

Chainwheel Chatter



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Christmas/Holiday Party

We're going to try something different this year. . . On Thursday, December 8, 2005 you're invited to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas/Holiday season at an exquisite Dinner Party for adult TCBA members at the English Inn in Eaton Rapids. Cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:00 to 7:00, with dinner at 7:00. The cost is \$10 per person.



Entertainment will be provided by the Water Wonderland Chorus (of which Rebecca Baughan is a member).

You can sign up at a club meeting or mail your check payable to TCBA to Sue Viele at 4985 Pares Rd., Dimondale, MI 48821.

Next Meeting

January 26, 2006 – Rich Moeller, Executive Director,
League of Michigan Bicyclists

Mileage Incentive Awards Program !!

Accumulation of mileage for the 2005 Mileage Incentive Awards Program ceases at midnight November 30! Be sure you have all rides reported and all your ride sheets turned in.

December rides will be eligible towards incentives in the 2006 program.

Election Results

For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting in October, and have not heard the results of the election, the following members have been elected to represent TCBA for the coming year.

President: Arnie Johnson
Vice President: Susan Viele
Secretary: Charla Scheidler
Treasurer: Ron Claflin*

Board at Large: Steve Schuesler & Sara Troutman
Events Director: Darryl Burris

*Due to the fact that no one accepted a nomination for the position of Treasurer, the current Treasurer continues to serve until other action is taken.

Terms of Office to Begin January 1, 2006

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Foster Community Center.

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 it is suggested that you contact the President one week prior to the meeting, and ask to have it added to the agenda.

Next meeting: January 3, 2006.

Newsletter/Ride Calendar Deadline

The **deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, December 10, 2005**. Please send items to Charla Scheidler, 10384 Blackberry Ln., Haslett, MI 48840, email to: chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org or FAX to (517) 339-1758.

Ride calendar information should be sent to Ed Usewick, 590 Boutell Dr., Grand Blanc, and MI 48439 or emailed to rideschedule@biketcba.org. To be included in the newsletter this information must be received no later than the above-mentioned newsletter deadline.

Cycle Forum

Please note there is no Cycle Forum in December. Plan to join Alan Huber at **6:00 p.m.** immediately preceding the membership meeting on **Thursday, January 26, 2006** for the next Cycle Forum session. The topic will be posted in the January Chainwheel Chatter.

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Executive Board Report

Submitted by: Charla Scheidler

The TCBA Board of Directors met at the Foster Community Center on November 1, 2005. Board members present included Arnie Johnson, Sue Viele, Ron Claflin, Charla Scheidler, Darryl Burris and Kori Sperling. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Dick Janson, Lenny Provencher and Steve Schuesler.

Discussion Items/Announcements

Charla Scheidler provided an update on the design for the reorder of the club jerseys. The project is progressing and an order will be placed soon.

Sue Viele gave an update that 100+ have made a reservation for the Christmas/Holiday dinner.

Action items

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Ron Claflin, presented a financial report through October 31, 2005. The report was approved.

Dick Janson presented information regarding a new mapping project. These maps would cover a greater area than the crossstown maps and would include detail regarding food services and places to camp for multi-day rides. Dick's plan is to have the maps ready for distribution in the spring of 2007. A budget of no more than \$2,500 was approved for the project.

Charla reported that she had received an email from a TCBA member who is a personal trainer. The request was for placement of an ad in the Chainwheel Chatter. After discussion a one time placement was approved.

Katie Donnelly presented information regarding the 2006 Poster Contest. A budgeted amount not to exceed \$2,500 was approved for the project.

Arnie suggested that a committee be formed to review the Ride Incentive Guidelines for the 2006 riding season. The committee will be responsible for developing a proposal, or proposals, for changes and/or expansion and report back to the board for further action. Dick Janson volunteered to chair the committee and will put an article in the Chainwheel to solicit volunteers for the committee.

