

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	May 2 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.
Membership Meeting	May 25 June 29 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. May: DALMAC Fund Grants June: TCBA members to ride coast to coast last summer
TCBA Advocacy Committee	May 10 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 May 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

Remembering Arnie Johnson

Arnie Johnson, one of TCBA's most respected volunteers, died on Thursday, March 30 after a long battle with cancer. I was fortunate to sit and visit with him the Monday before his passing. He was able to thank me for coming, shake my hand and wish me well.

Arnie and I worked at Oldsmobile Engineering for many years. He worked as a supervisor in Experimental, on legal issues involving engineering, and in Powertrain.

Arnie was TCBA President from 2001 thru 2006. What I most remember is how steady he was in his leadership. That's how I'll remember Arnie, steady. Through all the inevitable conflicts and storms I only remember him being upset once. Of all his contributions to the club and to DALMAC probably more people appreciated his organizing the portable toilets for many years along the many DALMAC routes. In 1990, on DALMAC, I remember Arnie drafting Lindsay and me on our tandem down a long grade with a tail wind. We hit 50 mph and Arnie was just grinning. That may be the fastest he ever rode. I remember the water bottle "fight" he had with Lindsay in Boyne City. I remember how Arnie and Betty were always out of DALMAC camp early.

I encourage you all to share your memories of Arnie with those who knew him well and with those who didn't. Keep Betty and his family in your thoughts.

Arnie, may the wind be at your back, steady as she goes. It's been "terrific" knowing you.

Darryl Burris

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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 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
May	2	25
June	6	29
July	?	27
August	1	31?
September	5	28
October	3	26
November	7	30
December	5	Holiday Party

T Shirt Ride	June 3
DALMAC 2017	August 30-September 3

Drag-a-Friend to a TCBA ride; coming May 20th

Check out the events page on BikeTCBA.org or Facebook for more information!

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

Sign up! TCBA Annual Picnic—June 25th

The TCBA annual picnic will be held on June 25th at Rayner Park located at 738 E. Ash Street, Mason, MI. The picnic will be catered and the cost for members is \$5.00. The picnic will start at noon. You may sign up at club meetings or call Bill Smith at (517) 648-0019.



May 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunrise: 6:33am Sunset: 8:38pm	2 Sunrise: 6:32am Sunset: 8:39pm	3 Sunrise: 6:30am Sunset: 8:40pm	4 Sunrise: 6:29am Sunset: 8:41pm	5 Sunrise: 6:28am Sunset: 8:42pm	6 Sunrise: 6:26am Sunset: 8:43pm
7 Sunrise: 6:25am Sunset: 8:44pm	8 Sunrise: 6:24am Sunset: 8:46pm	9 Sunrise: 6:23am Sunset: 8:47pm	10 Sunrise: 6:21am Sunset: 8:48pm	11 Sunrise: 6:20am Sunset: 8:49pm	12 Sunrise: 6:19am Sunset: 8:50pm	13 Sunrise: 6:18am Sunset: 8:51pm
14 Sunrise: 6:17am Sunset: 8:52pm	15 Sunrise: 6:16am Sunset: 8:53pm	16 Sunrise: 6:15am Sunset: 8:54pm	17 Sunrise: 6:14am Sunset: 8:55pm	18 Sunrise: 6:13am Sunset: 8:56pm	19 Sunrise: 6:12am Sunset: 8:57pm	20 Sunrise: 6:11am Sunset: 8:58pm
21 Sunrise: 6:10am Sunset: 8:59pm	22 Sunrise: 6:09am Sunset: 9:00pm	23 Sunrise: 6:09am Sunset: 9:01pm	24 Sunrise: 6:08am Sunset: 9:02pm	25 Sunrise: 6:07am Sunset: 9:03pm	26 Sunrise: 6:06am Sunset: 9:04pm	27 Sunrise: 6:06am Sunset: 9:05pm
28 Sunrise: 6:05am Sunset: 9:06pm	29 Sunrise: 6:05am Sunset: 9:07pm	30 Sunrise: 6:04am Sunset: 9:07pm	31 Sunrise: 6:03am Sunset: 9:08pm			

April 4, 2017 Foster Community Center, Lansing, MI

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

Correspondence received: TART Trails sent a thank you letter for the \$5000 DALMAC grant for new trail construction.

