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MEETING	DATE/ TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
BOARD MEETING	February 2, 2016 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	February 25, 2016 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month Guest Speakers: Dean Bailey: Bicycle Lighting
TCBA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE	February 10, 2016 6-7:30 p.m.	Avenue Café 2012 E. Michigan Ave Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER Feb. 12	Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR Feb. 10	Please send ride calendar information to Ed Usewick, by email tcbamonthyrides@aol.com on or before the deadline. Be sure to include ride times, days of the week, mileage, location, and ride leader name and telephone number or any special qualifications. No ride, if rain, is assumed.

ILLUMINATION-Feb. Guest

Dean Bailey

How to cycle safely day or night Giant light give away!

Raffle tickets provided to everyone at membership meeting

The February club meeting will have a presentation on bicycle lighting. Members are invited to bring their favorite lights, or some of the vintage lights you picked up along the way. Those present will learn what to look for in a bike light, types of lights, the importance of charging your batteries, daylight flashing lights and how to blind both oncoming and following motorists. Side lighting will be demonstrated with the light system that turns your wheel into a video display.

You will also be able to place your raffle ticket, provided at the door, into the drawing for several hundred dollars worth of lights. If the number of club members attending is close to the average then everyone will be able to go home with the minimum prize of a tail light. The headlights range from 250 lumen to 18,000 lumen. No you don't need to wear welding goggles. So make sure you join the illuminating presentation and possibly go home with lights that can melt the snow in front of you. (Ok, they'll only warm the snow on a subatomic level, but you get the idea.)

The integrity of the drawing will be overseen by the illustrious pair, Steve Leiby and Tom Hardenberg who's honesty has never been in question.



DALMAC Registration Noon February 14

Mark Your Calendar!
DALMAC Registration February 14 Noon!

August 31st

or

September 1st–

September 4th, 2016

What's New for 2016!

UP & 5 East Route riders will have the option to stop in either St. Ignace or Rudyard!

Looking for Volunteers!
 TCBA Workgroup & DALMAC

Workgroup Opportunity

The TCBA Board is looking to create a work group to implement the Class D (paved) "trail" rides concept that was discussed at the October Annual Membership Meeting, to attract new members.

One facet of the group will work on designing the rides and recruiting the leaders. The second facet of the group will work on marketing the rides to and beyond current TCBA membership.

Please contact Pat Kelley:
 President@biketcba.org, 517-242-6940 to volunteer.

DALMAC Volunteer Positions are available:

- Public Relations Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator - transition helper
- Purchasing Committee
- and Tour Crew positions

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



2016 TCBA Calendar / Events

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
March	1	31
April	5	28
May	3	26
June	7	30
July	5	28
August	2	25
September	6	29
October	4	27
November	1	17
December	6	Holiday Party

T-Shirt	June 4 or 11
NorthWest Tour	June 15 - 19
TCBA Picnic	June 26
Summer Tour	July 13-17
Women on Wheels (WOW)	July 23
DALMAC	August 31-September 4
Holiday Party	December 1 or 8

Summer Tour
 2016

SummerTour 2016 planning is well underway!

TCBA's summer classic will start on Wednesday, July 13 at the Petoskey Middle School.

The tour will stay two nights at each of the overnight stops. We will be at Burt Lake State Park, near Indian River, and at Wilderness State Park, between Mackinaw City and the beautiful M-119 "Tunnel of Trees." The tour returns to Petoskey on Sunday, July 17. The \$215 tour fee will include all the same services and features as in recent years.

More details will be on-line in mid-January. Watch your February Chainwheel Chatter for the link to the application.

The application process will be the same as last year. Complete the application on the TCBA SummerTour web site, print it, sign it and snail mail it in. Only type-written applications with hand-written signatures will be accepted.

TCBA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2016, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM. Deb Traxinger, Bill Smith and Steve Leiby were present. Ken Schwartz, Joane Gruizenga and Ken Hendrick were absent. Also present were : Mike Unsworth, Jim Delinescheff, Dave Mansfield and Darryl Burris.

The meeting agenda and December board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: A newsletter from Rainbow Homes, various Christmas cards and a thank you note from LMB were passed around.

Presidents: Patrick Kelley presented about Club Express research, Mail Chimp and Ride with GPS.

Vice Presidents: Bill Smith reported that June 26 is the date for the Summer TCBA picnic. Site TBD.

Secretary: Deb Traxinger had no report.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby submitted the financial report and a motion to approve passed. A draft of a letter regarding new D ride work groups was presented. A draft for TCBA grant requests was presented

Events Director: No report.

