



CHAINWHEEL CHATTER

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Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972

Chainwheel Deadline

February Newsletter:
February 23 Send items to Sarynna Lopez Meza by the indicated deadline.
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TCBA Jerseys for Sale!

TCBA has arranged with the manufacturers (Primal and Flora Velo) to offer the TCBA jerseys at our cost to anyone who would like to purchase one (or more) direct from the source!

Flora Velo is offering women's only, sleeveless (\$55); racerback (\$52); short sleeve with black sleeves (\$58); short sleeve with printed sleeves (\$61); long sleeve (\$65); long sleeve without black pockets (\$60). You will also need to pay \$5 shipping. All of these awesome choices can be seen on the Flora Velo website at floravelo.com. The Flora Velo store will be open mid-February 2020 to mid-March 2020. Specific web site link for TCBA will be forth coming.

Primal will offer the men's and women's jersey for \$45, plus shipping. The link below will **ONLY** be active from 2-15-20 to 3-18-20, with expected delivery by the end of April 2020. Website; <https://via.primalcustom.com/collections/t06206a>

To see the jerseys, go to our TCBA Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/biketcba/>

A note from the editor

As I enjoy my Christmas tree for the last couple of days (that's right, my tree is still up - feel free to ask about this when you see me again!), I can't help but feel how fast this year is going. I haven't been Zwifting as much as I'd like, but I enjoy my Strava updates on your activities, virtual and outside. My training this winter has been mostly running, lifting weights, and catching up on Tae Kwon Do.

We have a busy newsletter this time around; look out for some news from our President, an update on the TCBA ride incentive program, some news about the vote to renew the Ingham county trail millage, information on some exciting tours coming up, and some bike store open houses happening in town.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have comments and/or suggestions for the Chainwheel! Safe rides!

Sarynna López Meza - East Lansing, MI

TCBA Board and Member Meetings

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
February	4	27
March	3	26

Members are encouraged to attend the Member Meetings at the Foster Community Center in Lansing at 7 pm. You can see minutes from the Board meetings in the Document Library of the TCBA website.

TCBA Membership

	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	4-Year
Individual	\$15	\$24	\$30	\$36
Family	\$20	\$32	\$40	\$48



*Affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists and the
League of Michigan Bicyclists*

Updates from the TCBA President

Happy New Year, and hope you are able to get out and ride when you can, or ride at home! Just ride!

As the Spring approaches, sooner than later please, we all begin to think about riding and which Rides/Tours we want to participate in over the months ahead.

T-Shirt Ride is May 30, 2020, in Pottersville, an excellent one day event that can augment your training for TCBA's **NorthWest Tour**, in mid-June, or our **SummerTour** in mid-July. As you all likely know, **DALMAC 50th** this year has had an overwhelming demand with several routes being filled to capacity, or nearly full.

TCBA is very excited about these Rides and encourages you participate in these events, as well as the numerous daily rides offered on the TCBA Event Calendar. We have some excellent volunteers that make these Rides/Tours happen, including publicity for all of these Rides/Tours on our Facebook pages and groups! Thank you to all that work to make these Rides/Tours so successful!

TCBA Jerseys are available for purchase direct from the manufacturer, at our cost! Please see the related information in the front page of this publication. You all should have also received an e-mail detailing this information and how to buy these outstanding jerseys!

2019 Ride Incentives (a wonderful benefit for being and riding TCBA sponsored Rides) are in the process of being ordered. Please make sure that you respond promptly to the e-mail regarding your Ride Incentive for 2019. If you did not earn/participate in the 2019 Ride Incentive program, consider riding with us in 2020, and earn free Ride Incentives! Please refer to the 2020 Ride Incentive Program information in this edition of the Chainwheel Chatter.

Happy riding in 2020.

TCBA's motto; "Promoting safe, social bicycling since 1972"

Pat Kelley, President

2020 TCBA - Ride Incentive Program

The purpose of the ride incentive program is to encourage club members to participate in TCBA recreational rides. Ride Incentive “miles earned” are miles ridden only on TCBA sponsored rides.

