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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
MEMBERSHIP	August 21, 2008 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Dave Dubuc He will speak about his Fast Ride Across America, sponsored by "America by Bicycle". He rode from Newport Beach, CA to Amesbury Beach, MA (north of Boston); a total of 3,459 in 32 days.
CYCLE FORUM	August 21, 2008 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Allan Huber DALMAC Preparation — Questions & Answers
BOARD MEETING	September 2, 2008 6:30 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	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 you contact the President one week prior to the meeting and ask to have it added to the agenda.



DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 8TH	Please send items to Janet Weber, 767 Linden Street, Charlotte, MI 48813 or fax to 1-800-480-1160, or send your e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR AUGUST 6TH	Information for the ride calendar needs to be sent to Ed Usewick, 590 Boutell Drive, Grand Blanc, MI 48439 or e-mailed to rideschedule@biketcba.org. So we can include this information in the next newsletter, please note the indicated deadline. Furthermore, please be sure to use the electronic tools to register rides. Please ensure you include critical information such as ride times, mileage, location, and ride leader name and telephone number.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Dear Members: Now is the time to think about your 2009 officers for TCBA. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please make your preference known. Alternatively, if you know someone who you think would be a good officer, encourage them to run. This is **your** club and it would be nice to have several people running for each position. Please give this serious thought. Your input is important and we encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you. Sue Viele, Vice President (term ending Dec. 2008). Nominations should be sent to: board@biketcba.org.



**MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Foster Community Center - Lansing
June 3, 2008**

Board members present included Joe Adams, Sue Viele, Linda Antinori, Dick Sulin, Al Simons and Kris Stairs. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Janet Weber, Bill Savage, Lee Adair, and Dick Janson.

Reports

1. **President's Report:** Joe Adams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Herb Drake was absent due to a work emergency. Joe announced that he had received correspondence from the LMB stating that the 4th Annual Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Day was to be held June 5, 2008 starting with a ride from the MSU Bicycle Shelter to the State Capital for a rally.
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Sue Viele, Vice-President, announced that the Club's annual Christmas Party will be held December 11, 2008 at the Chisholm Hills Country Club. The Club Picnic will be held June 29 at Raynor Park in Mason.
3. **Minutes/Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the May meeting were presented for review by Linda Antinori, Secretary. After a grammatical correction, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Sue Viele, seconded by Kris Stairs, and carried unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dick Sulin, Treasurer, presented May Financial Reports to the Board for review. A motion to pass the Financial Reports was made by Linda Antinori and seconded by Al Simons. The motion was passed unanimously. Dick Sulin reported that reserved funds had been transferred from the DALMAC Fund to a Money Market account to earn interest for future projects.
5. **Events Director:** Al Simons, Event Director, reported the current rider count for DALMAC is at 2,333. The 5 Day and 4 Day West are full and we are close to closing the 5 UP. The other two routes are filling nicely.
6. **Ride Program Committee:** We need to know what we have available in terms of jersey sizes for club members. Kris and Herb are to look into ideas for a possible new design for our jersey.
7. **Summer Tour:** Lee Adair said Summer Tour is ready to go.
8. **Northwest Tour:** Northwest Tour has 175 registered riders and is set to go. This year they have included gas cards in the drawing prizes.
9. **Chainwheel Chatter:** Janet Weber is working with Hot Prospects to fold our newsletter into a letter size envelope, thus saving us postage costs.

Old Business:

- Dick Sulin reported back to the Board that the Foster Center had requested a \$1,200 donation for electronic equipment and games in response to our inquiry on what we could do to help their programs. Many felt the amount was too high and the items requested didn't fit our parameters. The Board decided that Foster Center must report to them on what they bought and how it benefited them. Dick Sulin made a motion to donate \$1,200 to the Foster Center for the items they requested. There was no second, and the motion failed.

- The Board discussed TCBA endorsed rides outside the Tri-County Area. It was decided that we need to set guidelines for Self-Contained Club rides and limit the starting distance from Lansing. Sue Viele made a motion to allow riders on Jan Koller's Pere Marquette Trail Ride to get club credit for the ride. Linda Antinori seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 1 nay.

New Business:

- Discussion on Incentive Awards was tabled until next month. We are still under budget on the items.
- Linda Antinori volunteered to look into updating and developing a promotional club pamphlet.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT article from the LMB

Tell your Legislator to Support HB 6299 and HB 6300, make roads safer for cyclist.

Representatives Andy Coulouris (D-Saginaw) and David Palsrok (R-Manistee) on June 29 introduced House Bills 6299 and 6300, which enhance penalties for moving violations causing physical injury or death to bicyclists and other vulnerable roadway users.

Senator Tom George (R-Kalamazoo) has committed to introduce Senate companion bills with the same language. (Check www.LMB.org/advocacycenterhtm) for future information, including Senate bill numbers and co-sponsors).

A teen on a bike deserves the same protection as one driving a tractor. These bills will make Michigan roadways safer for bicyclists and all vulnerable users of our taxpayer-funded road system.

