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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	October 2 November 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 items.
Membership Meeting	October 25 November—No meeting 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. (except July) October: open mic night and election November: No meeting December: TCBA holiday party
TCBA Advocacy Committee	October 10 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! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER October 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

Chainwheel Chatter To Go Electronic in 2019

The final *paper* issue of the *Chainwheel Chatter* will be printed in December 2018. Beginning in 2019, the *Chainwheel Chatter* will be published only in PDF (portable document format) on the TCBA website (biketcba.org).

You will need Internet access and Adobe Acrobat Reader to access the *Chainwheel Chatter*. To receive an e-mail notification when a new *Chainwheel Chatter* is published on the TCBA website, please add your email address to your TCBA profile.

To add your email, go to the TCBA website (biketcba.org); login in the upper right corner; under your name in the upper right corner, click on *Profile*; under *Personal Info*, click on *Contact Info*; finally, under *Other Contacts*, add your email address. In your profile under Personal Info, click on Privacy/Cancel/Remove and make sure Yes, I want to receive these emails is checked. If No, I do not want to receive these emails is checked the email will not be sent.

Most public libraries have computers for those not owning a computer. If you do not have Internet access and have no means of gaining access, please call Harry Levins at 517-627-9763.



The TCBA Holiday Party will be held at the Peacock Road Tree Farm, 11854 Peacock Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848, on Thursday, December 6.

The social hour is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with appetizers served. Included: bean soup, vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers. A holiday punch will be served.

There will not be a cash bar. Dinner includes pulled pork, BBQ chicken, sweet and au gratin potatoes, cole-slaw, mixed vegetables, cornbread, cranberry sauce. There is a vegetarian option.

The cost is \$10 for club members. You may sign up at the September and October club meetings, online through Club Express or by calling Bill Smith at 517-648-0019. Please RSVP by November 29th. See you there!



Bikes: Science on Two Wheels

More than 40 bicycle, historic and modern, form the centerpiece of "Bikes: Science on Two Wheels" at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum September 22—January 6.

kalamazoomuseum.org

The bicycle, or some version of it, has been around since the nineteenth century, and it is still a popular form of transportation today. Bikes are a part of our everyday life from childhood through adulthood, but we don't often notice the science behind this wonderful invention. In the exhibit BIKES: Science on Two Wheels, we get to see over 40 variations of bikes from the late 1800's to modern times, including the classics and oddities. Through a dozen interactives, visitors are able to engage in the science, history, design, and art behind the bicycle!

On display are four sections that take us on a tour and show us the cultural impact the bicycle has had on our

world!

The Origins: Features the evolution of, and the precursors to, the modern bicycle.

The Classics: Showcases bicycles from the 1930's to the late 1970's.

The Sport Bikes: Focuses on multi-speed bikes and the change in technology.

Oddities and Offshoots: Displays examples of "not so ordinary" bikes.

This exhibit is organized by the Carnegie Science Center in cooperation with the Bicycle Museum of America.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum. (2018). *Bikes: Science on Two Wheels*. Kalamazoo, MI: Author

September 27 TCBA Member Meeting Guest Speaker: Colleen Synk, Seattle to San Francisco

Long before Colleen Synk knew of bicycle touring, she was an avid cyclist as a triathlete, bike commuter, and mechanic.

Upon hearing of touring, she had no misgivings at the chance to go on her first tour as a solo cyclist in 2014 from Seattle to San Francisco, mostly on the Pacific Crest Trail. Touring quickly became her favorite way to enjoy bicycling and traveling.

After numerous tours nationally and abroad, the PCT remains one of her favorites due to its accessibility, diverse rides, and amazing views.

It's the trip that made her fall in love with being a "two-wheel wander". She's excited to share her experience in and enthusiasm for touring with you. Please join us on September 27 at Foster Community Center and let's give Colleen a warm TCBA welcome!

