

# Chainwheel Chatter



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## NEXT Meeting!!!

*One week early –  
due to DALMAC!!*

**August 21, 2003 – 7:00 p.m.**  
*Foster Community Center  
200 N. Foster St. – Lansing*

## Tips to Improve Your DALMAC Experience

Included will be;

- How to get the most information from your route book.
- What are pacelines and should you join in.
- What SAG's can and can't do for you.
- Questions and answers.

Experienced DALMAC riders are encouraged to come and add their experiences to the discussion.

PLEASE NOTE When attending meetings at the Foster Community Center. . .

There is **NO PARKING** on the West side of Francis St.

(There has recently been some confusion about this matter and parking tickets were issued to some TCBA members on the evening of our May meeting).



## FALL HAYRIDE

**October 4, 2003**

**Peacock Road Tree Farm  
11854 Peacock Road –  
Laingsburg**

Details in the next edition of Chainwheel Chatter.

## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at the Foster Community Center.

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 it is suggested that you contact the President one week prior to the meeting, and ask to have it added to the agenda.

Next meeting: September 2.

## Newsletter/Ride Calendar Deadline

The **deadline for the next newsletter is Saturday, August 9, 2003.** Please send items to Charla Scheidler, 10384 Blackberry Ln., Haslett, MI 48840, FAX to (517) 339-1758, or email to: [chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org](mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org).

**Ride calendar information** should be sent to Wendell Proudfoot, P.O. Box 1628, East Lansing, MI 48826, or emailed to [tccarides@prowen.com](mailto:tccarides@prowen.com). To be included in the newsletter this information must be received no later than the above-mentioned newsletter deadline.

## Cycle Forum

**Topic: "DALMAC - Questions and Answers and Beyond DALMAC – the Fall Riding Season."**

Plan to join Alan Huber at **6:00 p.m.** immediately preceding the membership meeting on **Thursday, August 21, 2003** for the next Cycle Forum session.

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## Executive Board Report

The TCBA Board of Directors met at the Foster Community Center on July 1, 2003. Board members present included Arnie Johnson, Charla Scheidler, Ron Claflin, Darryl Burris, John Foltz and Phil Wells. Also present were club members, Lee Adair, Mary Burris, Cheryl Claflin, Katie Donnelly and Lenny Provencher.

### Discussion Items/Announcements

Arnie Johnson reported for Chris Harrison on upcoming meetings, to include the hayride to be held at Peacock Tree Farm on October 4. Plans for the August regular club meeting which is traditionally the "DALMAC Meeting" were discussed and Darryl will be working on the format.

John Foltz reported that the Ride Program Committee is still researching ideas for the Ride Incentive Awards.

Discussion was held regarding the pace of club rides, the lack of rider leaders and ride leaders not following the rules for their posted ride. Mary Burris expressed her concerns that club rides are not rider or ride leader friendly. She indicated that she had participated in several "B" rides this season where ride leaders were not following the rules for their posted ride classification, and she believes that the current classifications are too spread out. A copy of Mary's proposal will be on file with the minutes from this meeting. The proposal was discussed extensively but no changes were made.

Phil Wells reviewed ideas for signs that could be used at various events for club promotion. Phil will take care of getting the signs made.

Discussion took place regarding notification of membership renewal and the reinstatement of lapsed memberships. Cheryl Claflin volunteered to send membership renewal letters out each month and it was agreed that the letters should be sent in the middle of the month in which the member would receive their final Chainwheel Chatter. No change was made to the current reinstatement process. Currently if dues are paid within 1-2 months of the renewal date there is no lapse of membership, and the same renewal date is retained. After 2 months the membership lapses and then a new renewal date is assigned when dues are paid. There was discussion regarding the accumulation of ride miles during the lapsed term and whether or not the ride mileage program could handle taking that

information into consideration. More research will be done before any changes are made. The idea of changing membership to a calendar year for all members was also presented and discussed and more research will be done in this area as well.

Arnie Johnson reported that he had contacted area bike shops regarding selling the new TCBA Map Books. Some expressed interest and agreed to inventory a few of them and some are still considering the idea. Cheryl Claflin volunteered to handle the mailing of the books to members who request that their copy be sent.

General ideas, for support to the Kid's Repair Program (KRP) were reviewed. Arnie Johnson will contact KRP to see if there are some specific areas of need at this time.

