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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	February 24, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St., Lansing, MI	<b>RAY BAILEY</b> Indoor Cycling, Community Cycling, Better known as Spinning
<b>CYCLE FORUM</b>	February 24, 2011 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St., Lansing, MI	<b>ALLAN HUBER</b> Come in and join the discussion on the topic of interest.
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	February 8, 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 FEBRUARY 11

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](mailto:chainwheel-chatter@biketcba.org) by the indicated deadline.

### RIDE CALENDAR FEBRUARY 9

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](mailto: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

We are looking for volunteers to serve on an advocacy committee for TCBA. Interested persons should contact either Roger Nelson at [president@biketcba.org](mailto:president@biketcba.org) or Ray Bailey at [vp@biketcba.org](mailto:vp@biketcba.org).

If anyone would like to volunteer or know someone who would want to volunteer to do a presentation to the club on bicycle related items such as: personal trips, slide shows, etc. Right now we are looking for someone for March, June, August, September, October, and November. Please contact Ray Bailey at [vp@biketcba.org](mailto:vp@biketcba.org).



**MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Foster Community Center - Lansing  
December 7, 2010**

Board members present included Roger Nelson, Lenny Provencher, Patricia Trudgen, Kris Stairs, Donovan Riley, and Dick Sulin. Linda Antinori joined the meeting at 8:15. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Dean Brailey, Steve Leiby, Ken Hendricks, Dwayne Scheidler, and Janet Weber.

President Roger Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Joe Adams request for donations to the 2 State Parks used for Summer Tour last year.

**Correspondence Received:** Pat Trudgen received a thank you note from NBTDA for sponsoring a break at the conference.

**Reports:**

1. **President's Report:** Roger Nelson reported that we had a good transition meeting at the Kellogg Center and a lot of good ideas were brought up including:
  - a. Adding to incentive Committee to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
  - b. Supporting River Trail maintenance – Steve Leiby will check into this.
  - c. Adding a short (2 day?) DALMAC route to encourage younger or new riders
  - d. Establish a publicity/advertising committee
  - e. Establish a bicycle advocacy committee
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Lenny reported that 80 people had signed up for our Christmas Party at the Demmer Shooting and Training Facility. Shooting activities start at 5 and dinner will be served at 6.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Dick Sulin made a motion to accept the Minutes with a correction. Pat Trudgen seconded it, and it passed unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dick Sulin presented November's Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. Lenny Provencher made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented, Pat Trudgen seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Events Director:** Patricia Trudgen reported that she has had 2 DALMAC meetings thus far. Jeff Smith has taken over the buying committee for DALMAC; discussion has begun on jersey design and give-a-ways. There will be a link on the DALMAC web site to an independent agency for cancellation insurance for this event. DALMAC will not be responsible for the insurance and the claims that arise from it.
6. **Ride Incentives:** Kris Stairs reported that the incentive jackets are in and being distributed. The 2010 incentive letter and form is ready to go and will be emailed to Steve Schuesler.
7. **Northwest Tour:** Dick Sulin stated that they grossed \$23,190 on Northwest Tour last year with 184 riders participating. We have a contract for 2011 with the same campground and are waiting to hear if the Empire campground will accept our proposal.

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8. **Membership:** Dean Brailey reported that he is waiting to hear from Wendell on a date to go check out possible new software for the membership data base.
9. **DALMAC Fund:** The DALMAC Fund web page is updated and ready to go.

***Old Business:***

- Alaeidon Township is requesting that if we place port-a-johns at the Township Hall that they be lockable to prevent kids from using them without their parents. Edie Belcher is looking into possibly moving the ride to an elementary school near the township hall.
- Board Protocol was brought up for vote. Dick wanted the Board to meet in closed session to discuss this. Donovan made a motion to put the Board Protocol into effect as quickly as possible with the stipulation that it needs to be reviewed annually by the current Board to add, delete, or modify items as needed. Pat seconded the motion and Dick moved that we table the issue with no second. Roger called for a vote and it passed 4-1.
- Roger will ask Nancy Krupriarz for clarification of what the TCBA logo will be used for.

***New Business:***

- Joe Adams asked the Board for a donation of \$1,000 to both Algonac State Park and Lakeport State Park. Lenny made a motion to give Joe the authority to do so, Pat Trudgen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held on establishing a Bicycle Advocacy Committee. If we want a Board member in charge of this, then the club by-laws would have to be changed. Steve Leiby will research this and present it to the Board and then to club membership if need be.
- Katie Donnelly shared that the cost of the Poster Contest should be about the same as last year. Letters are sent to the schools and they decide how to disseminate the information. It is also publicized in local newspapers and on our web site.
- Dick Sulin proposed background checks on club officers and ride leaders. Discussion was held and it was pointed out that it is already hard to get people to volunteer and if this is instituted it will make finding volunteers even harder. Issue was dropped due to non support.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and the Board went into a closed session.

**WE HAVE NO RIDES SCHEDULED THIS MONTH**

**NORTHWEST TOUR 2011**

Welcome to the 5th annual NorthWest Tour. This ride is sponsored by the Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA). It is our sincere hope that each of you will have a wonderful experience riding the NorthWest Tour.