August Board Meeting Minutes

Deb Traxinger, TCBA Secretary

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. **Present:** Patrick Kelley, Deb Traxinger, Harry Levins, Joel Wickham, Bob Noble **Absent:** Ken Schwartz, Bill Smith, Steve Leiby. Meeting agenda was approved.

Correspondence received: The board received thank you notes from: Bike and Seek Team for donation of prizes by TCBA, Kids Repair Program for TCBA and DALMAC Fund grants, and from Tart Trails, Special Olympics of Michigan, Top of Michigan Trails, Howell Nature Center, and the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club for DALMAC Fund grants

Member Input: Steve Leiby gave the club an old photo book from the 1987 League of American Wheelman's National Rally then hosted by TCBA at MSU.

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

Club Express: Dave Mansfield has made some changes that should make the website more secure. Club members will have to log in anew.

The 501 c3 status for the DALMAC Fund is approved and donations can now be given/received. See the website for details.

50th TCBA/DALMAC Event – Tom Hardenberg is working on a commemoration

The board is considering an increase in membership dues. Motion tabled

Vice President: Bill Smith – no report
Secretary: Deb Traxinger – Motion to post updates to board policies, protocols and guidelines on the club website. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Harry Levins - Treasurer report was given. Motion to approve by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Deb Traxinger. Approved.

-Motion by Harry Levins to recruit a Daily Rides Program Committee Chair or Coordinator to recruit, train and support ride leaders. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

-Motion by Harry Levins to recruit a volunteer to increase the visibility of TCBA, DALMAC, and the DALMAC Fund, to promote their good works, and to increase contributions to the DALMAC Fund. Motion was amended to this form by Bob Noble and Joel Wickham. 2nd by Deb Traxinger. Motion approved.

-Motion by Harry Levins to encourage each Tour Director to price his or her registration fees and merchandise to achieve a profit margin* of approximately 25%. Except for the DALMAC Tour – which pays 50% of its profits to the DALMAC Fund – a tour's budgeted expenses, which are used to calculate the tour's budgeted profit margin, should include any desired donations

to organizations/sites that support the tour or bicycling in general. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved. (*Profit margin= [total income minus total expenses] divided by total income.)

-Harry Levins presented a request from Top of Michigan Trails Council for TCBA to become a sponsor. Motion by Joel Wickham for TCBA to become a \$100 continuing sponsor of Top of Michigan Trails Council. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

Discussion of the TCBA Financial Policy was tabled.

Events Director: Joel Wickham – Final arrangements are in the works

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - Ride incentives have been distributed.

Northwest Tour (Jeff Dillingham) – report was submitted by email. Motion to approve as written by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Bob Noble. Approved.

Summer Tour (Ginger Royston) – no report

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

DALMAC Fund – Steve Leiby – no report.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report via email.

New Business: none

Old Business: Gran Fondo – tabled

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger,

Secretary TCBA Board of Directors.

President's Update

As you all have read TCBA has a budget deficit. This deficit is due to declining revenue from DALMAC which is TCBA's primary source of income. That said, for the past few years TCBA has spent funds more to support membership, promote safe, social bicycling and create community partnerships than we have received from DALMAC. The TCBA Board has asked for, and received input from members, on how we could proceed to make some budget cuts to reduce this deficit. We have decided to make some changes that minimally will impact us all.

-TCBA will stop printing and mailing the "Chainwheel Chatter" effective January 2018. (The Board is considering how to identify the handful of TCBA members who do not have Internet access and, therefore, might be unable to access a digital copy of the Chainwheel Chatter.) We will continue to produce the "Chainwheel Chatter", and this will be available online for your easy access.

-TCBA will eliminate our telephone service.
-TCBA is also making several reductions in our Board spending. These cuts may reduce some aspects of "services" provided to our members but Events will continue like the Picnic, Holiday Party and Appreciation Dinner.

-TCBA Board has worked very hard over the last several months to make these decisions, so that our mission of "Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972" may continue another 48+ years. We believe making these small changes now, will allow TCBA to continue as a leader in this area, in Michigan, and in the United States.

