



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 NEW PENNDOT BIKE-PED PROGRAM MANAGER...

Has been officially selected. Brian Sanders recently began his duties filling the position left vacant since November 2008. Changes to the job description required a professional engineer (PE) and moved the position under the Deputy-Secretary for Planning. Previously, the Bike-Ped Coordinator was assigned to the Bureau of Highway Safety & Traffic Engineering under the Deputy-Secretary for Highway Administration.

Brian has been a long time supporter and valuable resource to the Bicycle Access Council. All Pennsylvania bicyclists will benefit from Brian's dedication and experience on many bicycling transportation issues.

TAKE THESE BAGS AND STUFF IT...

If you need a quality bike bag to carry all your daily necessities while you ride your bike. R.E.LOAD Bags are a unique single strap handcrafted messenger style bag made in Philadelphia. Double strap bags and other hand-made products are available too. Check out: www.reloadbags.com [ed note: BAC has no affiliation with R.E.Load Bags — they just seem really neat and they are made in PA].

NEW JERSEY HOSTS IT'S FIRST BIKE SUMMIT...

On February 27. Congratulations to the Garden State for creating a state-wide advocacy organization. Attending the event are some of the best known national advocacy groups: Bikes Belong, League of American Bicyclists and the Alliance for Bicycling and Walking. BAC will be attending as an invited guest.

RENT-A-BIKE WITH BACK-UP...

Is described in a recent news release from RoadBikeRider. RentaBikeNow.com has partnered with BetterWorldClub.com to offer free road-side assistance when you rent a bicycle through their network of bicycle retailers. There are only a few locations in Pennsylvania participating in this program.

"Computers are like a bicycle for our minds."...

Steve Jobs said. Check out this YouTube archival clip: <http://tinyurl.com/2q5ows> A very young looking Steve Jobs appears after a short intro.

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. Contact BAC for details.

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. Details at: www.phillybikeclub.org.
- Aug 28 Round the [Lebanon] Valley ride. 100, 62, 25 mile options. See: 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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