Member Input: none

Board Reports**President: Patrick Kelley**

1. The club will send 6 people to The Bike Tourism Network Conference. Patrick Kelley, Colleen Deatsman, Ginger Royston, Dick Chulski, Steve Leiby, Joel Wickham
2. The Critical Incident guidelines are finished and will be voted on in the May meeting.
3. 501 c 3 update: Steve Leiby made a motion to authorize attorney Kevin Schumacher to file the papers with the state to make DALMAC Fund, Inc. a 501 c 3 entity. The first board of DALMAC Fund, Inc. will be the present TCBA board which will hold a meeting to adopt the DALMAC Fund Inc. bylaws. 2nd by Joel Wickham. Motion passed.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – no report

Vice President: Bill Smith – no report.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - The financial report was submitted. Motion to approve by Joel Wickham 2nd by Bob Noble.

Events Director: Joel Wickham - DALMAC registrations are coming in. A committee is being formed to look at possibly accepting sponsorships for DALMAC.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble - 2016 ride incentives will hopefully be available at the May 2017 club meeting.

Northwest Tour: (Jeff Dillingham) – no report.

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

DALMAC Fund: Steve Leiby - The committee has accepted 17 applications for grants.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report by email.

New Business: none

Old Business: A potential date for the Drag a Friend to a TCBA Ride is May 20.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger, Secretary
TCBA Board of Directors

SummerTour 2017 News

Summer Tour 2017 registration is now closed (the ride is full), but we are currently looking for two volunteers to be our SAG drivers.

SAG drivers can either drive their own vehicle and receive a mileage allowance or drive a rental vehicle provided by the Summer Tour Committee. In addition, SAG drivers will receive four breakfasts and four dinners prepared by our caterer, a per diem for lunch, and four nights of camping at Burt Lake State Park, home of the 2017 Summer Tour.

If interested or for more information please contact:

summertour@biketcba.org



Letter from Pat Kelley, President TCBA

Login Letter: Using Club Express (BikeTCBA.org)

Requesting you login!

March 1, 2017

Re: Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA)

Dear member,

TCBA hopes this letter finds you well and riding your bike(s)! Thank you for being a member of TCBA. Please read this letter as we need to hear from you!

As you know in, January 2016, TCBA switched to a new website host (ClubExpress), still at the same web address; www.biketcba.org. You have yet to access this site by logging into your website! TCBA wants members to be informed and active on our site. In order to accomplish these goals together we would like to assist you in getting onto your new website.

You may be experiencing issue because how ClubExpress has assigned members as "Primary" or "Secondary" with a "Family" type membership. The family "**Primary**" member should log into the website first, NOT any of those listed as "secondary" members.

To log in; go to www.biketcba.org, click in the middle of the page where you see in the black bar the words "Home", "Member Sign Up" etc. Click "Member Sign up". Then click "Already a member".

This next step will take you to a prompt asking you for a user name and password. Follow the steps for "Forgot my password". If your e-mail in the previous system matches the e-mail you are using, you will receive an e-mail shortly from ClubExpress with new login information. If you do not receive this e-mail, please feel free to contact the webmaster, (webmaster@biketcba.org), our membership person (membership@biketcba.org) or TCBA President, Pat Kelley, president@biketcba.org.

You can also go to the top right hand side of the Home page and click "Member Login" that will take you to the same place.

Once you have logged into the site, you may then choose whether or not to get the Chainwheel Chatter via mail, or electronically. You can do this by going to your name and clicking on your "Profile", then go to "Contact Information". At the bottom of this page are check boxes to get the Chainwheel by mail or Electronically. "Save" your choices.

Some of the benefits or reasons of you logging in are:

- All Club rides/events are only on the website now; rides are no longer listed in the Chainwheel
- Ride mileage is/can be updated on the website
- Communication via electronic means (e-mails) is cost effective and immediate
- The Chainwheel Chatter is on-line and can be read from your computer or Smartphone

Because letters are time consuming to compose, print and stuff into envelopes and postage is expensive, TCBA is moving to electronic communications (emails). We are asking you to assist us, as this allows everyone to receive the same information through the same medium.