Bill Excerpts:

- (1) A "VULNERABLE ROADWAY USER" IS DEFINED AS A PEDESTRIAN OR A PERSON OPERATING A NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION DEVICE (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO A BICYCLE).
- (2) A PERSON WHO COMMITS A MOVING VIOLATION AND AS A RESULT CAUSES INJURY TO A VULNERABLE ROADWAY USER ON A HIGHWAY WHO IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.
- (3) A PERSON WHO COMMITS A MOVING VIOLATION AND AS A RESULT CAUSES DEATH TO A VULNERABLE ROADWAY USER ON A HIGHWAY WHO IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$7,500.00, OR BOTH.

Please write your Representatives today and ask them to support HB 6299 & 6300! A sample letter is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Also, please make sure to thank your legislator if he/she is sponsoring or co-sponsoring one of these bills, or commits to voting for it.

Current Sponsors and Co-sponsors:

- ◇ Andy Coulouris (primary HB 6300)

- ◇ David Palsrok (primary HB 6299)
- ◇ George Cushingberry, Jr. (D-Detroit)
- ◇ Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak)
- ◇ Bill Huizenga (R-Zeeland)
- ◇ Joe Hune (R-Hamburg)
- ◇ Robert Jones (D-Kalamazoo)
- ◇ Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland)
- ◇ Gabe Leland (D-Detroit)
- ◇ Mark Meadows (D-E. Lansing)
- ◇ Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale)
- ◇ Fred Miller (D-Mount Clemens)
- ◇ Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor)

HB 6299 & 6300 have been referred to the House Transportation Committee. Constituent letters to Committee members are especially important right now.

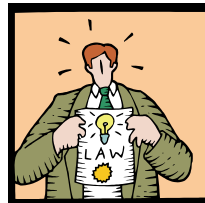
Transportation Committee Members:

- ◇ Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Committee Chair, (D-Westlake, Taylor)
- ◇ Martin J. Griffin (D), Majority Vice-Chair, 64th District
- ◇ Frank Accavitti, Jr., (D-South Park, Eastpointe)
- ◇ Steve Bieda (D-Warren)
- ◇ Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak)*
- ◇ Kate Ebli (D-Monroe)
- ◇ Gabe Leland (D-Detroit)*
- ◇ Jeff Mayes (D-Bay City)
- ◇ Fred Miller (D-Mount Clemens)*
- ◇ Coleman A. Young II (D-Detroit)
- ◇ Philip LaJoy, Minority Vice-Chair (R-Canton)
- ◇ Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba)
- ◇ Neal Nitz (R-Baraga)
- ◇ Phil Pavlov (R-St Clair Township)
- ◇ Tom Pearce (R-Rockford)
- ◇ John Stahl (R-North Branch)
- ◇ Marty Knollenberg (R-Troy)

*Committee members already co-sponsoring HB 6299 & 6300

Find full bills and legislator addresses at: www.LMB.org/advocacycenterhtm or call the LMB office at (888) 642-4537.

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August 2008 Ride Calendar

Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain, Unless Noted

DAY	TIME	MILES	CLASS	START LOCATION	OTHER INFORMATION	RIDE LEADER
SUNDAYS	8:00 AM	60+	Z	67th District Court House, Grand Blanc	Only Two Rides 3rd, 24th	Ed Usewick 810-694-9919
MONDAYS	6:30 PM	18-25	C	Coach's All American Pub	No ride on August 11	Ginger Royston or Dick Chulski 517-393-4799
TUESDAYS	5:00 PM	25-35	C	Owosso Fire & Police Station		David Smith 989-723-1211
	6:00 PM	15-30	B	Oneida Gospel Church	email dcstinson@starband.net	Dennis Stinson 517-285-3433
	6:15 PM	25-30	C	DeWitt Meijers - Webb & US 27	No Ride August 26—DALMAC Registration	Linda Antinori 517-410-6043
	6:30 PM	25-30	B	Williamston Town Hall	No ride August 26th	Ron & Mary Sue Gorsline, 517-655-9381
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 AM	40-50	Z	Mega Hall	No Ride August 27th	Edie Belcher 517-242-4122
	10:00 AM	18-39	D	Coaches (Bishops Road)	No Ride on the 9th	Sandy Barringer 517-272 2833

August-2008 Wednesday Evening Rides - MSU Pavilion

ALL CLASSES, 6:15pm 1/2 mi. south of the Y-Lot

Class/Mileage	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27; DALMAC Begins
A, 30-40 mi				
B; 25-35 mi.	Jim Delinescheff 517-333-9329	Sue Viele 517-333-0306	Jim Delinescheff 517-333-9329	
C; 20-30 mi.	Mary Burris 517-394-1617	Edie Belcher 517-242-4122	Mary Burris 517-394-1617	
D; 15-25 mi.	Connie Campbell 517-285-2012 ?	Mike Overlay 517-702-3771	Edie Belcher 517-242-4122	Connie Campbell 517-285-2012 ?

