

# DELAWARE VALLEY BICYCLE (



# 1988-89



D.V.B.C. members who were elected to the Board for 1989 are:

Rich Patterson Ted Kowalski Frank Havnoonian Leland Kowalski Donna Hox Hank Hox Jerry Cox Donald Ashbrook Karl Voigt Bob Wright

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It seems like Frank is in Italy this January. He is planning to ride

WEAR A HELMET!

# **NEXT SEAS** BEGINS NO

This will be the final newsletter of the 1988 riding season. Next time you see us will be sometime around March 1, 1989. By then Bush will be president, another Ironman will be won by someone who has a first name or last name of Scott, a new list of triathlons, biathlons, centuries and DVBC rides will be out and we will all be looking forward to another year of great cycling. By January 6th or 7th we will be looking at ourselves naked in the mirror and cursing ourselves for overeating ourselves into obesity since Thanksgiving. Let's face it; who has time for training during the Christmas rush? There just isn't enough daylight for early-morning and after-work bike rides and weekends are for shopping. Except for the few of us who make a living from bike racing, we're all in the same shape right after the holidays. The real problem seems to be in getting motivated for working out on the windtrainers and rollers between New Years and Spring. Perhaps this is a worthy resolution this year: to find a type of workout that will keep you in shape, to be performed at least three times each week, just to keep your weight stable and to maintain some degree of fitness untill the warm riding weather arrives. If you can do this, think what kind of jump you will have on everyone else when it comes time to ride those early spring centuries and triathlons.

A new bicycle beneath the Christmas tree is about as traditional as turkey on Thanksgiving and a hang-over on New Year's Day. As a parent you live to see that look of surprise in your child's eyes when they first see their shiny new steed. A bike is a child's main means of short range transportgoing to be bike touring ation, becomes a very close friend and suddenly defines that child's personality. Then, as a parent you have a responsibility to you child for from Rome to Sicily. Let making them aware of the dangers of riding that us wish him a safe trip. bike in a way that would be dangerous. Set down certain rules and enforce them. Call your local congressman and ask him to send you a free booklet on bicycle safety, then have your child read it.

#### **Board of Directors**

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The Board will choose its officers at the next Board meeting. The list of officers will be published in the March 1989 issue.

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104 E. State St. Media, PA 19063

891-9098

C/D Rides: Ira Josephs

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565-4058

Please contact the Ride Coordinators before the 7th of each month.

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Letters to the Editor must be signed to be considered for publication.

#### Club Merchandise

Club	T-Shirts						\$6.00
Club	Car Decals .						.50
	Bike Decal .						
Club	Water Bottle	•	ě.				2.00
	Patches						

#### **DVBC** Meeting Place

Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County, 145 W. Rose Tree Road (near Rt. 252 & Rose Tree Park). First Monday of each month. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Public is welcome.

#### **Ride Guidelines**

- 1. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early and be READY TO LEAVE ON TIME! Rides will start no more than 5 to 7 minutes late!
- 2. Make sure your bike is in proper working order BEFORE you arrive.

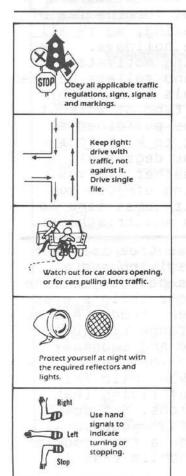
3. Carry a spare tube, patch kit, pump and water bottle.

4. Practice safety and obey all traffic laws.

- Wearing a helmet is usually not mandatory, but is encouraged. (A helmet is mandatory for all time trials and some Class A rides.)
- 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.
- Always notify the ride leader before leaving the group.
- Ride leaders should adhere to the advertised speed of the ride.
- 12. Ride leaders are not expected to be bike mechanics.



NOTE: In the case of questionable weather or road conditions, the Ride Leader may decide to cancel the event. 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!!!

# Ride Calendar

If below 32°F call the ride leader

### **DVBC DINNER IN DECEMBER**

DVBC will hold a dinner for members on Monday, December 5 at 7:30 P.M. at our regular meeting place: Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County, 145 W. Rose Tree Rd., Media (1/4 mile west of Rt. 252, just above Rt. 1). We will have the dinner instead of a meeting. If you would like to attend please call Frank Havnoonian (449-6154) by December 2 so we can plan the food. This promises to be a great event so don't miss it. See you there!

December 3 • 9:30 A.M. Miles: 35-45 • Class C Concord Twp./	Chateau Country: Meet at the Grace Episcopal Church, 4900 Concord Pike, across from the Concord Mall in Wilmington, DE, just south of Rt. 92. Easy-paced with some hills. A joint ride with Brandywine, White Clay and Valley Forge Bike Clubs. Buy lunch at Cafe Milano. Roz or Dave Chasin: 302-478-1610.
December 4 • 9:30 A.M. Miles: 45-50 • Class B Brandywine to Glenmoore	Leave from the Chadds Ford Elementary School (Rt. 1 just south of Rt. 100) in Chadds Ford. Enjoy a mostly flat ride through the Brandywine valley to Glenmoore. Bring lunch to eat along the way. For more information call Doug Kennedy at 543-4664.
December 5 • 7:30 P.M.  DVBC Dinner	Instead of a meeting this month we are holding a dinner. We hope to make it an annual event. See box above for details.
December 11 • Noon Miles: 20-25 • Class C Media Local	Leave from the Media Courthouse (corner of Front St. & Veterans' Sq.) for this enjoyable winter ride through the scenic countryside around Media. Call Frank Havnoonian (459-6154) Saturday night if you plan to go on the ride.
December 17 • 1:00 P.M. Miles: 12-18 • Class C South Jersey Ride	Leave from Bridgeport School in New Jersey. (Cross the Commodore Barry Bridge and take Rt. 130 North, make first right onto Barker Ave., make next right onto Crown Point Rd. — Rt.44 and there's the school. Various flat rides. Rich Patterson: 622-2954.
December 18 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 30 • Class C In Search of Santa	Meet at the main parking lot of Marsh Creek State Park (west of Eagle which is on Rt. 100 north of PA Turnpike exit 23). Ride the countryside in search of Santa's hiding place. Bring lunch or buy a snack along the way. Call Rich Bernhard at 284-2019 for more information.
December 18 • 10:15 A.M. Miles: 5 • Class: All Goshen Time Trial	Meet (10:15 SHARP) at Providence Rd. just north of Goshen Rd. near the Radnor Hunt Club. This is a good regular event for anyone wishing to improve their bike handling skills. For more information call Rollin' Rich Patterson at 622-2954.
January 1 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 25-30 • Class C Hangover Special	Leave from the Sugartown Elementary School (Sugartown Rd. off Paoli Pike near Malvern). Try a bicycle ride toady—the best cure for a hangover. For more information call ride leader Rich Bernhard at 284-2019.
January 9 • 7:30 P.M.  DVBC Meeting	<b>Note:</b> Meeting is SECOND MONDAY this month because January 2 is the official New Year's celebration. Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30. Make a New Year's resolution to attend all the DVBC meetings in 1989.
January 15 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 10-15 • Class ATB Brown & Blue I	Leave from the Swarthmore Acme parking lot (Park Lane Rd. & Rt. 320) for this class "C" dirt (the Brown) bike ride exploring the Mid-County Expressway (I-476, the Blue). Ride will be cancelled if temperature is below 20°F or above 100°F. Call Doug Kennedy at 543-4664 for more information.

