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ı	MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
	MEMBERSHIP	JANUARY 24, 2013 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	TONY BENEDICT Pure Power Pedi-cab Sharing his experiences of when he operated a Pedi-cab business in East Lansing.
	CYCLE FORUM	JANUARY 24, 2013 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	LENNY PROVENCHER He will do a review of battery powered bike lights. This will be an historical (40 year) overview of the development of bike lights to the present. A listing of some of the current inexpensive (less than \$60 front and rear combo light sets will be provided.
	BOARD MEETING	January 8, 2013 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 JANUARY 11

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Please send items to Janet Weber, via e-mail to chainwheelchatter@ biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.

RIDE **CALENDAR JANUARY 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. 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

If anyone is interested in working with and/or taking over the *Chainwheel* Chatter, please contact Janet Weber at chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org.



TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2012, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

Present and constituting a quorum: Roger Nelson, Steve Schuesler, Steve Leiby, and Patricia Trudgen. Absent: Janet Weber, Wendell Proudfoot, and Heidi Vanator. Others Club members present: Lenny Provencher, Bill Smith, and Katie Donnelly.

President R. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. He presented the agenda and asked for any corrections or additions. No changes. Steve S. made a motion to accept and second from Steve L. Motion carried.

Motion made to accept minutes by Steve L. and second by Steve D. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

VICE –PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Previous minutes state we will be having pizza at the November Club Meeting. An amended motion was made by Steve S. to have donuts and cider. P. Trudgen seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: S. Leiby presented the financial report. The two checks that were written last month for grants from DALMAC have not cleared and have been voided. Checks were to Top of Michigan Trails and Burt Lake. Checks will be re-issued next month. Steve reported he paid Foster Community Center room rent for a year for our Board meetings and Club meetings. The check for our storage unit in Holt has not cleared. Still being researched and Steve will contact our CPA for proper procedure. Pay-pal is up and running. Motion made by Steve S. to accept financial statement. Seconded by Pat T. Motion carried.

Request made to put discussion for DALMAC reimbursement on next month's agenda.

EVENTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: In lieu of Heidi's absence, Pat T. reported on the recent conference that was previously known as NBTDA conference. The name has been changed to BTN (Bicycle Tour Network.) Everyone in attendance gained information and made many contacts for future reference.

AT LARGE REPORTS: Pat T. reported the 2011 incentive jackets are in. LL Bean, the vendor, did not put the "2011 miles" on the jackets as requested. Wendell is researching this. It is possible that we will have this put on those that request this locally. We have had several meetings and are in the process of sending letters to 3 local bike shops for next year's incentives.

ADVOCACY REPORT: No report.

Since we received Joe Adam's resignation we are in need of a replacement. Steve L. is researching this.

Steve S. said he had a request by Ken Hendrick to review the article from the Lansing State Journal. A local bike rider is riding across the US. He is requesting donations for his trip. Steve S. made a motion to donate \$2,000. No second.

We will continue to put an article in the Chainwheel Chatter for a person to direct the T-Shirt Ride.

Steve made a motion to put a notice in the Nov. newsletter for the ride leader of the year. E-mail or regular mail is to be sent to Janet by Dec. 15th. Steve L. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat T for Janet Weber as the volunteer of the year. Steve L seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve S. made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Pat T. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Trudgen

Board-At-Large (in absence of Janet Weber)

2013 NORTHWEST TOURBIKING "THE BEAR"

NorthWest N Tour

By Jeff Dillingham

Winter is upon us and riding is either less frequent, non-existent, or maybe for our lucky "snowbird" members rolling right along. In any case, it's a perfect time to start planning your riding season for next year!

Application for the 2013 NorthWest Tour will begin on Monday, January 7 at noon on the Tour webpage at nwtour.biketcba.org. Tour fee will be \$150. To guarantee your participation, prompt sign-up is recommended. {Editor's note: This is a reprint from last month's issue. In that issue

the price was shown as \$145, which was an error. Please note the price for this event is \$150.}

Come spend 5 days biking the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas with us for spectacular scenery through small towns and tourist areas, all from the convenience of a single campground. Empire, Glen Arbor, Traverse City, Frankfort, Leland, and Suttons Bay are just a few of the highlights.

The tour begins on Wednesday, June 12 and ends on Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day). This is primarily a tent camping tour, but some sites for recreational vehicles/pop-ups are available for an extra fee.



Be prepared for hilly terrain, good food, and a great time! Complete details will be available on the website come January.

SUMMERTOUR 2013

By Pete Derkos

When? Where?

SummerTour 2013 will be held July 10-14, 2013. We are continuing the circle route format this year, starting and ending in Hale. We are also continuing the format of having only two overnight sites this year at state parks on Lake Huron. There will be route options for the layover days. The tour fee will be \$180. Find more details on the application. Our target date for mailing applications to club mem-

bers is February 1, 2013. A short time later, applications will be mailed to non-members who joined us last year. After that, the application will be available on the internet. The target participation is 150. Prompt sign-up is recommended.