Thursdays					No Ride the 21st Club Meeting	
	5:00 PM	25-35	C	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No Ride the 28th	David Smith 989-723-1211
	6:00 PM	15-30	B	Oneida Gospel Church	No Ride the 28th dcstinson@starband.net	Dennis Stinson 517-285-3433
	6:30 PM	25-30	B	Williamston Town Hall	No Ride the 28th	Jeff and Janet Dillingham 517-339-0442 517-655-9381
Fridays	9:00 AM	30-50	C	DeWitt Meijer at Webb Road and Crossover Drive.	No ride August 29th. Park in the extreme NW corner of parking lot	Jan or Tony Koller 517-669-5744

August 2008 Ride Calendar (Continued) Recurring Rides: No Ride if Rain, Unless Noted

	TIME	MILES	CLASS	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
Saturdays	8:00 AM	32+	C	67th District Court House, Grand Blanc	Ride length can increase by group consensus	Roxanne Usewick 810-694-9919
	8:00 AM	50-70	Z	Sawdon School	dcstinson@starband.net No Ride August 30th	Dennis Stinson 517-285-3433
	9:00 AM	12	D	Coaches (Bishop Road)	Uncle Miltie's Breakfast ride. Bring the kids No Ride on 30th	Milt Gruhn 517-393-1617
	10:00 AM	40-60	Z	Coaches (Bishop Road)	No ride August 2nd, 30th	Sandy Barringer 517-272-2833
	3:30 PM	Off Road	M	Riverbend	Call Jim for Details	James Blais 517-575-9058

Other DAY RIDES (one time only) in August..

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Info	Ride Leader
Saturday August 2nd	7:30 AM	55	Z	Holt Junior High	Destination: Vermontville	Steven Leiby 517-882-2108
Saturday August 2nd	8:00 AM	75-80	Z	Holt Commuter Lot		Linda Antinori 517-410-6043
Saturday August 9th	7:30 AM	70	Z	Holt Junior High	Destination: Williamston & Dansville	Steven Leiby 517-882-2108
Saturday August 16th	7:30 AM	80	Z	Holt Junior High	Destination: Leslie & Charlotte	Steven Leiby 517-882-2108
Saturday August 16th	10:00 AM	60	Z	Pere Marquette Trailhead (Clare)	Trailhead is located on Saginaw Rd just under the 127 overpass	Jan or Tony Koller 517-669-5744
Saturday August 23rd	7:30 AM	95	Z	Holt Junior High	Destination: Hell	Steven Leiby 517-882-2108
Saturday August 23rd	8:00 AM	100	Z	Holt High School 9th Grade Campus (Holt Rd E of Grovenburg Rd)	22nd ANNUAL JACKSON-ALBION CENTURY phil-wells99@yahoo.com	Phil Wells 517-267-8971
Saturday August 23rd	8:00 AM	65-75	Z	Coaches (Bishop Road)		Lynn Farabaugh 517-371-4336
Sunday August 24th	8:00 AM	100-105	Z	Williamstown Township Hall	Ride will go to Chesaning	Katie Donnelly 517-349-5564

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

67th District Court House.....Grand Blanc
Coaches Pub & Grill.....6201 Bishop - south of the ML King exit on I-96
Dewitt Township Hall.....1401 W. Herbison Rd. 1/2 mi. west of Old 27
Holt Commuter Lot.....1 block left of the Holt Road Exit off 127 or 1/3 mi east of the College Road and Holt Road intersection
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)
Mega Mall.....15487 Old US-27 (Northeast St.) & Northcrest Rd / NE Corner of lot
MSU Pavilion.....northeast corner of Forest and College Road
Owosso Fire/Police Station.....Owosso
Oneida Gospel Church.....Corner of Oneida and Strange Hwy, Grand Ledge
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
 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
 To receive the Ride Line Transcript by email send your

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!

AUGUST MEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to the DALMAC taking place on the 28th of August, this month's meeting will be moved up by one week. Please mark your calendars to attend the monthly meeting on August 21!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Paul Jenkins
Janice Siegford
Rachel Rosenbaum
Kelly Reynolds
Gloria Wesaw

HAS YOUR ADDRESSED CHANGED?

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 e-mail your address change to membership@biketcba.org. Or, for your convenience, please mail the form on the last page to TCBA, Membership Change of Address, P. O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909.

LOST AND FOUND

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING ON THE NW TOUR...



A green and white, Michigan State University stocking cap was found near site #142. Also, a bike, cable-lock with both a key and combination mechanism was located near site #173. Items may have been left by individuals who departed the tour early on Saturday. Items were turned in to the Campground office. If you are missing either of these items, contact Dick Sulin at (517) 339-2368.



...OR PERHAPS WHILE RIDING NEAR MSU?

While biking southbound on College Road, south of Forest Rd., on/about June 29, a quality pair of sunglasses (not prescription), presumably lost by a biker. The owner can call Audrey Morris at (517) 712-4678 to claim them.



Sunrises & Sunsets for August 2008

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	6:30	8:58	16	6:46	8:38
2	6:31	8:57	17	6:47	8:36
3	6:32	8:56	18	6:48	8:35
4	6:33	8:54	19	6:50	8:33
5	6:35	8:53	20	6:51	8:32
6	6:36	8:52	21	6:52	8:30
7	6:37	8:51	22	6:53	8:28
8	6:38	8:49	23	6:54	8:27
9	6:39	8:48	24	6:55	8:25
10	6:40	8:46	25	6:56	8:24
11	6:41	8:45	26	6:57	8:22
12	6:42	8:44	27	6:58	8:20
13	6:43	8:42	28	6:59	8:19
14	6:44	8:41	29	7:00	8:17
15	6:45	8:39	30	7:01	8:15
			31	7:02	8:14

2008 MICHIGAN RIDE OF SILENCE

By Mark Hagar, Ride of Silence, National Board Member, Mentor, Club Communications
Ride of Silence, MI Director, 2005-2009 Grand Rapids MI Organizer

Michigan Rides of Silence were held in conjunction with Rides of Silence worldwide in 299 confirmed locations, in 18 counties on Wed. May 21st at 7 PM (and Sat. May 24th at 10 AM in the southern hemisphere). We rode with cyclists in all 50 states and with cyclists in; Antarctica, Argentina, Australia (8 locations), Bolivia, Brazil (2 locations), British Virgin Isles, Canada (8 locations), Caribbean (Aruba), China (2 locations), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico (4 locations), New Zealand, Republic of Panama and Spain (8 locations).

