



CHAINWHEEL CHATTER

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Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972

Chainwheel Deadline

February Newsletter: Send items to Sarynna Lopez Meza by the indicated deadline.
March 23 chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org

Stay in touch with us!

Whether you are a beginner, casual or hardcore cyclist, the Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA) is here to help!

The TCBA membership offers several perks, including access to the premier version of Ride with GPS (normally \$80/year; this app allows you to download and edit biking routes), as well as earning incentives when riding club miles (bike goodies, clothing, to name a few).

Feel free to join the various class rides we have:

A+ - 19+ mph
A - 17 - 19 mph
B - 14 - 17 mph
C - 12 - 14 mph
D - Up to 12 mph
Z - Over 40 miles at riders' own pace
M - Mountain bike "single track" rides
G - Gravel road rides plus speed class (A-Z) of the ride

More information about the various rides and to confirm they are taking place, please look at BikeTCBA.org.

Find us and follow us on social media:

TCBA: <https://www.facebook.com/biketcba>

A note from the editor

It's already March! Spring is near! I know you wouldn't think about it considering how cold it has been, but as I write this, I hear happy birds outside my window and the days continue to get longer, so there's hope for warm outside bike rides (I'd say "outside" only but I know some of you have been riding outside).

My winter has been spent mostly getting my cardio back via running after dealing with an iron deficiency in the fall. We all struggle with our health issues regardless of age, and we all are aware that health and life have ups and downs, and for me, one of the beauties of groups like this is that we get to remain motivated and inspired when we can't get out, yet, we have a supportive group waiting for us when we are ready to get back.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have comments and/or suggestions for the Chainwheel! Safe rides!

Sarynna López Meza - East Lansing, MI

TCBA Board and Member Meetings

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
March	3	26
April	7	30

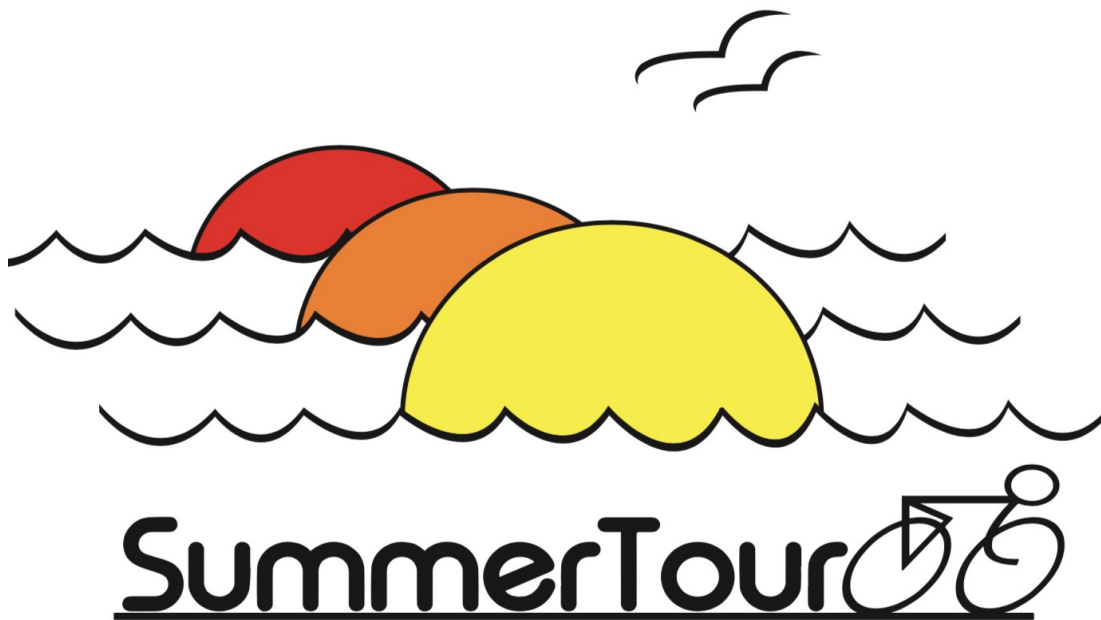
Members are encouraged to attend the Member Meetings at the Foster Community Center in Lansing at 7 pm. You can see minutes from the Board meetings in the Document Library of the TCBA website.

TCBA Membership

	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	4-Year
Individual	\$15	\$24	\$30	\$36
Family	\$20	\$32	\$40	\$48



Affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists and the
League of Michigan Bicyclists



July 15 - 19, 2020
Middle of the Mitten - Marion, MI

More information at
BikeTCBA.org/SummerTour
Including SummerTour information
brochure and the link to the registration page

Kids ride free - 12 and under
Kids ride cheap - 13 - 17 - \$100
Adults - \$225



- A five-day vacation in Northern Michigan
- Paved Pere Marquette and White Pine rail-trails
- Cadillac Pathways dirt trail network
- Roads, routes and maps – low-volume farm country

Bring the children. Bring the grandchildren.
Safe, off-road riding.
We're planning all sorts of fun things for the youngsters.



