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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>JANUARY 30, 2014</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI</b>	<b>BRYAN J. WALDMAN, Attorney</b>  He will present an overview of the rules of the road, insurance issues, auto law, and auto insurance law that commonly applies to cyclists, and other areas of the law that commonly apply to cyclists.
<b>CYCLE FORUM</b>	<b>JANUARY 30, 2014</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI</b>	Come join in the discussion with other cyclists.
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>January 7, 2014</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI</b>	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 10

Please send items to Janet Weber, via e-mail to [chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org](mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org) by the indicated deadline.

### RIDE CALENDAR JANUARY 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](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.



**TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

November 5, 2013, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

**Call to Order:** Pat Trudgen called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Pat, Bill, Steve, Julie, Ray, Joel, Heidi

**Others:** Dave Pierce, Katie Donnelly, Pat Kelly, Mike Unsworth, Darryl Burris, Lenny Provencher, Rory Neuner, Lisa Benck, and Jeff Dillingham

**Approval of Agenda:** Ray made a motion to accept the agenda as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi. Motion carried.

**Board Minutes:** Joel made a motion to accept the minutes as provided, Ray 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Correspondence Received:** Steve discussed what he received and Pat discussed what she received. Pat received an LMB letter inviting an individual to the meeting, and Darryl Burris is attending for TCBA.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**President Pat:** nothing

**Vice President Bill:** Holiday Party, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Final count deadline is November 25, 2013.

**Secretary Julie:** Transition dinner December 10, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Kellogg Center Olympus Room.

**Treasurer Steve:** Steve discussed the financial report. He also mentioned the 2014 Budget for discussion only. Heidi made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray. Motion carried. Joel made a motion to pay the last 4 state parks with a gift of \$1,000. Discussion from Bill asking if we are going to do this every year. Stated usually done every 2 yrs. Discussion from Ray, who suggested this, should go into the Protocol. Seconded by Steve, motion carried.

**Events Director Heidi:** A copy of tax exempt status and certifications were handed out. A piece of mail arrived with 4 applications for DALMAC 2013. New route for DALMAC 2014 is being worked on. Eight people leaving for Iowa for BTN Conference

**Board at Large Joel/Ray:** Joel stated he was approached by Clinton County, asking us if TCBA will advertise for them. All this has been discussed in the past. Should be noted that it can be put in the links of the Chainwheel Chatter only.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Advocacy Mike Unsworth:** Mike handed out his report for review. He discussed who speakers would be for future meetings. Long discussion on the proposal brought before the board last month by Rory Neuner.

**Ride Incentive/Club Jersey Joel:** Discussed the proposed Ride Incentives for next year. Heidi made a motion to accept incentives presented by Joel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve. Motion carried.

**DALMAC Heidi:** Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DALMAC agreement:** Steve discussed the outdated agreement with Dick Allen. He will bring it before the board in a couple of months when he has discussed it with Dick Allen.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Steve: Discussed Northwest Tours logo. Joel made a motion to go forward with trademark process to the amount up to \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray. Motion carried.

Steve: Steve made a motion to follow Christie Koniecznx for our tax needs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi. Motion carried.

Lenny Provencher: Lenny stated having served 3 times for TCBA; he wanted to thank the current board for their service.

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:30pm at Foster Center.**

## SUMMERTOUR 2014

By Pete Derkos

The SummerTour Committee is pleased to announce that plans are in the works for the 25th Annual SummerTour to be held Wednesday, July 9 through Sunday, July 13, 2014. You will have the opportunity to experience some of Michigan's most beautiful beaches, roll through quiet country roads, and be in another state (of mind) perhaps in Indiana or at a winery or two. Your experience begins in Cassopolis from where you ride to camp at Van Buren State Park. After an optional day of riding there, you continue on to New Buffalo for another optional day of riding. Your riding pleasure continues on the fifth day returning to Cassopolis. Registration is expected to be in February...stay tuned.



