



# 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!***

This issue of the **Bicycle Access Council News & Digest** is a monthly communication with members and supporters. You may view past issues that started in January 2005 by going to the **BAC** website.

## ***SEE YOU AT THE BRIDGE...***

Lancaster Bicycle Club's Covered Bridge Metric Century Ride on Sunday, August 19. BAC will have a booth at the ride start area. For event information and directions to the Greenfield Corporate Center, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/24bvqs>

## ***A PIN UP GIRL POSTER...***

Is not what you'd expect from Reader's Digest, but you may want the August 2007 back cover print by C.F. Payne anyway. Check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/35qd2v> or go to rd.com/cfpayne and select gallery.

## ***THULE IS RECALLING SEVERAL MODELS OF HITCH-STYLE BICYCLE RACKS...***

Included are the Hitching Post Pro (934, 934XT, 935, 935XT, 936, 936XT, 937, 937XT, 951, 951XT); Expressway (995, 995XT, 996, 996XT); and Trailblazer (998, 998XT). All were sold between January 2003 and June 2007 at bicycle, sporting goods and auto supply stores. The problem? A pinch point exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly. When the arm is moved to its down position, Thule says, the pinch point has the potential to cause severe injury, including lacerations and/or amputations. Thule is working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to administer the recall. If you have one of these racks, you are urged to stop using it immediately and contact Thule at 800/848-5391 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET to obtain a free repair kit. Recall information is also available online at <http://www.thuleracks.com>

## ***THE WHEELS ARE COMING OFF THE QUICK RELEASE BILL...***

In New Jersey. Legislation that was supposed to "protect the public" by banning the sales of bicycles without a secondary retention system on bicycles is finally getting deserved opposition and hopefully will fade away as all bad legislation should. Based on a Wall Mart case in the national media, NJ Assemblyman Paul Moriarty intended to target children's bicycles, but the bill included adult bicycles as well and the exclusion of specialty bicycle retailers (bike shops) is not clearly defined. The confusion over definitions has reversed support for this bill.

## ***JUDGE JUDY UNLEASHES JUSTICE ON DOG OWNERS...***

On this YouTube clip <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p12x52UzJsc> or view it at <http://tinyurl.com/2a2qvj> Dog gone it, ya gotta see this!

## ***THEY STOLE MY BIKE DOT COM...***

Is a new website to register your bicycle. Checkout; [www.theystolemybike.com](http://www.theystolemybike.com)  
Ed Note: BAC has no business relationship with this website.

## **OY VEY: HELMETS FOR ALL BICYCLE USERS...**

by Hillel Fendel. (IsraelINN.com) The Knesset has passed a law requiring helmets for bicycle riders and skateboarders, and a Haifa court rules that car seat belts must be worn over the shoulder.

The Knesset passed the final readings of a law [July 25] designed to enhance road safety for bicyclists. The new law, which will take effect two months from now, stipulates that all riders of bicycles, skateboards, scooters and the like must wear government-approved helmets. Helmet-wearing has been shown to prevent more than 80% of all serious bicycle injuries. The law was sponsored by MK Gilad Erdan of the Likud.

Bicycling organizations opposed the law, saying it would reduce the number of people who chose to ride bicycles. MK Dov Khenin (Hadash) said the law should apply only to children, but not to adults who use bicycles as a means of transportation.

## **BIKE PHILLY...**

Will close some streets to motor vehicle traffic Sunday, September 9, 2007 for this event sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. According to the Bike Philly organizers, "A family friendly bike tour celebrating the freedom of car-free Philadelphia streets. Bicyclists will ride through historic neighborhoods, taking over the parkway, passing through Old City, and exploring hidden corners of Fairmont Park." The ride start is 8:00 am at the Art Museum steps. To register and for more details, see [www.bikephilly2007.com](http://www.bikephilly2007.com)

## **LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS ANNOUNCES 2008 DIRECTOR SEATS...**

Up for election. **Region 2**, which includes **PA**, NJ, MD, DE, WV and DC, plus a national **at-large** seat are accepting nominees. The incumbent directors are standing for re-election, but any LAB member may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot. Go to [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org) for more details.

## **PA BIKE CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS RIDES...**

May be listed on the BAC website. Submit your club ride with dates, location, fees etc. to BAC at: < [info@BicycleAccess-PA.org](mailto:info@BicycleAccess-PA.org) > Charity rides requiring pledges and other fundraising rides not sponsored by a Pennsylvania bike club are not listed.

## **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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