TCBA cannot be what we are without you dedicated Volunteers! Thank you!

Patrick Kelley, President TCBA

September Board Meeting Minutes

Deb Traxinger, TCBA Secretary

President Patrick Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
Present: Bill Smith, Deb Traxinger, Harry Levins, Joel Wickham, Ken Schwartz, Steve Leiby, Mike Unsworth, Dave Mansfield, Ginger Royston, Ray Bailey **Absent:** Bob Noble The meeting agenda was approved.

Correspondence received: The League of Michigan Bicyclists sent information about purchasing merchandise regarding the Safe Passing Law.

Member Input: none

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

- Club Express: Dave Mansfield gave update.
- TCBA brochure for bike shops – Deb Traxinger and Steve Leiby will contact the MSU student volunteer regarding her assistance with a Chainwheel Chatter replacement brochure to put in bike shops to attract attention to the TCBA website.
- Bylaws update – the bylaws will be sent to the board for review before the October board meeting.
- Dues increase – A motion was made by Joel Wickham to increase individual membership dues to \$15 for one year, \$24 for two years, \$30 for three years, and \$36 for four years; and to increase family memberships dues to \$20 for one year, \$32 for two years, \$40 for three years, and \$48 for four years, both effective for all new and renewing memberships after December 31, 2018. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.
- Volunteer Marketing Chairperson – Pat Kelley will contact JeanaDee Allen and the MSU Street Team regarding their help in working with TCBA/DALMAC Fund with marketing and publicity.

- Vice President:** Bill Smith – report given
- Secretary:** Deb Traxinger – no report
- Treasurer:** Harry Levins - Treasurer report was given. Motion to approve by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Approved.
- Events Director:** Joel Wickham – report given. Another successful DALMAC is in the books.
- At Large Directors:** Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - Any ideas for ride incentives for 2018 are appreciated.
- Northwest Tour** (Jeff Dillingham) – no report
- Summer Tour** (Ginger Royston) — a final 2018 Summer Tour report was given. Motion to accept the report was made by Ken Schwartz. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion approved. An initial report on Summer Tour 2019 was given. The tour will be July 10-14 in Hart, MI. Online registration will be the first Saturday in January. Motion to accept the report was made by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.
- T-Shirt Ride** (Bob Noble) – no report
- DALMAC Fund** – Steve Leiby – no report
- Advocacy Committee:** Mike Unsworth submitted his report for July and August via email. The Ingham County Board of Commissioners has appointed Mike Unsworth to the Ingham County Parks Commission. The board congratulated Mike on this appointment.
- New Business:** none
- Old Business:** Revised Financial Management Policy – A motion was made by Ken Schwartz to accept the policy as amended. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion approved.
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 PM**
- Respectfully submitted** by Deb Traxinger, Secretary TCBA Board of Directors

2018 / 2019 TCBA Calendar

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
October	2	25
November	6	No Meeting
December	4	6 Holiday Party
January	TBD	January 31
February	5	February 28



July-August 2018 Advocacy Committee Report

By Mike Unsworth

Bike Safety projects

“Give Them Five – Keep Them Alive” billboards were put at the intersections of South Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. and Pleasant Grove Road and of northbound Cedar Street and Mount Hope Avenue.

On July 28 about twenty cyclists rode on the South Lansing Pathway from Maguire Park to the MLK billboard for a photo session.

Phil Wells is contacting Adams Outdoor Advertising about putting up the billboard featuring Jill Bylich.

The League of Michigan Bicyclists is selling Safe Passing yard signs at <https://lmb.z2systems.com/np/clients/lmb/giftstore.jsp>.

Business I-69 (Saginaw Street) Corridor in Meridian & Bath Townships

On July 10 the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) told the Bath Township Planning Commission that design would be finalized in September 2018. Construction will begin in March 2019 with completion scheduled for early August 2019. MDOT appears to be wedded to a “Z” intersection at Marsh and Saginaw.

