

DELAWARE VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

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DVBC GETS ITS OWN WORLDWIDE WEB DOMAIN

Christopher Harendza

The hard work and dedication of Ira Josephs, Gina Bezdziecki, Bob Leon, David Bennett, Katrina Dowidchuk, Jan Chadwick, Judy LaDrew, and all of the volunteers and ride leaders has been a major factor in the growth of the club over the last two years. Undoubtedly, the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club (DVBC) web page has been a factor in that success.

There have been 5,440 visitations (!) since I developed the site in July, 1997, a very impressive number by most any standard. The web site has undergone several revisions since its inception and is updated regularly. Now we can go to a new level: say goodbye to that old lengthy address and move into a faster lane of the electronic age.

I have always felt that the Internet is over-hyped and is nothing more than a logical marriage of computers and communications. One could say that it is the fuel for the "irrational exuberance" of Wall Street. Undoubtedly, if a business or organization is not on the World Wide Web, then it will be losing out on exposure.

The DVBC Web page has made the Club much more visible in the cycling community, especially in the Delaware Valley – numerous people have shown up on our rides and tours because of the Web.

Thanks to Mr. Antonio Rocha of Crafttech Internet Services, in Media, PA, the DVBC now has a unique internet domain: <http://www.dvbc.org>. Note that the domain, or address is ".org," as we are a "non-profit organization." If you type dvbc.com, be prepared to visit the "Don Valley Bible Chapel" (which may be affiliated with Don Larson, but this is uncertain).

Mr. Rocha, a DVBC Member, has graciously donated the resources for this endeavor – Crafttech will provide the server space free of charge – the club only needs to pay for the yearly domain registration fee (What is a server? Heck if I know – I think it's a computer hooked to the WWW that has special software that allows you to look at its files).



Previously, I had maintained the DVBC Web Page on my personal web server space through Netreach and it was treated as a "personal web page." It was part of my monthly access fee and was free

to the club.

Even though most of us surf and jump around the net and rarely type in an address, the new domain will certainly make things easier and the name will be much more recognizable to persons new to the club. Most importantly, the new server is likely to be much faster than a "personal server" and have fewer traffic problems.

Please visit the DVBC web site and update your bookmark. Remember that you can find all of the club information, including tours, current ride schedule and links to nearly 100 web sites that are of interest to cyclists. Most importantly, when you see Tony, give him a big thank you!

<http://www.dvbc.org>

Lehigh Valley Velodrome

One of this country's finest cycling venues, the Lehigh Valley Velodrome, is located just an hour or so north of most DVBC members' homes. You don't have to be a cycling aficionado to appreciate a summer evening spent under the stars watching exciting pro bike races. Every Friday night, from June 4 through August 27, the Velodrome's one-third kilometer outdoor oval hosts some of the finest track racers in the world.

So let's make plans and go! E-mail club president Ira Josephs <bikeira@juno.com> or phone him at (610) 565-4058 so a Friday evening group excursion can be arranged. Special group rates are available.

1999 Pro-Am Race Calendar Lehigh Valley Velodrome Trexlerstown, Pennsylvania

June 4	Festival of Speed Featuring the Bicycle Racing League Finals
June 11	USA vs. Australia
June 18	Fastest Man on Wheels
June 25	Madison Cup
July 2	NO RACING
July 9	American Team Cycling & Northeast Regionals
July 16	Pro-Am Open
July 23	American Team Cycling
July 30	Tandem-onium
August 6	American Team Cycling Championship Game
Aug 10-14	EDS National Track Cycling Championships
August 20	Air Products Night
August 27	The Keirin Cup and Rider of the Year Awards

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DVBC Meeting Place

Delaware County Peace Center,
 Springfield Friends Meeting, 1001
 Old Sproul Road (behind the car
 wash at Rt. 320 and Old Marple
 Road). Meetings are usually held
 the first Monday of the most
 months.

DVBC welcomes articles and ride
 reports for the newsletter. Please
 submit your proofread materials to
 the Editor before the 14th of each
 month.

