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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	August 1 7:00 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	August 24 September 28 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. August: Maryann Hyde, solo hike on the Appalachian Trail September: Report from Interbike and CrossVegas
TCBA Advocacy Committee	August 16 6:30 8:00 p.m.	Law Offices of Glassen, Rhead, McLean, Campbell & Schumacher 533 South Grand Ave. Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER August 9

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

Ride with GPS by Dave Mansfield

DALMAC 2017
 We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the ride!

For information regarding DALMAC please contact: dalmac.org

DALMAC®



TCBA has a RideWithGPS Club Account. With the Club Account all TCBA members have the advantages of a premium account for rides in the Club Account. Some advantages are:

A rider can define how far in advance to be notified of a turn.

- Spoken turn by turn direction on Android and iPhones.
- Ability to send files directly to a Garmin GPS
- Print custom maps and cue sheets. Handy, even if you don't use a GPS or smartphone.

A video of the benefits are at <http://ridewithgps.com/help/club-benefits/>.

I'm including rides that are not TCBA but I think members may enjoy.

All annual club rides will have the year in the name. For this year it will have 2017 or 17. If you see a ride with last year in the name like "T-SHIRT 2016 100K" that is last year's route. The route may not be the same for this year. When the maps are sent to the printer the GPS files will

be updated to this year. That way if you have this year's file it will have any last minute changes made to the paper map. If at registration you are informed of map changes you can download a new copy or use the changes give out at registration.

If you would like to join the Club Account go to <http://ridewithgps.com/clubs/108-tri-county-bicycle-association> and click on "Apply to join". If you don't already have a RideWithGPS account go to <http://ridewithgps.com> and signup for a free membership and then join the Club Account. If you are using a nickname or anything other than your name for RideWithGPS please send an email to routessandmaps@biketcba.org with your name and the name you are using for RideWithGPS so I can verify your club membership and approve your request. (routessandmaps@biketcba.org)

If you are a ride leader and would like me to put your rides in the Club Account send an email and I will be glad to enter them. I can work from a map, cue sheet or whatever is the easiest way for you to get me the information on your ride.

DALMAC® Volunteers Needed

DALMAC®- Volunteer Positions are available:

- Volunteer Coordinator - transition helper
 Coordinate all of the volunteers to ensure readiness of all aspects of DALMAC®
- Purchasing Committee
 Help to make selections for T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, jerseys, and other swag for DALMAC®

Send a note to volunteer@dalmac.org if you would like further info on these opportunities...

2017 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
August	1	24
September	5	28
October	3	26
November	7	30
December	5	Holiday Party

DALMAC 2017

August 30-September 3

August 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sunrise: 6:30am Sunset: 8:59pm	2 Sunrise: 6:31am Sunset: 8:58pm	3 Sunrise: 6:32am Sunset: 8:57pm	4 Sunrise: 6:33am Sunset: 8:56pm	5 Sunrise: 6:34am Sunset: 8:55pm
6 Sunrise: 6:35am Sunset: 8:53pm	7 Sunrise: 6:36am Sunset: 8:52pm	8 Sunrise: 6:37am Sunset: 8:51pm	9 Sunrise: 6:38am Sunset: 8:49pm	10 Sunrise: 6:39am Sunset: 8:48pm	11 Sunrise: 6:40am Sunset: 8:47pm	12 Sunrise: 6:41am Sunset: 8:45pm
13 Sunrise: 6:42am Sunset: 8:44pm	14 Sunrise: 6:43am Sunset: 8:42pm	15 Sunrise: 6:44am Sunset: 8:41pm	16 Sunrise: 6:46am Sunset: 8:40pm	17 Sunrise: 6:47am Sunset: 8:38pm	18 Sunrise: 6:48am Sunset: 8:37pm	19 Sunrise: 6:49am Sunset: 8:35pm
20 Sunrise: 6:50am Sunset: 8:33pm	21 Sunrise: 6:51am Sunset: 8:32pm	22 Sunrise: 6:52am Sunset: 8:30pm	23 Sunrise: 6:53am Sunset: 8:29pm	24 Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 8:27pm	25 Sunrise: 6:55am Sunset: 8:25pm	26 Sunrise: 6:56am Sunset: 8:24pm
27 Sunrise: 6:57am Sunset: 8:22pm	28 Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 8:21pm	29 Sunrise: 7:00am	30 Sunrise: 7:01am Sunset: 8:17pm	31 Sunrise: 7:02am Sunset: 8:16pm		
30 Sunrise: 6:28am Sunset: 9:02pm	31 Sunrise: 6:29am Sunset: 9:01pm					

