

Chainwheel Chatter



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NEXT Meeting

April 24—7:00 p.m.
Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster St., Lansing

Tom Maleck

Tom Maleck is a professor and traffic engineer at Michigan State University. He will discuss the upcoming closure of Farm Lane in East Lansing. Additionally, he will provide information on the extensive bike lane system that is being built throughout the Michigan State University campus.

Cycle Forum

Plan to join Alan Huber at **6:00 p.m.**, immediately preceding the membership meeting on **Thursday, April 24, 2008.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Save the Date!

10,000 Metre
T-Shirt Ride
June 7, 2008
Laingsburg, MI



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www.biketcba.org.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 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.

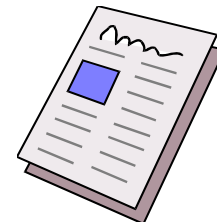
Newsletter/Ride Calendar Deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, April 11, 2008. Please send items to TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSN., P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909-2146, fax to 1-800-480-1146 or e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org.

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

Chainwheel Chatter Editor Needed

TCBA is searching for a volunteer to take over editor responsibilities for the *Chainwheel Chatter* as soon as possible. Interested parties should contact Sue Viele at (517) 643-1065 or by e-mail at vp@biketcba.org.



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MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Foster Community Center—Lansing
February 5, 2008

Board members present included Sue Viele, Linda Antinori, Al Simons, Kris Stairs, and Herb Drake. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Lenny Provencher, Tom Hardenbergh, Andrea Rybicki, and Cheryl and Ron Claflin.

Reports

1. **President's Report:** Sue Viele, acting president, announced in Joe Adams' absence, that the Board would be following the meeting Agenda and not straying from it. Membership comments would be limited to 5 minutes, unless the issue merited further Board discussion and time was available at the end of the meeting. If time wasn't available at the end of the current Board meeting, the issue would be added to the Agenda of the next Board meeting. Future agenda items need to be e-mailed or phoned in to a Board member five days before the next Board meeting to be included on that meeting's Agenda.
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Sue Viele reported the preparations were under way for the Annual Club Picnic. Possible sites include Hawk Island and Sleepy Hollow parks.
3. **Minutes/Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the January meeting were presented for review by secretary Linda Antinori. Grammatical changes to the minutes were suggested and made. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Herb Drake, was seconded by Al Simons and carried unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was unavailable due to Dick Sulin's illness.
5. **Ride Program Committee:** Kris Stairs introduced the 2008 Ride Incentives as the following for Board approval:
Level 1—Lightweight riding jacket with sleeves that zip off to convert to a vest
Level 2—Small messenger bag
Level 3—Lighting system for a bicycle—front and back
Level 4—Seat bag for a bicycle
Level 5 – Mesh hat

Sue Viele made a motion to approve the 2008 incentives as listed and it was seconded by Linda Antinori. The motion carried unanimously.

Kris Stairs made a motion to permit the Ride Committee to order 120 water bottles for 2007 incentives, the remainder to be used for sale to members and club marketing purposes. Linda Antinori seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. **DALMAC:** Al Simons, events director, announced that the DALMAC booklet is scheduled to be put in the mail February 18, with on-line registration opening on February 19. Twenty thousand booklets have been printed, with just a little fine tuning needed on the changes to the registration process
7. **Northwest Tour:** There is still space available on the Northwest Tour.
8. **Summer Tour:** Sue Viele reported there were 40 spaces available on Summer Tour as of January 31.

New Business

- **DALMAC Fund**—Tom Hardenburgh presented a proposal changing The DALMAC Fund to one large award per year instead of several smaller ones. This would entail reducing the dollar amount of the 2008 grants to allow carry over to fund one large grant in 2009. The philosophy behind the proposed change is that the TCBA could do more good with one large grant to a group working on a project that would benefit a larger number of people. One example would be contributing to a group that would use the money to increase the number of ride able trails in the state, thus increasing the level and type of outdoor activity available in the state.

Based on Tom's proposal, Linda Antinori made a motion to allow The DALMAC Fund Committee to limit its grants in 2008 to \$35,000, thus allowing a reserve to be built with existing funds and future DALMAC revenues. Al Simons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- **Web Site Update**—Herb Drake made a motion to meet with Ed Noonan and others to look into updating our Web site and making it more user-friendly. Al Simons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **Annual Alma Trip**—Kris Stairs made a motion to the Board asking for \$250 to cover mileage and camping for the Annual Brint Donalson Alma Trip trailer crew. Linda Antinori seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org, fax to 1-800-480-1146 or mail to TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSN., P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909-2146

For Sale: 24 speed Giant OCR-Two 56 cm - Large, Shimano Sona full component package and flight deck computer. \$350 or best offer. Contact Kris Stairs at (517) 627-4211 or stairskris@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Trek road bike. 1420 aluminum 56 cm. 27 speed. STI shifters. Complete 105 equipment. Rolf Vector comp wheels. Terry saddle and computer. Very nice bike. Call Jeff at (517) 628-3976.

