

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	October 3 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	October 26 November 30 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. October: Open microphone night November: Speaker: Randy Oleynik. He and his daughter rode high wheel bikes across the country in 2016.
TCBA Advocacy Committee	October 11 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 October 11

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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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 / 2018 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
October	3	26
November	6	30
December	5	Holiday Party
January 2018	2	25
February 2018	6	22

Oct. 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunrise: 7:35am Sunset: 7:21pm	2 Sunrise: 7:36am Sunset: 7:19pm	3 Sunrise: 7:37am Sunset: 7:17pm	4 Sunrise: 7:39am Sunset: 7:16pm	5 Sunrise: 7:40am Sunset: 7:14pm	6 Sunrise: 7:41am Sunset: 7:12pm	7 Sunrise: 7:42am Sunset: 7:10pm
8 Sunrise: 7:43am Sunset: 7:09pm	9 Sunrise: 7:44am Sunset: 7:07pm	10 Sunrise: 7:45am Sunset: 7:05pm	11 Sunrise: 7:46am Sunset: 7:04pm	12 Sunrise: 7:48am Sunset: 7:02pm	13 Sunrise: 7:49am Sunset: 7:00pm	14 Sunrise: 7:50am Sunset: 6:59pm
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29 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 6:36pm	30 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 6:34pm	31 Sunrise: 8:11am Sunset: 6:33pm				

Daylight Saving/Summer Time is in effect for the entire month.
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August 2017 Advocacy Committee Report, by Michael Unsworth

Business I-69 Corridor (Clinton & Ingham Counties)
 At a July 31 presentation to Bath Township trustees, the Michigan Dept. of Transportation revealed a preliminary plan for getting non-motorized traffic through the Marsh Road & Business 69 intersection: an awkward but workable "Z" pattern crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists. They stressed that they are a long way off from a final plan.

MDOT also proposes to eliminate the median cross overs of Business 69 at Towner & Newton Roads. TCBA is starting an effort to change the MDOT planners' minds on this unsatisfactory design.

Ingham County Trails Millage diversion
 The diversion of one-third of millage

funds proposed by the County Parks Commission was nixed by the County Comptroller and ratified by the County Services Committee at its August 24 meeting. The "East Lansing Info" site had a Aug. 16 article on the issue: <http://eastlansinginfo.org/content/trail-repairs-delayed-bicyclists-question-proposed-use-millage-funds>

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.

Ride with GPS by Dave Mansfield

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 sign up 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 routesandmaps@biketcba.org with your name and the name you are using for RideWithGPS so I can verify your club membership and approve your request. (routesandmaps@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.

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 atbobnob@comcast.net.

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. **Present:** Patrick Kelley, Bill Smith, Deb Traxinger, Joel Wickham, and Bob Noble. **Absent:** Steve Leiby and Ken Schwartz. The meeting agenda and August board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: none

Member Input: none

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

TCBA Mission Statement - The club has had a mission statement: "Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972."

Ride of Remembrance – a suggestion was made to do a "Remembrance" at the club picnic in 2018. Bill Smith will look into a way to do this.

The November board meeting will be moved to Monday, November 6.

Vice President: Bill Smith – Bill continues to work on the Christmas party. The October membership meeting will be open mic.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – no report

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - The financial report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Events Director: Joel Wickham - another successful DALMAC is in the books. A brief summary of the tour was given.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - Suggestions for 2017 ride incentives are welcome.

Northwest Tour (Jeff Dillingham) – no report

T-Shirt Ride (Bob Noble) – all 2017 volunteers are confirmed for 2018. There will be a ride in 2018 as long as a venue can be found.

DALMAC Fund – Steve Leiby – no report

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report by email.

