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### Possible Changes in the MMBA/IMBA Relationship

By Nick Shue

The MMBA State Board is currently considering some options for the future of the MMBA, and there is some information and discussion regarding these possibilities on the MMBA forums. We would like all MMBA members to be aware of these discussions. Please visit the [discussion thread on the MMBA Forums for this topic](#).

We invite you to participate in this discussion. You may also email your comments to [execdir@mmba.org](mailto:execdir@mmba.org).

### *trekwomen* Breast Cancer Awareness: The Ride

By Heather Kubiak

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, over 100 participating Trek dealers across the United States and Canada will join together to raise awareness for breast cancer research, treatment, and prevention by hosting a 10- or 25-mile casual, family-friendly bike ride. Our goal is to have more than 10,000 women, men, and children from across the nation all riding on the same day at the same time in a healthy and friendly environment, uniting together to show support for breast cancer patients and survivors by sharing challenges, celebrating victories, and fighting for a cure.

The West Michigan ride will start at Chicago Drive Cyclery. For more information, visit the registration page to find the location nearest you. If you can't ride the day of, please consider donating by using the registration page. The entire \$25 donation will go to breast cancer research.

### Michigan Rides

- [Grandville: Chicago Drive Cycling & Fitness](#)
- [Rochester: Rochester Bike Shop](#)
- [Warren: Macomb Bike & Fitness](#)

Visit the [trekwomen Ride for Breast Cancer Awareness website](#) for more information and to find other locations.

### 2010 Iceman Cometh Shuttle from Lansing

By Rick Hogle

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[Michigan Cycling Charters](#) will be offering a shuttle from the Lansing area to the Iceman Cometh on Friday, November 5, 2010. This includes transportation to your lodging and to the start of the race on Saturday.

Price is \$20 per person. If you have a group of 6 to 11 people, we will pick you up in your area. Call (517) 614-5659, or email [rick@michigancyclingcharters.com](mailto:rick@michigancyclingcharters.com) with any questions. Good luck to all of the racers!

## MetroSouth Events and News

By Claudia Bean

The MetroSouth Chapter is hosting the following events throughout the month of October:

- **Saturday, October 2, 4 p.m. until about 10 p.m., Munson Park in Monroe** - We meet at the Monroe trail in the late afternoon for a ride and some grilling. Then we will watch the cyclocross races held in the dark! Doesn't that sound fun? Let's show our support for the southernmost trail in our chapter and ride it!
- **Sunday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rouge Park** - Trail work, lunch, and ride! We will tweak a few sections that the Student Conservation Association (SCA) worked on this summer. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch and ride. The trail work session is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and lunch and the ride is from 1 to 2 p.m. Come to work, ride, or both! Volunteers from the SCA will be joining us. This work day is also co-sponsored by American Eagle. If you haven't seen the great work at Rouge Park, this year, take a look at these pictures:
  - <http://picasaweb.google.com/MMBA.MetroSouth/RougeWorkersAppreciationLunch#>
  - <http://picasaweb.google.com/MMBA.MetroSouth/RougeTrailDay#>
  - <http://picasaweb.google.com/MMBA.MetroSouth/RougeDays#>
- **Saturday, October 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Island Lake** - Trail day with grilling lunch and riding after. We were rained out of our spring trail day, but the trail has been in great shape, this year, thanks to DNRE Dave and countless other volunteers who have given a little or a lot to a trail that we all ride. We have one bigish project to handle on the 9th, and we will be sending crews out to do some fall trimming in preparation for next spring. If you have anything that you would like to get done, please [post ideas in the forum](#) so we can prioritize.

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There was a recent discussion about some trails popping up in Wayne County at Holliday Park that are not MMBA trails. We have good literature that explains our role as an organization that promotes sustainable trail building following IMBA guidelines. I sent this literature to the county parks to let them know that the MMBA was not involved with the creation of those trails. I also informed John Gonway, the MMBA Advocacy Director.

Here are two things that I included with the letter:

- [MetroSouth Chapter brochure](#);
- [information about the MMBA, Metro South, and its projects](#) (this is a large document, please be patient - PC users may right click on the link and click "Save as" to download).

Dave Thompson, our chapter state board representative, has also communicated with the county parks. Happy Fall!

### **Success at the HCP!**

By Diane Ursu

Northern Chapter President, Glen Ruczynski, reported that the High Country Pathway trail day on the weekend of September 25 was a great success. The volunteer trail crew sunk over 30 signposts and signed the trails in an effort to more clearly mark the Lower Peninsula's only IMBA epic trail. They cleared the trail corridors of debris and overhanging tree branches and brush.

The Northern Chapter would like to extend a special *thank you* to Kevin Rose, the Bissonettes, Jeff Snyder, Joe "Felpaj," Tom Landry, Andrea Davis, and Ali Bridson (Ali was the keep-Glen-sane brigade).

The Northern Chapter looks forward to showing off their efforts at the HCP Epic Ride in June! Visit the [Northern Chapter website](#) to read Glen's post about the trail weekend.

### **2010 Iceman Registration Transfers Raise Money for Michigan Youth Cycling**

By Jeff Buerman

The Michigan Youth Cycling Program (MYCP) is the proud supporter of the Iceman Scholarship Program, Michigan Youth Cyclist of the Year Scholarship, MBRA Michigan Challenge Junior Scholarship Series Awards & Wolverine Junior Development Scholarship Award. MYCP would like to thank Iceman Promotions & Iceman (Steve Brown) for giving us the great opportunity to help us reach our goal of \$4,000 for the 2010 Iceman Scholarship Program.

This year, the MYCP is handling all race entry transfers, for which there is a \$20 transfer fee, all of which will go into the Iceman Scholarship Program. Entries may be transferred to anyone following these simple rules and procedures:

- Visit [www.miciganyouthcycling.org](http://www.miciganyouthcycling.org) for the official Iceman transfer form, or e-mail [icemantrades@charter.net](mailto:icemantrades@charter.net) with your request for an entry transfer form.
- Send your completed Iceman entry transfer form and a \$20 check, money order, or credit card number for the transfer fee to:

Kids Race Sports Development Inc  
Iceman Scholarship Program  
10166 Curtis Drive  
Pinckney MI 48169

- The entry transfer form must be completely filled out by the original registrant.
- Your entry transfer form must be **received by October 15, 2010**. After that date, changes will be meaningless.
- We cannot change t-shirt orders, although sizes may be swapped while supplies last.
- You will receive an automatic email verification when changes to your entry are completed.

Make check payable to: KIDS RACE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT INC. Kids Race Sports Development Inc. is a non-profit corporation, which is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code. Contributions or gifts to Kids Race Sports Development Inc. may be deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

### **Recreation Passport Fee**

Beginning October 1, the \$10 Recreation Passport replaces the state park sticker to get you into all state parks, recreation areas and boat launches. To get your Recreation Passport, just check "YES" on your license plate renewal form. Your \$10 also helps preserve forest campgrounds and trails, historic and cultural sites in state parks, and parks in your own community.

Get your Recreation Passport and tell your friends and family to do the same. It's only \$10a good deal for you means a GREAT deal to future generations.

Where can \$10 take you? Visit [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport) for more information.

## MMBA Online Membership

Keep track of your MMBA membership by visiting [membership.mmba.org](http://membership.mmba.org). By logging in, you can

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- renew your membership;
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