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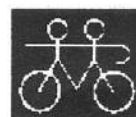
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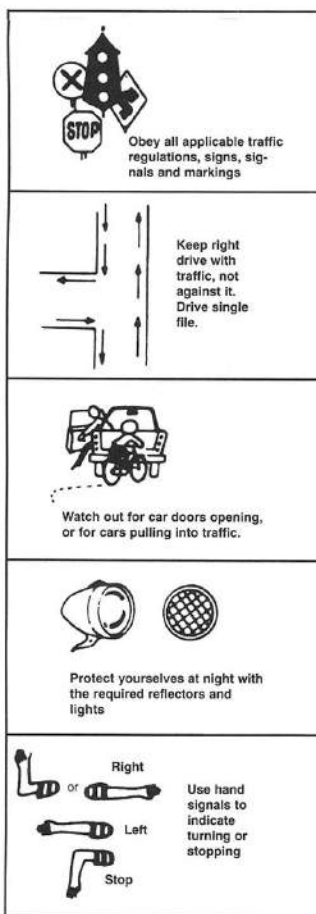
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 Delaware Valley*

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Ride Guidelines



1. Arrive early and be ready to leave on time. Rides start no more than 5-7 minutes late.
2. Make sure your bike is in proper working order before you arrive.
3. Carry a spare tube, patch kit, and water bottle.
4. Practice safety and obey all traffic laws.
5. A helmet is mandatory for all DVBC rides.
6. All Club rides are rated according to the degree of difficulty. Do not "bike off" more than you can do. Go on rides within your ability, interest and experience. If you're in doubt about your ability, try out a ride one class below the one you're not sure of and work your way up.
7. Ride classifications:
Class D: For new, inexperienced riders or families: 7-9 mph average moving speed with frequent stops and as few hills as possible. The group will wait for all riders. The ride lengths are usually are less than 10 miles, but longer distances are permissible.
Class C-: For average riders: 10-11 mph average moving speed with rest stops as needed. The group will wait for stragglers. The recommended distance is 10-30 miles.
Class C+: Also for average riders: 12-13 mph average moving speed with rest stops every 45-60 minutes. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
Class B-: For more experienced riders: 14-15 mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
Class B+: For strong riders: 16-18 mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
Class A: For very strong riders: 19+ mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.
8. Each rider assumes his/her own risk on all 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. The general public is invited to all events organized by the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club. Except for the Freedom Tour, Brandywine Tour and Club picnic, all club events are free to the general public. The general public is welcome!

President's Column, by Ira Josephs



I don't know about the rest of you, but I am getting so busy, I'm about to overload. May has got to be the busiest month with great biking events on all five weekends. Not to mention bike meetings, Little League baseball, soccer, my house renovation, etc.

May 2 is the popular **Mexican Metric Ride** put on by Suburban Cyclists Unlimited in Horsham and also the **Five Borough Bike Tour** in New York. I've got to do that sometime--what a great way to show my kids the "Big Apple".

Also on that date is the **Fairmount Classic** mountain bike race at Belmont Plateau. A high class event with some good riders in our own backyard. Anybody from the Media area want to ride to it?

We all know that the next Sunday brings our own **Open Space Tour**. Have you volunteered for it yet? Please call Gina right away at 525-0129 to say you'll help.

The 16th is Pennsylvania Bike Club's **Poker Ride** and the 15th is the **Amateur Bike Challenge** at the courthouse in Media. This is a kids' time trial and a prelude to the First Union U.S. Pro race June 6 in Philly. Bring your kids to race. It's only \$2 to register and stay to help marshall the course or do timing. We have been co-sponsors the last two years.

The Bicycle Coalition's **Freedom Valley Bike Ride** is the 23rd. It's the region's largest tour with two thousand riders, three start locations, and good food and routes. And the \$25 cost goes to the Coalition to promote better bicycling in the city and suburbs.

Just think of it as a donation to benefit

Philly area bicyclists and you get a nice ride and t-shirt to boot.

Sunday, May 30, is the **Christiana Care Cup** in Wilmington with a men's and women's race including most of the same field that will race June 6

in Philly in the **Liberty Classic** and U.S. Pro races. Remember that they'll also be in Lancaster the following Tuesday and Trenton on Thursday, so you have an exciting eight days of racing.

If that's not enough racing action, let's have some DVBC trips to the Lehigh Valley Velodrome for the very different and interesting track races including the National Finals.

As if we're not too busy already.

Peter Odell's Ride

Bob Leon

We met at the Salem Oak diner at 7:30 am. We were five for breakfast, with two more coming just before the ride.

Our ride leader was the experienced Bob LaDrew, on a tandem with his wife Judy, the stoker and navigator. With the cue sheet attached firmly to the back of Bob's jersey, we started the ride. Out of the diner, turn right, down 2 blocks and turn right again.

We rode some 300 yards when the words of the day bellowed out, "Sorry, we have to turn back." These words would echo every few miles throughout the entire day as we made our way through the route. Sorry, we missed the turn. Sorry, we have to go

back. Sorry, turn around. And so it went as the extra miles piled on, or so we thought.

