

KBC PedalPress

The Newsletter of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club for June, 2017

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**THE NEXT KBC MONTHLY MEETING IS JUNE 13th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
at the Kalamazoo YMCA, 1001 W. Maple St. All KBC members are welcome to attend.**

President's Letter

June has finally arrived which means KBC's ride schedule is in full gear for the summer. Hopefully you've enjoyed some of the wonderful spring days on your bike. You just can't beat a sunny spring day riding the roads of southwest Michigan experiencing tantalizing smells, seeing beautiful colors, and watching nature fill in the countryside all while pedaling through what seems to be an endless headwind (or a little added resistance is how I like to see it). Enjoy lots of summer riding, it's sure to go by fast!

Welcome Bike Campers

A warm KBC welcome to all the Bike Campers who came out this year. We hope that through Bike Camp we rubbed a little bit of our passion for bicycling off on you. Also, thank you to all the dedicated KBC members and bike shops who volunteered or donated items for Bike Camp. This event is only made possible with your support and KBC greatly appreciates it!

Awards Committee Chair

I'd like to welcome **Pam Sotherland** as KBC's new Awards Committee Chair. This position was previously held by **Paul Selden** who did a great job for many years coordinating club awards, especially KBC's Friend of Bicycling Award. We appreciate the commitment and professionalism Paul brought to the position as well as the connections made within our community. Thank you Paul! Welcome Pam, we are excited to have you on board!

Member FYI's

Just wanted to share a couple of items you may find helpful:

1. Looking for some wonderful Michigan bicycle events to participate in this year? Check out [LMB's Michigan Ride Calendar](#) for a comprehensive list. Many of these events support LMB to make Michigan a more bicycle friendly state.
2. AAA has expanded their roadside assistance coverage to include bicycle support. Check out this [AAA Bicycle Service](#) link for more information.
3. MLive had a good [article](#) that outlines summer road construction projects for the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC). You can receive weekly updates by signing up for their RCKC Connect

communication tool located at the bottom of the home page. Good information to know whether you're heading out for a bike ride or car ride.

I sure hope everyone had a chance to enjoy one of the many events held during the Kalamazoo Area Bike Week. Many thanks to **David Warwick** and his team for organizing some great events. I attended the Kalamazoo Bicycle Film Festival at Bells Brewery and once again left greatly inspired. It amazes me the variety of things people do and accomplish on bicycles. Not only did we see cool movies that shared inspiring stories of folks of all ages, but also viewed some beautiful scenery from across the world. Really makes you realize how much there is to see on our great planet and what better way to see the world than on a bike.

One of the movies had a quote that really stuck with me - "A job fills your pockets, but adventure fills your soul!". It was just a reminder of how important it is to break out of our daily routines and experience new adventures in unique ways. It fills our souls and keeps life exciting!
Safe cycling!

--Renee Mitchell, KBC President ☺

The Chain Gang Finish The Ride Memorial Ride

Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Ride Location: 3025 Gull Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Two routes planned – 28 and 12 miles

Proceeds will be used to build a memorial to honor the victims and survivors.

For more information and to register use [this link!](#)



Kalamazoo Township passes 5-Foot Ordinance

Kalamazoo Township enacted its own 5-foot bicycle passing ordinance at its May 22, 2017 Board meeting, joining the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage as well as Oshtemo Township. However, under State law, the ordinance must be approved by the Michigan State Police Commissioner before it becomes effective. This process should be complete sometime this summer. We are hopeful other local governments enact similar ordinances yet this year, but most of all we hope the Legislature in Lansing will follow the lead of progressive communities like we are lucky to have here.

--Doug Kirk, editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

KBC Receives Grant from the DALMAC Fund for Driver Education



On Thursday, May 25th, I traveled to East Lansing with Mike Boersma, KBC's Treasurer for the DALMAC Fund Awards Ceremony where we received a \$3000 grant to promote the new five-foot bicycle passing laws enacted by the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, and the townships of Oshtemo and Kalamazoo (That's me with the check)!

