

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!

TWO PENNSYLVANIA BICYCLISTS SERVE NATIONAL ROLES...

As newly elected directors of the *League of American Bicyclists*. Bill Hoffman, from Lancaster County, is the Region 2 director. Bill has been associated with the LAB in various capacities in the past. Hans van Naerssen, from Chester County, is a first-time member elected director serving as an at-large director. Bill and Hans defeated incumbent directors. At the board of directors meeting held in Washington, DC on March 4, Hans was elected as vice-chair of the board. Congratulations to both!

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.

PARK TOOL dot COM...

http://tinyurl.com/2wgzoy is a free resource for bicycle repair information. It's text only, but helpful to learn about components, tools and repair procedures. For a video clip of bicycle repair, check out bicycletutor.com to learn why you should never use WD-40 on a bicycle chain.

PENNDOT BICYCLE DIRECTORY...

Is now available on-line. Go to: http://tinyurl.com/3xbe9z Pub 316, revised in 2007 is no longer available in print version. Please check it out for accuracy. Forward corrections and updates to BAC.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER...

So, here is a list of topics to read about from Adventure Cycling Association. Just in time for this year's riding season. http://www.adventurecycling.org/features/howto.cfm

THE PA VEHICLE CODE...

§3711 says you must never do this: http://tinyurl.com/2q2hsn

CPSC ORDERS A RECALL...

Of approximately 3,000 **Specialized 2D** model bicycle helmets manufactured in China because they failed testing standards by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The helmets were sold through Specialized bicycle retailers and on-line stores between July and October of 2007. For details, go to www.specialized.com or www.cpsc.gov or call 877-808-8154. The recalled bicycle helmets can be identified by the "2D" printed on the sides of the helmet in the rear. The helmets sold were for men and women in matte black, white, silver, blue, pink, and team colors.

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 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.

May 12-16 Bike-to-Work Week

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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