Charla Scheidler distributed copies of notes from the Annual Meeting Open Mic session. There were three major areas of discussion 1) The collection of information from members on what they want and why they joined TCBA; 2) club promotion; and 3) club offerings regarding training rides. The three topics were reviewed by board members and the following action taken: Item 1) Katie volunteered to draft a letter and questionnaire to be distributed to new members. The questionnaire will include a response option to indicate if someone from TCBA can call them to discuss their answers. Dick Janson offered to make the calls when invited to. Item 2) Volunteers from the membership will be needed to pursue any promotion. Item 3) It was decided that training rides of any type should be pursued. Arnie will be contacting the member that spoke out at the Annual Meeting offering services in this area.

Candidates for Volunteer of the Year were discussed and board members cast their vote by secret ballot. The award will be presented at the Christmas/Holiday dinner.

Note: Information contained in this article is not the official record of the meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be submitted for approval at the next Board Meeting. Any corrections and/or amendments will be noted in next month's edition of the Chainwheel Chatter.

2005 DALMAC Jersey Wins at NBTDA

The 2005 DALMAC Jersey was awarded best jersey honors at the National Bicycle Tour Directors Association conference in Orlando, FL. The design by Ann and George Siegle was judged to be the most creative among the jerseys submitted from rides across the country. Thanks to volunteers Ann and George for their efforts and creativity.

This is the 2nd year in a row that DALMAC has received this award. Good job volunteers!

Darryl Burris
DALMAC Events Director

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Alan Bohren
Leslee Cothran
Gary & Stephanie Hirsch
Kim Perez
Steven Henrys

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



If you move or have your mail forwarded, please notify us as soon as possible. The newsletters are sent bulk mail, and the post office does not forward bulk mail.

The post office returns your newsletter to us (we have to pay to get it back), so your membership ends up in limbo until we hear from you. **Please send your change of address to: TCBA, P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909, or email membership@biketcba.org.**

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FOR SALE: Specialized Epic carbon fiber frame. 60 cm center to center. 57.5 cm top tube. Aluminum fork. Comes with Stronglight headset. Excellent condition. \$175. Contact Bob at (517) 676-1690.

GIVE OR TAKE. . . Cleaning out your closets or garage? Please consider recycling items you no longer need...biking gear and/or clothing in good condition will be passed on to new riders who need like items. Please call if you have things to donate, or if you wish to be donated to. Overflow will be donated to a charitable bike tour going to the Ukraine for the purpose of donating bikes, etc. Thank you very much to those who have already donated. Call Sheri. (517) 323-7487.

OLD BIKES/TOOLS HANGING AROUND? The MSU Bike Project (grateful recipient of \$ from the DALMAC fund in '04) is looking for old bikes in working or restorable condition. Ideal bikes are 1 ~ 5 spd. with fenders/ chain guards, baskets, etc. but newer are great! Tools & parts for all types of bikes much needed. Full details on donating: www.msu.edu/~bikes/donations.html.

MEMBER SPECIALS



Mike's Firehouse Grill would like to invite the Tri-County Bicycle Association members to come join us for lunch or dinner! We are extending a 10% discount to all TCBA members.

Located at 447 S. Jefferson St., Mason, in the former building of the City of Mason Firehouse.

For directions, menus, and the history of our unique and exciting atmosphere visit our website www.mikesfirehousegrill.com.

We hope that you will take advantage of this offer and we look forward to seeing you at Mike's Firehouse Grill!

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TCBA Club Jerseys and Socks Make Good Holiday Gifts. . .

Show your colors! We have a supply of short sleeve Louis Garneau jerseys with "loose fit" sizing (meaning that you should generally order one size smaller than your regular bike clothing). We also have some "snugger fitting" sizes available if you want a more tailored look. They are the traditional yellow and red brick pattern and are priced at \$45 each. To view the design, visit the TCBA web site www.biketcba.org. At this time sizes are limited (XL in "loose fit" and XS, S, M in "pro fit"). To order by mail send your check with your size to: TCBA Jersey, P.O. Box 1628, East Lansing, MI 48826. Please include an additional \$5 if you would like your jersey mailed to you and also indicate "loose fit" or "snug fit." Jerseys will also be available for purchase at TCBA club meetings. If we don't have the size you want, but you want to give a jersey for a holiday gift, we will issue a Gift Certificate.

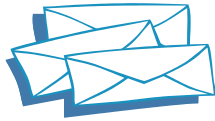
In addition we have a small inventory of TCBA Socks that sell for \$5 per pair, these would make excellent stocking stuffers.

