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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
MEMBERSHIP	February 26, 2015 7:00 p.m.		BILL SMITH Two weeks on the Route Verte in Quebec.
BOARD MEETING	February 3, 2015 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 13, 2015

Please send items to Wendy Briggs, via e-mail to chainwheel-chatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.

RIDE CALENDAR February 11, 2015

Information for the ride calendar needs to be sent to Ed Usewick, 590 Boutell Drive, Grand Blanc, MI 48439 or e-mailed to tcbamonthlyrides@aol.com. 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.

In Memory

Max Grost, a 20 plus year TCBA member, died Dec. 10 at age 83. He participated in many club events including DALMAC, SummerTour, WOW and T-Shirt rides. He was a "regular" at the Wednesday morning Holt commuter lot rides. He loved the Crystal Cruise. When it was no longer offered he resurrected it and had club members join him for a weekend of biking enjoyment. In later years, he moved to Florida and joined a cycling club there. He biked 7,500 miles one year! Max will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit, love of biking and COFFEE. We have loving memories, of him, and his gentlemanly ways.



TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION Board of Director's Meeting Minutes January 6, 2015, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

President Darryl Burris called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. All Directors were present. Also attending was David Pierce. The meeting agenda and December board minutes were approved as written. Correspondence received by the association was reviewed and distributed.

Board Reports

Presidents: Darryl Burris asked Bill Smith to meet with the Kiwanis group looking for a speaker. Bath Township Marsh Road crossing of M-78 needs a Bicycle considerate crossing was discussed.

Vice President: Bill Smith handed out schedule of meeting speakers and events.

Secretary: Patrick Baughan had no report.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby submitted the financial report, motion to approve as written passed. A meeting to develop additional financial controls for TCBA and DALMAC money handlers was good and recommendations will be coming soon.

Events Director: Kenneth Hendrick reviewed DALMAC Jersey design and Events Booklet.

At Large Directors: Patrick Kelley discussed City of Mason bike racks and bridge repair. Joel Wickham presented a tail light with TCBA imprinted on it for MSU Police and Tim Potter at MSU Bikes to give to students caught riding at night without any lights.

Membership: Wendell Proudfoot was not present but submitted a report showing 979 members.

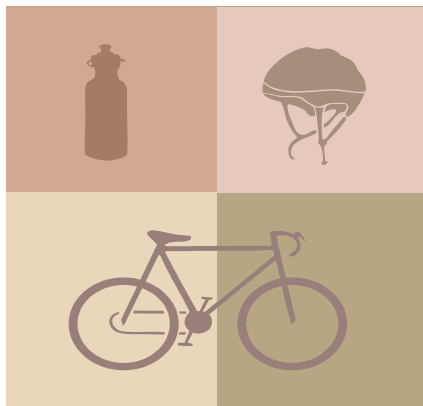
Advocacy Committee: No report submitted.

Old Business: MSUFCU signatures were obtained for credit cards held by the club directors. City of Lansing Grant request for repair stand at Maguire Park was tabled till next month. Club newsletter to be printed in color proposal was discussed with no resolution.

New Business: Liability waivers used by TCBA were reviewed and discussion. TCBA Bylaws, no one has done a review to recommend changes as yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick J. Baughan, Secretary, TCBA Board of Directors.



ADVOCACY REPORT

Volunteers Needed to Plan May 2015 Bike Month

In past months of May, TCBA has focused its energy on the Ride of Silence. We have now reached the point where we have a structure for the Ride that makes it fairly straightforward to organize and run. The Advocacy Committee recommends that the club now participate in National Bike Month activities. To be successful, TCBA needs volunteers to organize the Month's activities. The theme for 2015 will be "Celebrate our Trails," capitalizing on the passage of Ingham's County successful trails millage.

Here's a preliminary list of events.

"Maguire Park Rendezvous:" Kick-off Event (late April or early May): Description: Officials & residents from the Cities of Lansing & East Lansing and Lansing Township travel along their respective portions of the River Trail to Maguire Park (near the intersection of Aurelius and Jolly Roads). They will be joined by officials & residents from Delhi Township. The entire group will then travel Delhi's Sycamore Creek Trail.

Bike to Work Week (May 11-15) & Bike to Work Day (May 15)

Description: This will require brainstorming to craft specific events (such as Mayors' rides; bike to work breakfasts, happy hours, meet-up at ice cream shops, etc.) and do advance publicity.

Greater Lansing Ride of Silence (May 20)**Highlighting New Trails:**

Description: Craft events for the South Lansing Trail and the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail.

While the number of possible activities is ambitious, it can be done if enough people volunteer. Publicity can be incorporated into the network developed for the Ride of Silence.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the overall planning or with a specific event, please contact Mike Unsworth (advocacy@biketcba.org or 517-282-7515). The planning will start in mid-January 2015.

Please share!

The Chainwheel Chatter is still looking for stories and memories of Milt Gruhn as we would like to honor Milt in 2015. Milt had been a dedicated member and volunteer of TCBA/DALMAC for many years until the affects of Alzheimer's disease limited his cognitive functioning. Please be part of honoring Milt as well as spread more awareness of Alzheimer's disease. Email stories and memories of Milt to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org.

