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# Chainwheel Chatter

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	MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
2	Membership	FEBRUARY 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Sorry, but the topic and presenter were unavailable by the printing dead-line.
5	Cycle Forum	FEBRUARY 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Come sit in and discuss various topics with other cyclists.
3	BOARD MEETING	February 7, 2012 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 10

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 FEBRUARY 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**

SAVE THE DATE: We have reserved a shelter for the 2012 picnic at Burchfield Park, 881 Grovenburg Road, Holt 48823, on Sunday, June 24. More details on start time and exact location will be provided at a later date.



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

Foster Community Center - Lansing December 6, 2011

Board members present included Roger Nelson, Steve Leiby, Patricia Trudgen, Linda Antinori, Kris Stairs, and Ray Bailey. Also present were club members Katie Donnelly, Dwayne Scheidler, Wendell Proudfoot, John and Deb Bach, Steve Schuesler, and Janet Weber.

President Roger Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### Reports:

<u>Minutes:</u> Secretary Linda Antinori presented November's Minutes to the Board for approval. Steve Leiby made a motion to accept the Minutes with corrections, Pat Trudgen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

<u>Vice –President's Report:</u> Ray Bailey reported that about 45 people attended the Christmas Party at the Outer Limits and everyone had a good time.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Steve Leiby presented November's Financial Reports to the Board for approval. Linda Antinori made a motion to accept the Report as presented; Kris Stairs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Steve reported that AT&T had been giving us a double discount instead of the single discount we were entitled to due to the fact we only receive incoming phone calls. This explains the sudden change in our telephone bill. He is also considering closing the Independent bank account and possibly open a checking account at MSU Credit Union.

**Events Director:** Pat Trudgen reported that the work on the DALMAC application booklet is going well. We will be offering the same independent travel insurance to Northwest Tour and DALMAC riders. We have had very few claims on it. She also reported that we are discontinuing using Shuttle Guy Service due to an incident on DALMAC 2010 with one of their vans and a rider's bike. Pat did not hear about the incident until June or July 2011after their insurance denied the claim due to negligence on the rider's part. We will require people doing business with us to have insurance. We are looking into a protocol for accidents and filing claims.

<u>At Large:</u> Kris Stairs reported that she is working on the incentive letter with Wendell Proudfoot and that she has samples of the incentives ordered for the January club meeting for members to try on.

**Northwest Tour:** Jeff Dillingham gave a presentation to the Board on his Committee's vision for the Tour which will be held June 13-17 this year. Steve Leiby made a motion to approve the Tour, Ray Bailey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

<u>T-Shirt Ride:</u> Deb Bach reported to the Board that the ride will be held **Continued on Page 3** 

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in Laingsburg again this year and she is basing her projections on 400 riders. Laingsburg police and fire prepare lunch. New this year is an 8K route which is free and geared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade riders that she and Al Simons present a safety program to yearly. Lunch is not included in this route. Linda Antinori made a motion to charge \$12 for early registration and \$17 for day of for both T-shirt and WOW rides. Children's ride prices will remain the same. Steve Leiby seconded the motion and it passed 5-1. Pat Trudgen made a motion to approve T-shirt Ride for 2012, Ray Bailey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**WOW Ride:** Roger Nelson reported in Adreah Saxton's absence that she expects 200-400 riders dependent on he weather, will use 30 volunteers, and hold a crash dinner for the volunteers who will receive a

**<u>DALMAC Fund:</u>** Steve Leiby reported the web page application for the DALMAC Fund is being updated.

<u>Web Site:</u> Wendell Proudfoot\_reported the with the increasing use of QR and smart phones, he would like to include it on our website.

