



## Chapter News



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### Message from the President:

Hello again this year to all the MMBA members in the Holly-Flint Chapter. My name is Jim Owens and I am proud to once again represent you as Holly/Flint chapter President. I have met many of you but it still remains as one of my goals to meet all of you. For the people I have met I would re-emphasize they are the most dedicated people I know of anywhere in cycling.

I think I should elaborate a little about me as to know me a little better. First, I am retired after 33 years working with IMO the greatest automobile company in the world General Motors Corporation. They were challenging years particularly the last two. Maybe more importantly I should relay my cycling history. This will be my second year as chapter president after four years as the vice-president. Previous to the MMBA, I held several offices for the Flying Rhino's Cycling Club. They included President for four years, Vice-President for three years and finally Treasurer for three years. Additional responsibilities included organizing the Back-40 rides the club puts on three times a year. Also, I was the Promoter for the Waterford Hills Training Series (WHTS) for six years and associate Promoter six years previous. This is a USA Cycling sponsored race formally known as the USCF. Other responsibilities included Vice-President of Michigan Bicycle Road Association (MBRA) for three years and Secretary for the Dayton Cycling Club in Dayton, Ohio. Enough of that! But you can see I love cycling and I love every cycling discipline.

#### HOLLY / FLINT CHAPTER HOLDRIDGE LAKES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2011

- April 2 10 am – 3 pm  
Spring Cleanup and meeting  
Trail Day
- May 14 10 am – 3 pm  
Trail Day
- June 18 9 am – 3 pm  
Trail Day
- July 9 9 am – 3 pm  
Trail Day and Group Ride
- July 30 9 am - 3 pm  
Trail Day
- August 20 9 am – 3 pm  
Trail Day
- September 10 9 am – 3 pm  
Trail Day and meeting

*All MMBA events are open to members and non-members alike. All the work is done by volunteers. Please come out and help with this great trail system and give back to the trails you use. For information or concerns contact: [holly-flintmmba@gmail.com](mailto:holly-flintmmba@gmail.com)*

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# Chapter FAFL Hours 2010

<b>Holdridge</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Arnott, Ron	138	Schneider, Jason	25.5
Klein, Tony	58	Powers, Todd	22.5
Fraser, Andy	24	Tremp, Lee	16.5
Owens, Jim	18	Kahl, Kevin	14
Bingham, Bob	16	Hranach, Brad	14
Climie, Bob	12	Liagre, Mike	11
Gilbert, Daniel	10.5	Delcourt, Luke	10
Rodgers, Joe	10	Osgood, Rich	8
Arnott, George	10	Evans, Kim	7
Auge, Scott	8.5	Osgood, John	7
Klein, Pam	7	Zaccardelli, Marc	7
Love, Brandon	6.5	Dejong, Eric	6
Lidgey, Dave	6	Delcourt, Alicia	6
Loessel, Mark	6	Libby, Jill	6
Loessel, Matt	6	Zaccardelli, DJ	6
Sigmund, Carl	6	Christy, Stan	5.5
Back, Brian	5	Tramski, Dave	3.5
Back, Christy	5	Latham, Les	3
Conford, Richard	5	Loewenthal, Drew	3
Donajkowski, Rich	5	Miller, Ben	3
Mooney, Katie	5	Osgood, Mekenna	3
Nielson, Krug	5	Osgood, Nolan	3
Smith, Frederick	5	Schneider, Jackie	3
Lyle	4	Sopeak, Mark	3
Hoaganson, Jean	3		
Gould, Jesse	2		
Irwin, Joe	2		
Scott, Nolan	2		
Adams, Todd	1		
Brown, Greg	1		
Klein, Lorna	1		
Seyfried, Jason	1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>394.5</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>196.5</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>591</b>	

*\*Fred Smith totaled 75 "Michigan Mountain Bike Patrol" hours*

## Chapter Volunteer of the Year.

*Ron Arnott*



Once again the chapters choice for volunteer of the year was fairly easy. Ron once again put in an astounding number of hours making sure the trails at Holdridge were kept clear and well maintained. The trail can be a real challenge because of all the wild raspberry bushes and autumn olive plants that love to draw blood. Ron put in over 138 hours and these were the hours he documented. If I know Ron at all, he managed to put in more than a few more hours that were just casual time that he didn't bother to

log. Probably one of the most important jobs he has done this year was to maintain a good working relationship with the Park manager at Holly. Keeping a good relationship with land managers is critical to retain access and Ron has done a great job in this area. Although there are other chapter members who are also deserving of this award, Ron has once again gone that extra mile that has earned him this years award. **Congratulations Ron - You deserve it!**

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Other officer positions are: Brad Hranach remains as vice-president and our chapter's representative to the state board. Brad has done a great job keeping communications open and the chapter apprised of state issues. This is very, very important as the MMBA evolves and responsibilities change. The duo of Pam and Tony Klein has agreed to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The chapter is very lucky to have this team with their valuable experience. Ron Arnott and Andy Fraser continue as the Holdridge trail coordinator and assistant trail coordinator. Unbelievable job that both of these gentlemen have done! Their hours of dedication equal or surpass any trail coordinator in the state. In addition, Andy has done a great job on our website and continues in this role. If you see either Ron or Andy on the trail or anywhere, please tell them how **they are appreciated!** As of this writing, I do not have any updates from the Ruby Campground organization. Although not an officer position, Dave Lidgley is our newsletter editor. This is a job that takes a special person. He must beg for articles, correct errors, make up stories and put it all together. Thanks again Dave!!!!

