



Bicycle Access Council News & Digest

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Hello Members and Supporters of the Bicycle Access Council.

It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania!

This issue of the **Bicycle Access Council News & Digest** is a monthly communication with members and supporters. You may view past issues that started in January 2005 by going to the **BAC** website.

A DUI DRIVER GETS 3-10 YEARS...

For the Homicide by Vehicle crash that killed a Lancaster County bicyclist on February 6, 2006 as he was pedaling home from work. The driver's blood alcohol level was 0.25 percent. The judge was visibly agitated as he pronounced the sentence because of his frustration with the limits imposed on Pennsylvania courts by the legislature. As he addressed the defendant he said, "I am not sorry for you, and I wish I could sentence you for a lot longer." Twenty friends and family sat in respectful silence through the sentencing hearing.

The Bicycle Access Council followed this case throughout the legal process. Sadly, another bicyclist was killed one year later by a DUI driver and BAC will report the trial outcome when concluded.

GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS FOR ERS...

Was announced by PennDOT at the June 7 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee). After BAC received many calls and e-mails from bicyclists regarding Edgeline Rumble Strips (ERS) that were improperly installed throughout Pennsylvania, BAC asked for an evaluation and resolution at a previous PPAC meeting. PennDOT reviewed its own policy and has identified the worst offending Districts. A PennDOT Strike-Off-Letter is currently being drafted to review the policy and direct the districts to comply with policy and remove the non-compliant ERS. That's the *Good News*. Now, the *Bad News* is PennDOT says there are no funds available to remove the non-compliant ERS.

A request was made by BAC to add Share-the-Road (STR) signs as a mitigating measure to alert motorists where ERS are present until the ERS can be removed permanently. Although PennDOT is reluctant to install STRs to avoid "sign clutter" they did agree to expedite a request where bicyclists believe it would help. Contact the PennDOT District Bike/Ped Coordinator (listed on the BAC website) or contact BAC to forward your request. You will need the state road number (SR #), county and end points to request STRs or ask about removing the ERS.

BicyclePA TAKES A DETOUR...

PennDOT's effort to find a contractor to promote the BicyclePA cross-state bicycle touring network has been suspended and handed over to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) at the request of the Governor's Office. The original PennDOT RFP was to include maps, marketing and website support. DCED will now produce maps, which is the most frequent request by bicyclists planning to use BicyclePA routes.

ALL BOXED UP...

For travel are these bicycle shipping boxes. Check out www.crateworks.com

Ed Note: BAC has no relationship or business relationship with CrateWorks.

BAC WEBMASTER...

Makes Women's Health News. Carolyn Stafford is featured in the June 2007 issue of *Healthy Women*, a publication of the National Women's Health Resource Center. The article may be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/yree64> or <http://www.healthywomen.org/take10/june2007/feature.html>

PENNSYLVANIA BICYCLISTS RAAM IT HOME...

On the 3,042.8 mile **Race Across AMerica** finishing in sixth place in the four-man team category. Team Endeavor (#418) completed the event in 7 days, 1:23 hours to a final average speed of 17.96 mph. Congratulations to Mike Ridgeway (Lancaster), Raymond Peske (Harrisburg), Robert Ansell (Greenburg), and Douglas Palen Landing, NJ). For RAAM results and info, go to: <http://www.raceacrossamerica.org/raam2007>

BIKE PHILLY...

Will close some streets to motor vehicle traffic Sunday, September 9, 2007 for this event sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. According to the Bike Philly organizers, "A family friendly bike tour celebrating the freedom of car-free Philadelphia streets. Bicyclists will ride through historic neighborhoods, taking over the parkway, passing through Old City, and exploring hidden corners of Fairmont Park." The ride start is 8:00 am at the Art Museum steps. To register and for more details, see www.bikephilly2007.com

PA BIKE CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS RIDES...

May be listed on the BAC website. Submit your club ride with dates, location, fees etc. to BAC at: <info@BicycleAccess-PA.org> Charity rides requiring pledges and other fundraising rides not sponsored by a Pennsylvania bike club are not listed.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 12-14, LCI Seminar (League Cycling Instructor certification), Bethlehem, PA
Contact Steve Schmitt at CAT: director@car-free.org

MISSION STATEMENT...

The Bicycle Access Council is a non-profit advocacy organization that serves as a forum for Pennsylvania bicyclists and as an ombudsman for bicycling issues.

It is the objective of the Bicycle Access Council to make bicycling on roads throughout the Commonwealth safe, respectable and a transportation choice by educating its members and the motoring public.

All funding for the Bicycle Access Council comes from memberships and donations. Annual membership is \$20 per year. BAC does not share membership information.



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