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FROM THE TCBA MAIL BAG

Rich Moeller
Named LMB Executive Director

The League of Michigan Bicyclists is pleased to announce the selection of Rich Moeller of Pulaski, PA, as LMB's Executive Director. Rich comes to LMB from a 36-year career as a YMCA administrator and as a tireless and effective promoter of bicycling. Over the past 27 years he has spearheaded the creation of dozens of bicycle organizations, programs and events.

His current service as president of the Lawrence County (PA) Cycling Club, and past service as Vice Chair of the Minnesota State Bicycle Advisory Board, are just two items from his vast cycling resume. Says Phil Wells, Chairman of LMB Board of Directors, and TCBA member, "we are elated to bring Rich on board to lead LMB. He brings to us an extraordinary combination of management skill and experience, passion for bicycling, understanding of how to make a community and state bicycle-friendly, and boundless energy."

Says Rich, "I can think of no better way to use the skills I have developed in my YMCA career than to channel them into what has been my life-long passion -- bicycling. I relish the opportunity to promote bicycling and the rights of bicyclists in Michigan."

For the last three years, Rich has been employed as CEO of the Shenango Valley YMCA in Hermitage, PA, where he directs bicycle camps for children and regularly cycles to work. Over the previous 17 years, he served as chief executive of YMCA facilities in New York City, northern Indiana and northern Minnesota. Wherever his YMCA career has taken him, he has been heavily involved in local bicycling activities.

Rich will assume his LMB duties no later than January 3, 2006. He succeeds the late Lucinda Means, who passed away unexpectedly in April of this year.

December Ride Calendar

Recurring Ride

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Info	Ride Leader
Saturdays	8:30 AM	10-50	C	Sawdon School		Dale Stairs 517-627 4211

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

Sawdon School..... Lamson Rd., Grand Ledge



RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

- A+.....19+ MPH
- A..... 17-19 MPH
- B..... 14-17 MPH
- C..... 12-14 MPH
- D..... Under 12 MPH Fun and Social Group Ride
- F..... Family Fun & First-Timers Ride
- M Mountain BikeN/A
- Z.....Rides over 40 miles in length to be ridden at the rider's own pace without on the road ride leader supervision. Leader must have detailed map of the ride for all riders.

FOR MORE RIDES CALL:
517-882-3700 - or visit the Web Site:
www.biketcba.org
Also check this number for updates-changes on rides listed in this Chainwheel Chatter.
 To receive the Ride Line Transcript by email send your email address to: donnell3@msu.edu

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Web Site – biketcba.org

Ed Noonan and Wendell Proudfoot.

Visit this outstanding Web Site.

Communication of Club Rides

“Recurring Rides” – **Ed Usewick**

“Called In Rides” – **Katie Donnelly.**

Chainwheel Chatter- Charla Scheidler

About 9,000 to 10,000 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: Cheryl Claffin

We currently have 592 single and 360 family memberships or over 1,300 total members. This is 50 more singles and 40 more families than last year.

Rides & Mileage's: Steve Schuesler

Starting in 2004, this chart does not include mileages for non-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
2004	325,000	424	877	82
2005	372,000	441	853	88

T-Shirt Ride: Deb Holdcraft

The 100,000-Meter T-Shirt Ride for 2005 was held at the High School in Laingsburg. This is an excellent facility that offers plenty of parking with kitchen, cafeteria and showers. There is easy access to low traffic Shiawassee County roads. The volunteer staff did a great job and over 500 riders participated.

SummerTour – Lee Adair

This year's SummerTour started and ended in White Cloud, Michigan. We spent 2 days at Pentwater High School and 2 days at Montague Middle School. There were side trips to Ludington, and Duck Lake. Everyone will remember that it was HOT and HUMID. We consumed 150 gallons of cold lemonade, 50 pounds of peanuts, 8 watermelons and 500 S'mores. We have a great SummerTour crew.

Women on Wheels: Judy Miller and Joane Gruizenga

The Women on Wheels ride was again blessed with perfect weather, a great course, nearly 500 participants and a terrific group of volunteers. This ride is put on to encourage women to participate in cycling. We had 16, 32 and 50-mile routes and the popular “wrap” sandwiches plus pizza for lunch.