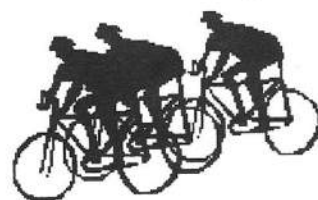
At one point we were off course, but we put our heads together and found our way. We cut out a few miles, which we made up by, "Sorry, we have to go back."

We all had a great time and a lot of laughs. The ride was so scenic through the wetlands with wildlife out in full force. We saw waterfowl, nine deer in the fields, and several birds in the sky.

Without exception, everyone had a great ride. I am SORRY. I loved the ride and plan on doing it this summer.

I hope Bob and Judy will lead us on the **I Am Sorry Peter Odell's Salem Oak Diner Ride** soon. I am sorry, but I'll be there.

There will be no general member's meeting of the DVBC on Monday, May 3.
We're all out riding!



We welcome write ups and photos of rides for the newsletter. Please submit materials by the tenth of the month for the next newsletter.



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RIDE CALENDAR

May 1999



Ride Descriptions

Saturday, May 1. 7:30 am Miles: 84+. Class B <i>Mays Landing</i>	We'll start from the Kingsway High School on Routes 322 and 551 (just over the Commodore Barry Bridge). From there we can stop for breakfast first or ride to the Sugar Hill deli for great food before returning to Kingsway. Call Bob at 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 2. 9:00 am Miles: 20 +-. Class C <i>Jersey Ramble</i>	We'll meet at the Kingsway High School on Routes 322 and 551 for a training ride through south Jersey. Call Bob at 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 2. 8:45 am Miles: 54+. Class B/B+ <i>Downingtown</i>	Meet at Rose Tree Park (on Rt. 252 just north of Rt. 1) for a ride to Downingtown. Rest stop there and then return via the same route. This is a gorgeous ride through several creek valleys with a few major climbs. Expect a fast pace. Contact Christopher Harendza at 610.449.6456 or elzchris@netreach.net.
Sunday, May 2. 9:00 am Miles: 28. Class C <i>Brandywine</i>	Join Tony Iacarrino for a meandering ride through Chadds Ford and beautiful Chester County. We'll make one quick food stop on our journey. Ride begins at Chadds Ford Elementary School, located off Route 1, ¼ mile South of Rte. 100. Please call Tony with any questions. 610.265.5455.
Monday, May 3.	There will not be a general meeting of the DVBC. We're all out riding!
Tuesday, May 4. 6:00 pm Miles: 20+. Class C <i>Vocabulary Ride</i>	The weekly Tuesday evening rides begin again. Last year it seemed we talked a lot about words, definitions and parts of speech, so bring an interesting word or just your bike. Meet at the Pathmark parking lot in Ridley Township for a ride through the Ridley, Swarthmore, and Wallingford areas. Call Dave 610.534.0232.
Thursday, May 6. Early am Miles: 10-25. Class C <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	This ride will be held every Thursday throughout the month and will originate from 401 Colfax Road in Havertown at around 7:30 am. Bring money for breakfast. Call Joel and Kate Perlsh at 610.789.7673 on the Wednesday before the ride for the exact time.
Thursday, May 6. 5:30 pm Miles: 10-15. Class C <i>After Work Spring Special</i>	Get your spring riding season off to a great start by joining Fran DeMillion for a ride to celebrate the end of the workweek, and get you ready for the weekend. The ride will begin at various locations in the Ridley Creek State Park area, but please call Fran first to confirm your attendance and the location. 610.431.2675, and day of the ride, call 610.648.1570.
Saturday, May 8. 9:00 am Miles: 65. Class B <i>Volunteers Ride</i>	All Volunteers only ----- Ride the Open Space Tour to check our route markings and make sure the roads are bicycle friendly. Call Ira, Gina or Bob for details. Their phone numbers are listed in the front cover of the newsletter.

The (What's Left of) Open Space Tour sponsored by DVBC

Sunday, May 9. 8-9:00 am - 65 & 50 miles 9-10:00 am - 35, 18 & 8 miles <i>The (What's Left of) Open Space Tour</i>	Come out and enjoy the Delaware Valley Bike Club's fabulous spring tour, celebrating the theme of Open Space. Tour begins at Ridley Creek State Park, and meanders through parts of beautiful Delaware and Chester Counties. Tour features wonderful scenery, food and water stops, cue sheets, well-marked routes, and sag wagon. Cost: \$10 Day of Tour. Rain or shine. Call or email Ira Josephs at 610.565.4058 or bikeira@juno.com
Monday, May 10. 7:00 pm <i>DVBC Board Meeting</i>	Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends' Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd. in Springfield. The meeting is open to all club members. Contact Ira Josephs at 610.565.4058 or bikeira@juno.com .