- Camping
- Catered breakfast and supper
- Early coffee
- Campfires, s'mores and more
- SAG – on roads, trails or wherever
- Maps
- Mechanic



Couldn't get on DALMAC? Join SummerTour!
No crowd. No lines (maybe short ones) for anything.
Good food – and a lot of it!
Your pace – ride slow, fast, short, long. It doesn't matter.
No daily breaking camp and setting up.
We'll be at the same place in the evening as we were in the morning.



The townspeople are genuinely glad to see us.
Marion is a wonderfully friendly place!

Ride SummerTour safely, courteously and intelligently.
Wear a Consumer Product Safety Commission approved helmet while bicycling.
No earphone devices while riding.

Registration is open until June 10, 2020.
Refund requests received on or before June 10, 2020 will incur a \$30 charge.
NO refunds after June 10. Make refund requests in writing.
Email: SummerTour@BikeTCBA.org
U.S. Post: SummerTour P.O. Box 22146 Lansing MI 48909-2146

Get more information.

www.BikeTCBA.org/SummerTour

(734) 330-2283

Could you draw a bicycle (correctly) from memory?

Back in 2009, artist Gianluca Gimini started asking friends and strangers of all ages to draw a bicycle by heart onto a sheet of paper. Soon, he found out that most people had a very hard time remembering exactly how a bike is made. He collected hundreds of drawings, building up a cool collection of digitally rendered bike designs.

Some stats that I thought were cool:

Total number of collected bicycles: 376

Participant age range: 3-88 years old.

Nationalities: 7

Bicycles facing left vs. right: 75 - 25 %

Other fun facts: Nearly 90% of drawings in which the chain is attached to the front (or both front and rear) wheel were made by female. While men generally tend to place the chain correctly, they tended to over-complicate the frame design when they realized they were not drawing it correctly. You can see more here:

<https://www.behance.net/gallery/35437979/Velocipedia>



TCBA Jerseys

TCBA has arranged with the manufacturers (Primal and Flora Velo) to offer the TCBA jerseys at our cost to anyone who would like to purchase one (or more) direct from the source!

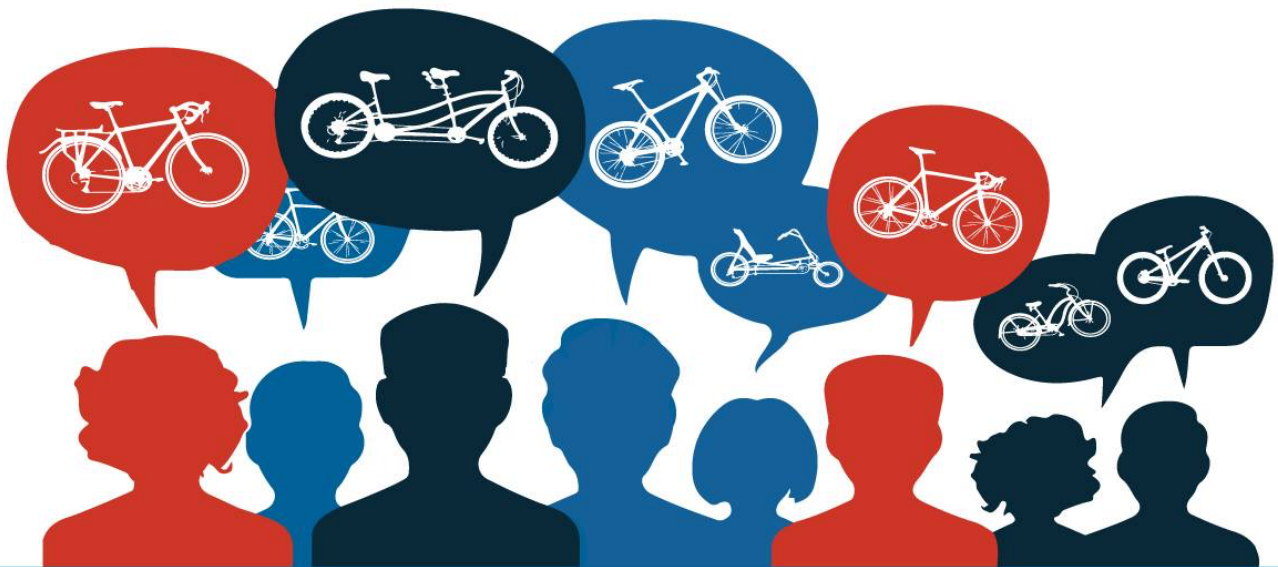
Flora Velo is offering women's only, sleeveless (\$55); racerback (\$52); short sleeve with black sleeves (\$58); short sleeve with printed sleeves (\$61); long sleeve (\$65); long sleeve without black pockets (\$60). You will also need to pay \$5 shipping. All of these awesome choices can be seen on the Flora Velo website at floravelo.com. The Flora Velo store will be open mid-February 2020 to mid-March 2020. Specific web site link for TCBA will be forth coming.

