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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
MEMBERSHIP	April 30, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	ANNUAL TCBA SWAP MEET
CYCLE FORUM	April 30, 2009 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	ALLAN HUBER Bicycle Fit and Adjustment -- Essential information for comfortable, efficient cycling.
BOARD MEETING	May 5, 2009 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, please contact the President one week prior to the meeting and ask to have it added to the agenda.



DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER APRIL 10	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 APRIL 08	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



TCBA Board Vacancy: The TCBA Board of Directors currently has a position open for an At-Large Member. Experience with a non-profit organization would be helpful, but is not necessary. This is a great way for you to become more involved in the bike club, as there are no specific duties required by this position. Interested members should e-mail Linda Antinori at secretary@biketcba.org or contact her at (517) 410-6043.

Member Address Problem: We are currently experiencing a high volume of returned (undeliverable) mail. The club is charged for each piece of returned mail. Please help save the club some funds by remembering to change your address with the Post Office. This will ensure that you will get the Chainwheel Chatter and other Club ride information.



**MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Foster Community Center - Lansing
February 3, 2009**

Herb Drake called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board members present included Herb Drake, Roger Nelson, Patricia Trudgen, Linda Antinori, Dick Sulin, Kris Stairs, and Bob Blanchard. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Lenny Provencher, Lee Adair, Steve Leiby, Ron Caflin, Char Sulin, and Janet Weber.

Additions to the Agenda included new check signing policy and the ordering of business cards for Board members.

Reports

1. **Secretary's Report:** Linda Antinori presented the Minutes of the January meeting to the Board for approval. Pat Trudgen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dick Sulin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion was held on whether we should order business cards for Board members to use in their contacts with the community. It was decided that we would order 50 per Board member with the exception of Kris Stairs who still has hers from 2 years ago.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Dick Sulin presented January's Financial Reports to the Board for review. A motion to pass the Financial Reports was made by Kris Stairs, seconded by Linda Antinori and passed unanimously.
3. **Events Director:** Patricia Trudgen announced that the DALMAC application is complete. We are working with the credit card company and tests are still being run to debug the system. Everything should be set to go by the end of February at the latest.
4. **DALMAC Fund:** A meeting of the Committee will be held the weekend of February 7-8. Some changes are in process such as looking at one signature project or several small ones. There is currently \$71,600 in the DALMAC Fund to work with. The Committee will bring their ideas to the Board before they proceed. President Herb Drake announced that he is planning to attend this weekend's meeting.
5. **Ride Committee:** Kris Stairs told the Board that the Ride Committee has met and started to work on Ride Incentive items for the 2009 riding season. They have also looked into the possibility of using the 2007 Ride Incentive Jersey as the Club Jersey with modifications to add the Northwest Tour to the design.
6. **Chainwheel Chatter:** Janet Weber, Chainwheel Chatter Editor, asked that she be allowed to include a recurrent feature in the newsletter called Chainlinks that would feature web links to items of interest to club members. The Board also discussed changing the message on the TUBES Line to refer people to Board members emails for assistance in their needs. Roger Nelson made a motion to approve the measure and Linda Antinori seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Dick Sulin announced that our bank needed verification of the TCBA's policy in regard to emergency withdrawal procedures which he proposed as follows:

In the event of an emergency (both treasurers not being available) the need to remove money from the bank by Board members that are signers on bank forms, must do the following:

1. Have Board permission either at a regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting to do so.
2. Must have two Board members to sign at withdrawal.
3. Must be by check (banks can provide temporary checks).
4. No cash withdrawals.
5. Must be for the payment of bills, grants, or reimbursement to volunteers.
6. Must record date, check numbers, amounts and purpose of check and turn those records over to the Treasurer.

