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MEMBERSHIP

CYCLE FORUM

**NO
MEETING OR
CYCLE FORUM THIS
MONTH. INSTEAD, WE'LL
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS
AT OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY
PARTY!!!**

**BOARD
MEETING**

January 4, 2011
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
DECEMBER
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 chainwheel-chatter@ biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.

**RIDE
CALENDAR
DECEMBER 8**

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

The 2009 Level 1 jackets are in. Please contact Kris Stairs at stair-skris@yahoo.com to arrange pick up. The jackets will also be available to pick up at the Jan. club meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Members wishing to participate should sign-up before Dec. 1st. There will be a buffet dinner by Acclaim Catering from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The cost of this event is \$5.00/person and must be pre-paid by Dec. 1st. Questions contact Lenny Provencher at 517-204-2971.



**MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Foster Community Center - Lansing
October 5 , 2010**

Board members present included Roger Nelson, Lenny Provencher, Patricia Trudgen, Linda Antinori, Kris Stairs, Donovan Riley, and Dick Sulin. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Bill Savage, Steve Leiby, Ken Hendricks, and Char Sulin.

President Roger Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Reports:

1. **President's Report:** The TCBA Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 14 at 6 p.m. at the Brookshire Inn. Roger reported that he had sent out 35 invitations and had received 23 responses back.
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Lenny reported that our Christmas Party will be held this year at the Demmer Shooting and Training Facility on Jolly and Collins Road. Archery and air gun activities and training will be available. The party will be held the first or second week of December. October's meeting will be our Annual Membership open mike Meeting and November's meeting speaker will be Dick Janson on his Pennsylvania to Washington D.C. bicycle trip.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Linda Antinori presented September's Minutes to the Board for approval. Lenny Provencher made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, Dick Sulin seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dick Sulin presented the August and September's Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Linda Antinori made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented, Kris Stairs seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. Dick also reported that his computer has been repaired.
5. **Events Director:** The DALMAC Appreciation Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on October 7 at the Eagle Eye Golf Course. The post DALMAC meeting will be held on October 21 at the Foster Center and a meeting for all people who want to volunteer on DALMAC next year will be held in January.
6. **Ride Incentives:** Kris Stairs reported to the Board that L.L. Bean doesn't have the Northwood's Parka available this year, but does have a 3-in-1 parka available in the same colors for the 2009 incentives that we will be ordering. They should be available at the November club meeting.

Old Business:

- The State Employees Health Fair in the Atrium at Constitutional Hall. Roger Nelson will be manning a booth for TCBA.
- Bill Savage announced that there will be Level One Safety Instructor Class held May 21, 2011 at the MSU Pavilion.

New Business:

- Keith Barnard of the South Alano Club, 2820 S Cedar, asked the Board for help in funding a 2 sided, 6 bike rack for their members, many of whose only means of transportation are their bikes. Lenny Provencher made a motion to approve \$230 for the bike rack plus transportation. Donovan Riley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- We received information from AT&T about our phone service that could possibly save us money. Katie Donnelly volunteered to look into it.
- Linda Antinori will put our rides on the LMB Ride Calendar and the Board will look into advertising on the calendar.
- The Board received a proposal from Cathleen Edgerly of the CATA Clean Commute Options asking us to fund the printing of Bikes on Buses brochures which we did 10 years ago. Lenny made a motion to fund the printing of the brochure, Linda Antinori seconded it, and the motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.
- The Board Transition Dinner will be held December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the State Room in the Kellogg Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

OUR 40TH DALMAC

By Patricia Trudgen, Events Director

We had a beautiful summer for riding. As our riders started their ride north on September 1, 2010 a light rain started. The rain continued for the next three days. Many of the over 2100 riders stayed with the ride until completion. Sunday was the best day of all and the sun blessed us with its presence.

Less than two-thirds of the riders completed the ride, which was excellent due to poor weather. We had several detours, a few accidents and some very cold riders. The attitude of our riders, crew and committees was outstanding. It is amazing the teamwork that exists among the volunteers.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the participants in our 40th DALMAC. See you next year.



DALMAC photos courtesy of Carol Colville from the Quint Century Route.

WE HAVE NO RIDES SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

RIDE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

General Rules

- The ride calendar year is December 1st through November 30th
 - Club rides may be submitted to the *Chainwheel Chatter* or to the called in ride line. If possible all recurring rides, and most other rides, should be submitted for publication in the club newsletter. Ride information must be submitted so that it appears on the updated ride line for at least two (2) days prior to the ride. The update schedule and deadlines are set by the Ride Line Coordinator and may vary by season.
 - In addition to all of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties, rides may depart from locations within Shiawassee county that are south of M-21 and west of M-52 as well as within the city limits of Owosso. Rides may also depart from the 67th District Court House in Grand Blanc.
 - Other start locations must be board approved
 - No club rides shall be scheduled during the general membership meetings or to conflict with the Women on Wheels ride, the 100,000 Meter T-shirt Ride, or club-sponsored social activities.
 - Wednesday evening rides of all classes departing from the MSU Pavilion from May through August shall have starting times of 6:15 p.m.
 - Rides of the same class leaving from the same general location must be at least one hour different in starting time.
 - Helmets are required on all club rides; personal audio devices are prohibited.
- There is only one ride leader and one route per ride.