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January 22 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 25-30 • Class C Mushrooms	Meet at Longwood Gardens (Rt. 1 near Kennett Square). Find out why Rich says this is the "treat people like mushrooms" ride. If you don't want to be kept in the dark, call ride leader Rich Bernhard (284-2019) for more information.
January 28 • 1:00 P.M. Miles: 12-18 • Class C South Jersey Ride	Leave from Bridgeport School in New Jersey. (Cross the Commodore Barry Bridge and take Rt. 130 North, make first right onto Barker Ave., make next right onto Crown Point Rd. — Rt.44 and there's the school. Various flat rides. Rich Patterson: 622-2954.
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February 5 • 1:00 P.M. Miles: 13 • Class C Media and Back	Meet at the lower parking lot of the Clover Store on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. Enjoy a scenic ride out to Media and return along back roads through some fine creek scenery. An easy-paced ride to help you get back into the "spring of things." Call Walter Linton at 328-2871 for more details.
February 6 • 7:30 P.M.  DVBC Meeting	Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins at 7:30. SPECIAL TOPIC: Groundhog Day evaluation—what do the groundhog's actions mean for the Freedom Tour?
February 12 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 25-30 • Class C Valentine Ride	Meet at parking lot #15 of Ridley Creek State Park. Make sure to bring your Valentine. With any luck Cupid's arrows will be on target and not puncture any tires. Call Rich Bernhard (284-2019) for more information.
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March 5 • 10:00 A.M. Miles: 30 • Class C Early Spring	Meet at Great Valley High School (Phoenixville Pk. near Rt. 401 exit of Rt. 202) in East Whiteland Township. Come out for this hilly ride and look for some early signs of spring. Call Rich Bernhard (284-2019) for more details.
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# 14th ANNUAL FREEDOM "Mega" TOUR!

8, 18, 35, or 65 mile routes SPONSORED BY THE

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Delaware Valley Bicycle Club

...accept the challenge!







Sunday, May 7, 1989

A RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDENCE IS EXPECTED ONCE AGAIN! PART OF FUNDS TO BENEFIT THE BLUE ROUTE BIKEWAY/WALKWAY PROJECT!



TIME: 8-9 AM for 65 milers; 9-10 AM for 35 milers; 10-11 AM for 18 milers; 11-12 AM for 8 milers. (There is some flexibility in the starting times.)

PLACE: Ridley Creek State Park near Media, Pa. (PICNIC AREA #15)

COST: Just \$8 at the gate (or \$5.50 by pre-registering below!) (Children under age 17 are half-price if accompanied by an adult.)

EXPECTED ATTENDENCE: Possibly 900-1200 riders. (1000+ riders came to the '86 Tour!)

SERVICES BY DVBC: Food Stop, map or cue sheet, sags for bike mishaps, award patch, & marked route at each intersection of the routes.



ROUTES: - The 65 mile route features a ride through the historic Brandywine River Valley, a covered bridge, and farm territory.

- The 35 mile route will also pass through the Brandywine River Valley which was the setting for Revolutionary conflict.

The 18 and 8 mile routes include the scenic Chester Creek River Valleys and the beautiful Sweetwater Farm in Glen Mills. Roads are lightly traveled with rolling hills. (VERY POPULAR ROUTES!)

PARKING Do NOT park the grass in the park!!! Parking tickets will be issued by the

park rangers.

DESCRIPTION: You travel at your own pace, with family or friends, or better yet make new cycling friends. All ages, all abilities, and all types of bikes are welcomed!!

RECOMMENDATIONS: Use safe cycling habits! Helmet use is recommended but not required. Each rider must assume his own responsibility, and make sure their bi-

ABOUT DVBC: DVBC promotes all forms of cycling! Total membership exceeds 600 paid memberships. The club is affiliated with Bicycle USA (LAW), PA Bike Federation, USCF, Bicycle Coalition of Delaware Valley, & 5 County Coalition. DVBC is the premier bike club in Delaware County & is a non-profit corporation. This event is open to all bicyclists! Enjoy the early Spring Bicycling Season with DVBC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please call Doug at (215) 543-4664 or Rollin' Rich at (215) 622-2954.

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(TOUR WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!!)

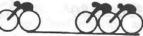




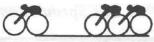


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pre-registering above! All pre-registration forms should be postmarked no later than April 29. Come on out to another DVBC Spectacular Event!! (Part of proceeds may go towards funding the Blue Route Bikeway.)







