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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
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NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR CYCLE FORUM THIS MONTH
WISHING EVERYONE THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY SEASON
ENJOY THIS TIME WITH YOU FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

BOARD MEETING	December 6, 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.
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DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 9	Please send items to Janet Weber, 767 Linden Street, Charlotte, MI 48813 or send your e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR DECEMBER 7	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

Christmas party is the 4th of December at the City Limits from 2-4. For more information, contact Ray Bailey.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends.



**MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Foster Community Center - Lansing
October 4, 2011**

Board members present included Ray Bailey, Steve Leiby, Pat Trudgen, Dean Brailey, and Kris Stairs. Also present were club members Bill Savage, Katie Donnelly, Wendell Proudfoot, Janet Weber, Steve Schuesler, and Daryl and Mary Burris.

Vice-President, Ray Bailey, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pat Trudgen made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended, Steve Leiby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Reports:

Minutes: Steve Leiby made a motion to approve September's Minutes, with corrections. Dean Brailey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Vice-President's Report: Ray Bailey reported that he has secured the glassed-in patio area at City Limits for our Christmas Party. Pizza and pop will be set up there.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Leiby presented September's Financial Reports to the Board for approval. Dean Brailey made a motion to accept September's Financial Report as presented; Pat Trudgen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Two checks have been mailed to individuals for Summer Tour expenses as decided at the last Board meeting. The check made out to the Ingham County Road Commission still has not cleared. Steve will look into that.

Events Director's Report: Patricia Trudgen reported that at the second post DALMAC meeting, issues were brought up to be addressed. There are 5 people on the Food and Facilities Committee to help resolve these issues. Overall it was a good DALMAC with over 1,800 riders. She also said that they are looking into combining the Quad with the 4-West Route and this is in the planning stage. Ken Hendricks and Diane Sherman are working on the Financial Report for DALMAC and it should be ready soon.

Safety and Education: Bill Savage will be holding a beginning level Smart Cycling class at the MSU Pavilion on May 23. The one scheduled for October was cancelled due to a lack of interest.

Ride Incentive Committee: Kris Stairs reported that we still have club jerseys for sale.

Membership: Dean Brailey resigned as Membership Coordinator and Wendell Proudfoot volunteered to take on the position.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held on changing the definition of family membership. The new database will be easier to input if it includes everyone living at the address. Steve Leiby made a motion to discontinue the collection of the date of birth and ages of children on our membership applications. Pat Trudgen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was also proposed that 2 ballots be sent for family membership and 1 for individual membership.

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- Vice-President Ray Bailey has proposed changes to the way one time, out of the area, rides are approved. He wants to simplify the process of placing rides on the ride lines. Ray will send his proposals to Kris Stairs for the Ride Committee to review.

New Business:

- The Board Transition Dinner will be held on December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center. Kris Stairs will call and make reservations.
- The information about the Government Relations Director was published in the October newsletter and will be discussed at the October membership meeting and November Board meeting.
- Dean Brailey made a motion that the October membership meeting also be the Volunteer Appreciation Meeting with pizza being served starting in October 2012. Steve Leiby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Steve Leiby presented an advertising policy for the *Chainwheel Chatter* for Board review. This will be discussed further at our next meeting and the final version will be added to the Board protocol.
- Ray Bailey made a suggestion that when clothing/gifts are purchased for DALMAC, ride incentives, etc., that we should look into purchasing goods made in the USA instead of overseas. This will be discussed at the October general membership meeting.
- Steve Leiby will call Linda Antinori to check on ballots and Board profiles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. and the Board met in closed session.



EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS

By Wendell Proudfoot

We have ten (10) memberships that expired during September without renewal (as of 5 November 2011). Often, members don't see the expiration date that is printed as part of the address on the Chainwheel Chatter. When that happens, the member often notices that they are no longer getting the newsletter, or their ride mileage information is no longer being displayed on the website.

Len Gordon	Lansing
Robert Irving	Lansing
Michelle Gladstone	Lansing
Leann Turner	Williamston
Karen Kligman	East Lansing
Judith & John Lonsw ay	Fenton
Kathryn & Michael Hixson	Laingsburg
Michael Cushion	Eagle
Shelly Barton	Mulliken
Frank A Bonner	Holt

We will also be sending out e-mails and hope to mail postcards to remind members to renew.

There is a renewal form on the back page (near the address label) of the newsletter, and there is one on the website: <http://www.biketcba.org/membership/membershipForm.php>.

There are nine (9) more memberships that expired in October (as of 5 November 2011). Check your label! "Thanks," to the 44 member who renewed their memberships in September and October!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The TCBA would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Craig Geiger, Portland, MI	David Burden, Haslett, MI
Kenneth Howe, Holt, MI	Dean and Karen Ross, Bath, MI
Eric Walters, East Lansing, MI	Eileen Hunter, Leslie, MI
Craig Partridge, East Lansing, MI	Carol Luster, East Lansing, MI
Mike and Jeanette Harris Family, Holt, MI	

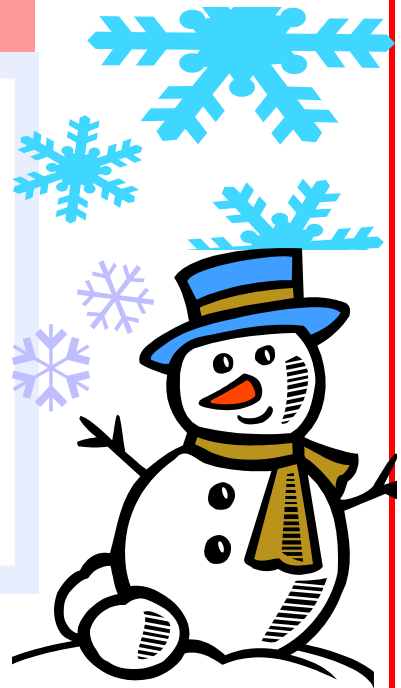
We look forward to your participation in future rides and activities with us and hope you join us at our meetings.