Ride Classes

Established to enable riders of similar abilities to ride together, classes are based on average overall ride pace (speed), as follows:

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

Responsibilities of Riders and Ride Leaders

Ride Leaders

As the Ride Leader, you should make sure to meet every person, especially people you do not recognize, and warmly welcome/encourage people who are new to your Ride. Introduce people so each rider knows the riders of your group. Remember our Mission; “Safe social biking since 1972.” Let the new riders know of the ride expectations, communication in the group and rest stops that may be included/scheduled.

- Please follow the rules of the road; same roads, same rules!
- Scout the route and create accurate maps and/or cue sheet defining the route.
- Provide a Rider Sign-in Sheet. Please keep your Rider Sign-in Sheets until the season ends and get these to a TCBA Board Member.
- All rides should start from a publicly accessible location.
- Provide notice of the ride on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Send your desired ride to ridecoordinator@biketcba.org Information in the notice shall include the leader's name and contact information (phone number and/or e-mail address), date and time, starting location, ride class, and approximate distance. Weather conditions under which a ride will not occur should be stated. The starting point should provide adequate parking for a reasonable number of expected riders; and, if private property is used for this purpose, the ride leader is responsible for securing permission from the property owner or manager.

2020 TCBA - Ride Incentive Program (Continued)

- Unless the ride notice states a requirement for lights, rides should be scheduled during daylight hours. There should be sufficient time to do the ride at the pace defined by the ride class plus an allowance for planned stops and unforeseen mechanical problems.
- Provide a reasonable number of maps or cue sheets for the anticipated number of entrants and ride sign in sheet.
- G Rides are rides at least 80% of the route is on gravel roads. Riders must use a bicycle capable of negotiating that type of terrain. These rides will have the same speed classification (A-Z) as listed above.
- With the exception of Class Z rides, the Ride Leader rides at the back of the group. The ride leader is not required to ride at an average pace that is slower than the minimum designated speed for the ride class. Ride Leaders will use their judgment while riding with riders who are slower paced than the posted average speed for that ride.
- In case of mechanical problems, medical problems or injuries, remain with the affected rider until the situation is resolved or help arrives. The ride leader is *not*, however, required to perform repairs, first aid, or CPR.
- Enter the Rider Mileage on the TCBA site.

Riders

- Choose rides appropriate to their riding ability.
- May choose to go on a Ride Class that is faster than their riding speed. However, the Ride Leader is not required to ride at their pace.
- Arrive at the starting location in time to complete pre-ride preparations. Make complete and legible entries on the ride sheet.
- Ensure their bicycles are in a proper state of repair to complete the ride.
- Be able to perform routine on-road repairs. In case of severe mechanical or personal breakdowns, riders are responsible for arranging their own return transportation.
- Ride in a safe and lawful manner, following the rules of the road.
- TCBA encourages riders to wear highly visible cloths, use mirrors, and utilize front and rear lights even during daylight hours.
- TCBA recommends that riders have a cell phone with them on rides.
- Passive riders (such as those in "trailers") are not regarded as riders for the Ride Incentive Program.

General Rules

- The ride calendar year is Dec 1 of the previous year through Nov 30 of the current year.
- Club rides should be submitted to the ridecoordinator@biketcba.org to be posted on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Ride information should be submitted so it appears on the Event Calendar for at least two (2) days prior to the ride.
- Any rides starting within the state of Michigan, do not require Board approval but must be submitted via the current process to be published.
- Start locations outside the state of Michigan require board approval.
- No club rides shall be scheduled during the T-shirt Ride, Ride of Silence, or club-sponsored social activities (picnic).
- **Helmets are required on all club rides; personal audio devices (headphones/ear buds) are prohibited.**
- There is only one ride leader per ride.
- E Bike riders using any pedal-assist classified bike are allowed to participate in the TCBA Ride Incentive program. Please see the definitions of these categories at the end of this document.