Tuesday, May 11. 6:00 pm	Vocabulary Ride. See May 4 for details. Miles: 20+. Class C
Thursday, May 13. Early am	Pancake Breakfast. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-25. Class C
Thursday, May 13. 5:30pm	After Work Spring Special. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-15. Class C
Saturday, May 15. 9:00 am Miles: 25+. Class C <i>Old Fort Mifflin</i>	Meet at the Pathmark parking lot (on MacDade Blvd.) in Ridley Township for a ride through Southern Delaware County to Old Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River. We will try to stay off the main roads as much as possible but expect some traffic. Call Dave 610.534.0232
Saturday, May 15. 9:00 am Miles: 70. Class B <i>Inner 50</i>	Meet at the RCSP Park Office. We'll ride to Chadds Ford and do the Inner 50 of the Brandywine tour before returning to RCSP. Bring or buy lunch along the way. Call Bob 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 16. 2:00 pm Miles: 25. Class C <i>After Church Classic</i>	Note the change in starting location. Join Frank Jackson on this convenient Sunday afternoon expedition. Stretch out the legs and prepare for the workweek with a meander to Neuman College and back. The ride will begin from the Pathmark parking lot on MacDade Blvd. In Ridley Township. Call Frank at 610.534.3978.
Sunday, May 16. 9:00 am Miles: 35. Class B <i>New and Different</i>	Join Steve Lake for a great ride throughout the Western Suburbs. Ride will begin at the Bike Line in Paoli, which is on Lancaster Ave. close to Rte. 252. Call Steve with questions. 610.647.6269. This ride will feature a new route and travels through some great roads throughout the scenic suburbs.
Sunday, May 16. 9:00 am Miles 25 +-. Class C <i>Meandering Around</i>	Start: Kingsway High School routes 322 & 551. We'll play "Follow-the-Leader." Whoever happens to be leading at a crossroad and decides to take it, the rest will follow. Call Bob 610.833.2096.
Tuesday, May 18. 7:00 pm <i>DCCC Meeting</i>	Delaware County Peace Center, Springfield Friends' Meeting, 1001 Old Sproul Rd. in Springfield. Everyone is welcome. Contact Ira Josephs at 610.565.4058 or bikeira@juno.com . This month's meeting will include the annual meeting of the Friends of the Chester Creek Rail-Trail.
Tuesday, May 18 6:00 pm	Vocabulary Ride. See May 4 for details. Miles: 20+. Class C
Thursday, May 20. Early am	Pancake Breakfast. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-25. Class C
Thursday, May 20. 5:30pm	After Work Spring Special. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-15. Class C
Saturday, May 22. 7:00 am Miles: 126. Class B <i>Ocean City NJ</i>	Join me for the first 1999 ride to the shore and back. We'll meet at the Kingsway High School on routes 322 and 551. Bring money for food and drink along the way. Call Bob for more details: 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 23. 9:00 am Miles: 25 +- Class C <i>Manayunk Farmers Market</i>	Meet me at the Valley Forge trail head for a ride down the Schuylkill trail to Manayunk. Bring or buy lunch at the Framers Market. Call Bob 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 23, 8:00am Miles: 32 Class B <i>Brandywine Junket.</i>	Experience the Brandywine's undiscovered beauty. Ride will begin from a McDonald's parking lot in Downingtown. To get there, take Rte. 202 to Rte. 30 West, exit Lancaster Ave., left onto Business Rte. 30. 1.5 miles west to McDonald's in Downingtown. Bob LaDrew at 610.383.9327 or 2ladrews@netreach.net
Tuesday, May 25. 6:00 pm	Vocabulary Ride. See May 4 for details. Miles: 20+. Class C
Thursday, May 27. 5:30 pm	After Work Spring Special. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-15. Class C
Thursday, May 27. Early am	Pancake Breakfast. See May 6 for details. Miles: 10-25. Class C
Saturday, May 29. 8:30 am Miles: 65+- Class B <i>Chester County</i>	Meet behind the Dunkin' Donuts and ride somewhere into Chester County with a possible stop at Northbrook Orchards. Call Bob 610.833.2096.
Sunday, May 30. 8:00 am Miles: 80+ <i>Wilmington US Pro</i>	If anyone is interested in riding down to Wilmington, DE to watch the US Pro event, please give me a call. It will be an all-day affair, but the route down there is beautiful, and the event itself is great to watch. Call Katrina. 610.789.4438.

