

# DELAWARE VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

P.O. Box 274, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1994

## FREE!

### From the President

I hope all our people had a very merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year. Thanks to Gina and all the members who came to our Christmas party. It was a nice evening—the food and the people were plentiful. I managed to get some pictures, as you can see. We'll see you at the February meeting. We have the new year to discuss and we want to make it a good one.

Thanks,

*Ernie*



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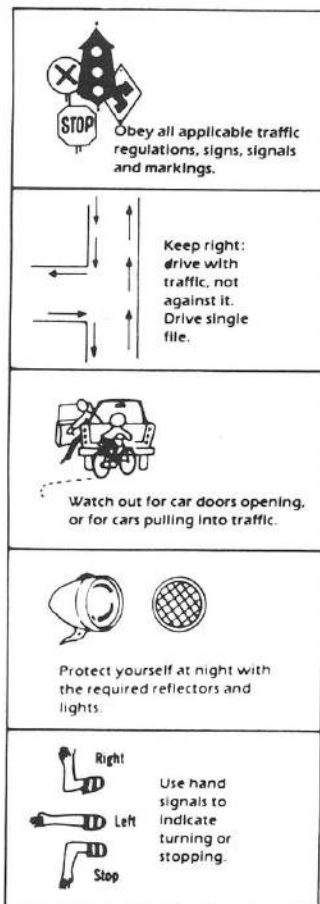
## DVBC Meeting Place

Delaware County Peace Center, 1001 Old Sproul Rd. (near car wash at Rt. 320 & Old Marple Rd.). First Monday of month. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.

## Ride Guidelines

1. **HELMETS ARE MANDATORY ON ALL DVBC RIDES.**
2. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early and be **READY TO LEAVE ON TIME!** Rides will start no more than 5 to 7 minutes late!
3. Make sure your bike is in proper working order **BEFORE** you arrive.
4. Carry a spare tube, patch kit, pump and water bottle.
5. Practice safety and obey *all* traffic laws.
6. Do not "bike off" more than you can do. Go on rides within your ability, interest and experience.
7. **RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS:**
  - CLASS D:** For new, inexperienced riders or families: speed 5-7 mph, frequent stops, as few hills as possible. Group will wait for all riders. Mileage usually less than 10 miles, but longer distances permissible.
  - CLASS C-** For average riders: 7-8 mph, rest stops as needed. Group will wait for stragglers. Distance recommended: 10-30 miles.
  - CLASS C+** Also average riders: 9-10 mph, rest stops every 45-60 minutes. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided by the ride leader.
  - CLASS B-** For more experienced riders: 11-12 mph, stops every 15-20 miles. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
  - CLASS B+** For strong riders: 13-15 mph, stops every 20-30 miles. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
  - CLASS A:** For very strong riders: 16-20 mph, stops every 30-50 miles. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
8. **TIME TRIAL:** Timed event. Again, you must obey all traffic laws. A hard helmet is mandatory. You must yield the right of way at all times. Club time trials should not be regarded as races, but as training rides.
9. Each rider assumes his/her own risk on all time trials *and* touring rides.
10. Those who ride ahead of the group are on their own ride.
11. Always notify the ride leader before leaving the group.
12. Ride leaders should adhere to the advertised speed of the ride.
13. Ride leaders are not expected to be bike mechanics.

**NOTE: Helmets are mandatory on all rides.** In case of questionable weather or road conditions, the Ride Leader may cancel the ride. Call the Ride Leader if in doubt. All Club rides are rated according to degree of difficulty. If you're in doubt about your cycling ability, *try out a ride one class below the one you're not sure about and then work your way up.* The general public is invited to *all* events organized and conducted by Delaware Valley Bicycle Club. A program is presented by the Club for bicyclists of *all* ages, *all* abilities, and *all* interests. Except for the Freedom Tour, Brandywine Tour and Club picnic, all club events are *free* to the general public. The general public is *welcome!*