2020 TCBA - Ride Incentive Program (Continued)

Incentive Eligibility

TCBA members in good standing may accumulate mileage points. Riders earn 1 point per route mile and/or "home miles" ridden. Ride leaders receive ride mileage as well as ride leader points (100 points for Class D and M) and 50 points for all other ride classes; *Mountain Bike Riders earn Ride Incentive Points for all publicized TCBA Mountain Bike Rides on single track. Because mountain biking is more technical, typically at slower speeds and less miles traveled in a similar time than road biking, a conversion will be used; 1 mile of single-track will equal 3 miles toward the Ride Incentive Program. Ride Leaders must triple the miles ridden on M Rides before these miles are entered.

- If there are no other riders, the ride leader receives the ride mileage plus 10 leader points.
- "Home miles" are miles ridden to and from TCBA rides, meetings, social events, or invitational tours based on the safest distance to these events from a rider's home.
- If a ride leader fails to participate in a scheduled ride, another rider may assume leadership and will be credited with the leader points.
- Members are responsible for documenting participation in TCBA rides on any official club ride sheet. Entry shall include member's name, date, events name, and distance.

Ride Incentive Levels; All mileage recorded must be on TCBA Club Rides or TCBA Sponsored Rides/Tours for the Ride Incentive Awards

Level 1: 2020+ miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 2: 1250 to 2019 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 3: 501 to 1249 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 4: 500 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles, or have ridden on 5 club rides/tours

*E-Bike definitions from League of Michigan Bicyclists/State of Michigan;

PA 139 goes on to divide e-bikes into three classes:

Class 1 An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied. **Class 2 e-bikes are excluded from the TCBA Ride Incentive mileage accumulations.**

Class 3 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

Vote to renew the Ingham County trail millage

By: Michael Unsworth, Advocacy Committee

In November 2014 county residents voted for a separate Millage tax “to create and maintain a system of recreational trails and adjacent parks.” This millage (\$.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation) is for six years, and thus, it is up for renewal in the March 10, 2020, election.

This Millage has been wonderfully beneficial for bicyclists and pedestrians. Many TCBA members have enjoyed pedaling over the new bridge near the Potter Park Zoo and the fourteen-foot-wide boardwalk along Okemos Road. A uniform system of wayfinding signs is being installed on the county’s trails. Other projects, such as repaving sections of trails, clearing log jams on the Red Cedar River, and helping smaller communities craft trail projects, are lower-profile but equally important in making Ingham County a trail-friendly community.

Statistics tell a compelling story: almost \$19.5 million dollars has been spent for 32 miles of new or repaired pavement; 27 bridges have been completed or replaced; and 4 handicap-accessible boat launches constructed. Equally important has been the adoption of a comprehensive plan that guides county governments in crafting trails projects. Finally, the millage pays for a Trails Coordinator who keeps the funding process on schedule and helps smaller communities with their trails planning.

There are a number of forthcoming projects that will further advance our trails system. In Spring 2020 Meridian Township will begin construction of two segments of trail that will eventually link MSU’s portion of the River Trail with Lake Lansing Park. The City of Lansing will soon clear Red Cedar River logjams in Potter Park. This clearance will not only enable better canoeing but will also stabilize the banks near the River Trail. Delhi Township will start construction of Phase II of the Hayhoe Trail project that will eventually link Mason with Holt.

TCBA encourages its members to vote for the Trails Millage renewal at the March 10 Election. Michigan has now opened absentee voting to all voters. Please contact your city or township clerk for an application for an absentee ballot:

For more information about the Trails Millage, see:

http://pk.ingham.org/trails_and_parks_millage/index.php

Summer Tour 2020 - Overview



**NorthWest Tour Online registration starts
Sunday January 19, 2020 at 7 pm EST**

More information at BikeTCBA.org/NWTour

NorthWest Tour – 14th Annual! Biking “The Bear” June 17-21, 2020

Winter is upon us and cycling has transitioned to skiing for some of us, or fat-tire biking, or maybe our lucky “snowbird” members are rolling right along. In any case it’s a perfect time to start planning your riding season for next year!

I recommend that you plan on spending 5 days biking the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas with us for spectacular scenery through small towns and tourist areas, all from the convenience of a single campground. Empire, Glen Arbor, Traverse City, Frankfort, Leland, and Suttons Bay are just a few of the highlights.

