

Geoff Davis Benefit Cyclocross Race

Former Lawrence resident, famous racer and all around good guy Geoff Davis and his wife were involved in a highway accident December 10. Both of them are unemployed and were in route to Texas from Colorado to look for jobs when they stopped to help another motorist and their car was struck while parked on the shoulder. Many of us know Geoff as the founder of the Mt. Bike Lawrence club, manager of Team Sunflower, Sunflower Bike Shop employee, expert class mountain bike racer, Cat. 1 road cyclist and slam dancer. Jeff suffered some serious injuries but is recovering well.

J.C. Van Deventer has organized a benefit cyclocross race at Clinton Lake on Sunday January 13 followed by a post event auction and food. J.C. is still looking for items to auction.

The kids (under 15) race is at noon, Beginners race is at 12:15p.m and all others at 1:10p.m. The auction will be held at 2:00p.m. J.C. has set the entry fee as "whatever you think a reasonable entry fee for this event should be"

This event is a corporative effort between SEPUSA, Lawrence Mountain Bike Club, and Museum Cycling Team. For questions or to donate to the auction email J.C. at sep@sepusa.com or call (785) 331-4502.

LMBC Elects Officers

Lawrence Mountain Bike Club held it's annual elections on November 20, 2000. The very well attended meeting saw the election the current Vice President, Dan Brobst as the new president for 2002.

The meeting was remarkable because 20 current and new members attended. There were 2 nonminees for the post of Vice President, won by Brian "Bass" Bass. See page 2 for more photos. Sorry Gerard, we failed to get a picture of you at the meeting, we'll make up for it soon!



*Dan Brobst, LMBC
President*

Midwest Mountain Biking Summit

The following is from an email I received from Ken Miner. I think Ken is an officer in the Earth Riders club out of Kansas City. It sounds like a good event, one that some of our members will want to attend. It also is convenient to have it coincide with the first Heartland Series race. IMBA is working on a press release so we should have more information soon.

The Midwest Advocacy Summit is taking shape. We have tentatively scheduled the summit to take place on Saturday, March 23, 2002.

We have decided to tie in the summit with a local race run by Heartland Sports Promotions. The race will be held on Sunday the 24th at Landahl Park in Blue Springs. This race is the first race in a 5 race series. To give you all some idea of the type of race series this is, last year it was a 4 race series with a \$60,000.00 cash payout! The Heartland group produces a professionally run race series that starts on time and ends when scheduled.

Here is the tentative schedule of events:

Friday, March 22, 2002
Attendees arrive; Under-ground race and mayhem with free beer, riding and derby where you receive credit for your lap times and the amount of beer you drink. Presenters: New Belgium, and Surly?

Saturday, March 23, 2002 -- Advocacy Summit
Presenters: IMBA, ERTA, Dirt Slave, GORC; Swap Meet; Summit ends and we all go pre-ride the race course. If you're not going to race, that's great. You can still go out and ride. If you want to race, the course will be marked and ready for the race on Sunday.

For attending the summit, we will ask for a \$10 entry fee. In return for the entry fee, attendees will be allowed to enter a swap meet and buy and sell anything and everything relating to bicycles. The basic idea behind the entry fee is to generate cash to support mountain biking advocacy in the Midwest. By having the swap meet, it will allow the people who just paid \$10 to get in a chance to get their money back immediately. It could be as easy as selling a pair of shifters for \$10. Hell, people will be able to cover all of their weekend expenses with the swap meet.

November Meeting Minutes

20 members were present for the meeting. Pizza and soda were served as refreshments.

President Report:

Members need to renew membership for the 2002 year. The form is revised- indicate whether you want to receive a copy of news-letter via mail or email.

Ride leaders are needed to create fun weekend rides; the ride should have a name and ride information published at least 1 month in advance including date, meeting time etc. Encourage new members to have active participation in the club.

Vice President Report

We might be getting 25 pairs of work gloves from IMBA in 3-4 weeks. IMBA made special purchase for the member clubs.

Secretary Report

The roster is up to 58 members. What is the incentive for membership? Just being affiliated with the club. Maybe a membership card?

Treasurer Report

Money went out for the mower last month. Current balance \$2,909.55.

Events Coordinator Report

Nov. 10 we had a great ride at Douglas county lake.



Brooke Schroeder,
Treasurer



Brian Bass, Vice President

About 6 people showed up. There is potential to connect the trail from both sides of the lake. Perhaps initiate this job for 2002. Dec. 9th Gerard and J.C. are putting on a cyclocross race at Clinton lake. New years day ride is planned for a 12:00 start at Johnny's.

