

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	December 6 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	December 8 6:00 p.m. December 8 Christmas Party	Country Creek Reception Hall 5859 North Michigan Rd (M99) Dimondale	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. December: Christmas Party Country Creek Reception Hall, Dimondale
TCBA Advocacy Committee	December 14 6-7:30 p.m.	Conference Room A Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W. Maple St. Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

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Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER November 9	Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR	Rides are no longer listed in the Chainwheel Chatter. Go to: biketcba.org, Event Calendar. If you want a ride listed on the Event Calendar e-mail: Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

TCBA 2016 Holiday Party December 8

The TCBA Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 8th at the Country Creek Reception Hall, 5859 North Michigan Rd, (M99), Dimondale, MI 48821. The hall is located 1 mile south of I-96 at Exit 101 (ML King BLVD/M-99). Turn south as you exit the freeway, toward Eaton Rapids, the venue is just beyond Waverly Road on the right-hand side of MLK across from Hammond Farms.

Social hour begins at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with appetizers (BBQ meatballs, spinach/artichoke dip, a cheese platter and a vegetable tray.) There will be a cash bar. A buffet meal will be served at 7:00. Meal choices will be boneless lemon garlic chicken, savory roast beef, or vegetable lasagna. Salad, rolls, cheesy potatoes and green beans almandine will accompany the meal. Dessert will be assorted mini pastries. The only count needed is for the Vegetable Lasagna.

The price is \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. You may sign up at club meetings or call Bill Smith at 517-648-0019. The deadline for signing up is November 28th. Register online at https://tcba.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=604795&module_id=238030

It's never too early to plan and we look forward to celebrating with you!

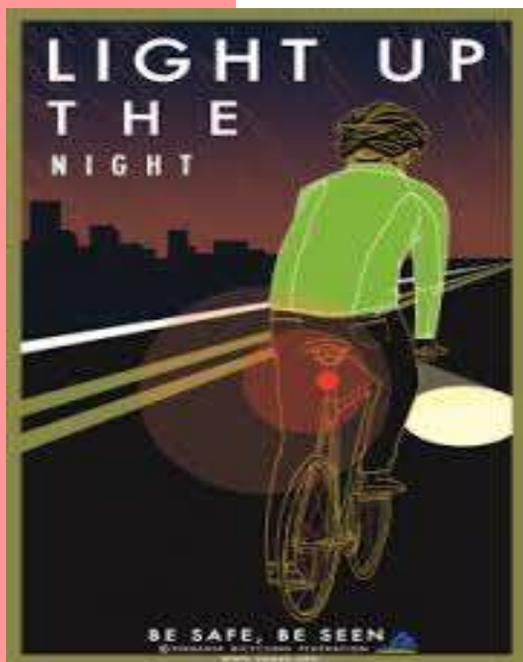


DALMAC® Volunteers Needed

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
January	3	26
February	7	23
March	7	30
April	4	27
May	2	25
June	6	29
July	?	27
August	1	31
September	5	28
October	3	26
November	7	30
December	5	28?
T Shirt Ride		June 3 or 10

Ride Leaders - Please note!

Effective October 1st, all rides, recurring and called-in, will be submitted to the Ride Coordinator at RideCoordinator@biketcba.org.

Recurring rides need to be submitted no later than 4 days prior to the end of month. Example, recurring rides for December need to be submitted by November 27.

Called-in rides need to be submitted by noon on Monday and Thursday each week, March through November, and by noon on Monday, December through February.

Please check the Event Calendar periodically to be sure that all of your ride information is posted correctly. Contact the Ride Coordinator if you find any mistakes.

Thank you for being a valued TCBA Volunteer!!

Chainwheel

Want to receive your Chainwheel faster? Simply opt for receiving an email instead of U.S. Mail. This option is available when you renew your membership.

Getting the newsletter via email is almost two weeks faster than U.S. mail.

