## **MARCH 1996**

FREE!

#### FRANK HAVNOONIAN'S WONDERFUL AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE

Whenever the snows of January descended upon the Delaware Valley, Frank Havnoonian closed his Drexel Hill Cyclery for a week or two in search of sunnier climates for bicycling pleasures. After an extremely busy holiday season for bicycle sales, Frank was ready for vacation. However, instead of an annual January sojourn in tropical Hawaii, he decided to wheel and deal his way through the cities and the deserts of the "Lands Down Under."

Now, Frank was before us at the February meeting of the DVBC to share the highlights of his Australian tour. Along with his travelog, he delivered his new Aussy jokes and displayed his new knowledge of Australia's history and geography, and he completed his presentation with his new Aussy video, "The Land Down Under." Frank was all smiles and suntan, proof indeed that he had found a summery delightful vacationland -- Australia, the sixth continent, land of koalas and kangaroos and duckbilled platypi and the world's largest concentration of diasporsan Greek and Armenian people.

Just getting there was an adventure. With business busier than usual, Frank naturally delayed his paperwork and waited until the last chance to get a passport vanished in the G.O.P.- Presidential tug-o-war over the national budget. However, the federal offices opened January 8, departure day, and Frank was able to complete his papers and ride to the airport, as the Blizzard of '96 came blowing and snowing upon Philadelphia International. Fortunately, Frank with his rucksacked belongings and his boxed bicycle were airborne just two and a half hours before the curtailment of all departures.

Off to Chicago, L.A. and far and away! The flight to Australia has traditionally been the longest haul in airline travel. Weary passengers have learned to endure the conditions of packed sardine propinquity. And so did Frank. After experiencing the long flight and the inevitable jet lag, he declared that 15 1/2 hours of continuous riding upon a skinny bicycle saddle was a pain in the posterior far worse than 15 1/2 hours in a skinny airplane seat! However, this comparison came after Frank had enjoyed three weeks of fun bicycling from Brisbane to Sydney along the Pacific coast and then going south to spend time in Melbourne, before returning to the city that had been below thirty-six inches of ice and snow. — Christine Martha and Gina Bezdziecki.

#### MARCH MEETING: BARRY LADD

Mr. Barry Ladd, Mid-Atlantic Regional Sales Representative from Intrepid, the parent corporation for Trek, Klein and Bontrager bicycles will be discussing these product lines and bringing DVBC the latest news from Trek.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

DVBC needs volunteers to lead rides on week-ends. Membership in DVBC is free for anyone leading four or more rides. President Ernie Munns is also seeking helpers for publicity, road work, sag support, and hospitality for the May 19 Freedom Tour.

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

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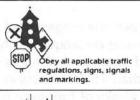
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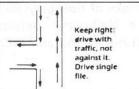


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#### **DVBC Meeting Place**

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.







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. 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.
- 5. Wearing a helmet is usually not mandatory, but is encouraged. (A helmet is mandatory for all rides.)
- 6. Do not "bike off" more than you can do. Go on rides within your ability, interest and experience.
- . 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: 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!