LEADING MY FIRST RIDE by Michele Grant

Saturday, November 12, I
took on the responsibility of
leading my first D.V.B.C. ride.
We began at Ridley State
Park and biked an eight mile
loop full of long hills and
splendid Fall scenery. Many
of the riders were on their
first D.V.B.C. ride and were
just about exhausted, but also
very satisfied with the fun
they had. A few of us biked
another four miles on the park
bike trail, but we had to call
it quits on account of the dark.

I have Dr. Heywood Kotch to thank for being a volunteer ride "follower" for the slower riders and sight seers at the back of the pack. He made sure that no one felt as if they were left behind. The faster riders gathered and chatted at the rest stops along the route and waited while others caught up with them.

I had lots of fun but I had to remember my responsibilities as ride leader. It was up to me to see that the ride went without a hitch and everyone returned safely.

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did and I hope to see them on a ride I plan to lead next

spring.

(The Nov. 12 riders included Neil Darby, Donna Hox,
Hank Hox, Matthew Hox, Dale
Matthews, Edwood Burson, Rodger
Conley, Robert Heintz, Sam Q.
Hoong, Ernie Oppenheim, Carol
Hopkins, Dr. Heywood Kotch,
Dr. Bruce Godick, David Epstein,
Martin Klee, Caryn Sowden and
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### **DUES ARE DUE MARCH 1st:**

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# PENNY FARTHING

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### WINTER COLD

#### WIND CHILL & LAYERING

How cold will you feel?

The temperature of the air is not always a reliable indicator of how cold a person will feel. Other weather elements, such as wind speed, relative humidity and sunshine, also exert an influence. In addition, the type of clothing worn, together with the state of health and metabolism of an individual also will influence how cold he will feel.

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#### How can you be protected?

Versatile garments can contribute to a system of "layered" clothing that can be adjusted to varying climate and temperature. When you overexert and become sweaty - take a layer off. When you begin to chill - put a layer on, and so forth. Versatile outdoor clothing adapts to protect you from thermal stress, rain and wind.

Proper clothing for any winter activity includes three basic layers: shell outerwear, insulated layers, and the skin layer! Shell outerwear should allow body vapor to escape. Insulation should be wool, goose down, or synthetic fibers. Cotton should not be used for winter dressing as it retains too much moisture. The skin layer should wick moisture away from the skin as perspiration is produced. This also reduces evaporation heat loss. The synthetic underwear is excellent and the high percentage wool Long Johns are good too.



To make layering work you must checklist your clothing effectiveness over your whole body. For example: good upper body insulation will be negated by cold wet denim pants. And, don't forget a hat! The brain gets top blood priority, and up to 30% of body heat loss goes off your head, neck and shoulders.

#### WINTER FASHION

Adidas, 15 Independence Blvd... Warren, NJ 07060, (201) 580-0700. Avia, 16160 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland, OR 97224, (503) 684-0490. Bell Helmets, 15301 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650, (213) 921-9451. Body Glove Sportswear, 225 W. 146th St., Gardena, CA 90248, (213) 217-1100. Brancale (Ten Speed Drive Imports), P.O. Box 9250, Melbourne, FL 32902 9250, (407) 777-5777. Eddie Bauer, P.O. Box 3700, Seattle, WA 98130-0006, (800) 426-8020. Edgewear, 901 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254, (213) 318-3799. The Finals, 21 Minisink Ave., Port Jervis, NY 12771, (914) 856-5291. Giordana (Gita Sporting Goods), P.O. Box 7266, Charlotte, NC 28217, (704) 588-7555. Giro Sports Design, 1041 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95068, (408) 479-8020. Hind Performance Sportswear, 390 Buckley Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, (805) 544-8555. In-Sport, 1870 N.W. 173rd Ave., Beaverton, OR 97006, (503) 645-355 Le Coq Sportif, 28 Engelhart Dr., Cranbury, NJ 08515, (609) 655-1515 Nike, 9000 S.W. Nimbus, Beaverton, OR 97005, (503) 644-9000. Patagonia, P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002, (805) 643-8616. PCH, 4465 Corporate Center Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, (714) 761-0555. Pearl Izumi, 3600 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80301, (303) 443-2131. Puma, 492 Old Connecticut Path, Framingham, MA 01701, (508) 875-0660. Reebok, 150 Royall St., Canton, MA 02021, (617) 821-2800. Scott Tinley Performancewear, 5111 Santa Fe St., Suite F, San Diego, CA 92109, (619) 581-2800. Serac, P.O. Box 367, Sandpoint, ID 83863, (208) 263-0567. Sideout Sport, 380 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105, (818) 795-0743. Shimano, One Shimano Dr., Irvine, CA 92718, (714) 951-5003. Specialized Bicycles, 15130 Concord Cir., Morgan Hill, CA 95037, (408) 779-6229 Timex, Waterbury, CT 06722, (203) 573-5764. Tommaso (Ten Speed Drive Imports), P.O. Box 9250, Melbourne, FL 32902-9250, (407) 777-5777. Vigorelli, 2200 Adeline St., Ste. 250, Oakland, CA 94607, (415) 465-1365.

#### Ques are due RENEW NOW

PLEASE RENEW EARLY

# 10 BEST CYCLING CITI

ast December I asked you to name the 10 best cities for cycling in North America, places where cycling is promoted and encouraged. Not surprisingly, we received scores of nominations, which were given to the good folks at the Bicycle Federation in Washington, DC, to screen. The final choices are mine. You won't agree with all

of them. Either way, I'd like to hear from you.

1. Seattle, Washington. According to Peter Lagerwey, the city bicycle coordinator, "About half the population of Seattle does some bicycling. And 90 percent of that cycling is on city streets." Furthermore, Seattle spends \$100,000 each year for improvements to make streets better for cyclists. Every new or rehabilitated bridge must have bicycle access. All new developments must have bicycle parking. And

10% of the downtown parking space is designated for bicycles.

