# DELAWARE VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

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

# **MARCH 1994**

FREE!

# THE PREZ SEZ:

I want to welcome new members to the premier bike club of the Delaware Valley and Delaware County. Also, I want to thank the members who came to our business meeting one cold night with snow and ice still lingering on the ground. We also had a decent turn-out at our first Monday of the month meeting in freezing February.

Treasurer Frank Havnoonian's talk on his recent trip to Hawaii was interesting and made us snow birds wish for warmer surroundings. Also, his narrative about the hula dance custom was objective and appreciative of the culture, but fortunately Frank spared us all a personal demonstration!

We discussed many possible activities that will make future club outings enjoyable for all our members. This can start the club off with a new outlook on biking for all ages. For our March — can spring be far behind — and April meetings, a few good speakers will be on hand. Hopefully, enough people will show up to make it worth their while.

KAREN SHEEL, a certified massage therapist, and longtime friend of Frank's will be the speaker at our March 7 meeting. Karen can competently answer lots of questions on your minds about the aches, etc., you get from riding. So come on out to our new meeting place at the Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends Meeting, Old Marple Road off Springfield Road (and not far from Route 320).

SALLY H. BERRIMAN, our district representative for the League of American Wheelmen, the National Organization of Bicyclists, will be our featured speaker at the April meeting. She will bring you up to date on what is happening in the state and the five-county region. Sally is a very knowledgeable bicycling advocate. If you are concerned about riding safely and the future of our favorite pastime, you won't want to miss our L.A.W.'s representative.

Now's a good time for you winter-weary, cabin-feverish members and non-members with feet itching to go pedaling again to attend one of our meetings or join a weekly club ride. See you 'round. Thanks, ERNIE.

#### WHEELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Ron Siliani, Jackie & Eric Kraeutler, Chuck Weissberg, Greg Kevorkian, John Maloney, Nancy Ellis, Stephen Watson, Michael Cory, Don & Meg Demuth, Mark B. Cumrod, Glenn Stauffer, Richard Sorensen, Joseph D'Ascenzo Sr., Keith Bowler.

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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.





Keep right: drive with traffic, not against it. Drive single file.



Watch out for car doors opening or for cars pulling into traffic.





Protect yourself at night with the required reflectors and lights.



Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.

#### **Ride Guidelines**

- 1. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY ON ALL DVBC RIDES.
- 2. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early and be READYTO 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.

  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.

- 8. Each rider assumes his/her own risk on all time trials and touring rides.
- 9. Those who ride ahead of the group are on their own ride.
- 10. Always notify the ride leader before leaving the group.
- 11. Ride leaders should adhere to the advertised speed of the ride.
- 12. 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 oprganized 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!

# RIDECALENDAR

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

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	Sun, Mar 6 • 9:30 a.m. Miles: 50-55 • Class B Lunch at Glenmoore	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.
	Mon, Mar 7 • 7:30 p.m.  DVBC Meeting	Have questions about cycling's effect on your body? Karen Scheel, a certified massage therapist, will be our guest speaker. Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30. Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd. (off Old Marple Rd.), Springfield.
	Sun, Mar 13 • 7:45 a.m. Miles: 5 • Class All Goshen Time Trial	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 (610) 622-2954.
	Sun, Mar 13 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 25-30 • Class B/C Brandywine Valley	Leave from the Chadds Ford Elementary School on Route 1, just past Route 100 (North). Tour the beautiful Brandywine Valley at a leisurely pace. See some of the scenery that makes our Branywine Tour so popular. Bring along a snack. Please call if you are coming. Fran: (610) 431-2675.
	Sun, Mar 13 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 48 • Class B Penna. Dutch North	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. Shoo-fly pie, anyone? For more info on lunch, the route or directions to the starting point, call Rich at (610) 284-2019.
	Sat, Mar 19 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 25 • Class B/C River Ride	Meet at the Spring Mill train station (east of Conshohocken). Enjoy beautiful Schuylkill River scenery. Ride to Manayunk, Falls Bridge, West River Drive, the Art Museum & back up the river's east side, with a concession stop. Expect to see scullers, roller bladers, etc. Joanne Cole Rosen: (610) 325-0614.
1	Sun, Mar 20 • 1:00 p.m. Miles: 25 • Class C Gladwyne	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, Mar 20 • 9:00 a.m. Miles: 45-50 • Class B Manayunk Wall	ATB's welcome on this mostly flat (one big hill) ride up the Manayunk Wall via a lunch stop at McDonald's in West Conshohocken. Start from the lower parking lot of Springfield Square (Strawbridge's) at Rt. 420 & Baltimore Pike in Springfield. Call Doug Kennedy: (610) 543-4664.
	Sun, Mar 27 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 20 35 Class C+/B- Westlown	Enjoy this classic ride through Ridley Creek State Park, the Chester Creek valley, Cheyney & Westtown. Meet at the Moylan-Rose Valley train station at Woodward & Manchester (Rose Valley) Rds. For more information call Ira Josephs at (610) 565-4058.
	Mon, Apr 7 • 7:30 p.m.  DVBC Meeting	Concerned about cycling safety and efforts to improve cycling conditions in the 5-county region? Sally H. Berriman of the League of American Wheelmen (LAW) will be the featured speaker. Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30. Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd. (off Old Marple Rd.), Springfield.
	Sun, Apr 10 • 7:45 a.m. Miles: 5 • Class All Goshen Time Trial	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 (610) 622-2954.
	Sun, May 22 • A.M. Miles: 8-65 • Class All 19th Freedom Tour	Our biggest ride of the year! Five great routes: 8, 18, 35, 50 & 65 miles. The 50-mile route is new this year and should prove very popular for those who weren't quite up to a 65-mile ride at this point in the season. As always, maps, well-marked routes, portable rest rooms, a sag wagon and a lunch stop are provided. Helmets are mandatory. All routes include the scenic Chester Creek valley and Glen Mills. Chances for good weather are improved with the later date this year. <i>Don't miss out on this one</i> . See page 5 in this issue for registration form