Website: BikeTCBA.org

Patricia Mead, Editor

November 1, 2016, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan **Secretary:** Deb Traxinger – no report

Vice President Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM Deb Traxinger, Ken Schwartz, Steve Leiby, Ken Hendrick, and Mike Unsworth were present Patrick Kelley and Joanne Gruizenga were absent. Also present was Dan Stockwell and Ginger Royston The meeting agenda and October board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: The board received two thank you notes from Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail and from the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition regarding our donations to their projects

Board Reports

Presidents: Patrick Kelley via Bill Smith

- Dan Stockwell gave an update on the progress with Club Express mileage reporting Dan will collect information regarding a mobile phone app for Club Express.
- Steve Leiby reported on the progress regarding the 501 (c) 3 status for the DALMAC Fund
- The Transition Dinner for the board will take place on December 15 at 8pm at the Kellogg Center
- Steve Leiby gave a report on the progress of the Critical Incident Committee A draft of the Critical Incident outline was given to the board for review
- The board recognized Mike Unsworth for his work on polling of the November election candidates regarding their views on bicycling issues

Vice Presidents: Bill Smith – The holiday party is December 8 Members may sign up online on the TCBA website

Treasurer: Steve Leiby

Steve submitted the financial report and budget Motion to approve as written by Deb Traxinger 2nd Ken Schwartz Motion approved

Events Director: Ken Hendrick - no report.

At Large Directors: no report

Summer Tour (Ginger Royston) – Ginger submitted the current plan for Summer Tour 2017 Motion to authorize Summer Tour was made by Steve Leiby 2nd by Deb Traxinger Motion approved

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report by email Mike also gave the board a letter he had written to the East Lansing City Council and the Meridian Township Board regarding the new Costco development on Park Lake Road The letter asks the respective boards to adhere to the township's Non-Motorized Plan to ensure that Costco is accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists A motion was made by Bill Smith to approve sending the letter 2nd by Deb Traxinger Motion approved.

New Business: none

Old Business: Steve Leiby led a discussion regarding updating the club's advertising policy. We will continue to look into possible changes to the policy

Ideas were exchanged regarding the Drag a Friend Ride The board is in agreement that the club needs to attract new members We will continue to investigate this concept

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger, Secretary TCBA Board of Directors



Helmets are required on all TCBA Rides!!!!

Rides : visit the web site: www.biketcba.org.

TCBA is on Facebook!!
<https://www.facebook.com/biketcba>

DALMAC Treasurer: Detail oriented person needed to take over this function. Doesn't need to be an accountant, but should be detail oriented and computer literate. The current Treasurer has prepared complete documentation for this job. Training will be provided by either the current Treasurer or DALMAC Director.

Stops4U Coordinator: Develop a list of businesses along the DALMAC routes that might interest DALMAC riders (restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies, bike shops, etc.) Obtain information for developing this list by contacting local chambers of commerce, DALMAC SAG drivers, DALMAC riders, etc. Organize the list by route and in the route sequence from beginning to end. Contact the businesses/organizations, electronically if possible, prior to DALMAC to inform them that we are coming, what date, and the ap-

proximate time frame riders will be in their area so they know what to expect, and or serve.

Since this is a new function, anyone taking on this duty can develop the position as their imagination leads them.

Anyone interested or having questions should contact Ken Hendrick at director@dalmac.org or call 517-420-0849".



Advocacy Committee Report

Oct. 2016 Advocacy Committee Report By Mike Unsworth

Discussion with Will Thompson, Manager, Lansing Transportation Service Center, Michigan Dept. of Transportation

- At our Oct. 12 monthly meeting we reviewed the Department's area projects that will impact bicycling: reconstruction of the Marsh Road and Saginaw Highway intersection (Bath Township), Bus Rapid Transit on MDOT trunklines' portion (M-43 & M-143) of the Michigan & Grand River Avenues corridor, and reconstruction of Homer & Howard streets in the Frandor area.

