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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>June 5</b> 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.
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>May 24</b> <b>June 28</b> 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. <b>May 24:</b> DALMAC Fund Grant Awards <b>June 28:</b> DALMAC prep
<b>TCBA Advocacy Committee</b>	<b>May 9</b> <b>June 13</b> 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! <a href="http://advocacy.biketcba.org/">http://advocacy.biketcba.org/</a>

## Chainwheel Deadlines

<b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>May 9</b>	Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, <a href="mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org">chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org</a> by the indicated deadline.
<b>RIDE CALENDAR</b>	<b>Go to: <a href="http://biketcba.org">biketcba.org</a>, Event Calendar</b> <b>To have a ride listed on the Event Calendar send email to:</b> <b><a href="mailto:Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org">Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org</a></b>

## Remembering Colin

DALMAC and TCBA are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and loyal, dedicated volunteer Colin Keyworth. Colin was such an awesome man, wonderful volunteer, and dear friend of many. Colin was on the 5 West volunteer crew for many years driving the baggage truck, taking meal counts, helping riders in camp, etc. As in this photo, Colin was always quick with a smile and joke to share.

Colin passed away, in early April, of a heart attack while cycling the Texas Hell Week ride. He will be missed by so many. Please keep his family and friends in your hearts, thoughts, and prayers. Rest in peace, my friend.

Thank you Peter Pommerenk for this great photo.



### 2018 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
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

### 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.

### March 2018 Advocacy Committee Report by Mike Unsworth

#### MI Bike Shorts Film Festival

On March 19 about 50 cycling fans gathered at the Urban Beats Events Center in Old Town to enjoy several imaginative short bicycling films. Film goers contributed \$190 to defray expenses. Thanks to Keven Schumacher for organizing and to the Glassen Rhead law firm for sponsoring the event.

#### Bike Safety Billboard project

Phil Wells has put together several templates which he will present to the TCBA Board at its April meeting.

#### Quiet Water Symposium

The bike-focused tables had good traffic. All TCBA's snap wraps were given away.

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.

### President's Update May 2018

Hope this finds you all well and beginning the riding season in Michigan. March was cold, damp and windy so not much road riding. April has started the same, cold, damp wet! Michigan weather!

As some of you may know or have heard, the TCBA Board is starting to review the Budget's expenditures for this year and into the future. Historically, our club has had enough money to not be concerned with overspending that benefits members. TCBA has tried to be very generous towards our members and the local communities by providing incentives and grants that promote and facilitate bicycling.

However, to continue as an organization into the future, it is becoming more and more evident TCBA cannot continue to spend at the rate we have been. We are making some budget decisions and would like member input. We represent you as best we can, but truly need your thoughts on this issue to ensure we are acting in your behalf. Some members recently attended the TCBA Board meeting and assisted the Board in our process. The Board wants you to be a part of these decisions. If you have ideas, or thoughts about this process, please feel free to contact a Board Officer, or come to a Club Meeting (membership or Board) and let us know.

TCBA has been fortunate to provide much to our members, and the community over the years. We want to continue to be an active voice in the bicycling community for many years to come, and we will! We are an organization made up of many individuals who work hard to share our passion for bicycling! Thank you for your participation and understanding of the need for TCBA to address this budget issue.

Pat Kelley, President, TCBA



## 2018 – Ride Your Own Story

Marion Veterans Memorial Park Campground

July 11 – July 15, 2018

**SummerTour** will be four bicycling tours all in one!

**Fun!** Roads, Routes and Maps, just like always.

**Even more fun!** Drive and Ride. Take your bicycle to the paved White Pine and Pere Marquette Rail Trails or wherever.

**Too much fun!** Ride Your Own Story. Why do what we tell you? Go where you want!

**Five days or just the weekend!** Start on Wednesday or catch up to us Friday afternoon or Saturday morning and have a blast for a shorter time.

Check out the web page at [biketcba.org/summertour](http://biketcba.org/summertour).

July 11 through 15

In quaint Marion, MI, up north between Clare (Gateway to the North) and Cadillac.

**Roads, Routes and Maps** will take you through rolling farmland and into Northern Michigan's small towns and villages. Enjoy bicycling without mixing it up with traffic. The paved roads around Marion are more lightly traveled than around Michigan's touristy areas. You asked for less traffic and we found it!

**Drive and Ride** extends your reach to places you would not have gone otherwise. The rail trails are nice, but why stop there? Take your off-road bicycle to any of many dirt trails. We'll have off-road information at registration. Peruse the maps and cruise.

**Ride Your Own Story.** Grab your county maps and explore the thin, gray lines (gravel) or the dashed red ones (seasonal). SummerTour will be in the same place at the end of the day. Lost at the end of the day? We'll laugh, but a SAG driver will come and get you.

**SummerTour Weekend** lets you save your vacation time. Can't get away from work? This'll be great! Join us for Friday supper or Saturday breakfast and start bicycling.

And we *have* to mention the fabulous cooking. SummerTour caters breakfast and supper. Past riders told us that they would do SummerTour just for the food. It's that good!