Please help our Club move in this direction by logging into our site. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we have made this transition with our website.

Thank you for being a member a TCBA and please keep in touch!

Patrick Kelley
President, TCBA, president@biketcba.org

Register Now for the 38th Annual 100K T-Shirt Ride

Register Now for the 2017 T-Shirt Ride

Saturday June 3, 2017 is your opportunity to enjoy one of the best rides in Michigan when the TCBA's 38th Annual T-Shirt Ride returns to Grand Ledge, MI.

The 2017 T-Shirt Ride begins at the Grand Ledge High School. This year's event includes your choice of four (4) route distances: 25 Km (~17 miles), 50 Km (~34 miles), 100 Km (~65 miles), and a 45 Km (~30 miles) gravel road route. If you are planning to ride the gravel road route, be sure to bring your cross bike or mountain bike.

The 2017 T-Shirt Ride information and application are available on the TCBA website (<http://www.biketcba.org>) under RIDES AND TOURS/2017 TShirt Ride. The application is also included in the TCBA 2017 Event Applications online booklet. **Early registration closes May 6.** Orders for the very cool 2017 T-Shirt Ride shirt must be submitted with your early registration application by May 6.

Bob Noble, T-Shirt Ride Director; tshirt@biketcba.org



INGHAM COUNTY TRAIL AND PARK MILLAGE FUNDING AWARDED TO SIX LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

INGHAM COUNTY – Ingham County is pleased to announce that Resolution #17-109 was passed by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners on March 28, 2017 awarding funding to six local municipalities for trail improvements. The trail and park millage approved by voters in November 2014 generates approximately \$3.4 million in revenue annually. Resolution #17-109 provides \$2,990,895 for several projects. The approved projects provide for new construction, trail repairs, support for a Volunteer Coordinator position and development of a trail plan.

Entity	Project Title	Approved Funding
Aurelius Township	Loop Trail – Glenna Droscha Community Park	\$23,234
City of East Lansing	Northern Tier Trail Connection through White Park	\$469,000
City of Lansing	US 127 Pathways	\$734,177
City of Lansing	Grand River North Section - Bank Stabilization	\$100,000
City of Lansing	Trail Ambassador – Volunteer Coordinator (one yr.)	\$17,500
City of Leslie	Leslie Trail Planning Project	\$4,000
City of Mason	Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail Extension and Trailhead Project	\$692,984
Mendian Township	MSU to Lake Lansing Connector Trail - Phase I	\$950,000
TOTAL		\$2,990,895

Ingham County Commissioner Carol N. Koenig states, “These millage dollars belong to everyone in Ingham County and everyone should visit the Ingham County Parks website to brainstorm ways to leverage these dollars in their community.”

For more information, please visit the Ingham County Parks Department website at www.inghamcountyparks.org or call 517-676-2233.

Note from VP, Steve Leiby: Members of the TCBA Advocacy Committee has attended numerous Parks and Commissioners meetings tracking the County's process to adopt these proposals. We should see a lot of work on the Lansing River Trail and other Ingham County trails this summer and into the future.

Birch Shores Resort—Special TCBA Rates

We at Birch Shores Resort are Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and also Contributors and Sponsors of The Trail.

We have decided that the rest of the Membership could be interested in more information about biking and hiking The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, 2 miles north of our Guest cabins on Little Glen Lake. This paved, 10 feet wide nature and bike trail, is being expanded from the current 18 miles to about 39 miles, from Northport to Platte Lake. It parallels M-22 & M-109 at present and has few road crossings.

Click below for more detailed information:

<http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/sleeping-bear-heritage-trail/>

This is the only bicycle trail in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In winter it is groomed for cross-country skiing (both classic and skating styles) and snowshoeing. It is mostly paved, but has a short section of packed gravel through the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. The trail spans about 18 scenic miles between Empire and Basch Road, with the Dune Climb, historic Glen Haven and the town of Glen Arbor along its route.

