



# *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!***

### **A LOOK BACK TO 2008...**

Will indicate what Pennsylvania bicyclists have to look forward to next year. 2009 will be an active year for the Bicycle Access Council to push for passage of two Bills in the General Assembly to provide more safety and respect on Pennsylvania roadways. New numbers will be assigned in the next legislative year for HR 2688 and HR 2689. Sponsors of similar Bills will be sought in the Senate.

A Pennsylvania Bike Summit is planned to help promote the passage of these two initiatives. Help and support from BAC members will make this event possible. Dates and details will be finalized soon once the legislative calendar is confirmed.

### **YEAR END TAX PLANNING...**

The Bicycle Access Council is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. All memberships and donations received for 2008 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.

### **BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES...**

May be rare in Pennsylvania, but we'd like to know about them and help create more. If you are employed by or know of a business that encourages bicycle commuting and makes accommodations such as, bike storage and shower facilities, please submit their information to BAC.

## 60,928 IS AN ODD NUMBER...

But, that's the number of bicyclists who will participate in bike events in 2009 according to Adventure Cycling Association. ACA bike event coordinator, Kevin Condit, is seeking event listings and paid ads for the February Bike Event Guide. Deadline is December 31. Contact Kevin at: [kcondit@adventurecycling.org](mailto:kcondit@adventurecycling.org)

So, that got BAC thinking. How many will ride in Pennsylvania bicycle events in 2009? There are a wide variety of bike club "signature" events and several fundraising events for national health organizations. At least two clubs have *covered bridge* rides that draw 3,000+ each. To be sure your club event is listed on the Bicycle Access Council bike club events page, submit your information when available to: [webmaster@bicycleaccess-pa.org](mailto:webmaster@bicycleaccess-pa.org) Pennsylvania bike clubs events are listed at no charge.

## HIS NAME IS EARL...

Blumenauer. Here is what this US Congress member had to say lately: <http://tinyurl.com/5up48j>

## 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 motor-ing 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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