2. Missoula, Montana. Half of this city's 60,000 residents own a bicycle. According to John Williams, Bikecentennial's advocacy director, "Unlike other bike towns, we haven't put a lot of time and money into things like paths and trails." It's the people who make a difference. Williams is proud that it's been 10 years since the last cycling fatality. The school district includes bicycle education as part of the core curriculum at the elementary level. The downtown has a lot of bicycle parking facilities. And the streets are wide and well-kept.

3. Eugene, Oregon. It counts 21 miles of paths, 36 miles of bike lanes, and 18 miles of designated bike routes. The city runs a bike-on-buses program, employs a full-time bicycle coordinator and, since 1970, has had an advisory bicycle committee.

4. Washington, DC. The nation's capital has the largest bicycle touring club in America, the Potomac Pedalers. The local government has 2 full-time bicycle coordi-

nators and plans to hire a third.

5. Indianapolis, Indiana. Home of the Major Taylor Velodrome, this city hosted the 1984 League of American Wheelmen rally, the '85 International Human Powered Vehicle Association Championships, and the '87 Pan American Games. The Mayor's Bicycle Task Force, formed in '74, is responsible for bicycle-safe sewer grates and the Indianapolis User Map.

6. Ann Arbor, Michigan. It has had a Bicycle Coordinating Committee since 1973, when a bikeway system was built. The city has a full-time bicycle coordinator and a bicycle parking ordinance. The 700-member Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society serves a diversity of cyclists and donates funds for the upkeep of city parks.

7. Bloomington, Indiana. This is the home of Indiana University's Little 500 race, made famous in Breaking Away. In Bloomington, cycling receives vigorous support from the press, city council, and motorists. Five state recreation areas are within cycling distance.

8. Calgary, Alberta. The site of the '88 Winter Olympics also has excellent bike routes, nice scenery, numerous bike groups, and extensive facilities for cycling com-

muting. There are more than 120 miles of well-surfaced bike routes.

9. Redmond, Washington. This town claims to be the "Bicycle Capital of the Northwest." As proof, residents cite the Marymoor Park Velodrome, extensive bike

trails, courteous drivers, and a hospitable climate.

10. Palo Alto, California. The home of Stanford University recently passed an ordinance requiring developers to include bicycle parking space in plans for each new apartment unit. The city also requires developers to put showers for cyclists and joggers in new office buildings.

BICYCLING congratulates these top 10 cycling cities. We'll send a "Hospitable Cycling" plaque to the mayor's office in each one. And if you think your city should

be on next year's list, please write and tell us why.

James C. McCullagh Editor & Publisher

#### MASI CRITERIUM:

54 cm, 1978 vintage bike that includes the following: Campy bottom brack-et, cranks and derallieurs, Cinelli stem, Zeus seat post and pedals. \$600 One owner.

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The following article was published in the Nov/Dec '88 issue of Bicycle Guide. Bob McNair was DVBC's 1st club secretary. Just a few years ago, he gave a slide presentation at a DVBC meeting and invited us to his former home in Swarthmore.

### **ROBERT McNAIR: USING THE PAST TO PROMOTE THE FUTURE**

wheel bicycle. Yet these relics didn't achieve true collector status in the U.S. until the late sixties, after Robert McNair helped start a national organization of antique bicycle enthusiasts known as the Wheelmen. "Antique bicycles were slow to become collectibles," says McNair. "We began scouring the countryside for old bikes in 1967, 80 years after cycling's heyday." At the time, McNair feared the group's efforts might be too late—many of the older riders were dead, and much of their memorabilia had been destroyed. But over the past 20 years, the Wheelmen have found thousands of remarkable old bikes, and have uncovered reams of

literature to help them research the

history of cycling.

As a group of collectors, the Wheelmen maintain a high profile. Their membership only numbers about 1500, but they frequently ride in parades and give public exhibitions. While anyone can join the organization, only those who complete a ten-mile ride on a bike made before WWI are permitted to vote in the club elections. This policy has helped them attract a committed membership with a focus on *riding* antique bikes, rather than stockpiling personal collections the public will never see.

Dressed in the style of the 1880's, with brass buttons gleaming on their dark, close-fitting jackets and knickers, a performance by the Wheelmen looks something like a military drill. The members ride in formation, mount, dismount, and sometimes do stunts—just as their Victorian predecessors did. "The old cycling clothing is a uniform, but it's a sporting uniform, not a

military one," says McNair. "The jackets and knickers are tight to avoid getting caught on the bike when mounting, and the ribbons and medals are the equivalent of ride patches.

"Roads were terrible in the old days, and the cyclists often rode in groups of twenty or more, so they needed a means of control," he continues. "The captain rode at the head with a bugler beside him, and when the road narrowed the bugler would sound single file." McNair produces a small, dented bugle, and blows a brief fanfare. "If they hit loose sand the bugler would sound the alarm, but if he wasn't fast enough he'd end up on the bottom of the pile."

Despite the relatively recent beginnings of the Wheelmen, Robert McNair has been involved with cycling since the thirties. He grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his first antique bike was an 1896 Humber Tandem with fixed gears, given to him in 1941 by the original owner. Cambridge cyclists laughed when young McNair brought the old tandem on a club ride—until they saw how fast it could go.

By 1944, McNair completed his M.S. at Harvard in Mechanical Engineering, and moved to Pennsylvania to take a job designing jet engines at Westinghouse. He helped form the Buck Ridge Ski Club, a group that brought canoe slalom

to America. McNair authored a book on white-water techniques, and points to a battered lavender canoe hanging among his many bicycles. "That was one of the first canoes in the U.S. to have knee straps," he says proudly, then explains, "It's always been scratched up, but the beauty of a canoe isn't when it's bright and shiny—the beauty is when it goes dancing through waves and under cliffs."

