

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	December 5 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	December 7 January 27 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. December 7: Holiday party—relax and enjoy the holidays with your TCBA friends, contact Bill Smith to RSVP January 2018: Todd Walter, owner of Crosaires Adult Foster Care in Williamston will discuss Cycling Without Age and his new trishaw bicycle.
Advocacy Committee	November 13 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

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Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER December 10

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

TCBA Holiday Party 2017

The annual party will be held at Peacock Road Tree Farm, 11854 Peacock Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848, on December 7th.

The social hour will be from 6:00 to 7:00 with appetizers served.. Included will be bean soup, vegetables and dip, and cheese and crackers. A holiday punch will be served. There will not be a cash bar. Dinner will include pulled pork, BBQ chicken, sweet potatoes, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, cornbread, and cranberry sauce. Quiche will be served for those wishing a vegetarian meal. Dress down a bit because our party will be on a farm. There will be a bonfire and you may wander about the grounds.

The cost is \$10 for club members. You may sign up at the September, October, or November club meetings; online or by calling Bill Smith at 517-648-0019. Please RSVP by November 30th. See you there!



2017 / 2018 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
December	5	Holiday Party
January 2018	9	25
February 2018	6	22
March 2018	6	29

December 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SummerTour 2018

We are pleased to announce our 29th SummerTour. The 2018 SummerTour will be in Marion, MI at the Veterans Memorial Park Campground.

Marion is located in the northeast corner of Osceola County. It is a charming village known for its artesian wells (two of which are located in the campground) and its historic Mill Pond.

The tour will again be a one campsite tour. The tour dates are

July 11, 2018 through July 15, 2018. The costs for the tour are \$215 for ages 13 and up, \$100 for ages 7-12 and free for ages 6 and under.

Please check biketcba.org/summertour for more detailed information about the tour and for a link to connect to the online application which will go live on January 7, 2018 at 4:00PM. The tour is limited to the first 150 applicants.

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

Bath Planning Meeting October 25, 2017

submitted by Dean Brailey



Bath Township hosted two meetings seeking the input from people for their township plans regarding

Non-motorized, Downtown Development and their five year parks and recreation plan. It was held at the Township offices and offered two sessions for citizen input. I was able to attend the evening session and to be honest it was a very enlightening meeting.

Brian Shorkey, the planning director for the township, hosted the informal meeting and sought the input of residents regarding the above mentioned topics. Using two large map plots, one of the whole township and one of the downtown area, participants were asked to put markers, comments, wish lists and anything else that they felt was needed in the future. Brian was very interested in what the cycling community wanted and he didn't balk at any of my, or Dan Stockwell and Mike Unsworth's, suggestions. He seems to really like his job and wants to do what's good for the community.

The biggest issue is the road that goes around Park Lake. Brian wants to put a shoulder that's at least three feet wide along the whole segment from Webster south to Coleman Road. He said that when he rides that road it makes it clear there's insufficient width and motorists are going way too fast. So, I hope the Bath police listen to him and increase speed enforcement. There's also issues in the south, as you know, with the Old M-78 crossings and the removal by MDOT of through pedestrian and cyclist access. I hope he holds his ground with MDOT.

The one thing that surprised me was the support from township residents for bike facilities such as wide road shoulders, off road trails and even support for things to attract cyclists into the township. (Restaurants, brew pubs, recreational attractions

such as mountain bike trails.) There were no "get them @#\$ % bicycles off the road" comments. I was pleasantly surprised.

I spoke with several long time residents who also bemoaned the fact that Park Lake Road needed serious widening, especially along the north shore of the lake, so that there would be a safe shoulder for cyclists and pedestrians. It was recognized that the north shore segment was very narrow with many limited sight distance problems which the widening is meant to address. The problem of high speed auto traffic, in spite of the 25 mph speed limit, was a constant problem and increased police enforcement, along with possible roadway speed bumps, were voiced as needed in the area. This segment of Park Lake Road is slated for upgrade in 2018.



Brian Shorkey, Planning Director, explaining needed roadway improvements.



The club's own Dan Stockwell, here seen talking with Clinton County Commissioner Dr. Dwight Washington, who attended the meeting to hear residents ideas and express a few of his own.

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present: Pat Kelley, Bill Smith, Steve Leiby, Deb Traxinger, Joel Wickham, Bob Noble and Ken Schwartz, Mike Unsworth and Dick Allen. The meeting agenda and October board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: The club received thank you notes from the Jordan Lake Trail Board and from its president in appreciation for the DALMAC Fund grant of \$20,000. The Special Olympics Michigan also sent a thank you note for DALMAC Fund support of the State Fall Games.