Roger Nelson made a motion to accept the policy and Linda Antinori seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dick Sulin, Treasurer, presented the 2009 budget to the Board. After discussion, Roger Nelson made a motion to accept the budget which Pat Trudgen seconded. It passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay.
- Pat Trudgen announced that she had looked at a 5 x 10 storage unit for the purpose of storing club paperwork. The unit is climate controlled and needs shelving for storage boxes which have to be labeled for content and date. Pat would have one key and Dick Sulin would have the other. Dick Sulin made a proposal to rent the unit and pay for a year in advance to obtain a cheaper rental rate. Bob Blanchard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Jessica Yorke made a presentation to the Board for sponsorship of the Smart Commute, the purpose of which is to make people feel safe and secure on the road. Herb Drake made a motion for T-shirt sponsorship at a cost of \$3,000. Roger Nelson seconded it and the motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**

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- Pat Trudgen made a motion to send Herb Drake to LAB Bicycle Conference in Washington, D.C. at a maximum cost of \$1,000. Kris Stairs seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 2 nays.

Membership Input:

- Lenny Provencher read a statement to the Board concerning an incident that occurred at the January general Membership meeting. The Board placed the matter on the March Board meeting Agenda for further action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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

Name of product: Handlebar Stems Used on Salsa Bicycles. About 8,600 units.

Importer: Salsa Bicycles, a subsidiary of Quality Bicycle Products, of Bloomington, Minn. Manufactured in: Taiwan

Hazard: The handlebar stems can crack or break, posing a fall hazard to the consumer.

Incidents/Injuries: Salsa Bicycles has received three reports of handlebar stems breaking. One incident resulted in a rider suffering a broken wrist.

Description: This recall involves all CroMoto S.U.L. stems sold as individual aftermarket units and on these models of complete Salsa bicycles: Ala Carte, El Mariachi, Casseroll Triple, Casseroll Single and La Cruz. The aftermarket stems are black and have the word "Salsa" painted on the extension. The complete bike stems are painted to match the bike model color and have the word "Salsa" painted on the extension. The recalled stems range from 75 through 105-degree rise and extension length from 90 to 120mm. Please visit the firm's web site at www.salsacromotostem.com for a complete list of model numbers and names included in this recall.

Sold by: Specialty bicycle retailers nationwide from November 2007 through December 2008 for between

\$880 and \$1870 for complete bikes. The aftermarket stems were sold at specialty bicycle retailers nationwide and via web sites from March 2008 through December 2008 for between \$60 and \$65.

Remedy: Consumers should stop riding these bicycles immediately and contact an authorized Salsa Bicycles dealer for a free inspection and replacement stem.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Salsa Bicycles toll-free at (877) 774-6208 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.salsacromotostem.com.

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recall product, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/phtml09/09135.html>.

NATIONAL RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

The annual RTW Day moves to the 'third Monday in June.' The next Ride to Work Day is **MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**. It is the 18th annual Ride to Work Day. Reasons for an earlier annual Ride to Work Day include:

- The new day is not as hot in most northern hemisphere areas, and not as cold in most southern hemisphere areas. **June weather is more favorable worldwide.**
- The new day **provides an increased opportunity** for more riders to Ride to Work. Many workplaces close for summer holiday in July - especially in Europe.
- A Monday event encourages motorcycle and scooter commuting to continue during the **entire week.**
- **Positive media exposure** will increase. Sundays are slower 'news days' so there will be more coverage like this: "Look for more motorcycles on your commute tomorrow, as Monday is the annual Ride to Work day..."
- The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) has endorsed this day, and is promoting the 'Third Monday in June' worldwide as the annual Ride to Work Day.

For more information, check out the official website: <http://www.ridetowork.org/>.

SMART CYCLING: TRAFFIC SKILLS 101

By Bill Savage, TCBA Safety & Education

The Smart Cycling program has been developed by the League of American Bicyclists to educate all levels of bicyclists, from kids through licensing bicycle instructors.