Help!!!

We are collecting names of people who would be interested in any of the following capacities: campsite host, SAG driver, or route marker. Do not hesitate to call or leave a message for Pete Derkos at 517-694-3024 or email summertour@biketcba.org.



RIDE MILEAGE INCENTIVES FOR 2012

By Wendell Proudfoot for the Ride Incentive Committee

The 2012 Ride Year ended on November 30, 2012 (it runs from Dec 1 to Nov 30). We had 349 riders whose miles were recorded by Nov 15, and of those we have the following statistics:

	Members on Dec 1, 2012	Lapsed memberships
Level 1 (2012+ miles)	43	1
Level 2 (1500-2011 miles)	14	1
Level 3 (1000-1499 miles)	20	1
Level 4 (500-999 miles)	37	8
Level 5 (six or more rides)	33	8
Others	138	45
	285 Members	64 Non-members

These numbers will change as the final ride sheets for the year are entered.

NOTE: Some riders have noticed that their ride miles for SummerTour 2012 are not included. If you notice it, please let us know ASAP. The Ride Incentive letters will go out by mid-January. It will be less hassle for all of us if you notice the problem and let us know before the letters are printed and mailed. Send an e-mail telling us how many miles you earned to: ridemileage@biketcba.org, or member-ship@biketcba.org. You can check your miles credited for each ride on the website Ride Mileage page: http://www.biketcba.org/tours.php?pg=Mileage.

Incentives

Two Local Bike Shops have responded to our request for help in acquiring and distributing the Ride Incentives. We asked the LBS to propose items from their stores that our members could get from them as ride incentives. We are doing this with the Level 2 through Level 5 items. We feel we should distribute the Level 1 items like we have in the past. Here's a summary of what we think we will be offering officially when the Ride Incentive Letters are mailed in January:

Level 1

Louis Garneau long sleeve jerseys.

Men's: PERFECTOR JERSEY 2; Black/White or Royal(blue) ;XS-XXL; http://www.louisgarneau.com/in-en/product/305498/1023053/Jerseys/PERFECTOR_JERSEY_2

Women's: WOMEN PERFECTOR JERSEY 2; Black/White or Flash Blue; XS-XXL; http://www.louisgarneau.com/in-en/product/305500/1023054/Jerseys/WOMEN PERFECTOR JERSEY 2

"The Perfector 2 Jerseys has a slightly looser cut that can accommodate layers underneath or offer a

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bit more of a flattering appeal. Elite Pro Vent 2 fabric offers you serious protection for the cold with a brushed interior while still evaporating moisture. Elastic construction at the wrists and hem help maintain placement when riding."

The bike shops will have the other incentives:

Level	Velocipede	Denny's
2	Pearl Izumi ELITE Thermal Arm and Leg Warmers (\$32 + \$45 = \$77)	Specialized AIRTOOL PRO FLOOR PUMP \$80
3	CatEye Micro Wireless Cycling Computer CC-MC200W:	Specialized Airtool Comp Floor Pump; Red or White
4	Camelbak Podium Big Chill Water Bottle: 25oz and Bontrager RL Cage;(\$14 + \$20 = \$34)	NiteRider CherryBomb 1 Watt Tail Light \$30
5	Crank Brothers Multi-10 Tool Black/ Gold \$20	Specialized Zee Bottle Cage - Black/White, Matte Black, Silver/White, Red/Black, White/Black No special orders, select from store display. \$14

More detail about each item, and the bike shops will be available on the web site. We expect to send you a letter saying that you are eligible for a Level X ride incentive. With the letter will be a form you can return indicating which Level X or below item you have selected. The ride incentive committee will assemble a purchase order to send to each bike shop. The purchase order will have your name on it so the bike shop can assure the item is going to the correct person. When you give them your Ride Incentive Letter, they will give you your incentive award item.

MEMBERSHIPS

By Wendell Proudfoot, Membership Coordinator

We have 1,024 members as of December 1, 2012. In November, we had one new member and 18 renewals. We had 32 memberships expire in October and November.



Riders on the SummerTour 2012. Photo courtesy of Janet Weber

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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: Tikit Folding Bicycles

Units: About 3,800

Manufacturer: Green Gear Cycling Inc., dba Bike Friday, of Eugene, Ore.

Hazard: The tikit bike's handlebar stem can break and cause the rider to lose control, posing a fall hazard to the consumer.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received six reports of breaking handlebar stems, resulting in two reports of injuries including scrapes, bruises and a head laceration that required stitches.

Description: This recall involves all models of tikit brand folding bicycles. The 16-inch wheel custom bicycles were sold in various colors. The Bike Friday tikit brand decal is affixed to the bike frame.