Daylight Saving/Summer Time is in effect for the entire month.
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Save the date:
 The Christmas Party will be held at Peacock Road Tree Farm December 7th.



July 10, 2017 Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. **Present:** Bill Smith, Steve Leiby, Deb Traxinger, Joel Wickham and Bob Noble; Mike Unsworth, Dave Pierce and Harry Levins **Absent:** Ken Schwartz was absent. The meeting agenda and June board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: The club received thank you notes from Pat Trudgen for the gift card, and TART Trails, Open Roads and Special Olympics for DALMAC Fund grants.

Member Input: none

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

ClubExpress Mobile app update – the current mobile app is cumbersome and difficult for webmaster to maintain. Motion by Steve Leiby to have a dedicated mobile app for the club. TCBA will pay for the downloads at \$.70 each and for a one time setup fee of \$100. 2nd by Deb Traxinger. Approved.

The Conflict of Interest policy will be addressed at the August board meeting.

DALMAC Fund 501 c 3 – work is still in progress. The board will review the language changes regarding the agreement with Dick Allen and vote on adoption at the August board meeting.

Ads Policy – Steve Leiby made revisions. Motion to approve by Bob Noble. 2nd by Steve Leiby. Approved.

Gran Fondo Ride – Steve Leiby and Ken Schwartz rode the Gran Fondo in Grand Rapids in June. They will give a report at the August board meeting. Motion by Steve Leiby to send two other board members to the the Cherry Robaix Gran Fondo in Traverse City in August. Entry fee and one night hotel will be paid by TCBA. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Approved.

The board will present DALMAC Preparation information at the July membership meeting. The presentations will be videotaped and links to the video will be provided on the DALMAC website.

The Friends of Bath Township Library Center asked for TCBA funds to support the purchase of bicycles as prizes for their summer reading program for kids. Motion made by Joel Wickham to provide \$700 for this purchase. 2nd by Steve Leiby. Approved 3-2.

Ride Incentives – there are extra lights and some club jerseys available for purchase. Lights are \$20 and jerseys are \$45.

Listing of “other rides” on the Event Calendar – after much discussion, this item was tabled until the next board meeting.

Dart Bank made a request to the club to help purchase bike racks. Pat Kelley will direct them to use the DALMAC Fund application.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – no report.

Vice President: Bill Smith – 1. The idea for a club hayride is postponed until next year. 2. The Christmas Party will be held at Peacock Road Tree Farm December 7th. 3. Bill is working with Consumers Energy on a TCBA presence at a function in August.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - 1. The financial report was submitted. Motion to approve by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved. 2. The Jordan Lake Trail Board has not yet completed work on the trail projects that received DALMAC Fund grants. The original expiration dates have passed. Joel Wickham made a motion to extend the expiration dates to December 31, 2017. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

Events Director: Joel Wickham - a DALMAC update was given and a financial report was submitted. Steve Leiby made a motion to accept the financial report. 2nd by Deb Traxinger. Motion approved.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - contact Bob or Ken to purchase extra ride incentives. Purchased items will be available for pickup only.

Northwest Tour (Jeff Dillingham) – no report.

T-Shirt Ride (Bob Noble) – no report.

DALMAC Fund – Steve Leiby – no report.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report by email. Mike also reported on upcoming FLIRT meetings.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 4:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger, Secretary TCBA Board of Directors.

June 2017 Advocacy Committee Report, by Michael Unsworth

Upcoming Road Projects

Proposed Marsh Road /Business I-69 intersection:

- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has drafted a reconfiguration consisting of J-turns (“Michigan Left Turns”) preventing a direct north-south crossing of the intersection (see <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/09059/>).
- Committee is drafting a letter to request MDOT reconsider this design.
- Advocacy Committee member Dan Stockwell (a Bath Township trustee) will invite MDOT representative to address this issue at a future meeting of the Township Trustees.

Clinton County shoulder widening work in 2018 and 2019--Clinton County Road Commission is soliciting input from affected townships. Portions of Colony and Dewitt Roads are to get three-foot-wide gravel shoulders. If townships want asphalt shoulders, they would have to contribute the following:

- Three-foot-wide: \$50,000 per mile (both sides of road)
- Five-foot-wide: \$300,000 per mile (both sides of road)

Ingham County Complete Street Ordinance--June 8 an Ingham County Special Committee recommended a Complete Streets ordinance which will be sent to the IC County Commission for a vote. The special committee assured Advocacy committee members that:

- Infrastructure will begin and end at logical places (e.g., stop painting bike lanes in the middle of a block)
- Non-Motorized Transportation (NMT) facilities will be marked & signed according to national standards
- Language will be added requiring that removal of NMT facilities be done only after a public hearing

Ingham County Special Trails and Parks Committee—Several Advocacy members attended meetings of this body. Composed of several County Commissioners, it reviewed the funding process and recommended these steps:

- Adopting Long-term planning and rolling deadlines be
- Ensuring that smaller communities don't feel left out
- Hiring a Millage Assistant in the County Parks Department out of the Millage funds (continued on Page 4)

Photos by Dean Brailey



And a great time was had by everyone! Thank you, Bill Smith for all the coordination of the picnic!

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Non- Motorized Transportation Plans— Governments are required to have NMT Plans as part of their overall Master Plans if they wish to receive federal funds. Committee members are working with the City of Lansing, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and Bath & Delta Townships in reviewing their plans.

Outreach—On June 5, Mike Unsworth, Lenny Provencher, and Dwight Washington staffed a TCBA table and displayed bikes at the Eaton Rap-

ids Schools Health Fair. On June 28 Dan Stockwell and Mike Unsworth presented "Bicycling FAQs" to the South Lansing/Holt Rotary club.

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcba.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at Law Offices of Glassen, Rhead, McLean, Campbell & Schumacher (533 South Grand Avenue, Lansing) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SummerTour 2017- my report- Pete Derkos

As past tour director, I can appreciate all of the detail and hard work that goes into making this tour a success. I would like to extend a thank you to the crew and committee that made this year's tour a great one. I especially throw out a thank you to Ginger for taking over and attending to the multiple details, inquiries and potential problems. I will continue to be part of the organizing committee. I offer then a few statistics, my notes and a couple of other rider notes. I invite any of you who rode SummerTour to submit your comments, plus or minus, to the SummerTour email and any report of your own to the newsletter editor.

The hub and spoke format appears to be a move in the right direction. We had 160 total participants including crew and committee so we were full. Most of the registration took place on opening day and we filled in less than a month. Short of half of our riders were from the tri-county area and we had 14 riders from outside Michigan. They came from Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Florida and Montana!

Most if not all riders checked in on Wednesday. I heard from a number of riders who got in a ride despite the meteorological issues. I left home in a pouring rain and wimped out due to the forecast and my own procrastination. I otherwise enjoyed the company and planned for a good ride. We had a rally after dinner to introduce crew and committee and raffle some gift certificates for local businesses.

This year's tour offered many options for going different directions, riding a road or trail route, or drive and ride for choosing your miles. On Thursday I chose to do a road trip to Gaylord to see what's up with the Alpenfest. I put up with the light mist and overcast skies. I had a nice lunch and had an expletive moment on the return. Apparently some drivers find it okay to pass double bottom logging trucks in a double yellow no passing zone when bikers are looking at them. I found a cross road cut out to avoid a visit to the ditch. The rain was done when I got to camp. I was in time for dinner and play some cards. I forgot to say how good our food was. Thank you Chuck.