New Business: none

Old Business: Gran Fondo – tabled

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 PM

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

Eaton County Sheriff's Report by Tom Reich, Eaton County Sheriff

Eaton County Sheriff's Report Tom Reich, Eaton County Sheriff (used by permission) Submitted by Ken Hendrick
Appeared in the Sunday, September 3, 2017 edition of Grand Ledge Independent

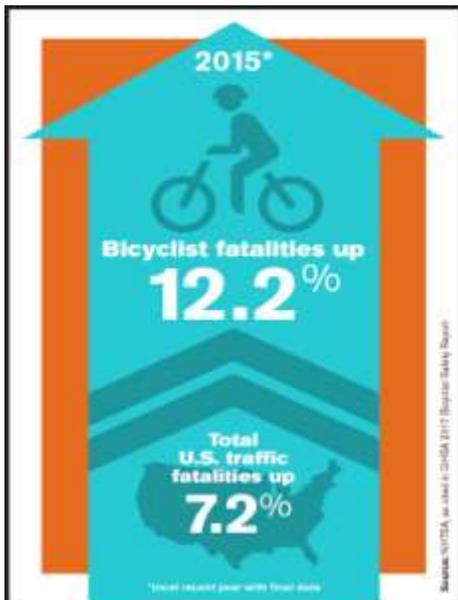
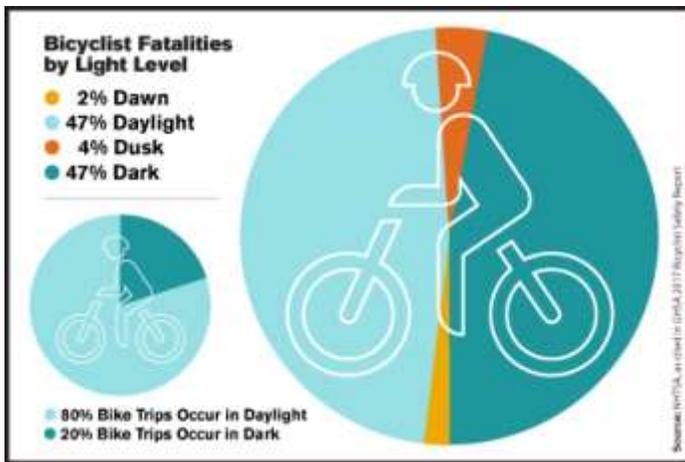
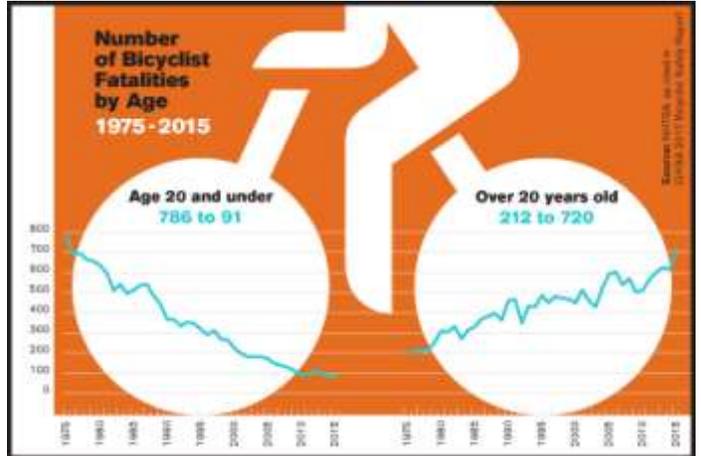
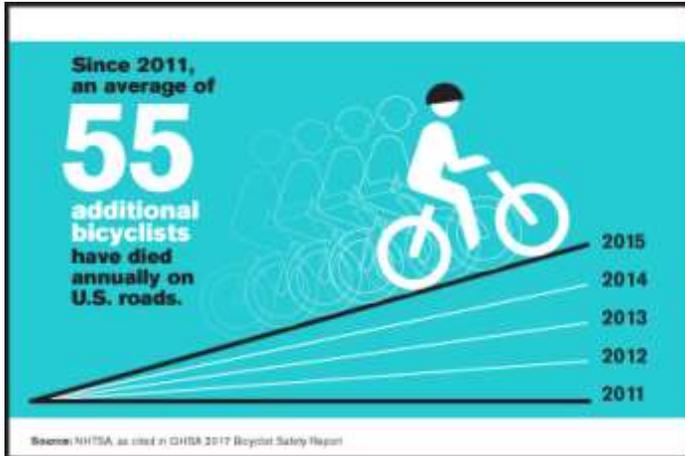
As responsible drivers we all know we share the road with not only other vehicles, but also with those riding motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, etc. Even though we all watch out for each other, accidents do happen.