# RIDECALENDAR

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

Sat, Mar 2 • ? Miles: 10-40 • Class C+ Winter Saturdays	Don't stop riding because it's cold outside. Layer up and join Walt for his weekly Saturday C+ rides. Starting time & place, route and distance will vary depending on the weather. Call Walt at (610) 328-3494 for information.
Sun, Mar 3 • 11:00 a.m. Miles: 15-35 • Class C+/B- Cheyney-Westtown III	Enjoy this classic ride through the appealing scenery of Ridley Creek State Park, Creek Rd., Cheyney, and possibly Westtown. Meet at the Moylan-Rose Valley train station at Woodward & Manchester (Rose Valley) Rds. in Moylan. Take in some of the scenery that makes our Freedom Tour so popular. Call first as ride leader Ira Josephs may be away: (610) 565-4058.
Mon, Mar 4 • 7:30 p.m.  DVBC Meeting	Doors open at 7:00, meeting starts at 7:30. Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends' Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd., Springfield.
Thu, Mar 7 • 7:30 a.m. Miles: 5-30 • Class C Pancake Breakfast	Meet at Manhattan Bagel in the Manoa Shopping Center (W. Chester Pk. & Eagle Rd., Havertown). Each Thursday enjoy an easy-paced ride to a different local restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Bring money for breakfast. Please call if you are coming and get details then. Joel and Kate Perlish: (610) 789-7673.
Sat, Mar 9 • ? Miles: 10-40 • Class C+ Winter Saturdays	Don't stop riding because it's cold outside. Layer up and join Walt for his weekly Saturday C+ rides. Starting time & place, route and distance will vary depending on the weather. Call Walt at (610) 328-3494 for information.
Sun, Mar 10 • 10:30 a.m. Miles: 20 • Class C Ridley Creek St Park	Meet at the Drexel Hill Cyclery at 703 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill. Enjoy this leisurely ride to scenic Ridley Creek State Park & back. For more information, or if the weather is questionable, call Bob Martin at (610) 352-2114.
Mon, Mar 11 • 7:00 p.m.  DVBC Board Meeting	DVBC Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends' Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd., Springfield.
Thu, Mar 14 • 7:30 a.m. Miles: 5-30 • Class C Pancake Breakfast	Meet at Manhattan Bagel in the Manoa Shopping Center (W. Chester Pk. & Eagle Rd., Havertown). Each Thursday enjoy an easy-paced ride to a different local restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Bring money for breakfast. Please call if you are coming and get details then. Joel and Kate Perlish: (610) 789-7673.
Sat, Mar 16 • ? Miles: 10-40 • Class C+ Winter Saturdays	Don't stop riding because it's cold outside. Layer up and join Walt for his weekly Saturday C+ rides. Starting time & place, route and distance will vary depending on the weather. Call Walt at (610) 328-3494 for information.
Sun, Mar 17 • 10:00 a.m. Miles: 30 • Class C May the Road Rise	to meet you for this St. Patrick's Day ride. Meet at the E. O. Bull Bldg. in West Chester at Rosedale & High Sts. Mileage is approximate. Bring money for lunch at Dugal's Inn. Be sure to call if the weather is questionable. Wear a bit o' green. For more information call Fran at (610) 431-2675.
Wed, Mar 20 • 7:00 p.m. Delco Cycling Committee	Delaware County Cycling Committee Meeting, Helen Kate Furness Library, Providence Rd., Wallingford, PA. Tentative date & time; please call first. Ira: (610) 565-4058.
Thu, Mar 21 • 7:30 a.m. Miles: 5-30 • Class C Pancake Breakfast	Meet at Manhattan Bagel in the Manoa Shopping Center (W. Chester Pk. & Eagle Rd., Havertown). Each Thursday enjoy an easy-paced ride to a different local restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Bring money for breakfast. Please call if you are coming and get details then. Joel and Kate Perlish: (610) 789-7673.
Sat, Mar 23 • ? Miles: 10-40 • Class C+ Winter Saturdays	Don't stop riding because it's cold outside. Layer up and join Walt for his weekly Saturday C+ rides. Starting time & place, route and distance will vary depending on the weather. Call Walt at (610) 328-3494 for information.
Sun, Mar 24 • 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) 449-3305 (evenings) for more information.
Thu, Mar 28 • 7:30 a.m. Miles: 5-30 • Class C Pancake Breakfast	Meet at Manhattan Bagel in the Manoa Shopping Center (W. Chester Pk. & Eagle Rd., Havertown). Each Thursday enjoy an easy-paced ride to a different local restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Bring money for breakfast. Please call if you are coming and get details then. Joel and Kate Perlish: (610) 789-7673.
Sat, Mar 30 • ? Miles: 10-40 • Class C+ Winter Saturdays	Don't stop riding because it's cold outside. Layer up and join Walt for his weekly Saturday C+ rides. Starting time & place, route and distance will vary depending on the weather. Call Walt at (610) 328-3494 for information.

<sup>\*</sup>Free 1996 membership for anyone leading 4 or more listed rides in 1995. Call Ira (610-565-4058) or Doug (610-543-4664) for details.

The following ride leaders earned a free 1996 DVBC membership by leading 4 or more listed rides: Doug Kennedy, Rich Bernhard, Jeff & Betty Smith, Ira Josephs, Frank Havnoonian, Chris Martha, Charlie Stockley, Fran DeMillion, Walt Linton, Bob Leon, Dan Coraluzzi, Joel & Kate Perlish, Tom Sota and Bob Martin. A big thank you to them all.