On Wednesday, we have a short “dinner” ride to Glen Arbor. The tour begins on Thursday, with two nested loops toward the east. These are 54 miles to Traverse City and 34 miles through Lake Ann. There is an optional extended route of 46 miles to Old Mission Point for the long route. Friday has a pair of nested loops to the south through Honor. The 58-mile long route then passes through Benzonia and Frankfort. The 30-mile loop turns northwest out of Honor. Both loops then go to Empire.

Saturday’s routes travel to the north. The 82-mile loop goes to Northport with an optional 23-mile round trip to Leelanau State Park. The 38-mile loop turns south after Little Traverse Lake. Sunday’s 29-mile route goes along the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Seashore. This includes an optional ride on Pierce Stocking Drive and the Dune Climb. There is a \$5 daily fee for these attractions.



The area has its share of hills and so the routes do too. Some are up, some are down.

Some are tall and some are not so tall. While the short routes for each day have less mileage they still will have their challenges.

You are welcome to stay at the campground if you do not want to ride. Sleepy Bear Campground has a game room and a heated pool. Please direct any questions you may have to Dick Sulin at 517-339 -2368 and E:mail address [dk52andcr75300@att.net](mailto:dk52andcr75300@att.net).

**OTHER TCBA RIDE DATES FOR 2011**

**100,000 METRE T-SHIRT RIDE—June 11, 2011      WOMEN ON WHEELS RIDE—July 23, 2011**

**SUMMERTOUR—July 13-17, 2011                      DALMAC—August 31—September 4, 2011**

FOR MORE RIDES CALL:517-882-3700 or visit the web site: [www.biketcba.org](http://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](http://www.biketcba.org) Tri-County Bicycle Association

[www.lmb.org](http://www.lmb.org) League of Michigan Bicyclists

[www.bikeleague.com](http://www.bikeleague.com) League of American Bicyclists

[www.bikes.msu.edu](http://www.bikes.msu.edu) Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes

[www.walkbikelansing.com](http://www.walkbikelansing.com) Lansing's Walking and Bicycling Network

[www.capitalareasmartcommute.com](http://www.capitalareasmartcommute.com) Smart Commute Program

[www.midmeac.org](http://www.midmeac.org) Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council

[www.bikems.org](http://www.bikems.org) Various rides throughout the country

[www.mmba.org](http://www.mmba.org) Michigan Mountain Biking Association

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) TCBA is there as a group...check us out!



**Sunrises & Sunsets for February 2011**

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:54 AM	5:50 PM	16	7:35 AM	6:10 PM
2	7:53 AM	5:52 PM	17	7:34 AM	6:11 PM
3	7:51 AM	5:53 PM	18	7:32 AM	6:13 PM
4	7:50 AM	5:54 PM	19	7:31 AM	6:14 PM
5	7:49 AM	5:55 PM	20	7:29 AM	6:15 PM
6	7:48 AM	5:57 PM	21	7:28 AM	6:16 PM
7	7:47 AM	5:58 PM	22	7:26 AM	6:18 PM
8	7:46 AM	5:59 PM	23	7:25 AM	6:19 PM
9	7:44 AM	6:01 PM	24	7:23 AM	6:20 PM
10	7:43 AM	6:02 PM	25	7:22 AM	6:20 PM
11	7:42 AM	6:03 PM	26	7:20 AM	6:23 PM
12	7:41 AM	6:05 PM	27	7:19 AM	6:24 PM
13	7:39 AM	5:04 PM	28	7:17 AM	6:25 PM
14	7:38 AM	6:07 PM			

**INTERESTED IN RIDING FROM COLORADO TO MICHIGAN?**

By Janet Harrington

Anyone interested in joining me (Janet Harrington, a TCBA member living in CO) on a bike trip of approximately 1500 miles from Colorado to Michigan in early August, lasting possibly a month? The time frame is fixed because I have a 50th class reunion in Michigan on September 9th! I have a possible layout for the trip given to me by Bill Tucker and Diane Fisher (past TCBA members) that could be used or updated. It would take us through CO-WY-NE-SD-IA-WI and MI. I would welcome help and additional ideas for the trip. I would like to have a sag vehicle (probably a pickup truck) and possibly a trailer to pull behind to stay in if we have a small group. Very likely motels would be part of the trip too even with the trailer. I would also like to take the ferry across Lake Michigan at either Manitowoc to Ludington or Milwaukee to Muskegon. Anyone interested in doing just part of the trip would be welcome as well. If our group is small, people would be welcome to stay at our home before departing on the trip. If you are interested, let me know at [janet\\_har@hotmail.com](mailto:janet_har@hotmail.com). I'm really excited about the prospect of doing a trip like this!



**"IF YOU WOR-**  
ried about  
falling off  
the bike,  
you'd never  
**GET ON."**

~ Lance Armstrong

**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](mailto:membership@biketcba.org).

**NEW ADDRESS**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:sewmuchmorebiz@gmail.com)

NEW web site:

[sewmuchmore.biz](http://sewmuchmore.biz)

### Denny's Central Park Bicycles

26th Annual Open House

*Mark your calendar so you won't miss this important event!*

Sunday, February 13

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Location: Denny's Central Park Bicycles**

1805 Central Park Dr., Okemos

Members save 10% off all new products, including 2010 bicycles and bikes already on sale.

Biggest inventory clear-out ever

20-80% off on other select products

Featuring: Trek, Specialized, Yakima, Pearl Izumi, Burley and more

Factory reps will be available for the latest info!

Hourly drawings for prizes!

Refreshments provided — **don't miss it!**

# 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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