Road I (now called Traffic Skills 101) is the foundation course which covers safe riding practices, such as:

- Scanning and signaling
- Lane changing
- Lane positioning
- Emergency maneuvers
- Traffic laws
- Knowledge of bicycles

Road I is a nine-hour course that can be completed in one day. It consists of four hours of classroom instruction, and five-hours of hands-on and on-road instruction.

The class will be taught by a League Cycling Instructor (LCI). The class is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the



The August 2008 Road 1 Class Students Rachelle Bangela and George Grof performing skills. TCBA Members always wear helmets. Photos courtesy of Bill Savage.

MSU Pavilion, Room B from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will need a minimum of nine (9) in the class, and there will be a cost of \$55.

The successful completion of Road I is a prerequisite for becoming a League Cycling Instructor. It is the hope of the TCBA to get enough members interested and trained to qualify for their LCI which would allow us to continually provide these classes to the rest of the TCBA membership.

We held this class last August where the TCBA members who participated enjoyed a good overview of classroom instruction with adequate hands-on practicing of the basic skills. The class concluded with a road test.

If interested, please contact Bill Savage at (517) 339-3933 or e-mail him at MSUSavage@aol.com to obtain a registration form.



“Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.”

Charles M. Schultz

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The TCBA would like to remind our valued members to please submit your change of address (form is included on the mailed newsletter) whenever you move, or temporarily relocate for lengthy periods of time. We no longer have the post office forward our mailings, such as newsletters, ride notices, etc. To insure you receive your TCBA correspondence, it is imperative you keep us informed on where you want your mail sent. The cost to the club to receive notices of undelivered mailed is starting to add up. In addition, we cannot be responsible if you do not receive an application to a desired ride which fills up due to our inability to provide you an application in time. Thank you for your assistance in resolving the issue from both perspectives.

SELLING OF CLUB JERSEY

By Herb Drake

A new TCBA club jersey is being designed and printed and will available this spring/summer. We need to clear out the current version. At the March membership meeting and the April swap-meet we will be selling the remaining jerseys for \$25.00 each. There is a limited supply (no size Large). The jerseys can be purchased for this price only at the meetings. No phone or mail orders allowed. Cash or checks will be accepted at the meeting. At the March meeting, the sale will be held at 6:30 - 7:00, prior to the regular agenda.



WELCOME



NEW MEMBERS

- WALTER KULASA
- VICTORIA KULASA
- JORDAN KULASA

CHAINLINKS



The below links are provided as an informational tool to allow our members to get additional information from local bike organizations who offer information, rides, tips, training, or other benefits to TCBA members.

www.biketcba.org — Tri-County Bicycle Association

www.lmb.org—League of Michigan Bicyclists

www.bikeleague.com—League of American Bicyclists

www.bikes.msu.edu—Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes

www.walkbikelansing.com - Lansing's Walking and Bicycling Network

www.capitalareasmartcommute.com Smart Commute Program

www.midmeac.org Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council

www.bikems.org Various rides throughout the country



BIKE SPOKES

TCBA President Herb Drake stumbled onto an article that may appeal to bikers and/or fans of the reality television show *The Amazing Race*. The show's host, Phil Keoghan will be riding across America from March 28, 2009 through May 9, 2009. Although the website tells interested fans to 'Stay Tuned for More Info Coming Soon', you can monitor his ride by going to <http://www.philridesacrossamerica.com/>.

In addition, Herb also found a website, www.bikems.org, which is shown in the *Chainlinks* column of this publication. Not only does that website track Phil's progress, it has multiple rides throughout the country. Just click on one of the boxes in your favorite location, i.e. Michigan has 3 links within it, and you'll be directed to rides you may be interested in participating in. Each link will contain another link to the host site of that particular ride.

The three links in Michigan:

1. Great Lakes Breakaway, West Michigan 2009, conducted June 13-14, 2009.
2. Great Lakes Breakaway, Mountain Bike Ride 2009, conducted September 12, 2009.
3. Great Lakes Breakaway, Mid Michigan Ride 2009, conducted July 11-12, 2009.