Eastwood Towne Center's Bicycle Parking Rules and Infrastructure

- A letter to the Center Management, drafted by Mike Dombrowski, was approved by the Committee and sent to the Center's management. It detailed the sparseness of bike racks and the negative tone of notifications stapled to bikes locked on fences. We suggested that more racks be provided and that the notifications have a positive tone in explaining the Center's policies.
- The Committee asks that TCBA members notify us (avocacy@biketcba.org) of similar situations in the area.

Questions for Political Candidates

- In early October surveys were sent to 300 candidates for local office (county level and lower. 54 responses (18%). The results were posted on the TCBA web page.
- Breakdown of responses by county are:
 - Clinton 20
 - Eaton 9
 - Ingham 25

- Much thanks to TCBA's techno guru, Dan Stockwell, and to Carol Barrett of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for working on this project. We will be partnering with Carol in 2017 on the "Let's Pedal" bike clinic.

Proposed TCBA Speaker's Bureau

A working group is crafting a prototype presentation.

Non-Motorized Facility Improvements in Delta and Delhi Townships.

- In Delta Township seven bicyclists met with local elected officials on NMT improvements.
- At the Delhi Township Planning Commission a consultant's draft report was received; it recommended additional non-motorized on road and off road facilities.

Bike Safety Bills at the Michigan Legislature

The Michigan Senate passed three bills relating to bicycle safety: two dealt with five-foot passing space for bicyclists and one with incorporating bicycling material in driver's education curriculum. We hope that the Michigan House will deal with them in a post-general election ("lame duck" session).

Unfortunately, the Senate leadership did not put up with the two Vulnerable Roadway User bills for a vote by the full Senate. Bike safety advocates will have to deal with this issue in the next Legislature. For more information, see lmb.org.

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcba.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at Conference Room A of the Neighborhood Empowerment Center (600 W. Maple St., Lansing) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

A special message from TCBA President Pat Kelley

Hope that your Fall riding is going well! Enjoy our group rides!

This year has been one of many changes for the TCBA, especially with the switch to ClubExpress, who provides our website hosting. More changes are due, as we continue to need our members to update their information, e-mail addresses and sign into our website.

Beginning with the January 2017, Chainwheel issue, we will only send a paper copy to those who have selected that delivery preference. So in order for you to receive the hard copy of the Chainwheel Chatter, you will have to log into this site, go to your "Profile" (top right hand side of the page) and select the preference to receive the Chainwheel Chatter by mail, otherwise, you will only be able to access the Chainwheel Chatter via the web page.

Please make sure that you have selected your preference to get the Chainwheel Chatter either by mail, or electronically, before January, 2017. If you have questions please contact me at president@biketcba.org or the webmaster@biketcba.org

In January 2017, the Chainwheel Chatter will only be mailed to those who have set the preference to postal mail.

TCBA Board Profiles

President Patrick Kelley: TCBA member 25+ years, I have enjoyed for many years the benefits of being a TCBA member. In 2014, I became a Board member to give back to our Club. I want to continue to insure that TCBA volunteers are taken care of, and encouraged to volunteer for our club activities/events. Being able to ride safely on group rides, and supporting the volunteers who are Ride Leaders, Ride Directors and staff for these Rides is my plan for next year's TCBA agenda.

Vice President Bill Smith: TCBA member 11 years, I have been club Vice-President since 2013 and would like to continue for another year. I enjoy finding speakers for our club meetings and have some lined up for 2017. Over the years I have found a lot of enjoyment in the club and made many friends. I'll be back on my bike by the end of October and hope to enjoy some riding the rest of the year.

Secretary Deb Traxinger: TCBA member 19 years, During that time I have participated in countless day club rides and have also done Northwest Tour and Summer Tour many times. I have also ridden DALMAC 4 times. I have always been impressed with the purpose and the people involved with TCBA. I am now retired and with more free time I decided to give back to the club for all it has given to me. I served as the club secretary for this past year and would be happy to continue on in 2017 in that position.

