



# 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 CURRENT SHARE-THE-ROAD LICENSE PLATE BILL...

Was sent to the Senate following passage by the House and has now been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. The next step in the legislative process is to get **HB 150** on the agenda of the Senate Transportation Committee. The former version of **HB 150** was passed last session without dissent by the committee, but failed to get a full Senate vote.

Now is the best time to contact your state senator to urge support for this bill, especially if your senator serves on the Transportation Committee. See the February *News & Digest* for a list. As a constituent, it's vital to have your voice heard.

**HB 150** authorizes PennDOT to issue a Share-The-Road license plate for motor vehicles at an added cost of \$40 designating all funds to be used for the central office Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position and/or bicycle signage projects.



## LEAGUE CYCLING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING CLASS...

Will be held in Lancaster, May 1-3. Certification to teach the *League of American Bicyclists* (LAB) skills courses will be issued to those successfully completing this program. To enroll, you must be a member of LAB and previously passed the Traffic Skills 101 course. Contact Tom Barron at [tbarronlbc@yahoo.com](mailto:tbarronlbc@yahoo.com) or Amy Crystle at [amy.crystle@gmail.com](mailto:amy.crystle@gmail.com) for details. *Ed note: this is the only LCI trainer class scheduled in Pennsylvania this year. Visit the LAB website, [bikeleague.org](http://bikeleague.org), to find a local LCI offering Traffic Skills 101 classes prior to May 1.*

## REINVENTING THE WHEEL...

With an innovative shock absorbing product for bicycles at [www.loopwheels.com](http://www.loopwheels.com)

**REMEMBERING STEVE SCHMITT...**

Who passed away March 14 from cancer. Steve was the director and motivated leader of the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (C.A.T.) in Bethlehem. He was an LCI trainer for the League of American Bicyclists education program to certify League Cycling Instructors. R.I.P.

**QUALITY BICYCLE PRODUCTS...**

Opened a permanent 120,000 square-foot regional distribution center in East Hempfield Twp, Lancaster County in January after leaving its temporary Middletown location. "Q-East" is one of two remote locations for the Bloomington, MN based bicycle and bike parts wholesaler to 5,000 independent retailers in the US. There are 55 full-time employees and up to 40 part-time workers on call. All three locations are LEED certified.

**OREGON BICYCLISTS SEE RED...**

In a bill passed by the Senate and forwarded to the OR state House. The bill permits bicyclists and motorcyclists to proceed through a red traffic signal if not detected within a full light cycle.

The pros and cons of such legislation is found here: <http://tinyurl.com/l4gudox>

*Ed note:* Pennsylvania bicyclists already have this ability, found in the Vehicle Code §3112(c)(2). If, within a full light cycle, a 'vehicle' is not given a green signal, that traffic control device may be treated as a stop sign and will allow a driver to go through while yielding to other traffic.

**Dates to remember...**

- April 22 Earth Day
- May 1-3 LCI Trainer class. Lancaster, PA
- May 9 Quad Metric. Green Lane Park. Visit SCU website for details.
- May 14 PPAC (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), 12-3 PM, Harrisburg  
Open to the public. Contact BAC for details
- May 15 Spoke-n-Gear Expo, Harrisburg. Also, Bike-to-Work Day.
- May 30 Horse Farm Tour, Hanover Cyclers

**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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