As Education Chair of KBC I feel the best use of my time and energy is to publicize these new ordinances to the general public, and we have been working on this since last fall. In order to have a greater impact we felt that we would have to spend some funds, so we applied for the grant and were successful.

We have several volunteers on the Bicycle Education Project committee, as well as KBC officers and members unofficially involved. Thank you to committee members David Jones, Michael Krischer, Val Litznerski, Renee Mitchell, and Robin Sides. And thanks to Mike Boersma, Zolton Cohen, Doug Kirk, Scott Powers, and Pam and Paul Sotherland for their time and effort.

The DALMAC Fund has been awarding grants for bicycle related projects since 1975. DALMAC is an annual ride started in the early 1970s from Lansing and traveling over 4 or 5 days to the Mackinac Bridge. DALMAC stands for Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac ride. State Representative Dick Allen, an avid cyclist, worked with the Tri-County Bicycle Association to establish the ride and the fund, which has donated over \$1 million to biking related causes over the last 40 years.

Many KBC members have done lots of these rides, so in a way we have funded this grant ourselves—many times over—with our entry fees! You can read more about the DALAMC Fund at:

http://www.biketcba.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=604795&module_id=224021

We will keep KBC members posted as to the progress of our program, and we welcome the additional funding so we can have greater impact.

--Paul Wells educationchair@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Alamo Township and County Road Commission to Repair West AB Avenue

The Alamo Township Board and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission plan to repair W. AB Avenue in the northwest corner of Kalamazoo County, the section that has caused many of us to shout a warning of "Bad Road" while weaving over the entire two lanes looking for safe passage on the KBC Wednesday Night Ride for many years.

Although the plan is not to completely rebuild the road (which would be very expensive because the land there is soft and damp, even swampy), the repair should make a big difference in the quality of the road surface. The exact date of the repairs is not known as we go to press, but hopefully will be this month.

--Doug Kirk, editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

Portage Installs Signs to Educate Drivers About 5-Foot Law

Motorists entering Portage now see signs like this one, which faces southbound traffic on Oakland Drive just south of Kilgore Road.

Long time KBC member (and retiring Portage Engineer) Chris Barnes gets the credit for having these signs made and installed by the City of Portage, which plans to place these signs on all major traffic arteries where they enter the Portage city limits.

The City of Kalamazoo Traffic Board voted recently to follow suit, and we've been told similar signs should be up in Kalamazoo before long.



KBC Monthly Meeting Notes for May, 2017

This special meeting took place at Gallagher's Pub in Kalamazoo and members of Tri Kats and Chain Gang were invited because John Lindenmayer, the Executive Director of the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) was our guest speaker. Before John spoke, basic KBC business was conducted.

In Attendance (Sorry, we missed a few—there were a lot of people there!) **Bruce Withers, Dale Abbott, David Jones, Jamie Clark, Jonathan Evans, Kerie Crawford, Larry Kissinger, Mark Lemons, Michael Vandever, Mike Boersma, Monica Tory, Pam Sotherland, Paul Sotherland, Kathy Kirk, Doug Kirk, Phil Kline, Renee Mitchel, Rick Whaley, Ryan Heidenfeld, Tamme Maile, Terry Florian, Valerie Litznerski**

Renee Mitchell, President presided and reported Bike Camp is starting the second week in May. Registration is still available. Bike Week is also in May. There are several events throughout town, special rides, movies, social events and etc.

John Olbrot, Vice President encouraged people to sign up to be sanctioned ride leaders. Ride leaders can host their own rides and share them to the club. Those that host rides as ride leaders will be protected by club insurance during their rides. Several people were sanctioned as ride leaders. Information is available on the website for ride leaders as well.

Michael Boersma, Treasurer: As of May 9, 2017 KBC had the following in its accounts:
Checking: \$6311.93; Certificate of Deposit: \$6166.85; PayPal: \$1884.60

The following is a summary of Mr. Lindenmayer's presentation.