### Action Items

Minutes of the June 3, 2003 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ron Claflin presented a financial report through June 29. The report was approved as presented.

Charla Scheidler presented an insurance proposal from the Hacker-King-Sherry agency regarding a rewrite of the Directors and Officers liability protection to a new company. The annual premium with the new carrier will cost approximately \$460 less per year. The only significant difference in coverage is the omission of "employers liability" which TCBA doesn't have need of since there is no paid staff. The proposal was approved as presented.

Charla Scheidler also informed board members that the TCBA banner was in need of repair and presented a proposal from American Sign Shops for it's replacement. The proposal was approved as presented.

Arnie Johnson presented information regarding various sponsorship levels at the Michigan Senior Olympics. It was unanimously agreed that TCBA would participate at the \$1,000 sponsorship level.

*Note: Information contained in this article is not the official record of the meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be submitted for approval at the next Board Meeting. Any corrections and/or amendments will be noted in next month's edition of the Chainwheel Chatter.*

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS



If you move or have your mail forwarded, please notify us as soon as possible. The newsletters are sent bulk mail, and the post office does not forward bulk mail. The post office returns your newsletter to us (we have to pay to get it back), so your membership ends up in limbo until we hear from you. **Please send your change of address to: TCBA, P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909, or email [membership@biketcba.org](mailto:membership@biketcba.org).**

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Krista Chambers  
Phil Schrantz  
Jennifer Doerr  
Tim Polack  
Bob & Kathy Taylor  
James Steel  
Holly Little  
Susan Samuel  
Mike Williams  
Steven Newman  
Jim Mongrain

Paul & Diane Brake  
Dillon McCormick  
Roseann Marsh  
Jerry & Laurie Fulcher  
Deb Sides  
Pam Gray  
Stan Starnes  
Chad Bennett  
Lance Lamphere  
Rick Wianeki  
Georgi Banna

Allen & Carla Murphy  
Frank & Jody Mays  
Jeff & Juli Baker  
Craig Perry  
Pat Nieder  
Lyndon Babcock  
Mark & Karen Alexander  
Ann Campbell

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## COMMITTEE & CLUB NEWS

### Reminder: You Can Still Sign Up to Help Provide Bicycle Parking at the Great Lakes Folk Festival!

For the last three years, TCBA members have supported the club, bicycling, culture and the community, had lots of fun and met new people: all by staffing the free guarded bike parking service at the 2000 & 2001 National Folk Festivals and the 2002 Great Lakes Folk Festival (GLFF). East Lansing hosts this year's free GLFF on August 8, 9 and 10. Together with the League of Michigan Bicyclists, TCBA is again sponsoring the bike parking service for festival-goers and volunteers. Over the course of the 2\_-day event, up to 50 volunteers will be needed to staff the service.

Past festivals have been a big success with huge crowds and extraordinary multi-cultural and international performances. But with the crowds come traffic and parking problems. The "valet" bike parking encourages people to cycle to the festival instead of driving. This service helps alleviate traffic congestion and promotes cycling as a convenient and practical transportation mode. Below the bike parking banner, which announces TCBA and LMB sponsorship, we promote membership in both organizations, plus cycling safety and events. This is a golden opportunity to bring new people into the club.

Volunteers are asked to attend a training session (afternoon of August 2 or evening of August 4) and to work one or more shifts (approximately 3 hours each) between the afternoon of Friday, August 8, and the evening of Sunday, August 10. **Please consider volunteering for this exciting project.** The bike parking volunteers will have chairs, a tent for shade, snacks and refreshments. And this year, we will have a larger corral in a better location, plus professionally designed and built bike racks. All volunteers receive an official GLFF volunteer T-shirt, an invitation to the awesome performer/volunteer party on Saturday night, access to the nearby "Green Room" (free drinks and snacks for festival volunteers) and other perks.

For on-line sign-up, go to the GLFF volunteer page at [www.greatlakesfolkfest.net/Volunteers/JobDescriptions](http://www.greatlakesfolkfest.net/Volunteers/JobDescriptions) and click on "Volunteers: Sign Up" near the middle of the page; or call (517)-432-GLFF. On the sign-up form, you can ask to be assigned to bike parking, and indicate the approximate times you are available to work. Festival coordinators will provide us a list of bike parking volunteers; we will then contact each volunteer to work out his or her precise work schedule. (To help with bike corral set-up, select the 1-4 p.m. Friday shift; for tear-down, select 3-6 p.m. Sunday.)