Where did we ride in Michigan and who rode? Adrian-10 riders, Ann Arbor-50 riders, Battle Creek-55 riders, Bay City-no report, Boyne City-35 riders, Detroit Belle Isle-135 riders, Detroit East Side-32 riders, E. Lansing-34 riders, Grand Rapids-150 riders, Grand Rapids, YMCA, (Spin for Silence) 15 riders, Grand Rapids E. Hills Athletic Club, (Spin for Silence) 15 riders, Grand Rapids, Michigan Athletic Club, (Spin for Silence) no report, Grayling-no report, Harbor Springs-25 riders, Haslett (Lansing area)-no report, Holland-25 riders, Houghton-75 riders, Jackson-4 riders, Kalamazoo-65 riders, Lennon (Flint area)-4 riders, Menominee-10 riders, Midland-no report, Saginaw-no report, Sault St Marie-4 riders, Spring Lake-68 riders, Traverse City-17 riders, Westland (Dearborn-Livonia area)-50 riders, Ypsilanti-20 riders.

Why did we ride globally? Cyclists across the globe face many of the same issues we face here in Michigan. We rode to remember fellow cyclists; both family and friends who've been injured or killed by motorists while enjoying a sport they love. We rode in hopes of educating and making motorists and the public aware that cyclists have the same rights out on the road, must follow the same rules, to please Share the Road with us, please be CAREFUL, that we are out there!

Why did we ride locally? From some of the MI organizers: **Boyer City**: "This year we remembered Dr. William Crowley, a member of the North Country Bicycle Club here in Boyne City and frequent rider in the area while vacationing here with his family. Dr. Bill was struck from behind by a SUV while riding on a bicycle tour in Southern Ohio on May 11th this year. Many of us had the opportunity to ride with him here in Northern MI each summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his lovely wife Mary and his two young daughters." **Detroit-East Side**: "We have a large cycling contingent in the Detroit area, and unfortunately we have had way too many of our own to remember for the 'ride of silence'." **E. Lansing**: "We were honored to

have Ann Larabee, sister of Dave Larabee, killed Sept. 2005 by a drunk driver, ride with us again this year. Several others on the ride have been hit and injured by motorists; a few stories were shared at the end of the ride at the Capitol." **Grand Rapids**: "Back at the park a woman came up to me and thanked me, saying she had closure. Before I could inquire, she was gone. Later that evening she emailed me, thanking me again. I replied was she the woman who mentioned closure? She replied yes. Barb was a very dear friend of Patricia Fetting-Vora, whom we honored in our 1st Ride of Silence in 2005, who was killed just a few short weeks before the Ride that year. Barb told me it was almost a year before she could get back on her bike." **Harbor Springs**: "Three (3) cyclists injured by automobiles, including the organizer." **Kalamazoo**: "We rode this year not only to remember all that have been killed or injured but with a special memorial for Jun Kojima who was killed in Mendon not far from Kalamazoo April 24th by an 18 year old motorist on a cell phone." **Traverse City**: "The importance of the purpose of our RofS was really brought home as Eli Wooley and his parents came to encourage, support and thank us for the memorial ride. Eli suffered severe brain trauma as a result of being hit while riding his bike last July." **Ypsilanti**: "I was seriously injured by a hit and run driver in November 2006".

What kind of weather did we ride in? All kinds, from good to mostly lousy. (Michigan, go figure!) Organizers comments: **Adrian**: "This year has been the driest of the three Rides." **Ann Arbor**: "It was a beautiful MI evening." **Battle Creek**: "We had beautiful (albeit a bit chilly) weather." **Boyer City**: "Mother Nature was not cooperating again this year with temps going into the 30's, rain and wind." **Detroit-Belle Isle**: "The weather threatened as it has every year...." **Grand Rapids**: "Under a cloudy, chilled - windy eve & showers began as we returned to the park." **Harbor Springs**: "Temps. at the start of the ride were dipping below 40F with stiff wind gusts and intermittent mist & rain." **Holland**: "On a clear and very cool evening." **Houghton**: "In spite of cold temps." **Kalamazoo**: "Under cloudy skies, gusty winds, and cool temps." **Lennon**: "At Lennon (Flint) it was chilly and wet." **Menominee**: "Braving the cold, **CONTNUED ON PAGE 11**

"It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them. Thus you remember them as they actually are, while in a motor car only a high hill impresses you, and you have no such accurate remembrance of country you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle."

- Ernest Hemingway



CORRECTION

In the June issue of the Chainwheel Chatter, it was noted in the Minutes of the Board Meeting from April 1, 2008 that Pat Trudgen was the "Leader of Boy Scout Troop 705". Pat wanted us to retract that statement because although her grandsons are part of that troop, she is not the Troop Leader and wanted to clarify that inaccuracy.

