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MEETING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
Board Meeting	November 6 December 4 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 items.
Membership Meeting	November—No meeting December— Holiday Party 7:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month. (except July) November: No meeting December: TCBA holiday party
TCBA Advocacy Committee	October 10 6:30 8:00 p.m.	League of Michigan Bicyclists 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

Chainwheel Deadlines

NEWSLETTER November 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 To have a ride listed on the Event Calendar send email to: Ridecoordinator@biketcba.org

TCBA Holiday Party

The TCBA Holiday Party will be held at the Peacock Road Tree Farm, 11854 Peacock Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848, on Thursday, December 6.

See you there!

The social hour is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with appetizers served. Included: bean soup, vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers. A holiday punch will be served.

There will not be a cash bar. Dinner includes pulled pork, BBQ chicken, sweet and au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, cornbread, cranberry sauce. There is a vegetarian option.

The cost is \$10 for club members. You may sign up at the September and October club meetings, online through Club Express or by calling Bill Smith at 517-648 -0019. Please RSVP by November 29th.



Wanted: Chainwheel Chatter Newsletter editor. Experience with MS Publisher, Word, Excel ideal, but not mandatory. Will assist with training. Call Patricia Mead at (248) 210-0337 or email Chainwheel-Chatter@biketcba.org

The final **paper** issue of the *Chainwheel Chatter* will be printed in December 2018. Beginning in 2019, the *Chainwheel Chatter* will be published only in PDF (portable document format) on the TCBA website, <https://www.biketcba.org>

You will need Internet access and Adobe Acrobat Reader to access the *Chainwheel Chatter*. To receive an e-mail notification when a new *Chainwheel Chatter* is published on the TCBA website, please add your email address to your TCBA profile.

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Most public libraries have computers for those not owning a computer. If you do not have Internet access and have no means of gaining access, please call Harry Levins at 517-627-9763.

Bikes: Science on Two Wheels

More than 40 bicycle, historic and modern, form the centerpiece of "Bikes: Science on Two Wheels" at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum September 22—January 6.

kalamazoomuseum.org

The bicycle, or some version of it, has been around since the nineteenth century, and it is still a popular form of transportation today. Bikes are a part of our everyday life from childhood through adulthood, but we don't often notice the science behind this wonderful invention. In the exhibit BIKES: Science on Two Wheels, we get to see over 40 variations of bikes from the late 1800's to modern times, including the classics and oddities. Through a dozen interactives, visitors are able to engage in the science, history, design, and art behind the bicycle!

On display are four sections that take us on a tour and show us the cultural impact the bicycle has had on our world!

The Origins: Features the evolution of, and the precursors to, the modern bicycle.

The Classics: Showcases bicycles from the 1930's to the late 1970's.

The Sport Bikes: Focuses on multi-speed bikes and the change in technology.

Oddities and Offshoots: Displays examples of "not so ordinary" bikes.

This exhibit is organized by the Carnegie Science Center in cooperation with the Bicycle Museum of America.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum. (2018). [Bikes: Science on Two Wheels](#). Kalamazoo, MI: Author

Bike Fix-It by Mike Unsworth

Bike Fix-It Sessions at the Lansing City Rescue Mission

We plan on having Bike Fix-It sessions at the Mission through October. Days and times vary. If you are interested in helping, please email: advocacy@biketcba.org.

October Board Meeting Minutes

Deb Traxinger, TCBA Secretary

Called to Order at: 6:33pm

Directors Present: Patrick Kelley, Bill Smith, Deb Traxinger, Harry Levins, Joel Wickham, Bob Noble, Ken Schwartz.

Others Present: Steve Leiby, Dave Mansfield, Patty Mead, Dick Jansen, Dean and Karen Ross.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve by Joel Wickham. 2nd Bob Noble. Approved.

Member Input: Dick Jansen asked the club to print more Crosstown Maps. He has distributed almost all 3000 that were printed earlier.

Board of Directors' Minutes: For September 2018. Minutes reviewed via email. Motion to accept by Joel Wickham. 2nd by Bob Noble. Motion approved.

Correspondence Received: The Kids Repair Program sent a thank you note for the club's continued support.

Board Reports

President: Patrick Kelley

Club Express - there are still some issues regarding entering rides and ride miles. Club Express is working on those problems.

Street Teams – the club has been assigned a Street Team (MSU

college students working for non-profits) to help us with our marketing and publicity plan.

