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DVBC Tour Volunteers ROCK!!

The Brandywine tour is behind us. Matt Sycz and I double-blitzed tour director responsibilities. I always felt like I knew the routes, but after riding every mile multiple times verifying cues and markings, I now feel like I know them biblically. The 28 mile loop is, IMHO, the most beautiful 30 miles in the area. I could, and hope I will, ride it regularly throughout the winter.

Of course, no matter how hard we worked, the tour would not have been possible without our enthusiastic team of volunteers. We are all so busy. To care enough about the club to give up a day is huge. Paramount of all the multitudinous tour director tasks and responsibilities is attending to the comfort and safety of the team. The day should be fun and rewarding. Accordingly, new, larger exposition shelters were purchased for the rest stops to better protect from the elements. Handbooks, cookbooks if you will, were developed and distributed to tour captains. Numerous briefings were held to ensure that all were at ease and clear on what to expect. Tips were offered to help keep things running smoothly. A volunteer appreciation dinner was held the week prior to the tour. It was a great way for the Club to show appreciation, and a chance for captains to meet their team and answer any final questions. SAG Driver Captain Woody Kotch directed that SAG drivers station themselves at Rest Stops rather than constantly trolling the routes for problems. It's a good move which makes the Tour that little bit greener and also affords extra hands at the rest stops. Who wants to spend the day driving anyway !?!

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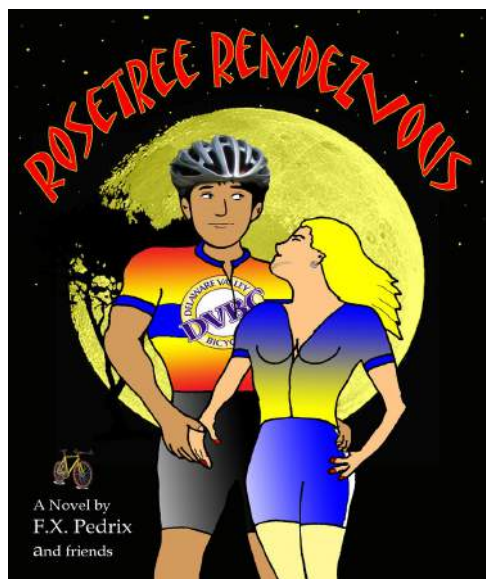
Ricco

"I have laid aside business, and gone a'fishing."
— Mark Twain

Club Presidency, Newsletter Editor (/reporter/writer ...) Bonker's Tour Director responsibilities .. I was totally burned out at the end of August. It was time to take a break, to "Go Fishing". It was off to MT for me. Three years in the planning. Three weeks unplugged. Hiking, Horseback, Kayaking and Mountaineering in the National Wilderness areas in and around Glacier National Park. Outdoors, sleeping under the stars for days at a time. I fretted over so much time off the bike, my fitness slipping, but reasoned staying highly active at elevations above 4000' sounded like good cross-training training. It was remote, isolated, at times extremely harsh. It was a once in a lifetime, bucket-list experience. And had no bicycles in it whatsoever. Go Figure.

I apologize for the delays in posting last month's

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Last month: On Drew's Salem Oak Ride, Derrick saw what could be a pistol in the back pocket of a new rider who might be showing signs of an unstable personality.

With a few subtle gestures Derrick signaled for Megan to fall in at the back of the pack without asking any questions. He then slipped into the paceline behind Luther to check out his pocket contents. Not only could Derrick see that Luther was carrying a pistol, but from his days in law enforcement, he could tell by the barrel that the gun was a Glock 17, so named because its clip contains seventeen 9x19 mm bullets. In fact, Luther himself had fired the Seventeen several times on the FBI firing range at Quantico. Despite the seriousness of the moment he could not help recalling his FBI instructor's characterization of the Glock 17 as being to guns what Bea

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Membership in DVBC is encouraged, but non-members are welcome at all our rides and events. Except for the Bonkers Metric, Brandywine Tour, Club Banquet and Bonkers Picnic, all club events are free. Money raised from rides and membership dues is donated to a variety of cycling-related organizations.

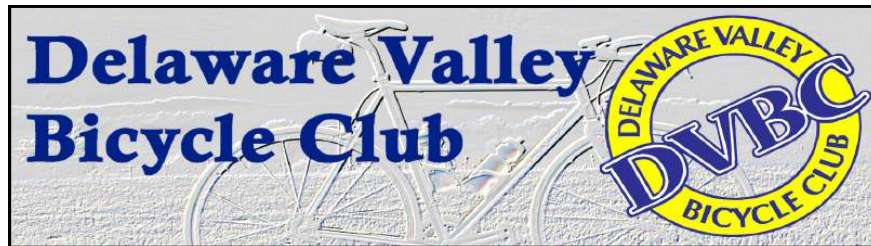
DVBC welcomes articles, photographs, and ride reports for the newsletter. Please submit materials to the Editor before the 15th of each month. The views expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of DVBC.

Monthly board meetings are open to all, and are usually held the 1st Monday of the month (except December) at 7 p.m., at the Swarthmore Public Library. Contact the President to confirm.

