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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
MEMBERSHIP	October 27, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	October is open mic month. The opportunity for club members to speak out about things going on in the club. We are also trying to get the ride leaders for the Northwest Tour, T-Shirt Ride, WOW ride, Summer Tour, and DALMAC to give a short presentation on how their rides went.
CYCLE FORUM	October 27, 2011 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	ALLAN HUBER
BOARD MEETING	October 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



#### **DEADLINES**

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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.

agenda.

#### RIDE CALENDAR OCTOBER 14

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 Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 2-4pm at Mason Bowling Lanes on Cedar Street in Mason. Please sign up at the Oct/Nov club meetings.

**Lost and Found from DALMAC** ~ Any items that were lost on any of the DALMAC routes will be available at the club meeting in October. Any items that are not claimed at the October meeting will be donated to a local charity. See above for October's date, time and location for the meeting.



### MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Foster Community Center - Lansing August 2, 2011

Board members present included Roger Nelson, Steve Leiby, Linda Antinori, Pat Trudgen, and Dean Brailey. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Wendell Proudfoot, Lenny Provencher, and Brett Kuschinske, Director of Lansing's Parks and Recreation Department.

President Roger Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### Reports:

<u>Minutes:</u> Secretary Linda Antinori presented the July 5, 2011 Minutes to the Board for approval. Dean Brailey made a motion to approve the minutes; Kris Stairs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Linda Antinori reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Board elections in October and the need for candidates.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Steve Leiby presented July's Financial Reports to the Board for approval. Linda Antinori made a motion to accept the Report as presented; Dean Brailey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Event Director's Report:** Patricia Trudgen reported that we have 1,834 total riders on DALMAC this year and we still need 2 truck drivers on the 4-Day West Route. She also told the Board that according to our attorney, there is a new law that allows parents to release coaches, schools, and facilities from injuries. This should apply to us also.

*Membership:* Dean Brailey reported that we were mailing 797 copies of the Chainwheel Chatter.

<u>Safety and Education:</u> Steve Leiby reminded the Board that Bill Savage will be holding a beginning level Smart Cycling class at the MSU Pavilion in October.

#### Old Business:

- Changes to the definition of a family membership were tabled until the next Board meeting.
- The subject of rides starting in Grand Blanc and Owosso qualifying as club rides was tabled until the next Board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Brett Kuschinske, Director of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, met with the Board to discuss ways we could partner with the City of Lansing to help maintain the River Trail.
- We need to develop a job description for a bicycling advocacy position in the club.
- Linda Antinori will place an article in the Chainwheel Chatter about the need for candidates for Board elections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

#### TCBA PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

By Steve Leiby, Treasurer

The TCBA Board is looking to change direction concerning working with governmental agencies to improve the bicycling environment. We do not have a good record of engaging local and state governments on what we want and need.

The TCBA President has occasionally filled this role in the past. The TCBA President and Board face time constraints. Our present duties running the club take up most of our available time.

The proposed bylaws changes are meant to address this organization's shortfall and create an officer and committee who are dedicated to educating governments on our needs.

The draft below references governments and other organizations. We should not rule out advocating for bicyclists' needs with employers and civic organizations. Advocacy should be thought of as including bicycle parking, showers and changing facilities for bicycle commuters, as well as road and other facilities.

#### **Proposed Bylaws Amendments** (additions)

This proposal amends the following 3 sections in Article V to establish the Board position of Government Relations Director and a Government Relations Committee.

#### Section 2

...There shall be **eight** Directors... The Directors shall be the elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Director, two Directors-at-large, **and the Government Relations Director**.

#### Section 3

...The Government Relations Director shall be responsible for informing and educating governmental units and other organizations on bicyclists' needs, and shall perform such other duties as delegated by the President.

**Section 5** (Presidential Appointments)

#### (6) Government Relations Committee

The Executive Committee is bringing the proposed bylaws changes to the membership for discussion at the next membership meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to comment on the proposed changes, please email Roger Nelson, TCBA President at <a href="mailto:President@biketcba.org">President@biketcba.org</a>. Please state "proposed bylaws changes" is the subject line.

