



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!

MAY IS BIKE MONTH...

A national activity to promote commuting by bicycle, which offers health and fitness benefits as well as reductions of vehicle pollution and traffic congestion. Check out the League of American Bicyclists website for ideas and programs to participate: www.bikeleague.org

In south central Pennsylvania, the Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is challenging area employers and bicyclists to participate in its second annual **Bike to Work Week, May 17 through 21**. Commuter Services will award prizes to bicycle commuters who ride the greatest number of miles during the week and will honor employers with the greatest number of bicycling commuters. There will also be randomly-awarded prizes. The challenge is open to employers in the participating counties of Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry or York and to commuters who live or work in these counties. Bicycle commuters should log their activity for Bike to Work Week on the Commuter Services website to qualify for the prizes. For more info, 1-866-579-RIDE or www.PaCommuterServices.org

What are you doing to promote bicycle commuting? Send BAC your comments and suggestions.

WHO'S YOUR L.A.B. DADDY?...

Hans van Naerssen was recently elected chairman of the board of the League of American Bicyclists. He replaced Amanda Eichstaedt who wished to step down. Hans is a well known bicycle advocate in Pennsylvania currently representing several organizations--Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia (BCGP), PA Walks-and-Bikes, and is an appointed member of the PA Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee representing BCGP. Congratulations Hans.

THE *BikeSnob* BLOGGER HAS BEEN REVEALED...

In the March 30 issue of the Wall Street Journal. The true identity of the "mystery" blogger known only as BikeSnobNYC, has now been voluntarily revealed, in part because of a book deal, but he says it was time anyway to put a face to the blog. Find it at: bikesnobnyc.blogspot.com Bike Snob, published by Chronicle Books, will be available May 5 through Amazon.com and may be pre-ordered now.

JUDGE JUDY GETS IT...

Sort of. This is a case of the Lane User. Check out the YouTube link with Judge Judy posted on March 29. See: <http://tinyurl.com/y88fbln>
[ed note: Judge Judy's final civil court ruling is correct, but the legal theory she used to get there is a little painful to follow.]

DOES PRICE MATTER...

When deciding on a bicycle helmet to purchase? According to a recent update from the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute, "We submitted samples of six helmet models to a leading U.S. test lab: three in the \$150+ range and three under \$20. The impact test results were virtually identical. There were very few differences in performance among the helmets. Our conclusion: when you pay more for a helmet you may get an easier fit, more vents and snazzier graphics. But the basic impact protection of the cheap helmets we tested equaled the expensive ones."

"The results are a testimony to the effectiveness of our legally-required CPSC helmet standard. Although our sample was small, the testing indicates that the consumer can shop for a bicycle helmet in the US market without undue concern about the impact performance of the various models on sale, whatever the price level. The most important advice is to find a helmet that fits you well so that it will be positioned correctly when you [crash]." For details, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/yfalafq>
[ed note: This is a repeated item from the November/December 2009 BAC News & Digest]

PENNSYLVANIA BIKE SUMMIT PLANS IN FLUX...

For May 4th. Organizers from PA Walks-and-Bikes announced the unexpected resignation of its executive director. A conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21 at 10-11 AM to review plans and commitments for the Harrisburg Summit. To register for the event or learn more, go to: <http://pawalksandbikes.org/> ed note: BAC is not a participant or associated with PA Walks-and-Bikes events.

Dates to remember:

April 24	6th Annual PA State Police Benefit Ride. Go to: www.pspbbenefitride.com
April 30	BCP's Spring-n2-Cycling Weekend in Danville, PA. Go to www.phillybikeclub.org .
May	BIKE MONTH May 17-21 Bike to Work Week
May 4*	Pennsylvania Bike Summit, Harrisburg Capitol Rally Day. See item above*
May 8	SCU Quad County Metric www.suburbancyclists.org
May 16	36th Hanover Horse Farm Tour www.hanovercyclers.org [ed note: A classic ride]

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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