McNair's commonsense approach helped shape the early Wheelmen organization. "I didn't want us to simply restore old bikes," he recalls. "I wanted us to ride them and show bicycling to be a splendid American tradition. We have a different presentation than any other antique organization—we

put on a show. The second year we were in the Mummers parade [a New Year's tradition in Philadelphia] we won first prize," exclaims McNair. "The Mummers spend thousands of dollars on feathers [for their costumes], and we came in on old bikes and won. That publicity helped us go nationwide."

Because of problems with his vision, McNair has been unable to read a book since the fifties, and in 1983 he retired from his job when he became legally blind. A few years ago, he moved into his family's rural New Hampshire summer home, a plank farmhouse built in 1831. There he sometimes takes short trips on dirt mining roads on his new Univega mountain bike, but his marginal vision makes this risky. He is now 67 years old, and sparks still fly when he talks about bikes.

"They used to sell bicycles on mechanical merit," he says, gesturing to an old catalog. "They didn't use pretty girls in the advertisements, who didn't come with the bicycles

anyway." He points to the features in his bicycle collection: cotterless steel cranks, oversized tubing, internal lugs, diamond-shaped chainstays. "And if they couldn't make something better, they made it different," he says spinning the "Sunbeam" wheel on an old safety, with twisted spokes that sparkle in the light.

"Unfortunately, people copy well but innovate badly," he continues. "Most modern bikes are simply copies of the old ones, including the errors. Progress comes from ideas, not beautiful workmanship," he says, pausing in the center of his collection, "so we should treasure the classics, but keep moving forward."

The Wheelmen are not connected with the League of American Wheelmen, the national organization that protects cyclists' rights, but McNair feels the appreciation of old bicycles is part of a larger scheme. "The Wheelmen are not just a bunch of old stuffed shirts who want to pretend it's 1890," he maintains. "We're using the past to promote the future. The country isn't going to return to antique autos or horses and buggies, but I'd like to see us go back to bicycles. By generating publicity, we're playing a serious role in bringing cycling back to America." —John Derven



Robert McNair (right), shown with Wheelman David Metz, believes old bicycles belong on the road.



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# A cyclist chronicles European journey

Soon after graduating from college in 1981, Brian Hall set out, with a travel fellowship, to bicycle through Europe. Stealing From a Deep Place covers the last and unplanned leg of that journey, in which the author rides through Romania and Bulgaria and then moves in with a woman in Budapest, Hungary. How the two meet is never re-vealed, but the reader, by that point, is, like the author, so grateful for the company that the omission is forgiven. It is not easy to write a travel

book from the perspective of a bicycle tour. The cyclist is a lone-ly figure (unlike Paul Theroux on his crowded trains), often more concerned about miles covmore concerned about miles cov-ered than people met. The task becomes increasingly difficult when, like Hall, the traveler doesn't speak the language. Pro-ceed with these handicaps through a country like Romania, where contacts with foreigners are discouraged by the govern-ment, and one has all the mak-ings of a monotonous travelogue.

That Hall has produced some-thing much, much better is testa-ment to the compelling and largely unchronicled life of this part of Europe, as well as to his talents as a writer. One reads with pleasure of his fleeting ex-periences in Romania and Bul-garia and only upon finishing STEALING FROM A DEEP PLACE Travels in Southeastern Europe Brian Hall Hill & Wang. 288 pp. \$18.95

each chapter realizes how little actually happened to him there. He acknowledges that in Roma-nia he skirted Moldavia, the most picturesque region. He was in a hurry — never a propitious con-dition for a travel writer, though some of it had to do with his visa - and because of this he took a quick route south, missing out on

Bucharest, too. He drank from a well, slept in a forest, tried to chat with peasants and crashed a Gypsy wedding. (Actually, he had an invitation of a sort. "The groom shouts to me over the noise... Me — a lonely, hungry vagabond. The code of hospitality can be terribly seductive. One must not presume — and I have presumed.")

With little to tell, he works on the telling, and the result is a collection of closely observed, finely embossed vignettes: "Only the potatoes looked healthy, and that was because potatoes hide their diseases exceptionally well. The women behind the rough-wood counters had the same look of wild guardianship that I had seen in the supermarket." Hall's regard for Romania is such that, upon arrival in Bulgaria, he immediately finds that country, by comparison, win-ningly carefree. Here in the bor-der town of Ruse we are granted the book's first and possibly fin-est character study — that of a con artist. Needing a repair for his bike, the author purposely cultivates this man, disregarding years of accumulated wisdom, and the result is an oddly sympa-

thetic portrayal.

But it is in Budapest, with his But it is in Budapest, with his bicycle safely packed away, that Hall enters into the life of the people. His companion, Zsoka, lives in the house once owned by her mother and now divided into four apartments. The mother resides with her husband "in a pleasant modern duplex on one of the Buda hills." Sunday dinners, taken at the parents' house, are heavy with calories and memories of Hungary's past. The historical pasgary's past. The historical pas-sages that enliven the book are most successful in this chapter. partly because they are inter-twined with the histories of the characters, partly because the author, having developed strong feelings for one of these characters, naturally develops them for the woman's country

as well. as well.

Zsoka is a dour, critical
woman, and through her, Hall
begins to appreciate Eastern Europeans' cynicism and moral

Brian Hall

questioning, their deep sense of history and symbolism, and their internal sadness. Revealing conversations are now added to his perceptive observa-tions. With subtlety, he seems to protest at the injustice that has been dealt these people. In one of the last and most moving pas-sages of the book, he describes a visit to the cemetery where Zso-ka's father has recently been buried, because of a shortage of space, in someone else's plot.

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A map of Washington D.C. area's bike routes called the Council of Governments map (COG) is available for \$5 + \$1 postagae, from the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. This table size map of routes both inside and outside of the Beltway, has been rated excellent by numerous users. Write: Washington Area Bicyclist Association, 1015 31st Street. NW Washington, D.C.

