



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!

THE BICYCLE ACCESS COUNCIL MARKS EIGHT YEARS...

As Pennsylvania's first and only state-wide bicycling advocacy organization dedicated solely to on-the-road issues. The first membership launch was held August 2001 in Altoona.

Building a relationship with lawmakers, PennDOT and bicyclists from around the Commonwealth has given bicycling more recognition as a transportation choice and our rights on the roadways.

BAC takes pride in creating the Bicycle Safety legislation that has been re-introduced by the General Assembly this year. While it's going to be a struggle to get passed, BAC has found good support from PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee) and several Pennsylvania advocacy groups and bike clubs. BAC wants lawmakers and PennDOT to know that getting this legislation passed into law will cost nothing for new infrastructure, but will encourage more bicycling, which is good for all citizens.

STUDY SAYS BICYCLE COMMUTING IS BENEFICIAL...

In case you didn't know that. Just released on July 13, the following link touts the positive effects of "active commuting" from the Archives of Internal Medicine: <http://tinyurl.com/nqx9n8>

NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS...

When it comes to filling the PennDOT central office position of Bike / Ped Coordinator. No announcement is expected soon for the position that was abruptly vacated in November 2008.

ITS LIKE 411, ONLY DIFFERENT, WHEN YOU DIAL 511...

To get timely and accurate traffic, weather, and inter-modal information and construction updates around Pennsylvania. Still under development, PennDOT has just launched a new statewide traveler information service that is accessed by phone (cell or land line) or internet. So far, about 755 miles of urban interstates, freeways and corridors in PA are being monitored. Check out: www.511PA.com A full public launch is expected by late summer this year, but BAC is bringing you this news first! BAC has requested to be a "stakeholder" with 511PA to include BicyclePA routes and other bicycle travel input.

TAKE THE LIGHTENING ROUND QUIZ...

If caught outdoors. You see a lightening flash and you count 20 seconds until you hear the thunder.

- 1) How far away is it? a. 1 mile b. 4 miles c. 10 miles d. 20 miles
- 2) Are you in danger of being struck by lightning where you are?

Answers found on page 2.

A NATIONAL BICYCLE ADVOCATE DIES IN A CRASH...

In Apex, North Carolina, on July 11. Bruce W. Rosar, 52, of Cary, NC, collided with a motor vehicle about noon. Bruce was a director of the League of American Bicyclists, representing Region 3. The initial report may be found here: <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/5553372/>

ed note: Bruce attended BAC's first weekend rally in Lewisburg, PA, in 2003.

Dates to remember:

Aug 16 Covered Bridge Metric Century www.LancasterBikeClub.org
BAC will be there. Stop by to say hello.

Sept 13 Bike Philly. www.BikePhilly.com or visit www.BCGP.org for more details.

Sept 17 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), 1 PM, Harrisburg.
Open to the public. Contact BAC for meeting location and details.

Oct. 18 CBBC 29th Covered Bridges Ride www.CBBikeClub.org

Quiz answers:

- 1) b. 4 miles. Sound travels about one mile in five seconds.
- 2) And yes – if you can hear thunder, you are in danger of being struck by lightning.

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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