DALMAC: Darryl Burris

DALMAC was again a great success. Some of the routes filled in 3 weeks and all of the routes were filled in record time. There were over 1900 riders and the Quad joined with the Quint Century after 2 days, so there were 4½ routes this year. The weather was excellent except for some headwind. The bridge crossings went very well. The volunteers did an outstanding job and encountered very few problems.

Safety/Education Committee: Bill Savage

This committee has been reconstituted after a 2-year absence. Bill is the new chairman and has many good ideas for future projects. They will be meeting at 6:30 pm just prior to every TCBA meeting at the Foster Community Center. Watch for information in the newsletter.

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The DALMAC Fund: Tom Hardenbergh

There were 10 grants totaling over \$50,000.

- Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance
- West Michigan Trails/Greenways Coalition
- Preserve Our Parks
- Trips for Kids Detroit
- Detroit Summer for Back-Alley Bikes
- City of Grand Rapids Planning Department
- Special Olympics of Michigan, Inc.
- Kid's Repair Program
- Programs to Educate All Cyclists (PEAC)
- Gratiot County Road Commission

TCBA Meeting Programs: Susan Viele

(Meetings are at Foster Community Center)

Jan: Lucinda Means, LMB

Feb: Hector Hernandez, "Surviving a Dog Attack"

Mar: Annual Swap Meet

Apr: John Waterman, Program to Educate All Cyclists (PEAC)

May: Kirt Livernois, Photography

June: Todd Scott, Michigan Mountain Biking Assn.

July: Cari Noga, Michigan Bicycle Touring

Aug: Darryl Burris, DALMAC

Sept: Matt Assenmacher, Tour de France

Oct: Annual Mtg. – Open Mic & Elections

Nov: Nancy Krupiarz, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance

Events: Susan Viele

June 26, Club Picnic at Hawk Island Park

December 8, Dinner at the "English Inn"

Ride Incentive Program: Kori Sperling

Incentive items for 2004.

Level	Miles Required For Award	Award	Total Awards Earned
1	2004	Jacket	48
2	1500	Wind Vest	32
3	1000	SS Club Jersey	39
4	500	Bike Computer	35
5	6+ rides	Musette	32

Cycle Forum/Maintenance: Allan Huber

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

Financial – Ron Claflin

Our current budget process makes it easy to follow our financial transactions. We are in excellent financial condition.

Community Activities

- Distributed \$1,500 in awards to tri-county area third and fifth-grade students and their schools in our second Bicycle Safety Poster Contest.
- We have made the decision to support a Lansing branch of John Waterman's "Program to Educate All Cyclists".
- Donated \$500 for the "Smart Commute Week" project.
- Provided Dick Janson with \$3,500 for his "Crosstown Bicycle Map Book project.
- Donated \$5,000 to "Share A Bike" to help them continue their program to repair used bikes and give them to needy individuals.
- Donated \$600 to the Foster Community Center's holiday basket project.

Administration

President: Arnie Johnson

Vice President: Susan Viele

Treasurer: Ron Claflin

Secretary: Charla Scheidler

Events Director: Darryl Burris

Board At Large: Kori Sperling

Board At Large: Ed Usewick

Arnie Johnson

October 25, 2005

New Ride Incentive Rules

Fred (not his real name, but Joe didn't want you to know it was him I was talking about) went to work at McWendy's Burgers. He really liked making onion rings, but the boss kept wanting him to take orders from customers. Well, today he had had enough of that. Since it was what he liked to do, (and the boss called in with car trouble), he started making onion rings, one batch after another.

When the boss finally arrived, there was a long line of unserved customers, and lots of hot, and not-so-hot, onion rings. Fred didn't see anything wrong with this because he was finally doing what he wanted. And besides, they didn't pay him enough for the customer service job, which he didn't really like, and he needs to be happy doing what he is doing or it's just not worth it.

We have some people like Fred in the TCBA. They think the incentive program should reward them anytime, and anywhere, they ride their bike. And you know - that would be just fine - if the leaders wanted it that way. Why do we have a ride incentive program?

Generally speaking, a positive incentive is something used to get people to do something they wouldn't otherwise do, or to do it more often. In our case, the activity is bike riding. But why? There are at least two notions about that.

One is that we should ride as a group. This builds friendships and club loyalty. And it is more likely inexperienced riders will learn from the rest. This is a social view.

The other is that the more bicyclists on the road, the better. It encourages non-riders to consider, and try, bicycle riding. It shows the law makers that we should be considered in their decision making, and are a force to be reckoned with. It makes better use of our natural resources and improves our well being. This is a political view.

Now, think about the majority of club rides you have been on. When there are more than three or four riders, do they ride as a group, or do they get strung out, so much that the last rider can not see the first rider? If riding as a group is the goal, it's not working.

The green jacket, emblazoned with "2005 miles in 2005", will be earned by over 70 members this year. Each of them will have worked hard to enjoy the right to wear it. Yet, this award can, and should, be improved.

Staying within the rules, it is technically possible to get a jacket that says "2005 miles in 2005" by riding 114 miles as a leader of D rides. While I'm quite sure this hasn't and won't happen, imagine the compromise to the integrity we inflict on any ride leader who barely makes the cut. They represent to the public that they rode X miles when in fact they rode fewer. Around 40% of those

who earn the jacket this year will not have ridden the miles on the jacket.

Now, let's flip that coin. Over 20% will have ridden more actual miles, and for a half dozen the number will be over 3000. Showing "2005" on their jacket gives them less than full credit for their club effort.

The jacket has become a symbol to respect by club members for the riding effort and leadership contributions of their peers. That is as it should be. It is for that reason that green jackets have not been for sale to those who have not earned them. So, where is the room for improvement, you ask? Let me suggest three areas.

- First, for each of you who earn the jacket, offer the option of showing actual miles, or nothing.
- Second, for ride leaders, offer the option of showing "I Led 7 Rides" (or whatever the number), or nothing.
- Third, allow those members who want to show their involvement, but have not yet attained the requirements, to buy the jacket without any designation on it.

Taken as a group, this will bring integrity to the award, discourage the end-of-year rush of "D" rides where few if any beginners benefit, and give specific credit to ride leaders.

There are more issues to be discussed and decided upon regarding the Ride Incentive Program. The board has established a committee to develop and make recommendations to them. I have accepted their appointment as chairman of this group and expect to present them with not only alternatives, but the reasoning behind them, that will be known by the participants before the main riding season begins.

Other questions involve rides starting outside the tri-county area, rides with shorter lead time in posting them, discipline for ride leaders (except "Z" ride leaders) who do not stay at the back of the pack, and giving a ride leader the ability decide to remain behind their group after the posted departure time for others to arrive and prepare to leave.

We will discuss how to help "D" ride leaders to train beginners, and the best way to have ride leaders encourage legal and ethical riding habits in their groups.

If you would like to have an impact on what recommendations will be in the final draft to the Board of Directors, and are willing to meet several times during the winter, please contact me.

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E A S Y S P O K E N Before Me

As part of my assignment to review the Ride Incentive Program, I've been reviewing all the old newsletters. It has been very hard on me to avoid looking at anything else so, to turn a difficult situation into something fun, I bring you the following:

In March of 1973, the first full year for TCBA, one of the primary needs of this new group was expressed as follows:

"We are hoping to get a route committee organized to inventory and map possible roads that can be incorporated in a bicycle path system for Lansing and the three county area." (At that time, there were 20 registered members. Annual dues were \$3 individual, \$5 family.)

By May of the next year, the newsletter had advertisements from members wanting to sell things, like this one:

"FOR SALE: Single bed mattress and springs. Contact John Czarnecki" John was TCBA founder and original President.

It was that year that the club logo was created, with a bicycle rider riding counterclockwise around the edge of the tri-county area.

The club grew fast, and became so diverse that there was a new need:

"As the 1975 ride season begins, we have had a request to develop a program for older club members. The goal of this program is to bring together older members, those 45 and over, by providing rides tailored to their preferences. At this time, these rides would be slower paced and of medium distance."