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Adventure Experience:

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Avail: Oct., Nov., Apr.; Cost: \$280-\$695

Adventure Experience:

Magnificent valleys, luxurious accommodations, exquisite cuisine, and wine tastings.

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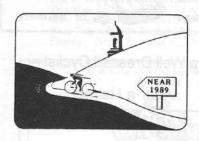
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Saturday, August 12, 1989: DOG DAZE CENTURY. Info: Brandywine Bicycle Club, Mike Stull, (215) 793-2341.

# Your Helmet: Don't Take Off Without It!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS --

NEAR '89

August 10-13, 1989

University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

What is NEAR? NEAR is the New England Area Rally held every two years which is sponsored by the following member bicycle clubs:

Charles River Wheelmen, Boston, MA Boston Council of American Youth Hostels, Boston, MA Granite State Wheelmen, Salem NH Seven Hills Wheelmen, Worcester, MA Nashoba Valley Pedalers, Acton, MA North Shore Cyclists, Salem, MA Yankee Council of American Youth Hostels, Hartford, CT

This four-day event includes:

\*rides ranging from 15 miles to centuries in length

- \* workshops/seminars on such topics as nutrition, photography, bicycle repair and meintenance
- \* fashion shows of the latest in bicycle clothing
- \* exhibits by wholesalers and retailers of bicycles
  and related products
- \* entertainment, barbecues
- \* attendance by interested adult bicyclists from all over the Northeast and beyond!

Specific information on the 1989 Rally schedule, accommodations, etc. will be ready in January, 1989 -- be sure to check your club's newsletter!



MEETING DATES OF THE FREEDOM VALLEY BIKE-A-THON ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR 1988-1989

11/11/88 (FRIDAY) 12/15/88 (THURSDAY) 1/20/89 (FRIDAY) 2/15/89 (WEDNESDAY) 3/20/89 (MONDAY)

5/05/89 (FRIDAY) 5/12/89 (FRIDAY)

5/14/89 (SUNDAY) FREEDOM VALLEY BIKE-A-THON EVENT DAY! 5/21/89 (SUNDAY) CORESTATES US PRO CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

All meetings (except the Bike-a-thon and the CoreStates Championship) will be at the AYH Office at 6:30 PM, 35 S. 3rd. St. in Phila. (Phone 925-6004) YOUR HELP IS WELCOME!







4/13/89 (THURSDAY)

#### TIRE REPAIR

The AYH Leadership Training Course has been a hallmark in the field of outdoor recreation since 1936. AYH trip leaders have compiled a list of helpful suggestions for bicycle touring, including tire repair.

The first step is to locate the cause of the flat. Check the valve by putting moisture on it. If bubbles appear, tighten the valve core or replace it.

Next, look for a nail, tack or piece of glass. Mark the break on the tire and remove the tire from the rim with a tire iron. Without removing the wheel, pull out the tube and find the break. With a scratching tool or sandpaper, roughen

the tube around the break. Spread a layer of cement around the break and let dry for several minutes. Peel the backing off the patch and press against the break.

Next, run your fingers around the inside of the tire to make sure the cause of the puncture is not still in there and replace the tube in the tire. Starting at the valve stem, carefully put the tire back on the rim. Use your fingers as much as possible. If you have strong hands you can put the tire back without using a tire iron. If you have to use a tire iron be careful that you do not pinch the tube and cause another leak.

#### Letter to the Editor

I am writing to express my concern over what I believe to be a dangerous practice in bikers passing each other without any warn-

Since I am a slow rider, I start centuries early and also spend little time at rest stops. I am therefore passed more often than the average rider.

During this year's national century I must have been passed by at least 100 people; some of them passed me two or three times. About one out of ten called out clearly "on your right" or "on your left." Many passed within inches on either side without any warming, seemingly oblivious to the possibility that I might swerve to avoid glass or another road hazard. Particularly in a century, when fatigue sets in, my attention to the rear is likely to be poor.

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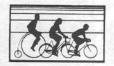
It would certainly seem in our mutual interests for riders to warn that they are about to pass. It is most unlikely that, in a collision, I will be the only one hurt, and blaming me for not keeping a straight line will not put back any of their skin or mend their broken bones or repair their broken bikes. I would gladly yield space to pass, but I need to know when and on what side Jacob L. Warner



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# Take that exercise bike and pedal it elsewhere

What is a healthy body worth to me? It's worth everything! It's worth sacrifice, sweat; hard work, discipline, ridicule, money and unbearable pain.

But don't ask me to deface my bedroom by putting a stupid exercise bicycle in it. When they can make them look like boudoir chairs and come in yellow, we'll talk about it.

Right now, it's a monument to the wheel. It stands at least nine feet tall, glows in the dark and has more appendages than the chariots in "Ben Hur." It isn't exactly something you can build a buffet around.

The whole idea of buying an exercise bicycle was my husband's. He said it would be convenient to have a physical fitness center right here in our own home. We already had the scale. The convenience part did sound good, so I agreed to put the bicycle in a place where we'd use it and it would be inconspicuous ... next to the water heater in a storage room off the garage. My husband came up with all kinds of flimsy excuses. Like, how in the summer the temperature was 115 in there and how we'd have to go outside in the winter and how we'd have to hold furnace filters and paint cans in

our laps when we pedaled.

He thought the bicycle belonged in the house. I thought I was a real sweetheart about his suggestion. I offered him space in the pantry if he left it in the box. I offered him the shower stall in the guest bedroom with the contingency that it had to be moved when we had guests. I offered him the guest closet off the entrance way. That's when he retaliated with possibly the dumbest idea to come out of his mouth. He said, "Why don't we put it in the family room in front of the TV set where you can get your mind off what you're doing?"