REMINDER FOR DALMAC REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS

Many of you have volunteered to help with the DALMAC Registration. Please be sure you report for the shift(s) you signed up for at least 15 minutes prior to the start of your shift. If you have questions, please contact Mike Hudson at 517-321-4297 [please no phone calls after 10:00 p.m.] or e-mail hudsonmi@msu.edu. We will again be registering DALMAC riders at the MSU Pavilion and the shifts are as follows:

Tuesday, August 26

5:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 am — 9:00 am

5:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 28

7:00 am — 9:00 am

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SHIFT

CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Consumers Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with the firms named, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer products. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Tucker Rocky Recalls Off-Road Motorcycle Clamp Kits: Bolt can break causing handlebars to separate during a crash and cause serious injury.

Name of Product: Pro Taper Clamp Kits Used with Off-Road Motorcycles.

Units: About 12,000

Distributor: Tucker Rocky Distributing, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Hazard: Some of the bolts included in the clamp kits (or sold separately) if installed incorrectly can break under extreme force such as a crash. This can cause the handlebars to separate posing a risk of serious injury to the rider.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been seven reports of bolts breaking. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The Pro Taper Clamp Kits are aftermarket accessories for off-road motorcycles. The recall involves the following kits and part numbers:

Upper Triple Clamp Kit : 02-2824, 02-2825, 02-2826, 02-2827, 02-2828, 02-2829, 02-2843, 02-2844, 02-2845, 02-2846, 02-2849, 02-2851.

Complete Triple Clamp Kit: 02-2830, 02-2831, 02-2832, 02-2833, 02-2834, 02-2839, 02-2840, 02-2847, 02-2848, 02-2850, 02-2852, -28-2853, 02-2854, 02-2855.

Handlebar Clamp Kit (Universal Solid Mount Kit and Universal Rubber Mount Kit): 02-2821 and 02-2822.

Replacement Bolt Kit: 02-2855, 02-2886.

Sold at: Motorcycle dealerships nationwide from October 2007 through March 2008 and ranged in price from \$5 for the Replacement Bolt Kit to \$440 for the Complete Triple Clamp Kit.

Manufactured: Taiwan.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop riding off-road motorcycles equipped with the recalled kits and contact the firm for free replacement bolts.

Consumer Contact: For further information, call Tucker Rocky Distributing toll-free at (866) 217-7750 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.protaper.com.

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/phtml08/08306.html>.

Hayes Bicycle Group Recalls Quick-Release Devices for Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard.

Name of Product: SunRingle' Hollow Quick Release Devices for Bicycles.

Units: About 800

Manufacturer: Hayes Bicycle Group, of Mequon, Wisconsin.

Hazard: The quick release devices can unexpectedly fall or break when locked in position on the bicycle, causing the rider to lose control, which poses a serious fall hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Hayes Bicycle Group has received four reports of the quick release device breaking. No injuries have been reported.

Description and Models: This recall involves the SunRingle' Hollow Quick Release Devices for bicycles and includes models Hollow CroMo Front 100mm, Hollow CroMo Rear 130 mm, and Hollow CroMo Rear 135 mm. These devices have hollow skewers. They were sold individually or with SunRingle' front and rear wheels with model names Black Flag, Disc o Flea, Charger, STR8 Track, Accelerator R3.00C and Accelerator T3.0C. "Ringle" is stamped on the lever. Quick release devices with a solid skewer are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Bicycle specialty stores and dealers nationwide from June 2007 through May 2008 for about \$17.

Manufactured in: Taiwan.

Remedy: Consumers should stop riding bicycles with the recalled quick release devices immediately, remove the quick release device and bring it to their local bike dealer or retailer for a free inspection and replacement.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Hayes Bicycle Group at (888) 686-3472 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.hayesbicycle.com.

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/phtml08/08321.html>.



SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATORS Continued from Page 3

The Honorable _____

[Address]

[Date]

Dear [Representative] _____,

As a citizen of your district, I urge you to support HB 6299 and 6300, which enhance penalties for moving violations causing physical injury or death to bicyclists and other vulnerable roadway users. These bills will make the penalties for injuring or killing a bicyclist the same as those enacted in 2001 for drivers who injure or kill people operating (typically slow-moving) farm vehicles.

Rising energy prices and concerns about health, fitness and the environment have put more people on bicycles and more bikes on the road. They must no longer be treated as eccentrics, annoyances to drivers, or second-class citizens. They are our brothers and sisters, our parents, and our children. More and more, people will need to use bikes to get from home to school and work. They are entitled to safe use of Michigan roads. They too deserve a 'brake'.

A driver convicted of seriously injuring or killing a bicyclist can serve as little as days or months. Too many motorists consider cyclists 'fair game' for intimidation, harassment, endangerment, and outright vehicular assault. This bill will give judges and prosecutors more tools for controlling aggressive or reckless drivers. Specific penalties for injuring or killing a bicyclist will deter drivers from endangering bicyclists and other vulnerable roadway users.

Thank you for seriously considering this issue. Please tell me that you support HB 6299 and 6300 to save lives. I look forward to your reply.