I look forward encouraging people to participate in the chapter's events. Trail Days have been decided and will be posted on the website shortly. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the next chapter meeting scheduled for April 2nd. Time and location will be posted to the website. Of course feel free to contact me anytime at [frccp@hotmail.com](mailto:frccp@hotmail.com).

See you on the trail, Jim Owens

# Holly/Flint Chapter Meeting Minutes

Jan. 22, 2011

**Meeting called to order 6:00pm.**

Attendees:

Pam Klein    Dave Lidgey  
Jim Owens    Ron Arnott  
Andy Fraser    Sean Coleman  
Brad Hranach

## **Treasurer Report (summary)**

2009 carryover of \$1690.73

2010 income of \$473.95

2010 expenditures of 1190.15

Year end balance of \$974.53

Tony will have Chapter Disclosure Form turned in by end of month

A tools inventory list was furnished

Jim Owens asked if Tony could write an article about what is done with Chapter Funds

## **FAFL Volunteer Hours**

The Chapter had 590.5 total hours

16 members had 10 or more hours

Ron, Andy and Todd were thanked for their hard work

## **State Board**

Brad Hranach discussed the merge with IMBA and MMBA.

Questions were asked about the pros and cons of the merge

Brad discussed the Business and Administrative side of the merge

The Advocacy for the Chapters was discussed

Chapters receiving a higher percentage of dues after merge was discussed

John Gonway will be Advocacy Director

## **Trail Updates**

### Holdridge

Use of brush hogs and hedge trimmers in the last two years has made clean-up in the trails run much more efficiently.

A rebuild of a water crossing on West Loop is planned for 2011

Feedback about trails has been positive from riders

Agreed that 1500 new maps will be printed in time for expo

### Ruby

Several small improvements were made in 2010

A reroute which eliminated a stretch of open field trail

## **Communication**

Trail days for 2011 were agreed upon

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## Trail and Meeting and Dates

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## Expo

Dave will get a newsletter ready in time for the expo

Voted Ron Arnott Volunteer of the Year

Volunteers at booth: Jim, Tony, Pam, Ron, Brad, Dave, Jesse and Sean

## Fund Raisers

Dave and Pam will work on a fund raiser  
Dave suggested a “camp and ride”  
Jesse is working on a race

## Elections

Pres-Jim Owens  
Vice Pres & State Board Rep  
Brad Hranach  
Sec-Pam Klein  
Treas-Tony Klein  
Trail Coordinator Holly/Flint-Ron Arnott  
Asst. TC and Web Design-Andy Fraser  
Trail Coordinator Ruby-Todd Powers  
CPS Rep-Jesse Gould

## Open Discussion

### Hogbacks

Discussion about talking to the Genesee Co. Parks Group about opening biking trails.

### Lapeer Area Game Area

Discussion about opening trails in that area.

Meeting adjourned 8:41pm

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## Treasurer Report by Tony Klein

I was asked if I could explain where our money comes from and where it goes. I will try to keep it brief and to the point.

In years past most of our money came from donations from cycling clubs like Team Revolution and Infiterria. Money was also available from grants for special projects such as the pavilion, the drinking well and lumber for water crossings, etc. We had also received a small portion of membership dues based on a Chapter's members. Since the downturn in the economy grants and donations have become scarce. Recent changes in the formula from the MMBA gave more money to the Chapters per the amount of members per Chapter. Under the old policy each Chapter would receive \$5.00 for each **NEW** member per quarter, under the new policy the Chapter receives \$.40 for **EACH** individual and family membership per quarter. If and when IMBA (International Mountain Biking Assoc) merges with the MMBA a pro would be more money to Chapters per their members. The bottom line is that MMBA memberships do matter and a larger portion will go to your individual Chapter.

As far as spending the money that part is easy. Your membership dues help pay for improvements to the trail such as the mile markers, lumber & hardware for water crossings, equipment maintenance, gas & oil, the purchase of new and better equipment (work smarter, not harder), trail day food, blade sharpening, equipment rentals, map & newsletter printings and the list goes on and on. I hope this sheds some light on our financial side. The sad thing about this is that we could have the best equipment in the world but if there isn't enough manpower to operate it, it sits idly by. Sure, your membership dollars help but someone has to get in the trenches. Come out and lend a hand, take pride in your trail system and meet some good people. Thanks!

## Taking time to say Thank You.

Like most volunteer organizations, our chapter runs with the hard work and dedication of a few hard working souls. Selecting a volunteer of the year can be easy if you just look at pure number of hours working on a trail. What is not so obvious is the behind the scenes work that keeps an organization going. Things like acquiring needed equip-

ment, setting up events and work days., taking care of records and financial paperwork, etc, etc,. Many volunteers work this way for many years without recognition. So for all of these tasks and duties, I would like to thank Pam and Tony Klein, Andy Frasier, Brad Hranach, Jim Owens, Todd Powers and all those that have gone before you.



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