So, if, perhaps, you're unable to participate in the TCBA rides scheduled June 13, (T-Shirt Ride) and/or July 11-12 (SummerTour) because of other commitments and/or our ride filling up before your application was received, check out these rides to keep your enthusiasm going.

From the League of American Bicyclists

Find out up to the minute information

about the National Bike Summit and the League via **Facebook** and **Twitter**. Join the conversation. If you are at the Summit and need updates and the latest information, check our feeds. If you aren't at the Summit, check the conversations for a bird's eye view. We will update our information frequently. Go to <http://www.philridesacrossamerica.com/> to become a **Facebook** League fan. In addition, go to <http://twitter.com/bikesummit> to join the conversation on **Twitter**.

REMINDER

THE RIDE OF SILENCE will again take place in 2009, on Wed. May 20th at 7:00 PM. Local sites where you can participate include:

East Lansing, MSU Bikes Service Center, from MSU Campus at MSU Bikes Service Center Bessey Hall Auditorium, lower level along the River Trail 300 ft. west of the Farm Lane Bridge. For more location information/maps etc. go to <http://www.bikes.msu.edu/maps.html>; 12 miles
Contact: Tim Potter flying-dutchman63@gmail.com 517-432-3414.

Haslett, **Tri-County Bicycle Assoc.**, from **Haslett Middle School**; 12 miles. Contact: **Lenny Provencher**, provenc@msu.edu, 517-204-2971.

Show your support, and respect, for those who are no longer able to enjoy a ride for themselves.

For more information for other Ride of Silence locations, please go to <http://www.rideofsilence.org>.



April 2009 Ride Schedule

Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain, unless noted

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
Sundays	4:00 PM	20	B	Oneida Township Hall	Temp must be > 32. No ride April 12th	Steve Hollington 517-627-0946
Mondays	6:00 PM	15-25	B	Oneida Gospel Church		Mark Kappler 989-506-9528
	5:00 PM	27-30	D	Charlotte Performing Arts Center		Janet Weber 517-543-7942
Tuesdays	4:00 PM	25-35	C	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No Ride in high winds	Dave Smith 989-723-1211
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	20-30	B	MSU Pavilion	No ride April 1	Katie Donnelly 517-349-5564
Thursdays	6:00 PM	20	C	DeWitt Jr. High School	No ride on the 30th due to Club meeting	Linda Antinori 517-410-6043
	4:00 PM	25-35	C	Owosso Fire & Police Station	No ride if rain or high wind, or on the 30th	Dave Smith 989-723-1211
Fridays	10:00 AM	25-40	C	DeWitt Township Hall	No ride if rain, ice or snow. Temp must be > 34 degrees. Food Stop.	Jan or Tony Koller 517-669-5744
Saturdays	8:30 AM	40-50	Z	Sawdon School		Mark Kappler 989-506-9528

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

Charlotte Performing Arts Center.....378 State St
Charlotte, MI

Dewitt Junior High School.....South lot, Dewitt, MI

Dewitt Township Hall.....1401 W Herbison Rd.
1/2 mile west of Old 27

MSU Pavilion.....northeast corner of Forest
and College Road, East Lansing, MI

Oneida Gospel Church.....Corner of Oneida
and Strange Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI

Oneida Township Hall.....11041 Oneida Road,
Grand Ledge, MI

Owosso Fire/Police Station.....Owosso, MI

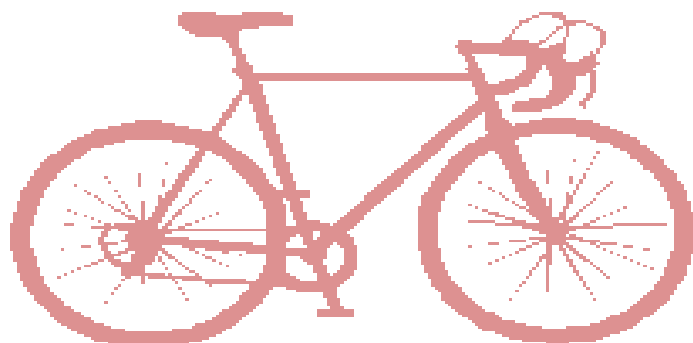
Sawdon School.....Lamson Rd., Grand Ledge, MI

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.

