

# Chainwheel Chatter



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## NEXT Meeting!!!

**October 26, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

## ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on October 26<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Membership Meeting. The program will include an “Open Mic Session,” reports of the past years club happenings, and an introduction of the 2007 TCBA officers. This is YOUR club, and a good time to come forward with constructive comments and ideas as we prepare to enter the Year 2007. Refreshments will be provided and we hope to see many of you there.



Under separate cover via First Class Mail you will receive the official Election Ballot.

Also included with that ballot will be a profile of each candidate. Please read the instructions and descriptions carefully before completing the ballot.

You can **bring your ballot to the Club Meeting on October 26, or mail it to TCBA “Ballot”, P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909**, so that it is **received no later than October 26**. Ballots received after that date will not be counted. **Your vote is important – stand up and be counted! This is your chance to make a difference in the leadership of “your club.”** Please note that according to current Election Rules, **no blank ballots will be available at the October meeting – your vote can only be cast on the ballot that you receive in the mail.**

# Trick or Treat!



## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 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 November 7, 2006.

## Newsletter/Ride Calendar Deadline

The **deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, October 14, 2006**. Please send items to Charla Scheidler, 10384 Blackberry Ln., Haslett, MI 48840, FAX to (517) 339-1758 or send your email to: [chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org](mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org).

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

## Cycle Forum

### Topic: To Be Determined

Plan to join Allan Huber at **6:00 p.m.** immediately preceding the membership meeting on **Thursday, October 26, 2006**.

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## Executive Board Report

Submitted by: Charla Scheidler

The TCBA Board of Directors met at the Foster Community Center on September 5, 2006. Board members present included Arnie Johnson, Sue Viele, Ron Claflin, Charla Scheidler, Darryl Burris (left early), and Sara Troutman. Also present were club members Lee Adair, Cheryl Claflin, Katie Donnelly, Dave Hetherington, Lenny Provencher, and Dwayne Scheidler.

### Action items

Minutes of the June meeting were presented for review. Darryl Burris expressed displeasure regarding the content pertaining to the issue of the TCBA trailer. He distributed his written comments about the trailer and its use, requesting that it be made a part of the official minutes, and then left the meeting. Although remaining board members present did not dispute the accuracy of the minutes it was deemed by some that wording was too harsh and the following statement should be removed: *"The recommendation from both of these insurance professionals was disregarded."* It was also noted that a typo was made, and the vote on the motion made at the 08/01/06 meeting, regarding the trailer usage, should read 5-1 not 5-6. A motion to approve the minutes with these changes was made and a secret ballot vote was taken. The motion passed with one board member in opposition.

Arnie Johnson requested that all further discussion regarding the trailer usage cease until he, Dwayne Scheidler, Darryl Burris and Steve Schuesler have a chance to meet to discuss the insurance issues.

Treasurer, Ron Claflin, presented a financial report through September 5, 2006 which was approved as presented.

Sara Troutman asked for some direction regarding purchasing ride incentive awards for the 2005 ride leaders. It was agreed that first aid kits would be purchased for the lower category and arm warmers for the higher category. It was suggested that Louis Garneau be contacted for the arm warmers and that some extras be ordered to ensure that the correct sizes are available.

Arnie Johnson revisited a request that was made last year by an individual in need of a 3-wheeled bicycle. Arnie expressed his concern with the decision of the prior board to not fund the purchase and asked that the request be reconsidered. Questions arose regarding whether there was still a need and why a 3-wheeled bicycle was requested instead of a standard bicycle. Arnie will attempt to obtain the information for review at a future board meeting.

Lee Adair submitted a request to make a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to each of the State Parks used on SummerTour. A motion to approve the request was made and passed.

A review of candidates for the 2007 TCBA Election took place and the record date was set at October 1, 2006.

**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.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeanette Eastham  
Roger Thelen  
Doug and Anna Blanchard & Family  
Phil Deschaine & Family  
Alan Stauffer  
Kerrie Manes  
Sunshine Rasdale and Jacob Flanders & Family  
Kurt Swendsen  
Peter Janick  
Allen Neighborhood Center c/o Sandy Bisht  
Frances Campione  
Julia Spalding  
Grover Everett  
Tara Hengsbach  
Craig Pung

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## 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](mailto:membership@biketcba.org).