Thirty-eight years of marriage and you think



you know a person. He would put a bicycle with a furry seat in the middle of my Santa Fe family room. He would pedal it vigorously so that it sounded like a thousand camels with wings when I was trying to watch a poignant moment on "Golden Girls." No one would ever notice the pillows I needlepointed myself or the nice glass bowl I carried on my lap all the way from Mexico. They would enter the room and say, "Nice gym you

We argued. I said he was insensitive. He said I was unreasonable. I said his mother wore navy blue to the wedding. He said I could never argue logically. I said logic was not the issue here. He said it never was. I said a man was supposed to listen to his wife. He said he could listen while riding a bicycle in the family room. I said we should compromise and get a stretching machine that fit over the doorknob and you could store in a drawer. He said we should put the bicycle in the

I never knew a healthy body would demand such



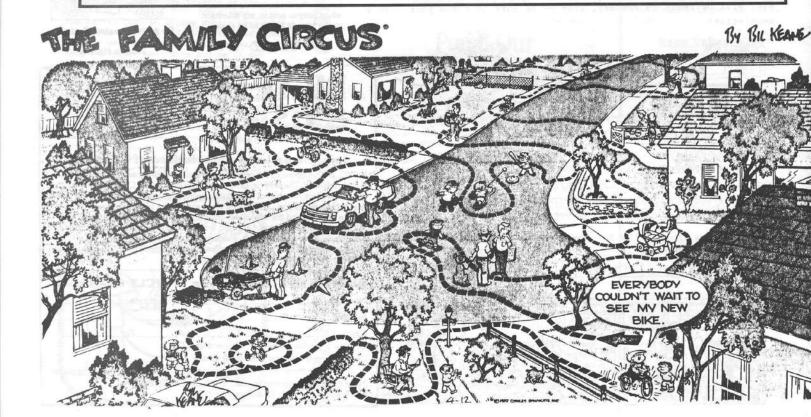
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#### **DUES ARE DUE MARCH 1st:**

Use form on back cover of this newsletter to renew your membership.



### Ques are due RENEW NOW

# TRIATHLON 1988-1989

Dec 4 Coca-Cola National Championship Sprint Triathlon, Dennis Tebon, 1752 N.W. Madrid Way, Boca Raton, FL 33432, (407) 394-3273, Boca Pointe Health Racket Club, Boca Raton, S: 5m B: 15.5m R: 3.3m Florida

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experts

· Course tours

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- · One mile swim
- 36 mile bike
- · 7 mile run

Entry Information ANTIGUA HOSTS TRI

Jan 28, 1989 Tri It at the Y Indoor Triathlon. Mike Heilbronn, Carlson MetroCenter YMCA, 444 E. Main St., Rochester, NY 14604, (716)

325-2880, Carlson MetroCenter YMCA, Rochester, New York S: 10 min. R: 10 min. Row: 10 min.

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Mar 19, 1989 Bonsai Biathlon, Myron Lehtman, 955 26th St., N.W. #207, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 338-0959, Washington, D.C. R: 5k B: 25k R:5k

Apr 8, 1989 WRSC Miller Lite Triathlon, James N. Bryant, 107 E. Main, Millheim, PA 16854, (814) 349-5666, Coburn, Pennsylvania R: 10k B: 20k Canoe: 16k

May 22, 1989 Columbia Triathlon, Robert Drew Vigorito, 6662 Windsor Ct., Columbia, MD, 21044, (301) 730-3880, Centennial Lake, Ellicot City, Maryland S: 1.5k B: 40k R: 10k

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The drawing above was the motif for the August 28 wedding of Debbie Kneppel and John Aniano. It was reproduced on mugs given as favors, and was the cover of a thoughtful "program" created by the bride and groom to commemorate their special day.

and an idyllic setting at Skylands Manor. And, in keeping with the fact that Debbie and John met on a BTCNJ ride, the club had a strong presence. We're sure the couple's relatives thought so.

It was special fun seeing 40 or so BTCNJers all dressed up in their finery -- no helmets, no gloves, no black shorts. (Maureen Kane's chinstrap tan was the only reminder of how we usually look on weekends.) In fact, the club must have given off such strong vibrations that Debbie unwittingly booked a band whose drummer turned out to be named Dave Rataczjak! (Our Dave, who out to be named Dave Rataczjak! (Our Dave, who spells his name differently, was also there.)

On behalf of all your club friends who attended, Debbie and John, I thank you for inviting us to enjoy a fantastic day.

-- Marian Calabro

The above article was reprinted from the BTCNJ November Newsletter.....





Elizabethton, PA.

September 1-4, 1989. Midwest Tandem Rally, Cleveland, OH. For more information, send a SASE to Ken Rochl & Candy Anker-Rochl, 3554 Fenley Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.

Late October or Early November, 1989. Southern Tandem Rally.

## The 1988 Eastern Tandem Rally

The University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, was where it all came together in '88. Since UNH is about as far north and east as you can find tandems in the US, the hosts, Bob & Linda Harvey and Anne and Emery Glass, offered a fourday option in addition to ETR's traditional threeday rally. This additional day was offered as a "roll your own ride day," a time to renew acquaintances and explore a bit of the countryside using maps from last year's New England Area Rally. To the Harvey's and the Glass's -- Thanks, it was a nice touch.

New England doesn't usually have temperatures in the 90's, but this year was the exception. Air conditioners are unknown, and box fans were at a premium. We heard of one couple who, after the first steamy night, bought or rented a fan from the local ice cream parlor. This enterprising couple, who shall remain nameless, got two very good night's sleep afterward. Other "high stakes" were being offered for anything that moved the oppressively hot air, but most tried to ignore the temperatures and ride. Of course, our erstwhile editors let everyone within earshot know that it was cooler in Alabama, and maybe the ETR should move south in the future.

The organized rides on Saturday and Sunday went to some of the historic forts and parks in the area. Lunch Saturday was at Ft. Odiorne State Park in Maine. At last, a bi-state rally. Sunday's lunch at Ft. Foster was a welcome respite, as, instead of the heat, we were looking for dry weather. Many of us got rained on on our way to the park! Have you ever heard a foghorn at close range? Awesome, to say the least!