This time of year there are organizations conducting bike-a-thons and families out for an evening bike ride enjoying their time together. Please read the following 10 rules of the road for driving near bicyclists. This was published by Edmonds.com:

- ⇒ **Appreciate bicyclist vulnerability:** A car weighs two tons or so, while the average bike is a mere 20 pounds. In any collision between car and bike, the bike always loses.
- ⇒ **Know bicyclists' rights:** Drivers sometimes have little idea of the traffic laws that apply to bicyclists. Bicycles in the roadway are considered vehicles (editors note: in Michigan they are considered traffic). Cyclists 10 years and older should behave as though they were vehicles on the street, riding in the same direction as other traffic that's going their way and following the same traffic rules. Always look carefully for bicyclists before turning left or right, merging into bicycle lanes and opening doors next to moving traffic. Respect the right of way of bicyclists because they are entitled to share the road with you.
- ⇒ **Adjust that attitude:** Motorists tend to think of cyclists as "in their way," but they should think of them as equals, just as entitled to the roadway as drivers are. Drivers who get impatient with bicyclists might want to stoop for a moment and think about the human being on that bike. What if that rider was my friend, a friend of a friend, or a neighbor? Somehow, seeing bicyclists that way make people a little more patient.
- ⇒ **Consider the benefits of bicycling:** for Drivers: One cyclist on the road is one less car. Cyclists don't wear out the road.
- ⇒ **Spare them the right hook:** Intersections are venues for serious car-cycle collisions. Drivers making right turns, especially, should watch out for cyclists. A cyclist may be a little behind and to the right of your, and may be planning to ride straight ahead. If you don't signal your right turn, you could wind up hitting each other, with the point of contact somewhere on your car's right side. If you are trying to figure out if a nearby cyclist is planning to turn right, look for his raised left hand in a squared position, or an extended right hand.
- ⇒ **Beware the left turn:** A driver trying to make a left turn sees an oncoming bicyclist, but the driver figures he has plenty of time to complete the turn. Sometimes, that's not true. After a collision, a driver often says he didn't realize the cyclist was going that fast. Exercise the same caution you would for an approaching vehicle.
- ⇒ **Give cyclists three feet of clearance:** More than 20 states have passed laws requiring motorists to give bicycles on the roadway about 3 feet of space. Bike riders really appreciate that, and the 3-foot rule helps drivers by giving them a concrete frame of reference. It's also best for drivers to pass bicycles slowly and smoothly. The motorist's tendency is to speed up and get by the cyclists as quickly as possible. It's pretty unnerving when you are on a bike and a car accelerates. You can also spare cyclists' nerves by honking sparingly.
- ⇒ **Look around - but Not at Your Phone:** Drivers who have hit cyclists almost always say the same frightening thing: "I never saw him before I hit him." If drivers only expect other cars on the road, they are setting themselves up for dangerous interactions. Start looking out for everything, including other vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- ⇒ **Look before you exit your car:** Cyclists are terrified of being "doored." Imagine a rider pedaling along next to a row of parked cars. Suddenly, a driver flings her door open. The impact can send the cyclist flying, and riders have died when they've been thrown into traffic. Before you open the door, look out the side view mirror on the driver side and be sure no one is approaching.
- ⇒ **Bicyclists are here to stay:** Bicycling is on the rise. People are taking it up for exercise or to reduce commuting costs.

Editors note: These graphics are 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.



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 fairing. \$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: 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 Jeanee Reynolds at 517-881-5115. (8/17)



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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
 - www.michigantrails.org Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance
 - 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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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
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