



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 NEW STR LOGO ON PENNDOT ENVELOPES...

Has been approved. After meeting with PennDOT officials in November and December, PennDOT has approved and scheduled the Share-The-Road (STR) logo to once again be displayed on the rear flap of its envelopes. At the request of BAC, new text will be added to make it clear what this sign means, since its use can be controversial—who is suppose to share the road with whom? The new envelopes will be issued in the third quarter of 2008

The new envelope design will include text stating, *Treat bicycles as vehicles* <STR> *It's the law*

The Bicycle Access Council was the first to request and be granted use of the envelope space in 2002, which ran for several months. Since then, PennDOT has displayed many other safety themes on its envelopes. There was no cost to BAC for doing this compared to a significant cost of printing inserts to be included with PennDOT mailings.

PENNSYLVANIA BIKE CLUB CONFERENCE...

The Bicycle Access Council will host its 6th annual Pennsylvania Bicycle Club Conference on Saturday, March 29, in York, PA. Bicycle Club representatives are invited to attend this meeting to learn about and share their experiences with other Pennsylvania bicycle clubs.

The conference is meant to showcase Best Practices. This is an opportunity for new club officers to gain confidence and insight about their duties and responsibilities and for established clubs to show leadership from experience. A full day agenda of topics will be covered. Details will be sent directly to clubs.

Individuals may also attend who are interested in starting a bicycle club or learning more about bicycle advocacy. Contact BAC for information on how to register.

BAC WEBMASTER IS RECOVERING AT HOME...

After eight weeks in a local rehabilitation hospital following a stroke in November. Carolyn Stafford is able to walk short distances and has impressed her doctors and therapists with her progress. Still without the use of her left arm, she is back at the computer typing one-handed and expects to bring the website up-to-date soon.

Dates to remember:

March 9 Daylight Saving Time begins and ends **November 2**. 2007 marked a change from the former schedule April through October.

March 4-7 National Bike Summit, Washington, DC. Go to www.BikeLeague.org for details.

March 20 Spring season begins

March 29 Pennsylvania Bike Club Conference, York, PA. Go to www.BicycleAccess-PA.org for details. Click on **NEWS** for registration forms and information.

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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