For Sale: Bike E recumbent, fairing, compass, headlight, mirror, pump, back seat bag. Tuned and two new tires and tubes, Fall '08. Fair to good condition. Asking \$615. If interested call Denny at (269) 657-2166.

For Sale: CAD 3 Cannondale compact gear. Needs new wire at handlebar. Needs new crank on right side. Has handle bag. This is a spinning machine. Asking \$200. If interested call Denny at (269) 657-2166.

Sunrises & Sunsets for April 2008

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
1	7:14	7:59	16	6:49	8:16
2	7:12	8:00	17	6:47	8:17
3	7:11	8:01	18	6:46	8:18
4	7:09	8:02	19	6:44	8:19
5	7:07	8:03	20	6:43	8:20
6	7:06	8:04	21	6:41	8:21
7	7:04	8:06	22	6:40	8:22
8	7:02	8:07	23	6:38	8:24
9	7:00	8:08	24	6:37	8:25
10	6:59	8:09	25	6:35	8:26
11	6:57	8:10	26	6:34	8:27
12	6:56	8:11	27	6:32	8:28
13	6:54	8:12	28	6:31	8:29
14	6:52	8:13	29	6:30	8:30
15	6:51	8:15	30	6:28	8:31

**14th Annual Brent Donaldson
Highland Festival Weekend Ride**

The Highland Festival Ride honors its originator and long-time TCBA member the late Brent Donaldson. The route goes to Alma where participants may attend the Highland Festival and camp at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds.

The ride leaves from the DeWitt Township Hall, located at 1401 W. Herbison Rd, ½ mile west of Old 27. (**Note, this is a new starting location.**) Riders are asked to park as far from the Township Hall main entrance as possible and to park all vehicles together.

TCBA is offering baggage transport (**reservation required**). Please contact Kris Stairs at (517) 627-4211 or e-mail stairskris@yahoo.com (put Alma ride in subject line) by Thursday, May 22, for a baggage reservation.

Two departure dates are available. Ride departs rain or shine on Friday, May 23, at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 24, at 9:00 a.m. The ride returns Sunday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m. The return ride early on Sunday morning allows the group to avoid the worst of the holiday traffic.

The ride distance is 50 miles one way and 100 miles total. This is a class Z ride (rides over 40 miles in length to be ridden at the riders own pace without on the road ride leader supervision). Riders must be self sufficient, as no SAG support will be provided.

The Gratiot County Fairgrounds is within walking distance to downtown Alma and the festival at Alma College. The campground offers open, grassy camp sites. The camping fee is \$10 per tent for each night. Alma College dorm rooms are also available for overnights. Information can be found at www.almahighlandfestival.com/house_meals.htm.

The cost for tickets to the Highland Festival is \$15 each day. Many varied festival activities are available. Details can be found at www.almahighlandfestival.com.

Food is the responsibility of each individual rider. Restaurants are available within walking distance. On Saturday, May 28, Alma College offers breakfast at the Hamilton Commons on campus 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a cost of \$6.50. The group stops at the Middleton Diner for lunch on the way to Alma and for breakfast on the return trip.

April 2008 Ride Calendar
Recurring Rides (No ride if rain unless stated otherwise)

Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
Tuesdays	4:00 p.m.	25-35	B	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No ride in high winds	Dave Smith (989) 723-1211
	6:00 p.m.	15-25	C	Oneida Gospel Church		Dennis Stinson (517) 543-9432 or (517) 285-3433
Thursdays	4:00 p.m.	25-35	B	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No ride in high winds; no ride on April 24 (club meeting)	Dave Smith (989) 723-1211
	6:00 p.m.	15-25	C	Oneida Gospel Church	No ride on April 24 (club meeting)	Dennis Stinson (517) 543-9432 or (517) 285-3433
Fridays	10:30 a.m.	25-30	C	DeWitt Township Hall	Pavement must be free of ice and snow; wind velocity must be less than 21 mph; temperatures must be warmer than 31 degrees; food stop; no ride April 11	Jan or Tony Koller (517) 669-5744
Saturdays	8:00 a.m.	45-60	Z	Sawdon School	Roads must be dry	Dennis Stinson (517) 543-9432 or (517) 285-3433

Other Day Rides in April (one time only)

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
Sunday/April 20	9:00 a.m.	25-35	B	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No ride in high winds	Dave Smith (989) 723-1211
Sunday/April 27	9:00 a.m.	25-35	B	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No ride in high winds	Dave Smith (989) 723-1211

Helmets are required on all TCBA rides!

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

- **DeWitt Township Hall**, 1401 W. Herbison Rd., ½ mile west of Old 27
- **Oneida Gospel Church**, Corner of Oneida and Strange Hwy, Grand Ledge
- **Owosso Fire & Police Station**, 202 S. Water St., Owosso
- **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
Z* Over 40 miles at 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 at www.biketcba.org. Check this number for updates and changes to rides listed here. To receive the Ride Line Transcript by e-mail, send your request to donnel13@msu.edu.

