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MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER & TOPIC
MEMBERSHIP	MARCH 26, 2015 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Bob Downes, author of Biking Northern Michigan, will be the speaker. He will have copies of his book for sale. \$14.00
BOARD MEETING	March 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 MARCH 13

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

RIDE CALENDAR MARCH 12

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

Positions to help on DALMAC 2015 are available on Crew & Committees in the many exciting and interesting jobs. We have room for a few hours or days for you and/or your friends. Some of the work is considered glamorous & exciting - we'd love to work with you and for you - Please join us - Volunteers make DALMAC happen. If interested in volunteering please email volunteer@dalmac.org



TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2015, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

President Darryl Burris called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. All Directors except Kenneth Hendrick were present. No members or guests were present for this meeting. The meeting agenda and January board minutes were approved as written. Correspondence received by the association was reviewed and distributed.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports awarded TCBA sponsored tours a Certificate of Participation in the Pure Michigan FITness Series. Certificates may be viewed on-line under each rides website. DALMAC is 1 of 3 finalists for the 2015 Extraordinary Event Award.

Board Reports

Presidents: Darryl Burris reviewed his work on the Liability Wavers being used on our tours.

Vice President: Bill Smith - Reviewed the lineup of speakers for club meetings for 2015.

Secretary: Patrick Baughan - More ride mileage sheets will be ordered and available at club meetings or by calling Patrick.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby submitted the financial report, motion to approve as written passed.

Events Director: With Kenneth Hendrick in Florida we discussed the Events Booklet just sent to the printer. Patrick Kelley questioned if there was a release to publish photos taken of riders. The DALMAC website is up, and in testing, but not taking orders until Feb 14, 2015.

DALMAC Fund Committee: Steve Leiby reported that he has started receiving requests.

At Large Directors: Joel Wickham displayed the helmet cover used in the ride incentive awards. Patrick Kelley had no report.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth had no report

Old Business: A city of Lansing request for a repair stand at Maquire Park prompted a motion by to give them \$ 1600.00 for the equipment and shipping passed.

New Business: We discussed and amended the Ride Classification listings to include all ride speeds and be listed with the same wording on our web site and in the Chainwheel Chatter newsletter.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 PM

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

TCBA Mail Update

The 24216 PO Box will be closed later this year, but we want to start the process now of moving all the mail going to that box to go to the 22146 TCBA box.



**JANUARY 2015
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

By: Arthur Slabosky

Dean Brailey will represent TCBA at the annual Bike Summit in Washington, DC in March.

Tim Potter is working to engage MSU police more in bike safety matters. MDOT is working on a re-design for the intersection of Bus-69 (Old M-78) at Marsh Road in Bath Township. The plan initial plan is that all traffic on Marsh Road will be blocked from going straight across Bus-69 and would have to proceed via an indirect left turns with two rights. Bath Township officials are working with the MDOT Lansing TSC (transportation service center) to modify the plan so that non-motorized users will be able to proceed straight northbound or southbound at the intersection. Dan Stockwell is the TCBA lead on this. Dan Stockwell is leading efforts in Bath Township to improve access for non-motorized travel. There are plans to install bike racks in parks and to provide more paths for non-motorized travel. Dan also is planning a Bath Bike day, with the hope of enlisting help from other members of TCBA. MSU plans to have valet bike parking in an indoor facility for home football games. Tim Potter is working on this. Several members attended the Ingham County Parks Commission trails planning meeting on January 26. The Committee continues to push hard on Ingham County for a non-motorized facility on Okemos Road between Jolly Road and Jackson National Life. News of plans for new housing on Okemos Road north of Jolly Road is a further call to press this issue.

MARCH 2014 Ride Calendar

Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain, unless noted

DAY/DATE	TIME	MILES	CLASS	START LOCATION	OTHER INFORMATION	RIDE LEADER
Friday Mar 13,20,27	6 p.m.		D	Hamlin Township Hall—Eaton Rapids		Ron Taylor

Ride Starting Point Descriptions

Your ride leader is Rob Taylor. Distance is 12-16 miles. Rob's phone number is 517- 648-2608. Roads must be clear of snow and ice; temperature must be at least 40 degrees.