2009 RIDE INCENTIVES

- Level 1 - 3 in 1 Jacket (example if from L.L. Bean)
- Level 2 - Duffel bag, size medium or large (example from L.L. Bean)
- Level 3 - On the bike bicycle pump
- Level 4 - Sweat shirt hooded with full zipper
- Level 5 - Bicycle bell and wallet



**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 email address to: donnell3@msu.edu

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!

15th Annual Brint Donaldson Highland Festival Weekend Ride

BAGGAGE TRUCK PROVIDED

By Kris Stairs

The Highland Festival Ride honors the originator and long time TCBA member, the late Brent Donaldson. We will be riding to Alma and attend the Highland Festival. Camp at the Gratiot County Fair Grounds within walking distance of downtown Alma and the festival at Alma College.

We will be leaving from the DeWitt Township Hall located at 1401 W Herbison Rd, 1/2 mile west of old 27. We are asked to park as far from the township hall mail entrance and all vehicles park together.

TCBA is providing baggage transport; however, **reservations are required.** Please call by Thursday, May 21st for baggage reservation. Baggage transportation will only be available Friday, May 22nd, and for the return on Sunday, May 24th. If you wish to ride up and spend Saturday night, please call and make arrangements for baggage drop off on Thursday, May 21st.

Departure dates - two available: Rain or Shine
Friday May 22th at 9:00 AM

Return:
Sunday May 24th at 8:30 AM

Ride distance: 50 miles one way, 100 miles total.

Ride Class: Z

Ride information and **Baggage Reservation:** Contact Kris Stairs 517-627-4211 or e-mail her at stairskris@yahoo.com. Make sure you put ALMA ride in the note area so she knows what the email is referring to.

BAGGAGE RESERVATION REQUIRED

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 campground at the Gratiot County Fair Ground offers open grassy camp sites. Camping fee is \$10 per tent for each night. The cost for entry tickets are \$15 each day. If you would like to stay in an Alma College dorm room, check out the festival site at http://www.almahighlandfestival.com/house_meals.htm.

Many varied festival activities are available with the peak on Saturday. You can check out the Festival at www.almahighlandfestival.com The return ride early on Sunday morning allows us to avoid the worst of the holiday traffic.

Food is each individual's responsibility. Restaurants are available within walking distance. On Saturday, May 28th, Alma College offers a splendid breakfast at the Hamilton Commons on campus from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a cost of \$6.50.

Riding up, we stop at the Middleton Diner for lunch and riding back we stop there for breakfast. The Highland Festival is a unique experience and gives you an activity coupled with a club ride.

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SPONSORED BIKE RIDES

For more information and applications, go to www.biketcba.org.

Highland Festival Weekend Ride, 22-24 May 2009

100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride - Saturday, June 13, 2009

