



# 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!

## **HOUSE BILL 150...**

Is back on the Senate calendar; however no action is scheduled and no promises have been made. BAC has made the case for passage in time for Bike Month, especially for Bike Week, May 16-20. What are the chances of seeing a vote on the Senate floor before the next budget (2016-17) deadline June 30 and summer adjournment? This continues to be a grassroots campaign to move this legislation along. Please call, e-mail or personally stop by your state senator's office soon to ask for a floor vote to pass House Bill 150. If successfully passed, it moves on to the governor for his signature.

There are a limited number of days the Senate is in session until the summer recess, June 30 (assuming a new budget is passed on time). Here are the only dates remaining: April 11,12,13; May 9,10,11,16,17,18; June 6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30.

**House Bill 150** allows PennDOT to issue a new plate for passenger vehicles at an additional cost of \$40 to standard registration fees. PennDOT receives all revenue to be used for the central office position of Bike/Ped Coordinator and/or signage needed for bicycle projects. The design shown is just a mock-up draft. Final design will be created by PennDOT and the Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.



## **TRACK ALL STATE BIKE LEGISLATION...**

By Alex Logemann, State and Local Policy Analyst for PeopleForBikes, who reviewed more than 20,000 bills and 10,000 regulations proposed at the local and state level last year. Check out links to the all the categories of state bike legislation that passed and what was proposed at the state level in 2015, and what's pending (thus far) for 2016. <http://bit.ly/1PiXs9B>

## **WORLD T.E.A.M. SPORTS RIDE...**

Will be held April 22-24. This is a new northern route offered in the *Face of America* series. About 70 participants will ride from Valley Forge to Gettysburg with an overnight stop nearby Lancaster. Fourteen riders will be using adaptive bikes including five hand-cycles. Roughly half are military veterans. The event could use some volunteers. If interested, web search World T.E.A.M. Sports or contact BAC.

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS...**

For pupils who walk or bike to school will be funded by reimbursement from the state under **House Bill 1944** that was recently introduced. It was sent to the House Education Committee, not Transportation. BAC has no position on the bill at this time; however, the impact on Safe-Routes to-School projects is yet to be determined. How this affects school and municipal budgets is also unknown.

**BICYCLING AROUND THE HOUSE...**

Takes on a new twist when you view this video. Could this be a whole new industry of "House Trailers?" You can view it here: <http://m.wimp.com/man-lives-inside-bicycle-stealth-camper/>

**SPOKE-N-GEAR EXPO...**

Is a Harrisburg event scheduled for May 20 across the Capitol on Commonwealth Avenue in Soldier's Park. The event will host many bicycle related organizations and display resources of activities across the Commonwealth. Previously it was held at the Keystone Building, which is the alternate location for unfavorable weather conditions.

**Dates to remember...**

April 22-24	World T.E.A.M. Sports Ride. Valley Forge to Gettysburg. See this issue.
May 7	Spring Velofest, Trexlertown, PA (swap meet) 8:30 AM—2 PM
May 7	<b>Quad County Metric</b> , Suburban Cyclists Unlimited. Registration now open.
May 16-20	<b>Bike-to-Work Week</b>
May 20	Spoke-n-Gear Expo, 9 AM-3 PM, Harrisburg
Aug 21	<b>Covered Bridge Metric Century</b> , Lancaster Bicycle Club
Sept 18	<b>Three Creek Century Ride</b> , Harrisburg Bike Club
Oct 1	Fall Velofest, Trexlertown, PA (swap meet) 8:30 AM—2 PM
Nov 5, 6	Philly Bike Expo
Nov 6	End Daylight Saving Time

**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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