Oh the weather outside is blowing and the rides, they are now slowing. And since we have none to show...let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Sunrises & Sunsets for December 2011

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



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*.
 To receive the Ride Line Transcript by email send your email address to: bikerides@comcast.net

Ride Line Call-in Coordinator:
 Thomas Bogle

RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

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.



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS

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

Name of product: Trek 2012 FX and District bicycles

Units: About 27,000

Importer: Trek Bicycle Corporation, of Waterloo, Wisc.

Hazard: The bolt that secures the seat saddle clamp to the seat post can break posing a fall hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Trek has received four reports of incidents with one injury involving a broken tooth and lip injury.

Description: The bicycles affected by this recall include the following models:

Model Year 2012: Trek 7.2 FX, 7.3 FX, 7.4 FX, AND 7.5 FX; District, and 9th District bicycle models: WSD, Livestrong and Disc models.

The model name is found on the bicycle's frame.

Consumers can determine the model year by looking at the SKU number stamped on the bottom bracket, which is found near the pedals. If the last two digits of the SKU are 12, the bicycle is a Model Year 2012 bicycle.

Sold at: Specialty bicycle retailers nationwide between May 2011 and September 2011 for between \$550 and \$1,100.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop riding the bicycles immediately and contact an authorized Trek dealer for a free replacement bolt.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Trek at 800-373-4594 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the company's website at www.trekbikes.com

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1440

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS

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Name of Product: Disney Fairies Plastic Racing Trikes (In case you're giving one to one of our younger [or future] TCBA members as a Christmas gift.)

Units: About 12,000 (9,000 Disney Princess Trikes were [recalled](#) in April 2011*)

Manufacturer: Kiddieland Toys Limited, of Scituate, Mass. (Note: Disney licensed their brand name to Kiddieland.)

Hazard: The plastic fairy figures protrude from the top of the handle bar posing a laceration hazard if a child falls on them.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC and Kiddieland have received one report of a 3-year-old girl from Ohio who suffered a facial laceration near her right eye.

Description: This recall involves the Disney-branded Fairies Plastic Racing Trike. The trike is green and purple with a white seat and yellow wheels. On top of the handlebar, there is a Tinkerbelle figure and three other rotating fairy figures. "Disney Fairies" is printed on the label in front of the trike just below the handlebar.

Sold exclusively at: Target stores nationwide from July 2009 through December 2009 for about \$50.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the trikes away from children and contact Kiddieland for a free replacement handlebar with an enclosed rotating display.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kiddieland at (800) 430-5307 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.kiddieland.com.hk

*New model Princess Trikes do not have figurines and are not included in the recall.



“Communication is a skill that you can learn. It’s like riding a bicycle or typing. If you’re willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of very part of your life.”

-Brian Tracy

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.



Meetings in 2011-2012

Board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Foster Center on the following dates:

- December 6, 2011
- January 3, 2012
- February 7, 2012
- March 6, 2012
- April 3, 2012
- May 1, 2012
- June 5, 2012
- July 10, 2012



Club Meetings

Member meetings are at 7:00 p.m. and Allan Huber’s Cycling Maintenance Class at 6:00 p.m.:

- January 26, 2012
- February 23, 2012
- March 29, 2012
- April 26, 2012 –Swap Meet
- May 31, 2012– Poster Contest & DALMAC Grantees
- June 28, 2012
- July 26, 2012
- August 23, 2012

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.adventurecycling.org Adventure Cycling

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.railstotrails.org Rails to Trails Conservancy

www.michigantrails.org Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance

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

twitter.com Twitter



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.

FREE: Women's medium Nashbar yellow rain suit. Contact Suellen at 517-482-1908.

FOR SALE: Sun EZ Tandem AX recumbent tandem bicycle, aluminum frame, disk brakes, independent pedaling. Both seats adjustable for leg length. Includes rear rack and computer, four bottle cages. Almost new condition. \$1,900. Call or email Ken Hendrick at 517-627-4865 or klhendrick@msn.com.

FOR SALE: Saris cycle rack, Thelma 2-Bike Hitch model. Very good condition. \$125. Call Carl at 517-484-9254.

FOR SALE: Small, easy to use Allen bike rack, takes 2 bikes. \$18. Call Phil at 517-646-8311.

MEMBER SPECIALS

SEW MUCH MORE

Cycling Wear: jerseys, cycling shorts, tights, arm & leg warmers
Custom fit. Gift Certificates.
Contact Sue at 517-627-1411
e-mail:
sewmuchmorebiz@gmail.com
NEW web site:
sewmuchmore.biz

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.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

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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E-mail treasurer@biketcba.org
- Secretary: Linda Antinori.....(517) 410-6043
E-mail secretary@biketcba.org
- Events Director: Patricia Trudgen.....(517) 420-8699
DALMAC Hotline (517) 882-3700
E-mail eventsdirector@biketcba.org
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E-mail boardatlarge2@biketcba.org
 - Kris Stairs.....(517) 627-4211
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OTHER GOOD NUMBERS:

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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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CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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