

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	November 6 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	November 30 December 7 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. November: Speaker: Randy Oleynik. He and his daughter rode high wheel bikes across the country in 2016. December 7: Holiday party—kick back and enjoy the company, contact Bill Smith to RSVP
TCBA Advocacy Committee	November 8 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 November 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!



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2017 / 2018 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
November	6	30
December	5	Holiday Party
January 2018	9	25
February 2018	6	22

Nov. 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Courtesy of www.SunriseSunset.com Copyright © 2017 Steve Edwards. All rights reserved			1 Sunrise: 8:12am Sunset: 6:32pm	2 Sunrise: 8:13am Sunset: 6:30pm	3 Sunrise: 8:14am Sunset: 6:29pm	4 Sunrise: 8:16am Sunset: 6:28pm
5DST Ends Sunrise: 7:17am Sunset: 5:19pm	6 Sunrise: 7:18am Sunset: 5:25pm	7 Sunrise: 7:19am Sunset: 5:24pm	8 Sunrise: 7:21am Sunset: 5:23pm	9 Sunrise: 7:22am Sunset: 5:22pm	10 Sunrise: 7:23am Sunset: 5:21pm	11 Sunrise: 7:25am Sunset: 5:20pm
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26 Sunrise: 7:43am Sunset: 5:08pm	27 Sunrise: 7:44am Sunset: 5:07pm	28 Sunrise: 7:45am Sunset: 5:07pm	29 Sunrise: 7:46am Sunset: 5:06pm	30 Sunrise: 7:47am Sunset: 5:06pm		

CARGO BIKE RENDEZVOUS AT THE NEW EAST LANSING COSTCO

At 1 P.M. on Saturday, November 4, bicyclists from near and far are called to pedal their favorite cargo-carrying mount to the new East Lansing Costco Wholesale, 2540 E Saginaw St. (Intersection of Park Lake Road and Saginaw/Business I-69).

Last year Costco told the City of East Lansing that their new store wouldn't need bike racks because their customers always drive. TCBA urged the East Lansing City Council to have Costco follow the

City's ordinances and put in bike racks. The Council agreed and required Costco to install the racks as part of construction.

Kiddie trailers also make great cargo haulers and are much cheaper than cargo bikes if any of you are needing to get something for your Costco shopping runs.

Let's now demonstrate to Costco that bicyclists will pedal and shop at their new store!

BICYCLE SAFETY BILLS ADVANCE IN MICHIGAN SENATE by Mike Unsworth

On September 28, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously voted to send to the Senate a package of bills that will increase bicyclist safety on Michigan roads.

The bills include:

- A five-foot passing buffer
 - Drivers' education curriculum which would include specific instructions on interacting with cyclists
 - Ban using all hand-held devices while driving
 - Increase penalties for texting while driving & causing a death to a felony punishable by up to five years in prison
- Attorney and TCBA member Bryan Waldman helped League of Michigan Bicyclists Director John Lindenmayer brief the Committee on the details of the bills. Over the past several years Bryan has done yeoman work on bicycle issues on local and state levels.
- In verbal comments, Advocacy Committee Chair Mike Unsworth summarized TCBA President Pat Kelley's September 22 letter to the Committee (see below). Several TCBA members also attended the hearing.
- The bills – SB123-124, 170, and 580-581—now go to the full Senate. You can follow their progress at <https://www.legislature.mi.gov>.

September 22, 2017

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA), located in Lansing, Michigan is pleased to support the bicycle safety package before this committee. We strongly urge you to vote in favor of SB 123, 170, and 124. These bills create clear standards for how to safely pass a bicyclist and will improve driver's education in Michigan to put a greater emphasis on bicycle safety.

Additionally, we would like to express our support for SB 580 and 581 strengthening distracted driving penalties in Michigan. TCBA has over 850 members who bicycle thousands of

miles each year on Michigan roads. Many members are bicycling less due to the number of car/bike encounters. In every one of these "encounters" with a car's driver, the bicyclist lose. Many of our members are afraid to ride on Michigan roads.