First thing, John thanked the club for its ongoing support with the inclusion of dollar-per-rider donation to LMB in our events and continued membership by KBC in the LMB.

The League of Michigan Bicyclists is a non-profit statewide cycling advocacy organization. It also sponsors bike tours throughout the state in part for cyclists' enjoyment and in part to raise money for LMB's work. The LMB was founded in 1981. It is estimated that there are 2,000,000 bicyclists in the State of Michigan. This includes

everyone that rides a bike any distance for any reason. The LMB interacts with about 10,000 bicyclists, of which about 1,500 are members. The LMB distributes educational materials and promotes events in Michigan (road, trail and mountain biking events).

The State of Michigan has 9 bicycle friendly communities, along with a number of businesses and universities. Overall, the state is ranked #18 overall in bike friendliness. The LMB would like to see this improved by enacting a safe-passing law, protecting vulnerable roadway users, and educating engineers about complete streets. There is progress, but more work needs to be done. Distracted driving, increased number of cyclists and increased frequency of driving due to improved economics are all contributing to this trend.

Michigan Traffic Crash Facts gives data about incidents in the state, including specific information about cyclists. There was a 67% increase for bicyclist fatalities in the state in 2015. The majority of these cyclists were riding straight ahead during daylight hours. The LMB has been collecting the headlines to monitor the incidents in the state. *Bicycling* magazine recently covered the June 7th tragedy and wrote about bicycling advocacy throughout the country.

There are several legislative efforts in Michigan that are starting to gain more traction with the state. Michigan is one of 11 states that has no law concerning passing bicyclists safely. There is a promotional video from the Secretary of State that demonstrates safe passing, this is posted by the Michigan Department of Transportation on YouTube. There are several local advocacy groups that are working with their local governments to adopt safe passing ordinances. There are current laws in place giving additional protections to some individuals in roadways (children in school zones, construction workers, farmers operating farm equipment in the road, etc.).

There is an effort to add additional protections for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and bicyclists as well. There is a bill to add education related passing cyclists safely to driver education classes. The current educational materials don't include more recent infrastructure and civil engineering developments to accommodate non-motorized.

Misinformation concerning where and how bicyclists may ride has been disseminated by the media and even representatives of law-enforcement. LMB is working to educate law enforcement. There is a safety pledge that has been developed by the LMB for drivers and cyclists alike that is an educational tool. The LMB is also developing an online quiz to test knowledge and provide feedback to individuals that take the quiz. Input is welcome to assist the LMB in providing contact for the quiz.

Grand Rapids received \$600,000 from the federal department of transportation to education motorists and cyclists about safe cycling. All Grand Rapids drivers' education classes include education about bicyclists. E-bikes are increasing in popularity. There may be some additional legislation to include them in the vehicle code. Currently, the Motor Vehicle Code includes them in the category of mopeds, but this is not appropriate. They are currently technically prohibited from bike lanes and trails because they have a motor. There are 3 different classes of e-bikes that are differentiated by the speed and need for the rider to pedal to move the bike forward. Some classes may be allowed on trails while others may not be allowed on trails. Local governments have discretion as to whether or not they want different usage rules for their trails.

There have been recent complaints about tickets received for bike racks that obstruct license plates. The tickets carry fairly high fees, but there is a bill that is being introduced to allow some exceptions. The tourism association has been contacted about the importance of bicycle tourism in the state.

Three ways that you can help the LMB:

- 1) Be engaged and support legislation. Contact legislators and let them know bicyclist safety is an important issue. Participate in Annual Advocacy Day at the state capital on May 24th in Lansing.
- 2) Join the League of Michigan Bicyclists. Invest in the club and participate in advocacy and support the LMB's micro-grant program.

3) Ride with the LMB at one of their tours. There are several riders that participate in the LMB events from out of state.

–Val Litznerski, Secretary@kalamazooobicycleclub.org

KalTour 2017 is Coming!