## NOVEMBER 2013 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

By Michael Unsworth

### **Discussion with Bill Conklin, Head of the Ingham County Road Dept. (ICRD)**

We had a lengthy meeting with Mr. Conklin. Current funding limitations (increases in materials and labor costs; decreases in revenue) mean that the ICRD has to stretch its dollars which means that:

- chip-sealing will remain the “most prevalent preservation method” for maintaining county roads
- all roads cannot have paved shoulders
- bike markings/signs have a low priority

We also discussed how ICRD determines which roads receive road diets and some specific projects. Finally he encouraged TCBA to communicate its road priorities to ICRD.

### **U.S. Housing & Urban Development work plan for non-motorized traffic**

Dove-tailing with Mr. Conklin’s suggestion of getting TCBA feedback, Nancy Krupiarz discussed her work on creating a Master Trail Map for the Tri-County Region. This map would identify projects that would link current and forthcoming trails. Her completion deadline is later this Fall followed by a major meeting to finalize the priorities.

Nancy also described recent trail summits for Ingham & Eaton County officials.

### **Bike share matters:**

There has not been much movement by MSU Student Government on a proposed campus bike share system.

Capital Community Bike Share is now in a planned cold weather shut down. During the winter it will be working with the vendor to improve the hardware, software and operational matters. In the Spring, it will prelaunch an improved Pilot Program.

## TCBA 2014 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>. Applications for DALMAC<sup>®</sup> are encouraged to be made online. We are currently working toward the February 14, 2014 date to open the enrollment for DALMAC<sup>®</sup>. 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.

<b>100,000 Metre T-Shirt Ride</b>	<b>June 7, 2014</b>
<b>NorthWest Tour</b>	<b>June 11-15, 2014</b>
<b>SummerTour</b>	<b>July 9-13, 2014</b>
<b>Women On Wheels Ride</b>	<b>July 19, 2014</b>
<b>DALMAC<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>August 23-31, 2014</b>

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 DALMAC<sup>®</sup> 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](mailto:membership@biketcba.org).



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

By Patricia Trudgen

At the TCBA Christmas Party in December, the Volunteer of the Year was presented.

The honor was awarded to Steve Leiby who is one of our charter members. Steve has worn many hats during his membership with TCBA and is currently TCBA Treasurer.

He is always willing to help in any capacity. Thank you, Steve, for setting a good example.



### Sunrises & Sunsets for January 2014

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
						31	7:54 AM	5:49 PM

### JANUARY 2014 Ride Calendar

NO RIDES WERE SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS ISSUE

#### 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](http://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](mailto:bik-erides@comcast.net)**

Ride Line Call-in Coordinator: Thomas Bogle



**HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES**

**"Each age has  
deemed the  
new-born year  
the fittest time  
for festival  
cheer."**

- Walter Scott

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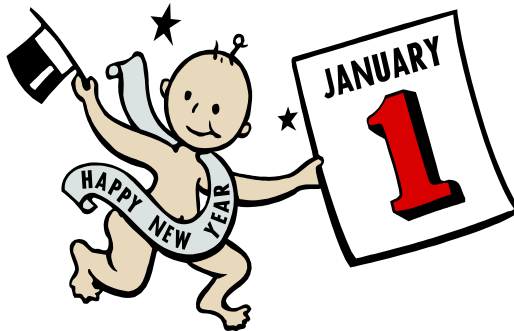
The TCBA would like to remind our valued members to please submit your change of address (form is included on the mailed newsletter) whenever you move, or temporarily relocate for lengthy periods of time. We no longer have the post office forward our mailings, such as newsletters, ride notices, etc.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

## 2014 MEETING DATES

### BOARD MEETINGS: MEMBERSHIP:

January 7	January 30
February 4	February 27
March 4	March 27
April 1	April 24
May 6	May 29
June 3	June 26
July 1	July 31
August 5	August 21
September 2	September 25

Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Membership meetings have a Forum at 6:00 and the Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Foster Center



## 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.adventurecycling.org](http://www.adventurecycling.org) Adventure Cycling

[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.railstotrails.org](http://www.railstotrails.org) Rails to Trails Conservancy

[www.michigantrails.org](http://www.michigantrails.org) Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance

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

[twitter.com](https://twitter.com) Twitter

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



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