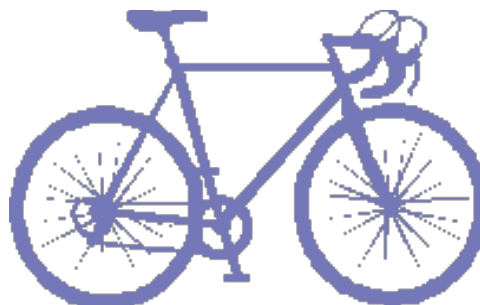
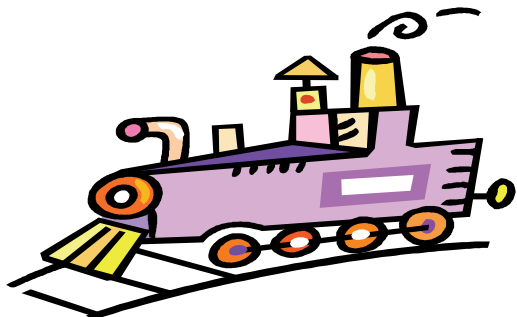
Sincerely,

[Your Name,
Your Address,
Your Telephone Number]

PERE MARQUETTE TRAIL RIDE

by Jan Koller

The Pere Marquette trail has an asphalt paved surface. It starts in Clare, and as far as I know, goes to Midland. I don't know if it goes further. It is a rail to trail conversion; it was once a railroad line. It's totally flat. Roundtrip distance is 60 miles. There are many places along the trail for riders to get on, depending on your endurance. You can start wherever you choose. You don't need to sign up in advance. There will be a sign up sheet when the ride starts. Amenities include restaurants and toilet facilities along the trail. Tony and I checked out the trailhead, on our way back from the NW Tour. From Lansing, take US 127 North. Exit at the first Clare exit. Follow to the intersection of Business 127 and Business 10. Street names at this point are McEwans and 5th Street. The famous Doherty Hotel is located at this intersection. Make a right turn (east) for 1 mile. Look for trail parking sign. Parking is behind the Marathon Gas Station at Industrial Drive and Industrial Court. Hopefully, there will be enough parking space for everyone. There is no SAG service available, you'll be on your own. Any questions, call ride leader at (517) 669-5744 for more information or email jan.koller49@netzero.net.



If it's May, then we're headed for Kentucky and the Horsey Hundred Bike Tour. It's a two-day event that takes place in scenic Kentucky horse country over Memorial Day weekend. My friend Jeaneen and I made the 324-mile, 5-hour drive together from my house in Dearborn to Georgetown. Her day actually started an hour and a half earlier with a drive in from her home in Lansing. But by 9:00 AM, we were on the road. We were meeting our friend, Gary, at the hotel where we would all be staying in Georgetown. He and I would share a room, while Jeaneen was afforded the luxury and expense of having her own. Nothing against Gary, but I was envious.

Though it rained Friday evening and into the night, the weather turned out to be perfect. The rain had stopped before morning, and the roads dried up quickly. It never rained again, but by Kentucky standards, it was cold. The days started out in the low 50's with highs only reaching the low 70's. The locals may have been freezing, but we were from Michigan and in hog heaven. For the three of us, anything over 75 degrees was generally considered sweltering.

At the start of each day, we left directly from the hotel by 7:30. That may seem early, but we were picking up breakfast along the way. Then to save time, I plotted a course to intersect with the day's route and not add any unnecessary miles. We had only planned on riding 50 something miles per day; there were few flat spots. You're either traveling uphill or down with the hills tightly bunched together. But it's a beautiful place to ride with its narrow, tree lined roads. Within ten miles of the start/finish line, roads are barely one lane wide, resembling a bike path winding through the countryside.

Even with the price of gasoline, the tour seemed well attended, though you can never tell by those you see on the road. With different length routes available each day, it's impossible to get a feel for a final count. But there is this ice cream social on Satur-

day evening in the dining commons of the local college. It was scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, and when we arrived at 7:00, it looked like standing room only. But way in the back, we were able to find three empty seats together at the same table. There's usually a thousand riders attending this event, and I think they were all at the ice cream social.

Sunday came. We were on the road again and had settled down to find a pace and rhythm we could all live with. The day felt easier and smoother than the previous. On this day, the first rest stop was 12 miles out and by then, we had all loosened up nicely. Good thing! We didn't know it yet but were about to be tested.

While at the stop, I met two guys from Columbus, Ohio when waiting for a porta-john. They were with a dozen others as part of their local bike club's racing team and were quick to point that out. They were also quick to point out that this was strictly a training exercise.

And then there were the three of us, all over 60, gray haired and faces full of character. We fell into a category generally referred to as the, "most easily dismissed." That was their first mistake. Their second was not learning to never belittle nor otherwise make disparaging remarks to or about old persons whose only crime in life was to grow old. If for no other reason, they were taking the risk that some old person may just get up and kick their young behinds. What's the line about old age and treachery winning out over youth and inexperience?

Except for one, I doubt there were any in the group over the age of 30, including an equal compliment of young women. And when it came to manners, neither gender held an option on making their parents proud. This is never the norm, just this bunch of yeahoo's.

