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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	April 3 May 1 6:30 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Members are welcome to attend all board meetings to express their concerns. Due to time constraints, if you have a specific item to be brought before the board, please contact the President one week prior to the meeting and ask for add'l agenda item.
Membership Meeting	April 26 May 24 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. April 26: Swap Meet and Social May 24: DALMAC Fund Grant Awards
TCBA Advocacy Committee	April 11 May 9 6:30 8:00 p.m.	League of Michigan Bicyclists 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER April 13	Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR	Go to: biketcba.org, Event Calendar To have a ride listed on the Event Calendar send email to: Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

SummerTour 2018 –Register Now!

SummerTour Registration remains open until June 6, 2018 or the tour fills.

This year we are able to offer a SummerTour Weekend, as we have rented the entire campground, we have more space to fill than usual.

Join the tour Friday afternoon, June 8, or evening. Enjoy two or three days of riding as well as two catered dinners and two catered breakfasts.

Are you saving vacation for something special? Can't get away from work? Do you want a tour a bit smaller than five days? This'll be great!

The roads in this year's SummerTour are lightly traveled. "Drive and Ride" takes you to the paved White Pine and Pere Marquette rail trails. Grab your county maps and "Ride Your Own Story." Go where you want to go, those thin lines on the map are gravel roads and we know where there are dirt trails. Bring your road bicycle. Bring your mountain bicycle. Bring your fat tire bicycle.

The park has WIFI. Keep up on Facebook. Check in at work. Stream movies in your tent. All the connectivity of home.

It'll be great. Your friends will wish they'd come.

For more information email summertour@biketcba.org or visit us on the web at http://www.biketcba.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=604795&module_id=224962



2018 TCBA Calendar / Events

2016 Incentives for Sale

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
April	3	26 Swap Meet / Social
May	1	24/31 DALMAC Fund Grant Awards
June	5	28 DALMAC prep
July	3	22 Membership Picnic / Ride of Remembrance
August	7	No Meeting
September	4	27
October	2	25
November	6	No Meeting
December	4	6 Holiday Party

The Club's 2016 Ride Incentive award consisted of a 2017 short sleeved club bicycle jersey (red and yellow coloring) and a rechargeable rear tail light.

Thinking that some members who were not eligible for the ride incentives might also want a jersey or light, we ordered a few additional of each to sell. There remain 1 medium, 2 large and 4 extra large Men's jerseys and 2 medium, 3 large and 1 extra, extra large Women's jerseys for sale.

The cost per jersey is \$45. While they last, we also have tail lights for sale at \$20 each. Those interested in either a jersey or light should contact Bob Noble at [bobnob@comcast.net](mailto:atbobnob@comcast.net).

MSU Cycling Event April 14 Looking for volunteers

The MSU Cycling Club will be holding a USA Cycling sanctioned Collegiate road race near Laingsburg on Saturday April 14th. Volunteers will be needed for traffic control, general event help, and possibly driving a follow car during the races. If you are interested please contact the club at msupartancycling@gmail.com for more information.

February 2018 Advocacy Committee Report by Mike Unsworth

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Pedestrian Bike Assessment

At the request of the Michigan State Police's Office of Highways Safety Planning, consultants and NHTSA officials did a marathon of ten-minute long listening sessions from stakeholders from February 26-March 2 on bicycle safety efforts in the state. Mike Unsworth presented for TCBA stressing our ongoing activities with emphasis on outreach and DALMAC Fund grants. In their oral presentation at the end of the exercise, the panel praised TCBA for the DALMAC grants and our new program of providing services to homeless cyclists.

Meeting with Michigan Dept. of Transportation Officials on a variety of MDOT projects

On February 1, Tom Hardenbergh, Tim Potter, and Mike Unsworth, along with League of Michigan Bicyclists Director John Lindenmayer met for two hours with ten MDOT officials. The bulk of the session dealt with a major project on Business I-69 (Saginaw Street) from Park Lake Road to Marsh Road. The major take-aways were that there will be pedestrian/bicyclist access across Saginaw at Newton Road and that the proposed "Z" crossing at Marsh Road will be geared to non-motorized users.