#### DALMAC 2011

By Patricia Trudgen, DALMAC Events Director

As the riders started leaving the MSU Pavilion this year it started to rain. Many veteran riders thought we were in for another soggy DALMAC. Luck was on our side, in that, the periodic rain and 90 degree days made for another memorable DALMAC.

Over 1800 enthusiastic riders participated in our annual event on the five routes. Many riders trained prior to the ride and were rewarded with a pleasant experience. Our riders are one of the three components that make our ride successful. Without the riders' participation, we would have no ride.



Photos of Quad riders by Janet Weber



Our second component is the devoted volunteers. They give of their time and work countless hours each year to make DALMAC the successful ride that it has become. Once the ride is complete and expenses are paid, we are fortunate to be able to grant funds back to communities. Grants are made from requests that we receive from various bike related projects.

Last, but certainly not least, is our originator of DALMAC. Forty-one years ago, Michigan's State Representative Dick Allen and several of his friends decided to ride from Lansing to the Mackinaw bridge. The purpose was to develop an appear of biggelist and their people among the cities.

awareness of bicyclist and their needs among the citizens of Michigan and to encourage a wider use of bicycles. Thus Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) originated.

Thank you to our enthusiastic riders and our devoted volunteers. A special thanks to Dick Allen who had an idea and acted on it. He also made many of us happy and we look forwarded to the DALMAC each year. See you on the road.

Quad Ride Leader Ken Howe and TCBA Events Director Patricia Trudgen show their "LEGacy Knee socks" in honor of Donovan Riley at this year's DALMAC. Photo courtesy of Pat Harrington who obtained it from Pat Trudgen.

### A SHORT HISTORY OF "THE WALL"

By Joe Adams, DALMAC Route Chairman



"The WALL" has been a DALMAC feature since 1988 when Jack Kurrle, my predecessor, found that Behling Road had been paved out of E. Jordan. It was not shown any special attention in the map booklet, but I'm sure the riders appreciated what it was. With the 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up hill approach, then the wall of asphalt after the curve at the

"Welcome to Wilson Township" sign, it was one of the major challenges of DALMAC. "The WALL" continued to be an anonymous hill until it was designated as "The Hill Route" in 1991. The map and the cue sheet both showed that designation until 1996.

I took over the map making duties for the 1994 DALMAC. I continued to use "The Hill Route" until,



when riding DALMAC in 1995, I saw that someone on the paint crew had painted "WALL" with an arrow on the road just before E. Jordan. I made a mental note and in the 1996 map booklet, "The WALL" became a permanent part of DALMAC.

Since then, hundreds of riders have attempted "The WALL" with mixed success. Some made the final assault on foot, some had the determination and energy to get to the top on their bike and a few hardy (crazy?) souls made multiple climbs and descents as part of their DALMAC experience. There have been riders that have done it once and haven't done it since and there are people who look forward to doing it every year. Some groups have even made t-shirts to commemorate this DALMAC activity.



The alternate route through Advance was added in 1991. This gave the riders another route that bypassed "The WALL." It had a lot of hills, but they weren't "The WALL." I noticed this year that many riders were talking about taking the alternate route because it was more scenic. The route along Lake Charlevoix is very nice.

Whether you do "The WALL" or the alternate route, your DALMAC experience is sure to be great.

