

TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

TUBES-00 (517-882-3700) www.biketcha.org

The Tri-County (Ingham/Eaton/Clinton) Bicycle Association is a group of people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and occupations with a common interest—bicycling!

The members of TCBA have dedicated themselves to:

- Promoting the use of bicycles for healthful recreation and transportation.
- Educating bicyclists as to their rights and responsibilities.
- Promoting public awareness of bicyclists' rights and responsibilities.
- Organizing club rides and sponsoring invitational tours to introduce others to bicycling.
- Providing instruction in bicycle safety, maintenance, and technique.
- Supporting bicycling throughout Michigan.
- Providing fellowship and communication among persons interested in bicycling.

Membership in TCBA is open to anyone who is at least 12 years of age and interested in bicycling. Younger riders may participate as part of a family membership. We meet on the last Thursday of each month to hear talks on bicycling, to discuss upcoming rides and events, and to handle other association affairs.

Members receive a monthly newsletter to keep them up-to-date on happenings within the club and information about riding opportunities outside of the mid-Michigan area. The club sponsors a regularly updated rideline (TUBES-00/517-882-3700) announcing rides not listed in the club newsletter (www.biketcha.org). Come join us in the friendship, fun, and health that are the essence of bicycling!

RIDE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

To encourage recreational group riding, TCBA offers a ride incentive program. A record is kept of mileage points from club rides and non-commercial invitational rides. At the end of the season, awards are given according to the various mileage levels attained.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Receive our monthly newsletter, the *Chainwheel Chatter*, listing club rides, social events, and updates on bicycle legislation.
- Get to know others interested in bicycling while participating in organized rides departing throughout the tri-county area.
- Enjoy healthful exercise and improve riding skills while discovering areas of mid-Michigan you may have missed.
- Learn more about bicycle repair at monthly Cycle Forum sessions.
- Receive periodic discounts from area bike shops.
- Buy or sell used bicycle accessories at our annual swap meet.
- Attend entertaining and informative monthly club meetings featuring tips on bicycle technique, training, and touring.
- Serve the tri-county community by participating in the club's Safety and Education program.
- Receive automatic mailing of club ride applications.

RULES OF THE ROAD

- Helmets are required on all TCBA club rides.
- Always ride with care and consideration for others around you.
- Be generous in the use of your vocal cords. Statements like: On your left, hole, gravel, stopping, braking, tracks, etc..., are appreciated by those in front or behind who cannot see such hazards.
- Never make a sudden change in speed or direction without warning those around you.
- Obey traffic signs and signals.
- Ride with the flow of traffic, not against it. Don't cross the center line unless your lane is blocked.
- Ride single file when traffic is heavy in your lane.
- Ride two abreast only when the road conditions and traffic allow. Never ride more than two abreast. It's dangerous and illegal.
- Signal your intention to turn or stop by using hand signals.