Bylaws update – revisions were discussed. Motion by Harry Levins to accept the amended bylaws from Oct. 1 along with the emailed amendment from Oct. 2. 2nd by Bill Smith. Motion approved. The updated bylaws will be posted on the website.

TCBA notecard – Steve Leiby and Deb Traxinger met with an MSU student who will be designing a new postcard/flyer that will replace the Chainwheel Chatter in bike shops.

Volunteer/Legacy Award 2018 – Nominations for this award were presented and discussed.

Crosstown Maps – A motion was made by Harry Levins to print 3000 more maps. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Motion approved.

Vice President: Bill Smith – the Christmas party will be held December 6 at Peacock Road Farm. Sign up is online via Club Express. Payment must be made upon registration or registration will not be accepted.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger – the club phone has been sold.

Treasurer: Harry Levins – Treasurer report was reviewed. Motion to approve by Bob Noble. 2nd by Ken Schwartz. Approved.

At Large Directors: Ken Schwartz, Bob Noble – possible ride incentives were presented and discussed.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth – submitted his report by email.

DALMAC Director (Joel Wickham) - report given.

NorthWest Tour (Jeff Dillingham) – no report

Summer Tour (Ginger Royston) – no report

T-Shirt (Bob Noble) – report given

DALMAC Fund Committee (Steve Leiby) – report given.

Old Business: none

New Business: the Chainwheel Chatter needs a new editor. Interested parties should contact Patty Mead.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deb Traxinger, Secretary, TCBA Board of Directors

President's Update

As you all have read TCBA has a budget deficit. This deficit is due to declining revenue from DALMAC which is TCBA's primary source of income. That said, for the past few years TCBA has spent funds more to support membership, promote safe, social bicycling and create community partnerships than we have received from DALMAC. The TCBA Board has asked for, and received input from members, on how we could proceed to make some budget cuts to reduce this deficit. We have decided to make some changes that minimally will impact us all.

-TCBA will stop printing and mailing the "Chainwheel Chatter" effective January 2018. (The Board is considering how to identify the handful of TCBA members who do not have Internet access and, therefore, might be unable to access a digital copy of the Chainwheel Chatter.) We will continue to produce the "Chainwheel Chatter", and this will be available online for your easy access.

-TCBA will eliminate our telephone service.
-TCBA is also making several reductions in our Board spending. These cuts may reduce some aspects of "services" provided to our members but Events will continue like the Picnic, Holiday Party and Appreciation Dinner.

-TCBA Board has worked very hard over the last several months to make these decisions, so that our mission of "Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972" may continue another 48+ years. We believe making these small changes now, will allow TCBA to continue as a leader in this area, in Michigan, and in the United States.

TCBA cannot be what we are without you dedicated Volunteers! Thank you!

Patrick Kelley, President TCBA

Summer Tour

Ginger Royston, Tour Director

Overview

Helmet, gloves and sunglasses. Roads & Routes, Drive & Ride, Ride Your Own Story. A comfortable touring pace. This is SummerTour.

Hart Montague Rail Trail. Lake Michigan shoreline parks. Mac Woods Dune Rides. This is SummerTour.

Hot showers. Bag chairs. Friends you see once a year. This is SummerTour.

This year's 5-day tour features routes on roads and/or trails all from the convenience of a single camping location, **John Gurney Park Campground in Hart, MI.**

The tour will begin on **Wednesday, July 10 and end on Sunday, July 14, 2019.** Camping will be available starting on Tuesday, July 9 after 3 PM at no additional charge. On Sunday, riders will return to the campground in time to pack and leave by 2 PM.

Daily routes will vary between 25 and 60 miles, with various options. The Sunday ride will be a shorter variety to allow for returning to camp, shower and check-out by 2 PM.

This is **primarily a tent camping tour**, with provision for some RV's (for an extra fee).

Included in the basic fee are tent camping facilities, route maps & cue sheets, SAG service, and meals. Dinners Wednesday through Saturday, and breakfasts Thursday through Sunday are provided and served in a pavilion at the campground. There will be group campfires with S'mores and munchies in the evenings, as well as light snacks in the afternoons.

SummerTour is sponsored by the Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA) of Lansing, MI and is open to all capable interested bicyclists. You need not be a member of any organization to participate. The first **150** entries will be accepted.



2018 / 2019 TCBA Calendar

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
October	2	25
November	6	No Meeting
December	4	6 Holiday Party
January	TBD	January 31
February	5	February 28



Kids Repair Program Thank you letter



Kids Repair Program!