Sunday, May 30. 9:30 am Miles: 35+- Class C <i>Kountry Kitchen</i>	Join me for a ride to the Kountry Kitchen. We'll meet at that familiar start, Kingsway High School, routes 322 & 551 in New Jersey. Be there for a relaxing ride to a good breakfast. Call Bob at 610.833.2096.
Monday, May 31. 8:49 am Miles: 25 (+45 option) Class B-/C+ <i>Ridley Ridley</i>	Come and join Rich Wagner for a fun jaunt out through Ridley Creek State Park. (And, you'll have the option to continue on a longer ride, which will ride to Philadelphia and back.) Ride leaves Ridley Creek train station, located at Hinckley Rd. & Morton Ave. in Ridley, right after the R2 local arrives from Center City. Call Rich Wagner with questions. 610.521.4570.
Sunday, June 6. 8:45 am Miles: 60+. Class B+ <i>Doe Run</i>	Meet at Rose Tree Park (on Rt. 252 just north of Rt. 1) for a ride to the Doe Run Valley of Chester County. Bring food and or money for food. Expect a fast pace and quite a few tough climbs. A cue sheet will be provided for those who ride ahead or for those who wish a slower pace. Contact Christopher Harendza at 610.449.6456 or elzchris@netreach.net .

- Wear a helmet. Dress appropriately. Call the ride leader first to confirm.
- I tried to make everything accurate as possible. If it's not, I apologize. Just let me know.
- Call or email me by May 15th to list rides for June, 1999. 610.789.4438.
- Email: greeneggsandham3@juno.com

Welcome New Members!

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Tour de HH - A Visit to Harry Havnoonian's Bicycle Works, By Chris Martha

Last April 5, Harry Havnoonian opened the doors of his year-old Cycle Sport, Media, PA, shop to give the gathered members of the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club a tour of his bicycle manufacturing facilities in the basement below his retail store. Usually Harry talks to bike clubs about his workmanship, but now he was showing off 25 years of ingenuity.

The spacious meticulously kept work areas in the Media location gave Harry the opportunity to make TIG (tongue in groove) welded frames. TIG welding was impossible to do in Harry's old South Philly workplace, because that building did not meet fire safety requirements. So Harry was eager to move his bicycle making to Media in order to adopt this process that creates stronger frames at significantly lower production costs.

Hanging from the ceiling down the middle of the shop were neatly arrayed TIG welded frames. The frames were all lined up in size order by one centimeter increments, from 46 cm frames for itty-bitty gals who are almost as small as I am, to the gigantic 74 cm frames that could make most b-ball playing daddy longlegs happy harry-bike riders. I was surprised, for these were "stocked" frames, not the usual custom tailored hand built HH products.

Although Harry has been building several hundred bikes a year, TIG welding now enabled him to substantially increase his productivity. Now he could go almost "big time" for a small builder by taking production orders to make the top of the line model frames for manufacturers like Raleigh or for jobs such as the various children's track bikes that Harry was currently displaying in the retail store. These little banana yellow whippets on 24 inch wheels, were going to the Lehigh Valley Velodrome for young racers in training.

Through the years, Harry has garnered the secrets of his competitors by studying their products that his workers repair. From the faults of others he has

created superior designs. Along the walls of the workshop, we saw the broken bikes from makers such as Trek, Klein, Specialized, Cannondale, even Litespeed -- all with misalignments or bends or cracks or corroded joints.

Some of these bicycles were broken because of poor design. Harry held up a wrecked Trek and told us the carbon fiber and aluminum frame had failed before the bike was two years old. With a ten year old Klein, Harry showed us a corroded top tube where cable guides that should have been glued on had been tack welded instead, creating weak spots that gave opportunity to the corrosion forming forces of heat, moisture and stress. "This frame is ready to fail," Harry said. Such assembly explained why Harry has refused to put badges on HH head tubes. Although collectors savor the badges, Harry remarked that many Raleigh head tubes had failed because the weak spot was where the badge had been tacked on.

Most custom-made HH bikes, however, do not come from stock production, but from careful measurements taken from the rider upon his or her current bicycle. With the vital statistics, Harry would make a plan that had all the calculated lengths and angles.

The machinery that mitered and cut the tubes of various metals to form the angles precisely and mete the lengths to the exact millimeter were Harry's ingenious secrets. Although Harry has purchased several machines from companies that manufacture machines for building bicycles, most of his racks and rigs are home-builts, fashioned from various grinders, cutters and motors that he had garnered from machine shop auctions and other industrial sales. All of these machines represented thousands and thousands of dollars in investment into his business. "My machines are my SUV," Harry explained. "Every time I earn enough money to put a down payment on an SUV, I buy another machine."

