



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!

PPAC ELECTS OFFICERS...

At the January 10 meeting. Here is the newest slate of members comprising the Pennsylvania Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

Chairman, Alex Doty

Vice-Chair, Laurie Ahlskog

Secretary, Patricia Tome

Dates selected for future 2014 meeting are: March 11, May 8, September 11, December 9.

PPAC is established by legislative statute in Title 75, Vehicle Code, §3571, and reauthorized by Act 98 of 2012.

LONGTIME PENNSYLVANIA ADVOCATE, BOB NORVALL...

Passes on Jan 2 at his home in Pistoia, Italy. Well regarded as a dedicated advocate, Bob served as a League of American Bicyclists director from 1989 to 1995 and was President from 1992-1995. He was a former dean at Gettysburg College and upon retiring, moved to Italy. Bob kept in touch with his many friends in south central PA and around the country. He will be missed. A memorial service will be held in Italy on Jan 18 and a service in Gettysburg on a date TBD. This limited information came via FaceBook post on Jan 10: <https://www.facebook.com/bobnordvall/posts/10152123693167389>

"His family has lost a great man, and the nation's cyclists have lost a wise advocate." —
John Schubert, Technical Editor, Adventure Cyclist Magazine

NO PENNDOT CENTRAL OFFICE BIKE-PED COORDINATOR...

Has been selected. In fact, the job has not yet been posted while the criteria for the position is still under discussion internally. Brian Sanders, the former part-time Bike-Ped Coordinator, is filling in "as needed" since his retirement in August 2012, limited to 95 hours per year. The last full-time position was 2008 held by Dave Bachman.

1-800-FIX-ROAD...

Is still the number to call for road maintenance problems. For bicycle-specific conditions that need to be addressed, each PennDOT district has a Bike/Ped coordinator. The most recent updated list may be found at: <http://www.bicycleaccess-pa.org/BikePeds.PDF>

AN ARMY BAND THAT DOESN'T MARCH...

<http://m.wimp.com/bicycleband/>

BAC GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN...

For a Share-The-Road vehicle license plate will continue through 2014. Bicycle clubs and bicycle retailers will be critical partners for BAC's efforts to get legislation passed allowing PennDOT to issue STR plates. House Bill 1415 and Senate Bill 1153 are awaiting hearings in the respective Transportation Committees.

SAY GOODBYE TO MAP-21...

(Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) this year. The stop-gap federal transportation bill needs to be reauthorized by Congress to operate the Highway Trust Fund. Passed in June 2012, it was a two-year bill expiring September 30, 2014. Transportation Bills are supposed to cover six years. MAP-21 drastically cut bicycle funding from previous bills (33% estimated) and created Transportation Alternatives (TA) that combined and eliminated some categories of the former Transportation Enhancements funding.

YEAR END DONATIONS are appreciated and tax deductible as allowed by law. BAC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. A letter verifying donations will be sent for amounts of \$250 or greater, or for any lesser amount requested by January 31.

2014 Dates to remember...

February 9 17th Annual STOP/SWAP/SAVE, Westminster, MD. (web search for details)
Feb 22-23 Endurance Sports Expo, Oaks, PA Sat:10-5, Sun:10-4 (web search for details)
March 3-5 National Bike Summit, Washington, DC.
March 9 Daylight Saving Time begins. Ends November 2
March 11 PPAC meeting, **12-3 PM**, Harrisburg. Open to the public. **Note new start 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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