We also discussed MDOT participation in in public forums on bike safety, road safety audits, and several other problem areas.

Bike Films

Around 65 people enjoyed the Feb. 21 screening of MAMIL (Middle Age Men in Lycra). The MI Bike Shorts Film Festival will take place on March 19 at Urban Beats in Old Town.

Bike Safety Billboard project

We will focus on two themes: A profile of local deceased bicyclist. We would like to highlight Jill Byelich and a message urging motorists to safely pass cyclists by at least five feet

Bike Services to the Homeless

Based on a visit to the City Rescue Mission's Michigan Avenue facility, TCBA will provide basic maintenance services on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The first day will be April 3.

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcba.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at the League of Michigan Bicyclists, 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI (across South Cedar Street from Wendy's) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. ”
~Quote By Albert Einstein

2018 Kids Repair Program Needs Volunteers

Kids Repair Program is in need of volunteers to be an assistant on each of the summer Family Rides. Rides would begin and end at Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Rd. Lansing. Dates TBD on weekends. If you can help, please call Dave Meade. 517.993.7520. Thank you.

2018 Events

The TCBA Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 22nd at Motz County Park at 12:00 p.m.

Motz Park is located near the corner of French and DeWitt Roads in Greenbush Township, Clinton County. In addition to being the annual picnic the event will also be a Ride of Remembrance in memory of our members who have passed away.

There will be a 5 to 10 mile ride after the picnic so bring your bike if you'd like to ride. The picnic cost is \$5.00 per member.

You may give money to Bill Smith at club meetings, club rides, or by calling 517-648-0019. Members may also sign up using the club website. We are in a covered pavilion in case of rain. See you there!

Date	Event
May 16	Ride of Silence
June 2 June 13-17	T-Shirt Ride Northwest Tour
July 11-15	SummerTour
August 29- September 2	DALMAC

Board Meeting Minutes March 2018

The March 2018 Board meeting was cancelled.

Sunrise/Sunset April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunrise: 7:21am Sunset: 8:03pm	2 Sunrise: 7:19am Sunset: 8:04pm	3 Sunrise: 7:18am Sunset: 8:06pm	4 Sunrise: 7:16am Sunset: 8:07pm	5 Sunrise: 7:14am Sunset: 8:08pm	6 Sunrise: 7:13am Sunset: 8:09pm	7 Sunrise: 7:11am Sunset: 8:10pm
8 Sunrise: 7:09am Sunset: 8:11pm	9 Sunrise: 7:07am Sunset: 8:12pm	10 Sunrise: 7:06am Sunset: 8:14pm	11 Sunrise: 7:04am Sunset: 8:15pm	12 Sunrise: 7:02am Sunset: 8:16pm	13 Sunrise: 7:01am Sunset: 8:17pm	14 Sunrise: 6:59am Sunset: 8:18pm
15 Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 8:19pm	16 Sunrise: 6:56am Sunset: 8:20pm	17 Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 8:22pm	18 Sunrise: 6:53am Sunset: 8:23pm	19 Sunrise: 6:51am Sunset: 8:24pm	20 Sunrise: 6:50am Sunset: 8:25pm	21 Sunrise: 6:48am Sunset: 8:26pm
22 Sunrise: 6:46am Sunset: 8:27pm	23 Sunrise: 6:45am Sunset: 8:28pm	24 Sunrise: 6:43am Sunset: 8:30pm	25 Sunrise: 6:42am Sunset: 8:31pm	26 Sunrise: 6:40am Sunset: 8:32pm	27 Sunrise: 6:39am Sunset: 8:33pm	28 Sunrise: 6:37am Sunset: 8:34pm
29 Sunrise: 6:36am Sunset: 8:35pm	30 Sunrise: 6:35am Sunset: 8:36pm					DST for the entire month. © 2018 Edwards Apps, Inc. —SunriseSunset.com

Great Adventure Opportunity Support team from LA to Boston by Rick Olson

In December I committed to supporting a 4 man team which will ride from south of Los Angeles to Boston, beginning Saturday, April 21, and completing the ride about one month later. The guys are planning to ride up to 150-200 miles per day, so the exact number of days to complete the trip is uncertain. The "support" consists of driving the support van and helping them as needed. I would have the opportunity to ride some by parking the van ahead, riding back to meet them, then riding with them back to the van.