As you may know, TCBA is the club that is responsible for organizing annually the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle ride from Lansing to the Mackinaw each Labor Day weekend. DALMAC has about 1,400 riders, on Michigan roads for this ride each year. We are proud of the DALMAC ride, and our ability to have sponsored DALMAC for 47 years. The number of riders on this epic tour has been decreasing because many riders are fearful for their lives based on some drivers' behaviors. The 5 foot passing distance would be of great benefit to bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users. Having new/young drivers become educated about how to safely pass people on bicycles is another safety aspect many of our members' desire, along with increased penalties for distracted driving.

TCBA believes that more education will assist drivers' with how to interact with bicyclists. Please take note of Grand Rapids' recent "Driving Change" campaign featured their five-foot safe passing ordinance as a basis for educating drivers in how to safely interact with bicyclists with great success. The effort resulted in an 82% reduction in fatal or serious injuries from bicycle-involved crashes.

Please consider vulnerable peoples safety, over politics. Help make using our roadways safer for all of us. TCBA urges you to support and pass SB 123, 170, and 124, and SB 580 and 581. Michigan is one of only eleven states without a law specifically requiring motorists to pass bicyclists safely! Please help keep us safe.

Sincerely,

Patrick S Kelley, President, TCBA

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 atbobbob@comcast.net.

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. **Present:** Bill Smith, Steve Leiby, Deb Traxinger, Joel Wickham, Ken Schwartz, Harry Levins, Ginger Royston and Dick Janson. **Absent:** Bob Noble
The meeting agenda and September board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: The club received a thank you note and certificate from PEAC in appreciation for their DALMAC Fund grant.

Member Input: Dick Janson asked the board to approve funding for the reprinting and updating of the Crosstown Bicycle Route Maps. Motion by Ken Schwartz to approve \$4000 for 9000 copies of the maps. Maps will be stored with Dick Janson and in the TCBA storage facility. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion was approved.

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

Club Express has agreed to do mileage totals for individuals. This service will be available next year.

Race Roster – A motion was made by Steve Leiby to sign a contract with Race Roster for DALMAC registration pending a background check on the company. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.

Rides at 5pm on member meeting nights and the policy regarding supporting local rides were both tabled.

Vice President: Bill Smith –Report given.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – no report

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - Treasurer report was given. Motion to approve

was made by Deb Traxinger. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Approved.

Events Director: Joel Wickham - Report was given on the InterBike Conference and a wrap up of DALMAC.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - Ken reported on possible ride incentives for 2017.

Northwest Tour - (Jeff Dillingham) – no report.

Summer Tour - (Ginger Royston) - Ginger presented the Summer Tour 2017 final report. A motion was made by Steve Leiby to accept the report. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Approved.

A motion was made by Steve Leiby to donate \$1000 to Burt Lake State Park. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Approved.

A motion was made by Steve Leiby to approve the Summer Tour 2018 budget as presented by Ginger Royston. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Approved.

T-Shirt Ride - (Bob Noble) – no report.

DALMAC Fund – Steve Leiby – no report.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report by email.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 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”.

This year the proposed slate of officers that will lead you for 2018 is as follows;

President - Patrick Kelley, who has been on the TCBA Board for 5 years, and 2 of those years as President

Vice President – William Smith, who has been the Vice President for over 6 years

Secretary – Deb Traxinger, who has served 2 previous years as Secretary

Treasurer – Harry Levins, who is an accountant, and has been a Ride Leader and involved with TCBA in several administrative capacities over the past 3 years

Board at Large – Ken Schwartz who has been on the Board for 3 years

Board at Large – Bob Noble who has been a 2 year Board member, and the T-Shirt Ride Director

Events Director – Joel Wickham, served several years on the TCBA Board as At Large member and Events Director for 2017

The TCBA Board wants to thank Steve Leiby, for his many years of being the Treasurer for TCBA, and his historical knowledge of TCBA beginnings! Steve wants to have a year off the Board. Thank you Steve for your immeasurable hours of dedicated work for us all!