# RIDE CALENDAR

*\*Free membership for ride leaders*  
**Helmet use is mandatory on all rides!**

Sat, Jan 22 • ? Miles: 20-25 • Class C <i>West Chester Pick-up</i>	Many weekends throughout the winter months, Fran & her friends do easy-paced rides around the West Chester area. If you would like to come along call Fran at (610) 431-2675 to find out if a ride is happening on a given day.
Sun, Jan 23 • ? Miles: 20-35 • Class C+/B- <i>Westtown</i>	Enjoy the winter feel of this scenic ride through Ridley Creek State Park, Chester Creek valley, and beyond to Westtown. Leave from the Media-Rose Valley area. Call Ira Josephs for the starting time and location: (610) 565-4058.
Sun, Jan 23 • 9:30 a.m. Miles: 55 • Class B <i>Roger's Tavern</i>	Enjoy the scenery of rural Maryland's rolling hills. Meet at the Mr. Donut behind the McDonald's at Rt.s 40 & 213 in Elkton, Maryland. Bring lunch (or starve) to enjoy at the stop at the tavern. For more information and directions to the starting point call ride leader Doug Kennedy at (610) 543-4664.
Sat, Jan 29 • ?	<i>West Chester Pick-up.</i> Fran & friends plan easy-paced rides around West Chester. See January 22.
Sun, Jan 30 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 55 • Class B <i>Octoraro Creek</i>	Enjoy the splendid scenery of western Chester County that makes the Brandywine Tour so popular. Meet at the Octoraro School at Rt. 41 & Highland Ave. (above Cochranville). For more information on lunch or directions to the starting point call Rich Bernhard at (610) 284-2019.
Sat, Feb 5 • ?	<i>West Chester Pick-up.</i> Fran & friends plan easy-paced rides around West Chester. See January 22.
Sun, Feb 6 • 9:00 a.m. Miles: 40 • Class B <i>Fort Mifflin</i>	Explore the historic center city area, then ride to Fort Mifflin for lunch (bring lunch). ATB bikes are recommended. Flat ride. Start from the lower parking lot of Springfield Square (Strawbridges) at Rt. 420 & Baltimore Pike in Springfield. For more info call Doug Kennedy: (610) 543-4664.
Mon, Feb 7 • 7:30 p.m. <i>DVBC Meeting</i>	Note new meeting place: <b>Delaware County Peace Center, 1001 Old Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA.</b> Doors open at 7:00, meeting starts at 7:30. Come hear our guest speaker or make new cycling friends.
Sat, Feb 12 • ?	<i>West Chester Pick-up.</i> Fran & friends plan easy-paced rides around West Chester. See January 22.
Sun, Feb 13 • ? Miles: 20-35 • Class C+/B- <i>Westtown</i>	Enjoy the winter feel of this scenic ride through Ridley Creek State Park, Chester Creek valley, and beyond to Westtown. Leave from the Media-Rose Valley area. Call Ira Josephs for the starting time and location: (610) 565-4058.
Sun, Feb 13 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 42 • Class B <i>Landis Valley Sally</i>	Take in some Pennsylvania Dutch country on this sally through the valley (but don't dally in the alley). Meet at Gordinier Hall at Millersville State College. For more information about lunch or directions to the starting point call ride leader Rich Bernhard at (610) 543-4664.
Sat, Feb 19 • ?	<i>West Chester Pick-up.</i> Fran & friends plan easy-paced rides around West Chester. See January 22.
Sun, Feb 20 • 1:00 p.m. Miles: 25 • Class C <i>Gladwyne</i>	Meet at the Drexel Hill Cyclery at 703 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill. Enjoy a hilly, but easy-paced ride to Gladwyne through some very scenic areas. Call ride leader Frank Havnoonian at (610) 449-6154 (evenings) for more information.
Sun, Feb 20 • 9:30 a.m. Miles: 40-50 • Class B <i>Del. Covered Bridges</i>	Tour all the covered bridges in Delaware. Bring lunch or buy in Landenburg. Start from behind the Wawa (and Post Office) at Rt. 1 & 100 (South) in Chadds Ford. Ride will run somewhere between 40 & 50 miles with a few hills. For more information call Doug Kennedy at (610) 543-4664.
Sat, Feb 26 • ?	<i>West Chester Pick-up.</i> Fran & friends plan easy-paced rides around West Chester. See January 22.
Sun, Feb 27 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 46 • Class B <i>Penna. Dutch West</i>	Ride to the "far side" of Pennsylvania Dutch country. We'll ride through the western areas of famed Pennsylvania Dutch country. Leave from the Pequea Valley School at Rt. 772 & New Holland Rd. For more information on hills, lunch or directions to the starting point, call Rich Bernhard at (610) 284-2019.
Sun, Mar 6 • 9:30 a.m. Miles: 50-55 • Class B <i>Lunch at Glenmoore</i>	Start from behind the Wawa (and Post Office) at Rts. 1 & 100 (South) in Chadds Ford. Ride along the Brandywine River to Glenmoore. Bring lunch or by in Glenmoore. Ride is mostly flat. Call Doug Kennedy at (610) 543-4664 for more information.
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Sun, Mar 13 • 7:45 a.m. Miles: 5 • Class All <i>Goshen Time Trial</i>	Pre-spring TT. Meet at Providence Rd., just north of Goshen Rd., near the Radnor Hunt Club. Test yourself against the clock. Roads are NOT closed to traffic. Helmet required. Timekeeper is Ed Silcox. For more information call Rollin' Rich Patterson at 622-2954.
Sun, Mar 13 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 48 • Class B <i>Penna. Dutch North</i>	Head north for another of Rich Bernhard's Pennsylvania Dutch country tours. Meet at the Pequea Valley School at Rt. 772 & New Holland Rd. A great way to see the sights this area is known for. For more information on lunch, the route or directions to the starting point, call Rich at (610) 284-2019.

\*Free 1995 membership for anyone leading 4 or more listed rides in 1994. Call Ira (610-565-4058) or Doug (610-543-4664) for details.