After reviewing the Bath meeting at the Advocacy Committee’s August meeting, it sent a request to MDOT that the Department study a North Carolina intersection that allows pedestrian/bike access across the intersection from all directions. As of this writing, MDOT has not replied.

Bath Township and Clinton County approved construction of Pedestrian /Bicycle Sidewalks along the Corridor.

City of Lansing Bicycle Developments

Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director, discussed several projects:

- “Imagine the Avenue” temporary re-configuration of the 2000 block of East Michigan Avenue
- Repairs/Reconstruction on the Lansing River Trail
- Configuration of a proposed Lansing Area Bicycling Information page which would display information about regional bicycle activities in the Mid-Michigan area
- The City’s Bike Friendly Community application

Safe Intersection Infrastructure

This discussion was sparked by Dr. Richard Kobe’s recent crash at Harrison Road and Kalamazoo Street. Our discussion revolved around designing the intersections on MSU’s perimeter to make drivers more aware of cyclists and pedestrians. Discussed crash and intersection near the 1855 Building at Kalamazoo and Harrison. Dr. Kobe hopes to attend our September meeting.

Road Construction Signs Blocking Pedestrians and Cyclists on Sidewalks and Bike Lanes

The Committee sent detailed e-mails to MSU, the City of East Lansing, the Ingham County Road Department, and MDOT. As of this writing, we have received a reply only from MDOT.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

This section of the *Chainwheel Chatter* is published as a service for **TCBA MEMBERS ONLY**, to advertise cycling equipment free of charge. To place an ad, send an e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org Ads will appear for 2 editions, unless otherwise notified.

For Sale: TREK 820 mountain track \$50
TeamMagTurbo III trainer \$20
Email asila190659@hotmail.com



For Sale: Bicycle Transport Case, made by BWH (Germany), approx. 49" x 35" x 13", 4 Wheels. Box is big, you can fit additional equipment along with the bicycle. \$150 (OBO). Phone/Text (919) 886-7642



For Sale: Specialized Dolce Comp, 51.5 frame, triple chain ring, Shimano 105 components, low mileage, includes upgraded seat, bike computer, and two bottle cages. Call George Schankler **517-648-0488 / 517-349-4242. \$600**



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www.lmb.org League of Michigan Bicyclists

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www.bikes.msu.edu Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes

www.walkbikelansing.com Lansing's Walking and Bicycling Network

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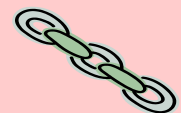
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<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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



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: **517-290-1390** My height - 5'6" current road bike frame 54 cm

Interested in buying old (80's & older) classic lugged steel bikes (road, touring) & parts. Contact Tim: 517-618-1771 / email tim.potter@rideofsilence.org w/ info / photos to see if you've got something he might be interested in. (10/18)

For Sale: Two 2013 Bianchi road bikes. Light recreational use, all original. **Men's** C2C Impulso 105. Celeste. Size 53. Aluminum/ carbon Shimano 105. 10-speed groupset - **\$550**. **Women's** C2C Via Nirone Dama Bianca. White/ Celeste. Size 50. Aluminum/ carbon Shimano Sora - 9-Speed groupset - **\$450**. Contact: Steve Serkaian steve@serkaian.com, **517-881-4085**



For sale: Yakima compact hatchback vehicle bike rack, holds 2 cycles, currently configured to fit standard Toyota Prius, can be adjusted to fit other vehicles. Rarely used. \$40 OBO. Call Larry or Mary Hennessey at 517 349-2276 or henlar@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale: 2009 Trek 2.3, 54 CM frame, aluminum w/carbon stays & fork, Shimano Ultegra & 105 components. Light weight, excellent condition, ~2,000 miles. **\$800 OBO**. Contact: Kevin Mead 517-285-7814 (texts welcome), kevinmead@sbcglobal.net

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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

Recurring rides are 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 G	Gravel Road Rides, plus "speed class" (A-Z) of the ride
Class M	Mountain bike "single track" rides
Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace

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