

Chainwheel Chatter

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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	March 7 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 for add'l agenda item.
Membership Meeting	March 30 April 27 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. March: Steve Widder on the Tour de France
TCBA Advocacy Committee	February 8 6:30 8:00 p.m.	Conference Room A Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W. Maple St. Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER March 9

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

RIDE CALENDAR

Go to: biketcba.org, Event Calendar. If you want a ride listed on the Event Calendar e-mail: Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

TCBA Club Picnic

The TCBA annual picnic will be held on June 25th at Rayner Park located at 738 E. Ash Street, Mason, MI. The picnic will be catered and the cost for members is \$5.00. The picnic will start at noon. You may sign up at club meetings or by calling Bill Smith at (517) 648-0019.



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DALMAC® Volunteers Needed

DALMAC®~ Volunteer Positions are available:

- Volunteer Coordinator - transition helper
Coordinate all of the volunteers to ensure readiness of all aspects of DALMAC®
- Purchasing Committee
Help to make selections for T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, jerseys, and other swag for DALMAC®

Send a note to volunteer@dalmac.org if you would like further info on these opportunities...

2017 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
April	4	27
May	2	25
June	6	29
July	?	27
August	1	31?
September	5	28
October	3	26
November	7	30
December	5	Holiday Party

T Shirt Ride

June 3



The **11th** annual NorthWest Tour is taking place on **Wednesday, June 14 - Sunday, June 18.**

Join in on the fun!

2017 registration is open!

See details and register on our webpage at biketcba.org/nwtour
Cost is only \$175

TCBA is on Facebook!!
<https://www.facebook.com/biketcba>

February 7, 2017 Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

President Pat Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. **Present:** Bill Smith, Ken Schwartz, Steve Leiby, Deb Traxinger, and Bob Noble. Also present were Kevin Schumacher and Mike Unsworth. **Absent:** Joel Wickham The meeting agenda and January board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: None

Board Reports

Presidents: Patrick Kelley

1. Club Express Update: member benefits section update will be online soon
2. DALMAC Vision Statement was approved.
3. New DALMAC Director Starting Date policy was presented. Motion to accept by Ken Schwartz with a 2nd by Bob Nobel. Motion was approved
4. The Critical Incidence Guidelines are near completion.
5. Ride Incentives 2016—clothing will be available for sizing at the February membership meeting. Member are urged to send back their item and sizing choices.
6. Discussion on ways to make membership meeting and club rides more welcoming to new members.

7. Discussion on advertising regarding the website and Facebook page. The advertising policy will be revisited.

Vice Presidents: Bill Smith – the club picnic will be held at Rayner Park in Mason in June 25th. Speakers are needed for three club meeting dates in 2017.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – the update on the club phone has run into a few snags. We are working with Verizon to remedy the situation.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby - The financial report was submitted. Motion to approve by Ken Schwartz 2nd by Bill Smith.

Events Director: Joel Wickham - no report

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz and Bob Noble—member have been notified of Ride Incentive status for 2016.

Northwest Tour (Jeff Dillingham) – no report.

T-Shirt Ride (Bob Noble) – the T Shirt ride will be held June 3 in Grand Ledge..

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted his report my email. The committee is pursuing local sage passing ordinances.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 PM, Respectfully submitted by Deb Traxinger, Secretary TCBA Board of Directors.

SummerTour 2017 News

Registration has closed, as we have filled to capacity. Thank you to all that registered! We are looking forward to seeing you in July! Remember you can always return to the SummerTour web page (biketcba.org/summertour) to see detailed information about the ride.

It's going to be a GREAT tour,

SummerTour 2017 Committee



2017 Goals and Objectives:

- Working on getting local safe passing ordinances passed (see below)
- Conducting "Let's Pedal" bike classes
- Participating in Bath Bike Day
- Running the annual Ride of Silence
- Meeting with local officials

Local Safe Passing Ordinances:

- Despite long-term and state-wide lobbying by cyclists, the Michigan Legislature has not passed a Safe Passing Law.
- The Committee decided that we will work on a local level to get Tri-County communities to pass their own Safe Passing Ordinances.
- President Pat Kelley gave us the o.k. to proceed.
- A web site (www.biketcba.org/safepassing) detailing the campaign is up.
- Work has begun on crafting a model law.

Meetings Attended:

- Bicycle Issues Concerning the Michigan/Grand River Avenues Corridor – Tim Potter and Mike Unsworth had a discussion

with new CATA officials Brad Funkhouser (Asst. Executive Director) & Elizabeth Hude (System Planner) and Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council's Theresa Lark—This was a general discussion in which Mr. Funkhouser said that he will talk to all interest groups, including the cycling community, in its future planning.

- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan—Tim Potter, Steve Leiby, and Mike Unsworth attended the kick-off meeting. Tim and Mike were named to the Working Group.
- Public Hearing on the Ingham County Parks Commission's 2017-2021 Draft Master Plan—Several members attended. Many of the Plan's goals featured bicycle-friendly projects
- Governor's Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Action Team – Mike Unsworth & Tim Potter represented TCBA at this quarterly meeting which covered various aspects of non-motorized safety

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcba.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at Conference Room A of the Neighborhood Empowerment Center (600 W. Maple St., Lansing) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

March 2017 Sunrise / Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sunrise: 7:14am Sunset: 6:27pm	2 Sunrise: 7:13am Sunset: 6:28pm	3 Sunrise: 7:11am Sunset: 6:29pm	4 Sunrise: 7:09am Sunset: 6:31pm
5 Sunrise: 7:08am Sunset: 6:32pm	6 Sunrise: 7:06am Sunset: 6:33pm	7 Sunrise: 7:04am Sunset: 6:34pm	8 Sunrise: 7:03am Sunset: 6:35pm	9 Sunrise: 7:01am Sunset: 6:37pm	10 Sunrise: 6:59am Sunset: 6:38pm	11 Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 6:39pm
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Change of Address

Go to BikeTCBA.org,
 Select Member Login
 Once logged in, select profile
 Under Personal Info, select Contact Info,
 then complete your Primary Address.