NorthWest Tour 2020 begins on Wednesday, June 17 and ends on Sunday, June 21 (Father’s Day). This is primarily a tent camping tour but RV sites can be reserved with Indigo Bluffs RV Park, our home for the Tour, for an extra fee.

Registration is online only and starts on Sunday, January 19 at 7pm. Tour fee will be \$190. The first 300 entries will be accepted. To guarantee your participation prompt signup is recommended. The registration link and the Tour Guidebook can be found on our webpage at: www.biketcba.org/nwtour

Hope you can join us to “Bike the Bear”!

Jeff Dillingham
NorthWest Tour Director

Summer Tour 2020 - Overview



**July 15 - 19, 2020
Marion, MI**

**More information at BikeTCBA.org/SummerTour
Including SummerTour information brochure and
the link to the registration page**

Kids ride free - 12 and under

Kids ride cheap - 13 - 17 - \$100

Adults - \$225

- Paved off-road rail-trails
- Dirt bicycling
- Roads, routes and maps

The Pere Marquette and White Pine trails are an easy drive-and-ride away.
Access to the rail-trails is safe and easy for the whole family at the staging areas in LeRoy, Reed City, Cadillac, Claire, Lake Station and other places.
Cars are only at the road crossings.
Your kids will ride further than they ever thought they could.
Pretty riverside, forest and farm scenery has food and rest stops along the way.

Cadillac Pathways is an 11- mile dirt trail network managed by the Michigan DNR.
The surface is mainly soft, easy sand. Bring your off-road bicycles.
Challenging ups and downs are available or avoidable for everyone's riding ability.

Marion is one of America's quintessential rural towns.
Our SummerTour campground is easy walking to the grocery store, the ice cream store or the convenience store.
Playgrounds and a library are nearby.
The townspeople are genuinely glad to see us.

SummerTour has Roads, Routes and Maps, the same as every TCBA bicycling tour.
Roads have light car traffic.
If you joined a tour to ride your bicycle, Marion is a wonderful place!

Get more information.

www.BikeTCBA.org/SummerTour

(734) 330-2283

Denny's Central Park Bicycles 35th Annual Open House

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

Sunday, February 9 - 11:00am - 4:00pm

Denny's Central Park Bicycles

1805 Central Park Drive Okemos, MI 48864

Members save 10% off all new products, including 2020 bicycles and bikes already marked on sale.

Largest inventory clear-out ever!

20-80% off on other select products FEATURING: Specialized, Yakima, Pearl Izumi, Burley & more.

****Hourly drawing for prizes****

Refreshments provided.

Scooter's Pro Cycle Open House

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

Sunday, March 29 - 11:00am - 4:00pm

Scotter's Pro Cycle

Area's # 1 Giant dealer

2169 Cedar Street Holt, MI 48842

RED HOT deals on select bikes.

Bargains 10 - 80% OFF select merchandise.

Pizza and Refreshments provided.

River Trail Ride after weather permitting.

Authorized dealer of Giant, Kali, Louis Garneau, and Swagman racks.

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 email to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org. Ads will appear for 2 editions, unless otherwise notified.

In search of: I am looking for a used Weehoo bike trailer for a single child. Please contact Bettina Brander at tina.brander@gmail.com.

For Sale: 2008 Giant OCR3 XS (#666773) Road bike, XS, color red & silver, in almost new condition (was bought as a back-up bike), 24 gears, included are Owners Manual, X-pedo pedals (Shimano compatible), pump, tool bag with tools, bike computer, bell, mirror, rechargeable head light with USB charger. Asking \$400.00. Contact Edie Belcher 517-242-4122.

Member Specials

This section is for TCBA members who own a business to advertise at a cost of \$30 per 6 months for business card ad. To place ad, submit your copy-ready jpg business card to chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org and mail payment to TCBA - Classifieds - Patricia Mead 10655 Ballinalee Lane Grand Ledge, MI 48837



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<http://www.biketcba.org/>

Select Member Signup and follow the prompts!

Select options:

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- Renew membership online
- Select interests
- Volunteer opportunities
- Select electronic version of Chainwheel Chatter
- And much more