Northwest Tour, June 17-21, 2009

SummerTour (currently sold out), July 8-12, 2009

Women On Wheels Ride - Saturday, July 18, 2009

DALMAC - September 2-6, 2009

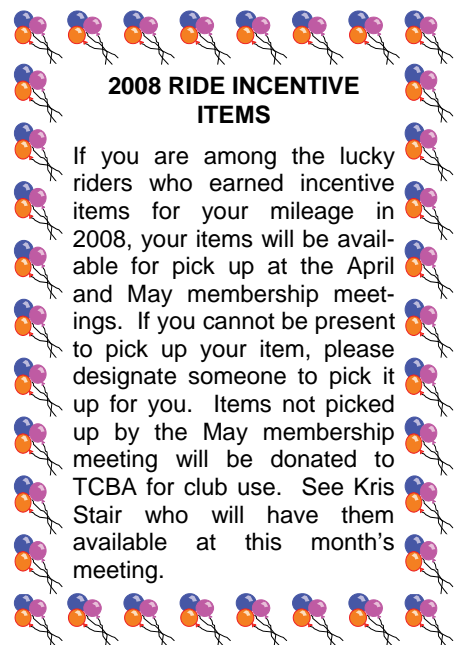
ADDRESSES FOR RIDES

Applications for the T-Shirt, WOW, and DALMAC rides should be sent to:

NAME OF THE RIDE
P.O. BOX 24216
LANSING, MI 48909

Sunrises & Sunsets for April 2009

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:21 AM	8:03 PM	11	7:04 AM	8:15 PM	21	6:47 AM	8:26 PM
2	7:19 AM	8:04 PM	12	7:02 AM	8:16 PM	22	6:46 AM	8:27 PM
3	7:17 AM	8:05 PM	13	7:00 AM	8:17 PM	23	6:44 AM	8:28 PM
4	7:15 AM	8:07 PM	14	6:59 AM	8:18 PM	24	6:43 AM	8:29 PM
5	7:14 AM	8:08 PM	15	6:57 AM	8:19 PM	25	6:41 AM	8:31 PM
6	7:12 AM	8:09 PM	16	6:55 AM	8:20 PM	26	6:40 AM	8:32 PM
7	7:10 AM	8:10 PM	17	6:54 AM	8:21 PM	27	6:38 AM	8:33 PM
8	7:09 AM	8:11 PM	18	6:52 AM	8:23 PM	28	6:37 AM	8:34 PM
9	7:07 AM	8:12 PM	19	8:51 AM	8:24 PM	29	6:35 AM	8:34 PM
10	7:05 AM	8:13 PM	20	6:49 AM	8:25 PM	30	6:34 AM	8:36 PM



2008 RIDE INCENTIVE ITEMS

If you are among the lucky riders who earned incentive items for your mileage in 2008, your items will be available for pick up at the April and May membership meetings. If you cannot be present to pick up your item, please designate someone to pick it up for you. Items not picked up by the May membership meeting will be donated to TCBA for club use. See Kris Stair who will have them available at this month's meeting.

Seriously now, it's that time of year. Everyone riding a bike and living north of Toledo, Ohio, spends the winter trying not to physically atrophy to oblivion. But what's the point if you never get to enjoy the benefits of your labor. So the time has come to calculate the logistics of the upcoming season. Just where am I going to ride this year?

I've decided to kick-start my *logistics* in Madison, Georgia. I can only guess what you're thinking about now. That's a long way to go just to ride a bicycle. But as I've often said, "I wouldn't go round the corner for an ass-kicking, but I'll go a long way for a good time." Georgia offers three days of out-and-backs. That means I put the tent up once, and it never gets moved. Meals will be catered and all the plumbing remains portable. The showers are still inside but just not permanent. They're rented and transportable, but that's another story.

From there, it's off to Columbus, Ohio for a two day ride over Mothers' Day weekend. Here, I get to spend

Saturday night in a gymnasium with a bunch of folks. Don't know how many, but by the time lights-out comes round, the gymnasium is crammed full of sleeping bags. And did I mention that it was co-ed? Check your modesty at the door, but pack a double complement of manners. You'll see entire families stretched out for the night. And in this regard, I've chosen to believe that mother, my mother, would be proud of her youngest. She did her best to raise me right, and I try keeping that in mind on this Day of all days.

Then it's off to Georgetown, Kentucky for Memorial Day weekend. There, it's three days of riding over rolling, green horse country. And this is also where we treat ourselves to motel rooms with soft beds and good restaurants. Oh, the good life!