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: bikerides@comcast.net Ride Line Call-in Coordinator: Thomas Bogle



HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL TCBA RIDES

DEAR UNCLE MILTIE

We are so happy to be sending you our THANKS for being such a wonderful long-time TCBA volunteer, who became our friend. We think you are the kind of man /person we all strive to be: full of life and love, with a little mischievousness thrown in!!

Pat Josephs (ridden DALMAC 29 times) writes:

About 35 years ago I began riding and met Ed and Roxanne Usewick who kept telling me about a ride of several days duration, called DALMAC. I had never heard of it before then, so I signed up and went. I was scared to death, for I'd be riding my bike for four days without my husband who don't ride, and knowing no one else but Ed and Roxanne. I met another woman named Carol, and we rode together. I'm a slow rider so it won't surprise you to learn that I met Uncle Milt on this first ride! He was one of the SAG drivers who keep their eyes on the slowest of the bikers all day every day to make sure they get in to camp on time. During one of those DALMAC trips I got sick and he picked me up and let me ride in his van for a while. (I really didn't understand what SAG drivers did, so I kept telling him that I was sorry. He reassured me that that was his job.) I had so much fun on that first DALMAC, I continued to sign up and ride annually. Every year at registration we would greet each other with a kiss.

Several years later I met Charlie Parmelee and we rode together. Later in the 1980s I met Jane Reagan. We all liked to stop at swimming holes and have long lunches so we were always last, always riding right on the edge of the SAG line. Soon we realized we needed to name our group, and we became TEAM LOLLYGAG. It truly describes our style of bike touring!!

Uncle Milt always egged us on to "GET MOVING" because we were always at or behind the SAG timeline. The first few years he drove with his daughter and granddaughter. They also kept trying to keep us moving.

Later years he met and married an angel named Gloria.

Our group would dance together at the gas station in Beal City every year. We'd sit and gab together in Farwell. When DALMAC ended in St. Ignace in the first 20 or so years, we ate dinner in St Ignace at the Flame and recapped the week's events. One year in Petoskey at the old high school, Uncle Milt put on James Brown's "I feel good" full blast on his van radio, opened the doors and we danced all the way to breakfast!

Eventually Uncle Milt admitted that he really liked TEAM LOLLYGAG in the back of the pack, because we were experienced riders, and we would let him know if there were any riders behind us who may need help. (He knew that Charlie was able and often helped change flat tires etc., whenever he could. I remember more than once, stopping to help a rider and staying with them until Uncle Milt arrived.

I rode DALMAC 29 times, Charlie 27 times, Jane 25 times.

Our friendship grew and went past DALMAC trips. My husband Dave, my mom and I also spent time with Milt and Gloria, along with Clayton and Bev, during winters in Florida. We also attended church together so I also know that Milt is a faith-filled man.

My mother has Alzheimer's so I understand what Milt and Gloria are going through. I want you both to know that we appreciate and love you both.

Jane Reagan (ridden DALMAC 25 times) writes:

It may be hard for someone who's never done a bike tour to understand why riders sign up for an annual ride like DALMAC year after year, after year. Well, it's people like Uncle Miltie who make DALMAC such an extraordinary experience. If you want to think of the trip as a bike "race", you can hammer all day for four or five days. Or, you can become a member of TEAM LOLLYGAG and jump in every lake, stop at every ice cream stand, and get to know the SAG drivers like Miltie, over the years. The dedication Milt (and later Gloria) to assuring as many riders as possible had a fun, positive experience no matter what their biking speed or strength, was really remarkable, in my opinion. He took the job of SAG driver seriously but had a LOT of fun at the same time. His sense of humor was infectious and those who rode with him (his son, granddaughter and wife) mastered the technique of getting our slow-butts to move up the road a little faster, while having fun and being sometimes hilarious. One of my favorite scenes, repeated day after day, year after year on DALMAC, is Uncle Miltie's van pulling alongside us riders and he and his passenger waving, or making some snarky remark or making the universal signal: "is everything OK?", that required a mere "thumbs up" signal back from us. It is/was SO reassuring for a slow biker to know someone's watching out for you.