For more information about GLFF bike parking, contact Phil Wells (517-267-8971, [philwells99@yahoo.com](mailto:philwells99@yahoo.com)). E-mail or call GLFF today to volunteer!



### Registration Volunteers Needed

Many of you have helped with DALMAC Registration before and know what a rewarding job this can be and a GREAT way to meet other club members. There are always many necessary and enjoyable tasks to be done. If you can help for any period or any part of a registration period, please contact Mike Hudson at 517-321-4297 (please, no calls after 10:00pm) or e-mail [HUDSONMI@MSU.EDU](mailto:HUDSONMI@MSU.EDU). A sign-up sheet will also be passed around at the July club meeting.

We will again be registering DALMAC riders at the MSU Pavilion and the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 26th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 27th, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. &  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 28th, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your shift starting time.

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### Map Booklets



Do you ever wonder where to ride in the Tri-County area? Thanks to TCBA volunteers Gary Patterson and Joe Adams, as well as TCBA members who submitted maps, the "new" TCBA Map Booklets are printed and ready for distribution.

Each paid TCBA membership is entitled to receive 1 "free" map booklet. If you attend TCBA membership meetings on the last Thursday of each month, you can pick-up your copy there. If you would like one mailed to you, please forward your request to: Map Booklet, c/o Tri-County Bicycle Association, P.O. Box 22146, Lansing, MI 48909.

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### TCBA Volunteers Do It Again

Three outstanding TCBA rides again this year. T-Shirt Ride, SummerTour and WOW were all a huge success. We were blessed with picture perfect weather for both T-Shirt Ride and WOW, which brought out the riders. And, although Mother Nature wasn't exactly on our side for SummerTour, good food and the camaraderie made-up for soggy tents and wet feet.

Good job TCBA Volunteers, your efforts are applauded and appreciated more than you know!

## CLASSIFIED



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 email to [chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org](mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org), FAX to (517) 339-1758, or mail to Charla Scheidler, 10384 Blackberry Ln., Haslett,

MI 48840.

## MEMBER SPECIALS

### HOLT PRO CYCLE

TCBA Members can enjoy a 20% discount on Bell & Giro Helmets with a retail value of \$60 or more, during the month of August. Supply is limited to in stock items.

### SEW MUCH MORE

Cycling wear: jerseys, cycling shorts, tights, and cycling shells. Reasonable prices. Custom fit. Gift certificates. For more information call Sue at (517) 627-1411.

## Ride Review

By: Janice Koller

Here's a new bike tour to add to your lexicon of abbreviated bike tours – GITAP, Grand Illinois Trails and Parks. It was a seven day, 460 mile tour hosted by the League of Illinois Bicyclists and the IL Dept. of Natural Resources. It ran from June 15 – 21 and this was the first year for the tour.

The tour started in Oswego, on the Fox River and traveled the highways and byways, canals and levees too, out to the Great River trail along the Mississippi River. We took the I & M and Hennepin Canal trails to name a few. (The Hennepin Canal was pea-stone, I took an alternate route!) We saw many interesting places including the Albany burial mounds, Starved Rock, a paddleboat and a windmill. We passed through Geneseo, Quad cities, Elgin and Rockford.

The terrain was flat to rolling, to downright hilly! The weather was sunny all week, with rain once late in the afternoon. I took my hybrid but others used their road bikes, recumbents, tandems and trykes. Breakfast and supper were provided, with some accommodation made for vegetarians, and the food was great. The cost was \$265 for the basis tour, with , motel and cabin lodging available at an extra cost. There were 140 riders that stayed in the State Parks.

People were VERY friendly and courteous. One night we were entertained by a family of Bluegrass musicians. All in all a GREAT ride. Give it a try if you're in the neighborhood or check out these websites: Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Public Services – [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or League of Illinois Bicyclists – [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org).

Do you have a ride review that you would like to share? Send it to [chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org](mailto:chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org).