Free WIFI in camp. Post your photos. Keep up on Facebook. Check in at work. All the connectivity of home. Electricity at every campsite and every campsite is grassy. Brand new shower facilities. Easy walking to the ice cream store, groceries, artesian well, great pie at the Flashback diner, and taverns.

SummerTour has some openings left. The web page is [biketcba.org/summertour](http://biketcba.org/summertour). Your friends will wish they'd come.

## April 3 Board Meeting

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Present: Bill Smith, Deb Traxinger, Harry Levins, Joel Wickham, Bob Noble, Ken Schwartz, Ken Hendricks, Dave Mansfield, Mike Unsworth, Phil Wells. The meeting agenda was approved.

**Correspondence received:** The club received a thank you note from Roger Nelson's family.

**Member Input:** Phil Wells reported the Advocacy Committee is working with Adams Outdoor Advertising regarding bicycling safety billboards. Motion by Joel Wickham to approve concept of safety billboards as proposed. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

Dan Stockwell reported on the Bath Township Bike Rodeo for kids taking place May 17. Club members interested in helping, contact Dan.

### Board Reports

**President:** Patrick Kelley

DALMAC Fund 501 c3 – no update from IRS.

Crosstown Maps have been printed.

Board members are encouraged to Like and Share TCBA and DALMAC Facebook posts.

The Certificates of Deposit approved at the last board meeting have been purchased.

Bill Smith will be looking into ordering more slap bands or frog lights for TCBA giveaways.

The President's Appreciation Dinner will be held at Chisholm Hills on May 17 from 6-9pm.

**Vice President:** Bill Smith – The club picnic/Ride of Remembrance will be July 22 at Motz Park. Bill will be doing a bicycling presentation for the Mason Rotary at Birchfield Park on June 9. Club members willing to help should contact Bill.

**Secretary:** Deb Traxinger – no report.

**Treasurer:** Harry Levins -

Treasurer report was given. DALMAC Balance Sheet was also submitted. Motion to approve both reports by Bob Noble. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Approved.

A motion was made by Harry Levins to accept the 2017 Form 990 as presented and to file it with the IRS. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.

Harry submitted an extensive report regarding TCBA's annual operating losses along with a proposal regarding a process to use to address this operating deficit.

a. Motion by Deb Traxinger to acknowledge our budget deficit as a problem requiring immediate attention. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.

b. Motion by Deb Traxinger to accept the process proposed to deal with the budget deficit problem. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion passed.

The board will hold a special meeting in April to discuss the budget deficit. Pat Kelley will address club members on how they can help with this issue via a letter in the Chainwheel Chatter.

**Events Director:** Joel Wickham – report given.

**At Large Directors:** Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - Ride incentives are in and can be picked up at the April membership meeting.

**Northwest Tour** (Jeff Dillingham) – Registration is full.

**Summer Tour** (Ginger Royston) – Summer Tour registration is still open.

**T-Shirt Ride** (Bob Noble) – report given.

**DALMAC Fund** – Steve Leiby – Mike Unsworth reported that 12 grant requests were submitted on time.

**Advocacy Committee:** Mike Unsworth submitted his report via email. Mike also reported on the Bike Fix It night at the Lansing Rescue Mission. Mike Unsworth, Dan Stockwell, Tim Potter and some members of the bike co-op were there to assist with the program.

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:** none

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:31PM

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

**2018 TCBA Summer Picnic**

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!

**2018 Events**

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

**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](mailto:olson48176@gmail.com)

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

**Bike Fix-It by Mike Unsworth****Bike Fix-It Sessions Start at the Lansing City Rescue Mission**

On the evening of Tuesday, April 3, 2018, despite a blustery rain storm, volunteer bike mechanics from TCBA and the Lansing Bike Co-Op met at the Michigan Avenue Men's Shelter to make repairs for the Mission's guests. Four bikes (three belonging to guests and the Mission's loaner) received shifters, new tires, wheel truing, and other adjustments. Dick Jansen of Share-A-Bike dropped off tires and other parts.

The volunteers were Ajeet, Aaron Fuller, Tim Potter, Colleen Synk, Dan Stockwell, Kirsten Wilcox, Marc Fenneuff, and Mike Unsworth.

We plan on having these sessions at the Mission from 4:30 to 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month through October. If demand warrants, we can add other days and times. If you're interested in helping, please email: [advocacy@biketcba.org](mailto:advocacy@biketcba.org).

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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:** 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)

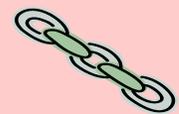
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**Looking for a touring bike** and all gear necessary for self-contained travel. If you have or know of cyclists ready to sell, please call Leslee at 517-290-1390

My height - 5'6" current road bike frame is 54 cm

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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](http://biketcba.org), Event Calendar. If you want to lead a ride and list the ride on the Event Calendar, e-mail [Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org](mailto:Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org)

**Helmets are required on all TCBA Rides!!!!**  
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Class	Pace (average speed on a "level" route with no wind)
<b>Class A+</b>	19+
<b>Class A</b>	17-19 mph
<b>Class B</b>	14-17 mph
<b>Class C</b>	12-14 mph
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