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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# 19th Annual Freedom Tour!

# May 22, 1994 8, 18, 35, 50 and 65 Mile Routes Sponsored by the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club



TIME: 8-9 A.M. for 65- & 50-milers • 9-10 A.M. for 35-milers • 10-11 A.M. for 18-milers • 11 A.M.-noon for 8-milers.

PLACE: Ridley Creek State Park (near Media, PA)—parking lot #15.

COST: \$7.00 pre-registration (postmarked by May 15, 1994); \$10.00 at the gate. Tour will be held rain or shine.

Expected Attendance: 500-800 riders.

Services Provided by DVBC: Food stop, maps, sag wagon, portable rest rooms and well-marked routes.

Routes: Scenic country back roads through the beautiful Brandywine River valley for the 65 and 35-mile routes, which have been changed to avoid some bad hills. All four routes pass through the scenic Chester Creek valley and Glen Mills areas, including the Sweetwater Farm. Most roads are lightly traveled with rolling hills. All routes include a food stop.

Description: You travel at your own pace, with family or friends, or make new cycling friends. All ages, all abilities and all types of bikes are welcome. The 8- and 18-mile routes are great opportunities for newer cyclists, leisure riders and families. Meet new biking friends with similar abilities while enjoying an outstanding ride.

Safety: HELMETS ARE MANDATORY. Make sure your bike is in good condition; use safe cycling habits; obey all traffic laws.

We recommend carrying a spare tube/patch kit, tire pump & tire irons. Each rider assumes his/her own responsibility.

**About DVBC:** DVBC promotes all forms of cycling! Total paid membership exceeds 400 cyclists. The club is affiliated with LAW, Pa. Bike Federation, USCF, and the Bike Coalition of Delaware Valley. DVBC is the premier bike club in Delaware County and is a non-profit organization. Our monthly meetings are open to the public. This event is open to all cyclists. Enjoy the spring bicycling season!

More Information: Please call Frank at (610) 449-6154 or Dan (610) 789-0187.

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## AS A POLLUTION SOLUTION

- 50% of urban space in the U.S. is devoted to roadways.
- Auto emissions rank #1 among all causes of air pollution.
- Motor vehicles are responsible for 55% of cancer contaminants — greater than any other source.
- 54% of Americans live less than 5 miles from their jobs, a distance easily traveled by bicycle.
- 20% of our (Americans) disposable income is spent on transportation.
- Drivers have to work 1 day per week just to pay for their driving expenses (car, insurance, gas, parking, etc.).
- A ten-mile commute by bicycle requires 350
  calories of energy. The same trip in an average
  American car requires 18,600 calories of energy
  (about half a gallon of gasoline); 9,200 calories
  by bus, 8,850 by rail, and 1,000 by foot.
- Motorists could save an average of 150 gallons of gasoline each year if they rode to public transit facilities instead of driving.
- 12 bicycles can be parked in the space of one car.
- Number of lanes a bridge or city street must have to accommodate 40,000 autos per hour: 12
- Number of lanes necessary to accommodate 40,000 bicycles per hour: 1

To purchase additional copies or for information about bicycle education and advocacy, contact: League of American Wheelmen, 190 W. Ostend Street, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21230-3755/(410) 539-3399.