Member Input: Dick Allen gave his support for the 501(c)(3) status for the DALMAC Fund. He would like to have lots of ideas for future fundraising.

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley - The paperwork for the DALMAC Fund 509(c)(3) status is near completion.

Ride Incentive Rules for 2018 will be voted on in the January 2018 meeting.

The feasibility of eliminating some membership meetings was discussed and tabled.

Vice President: Bill Smith – Report given.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – The TCBA Board sent a sympathy card to Tammy at Tammy's Bakery and Cafe in Laingsburg regarding the death of her husband.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - Treasurer report was given. Motion to approve by Ken Schwartz. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Approved. Steve also presented a Profit/Loss Three Year Comparison with the Draft 2018 Budget.

Events Director: Joel Wickham – report given. DALMAC is monitoring the discussions regarding bridge crossing issues.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - ride incentives are still being explored.

Northwest Tour: (Jeff Dillingham) – Motion by Joel Wickham to approve the sponsorship of a mile on the Leelanau Trail for \$1500 and a donation to Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail for \$1500, both from NWT. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

SummerTour: (Ginger Royston) – no report.

T-Shirt Ride: (Bob Noble) – Discussion on eliminating the 100,000 meter wording from the ride title. Formal proposal and vote when 2018 ride report is submitted.

DALMAC Fund: Steve Leiby – no report.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report via email. Mike also presented a draft of a letter to be sent to the Ingham County Roads and Parks Department regarding bike route signage. Motion to support this letter by Steve Leiby. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.

New Business: Transition Dinner will be Monday December 11.

Old Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger, Secretary TCBA Board of Directors

TCBA Board Officers Election 2017

TCBA members, thank you for being a part of one of the most active and influential bicycle clubs in Michigan! Our Board works hard to make bicycling better in our area. We honor our TCBA mission; "promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972".

Last night's membership meeting was open mic along with Pat giving the President's report.

Motion by Steve Leiby to accept the 2018 slate of officers Pat Kelley, President; Bill Smith, Vice President; Deb Traxinger, Secretary; Harry Levins, Treasurer; Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble, Board at Large; Joel Wickham, Events Director. 2nd by Jethro Wise. Motion passed unanimously. Presidents 2017 Report presented and some discussion regarding DALMAC options. Meeting ended at 8 PM

2016 Incentives for Sale

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.

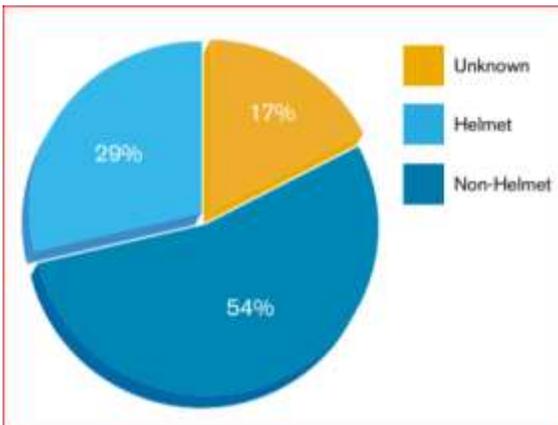
The cost per jersey is \$45. While they last, we also have tail lights for sale at \$20 each. Those interested in either a jersey or light should contact Bob Noble at bofnob@comcast.net.



Editors note: This graphic is from the report: A Right to the Road: Understanding & Addressing Bicyclist Safety from Governor's Highway Safety Group releases Report on Importance of Bicyclist Safety

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is a nonprofit association representing the highway safety offices of states, territories, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. GHSA provides leadership and representation for the states and territories to improve traffic safety, influence national policy, enhance program management and promote best practices. Its members are appointed by their Governors to administer federal and state highway safety funds and implement state highway safety plans. Contact GHSA at 202-789-0942 or visit www.ghsa.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GHSAHQ or follow us on Twitter @GHSAHQ.

Bicycle Helmets While no state mandates bicycle helmets for adult riders, 54 percent of the cyclists killed in 2015 were not wearing a helmet, while 17 percent were helmeted and the status of 29 percent was unknown. (This is the best information available, but not 100 percent accurate.) The positive impact of wearing a properly fitted and positioned helmet cannot be overstated. Nearly one-third of non-fatal injuries among bicyclists are to the head, which "pose the greatest risk of death and disability to bicyclists" (Haileyesus et al.; Thompson & Rivara; and Thompson, Rivara & Thompson as cited in Jewet et al., 2016).