#### Old Business:

- Steve Leiby will finalize language on paid advertising in the Chainwheel Chatter for the next meeting.
- The definition of family for membership purposes was tabled until the next meeting.
- The subject of a government liaison for the club was tabled until the next the meeting.
- Linda Antinori made a proposal to accept the new Ride Protocol which now includes the entire Shiawassee County and the previous Grand Blanc ride area in addition to Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. Rides out that area must be announced in the Chainwheel Chatter in advance. Kris Stairs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

- Katie Donnelly asked the Board for funds for our annual poster contest. Ray Bailey made a motion to approve \$2,100 for this program, Kris Stairs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Jeff Dillingham and Wendell Proudfoot would like to use Veitch Consulting out of Grand Ledge for our membership purposes. The cost would be about \$80/month with startup costs of \$550-\$700. They will come to the Board for approval before they sign a written contract

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Who Needs "Smart Cycling 101"?

By Bill Savage, Chairman—Safety and Education Committee

Perhaps the "101" connotes a freshman level class, it is not conducive for beginning cyclists. It is designed to make a good cyclist into a better and safer cyclist. We have had a couple of beginning cyclists in the class, but their lack of experience and the difficulty of the "parking lot drills" are more than they can handle.

So – who should take the class? Just about everyone riding on DALMAC can learn a great deal in the class. The faster club riders have the most to gain, by being proficient in "quick stops" and "instant right turns". Knowing the laws and proper positioning on the road are important for all cyclists.

The Smart Cycling class is required as a prerequisite for taking the "League Cycling Instructor" (LCI) class that we hope to hold in Lansing later in 2012.

Those interested in becoming an LCI should take this class, but all are welcome. For further information contact Steve Leiby <a href="mailto:leiby2691@sbcglobal.net">leiby2691@sbcglobal.net</a>, Dean Brailey <a href="mailto:boardatlarge2@biketcba.org">boardatlarge2@biketcba.org</a> or myself <a href="mailto:MSUSavage@aol.com">MSUSavage@aol.com</a>.



Photo courtesy of Janet Weber taken during DALMAC 2011.

## **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 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: Chariot bicycle trailers and bicycle trailer conversion kits

Units: About 44,000 bicycle trailers and 70,000 bicycle trailer conversion kits

Manufacturer: Thule Child Transport Systems Ltd., d/b/a Chariot Carriers, of Calgary, Canada

**Hazard:** The bicycle trailer's hitch mechanisms can crack and break, causing the trailer to detach from the bicycle. This poses an injury hazard to children in the bicycle trailer.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 24 incident reports worldwide, three of which occurred in the United States, involving the bicycle trailers and the conversion kits. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** Chariot Carriers convert to strollers, jogging strollers and bike, hike or ski trailers. This recall involves Chariot bicycle trailers and bicycle trailer conversion kits. Recalled trailers have serial numbers from 1205-xxxx to 0710-xxxx (representing manufacture dates December 2005 through July 2010) located the left side on the frame. Recalled conversion kits have hitch arms that attach the carrier to the bicycle with model number "20100503" printed on a label attached to the aluminum tube next to the warning label. Older conversion kits without a label, but with a release push button located where the hitch arm inserts into the carrier, are also being recalled.

**Sold at:** Specialty bicycle stores nationwide and on various websites from December 2005 through August 2010 for between \$400 and \$925 for Chariot bicycle trailers and from October 2002 through August 2011 for between \$40 and \$70 for bicycle trailer conversion kits.

Manufactured in: Canada

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bicycle trailers and bicycle trailer conversion kits and contact Chariot Carriers for a free repair kit which the consumer can install.

**Consumer Contact:** For more information, contact Chariot Carriers at (800) 262-8651 between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at <a href="https://www.chariotcarriers.com">www.chariotcarriers.com</a>

Name of Product: Bicycle helmets for children and youth

Units: About 30.400

Importer: Triple Eight Distribution, Inc., of Port Washington, N.Y.