## 10 TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD EXCUSES FOR NOT WEARING A BICYCLE HELMET

- They're too heavy.
   Not anymore. Today's bicycle helmets only weigh about a half a pound.
- I don't need one if I don't ride fast.
  Get this... Even if you were just sitting on your bike talking to friends and you fell and hit your head, your brain could be seriously damaged—Ouch!
- They're too expensive.
   Some helmets cost as little as \$20, which is a lot less than the thousands of dollars you'd pay for a visit to the emergency room!
- 4. A helmet will mess up my hair. Okay, true. But a crash without a helmet can really mess up your head. Your choice: a bad hair day or a bad head life?
- I'll look like a geek.
   Wrong. You'll look like a <u>real</u> bicyclist, and car drivers will probably respect you more and give you more room on the road because of it.

- 6. They're too hot. Because they're so light and have lots of openings for air to pass through, helmets aren't any hotter than having your head exposed to the sun while riding.
- I don't need one if I don't ride on busy roads.
   Not true. Cars are involved in only 10% of bike-related injuries. Falls are a much bigger problem, and they can happen on any road or nath.
- 8. I never fall off my bike.

  Maybe not yet, but everybody falls sometime, and it only takes once to do permanent damage
- They're funny looking.
   Helmets today come in lots of cool colors and designs. Find one that you like so you'll wear it.
- 10. None of my friends wear one.

  Maybe they don't know the reasons why a helmet is important. Show them this card and then purchase your helmets together as a group.



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## Other Rides

Saturday, March 26, 1994
Icicle Metric Century/Half/Quarter
Cost: \$9.00 \$12.00 day of ride
Dave Bundas (215) 255-0799

Saturday, April 16,1994
Battle Of Gettysburg Weekend Ride
Cost: \$8.00 \$10.00 day of ride
Phone: (717) 334-8151

Sunday, April 24, 1994
Tea Burner Century Ride
Distances: 35,50,85,100 miles
Cost: \$10.00 \$12.00 day of ride
Mel Kornbluh (609) 451-5104 aft. 6:00

Sunday, May 15, 1994 Tri - State Century/Half/Quarter Distances: 25,50 100 miles Cost: \$9.00 \$12.00 aft. 5/10 (302) 738-0458

Sunday, May 15, 1994
John Pixton Memorial "Poker" Ride
Distances: 17,27,50, 60 miles
Cost: \$12.00 before 5/8 \$14.00 aft.
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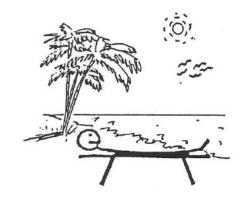
Sunday/Wednesday, May 27-30, 1994 Kent County Spring Fling Maryland (410) 484-0306 or (410) 832-2627

Sunday, July 3, 1994
Delaware Doublecross
28 miles
Cost: \$5.00 before 6/30 \$6.00 aft.
(302) 731-1456

Thursday/Sunday, July 21-24,1994 GEAR Salisbury, Maryland Info: (410)539-3399

Sunday, August 14, 1994 Covered Bridge Metric Century Lancaster, Pa. Distances: 25, 50, 100 miles Cost: \$7.00 advance \$10.00 day of ride

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Your trusted mechanic has plenty of time during February and March to do a better, more thorough job, paying more attention to details and providing a much needed "bath".

Costs are generally a little less for parts and parts are more readily available. So when you're ready to give that spring ride a try - make sure you've had that tune - up or you'll find a tear in your eye (not to mention your pocketbook!)

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Are you always staring down somebody elses back wheel? Have you heard the expression: If you're not the lead dog, the scenery never changes!! Well now is your chance to team up with the market leaders............

# BIKE LINE, & TREKUSA

Bike Line features the exciting new line of Trek mountain, road, hybrid, and juvenile bikes. And with prices starting at a cool \$259.95 there is now a Trek within everybody's reach! Stop in to any of the 27 Delaware Valley Bike Line locations and see the full line of 1994 Treks including the hot new full suspension mountain bikes. When you visit be sure to join the Bike Line mailing list and apply for your own Bike Line credit card.



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# 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 ridess—the club cannot accept responsibility for accidents or injury while participating in a DVBC event.

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