camp Graduates that will be at a friendly, no-drop pace.

John said he's surprised no one has stepped forward to fill the Club Communications and Social Media position. He feels that it takes a certain skill-set but having someone fulfill this role is important for a club of this size. It doesn't have to be a time-consuming position, and can be flexible in the time that you commit to the position. **Dale Abbott** said she would be willing to contribute and would like to talk about it after the meeting. She expressed she doesn't want to be the voice of the club.

**Treasurer Mike Boersma:** The Club's CD is currently worth: \$6,172.04; KBC's PayPal account has: \$4,123.85, KBC's Checking Account has: \$5,445.48, and our Dalmac Fund gift (to be used only to educate the public about our 5-foot ordinances) has: \$1,723.69, and the Jeremy Smith Memorial Fund has: \$560

The KBC Executive Committee met with CPAs at Seber Tans, and they are filing an application to obtain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status for the club. We qualify for the EZ form for filing, which will save time and money. As the secretary, Valerie will sign on behalf of the club. We expect to receive the final decision from the IRS within 3-6 months, but if approved KBC's 501(c)(3) status will be effective as of the filing date. The confirmation letter will allow us to make purchases without paying sales tax, which will save a few hundred dollars a year. This savings should offset the filing fee. Also, KBC's annual membership fee, donations to KBC and registration fees for KBC events will be tax-deductible. The EC is looking at accounting software. If you have personal experience with online QuickBooks or other software for accounting, please share your experience with us. This will help us with our current accounting and also the accounting necessary to keep up our 501(c)(3) status.

**Secretary Valerie Litznerski:** Asked again for ideas as to how to use the funds donated for the Memorial Fund, to promote safety in cycling, and also to memorialize **Jeremy Smith**. **Paul Selden** said we could sponsor a few public awareness spots on the radio "in honor of Jeremy Smith" at the end.

## Committee Reports

**Ride Captain Terry Butcher:** Club rides began yesterday. It was cold and windy, just like it was when rides ended last year. **John and Julie Knowlton** are going to start a 1.5 hour family ride on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Look for announcements on Facebook. **Dale Abbott** mentioned this would be great to share with the greater community. This would also be a good addition to the website homepage. **Dan Frazier** said we could approach Discover Kalamazoo and the news, as they may be more supportive of promoting our events once we have the 501(c)(3) status. **Terry Butcher** asked if we can promote the Sunday ride outside of the club. **John Olbrot** thought it was a good idea and **Renee** said we need to consider having insurance waivers signed. **Monica Tory** said she thought that Discover Kalamazoo would very willing to promote these events.

**Education Director Paul Wells:** New yard signs are available today, along with stickers. Paul also re-applied for the DALMAC grant and got letters of recommendation in the application from Portage City Manager **Larry Shafer**, Kalamazoo City Planner **Rebecca Kik**, and from Oshtemo Township. We need funding to continue investing in costly education initiatives. Paul is also working with the City of Plainwell manager. He feels it is likely that a 5' ordinance could pass, which is unusual for a smaller town to take such a step. Bike Camp brochures

have been printed and are available. Paul would like some direction distributing these. Renee asked for assistance with distribution.

**Ride with GPS Update: Dale Abbott** has worked many hours on this along with **John Olbrot** and **David Jones**. All current members should have received an email with an invitation to join the club account. 50 members have joined and 40 routes have been posted. We are hoping that the number of routes in the route library will grow. Please consider including a description: scenery, hills, parking near the start, etc. You can sort, search and filter the results in the route library and you can narrow the start location to a specific area. You get all of the features that are included in a paid individual membership. We plan to use this for KalTour. So far, this has been going well. We will know more as more people start riding. Most of the routes are members only, but there are a few public routes. **John Olbrot** really likes Ride with GPS. It's fun, and less competitive than Strava. The technical and services support from Ride with GPS have been very good. **Terry Butcher** added there are a lot of YouTube tutorials that will help people unfamiliar with the website.

**May Meeting Reveal:** Last year's regular May monthly meeting had a special guest, **John Lindenmayer**, head of the League of Michigan Bicyclists. This year's May meeting will take place at Boatyard Brewing Company and the theme will be KBC Celebrates Bicycling Diversity. A number of local organizations will be invited to give a short speech and Boatyard will be brewing up some "5-Foot Ale" and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the KBC Education Committee. We will have another event on Saturday that will feature escorted family ride on the KRVT at noon on Saturday. We are excited about this upcoming event and very thankful for the support of Boatyard Brewing Company. **Robin Sides** and **Valerie Litznerski** have been organizing this event.

**Bike Camp Update from Paul Wells:** Bike Camp started 13 years ago by **Zolton Cohen** and **Randy Putt**. We hope to increase participation this year. There will be an orientation meeting at the Greater Kalamazoo Realtors Association where we introduce basic cycling skills and gear. During the first session we also do a bike fit for participants and a few drills about bike handling before taking the first ride. The following Saturday features a session about mechanical skills, fixing flats, hydration and nutrition. The third Saturday is an optional Memorial Day weekend ride starting from Texas Drive Park. At the final session, there is another classroom session before the ride. Each participant also receives an annual club membership and registration for KalTour. If you know someone interested in riding, but who is not comfortable on the road, please invite them, and please help us promote this event so that it grows. This is a fun, friendly program. **David Riggs** wondered what the minimum age is. **Paul Wells** said 12 years old is listed on the website, but it's up to parental discretion. **Paul Wells** asked **Gordy Vader** and **Thom Brennan** to come up with routes for Bike Camp, that stay on quiet, residential streets. The longer rides may go out on Oakland Drive for short periods. We'll try to get these posted on Ride with GPS.

**KalTour Update from Mike Krischer:** The rest stops are being finalized. Mike is looking for help with publicity and volunteers. Lunch will be split into two stops this year. Mike mentioned that KalTour pricing is still very competitive with other tours. Registration is open. Please log in on the website to get member pricing. Renee said we should do an email blast for both events to share this and Bike Camp outside our organization. **John Knowlton** asked if Pedal will share this in his newsletter.

**Race for Wishes, Jason Young:** The race is the second weekend in June, the same weekend as the BTR race. BTR will be on the same day as Tour de Taylor. This date was chosen because there are no big regional race events on this date. In previous years the race conflicted with other regional events which limited attendance. **Jason** asked that everyone in the club support one of our local events in the community that weekend and is personally asking his team members to help volunteer and to support the race. Please let **Jason Young** know if you can think of corporate sponsors. This race will be the State Championship again. Contact him at [jsncyng@gmail.com](mailto:jsncyng@gmail.com) or call him at 269-244-3424. **Jason** will personally loan the race money if necessary, but will not continue as the race director if he needs to do this. **Jason** mentioned that there will be spots for TTs on the course, and there may also be a beer and wine tent for spectators.

**BTR Criterium, Andy Louwaert:** This will take place the same weekend at Race for Wishes. In the future, the events will be more coordinated in marketing, location, and volunteer opportunities. Renee mentioned that she'd like to see a joint article in the Pedal Press about the races. Andy mentioned that numbers and revenue have been down, and that prize money may be decreased to help fill in some of the budget shortfalls.

**US 131 Cycling Series: Dan Frazier:** Racing starts on May 7th. A police officer and former stock car racer, Dan stays active on several community boards and has been a long-time club member. He experienced a car crash while riding his bike, which encouraged him to get more involved in the community. He chose Monday nights due to scheduling with other week night rides. This will be a training series for our more competitive local riders and this will take place at the Martin US 131 Motorsports Park. There will be 17 nights of racing, and the best 13 results will count towards the championship. There will be A and B class races. There will be nightly awards for a points champion at the end. KBC members will receive a discounted season pass for \$250 for the race series, a savings of \$90. The series is working on sponsorships and anyone with questions is encouraged to reach out to Dan Frazier. The entry fee is \$20/night. Juniors may receive a discounted rate, TBD. **Renee Mitchell** and **Paul Sotherland** will work on adding this to the KBC website. Dan will be reaching out to new outlets to promote this as well.

**Chain Chain Gang Memorial, Paul Runnels:** (Paul is one of the victims of the Chain Gang Tragedy.) A memorial will be constructed at Markin Glen. It will be simple, and the design will be revealed as the memorial is constructed. The full budget is expected to be \$40,000. It will not replace the ghost bikes. Paul was encouraged to apply for a grant from the club. The Chain Gang contracted with the Battle Creek Community Foundation. Donations will be tax deductible. **Paul** also provided an update on the trial for the crash. Jury selection will be on April 20th. The trial will start a week or two later. They are expecting a large crowd and have reserved overflow space during the trial.

**Ride of Silence, Paul Selden:** The Ride of Silence will be on May 16th, starting at Millennium Park. **Mark Rose** of the Chain Gang will organize the ride.

Last thing before the motion to adjourn, John Olbrot conducted ride sanctioning for those who requested to be ride leaders.

--Val Litznerski, [Secretary@kalamazoobicycleclub.org](mailto:Secretary@kalamazoobicycleclub.org)

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## **KalTour 2018 -- New Routes!**

I hope all you KBC members reading this article already know that KalTour 2018 will take place on Sunday June 24 and that ride headquarters will be at Schoolcraft High School. (The school is one half mile east of 131; turn at VW Ave., the traffic signal by the McDonalds).

Of course, this means there will be new routes. We have received permission from the Kalamazoo County Parks Department and the State Fish Hatchery for the location of sag stops at their facilities. With their support, KalTour 2018 will be able to offer the following routes:

- *Century* (100 miles) -- Riders will go "Around the County" in a counter-clockwise direction with stops at Scotts Mill, Markin Glen (lunch), and the Fish Hatchery (which is actually just over the line into Van Buren County).
- *Metric Century* (62 miles) -- Riders will remain with the Century through the stop at Scotts Mill. They will then loop around returning to Scotts Mill for lunch.
- *Metric Half Century* (31 miles) -- Riders will go to Scotts Mill for lunch and then return.
- *15 mile* -- Riders will go to Prairie View Park, make a loop through the park and then return. Lunch will be available in Schoolcraft.

- *Guided Family Ride* -- Riders will follow the above route using a cutoff to shorten the distance. Lunch will be available in Schoolcraft.

**KalTour registration is now open on the KBC website.** As KBC members be sure to create your KBC member account before you register for KalTour. Remember that the early season rate of \$25 for an individual and \$45 for a family is available through the end of April and that KBC members enjoy an additional \$5 discount.

--Mike Krischer, [KalTour@kalamazooobicycleclub.org](mailto:KalTour@kalamazooobicycleclub.org)

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## **Treasurer's Letter: In Case of an Accident...Are You Covered?**

**(Ed. Note: The lead story above about the bike-passing bills in the legislature takes the place of the Editor's Letter this month. Mike Boersma submitted the following, which contains a lot of valuable information about the financial aspect of dealing with an accident).**

The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club teaches ride leaders what they should do in the event of an accident – such as calling 911, directing traffic around the injured rider, providing first aid that your skills and resources allow, and filing an incident report with KBC's Insurance Coordinator, **Thom Brennan**, since one of the benefits of KBC membership is coverage under KBC's insurance policy on rides led by sanctioned KBC ride leaders. Thom detailed this coverage in an article in last month's *PedalPress*. If an automobile was involved (**or if you may be filing a claim with KBC's insurance—Ed.**), a police report should be filed.

Several KBC members have discussed with me their regret for not knowing what insurance coverage they had or how to obtain insurance benefits that may have been available to them after a bicycle accident. Some KBC members have faced financial uncertainty after a bicycle accident because they were unable to work. Others had to pay to replace their bicycles even though the accident was not their fault.

The time to plan for the financial aftermath of a bicycle accident is before it happens. Learn what coverage is available to you before you need to file a claim. There are strict timelines to apply for insurance benefits. For example, a claim for Michigan no-fault benefits must be filed within 365 days from the date of the accident.