Trail Coordinator Report

The river trail is in good shape. Perry and Clinton good shape too. During the last trail work day, we trimmed all extra limbs.

New Business

April 27th is the tentative date for Tour De Fat . An idea was brought up about lifetime membership for those who do not renew yearly. This increases membership numbers for leverage for political reasons. Such as the city of Lawrence for trails. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Additional officer position was discussed: Advocacy. The city of Lawrence is developing laws in Lawrence for bicycles (bicycle advisory committee for Douglas county)

Nominations

President: Dan Brobst
Vice president Jenny Clark,
Brian Bass
Secretary Curtis Martell
Treasurer Brooke Schroeder
Events Coordinator: Gerard

January Meeting

Tuesday Jan. 15
8:00 P.M.
East Lawrence Rec.
Center
1245 E. 15th Street

Arantowicz

Trail Coordinator: Neil Taylor

Elections

president voted Dan Brobst
Vice president: Brian Bass
Secretary: Curtis Martell
Treasurer: Brooke Schroeder
Events Coordinator Gerard Arantowicz
Trail Coordinator Neil Taylor



Neil Taylor, Trail Coordinator



Curtis Martell, Secretary

January 2002

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Lawrence Mountain Bike Club is a registered non-profit organization based in Lawrence, Kansas and was originally formed in 1996. Founded in 1996 with the idea of being a self supporting democratically run organization that promotes mountain biking opportunities for all and has fun doing it. In 2000 the club became a non-profit tax-exempt organization and is one of only a handful of organized mountain bike clubs in the state of Kansas. The Lawrence Mountain Bike Club mission is to promote cycling by organizing mountain bike races, social rides, cycling events, and through support of trail advocacy efforts.

2002 Club Calendar

January

- 6 Gregs Gravel Road Ride, Greg Schroeder, (913) 842-4928
- 13 Geoff Davis Cyclocross, J.C. Van Deventer, (785) 331-4502
- 15 LMBC Meeting, Dan Brobst, (785) 832-0853
- 20 River Trail Work Day, Neil Taylor, (816) 392-1038
- 25 Newsletter Deadline, Curtis Martell (785) 843-5118

February

- 17 River Trail Work Day, Neil Taylor, (816) 392-1038

March

- 9,10 12 Miles of Hell ATB Race, Lawton, OK.
- 17 River Trail Work Day, Neil Taylor, (816) 392-1038
- 19 LMBC Meeting, Dan Brobst, (785) 832-0853
- 22,23 Midwest Advocacy Summit , Ken Miner, kminer@minertech.com
- 24 Heartland Series Race 1, [Http://www.heartlandrace.org](http://www.heartlandrace.org)

April

- 6,7 Devils Den Mountain Bike Festival, Curtis Martell (785) 843-5118
- 21 River Trail Work Day, Neil Taylor, (816) 392-1038
- 27 Tour De Fat, Curtis Martell (785) 843-5118
- 28 Heartland Series Race 2, [Http://www.heartlandrace.org](http://www.heartlandrace.org)

2002 Membership Renewal

All LMBC memberships expire on December 31 unless you joined after November 1. The new Membership form is printed below, and has been updated slightly. Please send in your renewal as soon as possible so we can update your preference on newsletter distribution.

You may also use this form to update the secretary address or phone number changes. Members with expired memberships will remain on the email and newsletter distribution list until March 1, 2002.

Newsletter Distribution Policy

The new Membership form has options for how you would like to receive the LMBC newsletter. Based on the past year, it was discovered that sending the newsletter only via email may not work for all members and they may prefer to have a hard copy mailed to their home. Mailing of course is expensive, and we don't want to mail the newsletter to those who are happy getting it electronically. So going forward, we will email the newsletter to everyone who has an email address listed in the roster, and send a hard copy via snail mail to everyone unless they indicate they prefer to receive it only by e-mail.

LMBC Membership Form

Join Lawrence Mountain Bike Club and be part of a group of cyclists dedicated to promoting the sport and having a good time doing it! The cost is only \$5 per year. By joining you will get the monthly newsletter that details all club activities. As an LMBC member you can join IMBA for only \$20 instead of \$35 and we'll sign you up! Just check the box and include the fee!

Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- Renewing Membership
- New Member

- \$5.00 LMBC Membership Fee included
- \$20.00 IMBA Membership Fee included

Newsletter Preference

- I would like to receive the Newsletter by EMAIL and U.S Mail
- I would like to receive the Newsletter by EMAIL only

Please indicate your interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading club Rides | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Racing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper at Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement: In consideration of my participation in the Lawrence Mountain Bike Club, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless said organizer and all other riders participating in club events from any and all claims for personal injury or property damages sustained to other members or to myself during such participation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Signature of parent/guardian if rider is under 18)

Please enclose check/money order and send to:

Lawrence Mountain Bike Club, PO BOX 1963, LAWRENCE, KS 66044-8927

LMBC Adopts a Family

Julie Harlan

This year, the Lawrence Mountain Bike club adopted a family for Christmas. I imagine you are wondering what that has to do with Mountain Biking, right? It all started with a local story on NPR a week and a half before Christmas. This story was about a program run by the Ballard Community Center in North Lawrence. Many of you might have heard that with so much of this year's charitable focus on the September 11th tragedies, other organizations have begun to suffer from lack of support. The Ballard Community Center's Adopt a Family Program suffered this year as well. Ten days before Christmas, they still had over 10 families with children that had not yet been adopted, and requests from the school system were still arriving. Typically, the parents ask for nothing for themselves - only to be able to give holiday presents to their children. The link here between Mountain Biking and adopting a

family is that many club members have a special feeling about North Lawrence and it's community. We ride our bikes down the Levee - or even through the neighborhood's surface streets on the way to the river trail. It is a quiet and peaceful part of Lawrence on any day of the week or time of year that bears almost no indication of a Big 12 University only three miles away. The neighborhood holds what to many of us is one of the best trails for any kind of mountain biker, hiker, or trail runner in the area. So, this year we gave back to a small part of our community that is the year-round bearer of a great place to ride your mountain bike. We supplied our family with presents, new clothing, and a gift certificate to a local supermarket. Thanks to every club member for your support - especially those who bought and wrapped additional gifts with their own money.

Secretary Report

Curtis Martell

The club ended the 2001 year officially with 61 members. 20 Members renewed their memberships at the November meeting, and 6 others joined or renewed so the current 2002 membership stands at 26.

There is a new club brochure being distributed to the local bike shops with this edition of the newsletter. Look for it in a shop near you.

As always, I am still looking for articles, notes, pictures, and any interesting information from the membership for the newsletter. Any report on club rides or other activities are greatly appreciated. Please call me at (785) 843-5118 or email at cmartell@sunflower.com if you have anything to submit. The deadline for submissions for the February newsletter is January 25.

Events Coordinator Report

Gerard Arantowicz

I want to start off by thanking everyone for making 2001 such a memorable season. We started the year off with a spectacular New Year's Day ride held on the snow covered River Trail in freezing conditions. In March we hosted a messy, muddy Cross Country Race at Clinton Lake State Park (a stubborn promoter's mistake that will not be repeated). April saw the second annual Tour De Fat bring in new members and impress the community with its guided cruiser tours and family festivities, not to mention the beer. Then June came, along with it came the heat, and regional racers traveled great distances to participate in the annual LMBC River Trail Race. This was followed up by the Summer Solstice Ride, LMBC's fun pub crawl which frequented most of Lawrence's esteemed watering holes. During the year, a Monday evening night ride, a Wednesday Night River Trail Race, and a Friday night social ride offered a complete selection of weekly Mountain Bike Outings for cyclists of all abilities. Bravo to the Club!

Now for 2002! This is the year that Salt Lake City, Utah will host the Winter Olympic Games and Star Wars Episode II will hit theaters. It is also another year for LMBC to do great things. We plan to host the River Trail Race in early June and the Perry Crocodile Rock Race in the Fall.

The Tour De Fat will again be hosted by LMBC this year, which is a very good thing. Other non-club events members need to keep in mind are 12 Miles of Hell in Lawton, Oklahoma march 2-3, the Flint Hills Death Ride (mid July), Devil's Den Weekend in Arkansas and the Heartland 12/24 Hour Race in September. More details will follow on these events, as we may put together club trips to attend them. I think it would be great to see LMBC put a team together for the 12/24 Race.

Of course January brings the New Year's Day Ride which will meet at 12:00pm noon in the parking lot in front of Johnny's Tavern. Don't even ask what the date is on this one! We will do a social ride for 1-2 hours before heading back to the tavern for beer and burgers. Also in January, Greg Schroeder will be leading a gravel road ride on Jan. 6, 2002. This ride will leave from Prairie Park at 11am. It is a 26 mile ride, unsupported. It will head south and maps will be provided the day of the ride. This should be a 2 to 2.5 hour ride for all levels of gravel riders. There are some steep climbs but the pace will not be overly fast. It is intended that different groups ride at different paces as most gravel rides end up anyway. This ride will be followed by some sort of lunch in Prairie Park if weather permits.