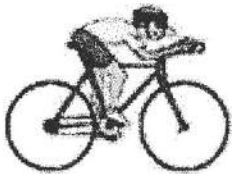
For Harry, the most important and most expensive piece of

equipment, was the 3,000 pound metal table that holds tubes in place for pre-TIG weld assembly. He dubbed the table, "Harry's Procrustean Bed," an allusion to the villain from classical mythology who made people fit his bed either by cutting off long long legs or stretching out short short spines. For this table ensures the precise fit and alignment of tubes to be TIG welded. The table had many holes to allow the placement of clamps and swiveling jigs for precision alignment. Once the tubes were in place, the workmen tightened the rig to hold the tubes for tack welding, a preparatory step that puts the tubes together with beads of solder. The welder next clamped the tacked frame into the welding stand where he dabbed the beads at the junctures of the tubes under the intense heat of the welding torch. We all stood back to watch the process, but Harry let a few of us take turns wearing the welder's mask to examine closely the creation of the weld.

Having the ability to be competitive in making production frames for entry-level bikes, however, was not enough to satisfy Harry, who is a very competitive entrepreneur. Technology has been constantly changing bicycles, and bicycle manufacturers must offer the changes that customers desire. So Harry declared that he is working on new projects

to offer features that bike buyers crave. This year, he has made plans to offer a replaceable rear derailleur hanger, something people now expect on upscale models of stock bikes. Harry has also begun thinking about a dual suspension mountain bike to produce later this year. He admitted that he doesn't know yet what type of rear suspension he'll design, but he's keenly interested in offering a "dualie." Undoubtedly, it will be superior.





The What's Left of Open Space Tour (Formerly the Freedom Tour)

Sunday May 9th, 1999

65, 50, 35, 18 and 8 mile routes

Sponsored by the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club

Time: 8-9 AM for 65 & 50 milers; 9-10 AM for 35, 18 & 8 milers

Place: Ridley Creek State Park, Media, PA Picnic area #15

Cost: \$8 pre-registration (if postmarked by April 30, 1999) \$10 day of Tour

Tour will be held rain or shine

Expected Attendance: 150-250 riders

Services Provided by DVBC: Food & water stops, cue sheets, sag wagon, rest rooms, marked routes

Routes: The new theme is a celebration of open space, which is being lost to development at a rate of an acre an hour in the region. The scenic tour will begin at Ridley Creek State Park and will meander up & down through parts of Delaware and Chester counties that are still open spaces, including the 126 acre "Horse Farm" in western Delaware County planned for future development by Toll Brothers. Information will be available at the ride start at how you can become more involved in saving Pennsylvania's Open Spaces. Routes from previous years subject to change based on the availability of open space! As always, there will be plentiful food and rest stops for all riders!

Description: You travel at your own pace, with family or friends, or make new cycling friends along the way. All ages, all abilities and all types of bikes are welcome. The 8-mile route is a great way for beginners and families to experience the fun of a tour 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 and tire irons. Each rider assumes his/her own responsibility.

For More Information: Call Ira Josephs at (610) 565-4058 or e-mail at bikeira@juno.com.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Intended ride distance: ☐ 65 mi. ☐ 50 mi. ☐ 35 mi. ☐ 18 mi. ☐ 8 mi.

Waiver/Release

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for entry into the above event, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my participation in the said event. This release is intended to discharge in advance the promoters, the sponsors, the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club, the promoting clubs, the officials, and any involved municipalities or other public entities (and their respective agents and employees) from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons mentioned above.

I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during bicycle riding; and that participants in bicycle riding occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries, and/or property damage, as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of bicycle riding, nevertheless, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages. It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release, and assumption of risk is to be binding to my heirs and assigns.

Signature _____

Signature of parent or guardian (if rider under 18 years) _____

Please send this signed form with a check or money order made out to DVBC by April 30 to:

Open Space Tour Delaware Valley Bicycle Club PO Box 156 Woodlyn, PA 19094-0156

Come, Join a Ride

by Bob Leon

I trust all our members have dusted off their bicycles and ridden several miles in April. With that said, I'd like everyone to make it a point to join one of our club ride leaders and meet the other club members starting this month.

If you've never ridden with a group, you're missing out on all the fun and camaraderie of riding a bicycle. Our club members are very friendly people who enjoy the

outdoors, bicycling, and the company of others. The ride leaders are experienced, and can show you new roads to travel, different places to visit, and introduce you to some good people. I've never met a cyclist I didn't like. I am sure you'll come to the same conclusion after meeting other members and cyclists along the way.

We all have one thing in common; we love the freedom the bicycle gives

us. So come out and join our ride leaders the first chance you get.