## **TEAM CASUAL      DECEMBER      FIVE MILE TIME TRIAL      RESULTS**

**DECEMBER 5, 1993**

**7:45 am**

The December 5th Team Casual Time Trial was rained out. Water covered the entire staging area and many parts of the five mile course.

For 1994 the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club Team Casual Time Trial Series will take place on the second Sunday of each month at 7:45 am beginning in March.

The course is a five mile triangular route that starts and ends on Providence Road north of Goshen Road near The Radnor Hunt and White Manor Golf Club. Roads are not closed to traffic. The course has rolling hills and is usually windy.

All cyclists are welcome to participate in our "RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK" Helmets are mandatory, of course! Safety first!

The dates will be:    March 13      April 10      May 8 (Mother's Day)  
                                June 12      July 10      August 14  
                                September 11      October 9      November 13  
                                December 11

For more information call:    Ed Silcox    688-8100 ext. 271 (w)  
  "Rollin" Rich Patterson    622-2954 (h)

### **The Good Samaritan**

Dour Reece was on his way to an orienteering outing on November 13th when he kindly stopped his vehicle and offered his assistance to 2 of our club members. A group of us had been out on a bike ride from Rose Tree Park on Route 252 and heading out to the Northbrook Orchard area on Rt. 842. We almost to the orchard when we encountered some railroad tracks that cut across the road at an angle. It was at this point that two members of our group had a little mishap. Bikes and bodies went down. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured but the two bikes involved were not rideable after the spill. Doug saw the situation and did not think twice about stopping to help us. He ended up giving 2 members of our group and their bikes a ride all the way back to Rose Tree Park where their cars were parked. We all certainly appreciated Doug's timely help & kindness.

Many thanks. *James, Kenm Charlie & Gina*

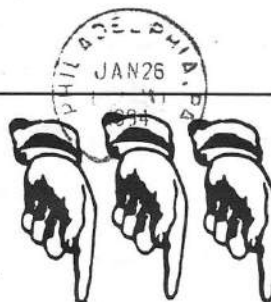
### **Thanks to Helpers**

Our recent December meeting was the final one for 1993 and it turned out to be a pleasant evening when many club members got together to sit down to enjoy a full course meal. It was our annual holiday party and the food was delicious.

We are grateful to Pete Boisvert for his Fireside catering service as he provided the main entrees. All of the other side dishes, salads, snacks, drinks, desserts, etc. were provided by other club members. I appreciated the efforts of all of those members who called and volunteered to bring these items to the party. Our December meeting seems to have the highest attendance (I guess the food helps).

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable evening. Also, best wishes to all club members and their families for a happy and healthy New Year.

*Gina*



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The above label constitutes a DVBC membership card with expiration date listed.

## FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Delaware Valley Bicycle Club (DVBC) is a non-profit corporation formed to educate the public as to the safe use of the bicycle through lectures, seminars, planned rides, and other activities promoting the bicycle as an efficient and enjoyable means of exercise, recreation, and transportation.

Non-members are welcome on rides, but are urged to consider their ability and experience when selecting a ride. (See Ride Guidelines.) All rides are subject to cancellation due to weather. If in doubt about the weather or level of difficulty of the ride, please call the ride leader. Though the use of safety equipment is strongly urged—and helmets are required on all rides—the club cannot accept responsibility for accidents or injury while participating in a DVBC event.

### Application for DVBC Membership (Expires 1 year from date joined/renewed)

Please print clearly and use 9-digit Zipcode, if known.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ (per household) \$15.00

Membership includes: DVBC Newsletter Magazine (10 issues per year), discounts at most Club sponsors, Club subsidized events, and free *Bicycle Touring Newsletter* published quarterly (\$3 value). Your membership attracts advertisers and helps influence local government decisions concerning bicycle issues.

### INTEREST SURVEY

#### Ride Pace

- ☐ Class D: slow  
☐ Class C: average  
☐ Class B: brisk  
☐ Class A: fast  
☐ Off-Road

I'll volunteer for:

- ☐ Ride Leader  
☐ Sag Wagon Driver  
☐ Tour Food Stop  
☐ Newsletter Editor  
☐ Newsletter Typist
- ☐ Newsletter Collator  
☐ Advertising Coordinator  
☐ Newsletter Co-editor  
☐ Newsletter Delivery  
☐ Triathlon Editor

Please send your check or money order to:

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*The DVBC Safety Foundation is established to promote bicycle safety in the Delaware Valley using posters, flyers, bumper stickers and rewards.*

I wish to donate to the DVBC Safety Foundation:

- ☐ \$1 ☐ \$2 ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$25

### Membership to DVBC Subdivisions

You must join the main organization (left half of this form) in order to be able to join a DVBC subdivision.

- ☐ \$7.00 DVBC-Team Drexel Hill (Road Racing)  
Drexel Hill Cyclery
- ☐ \$5.00 Team Delaware Valley Bicycle Club  
Team Casual! (Road Racing)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed