

Chainwheel Chatter



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NEXT Meeting!!!

September 29, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

*Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster St. – Lansing*

2004 Tour de France

as witnessed by: Matt Assenmacher

Matt has been a bicycle frame designer and builder for over 30 years and is based in Swartz Creek, MI. Matt's presentation will focus on his trip to the Tour de France in 2004.

Nominations for Club Officers

At this meeting nominations will be taken for the 2006 Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the October meeting.

SUNRISES & SUNSETS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2005

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Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 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: October 4, 2005.

Newsletter/Ride Calendar Deadline

The **deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, September 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 Charla Scheidler, P.O. Box 1628, East Lansing, MI 48826, or emailed to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org or FAX to (517) 339-1758. To be included in the newsletter this information must be received no later than the above-mentioned newsletter deadline.

Cycle Forum

Plan to join Alan Huber at **6:00 p.m.** immediately preceding the membership meeting on **Thursday, September 29, 2005.** Bring your experiences and stories to share with the group.

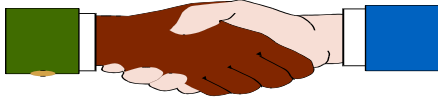
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Executive Board Report

Submitted by: Charla Scheidler

No report this month as the August Board Meeting was cancelled.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

July and August

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Anna Craig | Chad Tolfree |
| Dennis Guttridge | Charles Graff |
| Lanissa Carr | Larry Doyle |
| Diana Lund | Linda Antinori |
| Linda Largent | Lourdes Martinez |
| Ellen Fowler | Hugh Potter |
| Jo Dell Carr | Laura Plaza |
| Jim & Joan Darnell | Charles Stewart |
| Scott Holmgren | Kristin Dooley |
| Douglas Miller | Anne Witherill |
| Max Baisel | Jeff McDaniel |
| Scott Isham | |

Rodney Leffew and Adreah Saxton
Barbara Piper Robert Gazella
Jerry & Dianne Affholter & Family
Amy Belding & Jerry Wickman & Family

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.**



**TIME TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP? - CHECK
YOUR LABEL!**

SummerTour 2005 is over!

Wednesday morning it was raining. Some of the riders started in the rain, others riding on the edge just missing the rain. It was sunny when we arrived in Pentwater.

Thursday most of us rode to Ludington, stopping by the Historic White Pine Village or Consumers Power Pond Overlook. All enjoyed the beaches. A few rode the 67 mile route. It was HOT and HUMID!

On Friday we moved on to Montague. Some stopped at Silver Lake for a sand dune ride. All should have stopped at the Cherry Point Market for a cherry turnover or cherry strudel! A few went off to explore Meinert County Park for a relaxing stop. We arrived at Montague School for another great meal. It was HOT again today.

Saturday everyone just did their own thing. Some just rode the Hart-Montague Trail; others rode off to Muskegon, some stopping at Duck Lake for swimming, and some didn't go any further. There was a group that went back to Cherry Point (thanks Pat for the turnover). A few brave bikers went canoeing, some found out how cold the water was! Some just explored Montague, finding some good Ice Cream.

Sunday we rode the curvy rolling roads back to White Cloud and had a great lunch at the school. This was one of the Hottest SummerTours in recent years. We drank 150 gallons of lemonade; ate 38 pounds of sweet cherries, 8 watermelons, and 50 pounds of peanuts. At the nightly camp fires we ate over 500 S'mores.

White Cloud, Pentwater and Montague Schools showed us great hospitality along with great food.

I would like to thank the SummerTour crew. They did another great job again this year. They are Milt & Gloria Gruhn - Campground Coordinators, Clayton & Beverly Townsend - Baggage Truck, Ron Claflin & Tom Theobald - Sag Drivers and Dave & Dianne Moss (D&K Bike Repair)

All had a great time. See you next year.

Lee Adair

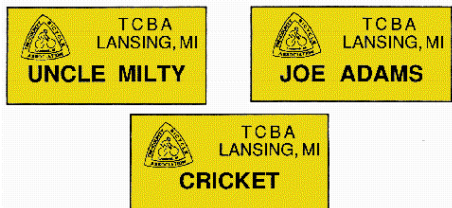
COMMITTEE & CLUB NEWS

TCBA Club Jerseys

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.

BIKE CASES FOR MEMBER USE

TCBA has purchased two hard-shell bike cases for member use. The most common use of such a case is when a cyclist is traveling by air and wants to have their bike to ride at their destination. Phil Wells is storing the cases and handling reservations. The cases include instructions for packing the bike; Phil will be glad to give his advice as well. Contact Phil in Lansing at (517) 267-8971 or philwells99@yahoo.com.



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The DALMAC Fund Awards 2005 Grants

This year's grants from The DALMAC Fund, a total of \$44,750, have been awarded. The recipients are:

West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition

Belmont
\$5000

Detroit Summer for Back Alley Bikes

Detroit
\$4000

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance

Lansing
\$10,000

Trips for Kids Detroit

Dearborn Heights
\$4000

Preserve Our Parks

Hamtramck
\$5000

Special Olympics Michigan

Mt Pleasant
\$6250

Kids Repair Program

Lansing
\$5500

Program to Educate All Cyclists (PEAC)

Saline
\$5000

It's a big relief to reach the end of another grant season. It starts in January when organizations prepare and submit their requests and ends when the checks are mailed in August. In between, The DALMAC Fund Committee members put in a lot of hours evaluating the requests, preparing a recommendation for the Club's Board, and finally mailing letters of congratulation or regret. Sometimes in the midst of it all, it helps to reflect on what it's all about: Bicyclists helping other bicyclists to improve bicycling in Michigan. This is a big deal. I'm proud of all the people involved and feel really good to be a part of it. Thanks to all involved for another successful year!

Tom Hardenbergh
Chairman, The DALMAC Fund Committee

CLASSIFIED



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 email to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org, FAX to (517) 339-1758, or mail to Charla Scheidler, 10384 Blackberry Ln., Haslett, MI 48840.

FOR SALE: New 4-bike Saris T-Rax 200, 1 1/4" hitch rack. Sturdy double arms fold down, tilts away for access to rear of vehicle, soft rubber hold downs and anti-sways to protect bikes. Hitch Tite base secures rack solidly to vehicle. Never used, but already assembled & ready to go! \$175 OBO Sheri – (517) 323-7487 or (517) 316-1527

FOR SALE: Cannondale 1999 R600 Triple 61cm Frame. In great condition. \$125 or b.o. E-mail for pictures, Kristin at dooleykr@msu.edu

FOR SALE: Performance Peak Load bike trainer - white- lever on handlebar. About 10 years old and used for no more than 100 miles. Best reasonable offer. Contact Carole - (517) 699-4424, or (517) 281-7906.

FOR SALE: Recumbent bike including saddle bags and multiple lights. Asking \$1,200. Call Kathleen (517) 694-1000.

FOR SALE: Medium Giant OCR3 light blue sports-road bike in excellent condition. New in February 2005. Aluminum frame, compact road design. Shimano Sora shifters, derailleurs, and brake levers. Alloy adjustable stem, alloy anatomic bend handlebars. Includes upgraded saddle. \$500. Call Shawn: (517) 980-3721.

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.



This is a picture of an actual sign. . .
Can you believe they have to tell people this. . .

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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Cycling wear: jerseys, cycling shorts, tights, and cycling shells.

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For more information call Sue at (517) 627-1411.

Indoor Group Cycling

With the heat of summer, sometimes the weather is unpredictable. When you want to ride but can't be outside, please join us at the Westside Community YMCA. TCBA Members can get the YMCA member rate (\$40.00) on a 7-week class by showing their Chainwheel Chatter w/ mailing label. Registration begins Aug 22nd and classes start the week of Sept 12, 2005. (Sorry, telephone and online registration not available to get this discount.) 45-min rides meet 5:45a M/W, 6:45a M/W, 7:15p M/W and 7:30p T/Th. For more info, call Rebecca at 316-9622 x18.

September Ride Calendar

Recurring Rides

| Day/Date | Time | Miles | Class | Start Location | Other Info | Ride Leader |
|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sundays | 9:00 AM | 40+ | Z | 67th District Court House, Grand Blanc | Touring Pace, no ride Sept. 4 | Ed or Roxanne Usewick 810-694-9919 |
| | 10:00AM | 25 | M | Burchfield Park | Meet at the Nichols Road Trail head. Plenty of safe trails for beginners. A variety of trails for advanced riders. No ride if trails are wet. | Brenda Cartwright 517-347-5693 |
| | 10:00 AM | 30 - 40 | B | Holt Jr High | No ride Sept. 4 | James Blais 517-944-1297 |
| | 1:00 PM | 15 - 25 | D | Kroger, Coolidge & Lake Lansing | No ride Sept. 4 | Judy Miller 517-484-5686 |
| Mondays | 10:00 AM | 20 – 30 | C | Rayner Park | No Ride Sept. 5 | Janice Koller 517-669-5744 |
| | 6:00PM | 15 - 25 | B | Oneida Gospel Church | | Dennis Stinson 517-543-9432 |
| Tuesdays | 4:00PM | 25 - 35 | B | Start at Owosso Police / Fire Station | No ride if rain or threat of rain. | David Smith 989-723-1211 |
| | 6:00 PM | 20 | B | Williamstown Town Hall | No ride Sept. 6, or 20. No ride if rain. | Kristen Mullaney 517-381-8818 |
| Wednesdays | 6:00 PM | 20 - 30 | B | MSU Pavilion | | Katie Donnelly 517-349-5564 |
| | 6:00 PM | 15 - 25 | B | Oneida Gospel Church | | Doug Sherman 616-283-6177 |
| | 6:30 PM | 10 - 12 | D | Haslett Middle School | A ride to get you over the mid-week hump. Ultra low-key, for the beginner. As time permits, may stop for ice cream at the end. | Lenny Provencher 517-204-2971 |
| Thursdays | 4:00 PM | 25 - 35 | B | Owosso Police / Fire Station | No ride if rain or threat of rain. | David Smith 989-723-1211 |
| | 6:00 PM | 15 - 25 | D | Kroger, Coolidge & Lake Lansing | No ride if rain. No ride Sept. 1 | Kori Sperling 517-393-2842 |
| | 6:00 PM | 20 | B | Williamstown Town Hall | No ride Sept. 15. No ride if rain. | Kristen Mullaney 517-381-8818 |
| Fridays | 10:00 AM | 30 – 50 | C | DeWitt Township Hall | No Ride Sept. 2 | Janice Koller 517-669-5744 |
| Saturdays | 8:00 AM | 45 - 70 | Z | Sawdon School | | Dale Stairs 517-627-4211 |

Other Rides

| Day/Date | Time | Miles | Class | Start Location | Other Info | Ride Leader |
|--------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Saturday, Sept. 10 | 1:00 PM | 15 - 20 | D | Kroger, Coolidge & Lake Lansing | | Jethro Wise 517-575-1600 |
| Saturday, Sept. 17 | 1:00 PM | 15 - 20 | D | Kroger, Coolidge & Lake Lansing | | Jethro Wise 517-575-1600 |

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: donnell13@msu.edu

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

67th District Court House..... Grand Blanc
Burchfield Park Nichols Rd., Holt
DeWitt Junior High Sch, South lot..... Dewitt
DeWitt Township Hall..... 1401 W. Herbison Rd. 1/2 mi. west of Old
27Haslett Middle School.....
 E on Franklin St from Marsh Rd, 1st light S of Haslett Rd
Holt Junior High (Former Holt High School).....
 Aurelius Rd, 1/2 mi south of Holt Rd, Holt
Kroger, Coolidge & Lake Lansing..... Parking lot near Coolidge
MSU Pavilion Forest Rd., East Lansing
Oneida Gospel Church.....
 Corner of Oneida and Strange Hwy, Gd Ledge
Owosso Fire/Police Station Owosso
Rayner Park Ash Street M-36, west of fairgrounds, Mason
Sawdon School Lamson Rd., Grand Ledge
Williamstown Twp Hall Corner Zimmer & Germany Rds
 4 mi east & 1 mi south of Haslett

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 Bike N/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.

An Ordinary Bike Ride by Ron Truax

It was July, and it had been unusually hot and humid for weeks here in the Detroit Metro area. Miserable to say the least. There were two major bike tours coming up over the weekend, giving folks a chance to try and escape the heat of the city. They were both "up north" or at least away from an urban center. And it seemed as though everyone I talked to was going to attempt doing just that. But I chose to stick around. There was a regularly scheduled monthly ride here at home. I just didn't feel like making that long drive when it may have turned out to be as hot and humid there as it was here. Besides, a visually impaired friend called to ask if I could take her along on my tandem to this local outing. So it was settled. I was riding a 60 mile loop through the suburbs and inner city with Marie, even if we had to do it on our own. No matter who showed up, I knew the directions out and back.

Saturday came and I picked up Marie early. We had to drive to the ride start, install her pedals, and test ride the bike to check seat height and for any other last minute adjustments. It was just after 7:00AM, nearly 80 degree, and looking like rain. The weather forecast predicted a 40% chance of scattered thundershowers, but they had been predicting that for days with no results. There was no question about us going. Besides, if it did rain once we got on the road, it had to feel better than this hot, muggy, heavy air. It felt more like some invisible creature trying to suck all the life force from our bodies. And as it turned out, seven more brave souls showed up to take their chances and defy the rain gods. So we were off.

Our first stop was five miles down the road at a secondary starting point for those that weren't as ambitious. Another dozen and a half riders were awaiting us, all wanting to know if we'd experienced any rain. Sadly, we had. But it was only a brief shower that we rode into and out of in a matter of minutes. And as is said, "Hope springs eternal." So we were all going. Once on the road, the talk down the double paceline of bikes was how we weren't going to let a little threat of rain ruin a perfectly good day.

Or at least, that was the plan. Within ten miles, we road into a second patch of sprinkles that eventually turned into the cursed rain. After a few more miles, the ride ground to a halt at a gas station in order to decide whether to go on or turn back. At that point I turned and assured Marie that it wouldn't take any longer to clean the bike whether we turned back here or went on. Taking that as a go vote, her only concern was about any lightening. But as she then pointed out; being blind, she wouldn't see it anyway. At times like these I don't feel the need to discuss the issue any further. So I announced that we were going on, we pushed off, and to our surprise, eight others pulled out behind us. Ten hardy and foolish souls decided to defy Mother Nature and all the local weather forecasters.

"Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright, The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout, But there is no joy in Mudville: the bike ride was rained out."

The rain would let up at times, but we endured light rains, heavy rains, and absolute down pours. We rode through flooded streets with debris floating everywhere. Our bikes were filthy, our clothes were filthy, and our legs were coated with road oil and encrusted with the grit and grime of the streets that was thrown up by our tires. But even with all that, our spirits were never dampened. Along the way, we laughed, talked, and enjoyed the day as if we had good sense. We even stopped twice to fix flat tires. But this day will go down on the official record as a "good day." A day, a moment in time, when there's no place else on earth you would rather be. I don't know how it works or why it is. Nor am I going to drive myself nuts trying to figure it out. I'm here just to enjoy the moment. And I don't know how all those others fared that went out of town, but we did just fine ... on our ordinary bike ride.

TCBA Needs You!

Nominations for Club Officers

TCBA is looking for club members interested in running for club offices. New ideas and fresh perspectives are needed! Please consider taking this opportunity to serve your club. Also, look around at your fellow members – many may be willing to serve if asked, but would never do so without encouragement from others. You probably know someone who just needs a friendly “nudge” to step forward. A brief description of the positions available and their responsibilities follow. All require that candidates be members in “good standing” (current on dues), and all are one year terms. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings.

President. The President presides over all membership and board meetings. He/she prepares agendas for board meetings and prepares an annual report for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting (October). The individual in this position would benefit from previous organizational leadership experience, practical knowledge of or experience in running efficient meetings, and the ability and willingness to delegate responsibility to others.

Vice President. The Vice President acts in the President’s absence and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. To that extent, the personal characteristics described for that position apply here as well. In addition, the Vice-President has, in recent years, been charged with developing club meeting programs and social activities (picnic, hayride, holiday party). He/she may establish and lead a Program Committee to assist in this function, so the ability and willingness to delegate responsibility to others is especially beneficial to provide back-up support for these activities.

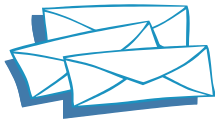
Secretary. The Secretary records and files the minutes of all meetings, prepares and conducts the annual election of directors, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. In addition, he/she prepares and submits documents to government agencies on an annual basis and handles all official correspondence for the club, including get-well and sympathy notes. The individual in this position should be a good listener in order to take notes at meetings and should have better than average writing skills in order to accurately record the actions taken. A working knowledge of word processing and email capabilities is especially useful as minutes have, in recent years, been sent electronically to board members for review prior to board meetings.

Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for the funds and financial records of the Association, prepares and delivers an annual accounting at the annual membership meeting, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. He/she presents a draft budget annually for board consideration as well as monthly reports documenting cash flow and adherence to the approved budget. This individual works with the Events Director and an appointed DALMAC treasurer to establish procedures and to maintain accountability for all transactions. Previous accounting experience and working knowledge of accounting-related computer software are desirable.

Events Director. The Events Director prepares and conducts the annual DALMAC bicycle tour, delivers monthly and annual reports to the Board of Directors to account for all bills and receipts, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. He/she appoints and chairs the DALMAC Committee and DALMAC volunteers. Previous experience as both a DALMAC volunteer and DALMAC rider benefits this individual by providing an appreciation of the breadth of the DALMAC operation as well as rider needs. Experience working with volunteers or with a volunteer organization is desirable; an ability and willingness to delegate tasks to others is essential.

Director-at-large (2). The Directors-at-large have no specific duties, but have full voting rights as members of the Board of Directors. These individuals are often assigned to lead or serve as a liaison with club committees. The Ride Program Committee has generally been led by one of these board members. A director-at-large position would be especially useful for an individual who desires to learn more about the operation of the club before serving in other elected positions.

If you have other questions about these positions, contact any current or former board member for more information. A nomination form is available in this issue, on the club web site (<http://www.voyager.net/TCBA/board/NomineeProfile.pdf>) or from any board member. Completed forms may be returned to any board member or mailed to TCBA, P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September membership meeting, at which time nominations will close. The election will be conducted by mail and at the October membership meeting. Those elected will take office effective January 1.



FROM THE TCBA MAIL BAG

Michigan Bicycle Festival

Celebrate Human Powered transportation with a festival to celebrate the bicycle!

Cyclists of all ages and persuasions will be flocking to Hanson Hills Recreation Area in Grayling, Michigan for the 2nd Michigan Bike Festival. Scheduled for Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18th, 2005, the festival will feature live music, food vendors, attractions and activities for the whole family centered around the bicycle.

This year the Michigan Bike Festival promises to be even bigger and better. Returning will be the band that was once voted the best local band in Northwestern Michigan, the Jelly Roll Blues Band. What better way to enjoy a Friday night than by hanging out by the social bonfire and listening to great music!

Saturday and Sunday promise to be busy days with organized road rides, trail rides, bike games, kid's events and more. New this year, M.E.S.S. Promotions is bringing downhill racing to Hanson Hills. If that is not enough, check out the latest bike gear at the vendor expo. Relax on Saturday evening to more live music featuring Blues Burner followed by Yankee Station.

All proceeds from the festival will benefit the programs at Hanson Hills Recreation Area and the Northern Chapter of the MMBA, both non-profit organizations.

For more information contact Hanson Hills Recreation Area at (888) 876-2196. Email: info@michiganbikefestival.com
Visit our website: www.michiganbikefestival.com

Triathlon Training

The Lansing Westside Community YMCA will be offering Triathlon Training for 10-weeks this fall starting the week of Sept 12th. Each class will consist of Biking 25-30 minutes, running drills for 25-30 minutes (indoor or outdoor depending on weather) and a coached lap swim for 25-30 minutes in the pool. Lead by three trainers, one for each discipline. Limited Registration; Tues 6:45 - 8:30p or Thur 6:45 - 8:30p. Registration available by phone (517) 316-9622 or online www.ymcaoflansing.org.

League of Michigan Bicyclists

Executive Director Position

The League of Michigan Bicyclists, a volunteer-based 501(c)3 organization headquartered in Lansing, Michigan, seeks a full-time executive director. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree (in lieu of which, significant proven experience in a leadership position may be considered).

Individuals who are ethical, passionate about cycling and cyclists' issues, proficient administrators, excellent written and verbal communicators, advocates, and motivators and managers of volunteers are urged to apply. The organization requires the individual to be knowledgeable in computer office applications, budgeting and other fiscal obligations, and the governmental process.

For job description and information on the organization, visit www.lmb.org.

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to intern@msae.org, with "LMB Search" in the 'subject' line, by September 1, 2005.

CPSC, American Classic Announce Recall of Bicycle Wheels

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firms named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: American Classic road and mountain bike wheels

Units: About 2,850

Importer: American Classic, of Tampa, Fla.

Hazard: The hub in the bicycle's rear wheel can fail to engage properly, causing no resistance when pedaling. The bicycle rider could lose balance, fall and suffer injuries.