## Arnold R. Johnson - Meridian Township's Outstanding Senior Volunteer

The 2003 Meridian Township Outstanding Senior Volunteer was recently awarded to our one and only Arnie Johnson. As current president of TCBA we are well aware of Arnie's devotion to volunteerism and his compassion for helping others. But what you may not know is that, as a resident of Meridian Township for nearly 30 years he is also an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Okemos, and the current president of the Meridian Volunteer Council. In addition he participates extensively in fundraising efforts for Meridian Township, is active with the Meridian Senior Center and has also served as president of Briarwood Homeowners' Association.

It was under Arnie' leadership as chairman of the Community Service committee of the Kiwanis Club of Okemos that the committee was awarded the Meridian Parks Commission's highest award, known as "Friends of the Park" for the Red Cedar River Clean-Up Project.

As a key person in the formation of the Meridian Volunteer Council, Arnie was instrumental in the publication of a directory to link volunteers with community needs. TCBA is currently listed in that publication.

Congratulations Arnie! I'm sure I speak for many when I say we are proud to have you as our leader!

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## Good Table Manners While Riding Your Trike



Recently we have had a big increase (at least in percent) in the number of people riding trikes. For our new trike riders, I thought I would offer some etiquette tips on eating while riding your trike.

My references are to trikes but many of the same rules apply to any recumbent. Since TCBA has such a large number of recumbent riders I thought this note would be of great importance to them also. If you are riding a diamond frame bicycle, you should ride with both hands on the bars, so read no further. A few of the tips are gender specific. I leave it to the reader to make appropriate changes for the ladies.

Sometimes while riding my trike I drink coffee and eat a donut, especially if I missed breakfast. First and foremost, a coffee cup and donut are held in the right hand. The cup goes between the thumb and first finger. The donut is held between the first and second fingers. The third finger remains under the second or wherever is most comfortable for you, and the pinky is extended straight out, or if that is not possible, held with a graceful curve. You may alternate between sipping the coffee and partaking of the donut. For a bite of donut, be sure to keep the cup vertical and rotate your right hand counterclockwise (when viewed from above) and bring the donut to your mouth. Never bring your mouth to the donut. Watch for big bumps while sipping on the coffee. It is bad form to dribble coffee down your chin.

Once you have mastered one cup of coffee and a donut, you may move onto holding a cup of coffee and two donuts. The second donut is held under the first, secured between the middle and ring fingers. Again, the pinky is extended. Try to avoid messy frostings for this maneuver. If your donuts do have frosting or other coatings, at least try to get some that match the color of your jersey for obvious reasons. Finish the first donut before starting on the second. Slight shifting of the donuts will be necessary to avoid the second donut while you are finishing the first. It is no harder than shuffling a deck of cards with only one hand, so you can perfect this with sufficient practice. Don't forget to keep the cup vertical while shifting the donuts around. You want to avoid hot coffee in the lap.

One-handed coffee-donut consumption is something you should practice as often as possible, not only while riding your trike but also at breakfast, during breaks at work, driving your car to and from work, etc. The more you practice, the more adept you will become, and you will be

carbo-loading, which we all agree is necessary for efficient cycling. Also, you should consider lounging in an easy chair at home while drinking coffee and eating donuts as the main component of your indoor training. By the way, holding a cup of coffee and donut in one hand and talking on a cell phone held in your other hand while driving a car or riding a trike would be an advanced technique not recommended for novices.

If you study your hand, you will see it is possible to hold a coffee cup and three donuts. However, this is not done in public. It would be a clear sign of gluttony and to make matters worse, it would interfere with the elegant extension of the pinky.

If you start to pass a rider riding a diamond frame bicycle, do not pass right away, but instead slow down and make some pleasant conversation. Don't talk with your mouth full, and if you have any crumbs on your chin, don't wipe your chin with your jersey sleeve until you can divert the rider's attention. Saying something like "Hey, did you see that naked lady over there?" should give you plenty of time for a surreptitious cleanup. Sticky fingers should be cleaned exactly the same way you do when you are wearing a suit or are otherwise dressed more formally and you don't have a napkin handy. You discretely wipe your fingers on the tops of your socks or on the inside of a pocket. I think this might be a "guy thing."

It is OK to sip your coffee and munch on your donut while chatting with another rider. Just don't gloat over how comfortable you are and how easy it is for you to have a snack while riding, and how uncomfortable the diamond frame bike looks. Never ask if the bicycle rider has any feeling at all in his private parts after a long ride. Thanks to G.R. for pointing out that such an inquiry would be an example of gloating and bad manners.