Incentive Eligibility

- Only TCBA members in good standing may accumulate mileage points.
- Riders earn 1 point per route mile or "home mile" ridden. Ride leaders receive ride mileage as well as ride leader points (100 points for Class D and M and 50 points for all other ride classes); if there are no other riders, the ride leader receives the ride mileage plus 10 leader points.
- "Home miles" are miles ridden to and from TCBA rides, meetings, social events, or invitational tours based on the shortest and safest distance to these events from the rider's home. Home miles are not extra miles ridden "off the route."
- Mileage credit is only earned by riders and ride leaders who ride the route; ride leaders may deny mileage credit for any rider whose participation on the route is not personally verified.
- If a ride leader fails to participate in a scheduled ride, another rider may assume leadership and will be credited with the leader points.
- The following rides are eligible for full credit under the program
 - ◊ Properly scheduled club rides
 - ◊ SummerTour
 - ◊ 100,000 Meter T-Shirt Ride
 - ◊ Women on Wheels Ride
 - ◊ DALMAC
 - ◊ Northwest Tour
- Mileage credit may also be earned for participation in non-TCBA invitational rides; however, at least 75% of a rider's mileage points toward an award must come from TCBA-sponsored events. Invitational rides are tours sponsored by other clubs or non-commercial organizations.
- Members are responsible for documenting participation in TCBA invitational rides or qualifying non-club rides within 30 days of the event on any official club ride sheet. Entry shall include member's name, date, events name, and distance
- Riders are responsible for ensuring their mileage is accurately entered in the club's database.
- Ride sheets must be submitted to mileage keeper within 30 days of ride, except that all ride sheets must be received by the mileage keeper by the second Tuesday in December.
- The TCBA Board is responsible for equitable enforcement of the ride program.

FOR MORE RIDES CALL:517-882-3700 or visit the web site: www.biketcba.org

Also check this number for updates/changes on rides listed in this *Chainwheel Chatter*.



HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!



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

www.mmba.org Michigan Mountain Biking Association

www.facebook.com TCBA is there as a group...check us out!



Sunrises & Sunsets for December 2010

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:48 AM	5:06 PM	16	8:02 AM	5:05 PM
2	7:49 AM	5:05 PM	17	8:02 AM	5:05 PM
3	7:50 AM	5:05 PM	18	8:03 AM	5:06 PM
4	7:51 AM	5:05 PM	19	8:04 AM	5:06 PM
5	7:52 AM	5:05 PM	20	8:04 AM	5:06 PM
6	7:53 AM	5:04 PM	21	8:05 AM	5:07 PM
7	7:54 AM	5:04 PM	22	8:05 AM	5:07 PM
8	7:55 AM	5:04 PM	23	8:06 AM	5:08 PM
9	7:56 AM	5:04 PM	24	8:06 AM	5:08 PM
10	7:57 AM	5:04 PM	25	8:06 AM	5:09 PM
11	7:58 AM	5:04 PM	26	8:07 AM	5:10 PM
12	7:59 AM	5:04 PM	27	8:07 AM	5:10 PM
13	7:59 AM	5:04 PM	28	8:07 AM	5:11 PM
14	8:00 AM	5:05 PM	29	8:08 AM	5:12 PM
15	8:01 AM	5:05 PM	30	8:08 AM	5:12 PM
			31	8:08 AM	5:13 PM

If there is no joyous way to give a festive gift, give Love away. - Author Unknown

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. Please notify Dean Brailey of your address change at membership@biketcba.org.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS





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 Janet Weber, 767 Linden St., Charlotte, MI 48813.

FOR SALE: New seat foam and cover for Tour Easy seat. \$40. Call Dick at (517) 675-7340.

FOR SALE: Almost new, 200 miles. Trek WSD 1.2 road bike bought in 2009. White color with one water bottle cage. \$750. For more details, call Steve @ 517-256-3620 or email: shirleyxtlsaylor@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Yakama SKS

Double Cross Towers for 1996-2000 Chrysler/Dodge Minivans with factory racks. Mounts on racks. Set of 4 towers without locks. No bar. \$30 for the 4. Call Mark at (517) 719-8321.

FOR SALE: Eastpak Rear Bike Panniers. \$10 for the pair. Call Mark at (517) 719-8321.

FOR SALE: Dark green Cannondale Tandem. Ridden on two DALMACS. Captain for 5'9" to 6' and rear stoker for 5'2" to 5'6". Asking \$800. If interested, call Pete or Kim at (517) 8861595.

WANTED: Road Tandem L/S. Contact Karl at 517-977-4374 or e-mail olsonla@msu.edu.

WANTED: Road tandem! Santana, Co-Motion etc. If you have one to sell please call Barb at (517) 483-9610.

MEMBER SPECIALS

CLUB JERSEYS FOR SALE

Cost is \$55 and are available in various sizes from small to XXL. Jerseys will be available at monthly club meeting. For more information or to check on sizes they can call Kris Stairs at 517-627-4211 or email stairskris@yahoo.com.



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.

TCBA MEMBER CONTACT

Your respect is requested when using any of the numbers on this page. Phone calls during family time and at late hours can be intrusive.

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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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NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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