## Delaware County Cycling Committee Meeting Notes

The Delaware County Cycling Committee is gearing up for a big first anniversary meeting, Monday, February 26th at 7:30 P.M. at the Delco Peace Center. We've mailed notices to all Delaware County members of the Bicycle Coalition of the Delaware Valley and the Delaware Valley Bike Club, posted them in bike shop, and will have them in local newspapers. We also plan to give follow up calls to those receiving the mailing to ensure a large turnout.

Our agenda will cover an overview of our accomplishments including: Delaware County Council candidate surveys, and a survey of train station bike parking facilities; our county-wide bicycle transportation plan including bike routes, shoulder enhancements, road signs, rail-trails, and bike parking; and the Chester Creek Branch Rail-Trail Project.

We have maps and photographs from the Delaware County Planning Commission, a slide presentation on the Rail-Trail, and petitions to sign in support of the Rail-Trail conversion.

A brochure and membership application from our Friends of the Chester Creek Branch Committee were mailed with our meeting notices and are available by contacting Mike Fusco at 610-558-1262. We've already received our first donations.

We are meeting with the Aston Township New Building Construction Committee and if we get their support, we'll move forward with the sensitive task of starting negotiations with Septa for the rights to the Chester Creek Branch Rail Line.

With Spring fast approaching, we expect to have a lot of jobs for new volunteers, from attending public events to pass out literature and gain support for our Rail-Trail Conversion to on-the-road cyclists' help in identifying good and bad roads for various PennDot projects.

Lastly, we urge everyone to vote in favor of the Open Space bond issue that will be on the ballot in the April primary election. It is worth a small increase in taxes to preserve and even reclaim some quickly disappearing green space in Delaware County and the money could possibly be used by us to fund our Rail-Trail Conversion and other projects.

Please come to our next meeting the end of March (call Ira at 565-4058 for date) and feel free to bring up other bicycling issues that you feel concerned about.

#### **Items for Sale**

Bridgestone MB-3, 52 cm, Hyperlite H-bars, Turbo Saddle, almost new, \$500.00

Specialized Allez Comp, 43 cm, open 4 CD's, Complete 105 group, gel saddle, ridden 5 times, sacrifice: \$500.00.

Pedastyle ceiling-to-floor bike hanger; holds 2 bikes. Adjusts to any size. Retails \$175.00. A steal at \$50.00.

All above items: Nick - (610) 296-8529

## 1996 Bicycling Events Calendar

## March

30: Icicle Metric Century: Newark, DE. 8 A.M. U. of De. Hollingsworth parking lot, North College & Cleveland Aves. 16/31/62 rolling mi. \$9 until 3/26, then \$12. White Clay BC. SASE: Dave Bundas, 321 Indian Town Rd., Landenberg, PA 19350. (610) 255-0799.

## **April**

**14: Taxing Metric Century.** Send SASE to: Brandywine Bicycle Club, P. O. Box 3162, West Chester, PA 19381.

28: BCP Swap Meet Fairmount Park Waterworks.

## May

- 4: Williamsport, PA Spring Fling. 25/50/100 mi. \$10 by 4/27. Grier's House, 1616 Lafayette Parkway, Loyalstock, PA
- **5: Mexican Metric Century.** Send SASE to Suburban Cyclists Unlimited, P.O. Box 401, Horsham, PA 19044.
- 19: John Pixton Memorial Poker Ride. ATB 20/50/65 mi. Send SASE to Pennsylvania Bicycle Club, c/o Laurama Pixton, 445 Dreshertown Road, Ft. Washington, PA 19034.
- **19:** Freedom Tour. 8/ 28/ 35/50/ 65 mi. Send SASE to Delaware Valley Bicycle Club, P. O. Box 274, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.
- 24-27: 14th Annual BBC Kent County Spring Fling: SASE to KCSF 1996 3212 Midfield Road, baltimore, MD 21208.

#### June

2: Freedom Valley Bike Ride. Bicycle Coalition of Delaware Valley, P. O. Box 8194, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

21-23: Philadelphia to D.C. AIDS Ride. 250 mi. \$45 to register plus pledges. SASE to Philadelphia-D.C. AIDS Ride, 1215 Connecticut Ave, NW, 3rd Fl., Washington, DC, 20036.