I was taught as a youngster that it is impolite to eat in front of others without offering to share. However, you do not need to share your donut. Just lightly sneeze in the general vicinity of the donut. A direct spray onto the donut is not necessary. Be sure to say, "Excuse me" after sneezing. Follow that with, "Would you care for a piece of the donut? I see a part without very much mucous that I could break off for you." The other rider will most likely reject the offer, but your willingness to share will show your good manners and breeding.

I advise against eating barbecued ribs while riding your trike. It could be done on a smooth road, but better safe than sorry.

Finally, if you are eating a fast food such as chicken or a burger and drinking lemonade while riding, keep in mind that white lemonade goes with chicken and pink lemonade goes with burgers.

Byron Drachman (Mr. Manners)

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## TCBA Needs You! Nominations for Club Officers

TCBA is looking for club members interested in running for club offices. New ideas and fresh perspectives are needed! Please consider taking this opportunity to serve your club. Also, look around at your fellow members – many may be willing to serve if asked, but would never do so without encouragement from others. You probably know someone who just needs a friendly “nudge” to step forward. A brief description of the positions available and their responsibilities follow. All require that candidates be members in “good standing” (current on dues), and all are one year terms. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings.

***President.*** The President presides over all membership and board meetings. He/she prepares agendas for board meetings and prepares an annual report for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting (October). The individual in this position would benefit from previous organizational leadership experience, practical knowledge of or experience in running efficient meetings, and the ability and willingness to delegate responsibility to others.

***Vice President.*** The Vice President acts in the President’s absence and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. To that extent, the personal characteristics described for that position apply here as well. In addition, the Vice-President has, in recent years, been charged with developing club meeting programs and social activities (picnic, hayride, holiday party). He/she may establish and lead a Program Committee to assist in this function, so the ability and willingness to delegate responsibility to others is especially beneficial to provide back-up support for these activities.

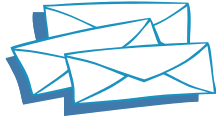
***Secretary.*** The Secretary records and files the minutes of all meetings, prepares and conducts the annual election of directors, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. In addition, he/she prepares and submits documents to government agencies on an annual basis and handles all official correspondence for the club, including get-well and sympathy notes. The individual in this position should be a good listener in order to take notes at meetings and should have better than average writing skills in order to accurately record the actions taken. A working knowledge of word processing and email capabilities is especially useful as minutes have, in recent years, been sent electronically to board members for review prior to board meetings.

***Treasurer.*** The Treasurer is responsible for the funds and financial records of the Association, prepares and delivers an annual accounting at the annual membership meeting, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. He/she presents a draft budget annually for board consideration as well as monthly reports documenting cash flow and adherence to the approved budget. This individual works with the Events Director and an appointed DALMAC treasurer to establish procedures and to maintain accountability for all transactions. Previous accounting experience and working knowledge of accounting-related computer software are desirable.

***Events Director.*** The Events Director prepares and conducts the annual DALMAC bicycle tour, delivers monthly and annual reports to the Board of Directors to account for all bills and receipts, and performs such other duties as delegated by the President. He/she appoints and chairs the DALMAC Committee and DALMAC volunteers. Previous experience as both a DALMAC volunteer and DALMAC rider benefits this individual by providing an appreciation of the breadth of the DALMAC operation as well as rider needs. Experience working with volunteers or with a volunteer organization is desirable; an ability and willingness to delegate tasks to others is essential.

***Director-at-large (2).*** The Directors-at-large have no specific duties, but have full voting rights as members of the Board of Directors. These individuals are often assigned to lead or serve as a liaison with club committees. The Ride Program Committee has generally been led by one of these board members. A director-at-large position would be especially useful for an individual who desires to learn more about the operation of the club before serving in other elected positions.

If you have other questions about these positions, contact any current or former board member for more information. A nomination form is available in this issue, on the club web site (<http://www.voyager.net/TCBA/board/NomineeProfile.pdf>) or from any board member. Completed forms may be returned to any board member or to Katie Donnelly, who is coordinating nominee recruitment. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September 25 membership meeting, at which time nominations will close. The election will be conducted by mail and at the October 30 membership meeting. Those elected will take office effective January 1.