Historically, most bicycle accidents involving KBC rides are solo crashes or bike on bike collisions (think crossing wheels). Your own health insurance and KBC's insurance may be the only insurance available to cover your medical expenses. Some questions to ask yourself: Should you have insurance coverage for short-term disability if you are not able to work after a solo or bike on bike crash? Can you cope financially if you can't work for an extended time? Do you have savings, an emergency credit card, or some other means of paying expenses until you can return to work?

You may also have insurance coverage that you didn't know you had. Your homeowners or rental insurance policy may cover repair/replacement expenses for your damaged bicycle or even your clothing or helmet. This becomes important if you have a crack or soft spot in your carbon frame after a crash or trash your \$2,500 set of wheels. Read your policy or talk to your agent to get more information.

You may be entitled to coverage under either your own auto insurance or that of a motor vehicle involved in the accident under Michigan's No-Fault law if a motor vehicle was somehow involved in the accident, even if stopped. The law provides coverage for automobile-related medical expenses, so even if you don't have a car you will be covered for medical expenses as long as an insured motor vehicle was involved in the accident. In addition to medical expenses, no fault personal injury protection benefits include wage loss, medically necessary attendant care, and medically necessary replacement services.

No fault may also cover property damage. If your bike was damaged it may be covered. (In the event of a hit and run situation or if the motorist was driving without insurance, you might only be covered if you have uninsured or underinsured coverage on your automobile policy). Read your policy or talk to your agent to get more information.

This article should be considered a starting point, not a comprehensive guide. You should review what insurance coverage you have and what things or events are covered by your insurance.

--Mike Boersma, [Treasurer@Kalamazoobicycleclub.org](mailto:Treasurer@Kalamazoobicycleclub.org)

## **APRIL KBC STATISTICS**

**Active subscriptions: 378 Active Members: (Includes family members): 489**

### **New and/or Renewed Memberships:**

Marshall Beachler • Bruce Caple • Steve Cox • Michele Cudahy • Dave DeBack • Judah Gesmondo • Gary Hammock • Michelle Karpinski • Michelle Karpinski • Jacqueline Killmer • Todd Maguire • Lynn Maguire • Ryan Minier • Riley Norman • Avonda V Oliver • Elmon Oliver Jr MD • Paul Raynes • Bill Steiden • Daniel Witham • Margaret Wochaski • Dave Wochaski • Jason Young • Erin Young

### **April Expiring Memberships**

Adam Alexander • Shelley Beazley • Kimberly Carney • Andrea Fore • Donald Fore • Sandra Frazier • Dan Frazier • Ann LaPoint • Travis LaPoint • Frank Machnik • Jason Machnik • Michael Miller • Dan Patrick • Alex Robinson • Bob Schuler • Scott Soule • Karen Soule • Jon Steinhauser • Tammy Steinhauser • Darci Stevens • Ken Thackery • Tim Verdries • Dan Walberer • Eric Wine • Christine Wine • Diane Yore • Tom Yore • Eric Zahrai

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## **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](http://www.custercyclery.com).**

**Gazelle Sports, 214 South Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, (269) 342-5996, [www.Gazellesports.com](http://www.Gazellesports.com).**

Join us for the Gazelle Girl 5k, 10k or Half Marathon on April 22 in Grand Rapids! Get more info here...

<http://gazellesports.com/wp/event/gazelle-girl-5k-10k-and-half-marathon/>

**Kzoo Swift, 445 Forest St, Kalamazoo, (269) 929-8053, [www.kzooswift.com](http://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](mailto:info@pedalbicycle.com) and [www.pedalbicycle.com](http://www.pedalbicycle.com).**

**Trek Bicycle Store, Battle Creek 22 West Michigan, Battle Creek, 1-800-841-9494,**

**[www.trekstorebattlecreek.com](http://www.trekstorebattlecreek.com) (Team Active has changed names but not owners).**

**Village Cyclery, US 131 in Schoolcraft, (269) 679-4242, [www.villagecyclery.com](http://www.villagecyclery.com).**

**Zoo City Cycle, 4328 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, (269) 552-3000, [www.zoocitycycle.com](http://www.zoocitycycle.com).**