Two of the four guys are ones I rode with across the country in 2016 and are great guys. The other two I don't know, but sure sound hardcore, one being 71 years old. My roommate in 2016, Phil Anderson, is organizing the trip, and has ridden this route (also known as Fast America North) before, and will be my roommate again. I will ride the van from Minnesota and back with Phil, and he will pay for the room, so my only expense are my lunches and dinners (with breakfasts usually included with the room).

The reason I can use help is my teaching experience in Lithuania the past 7 weeks went so well, I have been asked to return next September and October, which I have agreed to do. While those two months do not conflict with the spring cross country ride, there is a limit to how much time I should be away from home and my wife.

So, if you know anyone who has a great attitude and might be willing to substitute for me in this great (and cheap) adventure, I would happily step aside. If I can't find someone willing and capable, I can do it, I would just prefer to keep my wife as happy as I can.

If you or someone else has questions, I can be reached at 320-248-9933 or olson48176@gmail.com

Rick Olson, 3 time DALMAC rider and former Michigan State Representative 2011-12.

Purpose: The purpose of the ride incentive program is to encourage club members to participate in TCBA recreational rides. Ride Incentive “miles earned” are miles ridden only on TCBA sponsored rides.

Ride Classes

Established to enable riders of similar abilities to ride together, classes are based on average overall ride pace (speed), as follows:

Class	Pace (avg speed on a “level” route with no wind)
Class A+	19+
Class A	17-19 mph
Class B	14-17 mph
Class C	12-14 mph
Class D	Up to 12 mph
Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace
Class M	Mountain bike “single track” rides
Class G	Gravel Road Rides, plus “speed class” (A-Z) of the ride

Responsibilities of Riders and Ride Leaders

Ride Leaders

- Please follow the rules of the road; same roads, same rules!
- Scout the route and create accurate maps and/or cue sheet defining the route.
- Provide a Rider Sign-in Sheet. Please keep your Rider Sign-in Sheets until the season ends and get these to a TCBA Board Member or the “Mileage Coordinator
- All rides should start from a publicly accessible location.
- Provide notice of the ride on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Send your desired ride to ridecoordinator@biketcba.org Information in the notice shall include the leader's name and contact information (phone number and/or e-mail address), date and time, starting location, ride class, and approximate distance. Weather conditions under which a ride will not occur should be stated. The starting point should provide adequate parking for a reasonable number of expected riders; and, if private property is used for this purpose, the ride leader is responsible for securing permission from the property owner or manager.
- Unless the ride notice states a requirement for lights, rides should be scheduled during daylight hours. There should be sufficient time to do the ride at the pace defined by the ride class plus an allowance for planned stops and unforeseen mechanical problems.
- Provide a reasonable number of maps or cue sheets for the anticipated number of entrants and ride sign in sheet. follows:

General Rules

- The ride calendar year is December 1st of the previous year through November 30th of the current year.
- Club rides must be submitted to the ridecoordinator@biketcba.org to be posted on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Ride information must be submitted so that it appears on the updated ride format for at least two (2) days prior to the ride. The update schedule and deadlines are set by the Ride Line Coordinator and may vary by season.
- Any rides starting within the state of Michigan, do not require Board approval but must be submitted via the current process to be published.
- Start locations outside the State of Michigan require board approval.
- No club rides shall be scheduled during the T-shirt Ride, Ride of Silence, or club-sponsored social activities (picnic).
- Rides of the same class leaving from the same general location must be at least one hour different in starting time.
- **Helmets are required on all club rides; personal audio devices are prohibited.**
- There is only one ride leader per ride.
E Bike riders using Class 1 and 2 e-bikes* are allowed to participate in the TCBA Ride Incentive program. Please see the definitions of these categories at the end of this document.