**Hazard:** Product testing demonstrated that these helmets do not comply with CPSC safety standards for impact resistance. Consumers could suffer impact head injuries in a fall.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

**Description:** The recalled items are multi-purpose helmets also sold for use as bicycle helmets. Little Tricky helmets are marketed for children and youth, and feature a large Little Tricky logo on both sides of the helmet. They come in one size and in black, white, pink and green. Triple Eight S/M EPS Liner helmets feature a hard black inner EPS foam liner and come in black, white, bone, blue and army green. Sector 9 S/M EPS Liner helmets feature the same EPS liner and come in gray, white, black, blue and green. Both the Triple Eight and Sector 9 helmets have an interior label indicating the size "S/M" for small/medium and a manufacture date indicated as month/year (ex. APR/2011). Only Triple Eight and Sector 9 size "S/M" EPS Liner helmets are affected.

**Sold at:** Bicycle and sports stores and other retailers nationwide and online from August 2006 through November 2011 for about \$40.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Triple Eight for a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Triple Eight toll free at (888) 548-8518 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.triple8.com

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## **EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS**

By Wendell Proudfoot

Jim and Linda	Blais	Lansing
Tom	Reames	Novi
Julie	Schexnaildre	Owosso
Don and Bob	Ward	Lansing
John and Joyce	Wise	Lansing

We have five memberships that expired during November without renewal (as of 11 January 2012). 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 get-

ting the newsletter, or their ride mileage information is no longer being displayed on the website.

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: <a href="http://www.biketcba.org/membership/">http://www.biketcba.org/membership/</a> membershipForm.php.

There is just one membership that expired in December. Check your label! Since November 1, 2011, 68 new and renewal memberships have been entered.



DALMAC photo courtesy of Carol Colville

#### **Sunrises & Sunsets for February 2012**

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:54 AM	5:50 PM	11	7:42 AM	6:03 PM	21	7:28 AM	6:16 PM
2	7:53 AM	5:51 PM	12	7:41 AM	6:04 PM	22	7:27 AM	6:17 PM
3	7:52 AM	5:52 PM	13	7:39 AM	6:06 PM	23	7:25 AM	6:18 PM
4	7:50 AM	5:54 PM	14	7:38 AM	6:07 PM	24	7:23 AM	6:20 PM
5	7:49 AM	5:55 PM	15	7:37 AM	6:08 PM	25	7:22 AM	6:21 PM
6	7:48 AM	5:56 PM	16	7:35 AM	6:09 PM	26	7:20 AM	6:22 PM
7	7:47 AM	5:58 PM	17	7:34 AM	6:11 PM	27	7:19 AM	6:23 PM
8	7:46 AM	5:59 PM	18	7:32 AM	6:12 PM	28	7:17 AM	6:25 PM
9	7:45 AM	6:00 PM	19	7:31 AM	6:13 PM	29	7:16 AM	6:26 PM
10	7:43 AM	6:02 PM	20	7:30 AM	6:15 PM			

## **2012 RIDE DATES**

100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride NorthWest Tour Summer Tour Women On Wheels DALMAC June 9, 2012 June 13 — 17, 2012 July 11 — 15, 2012 July 21, 2012 August 29 — September 2, 2012

For more information, go to <a href="https://www.biketcba.org">www.biketcba.org</a>.

## **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES**

#### **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.

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: <a href="mailto:bikerides@comcast.net">bikerides@comcast.net</a>

Ride Line Call-in Coordinator:
Thomas Bogle

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#### USCPSC Recalls continued from page 5

Name of Product: 2011 Forté Pro Carbon Road Pedals

Units: About 2,900

Importer: Performance, Inc, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Hazard:** The pedal body can break or crack during use, causing the rider to lose control and posing a fall hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Performance has received three reports of the pedals breaking. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** Forté Pro Carbon Road Pedals are sold in sets of two bicycle pedals that attach to cycling shoes. The pedal body is black and is made of lightweight carbon injected thermoplastic. The axle is a black and made of chromium molybdenum steel with a black steel axle. The front, top of the pedal has "Carbon" printed in red; the top middle has "EPS-R" embossed in the body with the "R" in red and on the top rear of the pedal the word "Forté" printed in white. The outer edge of the pedal has the Forté logos, crossed F's, in white. The catalog number, 50 -8128, is used in all catalogs.