Delaying my start on Friday didn't work in waiting out the chill or the drizzle. I wore rain gear but not sunglasses- hah! I had three navigational issues but our map guy, 'Mr. Mapsfield', gave enough detail to help me out. Ginger had marked out a couple of road construction detours on

everyone's map. When I got to the first detour I found the construction guys have their own colonel urinal, as if on DALMAC, and provided a porta-john. I lunched in Cheboygan while the drizzle stopped. The sun came out later in the day and some riders went out to the lake to wish the sun a good set.

Saturday was the best of the riding days. It also offered the most choices. I rode from camp to join the drive and ride site. From there I rode the trail to Charlevoix. I took a breather there before returning. Along the way I happened upon much lake scenery, a car show, a waterfall and later a wedding scene, drawbridge operation and otherwise a nice riding day. I hustled back to not miss dinner which would have been a 'missed' steak! And darned, I did not win anything in the last night raffle.

Sunday only partially lived up to its name. I chose to ride the trail route along the lake. It got you closer to the lake than the road route. It was a dry day and the sun came out enough to show some shimmer on the lake. I enjoyed the scenery. I saw a few of our riders today but realized the tour has to end. I don't want to wish away time but I look forward to next year's tour.

Here are a couple of notes from other riders:

"Saturday - Alanson to Charlevoix smooth paved trails. The trail was mostly shaded, cool breeze off the lake made this the perfect ride on this 80 degree day."

"We rode the paved trail from Petoskey to Charlevoix and back. We also rode from Alanson to Harbor Springs and then to Petoskey. We have been doing SummerTour for 15 years. We started doing SummerTour after we rode the Alaska Highway with Ed Noonan (former president of the club). He told us about SummerTour and then we did SummerTour with our two oldest grandkids for several years. We enjoy the friendliness of the group and the well-chosen routes. – Karen and Bill Schwartz"

I hope you can join us next year. See you then.

Respectfully, Pete Derkos

Northwest Tour 2017– Patricia Mead

Northwest Tour took place on June 14-18, 2017. As usual, it was great! And as usual the weather was somewhat unpredictable; but it is northern Michigan and not quite summer.

Jeff Dillingham, Event Director, provided some information regarding the tour. 314 people registered and 303 actually attended; including staff. Sixteen volunteers made this all happen. Director, campsite and registration coordinators (2), route planning and map making (1), campground hosts (2), SAG drivers (3), registration staff (7). Committee members are: Joe and Ida Adams, Cheryl Claffin, Deb Sides, and Karla Block. Thank you all for a great job coordinating the tour.

Two accidents occurred and we are sorry to report one fall resulted in a hip injury to Ida Adams and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Another fall involving Jacque Erdman resulted in a broken collar bone. Jacque hurtled down a long hill and a tree jumped out and took her down; but alas; that was our "cyclist liar" version of events. She actually fell over our trailer hitch and came down hard. Fortunately she healed quickly and is

on her way home from France as we go to print.

I think this was the warmest Northwest Tour I have attended and I have participated in all of them. Almost more like a usual Summer Tour. I managed to get in over 200 miles of riding and enjoyed the routes, scenery, pool, entertainment, comradery, and, of course, the food!

Looking forward to Northwest Tour 2018!

Photo: Jacque Wallace-Erdman, Patricia Mead, Kevin Mead



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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: For Sale: 3-Person Tents - 1 Mountain HardWear and 1 Marmont - each for \$75. Dick Janson (517) 675-7340 (07/17)

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

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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

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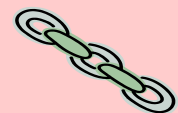
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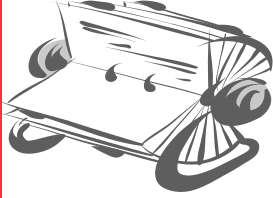
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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

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

Helmets are required on all TCBA Rides!!!!
Rides : visit the web site www.biketcba.org.

Class	Pace (average 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
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Class M	Mountain bike "single track" rides

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