It's that simple!



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, send an e-mail to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org. Ads will appear for 2 editions, unless notified.

For Sale: 2008 Triple Tandem Bike (26 inch) Under 100 miles on it. Steel alloy frame, Shimano derail-leurs, 21 speed. Includes shock absorbing seat posts - comfortable seats, fenders and rear rack with pan-niers, roof rack bike carrier. Rear rider position (stoker) has crank shorteners if you have a child you want to ride with you. \$700

Call Ed at 810-922-6934 or email bikengski2@aol.com
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Scooters Pro Cycle Open House

Mark your calendar; come check out the new shop.
Spring open house in the new location 1 block south of old store
Sunday March 19th 11am to 4pm

Scooters Pro Cycle
2169 Cedar Street Holt MI. 48842
Across from the farmers market in Holt

**Members save 10% off anything not already on sale including special orders
10% to 75% off select merchandise**

MEMBER SPECIALS

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www.bikeleague.com League of
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www.adventurecycling.org Ad-
venture Cycling

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

www.walkbikelansing.com Lan-
sing'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 Moun-
tain Biking Association

www.railstotrails.org Rails to
Trails Conservancy

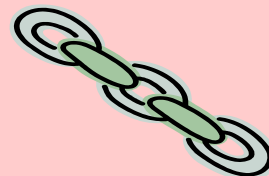
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www.facebook.com TCBA is
there as a group; check us out!

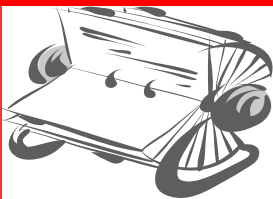
twitter.com Twitter

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>
National Highway Traffic Safety
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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

Recurring rides are now on BikeTCBA.org. To view rides, go to the TCBA website, biketcba.org, Event Calendar.

If you want to lead a ride and list the ride on the Event Calendar, e-mail Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

Helmets are required on all TCBA Rides!!!!
Rides : visit the web site: www.biketcba.org.

"There may be a better land where bicycle saddles are made of rainbow, stuffed with cloud; in this world the simplest thing is to get used to something hard."

Jerome K. Jerome, Three Men on the Bummel, 1900

Birch Shores Resort—Special TCBA Rates Submitted by Scotty Seward

As a recently joined TCBA Member, I noticed that you reported donations to The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail.

We at Birch Shores Resort are Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and also Contributors and Sponsors of The Trail.

We have decided that the rest of the Membership could be interested in more information about biking and hiking The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, 2 miles north of our Guest cabins on Little Glen Lake. This paved, 10 feet wide nature and bike trail, is being expanded from the current 18 miles to about 39 miles, from Northport to Platte Lake. It parallels M-22 & M-109 at present and has few road crossings.

Click below for more detailed information:

<http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/sleeping-bear-heritage-trail/>

This is the only bicycle trail in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In winter it is groomed for cross-country skiing (both classic and skating styles) and snowshoeing. It is mostly paved, but has a short section of packed gravel through the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. The trail spans about 18 scenic miles between Empire and Basch Road, with the Dune Climb, historic Glen Haven and the town of Glen Arbor along its route.

The beautiful fall Color season is fast approaching and the M-22 stretch has been nationally ranked for the Fall color.

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore area was deemed "The Most Beautiful Place in America" by the TV show "Good Morning America" in 2013. See the video at:

http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/best_places_USA/sleeping-bear-dunes-michigan-voted-good-morning-americas/story?id=14319616#.TkWCRhETsqo.facebook

We are offering a Special Discounted Rate until June 16, 2017 to the Membership of the TCBA for our Aspen and Hemlock cabins on Little Glen Lake for \$100 nightly, including the M-22 Challenge week (900 competitors) of June 3 to 10, 2017..\$150 nightly for up to 8 Guests is the normal rate.

The rustic cabins are nicely equipped...Whirlpool Gold gas ranges & GE Profile appliances, on the lakeshore, each sleep 8 guests in 3 bedrooms. By rustic, we mean that there is no TV, no dishwasher, no washer/dryer, no Wi-Fi and guests furnish their own bed linens & towels.

<http://www.glenlakevacations.com/TheLeelanau2007.html>

Surrounded by Nature's Beauty, a view of the Dunes and the Lake, wonderful wildlife of deer, ducks, young foxes and birds...Plus, we furnish a bike rack, 5 kayaks and a Lund fishing boat, FREE for the use by our guests.

Interested TCBA Members, for reservations, please call our Manager, Greg Nicolaou at 231-835-0329 or email at:
gnicolaou200@gmail.com

Cheers!

Scotty & Gail Seward

Owners since June, 1988

Birch Shores Resort info & Reservations April –June 16, 2017

<http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p317430gnicolaou200@gmail.com>

<http://www.glenlakevacations.com/TheLeelanau2007.html>



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