2007 incentive items may be picked up at TCBA's general membership meetings in April, May, June and July. Items not picked up by July's meeting will be donated to TCBA for club use.

It's About the Fun!

It surely was the anticipation of all the FUN ahead that kept us awake most of the night before the start of DALMAC '73. The 10-speed touring bikes were ready. The two suitcases were packed. Even the registration envelopes were finally all stuffed and in boxes; all 225 of them. We were up early and off to Y-Lot. It was 6 a.m. A little sleepy, but we were fired-up thinking about all the FUN we would have on this first-of-all DALMAC adventures.

Linda and I were sharing crew duties. Registration was her baby. She worked the table while I got ready to roll-out with the riders to the Capitol. What a rush it was pulling-out onto Mt. Hope in the pack of riders with the police flashers ahead blocking intersections backed-up with early morning commuters. I can't imagine how much FUN it must have been for them to sit there and watch us ride through the red lights. I was having a blast and lots of FUN.

After the festivities at the Capitol, which were really FUN, even though I couldn't hear what Dick Allen and Governor Milliken said, we headed north. I had had so much FUN by the time we got to Maple Rapids, it was time to stop for lunch at the tavern. I was sure glad I had trained for the ride. I was sure my backside would have been a lot sorer if I hadn't. Sitting on the carpet padding I had fashioned under my seat cover sure was more FUN than sitting on the never-to-be-broken-in saddle that came on my Dawes.

When we got to Ithaca, it seemed like we couldn't have any more FUN that first day. But, I was wrong. Waiting as the sun set for Dick's grills to produce the long-anticipated burgers sure was FUN. So was eating in the dark and then finding a site for our tent in Dick's pasture. Glad I missed the fresh cow pies. Sleeping on top of one of them would not have been FUN.

The next day, I had to take a sag stop. Little did I realize how much FUN it would be having to tell riders they had a choice of several miles of hard-packed dirt road one way, but only a mile of walkable sand the other. It was FUN to watch their faces as they agonized over the decision. I'm sure Kathy J. had FUN on that hard-packed dirt until she fell and unfortunately found some big pieces of gravel with her knee.

Sugar Springs was great. A big open field, no trees, and little salad bowls full of lettuce, macaroni salad, and cole slaw. FUNny, I don't remember much more about the food. Oh yeah, there was lemonade. No matter what though, eating outdoors was FUN, even with the no-see-ums.

The next day we headed for Hartwick Pines. Linda and I had scouted this campground in the spring to see if it was big enough. It had lots of sites. I never have been able to figure out why we wound up pitching the tent amongst the trees in the woods that night. But, it was FUN sleeping in the woods. The mosquitoes weren't too bad and bathing in the cool Au Sable took the sweat off after a hot, hot ride. The trip to MacDonald's in Gaylord to fill the orders for dinner was the most FUN of all. Loading all those blue trays with burgers, fries, and pops into my blue Dodge Tradesman was FUN. Back at Hartwick, handing bags to riders as they came up out of the dark woods on the honor system to collect their dinner was FUN, too.

The next day was day four; the last day. The FUN would soon be over, but we had miles of FUN to go this day. By some accounts, it was the hottest September day ever; and the longest century. I guess the FUN I had sitting on the side of some road near Petoskey getting water dumped over my overheated head attests to that. Before that FUN, Linda and I rode to Frederick for the first sizable meal we had in several days. Dean B was driving our sag van that day picking up tired riders. I'm not sure how many he ferried across the five miles of unpaved, nearly unrideable road between Wolverine and the Emmet County line. It would have been FUN to see their happy faces even as we trudged up and down the rolling hills. The final miles into Mackinaw City were the most FUN of all. First, though, came the long awaited stop at Legg's Inn. The FUN predicted to happen there really did, fueled as it was by many drafts and the realization that it was at about the 100 mile mark. After that, with the last strains of the country band pounding in a hot, beery head, it was only a FUN 25 mile ride to Mackinaw. I suppose some people don't think riding at dusk or in the dark is FUN. That did not keep them from riding the remaining miles into Mac City and having FUN as they tried to keep one of those FUN-to-try-to-keep-on-your-leg strap-on leg lights ride leader John C threw to them from sliding down to their ankle.

I never did get to sleep that night. All the day's FUN easily overcame the urge to sleep. I sat on a boulder staring at the arc of lights on the bridge. At 6 a.m., we would ride across to St. Ignace and back. Linda checked-off the riders who qualified for the LAW Century Awards under the dim light in the back of the baggage truck.

I don't remember how much FUN we had driving home, probably because by then we were all FUNned out. The first of many FUN DALMACs was over. There's a country song with the line "but I ain't never had too much FUN." As much FUN as I have had on DALMAC, I still think I can agree with that sentiment.

Tom Hardenbergh, DALMAC Veteran '73-'07

MEMBER SPECIALS

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