Just a reminder to our snowbird members: TCBA would like to remind all our valued members to submit the change of address (that can be found on page 11 of this issue of Chainwheel Chatter) whenever you move or temporarily relocate for lengthy periods of time.



DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
THERE ARE NO RIDES SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

Sunrises & Sunsets for February 2015

DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:53 AM	5:50 PM	11	7:42 AM	6:03 PM	21	7:28 AM	6:16 PM
2	7:52 AM	5:51 PM	12	7:40 AM	6:05 PM	22	7:26 AM	6:17 PM
3	7:51 AM	5:53 PM	13	7:39 AM	6:06 PM	23	7:25 AM	6:19 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	7:36 AM	6:08 PM	25	7:21 AM	6:21 PM
6	7:48 AM	5:57 PM	16	7:35 AM	6:10 PM	26	7:20 AM	6:23 PM
7	7:47 AM	5:58 PM	17	7:33 AM	6:11 PM	27	7:18 AM	6:24 PM
8	7:45 AM	5:59 PM	18	7:32 AM	6:12 PM	28	7:17 AM	6:26 PM
9	7:44 AM	6:01 PM	19	7:31 AM	6:14 PM			
10	7:43 AM	6:02 PM	20	7:29 AM	6:15 PM			



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 CLASSIFICATIONS

B 14-17 MPH
 C 12-14 MPH
 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.



**HAPPY
 VALENTINE'S
 DAY**

SUMMERTOUR 2015

By Ginger Royston, SummerTour Registrar

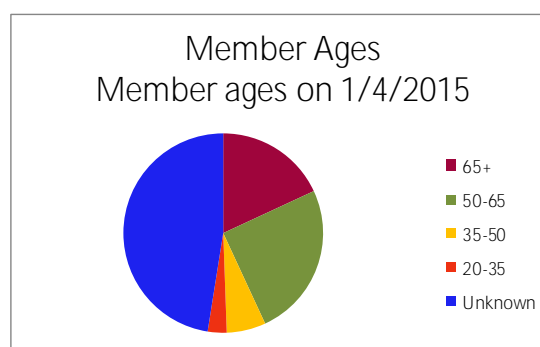
SummerTour appreciates your interest in our 2015 event. The tour description and information can be found at <http://biketcba.org>. This is made available in advance of the application. The application process has changed so please pay attention. The application will be available beginning February 6, attempting to provide club members receiving paper copy and on-line newsletter simultaneous opportunity. Access to the application will be made more direct as of February 20. We understand club members would like first opportunity to apply for the tour and it is up to them to respect opportunity to non-members until February 20. Club members are otherwise being made aware here of access to the application. Please enter or look for summertour.biketcba.org/2015/application.pdf. You will need to fill out the form, print it, sign it, and mail it along with your check.

TCBA MEMBERSHIP

By Wendell Proudfoot

We have birth dates for many of the 979 members, and looking at age groups is interesting. This pie chart shows that of the members of known age, the huge majority are over age 50.

In 2014, 269 new(100) and renewal(169) memberships were accepted, and 152 paid their dues online. A five page summary of the applications is also part of this report.



RIDE MILEAGE

By Wendell Proudfoot

During the 2014 ride year, Ride leaders and riders reported 517 scheduled and invitational rides with 359 riders totaling 4528 rides. The total miles accumulated is 205,090, and ride leaders were awarded 25,250 leader-miles(totaling 230,340 mileage points).

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, (up to 250 characters no counting spaces) send an e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org, or mail to Wendy Briggs, 2058 Scout Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

FOR SALE: Tandem, Trek T2000, 58x46cm. Large/Med sizing, Coastal Blue. Great shape. Asking \$1200.00 can send pix upon request. Contact: amz2ride@gmail.com

FOR SALE: THULE Evolution Cargo Roof Boxr 1800. Large/carries a lot of gear. Connects directly to all styles of Thule load bars, Yakima round cross bars and virtually all factory roof rack crossbars. Asking \$250.00. Contact: amz2ride@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Raleigh M30 mountain bike c 2001 14.5"ish (small) frame. Front

shocks, 21 speed quick release 26" f/r wheels, new 1.95" knobby tires. Made in USA. This bike is reliable and rideable but ratty - needs at least a tune-up & maybe a new seat. It is a good all-weather neighborhood bike for a child. Owner, age 12, used it since age 8 but has now outgrown. \$40 or b/o to Toby 517-775-5218 phone or txt

FOR SALE: Recumbent Bike. Medium frame, tour easy, excellent condition, full faring, 21-speed, cobra seat. \$1,300 or b/o. If interested call 517-628-2067 and leave a message.

Save the Date

MEMBER SPECIALS

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Denny's Central Park Bicycles 30th Annual Open House

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

Sunday, February 8th, 2015

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 2015 bicycles and bikes already on sale.

Biggest inventory clear-out ever

20-80% off on other select products

Featuring: Specialized, Yakima, Pearl Izumi, Burley and more. Hourly drawings for prizes. Refreshments Provided

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www.bikes.msu.edu Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes

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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

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