

2003 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

Web Site - biketcba.org

Outstanding job by Ed Noonan and his committee. Wendell Proudfoot and Katie Donnelly enter the ride information.

Chainwheel Chatter- Charla Scheidler

About 9 to 10 thousand copies of our newsletter are mailed each year to the membership. In addition, about 2,700 copies are distributed to local bike shops, retailers and related exercise facilities such as the YMCA and the MAC.

Membership: Gary Munson

We currently have 597 single and 328 family memberships, for a total of 925.

Communication of Club Rides

“Recurring Rides” – Wendell Proudfoot, web site & Charla Scheidler, newsletter. “Called In Rides” – Katie Donnelly and Jun Nogami.

Rides & Mileage’s: Steve Schuesler

In 2003 we stopped entering the mileages of riders that were not members.

TCBA RIDE DATA - OCTOBER				
YEAR	MILES	RIDERS	RIDES	LEADERS
2000	274,000	470	900	110
2001	267,000	490	775	90
2002	312,000	560	820	85
2003	343,000	550	873	86

T-Shirt Ride: Al Simons

The 100,000-Meter T-Shirt Ride for 2003 was held in Laingsburg, MI. For the second year in a row we were able to use their relatively new High School facility. This is a great facility that offers plenty of parking, kitchen and cafeteria, showers, and easy access to Shiawassee County roads. It was successful beyond expectations, as we expected 400 riders and then registered 550.

SummerTour – Lee Adair

This year's SummerTour started and ended in Mesick, Michigan. The route took us to Interlochen and Orchard Beach State Parks for 2 nights at each location. The layover day at Interlochen gave everyone an opportunity to tour the music camp. This year's tour will be remembered because it was a little damp the first couple of days and a few people in wet tents got discouraged. We had lots of good food, and a campfire with s'mores every night.

Women On Wheels: Judy Miller and Joane Gruizenga

The Women on Wheels ride was again blessed with perfect weather, a great course, over 400 riders and a terrific group of volunteers. We had 16, 32 and 50 mile routes. This ride is put on to encourage women to participate in cycling.

DALMAC: Darryl Burris

DALMAC was again a great success. Minor changes were made from the 2002 format. Rider count for the 5 Day and 4 West routes were increased to 500 making the total rider count 1750. East route cost was kept at the 2002 amount and the route went to Shepherd making each day the same length. All routes filled and only the Quad route had openings after May. The weather was dry except for one overnight storm. Headwinds were the biggest challenge. The Monday bus was eliminated. This had a side benefit that the end-of-ride activities were easier. The bridge crossings went well even though the wind was very near the maximum allowed.

Club Records

We now have a system for backing up all of our club computer records each month and storing them at a different location.

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Cycle Forum/Maintenance: Allan Huber

Allan's programs covered many bicycle-related discussions for beginning cyclists and members that want to know more about bikes. The programs occur at 6:00 PM at Foster, before each monthly meeting.

The DALMAC Fund: Tom Hardenbergh

Six grants totaling \$32,250 were given to the following organizations –

Oak Park YMCA - Lansing

Mid-Michigan Environmental
Action Council

Share-A-Bike, East Lansing

TART Trails- Traverse City

The Arc of Western Wayne County

Michigan Fitness Foundation

Ride Program: John Foltz

The following 2003 incentive items were earned this year.

Level 1 - Jacket - 57

Level 2 - Camelbak - 10

Level 3 - Pullover - 62

Level 4 - Arm warmers - 38

Level 5 - Ballcap - 57

TCBA Meeting Programs: Chris Harrison

The following programs occurred at our monthly meetings -

Jan: Lucinda Means, LMB

Feb: MSU Cycling Club

Mar: Annual TCBA Swap Meet

Apr: Ross Hill, The Wheelmen

May: Doug Cook, Tour de France

June: Beth Homan, Triathlons & Fitness

July: The McClain Rollers Racing Team

August: Darryl Burris, DALMAC

Sept: Don Schlieff, Japan - Top to Bottom

October: Annual Club Meeting, Open Mic

November: Jason Edinger, Cannondale

Financial – Ron Claflin

- The new budget process has made it easy to follow our financial transactions. We are in excellent financial condition.
- We are working with a bookkeeping firm to have our books audited each month.

Other Events: Chris Harrison

May 5, 2003, Lugnuts outing –Katie Donnelly

June 28, 2003, TCBA Club Picnic

Bicycle to Sleepy Hollow for lunch

October 4, 2003, Fall Hayride

Dinner at Peacock Road Tree Farm

December 7, 2003, Holiday Bowling Party

Dinner at Royal Scott

Community Activities

- The TCBA Bike Loop Project is being completed this year. About 250 inverted "U" bike loops have been installed at public locations in the Tri-County area.
- We are currently looking for some future community or club projects.
- Gary Patterson and Joe Adams created a new bicycle map book for the Tri-County Area. The focus was on relatively short rides for new club members.

Administration

2003 is another successful year for TCBA.

This year's Board Members are -

President: Arnie Johnson

Vice President: Chris Harrison

Treasurer: Ron Claflin

Secretary: Charla Scheidler

Events Director: Darryl Burris

Board At Large: John Foltz

Board At Large: Phil Wells

**Respectfully submitted,
Arnie Johnson – President
October 20, 2003**