Incidents/Injuries: No injuries reported.

Description: The recall includes all American Classic aftermarket rear wheels and hubs, as well as the following 2005 bike models which use American Classic rear wheels or hubs: Fuji Team Super Lite (Team SL); Orbea Aletta, Onix, Lobular 50, Dama Race, Mitis and Mitis Dama models; Felt F55 and F2C; Fetish Cycles Road and Mountain Bikes; Argon 18; and Motobecane LeChampion SL. The recalled models were made at the start of January 2005 and the outside of the rear hub shell has a serial number that starts with the letter "S." The serial number is printed on the center of the hub shell opposite to the American Classic logo. Front wheels and front hubs are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Bicycle specialty stores nationwide from January 2005 through June 2005 for about \$240 (per rear hub).

Manufactured in: Taiwan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the bike wheels with the recalled hubs and contact your local bicycle retailer to receive a free inspection. If you have a recalled wheel, the dealer will provide a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact American Classic at (800) 345-8356 or log on to the firm's Web site at www.amclassic.com

To see this press release on CPSC's web site, including a picture of the recalled product, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml05/05239.html>

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CPSC, Ritchey Design Inc. Announce Recall of Bicycle Wheels

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Ritchey WCS - Protocol, Carbon, DS, DS Aero, Girder models (all rear wheels only)

Units: About 2,000

Manufacturer: Ritchey Design, of San Carlos, Calif. (manufactured under license from American Classic Inc., of Tampa, Fla.)

Hazard: The hub in the bicycle's rear wheel can fail to engage properly, causing no resistance when pedaling. The bicycle rider can lose balance, fall and suffer injuries.

Incidents/Injuries: Ritchey Design has received one report of a bicycle rider who suffered minor bruises and abrasions after experiencing no pedal resistance and falling from the bike.

Description: The above wheels were sold by Ritchey as wheel sets and as rear wheel only and as original equipment on 2004 model year Fuji and Motobecane USA bicycles and the 2005 model year Prestige road bike from Raleigh. The recalled wheels have high flange hubs measuring 60-millimeters in diameter and the hub body is straight between the flanges.

Sold at: Bicycle specialty stores nationwide from January 2003 through July 2005. These wheels were sold separately for between \$350 and \$700. They were sold also as original equipment on 2004 model year Fuji and Motobecane USA bicycles and the 2005 model year Prestige road bike form Raleigh, for between \$2,100 and \$4,000.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

Remedy: Inspect your hub to determine if the wheel is included in the recall and contact Ritchey to schedule a free repair.

Consumer Contact: Contact Ritchey Design toll-free at (888) 776-8625 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.ritcheylogic.com/wcsrecall

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including a picture of the recalled product, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05241.html>

CPSC, VisionTech USA, Inc. Announce Recall of Bicycle Aero Bars

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: VisionTech USA SuperMax, TriMax, TriMax Plus and Pro model Integrated Bicycle Aero Bars

Units: About 280

Manufacturer: VisionTech USA, Inc., of Auburn, Wash.

Hazard: The centerpiece of these bicycle aero bars can crack or break, causing the bicycle rider to lose control and crash.

Incidents/Injuries: VisionTech has received two reports of the centerpiece of these aero bars breaking, resulting in minor scrapes and abrasions.

Description: Aero bars are handlebar extensions typically used on racing and triathlon bicycles that either clip on to the handlebars or are sold as an integrated handlebar and stem system. The aero bars allow riders to ride in an aerodynamic crouching position. The recalled aero bars are an integrated system which have a casted aluminum centerpiece which are attached to a handlebar, a stem and two aero bars each approximately 15 inches long, protruding in front of the handlebar. The VisionTech logo is displayed in gold lettering against a black background on the wings of the bar. Bicycle aero bars bearing a silver and red decal on the wings with the words "Vision by Full Speed Ahead" are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Bicycle specialty stores nationwide from March 2002 through March 2003 for about \$435.

Manufactured in: USA

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the bicycle aero bars immediately and contact VisionTech USA, Inc. to have their aero bars tested. A free replacement will be provided for any bicycle aero bars found defective.

Consumer Contact: Contact VisionTech USA, Inc. toll free at (866) 204-5798, pin number 0118, between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

To view this recall online, please visit our website at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05229.html>