But it's people like Milt, who I think symbolizes the friendly, welcoming spirit of the TCBA and all its rides, who got me coming back for 25 DALMAC trips and many others. Over those years we met more members of TEAM LOLLYGAG: Bruce Mitchell, Charlotte Koger, Bob Grieve, Mike Payne (although he's much faster than the rest of us) and a few others. We'd find ourselves riding together just because we love that Lollygagging pace!!

In my encouragement to friends to sign up for an organized ride, I always tell people, "bikers are THE NICEST people". And Milt, you and Gloria embody that simple phrase. Thank you for your decades of service to TCBA, all the riders who participated in the rides, and all those you left with a stronger love for this great sport.

Jane E. Reagan

Good Times With Uncle Milty

Uncle Milty is a very unselfish person. On DALMAC, he and Gloria, as SAG drivers, would always be there for the riders with his white van. Many riders appreciated their help on the road. As campground hosts on SummerTour, they did the same thing. Not on the road, but by keeping the riders informed about what was happening in camp, running the evening activities, and keeping the campfire, popcorn and S'mores available for all.

One DALMAC memory comes to mind. I don't remember which year it was, but it was in Elk Rapids on the 5 Day Tour. That afternoon, a group of Milty's friends was discussing dinner plans. As most of us had been in Elk Rapids on the tour for years and spaghetti didn't sound too good, we decided to go to dinner at a local Italian restaurant. But how would a large group get there without a car? Milty stepped up and said "I'll drive the group to dinner."

Milty rearranged some things in his van so we could all get in. Besides Milty and Gloria in the front seats, between 14 and 17 people crammed into the "cargo" area. It was too crowded to count the group. Wow, was it packed. Off we went. We got to the restaurant without incident. We went in, ordered food, ate a great meal, and then sat around the table discussing the day's ride.

When it came time to go back to the school, we repacked the van and drove along the lake and through town back to the camp where we all continued talking about the day.

Milty and Gloria have spent many hours on the road and in campgrounds helping riders and making sure they had the good times they expected on the tours.

Milty's goal was all about assuring that as many riders as possible experienced the Good Times.

Joe and Ida Adams

Ride Classifications

CLASS SPEED TYPE OF RIDE

A+ 19+ Very fast, usually pace lines

A 17 to 19 The intent is to ride in groups

B 14 to 17 The intent is to ride in groups

C 12 to 14 The intent is to ride in groups

D Under 12 Fun and Social Group Ride

M Per individual Mountain bike trail

Z Per Individual Rides over 40 miles in length to be ridden at the rider's

own pace without on the road ride leader supervision.

Sunrises & Sunsets for March 2015



DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET	DAY	RISE	SET
1	7:15 AM	6:26 PM	11	7:58 AM	7:38 PM	21	7:41 AM	7:50 PM
2	7:13 AM	6:28 PM	12	7:57 AM	7:40 PM	22	7:39 AM	7:51 PM
3	7:12 AM	6:29 PM	13	7:55 AM	7:41 PM	23	7:39 AM	7:53 PM
4	7:10 AM	6:30 PM	14	7:53 AM	7:42 PM	24	7:36 AM	7:54 PM
5	7:09 AM	6:31 PM	15	7:52 AM	7:43 PM	25	7:34 AM	7:55 PM
6	7:07 AM	6:32 PM	16	7:50 AM	7:44 PM	26	7:32 AM	7:56 PM
7	7:05 AM	6:34 PM	17	7:48 AM	7:47 PM	27	7:30 AM	7:57 PM
8	7:04 AM	6:35 PM	18	7:46 AM	7:47 PM	28	7:29 AM	7:58 PM
9	8:02 AM	7:36 PM	19	7:45 AM	7:48 PM	29	7:27 AM	7:59 PM
10	8:00 AM	7:37 PM	20	7:43 AM	7:49 PM	30	7:25 AM	8:01 PM
						31	7:23 AM	8:02 PM

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