Member at Large Bob Noble: TCBA member 16+ years, I became a TCBA member in 2000 just before riding my first DALMAC. Since then have ridden 9 more DALMACs. Volunteered several years at DALMAC registration including this year in clothing sales. Ridden several SummerTours. Have been camp host twice for SummerTour and SAG driver for 2016 SummerTour. A member of the Executive Committee and Registrar for the 100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride the last two years. Have been a ride leader for several years especially on rides leaving Oneida Township Hall and Oneida Gospel Church in the Grand Ledge Area.

TCBA's membership is aging, including myself. If the club can't find ways to attract younger riders it will eventually die. I hope to develop and institute strategies to bring younger riders into TCBA.

Member at Large Ken Schwartz: TCBA member 35 years, I started commuting by bike in 1975. When we moved to East Lansing in 1980, I evolved to a touring cyclist. DALMAC has become a yearly wonderful habit. I've enjoyed all of my 35 rides from Lansing to the bridge with the exception of some really bad rain days. I remain grateful to TCBA for organizing all these great rides. I believe that one of the great strengths of our club is that it is run by cyclists for cyclists. All of the organization, planning and administration is performed exclusively by volunteers. After 36 years of riding with the club it is time for me to give a little back by volunteering myself to serve as a member at large on the board. I have enjoyed serving on the board as an at large member and hope to be able to continue in this capacity for the coming year.

Treasurer: Steven TCBA member for 43 years

Board Positions Held: Dates:

1. Treasurer	2011 - present
2. DALMAC Events Director	1979
3. President	1978, 1980
4. DALMAC Fund Chair	1992-1994, 2009-present

I expect to ride 5,500 miles this year, about 40% on club rides. I've ridden 35 DALMACs, starting in 1972, and was the Events Director in 1979. Joined TCBA when it started accepting memberships in 1973. Served as an Effective Cycling Instructor. Assisted Bill Savage in teaching the Smart Streets Cycling class for 5 years. I also participate in the TCBA Advocacy Committee, the DALMAC Committee and Chair the DALMAC Fund Committee. TCBA needs to continue looking for younger members and have an active presence in the community. We need to look at new ways to bring in younger riders.

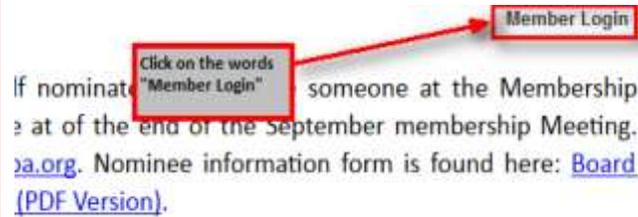
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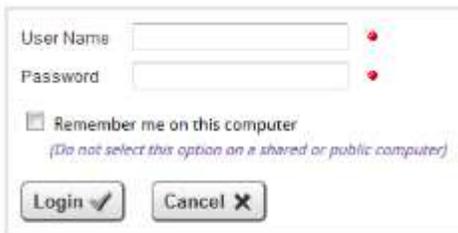
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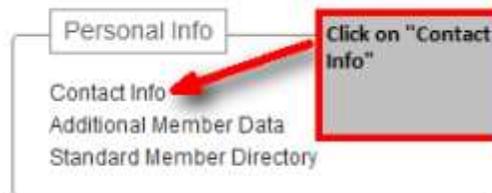
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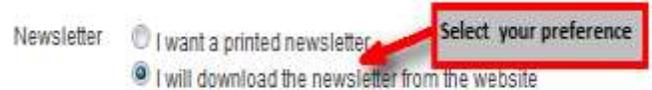
After you click on "Profile" you will see a page called Member Profile, a box as shown below. Select "Contact Info."



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Please be sure we have the correct email address for you.