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

## October 2006 Ride Calendar

**Recurring Rides; all rides not started if raining or wet roads unless noted.**

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
<b>Sundays</b>	9:00 AM	40-45	Z	67th District Court House, Grand Blanc	No ride 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed/Roxanne Usewick 810-694-9919
	10:00 AM	40-45	Z	Holt Jr. High School	Rest stop at Country Mill	Pete Derkos 517-694-3024
<b>Mondays</b>	5:30 PM	20-25	B	DeWitt Jr. High	No ride on 30 <sup>th</sup>	Deb or Steve Haman 517-669-1978
<b>Tuesdays</b>						
<b>Wednesdays</b>	5:30 PM	20-25	B	Dewitt Jr. High	No ride on 4th or 11th	Deb or Steve Haman 517-669-1978
	10:00 AM	25-40	B	Mega Mall,		Edie Belcher 517 669-7259
<b>Thursdays</b>	5:30 PM	20-25	B	DeWitt Jr. High	No ride on 19th or 26 <sup>th</sup> (Club Meeting)	Deb or Steve Haman 517-669-1978
<b>Fridays</b>	10:00 AM	25-45	C	DeWitt Township Hall	Food stop. Temperature must be above 32 !	Janice Koller 517-669-5744
<b>Saturdays</b>	8:30 AM	40-50	Z	Sawdon School	No Ride 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Kappler 517-627-1709

### Ride Starting Point Descriptions

**67th District Court House** ..... Grand Blanc  
**Coaches** ..... Corner of M-99 and Bishop Road, SW Lansing former City Limit, Plum Crazy Too, Bishop Inn  
**Dewitt Junior High Sch.**, South lot..... Dewitt  
**Dewitt Township Hall**.. 1401 W. Herbison Rd. 1/2 mi. west of Old 27.  
**Holt Junior High School**. Aurelius Rd, ½ mi south of Holt Rd. Holt  
**Holt Pro Cycle**..... Cedar, 3 blocks S of Holt Rd.  
**Kroger**, Coolidge & Lake Lansing ..... Parking lot near Coolidge  
**Mega Mall**.... 15487 Old US-27 (Northeast St.) & Northcrest Rd / NE Corner of lot  
**Owosso Fire/Police Station**..... Owosso  
**Oneida Gospel Church** .....  
 ..... Corner of Oneida and Strange Hwy, Gd Ledge  
**Oneida Township Hall**..... St Joseph & Oneida Rd. Grand Ledge  
**Potterville City Park**..... Main Street just west of Hartel (M-100)  
**Potterville High School**..... High St., Potterville  
**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.

**FOR MORE RIDES CALL:**  
**517-882-3700 - or visit the Web Site:**  
[www.biketcba.org](http://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](mailto:donnell13@msu.edu)

*No club rides shall take place during the general membership meetings or to conflict with the Women on Wheels ride, the 100,000 Meter T-shirt Ride, or club-sponsored social activities.*

**HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!**

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

**FOR SALE:** Winter trainer. Blackburn Trakstand. Like new. Asking \$100. Call Sue @ 517-646-8335.

**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 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.bikes.msu.edu/donations/](http://www.bikes.msu.edu/donations/).

### SUNRISES & SUNSETS FOR OCTOBER, 2006

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
1	7:35	7:20	17	7:54	6:53
2	7:37	7:18	18	7:55	6:51
3	7:38	7:16	19	7:56	6:50
4	7:39	7:14	20	7:57	6:48
5	7:40	7:13	21	7:59	6:47
6	7:41	7:11	22	8:00	6:45
7	7:42	7:09	23	8:01	6:44
8	7:43	7:08	24	8:02	6:42
9	7:44	7:06	25	8:03	6:41
10	7:46	7:04	26	8:05	6:39
11	7:47	7:03	27	8:06	6:38
12	7:48	7:01	28	8:07	6:36
13	7:49	6:59	29*	7:08	5:35
14	7:50	6:58	30	7:10	5:34
15	7:51	6:56	31	7:11	5:32
16	7:53	6:54			

\* Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m.

## 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.

Visit our web site: [www.mikesfirehousegrill.com](http://www.mikesfirehousegrill.com), for directions, menus, and the history of our unique and exciting atmosphere

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

**PERSONAL TRAINING** – Benefit from bicycling-oriented fitness training with Audrey Morris, Certified Personal Trainer. Focus is on a progressive training program that strengthens the core and other muscles key to biking, as well as flexibility and aerobic elements. Certified by NASM, one of the top certifying organizations. Gift certificates available. Call Audrey at (517) 712-4678.

### SEW MUCH MORE

Cycling wear: jerseys, cycling shorts, tights, and cycling shells. Reasonable prices. Custom fit.

Gift certificates.