## July

3-7: LAB National Rally, Dayton OH. 1-800-288-BIKE.

7: Delaware Doublecross: White Clay BC. 8 AM, Port Penn, DE. \$8 before 6/30; \$10 at start. SASE; Aaron Chen, 446 Haystack Drive, Newark, DE 19711, (302) 731-1456.

14: ACS Bike-a-thon. 215-985-5314.

## August

18: Covered Bridges Metric Century. Lancaster Bicycle Club, P. O. Box 535, Lancaster, PA 17608

## September

**8: Brandywine Tour:** 28, 50, 100 mi. SASE to Delaware Valley Bicycle Club, P. O. Box 274, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

8: BCP Century: P. O. Box 30325, Phila. PA 19103

10: 10th Annual Amish Country

**Tour:** White Clay BC. 7 A.M. Near Visitor Center, Federal Street, Legislative Mall, Dover, DE. \$15 before 9/2/96; \$20 at start. Painted route, map, sag wagon, food stop, water bottle. SASE: Amish Country Tour, PO Box 1729, Dover, DE (302) 739-BIKE or (302) 697-6400.

22: Lake Nockamixon Century.
Suburban Cyclists Unlimited. 7 AM, Hatboro

Horsham High School, Rt. 463 & Babylon Rd., Horsham, PA. SASE to SCU, P. O. Box 401, Horsham, PA 19044.

28-29: MS City to Shore: 1-800-445-BIKE.

28-29: Rehoboth Twin Century:

White Clay BC. & A.M., Hollingsworth Parking Lot, University of DE, North College & Cleveland Avenues, Newark, DE. \$22 per person (double occupancy) before 9/20/96. SASE: Don Carbaugh, 49 Marsh Woods Lane, Wilmington, DE 19810, (302) 529-7929.

#### October

**5: Seagull Classic:** Salisbury State University Bicycle Club, Salisbury, MD.

18-20: 8th Annual Cape May

**Weekend:** White Clay BC. Symrna High School, Symrna, DE. \$80 per person includes two nights lodging. SASE: Chuck Harris, 10 Stockwell Road, Wilmington, DE 19809. (302) 764-2644.

## **DVBC TOUR PLANNER**

March 17-18: Winter Gear: Mt. Dora, FL. League of American Bicyclists, 410-288-BIKE.

June 7-10: G.E.A.R. Millersville, PA. LAB. 413-288-BIKE.

JUNE 16-23: Pedal Pennsylvania, Great Northern Crossing Erie to Philadelphia. SASE to Bob Ingersoll, 1914 Brandywine Street, Phila., PA 19130.

JUNE 21-26: Bike Virginia Civil War Odyssey. SASE: Bike Virginia, P.O. Box 203, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0203. (804) 229-0507.

JULY 21-27: Pedal Pennsylvania,

**7-Day Pittsburgh to Philadelphia.** SASE to Bob Ingersoll, 1914 Brandywine St., Philadelphia, PA 19130.

JULY 21-27: CAM Cycle Across
Maryland Tour. SASE to CAM VIII, 7
Church Lane -- Suite 8, Baltimore, MD 21208.
Applications will be sent in March. Limited to 1,500.

July 28-- August 2: Maine Moose Tour: SASE: Maine Wheels Bicycle Club, ic/o Meerle and Molly Glines, 225 Paris Hill Road, South Paris, Maine 04281. (207) 743-2577.

#### COMMERCIAL TOUR COMPANIES

America By Bicycle P.O. Box 805 Atkinson, NH 03811-0805 http:// www.abbike.com

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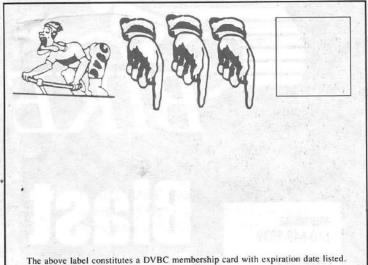
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Non-members are welcome on rides, but are urged to consider their ability and experience when selecting a ride. (See Ride Guidelines.) All rides are subject to cancellation due to weather, If in doubt about the weather or level of difficulty of the ride, please call the ride leader. Though the use of safety equipment 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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