If this proposed slate of officers' remains unopposed, at the October TCBA Membership Meeting, Thursday, October 26, 7PM, 2017, these proposed officers will be elected by acclamation.



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.

Tips for Bicyclists & Drivers on the Go

Most SHSOs offer tips to help bicyclists and drivers safely share the road that are disseminated via cards, flyers, posters and/or websites. SCAG's Go Human campaign offers the following tips to...

Bike safely

- » Always ride in the same direction as traffic flow.
- » Stop at red lights and stop signs. Traffic signs and signals apply to bicyclists, too.
- » Be predictable by signaling your intentions and only change lanes when it is safe to do so.
- » When riding at night, use a front and rear light to make yourself visible.
- » Wear a helmet to reduce the risk of injury. (Riders under 18 in California are required by state law to wear helmets.)
- » Slow down and take care around people walking on sidewalks and in crosswalks.
- » Be alert. Put your cell phone away, keep your eyes on the road, and watch for people driving and walking.

Drive safely

- » Slow down. Drive at or below the posted speed limit. Be alert for people walking, bicycling, in wheelchairs or on skateboards.
- » Look twice for people biking or walking before making a turn. Always come to a complete stop before turning right on red.
- » Allow at least 3-feet when passing people on bikes.
- » When there is not enough room for a bike and a car to safely ride side-by-side, bicyclists are allowed to use the entire lane. Change lanes and pass only when it is safe to do so.
- » Be alert. Put your cell phone away, keep your eyes on the road, and watch for people biking and walking.

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.

Sept. 2017 Advocacy Committee Report, by Michael Unsworth

Bicycle Safety Bills in the Michigan Senate – See separate article in this issue

Proposed Business I-69 Corridor Median Closures

-At its presentation on the "I69BL Corridor Improvements Projects" (August 7, 2017) Bath Township Board of Trustees meeting, the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) proposed blocking the crossing of Business I69 from Newton and Towner roads (which are in Meridian Township but provide access to Bath Township). MDOT said that the projects are preliminary and are subject to change.

-The Bath Trustees told MDOT that access to Newton and Towner is essential for Non-Motorized Transportation in the area. Advocacy Committee member Tim Potter who is also Vice Chair of the Meridian Township Transportation Committee will bring this matter to the attention of Township officials. Tim and Advocacy Committee member Dan Stockwell will also contact Corridor businesses on how the median closures will prevent customers from safely accessing their enterprises.

Ingham County Trails Millage Diversion

-It appears that the diversion of millage funds to non-trails projects will not take place. The County Services Committee (CSC) approved the 2018 budget which did not include the proposed diversion. At the CSC meeting, the Park Dept. representa-

tive said that his Department accepted the budget. The full County Commission will vote on it at its October meeting.

Advocacy on Twitter

-Our feed is up at https://twitter.com/TCBA_Advocacy! Ann Siegel and Mike Unsworth are our monitors. Our goal is visibility in the community & media by showing that the we are a good community partner. We want cycling to be integral in the enjoyment of people's lives. -In addition to posting Advocacy developments, we're following any organization or agency that makes transportation decisions and all relevant media in the area with emphasis on bike-car incidents.

Shaping the Avenue (<http://shapingtheavenue.com>)

-Several TCBA members attended various workshops that took place in the area. It appears that most of the planners and participants are interested in walkable/ bikeable facilities for Michigan Avenue. Many favored protected bike lane options.

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.

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>

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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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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

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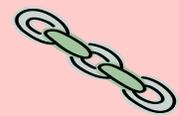
www.michigantrails.org Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance

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

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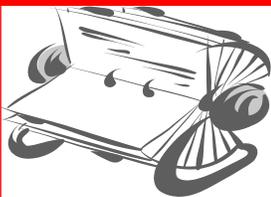
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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

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
Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace
Class M	Mountain bike "single track" rides

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- And much more

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Website: BikeTCBA.org