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

### Water Aerobics

Looking for a way to stay in shape during the cool months? Come join us for water aerobics at Waverly East Intermediate School! Present this coupon for a chance to try one of our classes for free! Do you have questions or need more information? Please check out our website, [www.deltami.gov/parks](http://www.deltami.gov/parks) for current pool schedules or you can call our office at (517) 484-5600. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

This Entitles TCBA Members:

To One (1) Free Aerobics Class at  
Delta/Waverly Activities

*Not Valid for Lap Swim or Family Swim. Must present this pass to the lifeguard to receive free class. Valid only once.*

Expires December 15, 2006



## COMMITTEE & CLUB NEWS

### Another Successful DALMAC Thanks To The 2006 Volunteers

Another dry DALMAC is in the books. Headwinds made the first day challenging but those of us that remember 1984 can hardly believe the wonderful weather DALMAC has enjoyed the last few years. The ride was relatively safe. The few problems that occurred were handled in the way DALMAC riders have come to expect. In each case the ride leaders and crew pulled together to provide the riders what was needed. Several people who run events themselves commented to me on the extreme complexity of DALMAC and the thorough and organized way we execute. It takes everyone pulling in the same direction to make that happen. I believe we have the commitment to providing a challenging ride at a low price with the right level of support. Completing the ride the first time or the twenty-third in a row gives a great sense of accomplishment.

As we wrap up the 2006 DALMAC tour I want to thank all the volunteers who made the 36th annual tour a success. I also want to thank you all for your cooperation and support over the last four years. 2006 was especially challenging with the Mackinac Bridge crossing changes. Some of the responses to the options we offered were surprising. We did, however, fill the ride and we can use what we learned to improve future rides.

Thanks again for your support and I will always consider the DALMAC committee and crew to be very special.

You should all have received your Appreciation Dinner invitation in the mail. Please note the dress code is casual, *but no jeans*.

Darryl Burris, Events Director

### MSU's Great Lakes Folk Festival



For the seventh straight year, TCBA and the League of Michigan Bicyclists teamed up in August to provide free guarded bike parking for people attending MSU's

Great Lakes Folk Festival in East Lansing. From August 11-13, we parked nearly 500 bikes and distributed a great deal of literature promoting TBCA, LMB, bike safety and other worthy causes. My thanks to those TCBA members and others who volunteered their time to park bikes, as well as set up and tear down the facilities. Special thanks to Mike Egan for use of his van and time to transport the bike racks. A few years ago, TCBA generously funded LMB's purchase of the racks. These racks are available for use at other events. For more information, contact me in Lansing at 517-267-8971 or [philwells99@yahoo.com](mailto:philwells99@yahoo.com).



## FROM THE TCBA MAIL BAG

### Bicycle World TV

The world of bicycling has certainly endured its share of ups and downs over the last several years. Unfortunately most of the main stream press coverage focuses on the negative news surrounding cycling.

Fortunately for us now there is a weekly television show devoted solely to promote the beautiful sport of cycling. It is called Bicycle World and it will be airing in January on Fox Sports Network.

The show needs your help in proving to the networks and potential sponsors that cycling has a strong and passionate national following worthy of more coverage.

Bicycle World is asking for you to take a couple of minutes and register on their site to show that support. There is a brief 10 question form to register and you can even give input into what segments you are most interested in seeing. To register, simply go to <http://bicycleworld.tv> and click on the bottom Yellow "Support Cycling" graphic.

By registering you will automatically be entered to win a new-lightweight carbon frame by Velo Vie, Maxxis tires, Louis Garneau clothing, Bicycle World schwag and much more. We will use your email to notify you if you win a prize and to let you know the exact air dates and times in your area.

Please pass this e-mail along to every casual and hard core rider you know, outdoor enthusiast or anyone who just wants to get in shape through the great sport of cycling.

Rich Moeller - [office@lmb.org](mailto:office@lmb.org)  
Executive Director  
League of Michigan Bicyclists

### Bicycle Child Carrier Recall

PTI Sports Schwinn Deluxe Bicycle Child Carriers sold at department stores and discount department stores from September 2004 to November 2005 for about \$50.00.

If the seat is not properly attached and locked on the rack, the plastic tabs on the carriers can break and cause the seat to fall, posing a risk of serious injury. Contact PTI Sports at 1-800-515-0074.

### In Memory of Frank Kral

Long-time TCBA member Frank John Kral passed away on August 26, 2006 at the age of 91. Many DALMAC riders will remember Frank as their Baggage Truck driver during the early years of the 5-day route. Frank had a passion for bicycling and had bicycled 72,000 miles. Condolences can be sent to the family through the Sharp Funeral Homes web site at: [http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com/condolences.asp?cat\\_id=Services&page\\_id=Condolences&index=2166](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com/condolences.asp?cat_id=Services&page_id=Condolences&index=2166)