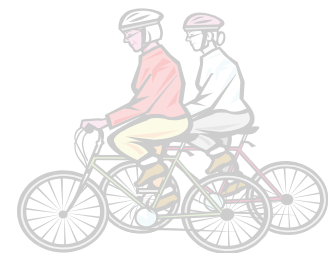
The story played out over the

remainder of the day; it wasn't a quick dash to the finish line. And as it turned out, we did ourselves proud. But for them, it was a harsh, embarrassing, slap in the face by reality that they weren't soon going to forget. It was bad enough when the two "old guys" eased up a hill past them, but it must have killed their very souls when the "little old lady" of our group dropped them like bad habits. Once again, experience, desire and determination triumphed over sarcasm, bad manners, and over confidence. We squarely trounced them while paying homage to Emily Post. The only thing worse than a sore loser is a sorry winner. So, let's hear it for gray power! We may be old, but we're not dead. At least not yet, anyway!

And it wasn't a day that the three of us will soon forget either. The outcome was as much a surprise to us. But the feeling was, "you may kick my ass, but you're going to work for it."

These are days that make you feel alive and that continue to help build memories, extraordinaire. And if you can still build memories, you're still alive. So, I take my hat (helmet) off to Jeaneen and Gary. With the two of them, we met the enemy and he was smashed.

Hosey may have evolved into more than just another tour for the three of us this year, but as the late Jackie Gleason used to say, "How sweet it is!"



2008 MICHIGAN RIDE OF SILENCE Continued from page 7

windy, rainy weather." **Sault St Marie:** "The temps were in the 30's and it was almost snowing along with high winds." **Traverse City:** "Despite the 43° windy and rainy weather," Westland; "Just once I'd like to have decent weather for the most important ride of the year!"

Some unique things to each Ride; **Adrian:** "Even though we posted it at our High School (which has a community service/involvement hours requirement for grad.) we were unable to pick up any youth riders." **Ann Arbor:** "A few other cyclists, including Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje, joined the ride en route." **Battle Creek:** "The Club [Battle Creek Bicycle Club] took the opportunity to remind local cyclists that sharing the road goes both ways, and cyclists are responsible for obeying the same laws that we expect motorists to follow." **Detroit-E. Side:** "I make an announcement at the beginning of the 6:30pm ride of my intentions. I stop the group at 7pm, make the announcement that we will be riding in silence, in memory of fellow riders, and I mention the names of local riders that are especially near and dear to us that we have lost." **Detroit-Belle Isle:** "I especially appreciated the one guy who removed a pedal from his single speed and pedaled the entire ten miles with one leg." **E. Lansing:** "One cyclist rode his 1888 high-wheeler in the event and back to MSU from downtown at an amazing clip."



Grand Rapids: "Our 110 bright gold Share the Road/Ride of Silence T-Shirts made a strong statement as to why we were riding, ...to members of the Grand Rapids & District Pipe Band for solemnly supporting us with "Amazing Grace" as we circled John Ball Park." **Holland:** "...along Holland's famous Tulip Lanes which were in bloom." **Jackson:** "With my expertise in repairing bikes over the past several months, I invited to give a discount to my cus-

tomers if they were to ride in this years ROS and to my surprise I had 3 takers." **Kalamazoo:** "I was able to have a large poster made of Jun on a bicycle ride and requested all riders to sign this poster prior to our ride and my intentions are to send this poster to his family in Japan." **Menominee:** "...and we did ride through both Menominee MI and Marinette, WI, so we were in both states." [The 1st RofS ever to travel in 2 states!]

Additional organizer comments: **Adrian:** "Many new faces and we hope they'll join us on our weekly rides as well." **Ann Arbor:** Thank you to our local riders, volunteers, police and newspaper. And a big thank you to Mark Hagar for his consistent (and persistent) encouragement to all MI RofS organizers." **Battle Creek:** "It was a successful event and we're hoping for an even bigger crowd next year." **Boyer City:** "As we begin a new cycling season we remind everyone to proceed with caution, follow the rules of the road and have a great summer." **Detroit-Belle Isle:** "Read the Letter from the Governor, made mention of riders in MI that were killed on bicycles this year, a silent prayer and the rules of the road." **Grand Rapids:** "Thanks again to Jim DeGracia of Jade Cycles who returned this year, mounting a regulation FDOT Share the Road sign to his bike, and being one of the last riders in our procession." **Grand Rapids WMCA:** "The room grew quiet as we slowed our pace to pay respects to those that had lost their lives while cycling outside. With every new slide, the room became more reverent, and when the Power Point presentation was over, and participants were getting ready to go, there was a somber and quiet atmosphere." **Grand Rapids E. Hills Athletic Club:** "Participants were very respectful and supportive of the event. Thank you so much for your effort. I really appreciate being a part of this great event." **Harbor Springs:** "I want to say Thank you to Chris Phelan and all RofS organizers for your inspiration and determination. We hope to greatly increase our numbers in 2009 and to increase awareness of motorists and safety of cyclists locally and globally." **Kala-**

mazoo: "Jun rode in last years Kalamazoo's RofS and tragically and unnecessarily he is no longer with us." **Lennon:** "We had a small number, but a meaningful ride." **Menominee:** "I'm not giving up though, I will try my best to get better participation next year," **Sault St. Marie:** "Hopefully the 2009 RofS will bring sunshine." **Spring Lake:** "They rode two by two for 8 miles through the Spring Lake area in complete silence using only hand signals to communicate." **Traverse City:** "I stress to all cyclists to make themselves as visible as possible, especially during darkness and waning daylight. That was an example of a concerned motorist who supports safe cycling."