Photos of Quad riders on "The Wall" by Janet Weber

### October 2011 Ride Schedule Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain, unless noted

Day/Date	Time Miles Class Start Location Other Information		Ride Leader			
	9:00 AM 40 Z 67th District Court House, Grand Blanc		Only the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 23rd must be >45° at start	Ed Usewick 810-694-9919		
Sundays	10:00 AM	40-45	Z	Holt Junior High School	Rides will go to Country Mill. Enjoy the changing colors and perhaps some pie or cider. Must be at least 40° to start	Pete Derkos 517-694-3024
	12:00 AM	20-35	С	Kroger's (Coolidge Rd., E.L.)		Edie Belcher 517-242-4122
Mondays				NO RID	ES SCHEDULED	
Tuesdays	6:15 PM	10-15	D	Owosso YMCA	4th and 11th after that we walk till spring time riding starts. (about 4 miles or an hour)	Rick Morris 989-725-8373
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	30-40	С	Mega Mall		Edie Belcher 517-242-4122
Thursdays	NO RIDES SCHEDULED					
Fridays	NO RIDES SCHEDULED					
	9:00 AM	40	Z	67th District Court House, Grand Blanc	Only the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 23rd must be >45° at start	Ed Usewick 810-694-9919
Saturdays	8:30 AM 45-60		45-60 Z	Sawdon School	October 1, 2011 garybunge@sbcglobal.net	Gary Bunge 517-256-8429
		45.60			October 8, 2011 restro66stang@gmail.com	Doug Sherman 616-283-6177
		_	- Sawuun Sunuu	October 15, 2011 ralphbednarz@comcast.net	Ralph Bednarz 517-321-4790	
					October 22, 2011 nevittd@hotmail.com	Doug Nevitt 517-614-849



# HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES!!!

#### **Ride Starting Point Descriptions**

67th District Court House	Grand Blanc
Holt Junior High (Former Holt High School)	Aurelius Rd at
Sycamore, 1/2 mi so	uth of Holt Rd, Holt
Kroger, Coolidge & Lake LansingPa	
side of Kroger's lot n	
Mega Mall15487 Old US-27 (Northeast St.	
	NE Corner of lot
Owosso YMCA51	5 W. Main St (M21)
Sawdon SchoolLamson	Rd., Grand Ledge



Quad Riders Gava and Jonathan courtesy of Janet Weber

#### **Sunrises & Sunsets for October 2011**

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:35 AM	7:22 PM	11	7:46 AM	7:04 PM	21	7:58 AM	6:48 P <mark>M</mark>
2	7:36 AM	7:20 PM	12	7:47 AM	7:03 PM	22	7:59 AM	6:47 P <mark>M</mark>
3	7:37 AM	7:18 PM	13	7:48 AM	7:01 PM	23	8:00 AM	6:45 P <mark>M</mark>
4	7:38 AM	7:16 PM	14	7:49 AM	6:59 PM	24	8:01 AM	6:44 P <mark>M</mark>
5	7:39 AM	7:15 PM	15	7:51 AM	6:58 PM	25	8:03 AM	6:42 PM
6	7:40 AM	7:13 PM	16	7:52 AM	6:56 PM	26	8:04 AM	6:41 PM
7	7:41 AM	7:11 PM	17	7:53 AM	6:55 PM	27	8:05 AM	6:39 P <mark>M</mark>
8	7:42 AM	7:10 PM	18	7:54 AM	6:53 PM	28	8:06 AM	6:38 P <mark>M</mark>
9	7:44 AM	7:08 PM	19	7:55 AM	6:51 PM	29	8:08 AM	6:37 PM
10	7:45 AM	7:06 PM	20	7:56 AM	6:50 PM	30	8:09 AM	6:35 PM
						31	8:10 AM	6:34 PM

#### **RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS**

Α		17-19 MPH
В		14-17 MPH
С		12-14 MPH
D I	Under 12 MPH I	Fun and Social
	Group Ride	
M M	ountain Bike	N/A
Z —	Rides over 40	miles in length to
be r	ridden at the i	rider's own pace
with	out on the road	ride leader super-
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FOR MORE RIDES CALL:517-882-3700 or visit the web site:

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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

#### TCBA MEMBER LOSS

By Tom Erb

Troy Miller, age 48, of Fowler, Michigan, died suddenly while riding his bicycle near home, on August 27, 2011. Troy was always an energetic, excellent bicyclist, and was held in high esteem because of his friendliness and his riding abilities.

Troy completed three transcontinental bicycle trips across the United States, as well as 16 DALMAC events, and was registered to do this year's ride.