Primal will offer the men's and women's jersey for \$45, plus shipping. The link below is active through **3-18-20**, with expected delivery by the end of April 2020. Website;

<https://via.primalcustom.com/collections/t06206a>

To see the jerseys, go to our TCBA Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/biketcba/>

March Membership Meeting Announcement



Help shape the future of bicycling in Michigan

In an effort to gain input from the cycling community for their new strategic plan, the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) will be hosting a series of feedback sessions across the state. On Thursday, March 26th, from 7:00-8:30 pm, they will come to the TCBA's membership meeting to gather public input.

The LMB's new strategic plan includes five main areas of focus, with goals to encourage the joy of bicycling, grow the cycling community, advocate for better bicycling, promote education that embraces bicycling, and increase internal capacity through their operations. LMB recognizes that these goals are ambitious, but they are made possible by the organization's recent growth and success. In 2018, LMB helped to enact a 3-foot safe passing law that requires drivers to provide at least 3 feet of clearance when passing cyclists on roadways.

LMB is not only updating their strategic plan, but also the mission statement and vision for the future. The new draft mission is simple and broad: "Improve lives through bicycling." In practice, LMB will continue to promote, advocate, and educate for better bicycling, but now serving a broader community. If you ride your bike...whether it's every day, or once a year; for one mile, or 100; on the road, or on the trail... you have a place in LMB.

We hope you can make it out to join us, but **if you can't consider looking over [their draft plan and providing feedback here](#)**. It will take a lot of work and resources to accomplish this plan. If you like what you see, **consider making a [donation](#) to help them enact this plan.**

We hope to see you soon!

Other reminders!

TCBA encourages its members to vote for the Trails Millage renewal at the local March 10th Election. Michigan has now opened absentee voting to all voters. Please contact your city or township clerk for an application for an absentee ballot.

Registration for the T-Shirt Ride (May 30) is now open! [2020 T-Shirt Ride](#)

Registration for NorthWest Tour (June 17-21) is now open! BikeTCBA.org/NWTour

Registration for Summer Tour (July 15-19) is now open! BikeTCBA.org/SummerTour

Scooter's Pro Cycle Open House

Mark your calendar so you won't miss this important event!

Sunday, March 29 - 11:00am - 4:00pm

Scotter's Pro Cycle

Area's # 1 Giant dealer

2169 Cedar Street Holt, MI 48842

RED HOT deals on select bikes.

Bargains 10 - 80% OFF select merchandise.

Pizza and Refreshments provided.

River Trail Ride after weather permitting.

Authorized dealer of Giant, Kali, Louis Garneau, and Swagman racks.

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 email to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org. Ads will appear for 2 editions, unless otherwise notified.

For Sale: Rans V-Rex recumbent, model year 2003. Features include: extra set of lightweight wheels, Ultegra front and rear derailleurs, Rans seat bag and rack, and two seat pads. Excellent condition and well maintained. Asking \$300. Contact David at 517-339-9809 or david.peake.arch@gmail.com. East Lansing area (3/1/20)

In search of: I am looking for a used Weehoo bike trailer for a single child. Please contact Bettina Brander at tina.brander@gmail.com. (2/1/20)

For Sale: 2008 Giant OCR3 XS (#666773) Road bike, XS, color red & silver, in almost new condition (was bought as a back-up bike), 24 gears, included are Owners Manual, X-pedo pedals (Shimano compatible), pump, tool bag with tools, bike computer, bell, mirror, rechargeable head light with USB charger. Asking \$400.00. Contact Edie Belcher 517-242-4122. (12/1/19)

Member Specials

This section is for TCBA members who own a business to advertise at a cost of \$30 per 6 months for business card ad. To place ad, submit your copy-ready jpg business card to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org and mail payment to TCBA - Classifieds - Patricia Mead 10655 Ballinalee Lane Grand Ledge, MI 48837



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<http://www.biketcba.org/>

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- Select interests
- Volunteer opportunities
- Select electronic version of Chainwheel Chatter
- And much more