Sunday June 25 is the day for KalTour, KBC's 26th annual summer tour. Some things (including the name) have changed over the years, while others remain the same. Perhaps most important is that the roads in western Kalamazoo County are as much fun to ride as they ever were, especially when there is plenty to eat along the way. When you are riding uphill, remember that hills are fun and that downhill is more fun!

Those who are new to KalTour should keep in mind the following distances and starting times:

- 100 mile route -- start between 7:00 and 8:30
- 62 mile route -- start between 7:00 and 10:00 (fast group starting at 9:00)
- 31 mile route -- start between 8:00 and 11:00
- 17 mile route -- start between 8:00 and 11:00 (moderate group starting at 9:00)
- 13 mile route -- group ride starting at 10:00

Not too many years ago, online registration and payment was unfamiliar most of us; now it is the only way to register for KalTour before the actual ride day. In addition to convenience, preregistering will also save you money. Since everyone reading this article is a KBC member, registering online costs \$10 less than registering on June 25. Online registration will be available on the KBC website through June 22.

The main reason that KalTour has existed for over two decades is that KBC members have made it happen. More help is always useful and critical in many areas. Route painting will take place on Thursday June 15, starting from KVCC main campus at 6 pm. Day of ride help is needed for registration, sag stops, and post-ride cleanup. Please let me know if you can help! kaltour@kalamazooobicycleclub.org or (269) 823-2819

I look forward to seeing all of you at KalTour on Sunday June 25.

--Mike Krischer, KalTour Director, kaltour@kalamazooobicycleclub.org

Kudos

The City of Kalamazoo was awarded the Bronze level Bike Friendly Community award by the League of American Bicyclists on May 11. “We’re excited to officially be recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community for the first time ever,” said Rebekah Kik, Director of Community Planning and Development, “We know we’re still at the beginning of this process and will continue to create safe and accessible routes for cyclists and all street users throughout the City.”) (<http://www.kalamazoo-city.org/kalamazoo-blog/the-city-of-kalamazoo-named-a-bicycle-friendly-community-by-the-league-of-american-bicyclists/?Itemid=790>)

Kudos to Safe Kids Kalamazoo County for their ongoing work to make sure that young bicyclists have affordable, properly fitting helmets. Safe Kids held a Bicycle Safety Adventure on May 13. There were stations for helmet fitting, bicycle fitting and minor maintenance, education on rules of the road, a skills practice course, all followed by a ride on the Portage Trail system. Kids and adults could also explore the many vehicles that local first responders use, all the way from an ambulance to a fire truck.

Bronson Methodist Hospital was awarded a Gold level Bike Friendly Business Award by the League of American Bicyclists. According to the LAB, Bronson “offers \$5 for every 50 miles that any employee rides to work and has rewards for anyone that joins the Bike2Work Club. Bronson also rewards employees who meet goals they set to bike or walk to work. Any Bronson employee can also ride any Kalamazoo bus for free and in 2016” and of course put their bike on the bus!

Pedal Bicycles organized the Kalamazoo County Ride of Silence on May 17. 200-300 riders rode in this event honoring riders injured or killed while bicycling. Members of the Chain Gang rode in the event, including riders Paul Gobbles and Sheila Jeske, who were seriously injured in the tragic crash on June 7, 2016.

--Paul Selden, Road Safety Director, Directorroadsafety@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

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

Sales of these jerseys sold through April 30, have netted an additional \$1,493.36 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/>

17th Annual W Ride Report

The sky was cloudy on the morning of April 29; a typical W Ride day. However, a surprisingly large number of riders (17) showed up at Vicksburg High School for this year's ride, perhaps encouraged by the prediction that the rain would hold off until the afternoon. Many of these riders were W Ride rookies; adrenalin junkies, ready for a new thrill seeking fix. This year's riders were equipped with a twine map, customized by each rider via scissors, (the longer the map, the more detailed the scale). They were also instructed by the Ride Leader about the importance of holding the map properly, warning them that he would not be responsible if they didn't hold the map straight and started wandering north and south of the actual route.

Before the start, the RL announced that he would be leading a 16 to 17 mph group. Underdressed for the weather, Val almost immediately opened a 50-yard gap to get warm. She was soon chased down by Ryan, Steve, Tracy,

Kevin, and John M. and they sped away. Several of the remaining 11 riders took turns pulling and they maintained a steady pace to Van Buren County, albeit quite a bit slower than the 6 fast riders who passed this group in the other direction a mile before the county line. The 11 riders averaged 16.3 mph.

On the way back to Vicksburg, the riders encountered a cross/headwind and three riders fell behind the pack, including the RL. A couple miles east of the county line, Dan decided to ease his pace and finish his ride near Schoolcraft where he lived. The RL and Phil eventually caught the other riders west of Schoolcraft, and with some strong pulls, mainly from Frank, they reached the Shell station in Vicksburg having actually increased their pace to 16.4 mph. They were met by John who reported that riding 20 plus mph into a headwind had become too much for him.

Frank and Vinday (whose name the RL probably botched), continued their ride on their own, having ridden to the high school together to join the other riders. The remaining 9 riders stopped briefly at the high school for clothes shedding, which allowed the RL to proudly strut his Kalamazoo Bicycle Club jersey and then the riders headed to Calhoun County.

The wind and the hills between 36th Street and Fulton took their toll, and the riders separated. About a mile west of Fulton, the 5 hammerheads passed the RL in the other direction, having opened an 8 mile(!) gap. Seven of the slower riders regrouped in Fulton and continued to Calhoun County. Their pace had dropped to 15.8 mph.

The riders enjoyed the tailwind during the final 12 miles and Tom, Joe, Scott, Bill, Bruce, John, and the RL finished the ride together, boosting their average speed back to 16.3 mph. Richard joined them a few minutes later. (Phil had suffered a flat tire between Vicksburg and Fulton and after fixing it, he returned to Vicksburg.) They enjoyed the fruits (either orange, green apple, blue cherry, or fruit punch berry Gatorade) of their labor, along with delightful pretzel nuggets. And the reward for the other 5 riders? Just the satisfaction, if one could call it that, of riding fast. So, let that be a lesson for those impressionable speedsters out there.

Rick Whaley, W Ride Leader

Editor's Letter: Far Away From 5-Feet

I was pedaling along Portage St. near Crosstown Parkway a couple of weeks ago when a Metro Transit bus passed me with at most 18 inches to spare. I could have touched the side of the bus with my elbow. His tires were maybe a couple of inches the other side of the white line. This happened on part of the road that the City "dieteted" down to three traffic lanes and two bike lanes last year. I was definitely in the bike lane, but near the white line because the bike lane was full of debris. The bus made no effort to move over into the center lane.

I detoured straight over to the Metro Transit building at the corner of Rose and Ransom Streets and filed a written complaint that the bus driver didn't give me 5 feet as required by the City's Ordinances. I even wrote the Kalamazoo ordinance number (36-99) in the complaint. I was told the supervisor would review my complaint.

Since I knew exactly what a camera would show, I asked if the busses have video cameras on board and learned indeed they do. I figured I'd get an apologetic call in a few days, but nothing happened. I followed up and a secretary read the supervisor's response to me, which said in effect that I was in the bike lane, the bus was in the traffic lane, so what's the problem?

The problem was how close he was, dammit! I made an appointment to meet with the man. I took a copy of the ordinance with me. Here's a link: <http://ecode360.com/9698444> The supervisor impressed me as a nice guy, doing his best to do his job, which is supervising bus drivers whose routes are nearly all in Kalamazoo and Portage. Yet I soon discovered **he had no idea this ordinance had been passed.**

Two problems appear simultaneously here. First, this otherwise nice guy had no problem that the bus came so close to me in the first place, even when there's a center lane the bus could pull partly into in order to pass safely. Second, even though his job is supervising municipal bus drivers who pilot really big and really wide vehicles through the city, he had no idea this ordinance exists.

To his credit, he said he would teach his drivers about the law, but when the City's own bus drivers and their supervisors don't know the law, I've got to wonder how many other, ordinary people know. Signs like Portage have erected (see picture above) are a beginning, but we have a long, long way to go to get our measly five feet.

You—yes, you—can help! Ask your friends and co-workers if they know about the law. Explain it—or better yet, show it—to them. Explain why it's necessary. Don't be confrontational. Be polite but firm. Remind them bicycles are vehicles under State law have just as much legal right to be on the road as any motor vehicle.

Don't get caught up in their complaints about us being two abreast (perfectly legal) or not riding far enough to the right (potholes and broken pavement) or that we should be on the sidewalk (far more dangerous and generally illegal). Remind them how many bad and distracted drivers they see and they can no more control those careless drivers than you can control how other bicyclists ride their bikes.

Ask them if they can explain why every driver doesn't give us every bit of five feet. Remind them we have the right to be there and we have the right to be safe. Remind them that every bicyclist is a real, live person whose life is worth every bit as much as anyone else's. Remind them that every bicyclist is the most important person in the world to someone else.

--Doug Kirk Editor@kalamazoobicycleclub.org

JUNE KBC STATISTICS

Active subscriptions: 373 Active Members: 629 (Includes family members)

New members:

Bonnie Conway • James Crowel • Marta Franco • Chelsey Jones • Daryl Ann Letts • Ed Maring • Linda Maring • Rhonda Peter • Paul Runnels • Elizabeth Shaffer • Amy Sherman

June Expiring memberships:

Noe Family • Matthew Babbitt • Julia Bates • Devin Bloom • Todd Bordewyk Family • Julie Bradfield Family • Jennifer Bradley • Ben Bunce • Anthony Callaway • Barbara Caswell • Amy & Chris Chopp • Cyndee Clemann • Gary Cole • Debra Coll • Kerie Crawford • Jeremy Davis • Curtis Dawson • Thomas Dewhirst • Ed Doctor • Terry Dugan • Kathy Rubino & Dave Dunlap • Kristal Ehrhardt Family • Douglas Eklund • Jim Ford • Scott Freer • Karl Freye • Jason Goodin • David Goodsell • Heather Gorning • George Granger III • Darrell Greathouse • Barbara Grupenhoff • Lynn Hauptli • Jacob Stiel & Heather Hewitt • Scott Hickey • Ryan Howard • Mike Hughes • Aliceanne Inskip • Jaculine Killmer • Elliott Klose • Rachel Konieczka • James Kovach • Linda Kozacki • Joy Livingston • Robert LoBretto • Zack Lovegrove • Brenden MacLaren • Ed Maring • David Mulnix • Frank & Jill Neugebauer • Michelle New • Jason Nicolai • Heather Parker • Darcy Pavlack • Wendy Pennell • Jeffrey Pregonzer Family • Donn Raseman • Michael Roe • Rick Rumsey • Robert Sabine • Catherine Salome • Bradd Schultz • Rick & Erin Sedlak • Jeffrey Smith • Kim Solvik • Allen Stefanski • Debra Stevenson • Joseph Stoner • Laura Sullivan • Judy Swafford • Nick Sward • Annie Swier • Shane Thompson • Jim And Sally Van Buren • Angie Veneklas • Ann Weltevreden Penix • Phil Wilson • Jeff Wilson Family •

Renewed memberships:

Joan Orman • Marc Irwin • Kathleen Kroll • Phillip Kline • Julie & John Knowlton • Annette Isom • Robert Taylor • Joe Shorb • Tracy Reilly • Robert Stoner • Tom & Anne Boomer • Kelly Robertson • Bruce Withers • Jerry Traxler • Sheehan Family • Chelsey Jones •

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.

Visit Downtown Kalamazoo for June Jubilee - June 2-4. Check out all the activities at <http://www.junejubilee.com/> And while you're downtown, visit Gazelle Sports to see all our great new summer wear - sandals, shorts, tops 'n swimwear!

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.