Help in measuring your accomplishments was offered:

"How fast are you going? If you have an odometer, simply count the number of 'clicks' made in five seconds. This number is the miles per hour you are traveling."

In the early years, to help people get together, membership lists were included with some newsletters. Because of that, in less than four years, a problem came up:

"If you check back into your old club membership lists, you will notice a large number of 'one year only' members. Why hasn't the club taken it upon itself to find out why these people are leaving? Let's hear your views. Should the membership chairperson contact them? A questionnaire could be sent, or phone poll could be conducted. At this point in time, no one has a clear picture of what's wrong with the club."

At the same time, in a totally unrelated matter, the following announcement was made:

"This will be the last chance to order a jersey for at least one year (minimum order of 10). They are green and gold wool, with TCBA on back and your name on the sleeve. The cost is around \$24." (My name on the sleeve? for \$24? !!!)

In October, 1978, an 11-question survey of the membership asked whether "T.C.B.A. should launch a bicycle route mapping project for suggested touring and commuting routes in the Lansing Tri-County area." It was voted down.

Two months later, this appeared:

"TCBA is collecting and revising maps of bike rides for use this coming spring."

By fall of 1979, the Meridian Township had heard from a lot more drivers than cyclists, and took (what they thought) was appropriate action. The newsletter said:

"just keep in mind that we are now legally restricted from riding on Marsh, Okemos, Hamilton, Dobie, Haslett, and possibly Mt. Hope."

A warning went out in June, 1980:

"DALMAC will fill quickly this year, so get your application in early. The only club members who are guaranteed a spot in DALMAC are those working on the committee." (Result: 400 accepted; 150 applications returned).

At the start of 1981, the Board wanted help from the membership:

"The board has decided to conduct a telephone survey to find out what the members like or don't like about TCBA and its activities. When your friendly bikie calls, please give him/her a few minutes of your time. We want you to help us so that we can help you. Thanks."

The January, 1982 issue of the newsletter noted that in the late '70s, there were some kids who rode DALMAC ... on unicycles. (I'll bet that cut the potential for flats at least in half.)

We move to Foster Community Center in July, 1983. Except for a period of renovation, that is where we remained.

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Easyspoken - (continued)

In an effort to become better known and expand our membership, in February, 1984:

"The Board decided to send complimentary copies of the Chainwheel Chatter to all high schools in the Tri-County area, and copies of this month's chainwheel chatter will also go to area Dalmac participants."

For several years, starting in 1986, the Safety and Education Committee paid for any member who completed an American Red Cross First Aid training course on a specific Saturday. Later, when CPR was added, and the price went from \$10 to \$25, TCBA still paid all but \$5 of the fee.

In May, 1986, we had a curious problem:

"Kim Wilcox reported that our membership now stands at an all time high. In spite of this, we have lost almost 400 old members since the first of the year." As far as I could tell, nobody was sent out to find them.

There were two DALMACs in 1987. The 5-day ride was coordinated with the national LAW (League of American Wheelmen) convention that we hosted in July. The rest of the rides happened before Labor Day, as usual.

In August, 1987, after 14 years, dues increased to \$8 individual and \$10 family.

In May, 1989:

"We talked about publishing the club membership list. (Ed: This has been done for many years.) We decided not to for two reasons: Some people do not want their phone number published, and we

don't want the membership list used as a mailing list by outside groups."

Exactly two years later, each of the fifteen participants in the First Aid Course were "asked to bring a jacket and a bicycle pump for use in class." Does anybody remember why? Joe Adams was President - ask him.

1992 brought a lot of new and amazing things:

"The 911 phone number for emergencies is now in effect for the whole tri-county area."

"Bell Bicycle Inc, has created a helmet with two air-pump buttons at the back. By reaching around with your hand, even while riding, you can add air to the interior bladder of the helmet with one button and release air with another."

Michigander ride begins.

The 7-day Summer Tour, advertised with 90% New Pavement, had a two-day weekend option.

Three years later - the following announcement:

"... due to a lack of interest, SummerTour will be discontinued. In place of SummerTour will be a 3-day weekend ride, to be held July 14 -16, 1995 ..." Two years later, it morphed into its now familiar 5-day event.

None of this happened because everybody was happy with the way things were.

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