That takes care of April and May, but there are still months to come with irons in the fire. For example, I'm taking a Stoker on the back of my tandem for five days in September. The applications aren't out yet, but will be in the

return mail as soon as they do arrive. Her husband will be stoking his own tandem. In case you're wondering, they're both blind and need someone on the front to steer and handle the controls. The bikes each have 27 gears and two separate brakes. The front position is referred to as the Captain, hence, Captain and Stoker. Seems a little nautical for an earthbound apparatus.

So as important as staying in shape, one needs to keep the fires of imagination stoked and glowing with a supply of irons close at hand. I plan to make this a great season or die trying, knock wood. But only time will tell for certain. When I'm packing for a trip, the first thing I throw in the bag is a good time. I never leave home without it.

"So that's the news from Lake Wobegon, where the women are strong, the men are good looking, and the children are all above average." Thank you Mr. Keillor.

NEW CLUB JERSEY

The TCBA has designed a new club jersey. Here's a look at what the new jersey will look like. To see the colors (yellow and purple), please go to our website: www.biketcba.org and see this month's newsletter. In order to receive one of these for yourself, please contact Kris Stairs at boardatlarge1@biketcba.org not later than May 22. She will be ordering a limited quantity at a special price of \$65.00. Contact Kris today and let her know your size. She will explain when the order will be placed and when you need to provide her with your money.

Front / Devant

Back / Dos

020 black / noir
024 yellow fluo / jaune fluo
043 anastyle

Right side panel / Bande côté droite
TRI COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
WWW.BIKETCBA.ORG

Left side panel / Bande côté gauche

The sketch represents approximately a size medium.
L'esquisse représente approximativement la grandeur médium.

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Date :	16 janvier 2007
Representative / Représentant :	Evelyne Giroux
Approved by / Approuvé par :	
Date :	

MSU BIKES SERVICE CENTER

By Tim Potter, TCBA Member & MSU Bikes Service Center Coordinator

A Little History

MSU Bikes, one of the only university owned & operated bike shops in the country, is already into its 3rd year of operation. It grew out of a volunteer-run operation called the MSU Bike Project which started up in the spring of 2003 and was greatly assisted by a DALMAC grant in that first year to help get a good set of tools for the first workshop. By 2006 the Bike Project volunteers had repaired hundreds of bikes during bi-weekly open workshops and rented out hundreds (almost 500) of the recycled MSU green bikes to faculty/ staff/ students and visitors to campus.

A New Center Opens

Thanks to some bike-friendly faculty and staff on a traffic/ transportation advisory committee they recommended to the MSU administration that a full-time bike center be established in order to offer more services throughout the year as well as advocate for more bicycling facilities and provide safety education to the campus. That early summer the new bike center was authorized and constructed inside the old canoe shelter on the river. The MSU Bikes Service Center opened the day after Labor Day 2006. In addition to a full menu of bike repair and rental services the Center continues the tradition of canoe rentals during the warm months.

The Staff

The Center is staffed by both full-time and student employees. Our head mechanic, Jon-Marc Eyer, joined MSU Bikes in the late fall of 2007 with over 20 years of bike mechanical (& racing) experience both in bike shops and outside as a race mechanic, trained to do those repairs you've seen in the Park Tools posters of the mechanic hanging out a car door making an adjustment to a bike while rolling down the road. Our student mechanics (5 to 6 depending on the time of year), are well trained and

most come with bike shop experience from their home towns.

MSU Bikes' Assistant Coordinator, Melissa Stewart, an MSU alumna, joined the Center in the summer of 2007 after a couple years experience working in another local bike shop. She helps keep our computerized shop & inventory system running smoothly along with making sure our retail area and student cashiers (3) are trained, organized and on track.