Sold by: Bike Friday direct and dealers nationwide from January 2007 through September 2012 for between \$900 and \$5,000.

Manufactured in: U.S.A.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop riding the bicycle and contact Bike Friday to schedule a free repair.

Consumer Contact: Bike Friday; (800) 777-0258, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit www.BikeFriday.com (FAQs) and click on "tikit stem recall" for more information.



TCBA 2013 RIDES

BY JANET WEBER

The committees for the NorthWest Tour and SummerTour have released the dates and applicable participation information on page 3 of this publication. As the articles indicate, the application process for these two events begin in January and February, respectively.

As one of the Committee members on the DALMAC® Application Booklet, I would like to inform you that the booklet will be made available in February, with applications being opened at the same time. This booklet includes information and applications for the 100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride, Women On Wheels Ride, and DALMAC®. Applications for DALMAC® are encouraged to be made online. We are currently working toward the February 14, 2013 date to open the enrollment for DALMAC®. Please visit http://www.biketcba.org/tours.php?pg=DALMAC to submit your application.

Below is a list of the Club rides to help you mark your calendars for your scheduling purposes.

100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride NorthWest Tour SummerTour Women On Wheels Ride DALMAC® June 8, 2013 June 12-16, 2013 July 10-14, 2013 July 20, 2013 August 28-September 1, 2013

More detailed information on each of these rides can be obtained at the web site: http://www.biketcb.org and clicking on the respective link for each ride, as it becomes available. Additional information on the 100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride, Women On Wheels Ride, and DAL-MAC® will also be published in the Application Booklet. To ensure you receive your copy, please make sure you have provided current address changes to membership@biketcba.org.







Pictures from DALMAC[®], NorthWest Tour, and SummerTour courtesy of Janet Weber and Ginger Royston.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

By Patricia Trudgen

The TCBA Volunteer for 2012 was presented at our Holiday Party on December 6, 2012. The award was given to Janet Weber. She has been a very dedicated volunteer. Some of the "hats" she has

worn include: Secretary of the Board, Editor of the *Chainwheel Chatter* for the past 5 years, Editor of the Application Booklet for DALMAC, and she also worked as a SAG Driver for DALMAC. Whenever there is a project, Janet is always willing to help. Please take time to congratulate her on her dedication.

Picture of President Roger Nelson presenting Janet with award along with a gift card.



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Sunrises & Sunsets for January 2013

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	8:09 AM	5:15 PM	11	8:08 AM	5:25 PM	21	8:02 AM	5:36 PM
2	8:09 AM	5:16 PM	12	8:07 AM	5:26 PM	22	8:02 AM	5:38 PM
3	8:09 AM	5:16 PM	13	8:07 AM	5:27 PM	23	8:01 AM	5:39 PM
4	8:09 AM	5:17 PM	14	8:06 AM	5:28 PM	24	8:00 AM	5:40 PM
5	8:09 AM	5:18 PM	15	8:06 AM	5:29 PM	25	7:59 AM	5:42 PM
6	8:09 AM	5:19 PM	16	8:05 AM	5:30 PM	26	7:59 AM	5:43 PM
7	8:08 AM	5:20 PM	17	8:05 AM	5:32 PM	27	7:58 AM	5:44 PM
8	8:08 AM	5:21 PM	18	8:04 AM	5:33 PM	28	7:57 AM	5:45 PM
9	8:08 AM	5:22 PM	19	8:04 AM	5:34 PM	29	7:56 AM	5:47 PM
10	8:08 AM	5:23 PM	20	8:03 AM	5:35 PM	30	7:55 AM	5:48 PM
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JANUARY 2013 Ride Calendar
NO RIDES WERE SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS ISSUE

17-19 MPH

RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

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B 14-17 MPH
C 12-14 MPH
DUnder 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

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: bik-erides@comcast.net

Ride Line Call-in Coordinator: Thomas Bogle



ride for all riders.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES

"Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat".

~ Author Unknowr

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. 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 Wendell Proudfoot of your change of admemberdress at ship@biketcba.org.

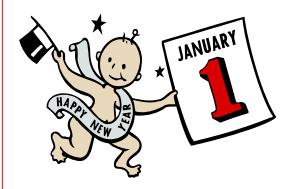
Meetings in 2012-2013

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

January 8, 2013 February 5, 2013 March 5, 2013 April 2, 2013 May 7, 2013 June 4, 2013 July 2, 2013 August 6, 2013 September 3, 2013

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

January 31, 2013 February 28, 2013 March 28, 2013 April 25, 2013 May 30, 2013 June 27, 2013 July 25, 2013 August 22, 2013 September 26, 2013



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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twitter.com Twitter

http://www.nhtsa.gov/ Bicycles National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



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FOR SALE: Kreitler Rollers with wind trainer. \$100. E-mail Dave Aultz at daveaultz@gmail.com.



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