One of the culinary delights was Saturday night's lobster bake. Fresh lobster, corn on the cobb, steamed clams, and on and on. The food seemed to last forever. It was a sight to behold, watching all the land-lubbers tackle their first whole lobster. The bibs were welcome. Otherwise many would be swimming in butter.

Fred Dodge, brother of the late Marshall Dodge -- Marshall co-authored The New England Humour Book -- regaled us with a one-man show about life in Maine. If only you had been there...

Sunday afternoon came all too soon, as it was time to head on our way to our destinations. Many couples went on to one of the two post tours offered. Others headed back to their homes throughout the US, Canada, and even Great Britain.

Next year's ETR is to be held in Elizabethtown, PA, in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country. We hope you can join us on our own "home turf" next year.

Scott & Amy Hoffman Lancaster, PA

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#### A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO

The wedding was beautiful, with perfect weather

Among the ushers were Mike Optekar and Paul Chaikowski. Leslie Stern was a bridesmaid. Kenn Pogash read a poem called "Love" by Roy Croft. And Paul Boddy blended touching sentiment with his usual perceptive humor in a reading called "Witness," which recounted Debbie and John's experiences on a BTCNJ tour of the Amish country.

TANDEM CALENDAR

May 27-29, 1989. Northwest Tandem Rally, '89. Bend, OR. SASE to Alpenglo Velo, P.O. Box 6324, Bend OR 97708. Or call Pat Lippy (503)-389-2503 for more information.

May 27-June 4, 1989. The Tandem Club International Week, '89. Meusandt- Burgundy , France. A terrific week sponsored by the Tandem Clubs of England, France, and Holland. SASE to Ian and Catie Grant, 47 Morant Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 2H2, England, (0206) 4523

Late July, 1989. Eastern Tandem Rally, '89. Watch Doubletalk for more information.

DUES ARE DUE

RENEW NOW

# Challenges Competitors to "Follow The Leader"

# Safety in Pacelines

by Stuart Levy

What is a paceline? A paceline is a useful concept to increase one's overall speed and decrease the amount of work that an individual must exert to maintain that speed. The downside of a paceline is that if the paceline does not act as cohesive unit, then the result could be unpleasant. There are some basic things that the individuals in a paceline should and should not do. These are discussed below.

The things that an individual should do while in a paceline:

- All of the cyclists should try to ride in as straight a line as possible.
- · Each cyclist should try to maintain a constant speed.
- There should be two to three feet between the riders. Some cyclists prefer to ride closer than this distance to increase the effect of the draft. This is a dangerous proposition, because it decreases the reaction time if something out of the ordinary happens in front of you.
- If a cyclist feels uncomfortable about being directly behind another cyclist, then the cyclist can move three inches to the side. This will decrease the effect of the vacuum slightly, but it will increase the safety of both cyclists dramatically.
- Make your intentions known. If the person pulling the paceline moves to the side, then he or she should try to communicate this action to the second person in line before it is performed. An easy way to do this is to look over your shoulder before pulling to the side.
- Standing up in paceline must

be done with great care. If you stand up too quickly, it forces your bike backwards six to twelve inches.

- If a person hits your rear tire, keep on pedaling at a constant speed. If you stop pedaling, chances are both of you will crash.
- If the leader is approaching an obstacle in the road, the leader should point it out. This signal should be passed on down the line. This holds true for cars approaching from the front or rear.

Things that individuals should not do in a paceline:

- If you are struggling to maintain the speed of the paceline while drafting, then you should probably not be in that paceline.
- Do not alter your speed dramatically. This is especially important when the paceline is approaching or starting to ascent a hill or grade.
- Individuals should never brake hard. If you feel that you are getting close to the cyclist in front of you, pedal a litle more slowly.
- You should never overlap wheels.
- A person using Scott handlebars should not have his arms in the extended position when in the middle or the rear of a paceline. If the cyclist is pulling (out front), then the arms can be in the extended position.

The most important thing that a person can do is to use his head and common sense. The cyclist must remember that his actions can have an impact on the people surroundinng him. So please be careful

- reprinted from Pedal Patter (Sept '88), the newsletter of the Potomac

TEAM DVBC'S (TEAM Casual's)

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participants entered! Average age: 30 Average bike time- 14:52 Average participant's time was 14:49 (20.2 mph) Timekeeping: Rollin' Rich Patterson

For information: call Rich at 215-622-2954. Course: Sugartown, Goshen, & Providence Roads.

Average Speed for 15-20 yrs old = 21.0 mph (4 riders) Average Speed for 21-30 yrs old = 21.2 mph (4 riders) Average speed for 31-40 yrs old = 20.4 mph (4 riders) Average Speed for 41-45 yrs old = 18.3 mph (2 riders)

TENTATIVE TEAM DELAWARE VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE

30, 9:15 AM 24- Glasgow, Del.8:30 AM DEC 18, 10:15 AM JAN 29, 1:00 PM FEB: NO TT! MAR 5, 1:00 PM APR 9, 9:15 AM MAY 14, 9:15 AM JUN 18, 9:15 AM

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Safety in Pacelines

In case Rich Patterson gets sick or must go on a business trip, at least one person is needed as a back-up timekeeper for the TEAM Casual Time Trial Program. Please call Rollin' Rich Patterson at 215-622-2954, if you can help! Thanks!

## P.O. Box 497 Media, PA 19063

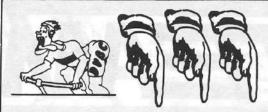
SEASON'S GREETINGS







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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, particularly helmets, is strongly urged, the club cannot accept responsibility for accidents or injury while participating in a DVBC event.

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- ☐ \$5.00 Team Delaware Valley Bicycle Club

  Team Casual! (Road Racing)
- □ \$5.00 DVBC Triathlon Div.
- ☐ \$5.00 DVBC Tandem Div.

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