



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!

ACT 3 OF 2012 MARKS A FIFTH ANNIVERSARY...

That provided greater safety margins for bicyclists and clearer language for the motoring public and law enforcement by amending the Vehicle Code rules-of-the-road.

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT...

Appeared in the *York Daily Record / Sunday News*. It highlights Act 3 of 2012 and tests the knowledge of the public and bicyclists alike. <https://tinyurl.com/mqq7veh>

GOVERNOR WOLF DECLARES F. O. A. DAY — APRIL 30...

To honor American veterans who are participating in a bike ride event, April 28-30. Many of the participating riders are disabled vets using special bikes braving the challenge to finish each day. Read the full governor's proclamation on the BAC website: Go to the **News** link.

Face of America: April 28-30, 2017...

A national non-profit, World T.E.A.M. Sports' Face of America is a two-day, fully-supported 120 mile bicycle and hand-cycle ride from historic Valley Forge to Gettysburg, PA. The ride honors and recognizes military veterans who sacrificed so much in their national service. Arriving in downtown Gettysburg, riders join together with cyclists arriving from Arlington, VA for the final miles through the historic Civil War battlefields to the ride's conclusion. In 2016, the two routes attracted 600 participants from across the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Learn more and register to ride with veterans today: www.FaceOfAmericaBikeRide.org

Ed note: This event is looking for local volunteers as road marshals and rest stop workers.

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Of this issue is a full page flyer to promote the Pennsylvania Share-the-Road license plate. You may print it out and distribute copies to your local bike shop, athletic store, gym, or any place bicyclists might go.

As of March 31, 2017,
00435
plates have been issued
by PennDOT



HERE'S A POP QUIZ FOR BICYCLISTS...

That came to BAC from members of a Pennsylvania bike club seeking interpretation of the law:

YOU are bicycling along a two-lane, two way roadway. An emergency vehicle is approaching towards you with lights and sirens activated. Are you required to move to the right and STOP? Does it matter if you are riding solo or on a group ride or pace-line? Is the answer different if you are driving a motor vehicle? The answer will be given in the next News & Digest.

IN THE SPIRIT OF TAX FILE DEADLINE DAY...

BAC wants to remind all bicyclists of an eligible Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit under the IRS Code (IRC) — a Qualified Bicycle Commuting Expense, which is a payment excluded from wages up to \$20 per month for each month you “bike to work” (loosely defined). It can not be used with any other transportation fringe benefit, like bus passes or parking allowances. Web search IRC § 132(f)(1)(D). Check with your employer to see if and how you may qualify.

TRY THE TRIFECTA OF CLASSIC RIDES...

In central PA. A commemorative mug is offered to anyone registering for all three events—
Chocolate Tour, Aug 5 thechocolatetour.com
Lancaster Covered Bridge Classic, Aug 20 lancasterbikeclub.net/lcbc
Three Creek Century, Sept 17 www.threecreekcentury.com

Dates to Remember

April 28-30 World T.E.A.M. Sports Freedom of America ride. Volunteers needed.
Disabled Vets ride from Valley Forge to Gettysburg
May 10 Spoke-n-Gear Expo, Harrisburg. Details to follow next month
May 20 Quad Metric Century Ride. Contact Suburban Cyclists Unlimited for details

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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SHARE THE ROAD

PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE PLATE



To obtain a plate from PennDOT, web search Pennsylvania Share the Road plate. You will find a link to form MV-917. It's a two-page form and all information is clearly explained. Cost is \$40 one time for a new plate and registration card. Annual renewal date and fees do not change.

HELP PENNSYLVANIA BICYCLISTS BY EDUCATING MOTORISTS ONE PLATE AT A TIME!

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