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September 5, 2018

Dear TCBA/DALMAC grant committee members:

You awarded Kids Repair Program a grant for summer 2018. We greatly appreciate the award and wish to provide a report of the summer activities. Bike Camp sessions were very successful. The newly remodeled youth “shop area” provided a very organized place for the youth ages 10 to 17 to learn repairs in. All youth that began the weekly camp sessions completed the instructional period and “learned and earned” a bike to take home with a new helmet and new lock. The summer bike instructor was a junior from MSU and his field of study was in health. The summer instructor was assisted in the camp sessions with a class monitor. All total during the summer season, 56 youth went through the weekly sessions at KRP and an additional 15 youth went through an onsite session #10 camp week at an income based housing complex near KRP. This was provided free of charge this week to these youth since most youth are of low income and many refugees. During the summer, staff, volunteers and bike camp instructor held 4 Free Tune Ups. Three in the community and one at KRP near a large apartment complex where flyers were distributed to direct them to the Free Tune Up. Between the 4 Free Tune Ups nearly 60 bikes were fixed with repairs (sign up sheets available on request) and multiple minor repairs were provided such as seat adjustments, blowing up tires and other minor adjustments. (Pictures are provided).

The KRP van continued to pick up bike donations through the summer and exchanged bikes with another nonprofit, Share A Bike. All tools and parts ordered were from D & K. The shop manager and the Board worked together to order the needed items to make the camp successful with needed items for the campers and to also refurbish the donated bikes that are used in the camp for each youth to “learn and earn to take home”.

Please review the attached excel budget sheet and if you have further questions please feel free to email me or call the office. Again thank you for your ongoing financial support to Kids Repair Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pearl-Wright".

Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Director
Kids Repair Program

CLASSIFIEDS

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For Sale: TREK 820 mountain track \$50
TeamMagTurbo III trainer \$20
Email asila190659@hotmail.com



For Sale: Bicycle Transport Case, made by BWH (Germany), approx. 49" x 35" x 13", 4 Wheels. Box is big, you can fit additional equipment along with the bicycle. \$150 (OBO). Phone/Text (919) 886-7642



For Sale: Specialized Dolce Comp, 51.5 frame, triple chain ring, Shimano 105 components, low mileage, includes upgraded seat, bike computer, and two bottle cages. Call George Schankler **517-648-0488 / 517-349-4242. \$600**



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www.biketcba.org Tri-County Bicycle Association

www.lmb.org League of Michigan Bicyclists

www.bikeleague.com League of American Bicyclists

www.adventurecycling.org Adventure Cycling

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

www.walkbikelansing.com Lansing'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 Mountain 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!

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

<http://www.aabts.org/> Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society



Looking for a touring bike and all gear necessary for self-contained travel. If you have or know of cyclists ready to sell, please call Leslee: **517-290-1390** My height - 5'6" current road bike frame 54 cm

Interested in buying old (80's & older) classic lugged steel bikes (road, touring) & parts. Contact Tim: 517-618-1771 / email tim.potter@rideofsilence.org w/ info / photos to see if you've got something he might be interested in. (10/18)

For Sale: Two 2013 Bianchi road bikes. Light recreational use, all original. **Men's** C2C Impulso 105. Celeste. Size 53. Aluminum/ carbon Shimano 105. 10-speed groupset - **\$550**. **Women's** C2C Via Nirone Dama Bianca. White/ Celeste. Size 50. Aluminum/ carbon Shimano Sora - 9-Speed groupset - **\$450**. Contact: Steve Serkaian steve@serkaian.com, **517-881-4085**



For sale: Yakima compact hatchback vehicle bike rack, holds 2 cycles, currently configured to fit standard Toyota Prius, can be adjusted to fit other vehicles. Rarely used. \$40 OBO. Call Larry or Mary Hennessey at 517 349-2276 or henlar@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale: 2009 Trek 2.3, 54 CM frame, aluminum w/carbon stays & fork, Shimano Ultegra & 105 components. Light weight, excellent condition, ~2,000 miles. **\$800 OBO**. Contact: Kevin Mead 517-285-7814 (texts welcome), kevinmead@sbcglobal.net

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Ride Calendar at biketcba.org

Recurring rides are 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.

Class	Pace (average speed on a "level" route with no wind)
Class A+	19+
Class A	17-19 mph
Class B	14-17 mph
Class C	12-14 mph
Class D	Up to 12 mph
Class G	Gravel Road Rides, plus "speed class" (A-Z) of the ride
Class M	Mountain bike "single track" rides
Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace

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