Incentive Eligibility

TCBA members in good standing may accumulate mileage points. Riders earn 1 point per route mile and/or "home mile" ridden. Ride leaders receive ride mileage as well as ride leader points (100 points for Class D and M) and 50 points for all other ride classes); *Mountain Bike Riders earn Ride Incentive Points for all publicized TCBA Mountain Bike Rides on single track. Because mountain biking is more technical, typically at slower speeds and less miles traveled in a similar time than road biking, a conversion will be used; 1 mile of single track will equal 3 miles toward the Ride Incentive Program.

- If there are no other riders, the ride leader receives the ride mileage plus 10 leader points.
- "Home miles" are miles ridden to and from TCBA rides, meetings, social events, or invitational tours based on the safest distance to these events from the rider's home.
- If a ride leader fails to participate in a scheduled ride, another rider may assume leadership and will be credited with the leader points.
- Members are responsible for documenting participation in TCBA rides on any official club ride sheet. Entry shall include member's name, date, events name, and distance.
- The TCBA Board is responsible for equitable enforcement of the ride program.

Ride Incentive Levels; All mileage recorded must be on TCBA Club Rides or TCBA Sponsored Rides/Tours for the Ride Incentive Awards

Level 1 2018+ miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 2 1250 to 2017 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 3 501 to 1249 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 4 up to 500 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles, or have ridden on 5 club rides/tours

*E-Bike definitions from League of Michigan Bicyclists/State of Michigan; PA 139 goes on to divide e-bikes into three classes:

Class 1 An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied.

Class 3 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

Class 3 e-bikes are excluded from the TCBA Ride Incentive mileage accumulations.

CLASSIFIEDS

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For Sale: Rans Screamer tandem with fairsing. \$2,200. Catrike \$950. Jim Walker 517-881-4008 (8/17)

For Sale: 2009 Trek 2.3, 54 CM frame, aluminum w/carbon stays and fork, Shimano Ultegra and 105 components. Very light weight, excellent condition, ~2,000 miles. Will make an excellent start-up tri bike, stiff and agile. \$2,500 originally, price drop to \$1100. Contact: Kevin Mead 517-285-7814 (texts welcome), kevin-mead@sbcglobal.net



For Sale: custom made steel, Franklin road bike. Purchased in 2000. Has always had excellent care. Changed components in 2002 from campie to 105 Shimano. Triple chain rings 52/42/30 9 speed cassette 11/34, King head set, size 49 cm. Asking \$650. Call Jeaneen Reynolds at 517-881-5115. (8/17)



For Sale: Bontrager RL 700cx23 road wheels. Shimano Hub with somewhat used Continental 4000 Tires and tubes. Price \$225.00 Call Jon at 517-899-5899 (10/17)

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www.biketcba.org Tri-County Bicycle Association

www.lmb.org League of Michigan Bicyclists

www.bikeleague.com League of American Bicyclists

www.adventurecycling.org Adventure Cycling

www.bikes.msu.edu Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes

www.walkbikelansing.com Lansing's Walking and Bicycling Network

www.capitalareasmartcommute.com Smart Commute Program

www.midmeac.org Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council

www.bikems.org Various rides throughout the country

www.mmba.org Michigan Mountain Biking Association

www.railstotrails.org Rails to Trails Conservancy

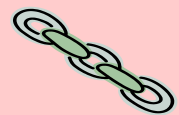
www.michigantrails.org Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance

www.facebook.com TCBA is there as a group; check us out!

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<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.aabts.org/> Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society



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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

Recurring rides are now on BikeTCBA.org. To view rides, go to the TCBA website, biketcba.org, Event Calendar. If you want to lead a ride and list the ride on the Event Calendar, e-mail Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

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Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace

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Select Member Login
Once logged in, select profile
Under Personal Info, select Contact Info,
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