Not unique to the Rides, many MI locations had direct support from local law enforcement agencies, most understanding what cyclists face each day out on the road, and wanting to make the evening's Ride safe for all cyclists. Many had media coverage, helping to raise the awareness of the public.

To fellow Michigan cyclists, if there wasn't a Ride of Silence in your area and you'd like to see one, or are interested in organizing one for next year and would like information, please feel free to email me. As one of the National Ride's Mentors, I will help support any individual/club/group/location in starting a Ride.

Personally, I'd like to again thank all the MI organizers and volunteers who donated so much of their time to help organize a Ride in their city or town and helped make this year's MI Ride of Silence a great success. Again in 2008 we showed the world what cyclists can do by banding together! (I wish we had space to include everyone's full report).

Thanks to all the MI cyclists who came out to ride in this year. Thanks to Rich Moeller and John Lindenmayer of the LMB, for the support and promotion they've given the Ride.

Thanks to Chris Phelan in Dallas, the Ride's founder and spiritual leader, and the rest of the Ride of Silence board who made this year's Ride such a global success.

A special thanks goes to our East Lansing organizer. When the national Webmaster unexpectedly stepped down, Tim Potter stepped in, maintaining the website at a crucial time, and implementing numerous improvements.

Please join us for next year's Ride of Silence, on **May 20th 2009, at 7:00 PM**, in locations all over MI and the world.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Rans Rocket 24-speed recumbent bicycle. \$600 Firm. For information, contact Lenny. Email: provenc@msu.edu,

FOR SALE: Tandem Bike—2 yr old Trek T2000 with about 600 miles; with a cat-eye computer; with great saddles (one is a women's Terry's butterfly saddle) and pedals that are combination SPD pedals (one side SPD, the other is flat for gym shoes). It is in excellent condition. Used for one DALMAC and some training for DALMAC. New \$3,800. Asking \$2,200. Contact Kristen Mullaney in Okemos at (517) 355-3797 or (517) 381-8818 or at mullaneyk@michigan.gov.

FOR SALE: BIKE CULTURE! Unique bike books and magazines available at OutYourBackDoor.com. Highlights include "The Recumbent Bicycle" book and new "Velo Vision" magazine issues. Dozens of other new and vintage bike culture books — all hard-to-find. Hundreds of free bike culture articles at the OYB website. Check out the handy "5-Way OYB Bag" — does more than any other bike bag! Jeff Potter, pro-

prietor and TCBAer (Williamston).

FOR SALE: 58 cm aluminum frame was still in the original box and just built into a single speed (with a free-wheel). \$100 must see to appreciate! Call (517) 483-9610.

FOR SALE: Barely worn women's bike shoes (I have to wear mountain bike shoes). Lake Sandals, size 41-42; Nike road shoes, size 41; Pearl Izumi (I-Beam) road shoes, size 40. All shoes \$35 each (includes brand new cleats!) Call (517) 483-9610.

FOR SALE: Yakima Roof Top Carrier—Equipment to secure four bicycles. Compatible for GMC Minivans (Q81 Towers). 2008 Yakima web site retail approximately \$700. In very good condition. Selling for \$250. Call Keith Camann at (517) 349-5578.

FOR SALE: Specialized Stump-jumper comp XC mountain bike full suspension. Excellent condition. Included: step-in plus rat-trap pedals, tire pump, shock pump, water cage, 3 sets of tires (original tires, road friendly dirt, road friendly armadillo), and blue helmet. \$800. Call Cathy @ 333-0948, leave message.

WANTED: Extra-small road bike. Call Bruce Fedewa (517) 393-8051 or

e-mail fedewabd@msn.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

BOARD MEMBERS: Interested TCBA Members who would like to run as a Board Member should submit their nominations to board@biketcba.org. This is your opportunity to get involved in your club and continue to actively promote and support biking in our communities.

DALMAC Truck Drivers: We still need a few volunteers to drive trucks for the DALMAC. Contact the Events Director at eventsdirector@biketcba.org.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Road I Class — Road I is the foundation course which covers safe riding practices, such as: scanning and signaling, lane changing and positioning, emergency maneuvers, traffic laws, and knowledge of bicycles. This nine-hour course can be completed in one day. We need a minimum of 9 in the class. Cost is \$50.00. If interested, sign up at a TCBA monthly meeting, or contact Bill Savage at (517) 339-3933 or e-mail him at MSUSavage@aol.com.

Help Wanted

MEMBER SPECIALS

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.



CLUB ITEMS — The TCBA has several club items for sale: Club Jerseys (\$55)[no more large available]; Women's small wool & large fleece jackets; water bottles (\$10). Contact Herb Drake or Kris Stairs at the next monthly meeting to purchase your club needs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please complete this form, clip and drop in an envelope to ensure we receive your correct address so you receive your Chainwheel Chatter. Thank you!



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TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED FOR THE DALMAC

We still need a couple of truck drivers for the DALMAC. If you're unable to ride, but want the opportunity to be a part of the fun, this is your ticket!!!! Give Al Simons a hearty "AYE" and sign up to drive. Contact Al at eventsdirector@biketcba.org, or see him at the July Member's meeting!