**Sold at:** Performance's website, catalogs and Performance retail stores from February 2011 through October 2011 for about \$100.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using these bicycle pedals and contact Performance to obtain a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Performance at (800) 553-8324 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's website at www.performancebike.com

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"Next to a leisurely walk, I enjoy a spin on my tandem bicycle. It is splendid to feel the wind blowing in my face and the springy motion of my iron steed. The rapid rush through the air gives me a delicious sense of strength and buoyancy, and the exercise makes my pulse dance and my heart sing".

~ Helen Keller

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

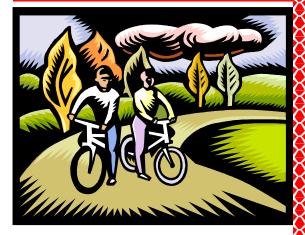
The TCBA would like to remind our valued members to please submit your change of address (form is included on the mailed newsletter) whenever you move, or temporarily relocate for lengthy periods of time. We no longer have the post office forward our mailings, such as newsletters, ride notices, etc. 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:

February 7, 2012 March 6, 2012 April 3, 2012 May 1, 2012 June 5, 2012 July 10, 2012 August 7, 2012



## **Club Meetings**

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

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 

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

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:** 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.

**FOR SALE:** 2011 Scott S-30 Speedster. 1777 miles. Excellent condition. Alloy frame, Shimano 105 equipped, 54-39 chain rings and 12-25 rear cassette, Delta light weight rack and trunk. \$850.00. Contact Tim Eastman at 517-490-3295 or <a href="mailto:timeastman@live.com">timeastman@live.com</a>.

**FOR SALE:** Translt Rear Rack. Still new...bought it and never used it. Has a 40 lb. carrying capacity. All stainless steel hardware and hex wrench included. \$15.00. Call or e-mail Evan Pittman @ 517-256-3891 or evanpittman@hotmail.com.

**WANTED:** Looking for a tandem bicycle for me and my husband to take turns riding with our 10 year old. Planning to ride DALMAC again as a whole family with myself, my husband and our 4 children. Will buy, borrow or lease. Contact Shellie Bailey at Baileyhaus@msn.com.

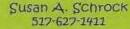
**WANTED:** Road bike for daughter or son, 57cm to 59cm (23" or 24") frame, 700cm wheels, suitable for DALMAC, PALM and ODRAM. Triple chain wheel preferred. Contact Mark at 517-719-8321 or wollensak@voyager.net.

# MEMBER SPECIALS



### Sew Much More

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OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 5, 2012, NOON-5:00 PM. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED 1754 E. Clark Road, Lansing, Mt 48906 517-349-4529

Come meet the new shop in the area awayd by TCBA members and volunteers, Jim and Linda Blazz. Jim had been a mechanic for over 20 years, litary of you know him from youdding at other shops in and around the Lansing area. We sleep eat and breath bless. Event our beenage daughter. Kat, is becoming an antitudistal Before the ship. Blang your time, If you were to vail our home, there would be no leas that 3 bikes in the living profit. We fide everything from up right a test curvatents and trices. We also do over fair share of mountain bridge. Our goal is there a small family and entitudistal senter shop (via weldhale os sat bitses) centered around cycling doubtion, advocacy and report. Our goal is getting you on the most optimal ride. Our focus is petting people interested in biting and explaning the avecame world of biociding.

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ALL TOBA MEMBERS RECEIVE 20% OFF SERVICES. JUST BRING YOUR COPY OF THE CHATTER.

### **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.



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### **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.

#### **TCBA OFFICERS:**

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Secretary: Janet Weber

E-mail secretary@biketcba.org

Events Director: Heidi Vanator

DALMAC Hotline (517) 882-3700

E-mail eventsdirector@biketcba.org

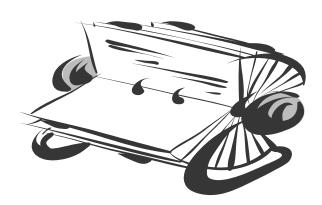
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Patricia Trudgen

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