At Large Directors: Progress regarding 2015 ride incentives was presented by Patrick Kelley. Lights are in and other awards will be ordered.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth reviewed his submitted report.

New Business: Information regarding the club jersey was presented by Jim Delinescheff. A motion to keep the current club jersey design passed. Dave Mansfield presented information about Ride with GPS and how the club could use it. A motion to pay the \$250 fee to use this program passed.

Mike Unsworth will contact the Lansing City Market manager regarding a possible bike safety event.

Old Business: The Recognition Dinner will be May 19. Steve Leiby will check with LMB about a representative from TCBA. Patrick Kelley corresponded with Mason about a different design for the proposed bike racks.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18 PM

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



February Sunrise/Sunset

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunrise: 7:54am Sunset: 5:50pm	2 Sunrise: 7:53am Sunset: 5:51pm	3 Sunrise: 7:51am Sunset: 5:52pm	4 Sunrise: 7:50am Sunset: 5:54pm	5 Sunrise: 7:49am Sunset: 5:55pm	6 Sunrise: 7:48am Sunset: 5:56pm
7 Sunrise: 7:47am Sunset: 5:58pm	8 Sunrise: 7:46am Sunset: 5:59pm	9 Sunrise: 7:44am Sunset: 6:00pm	10 Sunrise: 7:43am Sunset: 6:02pm	11 Sunrise: 7:42am Sunset: 6:03pm	12 Sunrise: 7:41am Sunset: 6:04pm	13 Sunrise: 7:39am Sunset: 6:06pm
14 Sunrise: 7:38am Sunset: 6:07pm	15 Sunrise: 7:37am Sunset: 6:08pm	16 Sunrise: 7:35am Sunset: 6:09pm	17 Sunrise: 7:34am Sunset: 6:11pm	18 Sunrise: 7:32am Sunset: 6:12pm	19 Sunrise: 7:31am Sunset: 6:13pm	20 Sunrise: 7:29am Sunset: 6:15pm
21 Sunrise: 7:28am Sunset: 6:16pm	22 Sunrise: 7:26am Sunset: 6:17pm	23 Sunrise: 7:25am Sunset: 6:18pm	24 Sunrise: 7:23am Sunset: 6:20pm	25 Sunrise: 7:22am Sunset: 6:21pm	26 Sunrise: 7:20am Sunset: 6:22pm	27 Sunrise: 7:19am Sunset: 6:23pm
28 Sunrise: 7:17am Sunset: 6:25pm	29 Sunrise: 7:15am Sunset: 6:26pm					

The most efficient animal on earth in terms of weight transported over distance for energy expended is a human on a bicycle. The most efficient machine on earth in terms of weight transported over distance for energy expended is a human on a bicycle.

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For sale: A Cycle Genius Raven, long wheelbase recumbent bicycle and customized automobile carrier. Purchased in 2009 and in great shape. Aluminum framed bike has had the chain, cassette and brake pads newly replaced and the rest of the mechanicals are in very good shape. 700c wheels and fenders front and back. Comes w/ high and low seat back ("high" seat back needs a replacement cover). Riding position is pretty much infinitely adjustable fits nearly anyone tall or small. Long wheelbase frame and laid back yet upright seating position makes bike extremely comfortable, highly stable and easy to ride. 700c wheels make this a very fast recumbent. Gearing is 3X9 with SRAM twist shift and rear derailleur and a microshift front deraillieur. Brakes are Tekro linear pull, front and back (the frame also has mounts for disc brakes). This is a great bike for just about anyone! \$500 will take it away. (Purchase price \$2000)
 Customized carrier: based on a bumper hitch type cargo carrier. Has brackets for transporting either two safety bicycles or one safety bicycle and the long wheel recumbent. When transporting the recumbent, the **front fork (with wheel removed) is anchored & supported on an aluminum beam so the bicycle's length will fit within the width of a full sized vehicle.** \$200 (Build cost \$300)
 Interested parties can contact Dean Ross at [517-819-8933](tel:517-819-8933) or dross8933@gmail.com for more information 1/2016

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DENNY'S CENTRAL PARK BICYCLES

31st Annual Open House
Mark your calendar so you won't miss this important event
 Sunday, February 14th
 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Location: **Denny's Central Park Bicycles**
 1805 Central Park Dr., Okemos

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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**

www.michigantrails.org **Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance**

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

twitter.com **Twitter**

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

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

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