



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!

HB 1110, THE PENNSYLVANIA BICYCLE SAFETY BILL...

Has been reconsidered by bill sponsor Rep Ron Miller (R-93) with an amendment as a compromise to minor objections of the original bill language by PennDOT and Pennsylvania State Police. Rep. Miller has been assured by the House Transportation Committee that it will be among the first orders of business in the next legislative session, which begins in January. BAC is weighing the options of supporting the amendment at this time.

PRO-WALK-PRO-BIKE 2010...

Is a biennial conference event for bicycle and pedestrian advocates and professionals. This year, BAC attended PWPB to keep up on current issues through a myriad of planned workshops and mobile field studies of bicycle facilities. Plus, networking with other professionals is always a benefit for future advocacy in Pennsylvania. This year's PWPB was in Chattanooga, TN. BAC Membership dues and donations help fund this valuable experience and worthwhile training opportunity.

BAC IS IN COMPLIANCE FOR IRS NON-PROFIT RULES...

As required by a 2008 tax law change for annual filing requirements. Some bicycle clubs and advocacy organizations may have lost that recognition to receive tax-free donations and allowing donors to claim charitable deductions. To check on the current status of any non-profit, go to IRS.gov, select "charities" and search the entity by name and location. Try it!

THERE'S A BETTER WAY THAN BIKE LANES...

To create a margin of safety for bicyclists on roadways when interacting with motor vehicles. Mentioned often in the BAC News & Digest, two new traffic control devices will hopefully see some use in Pennsylvania. Check out the following link to a study done in Austin, Texas that explains how it works:

<http://tinyurl.com/35x2nlj>

Ed note: The correct term for the bike symbol with two chevrons is Shared Lane Marking.

PARDON ME, DO YOU HAVE ANY GREY...

Matter? Check out this scofflaw cyclist who crashes into a pedestrian.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJLrcG64ulU> After a lot of commentary and input among professional advocates, the location was determined to be the 1700 block of Market Street in Philadelphia. What an interesting civil exchange. It is in the city of brotherly love, after all.

HOW TO HAIL A "GREEN" CAB IN HARRISBURG...

Powered by sweat. www.harrisburgbiketaxi.com offers "pedicab" rides at \$3 for one or \$5 for two. Their motto, "Save your feet and the ozone...Look for us on the streets of the 'Burg all day every day!" (717) 461-2202

A BICYCLE BALANCING ACT...

That's hard to imagine. <http://www.wimp.com/ridebike>

TRAILS-R-NOT-US...

Here at BAC, but if you really want a trail experience in Pennsylvania, check out this new DCNR website: www.ExplorePAtrails.com

Ed note: The BAC mission is dedicated to bicyclists' right on the roadways; however, trails are a valuable asset to the many communities where they are located. BAC recognizes and supports the efforts of trail developers and trail managers throughout Pennsylvania.

GETTING BENT OUT OF SHAPE...

Is a good thing with this bicycle.

<http://inhabitat.com/2010/07/09/this-bendable-bike-can-tie-itself-to-any-post/>

IS AAA REALLY FFF...

When it gets greedy for Highway Transportation funding? The National AAA is asking congress to use the Highway Trust Fund strictly for roads as "originally intended" by no longer considering trails and pedestrian facilities. Hey AAA, there is a Better World Club® out there, the nation's only environmentally friendly auto club! For a recent update and humorous summary, see:

<http://tinyurl.com/28fezqm>

AND, THIS JUST IN OVER THE BORDER...

Is Maryland's latest vehicle code changes: See: <http://tinyurl.com/245dnqa>

JUST JOKING...

But, maybe you have some of your own--roll them out!

Why can't a bicycle stand on it's own? It's two tired.

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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