## FROM THE TCBA MAIL BAG

### **Ride for Their Future Sunday, September 14, 2003 Eaton Rapids Public Schools Education Foundation**

The ride is a cloverleaf style with four different loops, each starting and ending at Eaton Rapids High School. Loops are 6, 17, 31 and 62 miles long.

All routes open at 7:00 a.m., rain or shine. Registration is from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Eaton Rapids High School. All riders must be on the route by 10:00 a.m. The school closes at 3:00 p.m. so plan your riding time accordingly.

Lunch, which features hotdogs, chili, chips, beverage, and cookies will be furnished as well as SAG stops, detailed map, marked route and SAG vehicle service. Lunch will be served between 10:00 and 2:00.

Helmets are required for all riders and adults must accompany young riders.

Pre-registration by August 14 is \$14 Individual, \$32 Family (a family is defined as 1 or 2 adults plus children ages 5-17). After August 14 and day of registration is \$19 Individual and \$42 Family.

A short sleeve T-shirt is available for purchase if you pre-register, with a limited number available the day of the ride.

Applications are available at local bike shops or contact [wjmyer@earthlink.net](mailto:wjmyer@earthlink.net).

**IN ADDITION** - If you have experience as a sag driver and are interested in helping out it would be a great. This is the Education Foundations first fundraiser so if there is anyone who would like to help in any way please call Marie Myer at (517) 663-1143.

### **Michigan Recumbent Weekend September 6th & 7th, 2003**

Michigan Recumbent Rally - East: September 6th  
Vineyard Classic ("Wine and Recline") Tour: September 7<sup>th</sup>.

A weekend of recumbent fun! Starting mid-morning on Saturday, September 6th, recumbent bikes and trikes will gather for demos, short rides and swapping stories at the Michigan Recumbent Rally - West. The Rally will be held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, specifically on the main campus, adjacent to parking lot 49, which in turn is located between Lee Honors College and the Kanley Chapel. For a map of the WMU campus, visit [www.wmich.edu/admi/maps.html](http://www.wmich.edu/admi/maps.html). On the online map, the Rally area is the yellow-colored parking lot next to Sangren Hall.

The Rally will take place from 10am until 3pm and is completely free. Breakaway Cycles is expected to attend with a full range of recumbents. For more information about the Michigan Recumbent Rally - West, contact Paul Pancella at [Paul.Pancella@WMich.edu](mailto:Paul.Pancella@WMich.edu) (anytime) or call 616/353-0125 after August 11st). After the Rally, participants may want to plan on taking a trip on the the nearby Kal-Haven Trail with a group start at 4:00pm from the Kalamazoo trailhead (maps to the trailhead, and of the Trail, available at the Rally site). For more information about lodging and attractions in the Kalamazoo area visit <http://www.kazoofun.com/>.

On Sunday, September 7th, a recumbent contingent ("mass" recumbent start at 8:30am) will join in the Vineyard Classic Bike Tour, held in Paw Paw, Michigan, just west of Kalamazoo. The ride has three different lengths (22/39/60 miles) traveling through small towns, orchards and of course, vineyards. Brochures for the Vineyard ride, with a pre-ride registration discount, can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Paw Paw Service League, 55105 Orchard Lane, Paw Paw, MI 49507. For more information on the Vineyard Classic tour, call 616/657-6309 or e-mail [oas@wmich.edu](mailto:oas@wmich.edu).

### **Fall Recumbent Rendezvous September 20th, 2003**

With cooler weather approaching, take this opportunity to take one last opportunity to try out different recumbent bikes, socialize with other recumbent riders or have your questions answered about that future recumbent purchase. The Rendezvous will be held at Stony Creek Metropark from 9am until 3pm at the Eastwood Beach shelter area. Stony Creek Metropark is located north of Detroit on 26 Mile Road just west of M-53. For more information contact Bob Krzewinski at [wolverbob@cs.com](mailto:wolverbob@cs.com) or call 734/487-9058.

Events at the Rendezvous will consist of recumbent displays, bike dealers, test-rides, information table and a "buying your first recumbent workshop" at 11am and 1pm. Recumbent owners are urged to bring their bike(s) for display as well as "show and tell". In case of rain the event will still be held as the pool shelter has a very large covered area for all events to take place under. Recumbent owners with bikes to sell can display them at the event but no sales are allowed within the park.