



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. It's being sent in HTML format. Previously it had been sent in text-only format to minimize difficulty in opening the e-mail and reduce virus exposure. If you have difficulty opening or reading this e-mail, let us know and another version will be sent to you. A PDF copy is also posted on the BAC website and you may also request a hard copy mailed to you. You may view past issues that started in January 2005 by going to the **BAC** website.

BILL HOFFMAN SEEKS VOTES...

In L.A.B. Director Election. The League of American Bicyclists nominating committee accepted Bill's request to be placed on the upcoming election ballot. He'll be running against incumbent director, Ellen Jones. Their statements and qualifications will be listed in the upcoming December issue of the *American Bicyclist*. You must be a League of American Bicyclist member, residing in Region 2 (PA, MD, NJ, DE, WV, DC) as of December 1, 2007 to cast your vote. This year's voting will be on-line. Instructions on how to cast your vote will be listed in the magazine.

The Bicycle Access Council endorses and encourages all eligible League members to cast a vote for Bill Hoffman. Bill was a founding director of BAC in 2001 and a stalwart bicycle advocate in Pennsylvania for many years prior to that—he still is! Through the efforts of Bill, many accommodations for bicyclists exist today. He was behind the efforts to create the Pennsylvania Pedalcycle [bicycle] and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in 1995 which ultimately led to the creation of the BicyclePA cross-state touring route network. Bill was personally involved in laying out many of the routes used for BicyclePA. As a League Certified Instructor, Bill has taught many cyclists in the various classes of League education programs. He is also an LCI trainer, which certifies new instructors.

Bill usually logs between 10-12,000 miles per year, **while** multi-day touring combined with local utility and recreational cycling. This year's miles included a US cross country self-supported tour.

A PERSONAL NOTE ABOUT...

Carolyn Stafford, the BAC webmaster, who was stricken with a massive stroke on November 19. She is now out of critical condition and admitted to a local rehab hospital. Carolyn is completely paralyzed on her left side. Her recovery is hopeful over a long period of time.

YEAR END TAX PLANNING...

The Bicycle Access Council is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. All memberships and donations received for 2007 are fully tax deductible in accordance with the US Tax Code. All donors of \$250 or more will receive a certification letter for tax purposes in January. Letters will be sent for lesser amounts upon request.

NOT ONLY ARE NJ BUSES BIGGER THAN YOU...

They have the right-of-way too when re-entering a traffic lane after picking up or discharging passengers. They must signal the re-entry and *drive with due regard for the safety of all persons*, but vehicles overtaking from the rear must yield. See NJ Title 39: 4-87.1

Right of way of certain buses reentering traffic—

The driver of a non-emergency vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to any bus, provided that:

- (1) The driver is operating a vehicle that is in a position to overtake the bus from its rear;
- (2) The bus, after exiting an active traffic lane for the purpose of stopping to receive or discharge passengers is attempting to reenter the lane from which it exited and to enter the traffic lane occupied by the driver by signaling its intention to do so.
- (3) No other lane changes shall be applicable.

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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