



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!

BAC WEBSITE IS UPDATED...

Thanks to BAC member **Roy Weil**, from Pittsburgh, a new user friendly site has a fresh look. Many pages have been updated as a resource for Pennsylvania bicyclists. Special emphasis is on updated pages highlighting the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as it applies to bicyclists. Check it out and let BAC know how to keep improving the site.

The focus for 2017 will be educating and testing the knowledge of bicyclists on the skills and awareness necessary to "drive your bike" with traffic competently and with confidence. What "Rules-of-the-Road" would you like explained or clarified? Send us your examples.

ROAD RIDING LEGAL ADVICE...

With some sidebar humor is now available to members of Suburban Cyclists Unlimited (SCU) by club member and attorney, Michael Katz, Esq. Reprinted here by permission are the first three in an ongoing series. SCU intends to make this series available to non-members in the future on their website: suburbancyclists.org

January: <https://tinyurl.com/zmkldtk>

Meet Michael and Vehicle Code Review

February: <https://tinyurl.com/hqwowft>

"To Hug the Edge ... That is the Question"

March: <https://tinyurl.com/z6fbdwg>

"Control & Release ... What's it all About"

A BIKE LANE ADVISORY BOARD ...

in Pittsburgh is close to final passage. Legislation to create an advisory board on bike lane infrastructure is one step closer in the City of Pittsburgh. In order to address the rising trend of increased bike lanes across the city, Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith, sponsor of the new law, hopes the advisory board will allow biking stakeholders, the administration, and residents to work together to decide where the popular mode of transportation should and shouldn't be constructed.

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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 February 28, 2017,

00412

plates have been issued
by PennDOT



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.

LCI DISAPPEARING ACT...

By the League of American Bicyclists. LAB revised the list of current Pennsylvania League Cycling Instructors on its website since BAC questioned the number of active and available. Down to 64, the question still remains — how many classes are taught yearly and how many students complete the course resulting in more bicyclists on the road?

1-800-FIX-ROAD is the number to call for road hazards. PennDOT will respond. Be sure to include detailed information on the precise location and indicate it's a hazard for bicyclists.

Dates to Remember

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| March 18 | <i>Bicycle South Central PA 'Bike Summit'</i> at Harrisburg H.A.C.C Campus
Registration required. \$15 fee (lunch included). |
| April 5 | <i>PPAC</i> (Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee), Harrisburg. |
| April 28-30 | World T.E.A.M. Sports Freedom of America ride. Volunteers needed.
Disabled vets ride from Valley Forge to Gettysburg |
| 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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