On my rides I don't have cue sheets because I like to explore, which means I will turn at any time just to go somewhere I've never been before. So if you do not know where you are, make sure you keep the group in sight. Follow the guidelines listed in the front of the newsletter.

Keep those pedals turning. I hope to see you on the road.

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MAY 1999 BIKE EVENTS

1: Farmlands Flat Tour. Central Jersey Bicycle Club. Various rides from 15 to 100 miles from Brookdale Community College, Route 520, Lincroft NJ. Day of event registration -- \$20, no T-shirt. Info: Mike Kruimer or Ted Rosenberg: 732-225-HUBS or howie-g@juno.com.

2: Bike NY, The 5 Boroughs Tour. Five Borough Bicycle Club and American Youth Hostels. The biggest one day ride in the U. S. A. Call 212- 932-BIKE, or send e-mail to info@bikenewyork.org or see the web site <www.bike newyork.org>.

2: Mexican Metric. Suburban Cyclists Unlimited celebrates "Cinco de Mayo" 20 / 56 / 62 mi. routes and fiesta fun starting from Lower Perkiomen Park, Egypt and New Mill Roads, Oaks, PA. \$15 for SCU members / \$20 non-members. Free t-shirts for early registration (by April 15). Info: Doug Levy 800/737-9529 or SASE: SCU Century, P. O. Box 401, Horsham, PA 19044.

2: Fairmount Classic. Amateur and professional mountain bike racing on a 6 mile course rated as world class through Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. See www.bikeline.com.

2: Carroll Historic Bicycle Ride. A benefit for the Bicycle Education Assn. of MD. 10 / 25 / 50 / and the historic 100 mi. century route of the 1898 Westminster Wheelmen. \$20 before April 22. Info: 410-876-9888 or see www.bikevents .com.

4: Friends of Philadelphia Parks Tour. 5:30 PM from the fountain at Logan Circle, 19th Street and Ben Franklin Parkway. Call Philadelphia's Citywide Bicycle Network 215-879-8159 for details. Optional dinner following the tour to discuss bicycle and park developments. \$10 fee includes the ride, but not dinner. Fee: \$10 for members of the Friends of Philadelphia Parks, Sierra Club, Bicycle Coalition of the Delaware Valley, Preservation Alliance, or the Schuylkill River Greenway Association. \$15 non-members.

9: What's Left of Open Space Tour. Delaware Valley Bicycle Club. See the flier in this newsletter.

14-15: Victorian Cape May Tour: Wayfarers. c/o Larry Benson, P. O. Box 310, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 or e-mail to <cycling@idt.net> or see website <www.phys.psu.edu/DIEHL/wayfarers.html>.

15: Pinelands Triple Loop. Shore Cycle Club. 8:00 AM start at Batsto Visitors Center in Wharton State Forest in Hammonton, New Jersey. Preregistration fee of \$15 includes T-shirt. Loops of 38.9, 28.6 and 35.4 miles. SASE: c/o Steve Rulli, (609) 296-4726, or e-mail

sundeck@sprynet.com.

15: Chester County Challenge for Cancer. 10 / 25 / 50 mi. loops. Contact Theresa Rougeaux 610-431-5697.

15-16: WHIRL. A rally in the Washington DC vicinity for recumbent cycling enthusiasts. This year's WHIRL Big Recumbent Ride starts from Rock Creek Park, Kensington, MD and rolls through the nation's capital and Alexandria, VA. For info, see the Big Recumbent Ride pages at <http://WWW.Recumbents.com/Big-Recumbent-Ride/> or contact Mark Matarella, (703) 567-0617 or (703) 314-3044.

16: 10th Annual John Pixton Memorial Poker Ride. Pennsylvania Bicycle Club. Riders draw cards for gift certificates redeemable at Performance Bike Shops. Preregistration -- \$14 before May 9th; \$16 after. 300 rider limit. Full support, refreshments and patch. Info: Rick Liebert, 215-542-7181 or Laurama Pixton, 215-646-7879.

16: Great Baltimore Bike Tour: Camden Yards Sports Complex. Benefiting the children of Kennedy Krieger Institute. Free T-shirts for riders pre-registered (\$16) by April 30, 1999. Day of event registration (\$20) opens at 7 AM. Info: 410-502-9460 or see <www.kennedykrieger.org> or SASE: Kennedy Krieger Institute, c/o Maria Gamble, 707 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205.

16: Montauk Century. 130 / 100 / 65 / 35 mi. routes from Penn Station, NYC starting at 5 AM. 750 riders will ride from Manhattan to a celebratory dinner at the lighthouse at Montauk Point, LI and then return by train to Manhattan. Info: Glen Goldstein, 212-686-7020 or glengoldstein@mind spring.com or SASE: Five Borough Bicycle Club, 891 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025.