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For Sale: 2007 Tour Easy. Med-lrg frame. Full fairing. \$1400
Jacque: 231-633-8343

For sale-New- Zero miles
Fulcrum racing S-Four wheel set 11 speed Shimano
Still in bags / QR's Price \$375
Contact:: jbskibike@gmail.com (10/16)



For Sale: Tesch S-22, in excellent condition. The size center to center is 53 cm and center to top is 55 cm. List price is \$900. Cindy at 517-202-6540 or drchollenbeck@aol.com (10/16)



For Sale: Saris roof rack, fits 2002-2007 Toyota Camry. Asking \$100
Contact Craig 517-290-3397 (11/16)

For Sale: 2001 Easy Racer Tour Easy, medium frame, racer back seat, body sock & frame, full fairing, trunk rack, computer. Aero spoke front wheel \$900 or BO. Contact Kevin 517-285-7814 or email kevinmead@sbcglobal.net (10/16)

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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

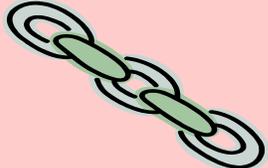
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www.facebook.com TCBA is there as a group; check us out!

twitter.com Twitter

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

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



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**DALMAC®
 Treasurer Needed!**

Submitted: Diane Sherman

DALMAC® Volunteer Position:

An exciting volunteer opportunity awaits!! Here's a chance to see DALMAC from behind the scenes - and be the most popular person around! The DALMAC Treasurer job is open. Lots of perks, lots of nice people. The person with the money is always well loved!

I would like to "retire" after 6 years of doing this job. I will be very happy to train the next person and provide lots of support. I have very thorough procedures. It's mainly writing checks, processing refunds through the online registration system, and keeping the books. The busiest time is in September when the volunteers who worked on DALMAC send in their requests for reimbursement.

I plan on finishing out this year but it would be nice to begin briefing a new person. Please let me know if you are at all curious and I will provide some more information.

Diane Sherman
 dalmactreasurer@biketcba.org

Change of Address

Go to BikeTCBA.org,
 Select Member Login
 Once logged in, select profile
 Under Personal Info, select Contact Info,
 then complete your Primary Address.

It's that simple!

M-22 Challenge, Fall Colors = Special TCBA Rates Submitted by Scotty Seward

As a recently joined TCBA Member, I noticed that you reported donations to The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail.

We at Birch Shores Resort are Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and also Contributors and Sponsors of The Trail.

We have decided that the rest of the Membership could be interested in more information about biking and hiking The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, 2 miles north of our Guest cabins on Little Glen Lake. This paved, 10 feet wide nature and bike trail, is being expanded from the current 18 miles to about 39 miles, from Northport to Platte Lake. It parallels M-22 & M-109 at present and has few road crossings.

Click below for more detailed information:

<http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/sleeping-bear-heritage-trail/>

This is the only bicycle trail in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In winter it is groomed for cross-country skiing (both classic and skating styles) and snowshoeing. It is mostly paved, but has a short section of packed gravel through the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. The trail spans about 18 scenic miles between Empire and Basch Road, with the Dune Climb, historic Glen Haven and the town of Glen Arbor along its route.

The beautiful fall Color season is fast approaching and the M-22 stretch has been nationally ranked for the Fall color.

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore area was deemed "The Most Beautiful Place in America" by the TV show "Good Morning America" in 2013. See the Y-Tube video at:

http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/best_places_USA/sleeping-bear-dunes-michigan-voted-good-morning-americas/story?id=14319616#.TkwCRhETsqo.facebook

We are offering a Special Discounted Rate until June 16, 2017 to the Membership of the TCBA for our Aspen and Hemlock cabins on Little Glen Lake for \$100 nightly, including the M-22 Challenge week (900 competitors) of June 3 to 10, 2017..\$150 nightly for up to 8 Guests is the normal rate.

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