



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!

PENNSYLVANIA 8TH ANNUAL BIKE CLUB CONFERENCE...

Will be held on Saturday, March 20, in York, PA. Bicycle Club representatives have been 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. Details have been 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.

This year's featured speaker is Dan Gutierrez, a nationally recognized advocate and traffic cycling educator. Other guest speakers have been invited for a very comprehensive day event.

BMUFL NOW IN MUTCD THANKS TO BTC AT NCUTCD...

May look like a stuck keyboard problem, but is really good news for bicyclists. It means, the Bikes May Use Full Lane sign has been approved for inclusion in the federal Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices as developed by the efforts of the Bicycle Technical Committee working within the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This new sign may now be used on roadways where lane sharing is not practical without prior approval from the Federal Highway Administration. The MUTCD was approved December 15, 2009.

It's a long bureaucratic approval process to introduce new signage with standard language, color and size by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) so that states can legally use the signage. The process includes experimental testing and data collection plus a public and government comment period to justify the approval with a final ruling.

"MAY I SEE YOUR ID, PLEASE"...

Usually means you're being asked to produce your Driver's License (DL). How many bicyclists carry a valid Driver's License while operating a bicycle? Not me. I had been carrying an expired DL, for identification purposes only, in my "bike wallet" since there's no legal requirement to carry a valid one while bicycling.

Well, here's an alternative for Pennsylvania bicyclists with a valid driver's license--an identification card. It costs \$12. A new law revision allows persons to obtain an identification card for any Pennsylvania resident who is at least 10 years of age. This is not a driving license and persons under 18 years old have additional identification requirements.

The new form is DL-54A and can be picked up at any Driver Licensing Center or downloaded from PennDOT's website: www.dmv.state.pa.us

You'll get a card that looks very similar to your current DL with the same photo. It is good for four years from date of issue, so it does not expire when your DL does.

COUGH CPR...

Has been circulating on the internet as a means to avert a heart attack when symptoms appear. It is a *HOAX* and should not be considered as a treatment. Besides not being effective, it may make the condition worse to try. The bogus process is not repeated here to avoid promoting it. Know the signs of a heart attack and learn the approved CPR techniques. Call 9-1-1 at the first sign of symptoms.

NEWS FLASH...

Is how this story ends describing a bicyclist who crashed and is covered in snow, but is saved by a bike "blinkie" light. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/34763241#34763241>

PEDAL PA 2010...

Tours are posted on the Pedal PA website. www.PedalPa.com

Dates to remember:

- March 4 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), 1 PM, Harrisburg. Open to the public. Contact BAC for details
- March 14 Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM (ends November 7)
- March 20 8th Annual Pennsylvania Bike Club Conference, York, PA.
- April 30 BCP's Spring-n2-Cycling Weekend in Danville, PA. www.phillybikeclub.org for details
- Aug 28 Round the [Lebanon] Valley ride. 100, 62, 25 mile options. See details at: www.bikelebanon.org

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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