16: 22nd Annual Bloomin' Metric. Sound Cyclists. Westport RR Station / Luciana Park, Westport, CT. \$15 preregistration by May 10; \$20 after. Proceeds help Connecticut Safe Kids. SASE: Sound Cyclists Bicyclists' Club, 65 High Ridge Rd., Suite 322, Stamford, CT 06905 or call 203-840-1757 or visit website <www.soundcyclists.com>.

16: 25th Anniversary Horse Farm Tour. Hanover Cyclers. 10 / 25 / 35 / 50 mile routes, refreshments, and a special celebration and door prizes. SASE: c/o Keith Krout, 412 Hamlet Dr., Spring Grove, PA 17362 or call 717-225-4194 or visit the website: <http://www.bicycleclubs.com/hanovercyclers>.

22: PABA Tandem Ride. Captain a tandem and give a blind person, who will be your stoker, the fun of a bike ride. Pennsylvania Association for Blind

Athletes. 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Cabrini College, near Wayne, PA. Info: John Stevens, 610-278-3907 daytime, 610-645-0709 evenings or jstevens @montco pa.org.

23: Flapjack 40. Staten Island Bicycling Assn. Barbara Nicholas Barbara_Nicholas@ACML.COM or Jim Currie <JCURRY1@pace.edu>.

23: Bike Eric. A benefit for Eric Potts who was paralyzed playing lacrosse. \$25 donation (check written out to the Eric Potts Fund) includes bike bottle and picnic. 20 / 30 / 50 mile routes. Info: Donna and Tom Waltz, 135 Riverbank Drive, Roebling, NJ 08554. RSVP: 609-499-3857.

23: Freedom Valley Bike Ride. Bicycle Coalition of the Delaware Valley's biggest one-day ride in Philadelphia. A benefit for the trails of the greater Philadelphia region. Various routes from 9 to 70 miles and three starting 9 AM locations: Philadelphia Waterworks, Austin Park, Rosemont; Reeves Park, Phoenixville. \$25 preregistration by May 14 gets a commemorative T-shirt. Call 215-BICYCLE or see <www.bcdv.org>.

30: The Tour of Somerville. Rides and celebrations including the Raleigh Boys Reunion and the Bicycling Hall of Fame inductions for 1999. SASE: Dan Puntillo, 98 Gove St., Somerville, NJ 08876 or call 908-725-7223 or see <www.middleearth online.org>.

EARLY JUNE EVENTS

4-6: East Coast Trails. Off road touring around Mt. Misery, NJ. Wayfarers. c/o Larry Benson, P. O. Box 310, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 or e-mail to cycling@idt.net or see website <www.phys.psu.edu/DIEHL/wayfarers.html>.

5: Kids' Amateur Bike Challenge. NorthLight Community Center, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Pretzel Park in Manayunk (one block above Main Street -- bounded by Silverwood, Rector, Cresson, & Cotton Streets). Info: Jane Glenn: <jane@shady.com>; <www.netaxs.com/~shady> or Manayunk Neighborhood Council, <www.libertynet/mnc>.

6: First Union U.S. Pro Cycling Championship / Liberty Belle Classic. Philadelphia, PA. 9 AM on the Parkway or in Manayunk.

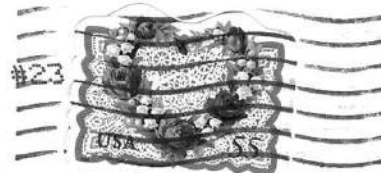
6: Eckerd Family Fun Ride. Phila., PA. Ride the U.S. Pro course. Benefits the American Diabetes Assn. 6 AM registration at 22nd St. & the Parkway.



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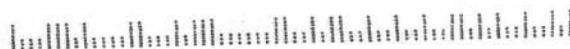
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Application for DVBC Membership
(Expires 1 year from date joined/renewed)

Please print clearly and use your 9-digit zip code, if known.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Annual Membership: \$15.00 per household.

Check one: ☐ new member or ☐ renewal

Membership includes: DVBC Newsletter (10 issues per year), discounts at most Club sponsors, Club subsidized events. Your membership attracts advertisers and helps influence local government decisions concerning bicycle issues.

The DVBC Safety Fund is used to promote issues regarding cycling safety in the Delaware Valley. I wish to contribute:

☐ \$1 ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$25 ☐ other: _____

Amount enclosed: \$15 (membership) + _____ (safety) = _____

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Your Ride Pace:
(check one)

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

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