Research examining all bicyclists, not just children, estimated that the use of helmets reduced the risk of a non-fatal head injury by 42 percent (Elvik as cited in Goodwin et al., 2015). Another study found that helmet use reduced moderate injury for bicyclists by 50 percent, serious injury by 62 percent and severe head injury by 75 percent. The current edition of Countermeasures That Work gives bicycle helmet laws for children and adults five stars (the highest rating) and four stars respectively, the highest rated bicyclist safety countermeasures (Goodwin et al., 2015).

The Chainwheel Chatter will provide additional information from this report in future editions. If you want to view the report in detail; please find it on the web at: <http://bikeleague.us13.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=eb89ca754070e189bcb1c9928&id=bea09bfc45&e=b250b4a6e6>

Message from President, Pat Kelley

Several of you have asked how to check your year-to-date ride mileage on the TCBA website.

To do this, log into the TCBA website. Click on the red button to the right of your name displayed at the upper right of the main website page. Click on "Profile." A menu with many options will be displayed. Under "Website", click on "My Rides."

A list of all of the rides in which you have participated this year will be displayed. For each individual ride, the following will be displayed: ride miles, leader bonus miles, home miles, and total miles.

There are only two ways to obtain a year-to-date, cumulative total of one's TCBA mile-

age: (1) manually total up the miles or (2) highlight the entire "My Rides" matrix, copy the highlighted area, paste the matrix into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and then sum the "total miles" column.

Also, for you "Smartphone" users, there is a new app available for free to download for our website. Go to your app store and search "Tri-County Bicycle Association" (make sure that you have the "-" in your search criteria) and you can download the app. Once you have downloaded this app you will need "log into" the site per usual to use it, but the site remembers your login info so you will not have to "sign-in" each time you use this new app.

October 2017 Advocacy Committee Report, by Michael Unsworth

MDOT's practice of blocking crossing of medians for so-called "Superstreet" projects (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superstreet>)

State-wide policy—The Committee is working with the League of Michigan Bicyclists on a statewide effort to reverse this practice

Proposed Business I-69 Corridor in Meridian and Bath Townships:

Marsh Road Intersection—The Committee is crafting an alternative that will allow cyclists and pedestrians to directly cross the intersection while having motorists use J-turns

Newton and Towner Roads—In conjunction with the November 4 Cargo Bike Rendezvous, there will be an informational ride/photo shoot from Costco to Newton Road

Non-Motorized Transportation Open Houses—TCBA members participated at the Delta Township (Oct. 17) and Bath Township (Oct. 25) meetings.

Ingham County Trails Millage—Eighteen proposals were received for the 2017 funding round for a total of \$1,991,625:

By jurisdictions & organizations (11): seven from Lansing, two from Meridian Township, and one each from the Friends of the Lansing Regional Trails, East Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Stockbridge (combined Village & Township) and from Aurelius, Delhi, Leroy, and Onondaga Townships.

By category: Nine for New Construction, four for Special Projects, and five for Repair, Rehabilitation, & Maintenance

Three were Small Grant requests ("Up to \$50,000 for municipalities contributing less than 5% of total county millage revenue annually")

The County Parks Commission will review & rank the proposals by mid-December. They will then go to the normal County review process and will be ultimately be brought to the County Commission in January or February

Candidate Survey on Bike Issues—Members Andy Barsom and Dan Stockwell have organized an online survey which was sent to candidates for the 2017 General Election. The survey results will be posted on the TCBA web site several days before the November 7 Election.

Bicycle Safety:

Statewide Legislation—TCBA President Pat Kelley testified at a House Transportation & Infrastructure meeting on October 31

Publicity Campaign—The Committee will be working on a multi-media safety campaign in the next few months. Suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

Cyclists' Happy Hour—TCBA sponsored this October 10 event at the Lansing Brewing Company. We had a good turnout and bicyclists made good connections.

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.

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

For Sale: For Sale: 3-Person Tents - 1 Mountain HardWear and 1 Marmot - each for \$50. Dick Janson (517) 675-7340 (07/17)

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)

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, asking \$1850. Contact: Kevin Mead 517-285-7814 (texts welcome), kevinmead@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)



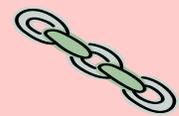
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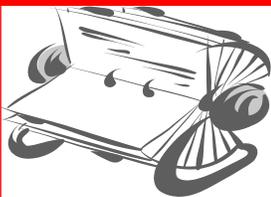
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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

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
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Class C	12-14 mph
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