Tim Potter was one of the first volunteers with the Bike Project and became the Center's Coordinator. He brought a life-long passion for bicycling in all forms along with many years of mechanical experience to the Center. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the Center he spends much time assisting with campus bike facility issues, keeping the campus bike community informed of bike-related news and events and organizing events that help promote enjoyable and safe bicycling. He's also very active off-campus with advocacy efforts to help promote better bike facilities in the Tri-County area as well as helping other campus bike programs around the country. Tim and a colleague from the Univ. of Wisconsin--Madison created a new national network for campus bike programmers which has since grown to a 70-member group which shares ideas and information with each other that has previously been unavailable or very hard to find. See their new web site for more information: www.universitybikeprograms.org.

Upcoming Events

Each spring brings a host of bike-related events to the Greater Lansing area and the Center has been very supportive and involved with many of them. Here's what's on the horizon for this spring (from our web site - www.bikes.msu.edu: many photos available on our site too to go along with this article if there's room):

May - Smart Commute

MSU Bikes' staff will once again teach some of the bike commuter classes here at our Center and elsewhere on the MSU campus along with offering some of the prizes for the Smart Commute Challenge. Dates/ times TBD. Watch this page for more info: www.midmeac.org/smartcommute.html.

• **May 20 - Ride of Silence** <<http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php>> **gather/ start MSU Bikes Service Center -- finish at the State Capital** On May 20, 2009, at 7:00 pm, one of the two local Ride of Silence events will begin at the MSU Bikes Service Center (the other is lead by Lenny Provencher out of the Haslett Middle School). Area cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. We expect to be escorted by numerous local police department bike patrol officers as in the past 2 years. Helmets are mandatory, talking during the ride is not. This will be the 3rd year for MSU Bikes to host this event. We'll ride around campus, thru downtown E. Lansing then down Michigan Ave. to the Capital for a time to talk about people we know who've been hit and killed or injured.

• **May 28 - Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Day** <<http://www.lmb.org/pages/Events/bikeparade.htm>> **gather/ start MSU Bikes Service Center -- finish at the State Capital** Are you tired of vehicles buzzing too close to your bicycle? Do you think our roads should have wide shoulders or designated bicycle lanes? Do you dream of a day you can ride in traffic and feel safe? The Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Day is your chance to effect change! On May 28th, the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) and bicyclists from around the state will join forces for a Ride and a Road Rally to the State Capitol building. Our goal is to take our concerns about bicycling and the rights of bicyclists on the roadways in Michigan directly to our state legislators in Lansing. This event is free, but registration is required.



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GARY L MUNSON

Longtime TCBA member Gary Munson died at home on Saturday, February 28, 2009, from complications of thyroid cancer. Gary was a club member for over 30 years. He was the consummate TCBA volunteer and served as our president in 1983. No task was too small or large for him, and he stepped in to help whenever there was a need. Over the past several years, Gary handled registration for SummerTour and coordinated the DALMAC route-marking crews. Gary is survived by his beloved wife Sandy (who served as *Chainwheel Chatter* editor for many years). As a tandem duo, Gary and Sandy rode many multi-day tours each year, both here in Michigan and elsewhere. Their sons Neil and Ron joined them on many DALMACs when they were younger. Gary has many longtime and dear TCBA friends who will miss riding with him and seeing him zoom pass them down the road.

Submitted by Lenny Provencher

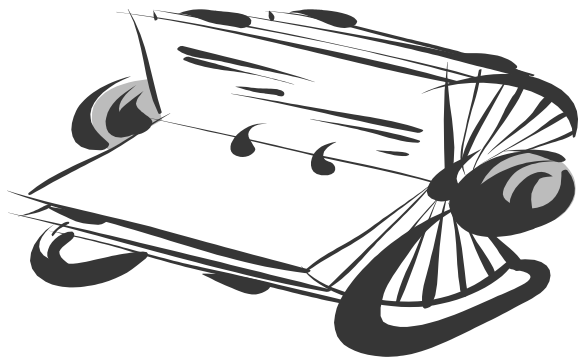


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