Outgoing, friendly, and always enthusiastic, Troy was such a good rider he was kiddingly frequently referred to as "being dropped off the front", a term of high praise.

Troy is survived by his loving parents, two sisters, two brothers, and admiring nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in Troy's name to the Educational Trust Fund, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fowler, Michigan.





#### U.S. PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION RECALL

#### Weehoo Recalls Bike Trailers Due to Fall and Crash Hazards

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: Weehoo iGo Bicycle Pedal Trailers.

Units: About 2,700

Manufacturer: Weehoo Inc., of Golden, Colo.

**Hazard:** The receiver on the trailer's seat post hitch can crack and cause the trailer to detach, posing fall and crash hazards to the child in the seat.

**Incidents/Injuries:** CPSC and Weehoo have received one report of the trailer's receiver cracking while in use. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves 2011 Weehoo iGo bicycle trailers manufactured between April 2011 and July 2011. The trailer has a steel frame with an adjustable seat for passengers 38 to 52 inches tall, two pedals with straps, an enclosed sprocket and chain, a 20-inch wheel, two pannier pockets, a flagpole and a flag. The seat, pannier pockets, and flag are made of red, heavy-duty nylon. The pannier pockets and the flag have the word "Weehoo" and the logo printed on them in reflective material. The serial numbers for the recalled trailers contain the letter "D" and can be found on the underside of the iGo frame, by the pedals.

Sold at: Bicycle retail stores nationwide between April 2011 and July 2011 for about \$390.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled iGo trailers and contact Weehoo for the repair. Consumers will receive a steel reinforcement sleeve to be installed over the receiver.

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"With the heaps of overly specialized gear — gloves, shoes, and biking jerseys — most cyclists realize that every day on the road is Halloween. Plain and simple, it's wearing a costume each time out of the gate.... We're neon signs, stylistically impaired wonders blinding pedestrians and fooling small children into thinking that the circus has come back to town."

-Joe Kurmaskie, the Metal Cow boy: Riding Outside the Lines

## 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:

October 4, 2011 November 1, 2011 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.:

October 27, 2011 – Annual Membership Meeting & Election

November 17, 2011 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

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## **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 <a href="mailto:chainwheelchat-ter@biketcba.org">chainwheelchat-ter@biketcba.org</a>, fax to 1-800-480-1146, or mail to Janet Weber, 767 Linden St., Charlotte, MI 48813.

**FOR SALE:** Women's Tahoe cycling shoes, size 40 (US size 9). Excellent condition - only worn to spinning class. \$25. Call Denise 517-402-0946.

FOR SALE: Trek T2000 Road Tandem, 2004. Dusk Blue, size L/S (58/46, adjustable), ZR9000 aluminum frame, Shimano Ultegra 9 speed components, Bontrager Race Lite Tandem wheel set, Bontrager Race Lite tires.

Rear rack, 5 water bottle cages, frame pump, 2 Cat eye Astale 8 computers. Plus both bullhorn or drop handlebars for stoker, extra cassette, and extra new tire. Sweet bike. \$1900. Contact Jeff or Janet at 339-0442.

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

WANT TO TRADE a 2011 DALMAC Jersey XXL for a 2011 DALMAC Jersey

XL.. Call Joe at 517-388-0769 or BJWohlfert@aol.com.

FOR TRADE: Men's Medium 2010 and 2011 DALMAC Jerseys for LARGE versions of both. If you lost weight (I didn't) and want to trade, please contact Ron at 517-290-8043 or ronberby@hotmail.com.

## 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.

#### DALMAC BIKE SOCKS FOR SALE

For those who are interested in obtaining a pair of the socks that were provided to the DALMAC riders this year, we will have the extras available for sale at a low \$5.00/pair. Not all sizes may be available. These will be sold at the October membership meeting.



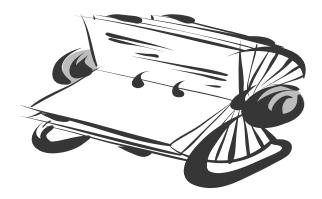
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