The beautiful fall Color season is fast approaching and the M-22 stretch has been nationally ranked for the Fall color.

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore area was deemed "The Most Beautiful Place in America" by the TV show "Good Morning America" in 2013. See the video at:

http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/best_places_USA/sleeping-bear-dunes-michigan-voted-good-morning-americas/story?id=14319616#.TkwCRhETsqo.facebook

We are offering a Special Discounted Rate until June 16, 2017 to the Membership of the TCBA for our Aspen and Hemlock cabins on Little Glen Lake for \$100 nightly, including the M-22 Challenge week (900 competitors) of June 3 to 10, 2017..\$150 nightly for up to 8 Guests is the normal rate.

The rustic cabins are nicely equipped...Whirlpool Gold gas ranges & GE Profile appliances, on the lakeshore, each sleep 8 guests in 3 bedrooms. By rustic, we mean that there is no TV, no dishwasher, no washer/dryer, no Wi-Fi and guests furnish their own bed linens & towels.
<http://www.glenlakevacations.com/TheLeelanau2007.html>

Surrounded by Nature's Beauty, a view of the Dunes and the Lake, wonderful wildlife of deer, ducks, young foxes and birds...Plus, we furnish a bike rack, 5 kayaks and a Lund fishing boat, FREE for the use by our guests.

Interested TCBA Members, for reservations, please call our Manager, Greg Nicolaou at 231-835-0329 or email at: gnicolaou200@gmail.com

Cheers!
Scotty & Gail Seward
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Birch Shores Resort info & Reservations April –June 16, 2017

<http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p317430>
gnicolaou200@gmail.com
<http://www.glenlakevacations.com/TheLeelanau2007.html>

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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: 2008 Triple Tandem Bike (26 inch) Under 100 miles on it. Steel alloy frame, Shimano derailleurs, 21 speed. Includes shock absorbing seat posts - comfortable seats, fenders and rear rack with panniers, roof rack bike carrier. Rear rider position (stoker) has crank shorteners if you have a child you want to ride with you. \$700

Call Ed at 810-922-6934 or email bikengski2@aol.com (01/17)



For Sale: Trek Madone, 5.1 WSD (Women's Specific Design) carbon road bike. Metallic silver with pink and black trim. 54 cm. Ultegra 6700. Very good condition. Bought new \$3500 asking \$1500. Email: mar-ta@signingsavvy.com or call 517-



Free: Saris Roof Rack, fits 2002-2007 Toyota Camry; contact: Craig Hampton 517-290-3397 (05/17)



For Sale: 2002 Rans Screamer recumbent tandem. Color: psycho green. Less than 1500 miles ride time. Just tuned-up. New tires and tubes. Includes Draftmaster LWB specialty rack and hitch lock, seat bag, bike computer. Click here for a review: http://www.tandemride.com/our_tandem.htm
Click here for specs on the bike: <http://www.gtgtandems.com/specs2000/ranstandem.html>
Click here for info on the Draftmaster rack: <http://www.atoc.com/draftmasterlong.php>
\$4000. Call 517-214-7499

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www.biketcba.org Tri-County Bicycle Association

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

www.railstotrails.org Rails to Trails Conservancy

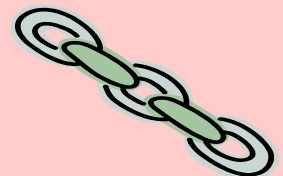
www.michigantrails.org Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance

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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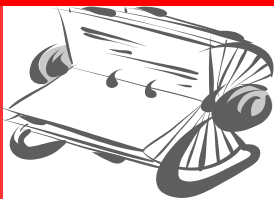
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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

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.



Change of Address

Go to BikeTCBA.org,
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Once logged in, select profile
Under Personal Info, select Contact Info,
then complete your Primary Address.

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- And much more

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Want to receive your Chainwheel faster? Simply opt for receiving an email instead of U.S. Mail. This option is available when you renew your membership.

Getting the newsletter via email is almost two weeks faster than U.S. mail.

Website: BikeTCBA.org



May showers, bring flowers, and bicycles....