CLUB AFFILIATIONS

- *League of American Bicyclists
- *Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- *Adventure Cycling Association
- *Bicycle Access Council
- *East Coast Greenway
- *PA Walks and Bikes
- *Friends of Ridley Creek State Park
- *Friends of the Chester Valley Trail

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Ride Calendar

Rides are no longer posted in the Newsletter. Please refer to the online calendar at
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RIDE GUIDELINES & CLASSIFICATIONS

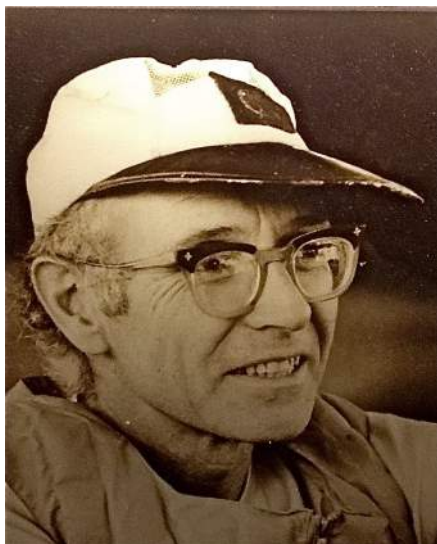
1. Arrive early and be ready to leave on time.
2. Make sure your bike is in proper working order before you arrive. Ride leaders are not expected to be mechanics.
3. A helmet is mandatory for all DVBC rides.
4. Carry a spare tube, patch kit, and water bottle.
5. All Club rides are rated according to 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 unsure of and work your way up.
6. Practice safety and obey all traffic laws.
7. Each rider assumes his/her own risk on all rides.
8. Those who ride ahead of the group are on their own ride.
9. Always notify the ride leader before leaving the group.
10. Ride leaders should adhere to the advertised speed of the ride.

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Here in no particular order are the 2013 Volunteers. Please join me in expressing our gratitude. Be sure to recognize them for their efforts should you join them on a ride. I apologize in advance, I am sure to have omitted someone.

Tour Director	Matt Sycz, Rich Andreas
Tour Fliers, Internet Signage, CUEs	Dom Zuppo, Tom Gallagher
Food and Supplies	Alex Moeller, Deb Chaga, Doug Bower
Baked Goods	Sabine Cranmer, Andy Marzano, Ricco Luci
Painting	Doug Bower, Nancy Ness, Deb Chaga, Alex Moeller, Dom Zuppo, JoAnn Fahey, Sabine Cranmer, Bob Ladrew, Drew Knox, Ricco Luci
Logistics and Registration	Mike Broennle, Julie Broennle, Gina Bezdziecki,
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Rest Stops	Nicole Sycz, Mel Stewart, JoAnn Fahey, Vickie Herzog
	Eric Zwicky, Herb Jackson, Alex Moeller, Cliff Edgcumbe
	Betsy Ffrench, Dom Zuppo
Parking	David Bennett, Herb Jackson, Dom Zuppo
SAG Drivers	Woody Kotch, Charlie Cranmer, Andy Marzano,
	John Thomas, Dom Zuppo - <i>he gets around :-)</i>
Entertainment	Davey Sprocket

**DVBC Founding Father blazed
a trail of adventure**
by Bob LaDrew



Recent scrutiny of old club papers donated by former president Rich Patterson has led to the unearthing of a document listing the original May 1972 DVBC officers and members. Not much is known about the other original officers, but it is clear that the club's first vice-president, Bob

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Save the Date. Saturday Oct 26.

Unionville-Chadds Ford Community Bike Drive

"Hello, Ricco. My name is Anne Jung and I work at Pocopson Elementary School. I am also the chairperson for the Unionville-Chadds Ford Community Bike Drive that has been taking place for the past 19 years.

Last year, while working in the library, I found out that your organization gave a generous donation to the Pocopson Library as a thank you for using PES as your meeting point [for the Brandywine Tour]. We certainly appreciated your generosity! At that time, I thought I should touch base with you to see if any of your bike enthusiasts would be interested in helping out with our community bike drive.

We have several collection days in the fall (usually collecting between 100-200 bikes) and each bike is checked for repairs/parts needed, etc. These are then transported over to our middle school at the end of October for our **Fix Up/Refurbish day (October 26th this year). This is the day when we need experienced helpers to do minor repairs to the bikes we receive in order to make them safe for our recipients.** Many families come out, as well as older students to help on this day. In addition, individuals from Coatesville Community Bike Works, Bike Line/Exton and Garrison's Bike Shop help on this day to assist with the repairs and educate others on the technical part. It is filled with lots of food, music and great community fellowship.

After being repaired and cleaned, the bikes are stored again until December when they are given away to families in our district, as well as others in the community. This is done in conjunction with the Kennett Area Community Service. We also give each recipient a helmet with their bikes. It is very rewarding to see the smiling faces in December.)

If there is anyone that may have interest in helping out with this event, please let me know. I can also send some more details if needed.

Thank you for your time. Enjoy your weekend!"

Anne Jung annejung03@gmail.com

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newsletter. Time slipped away from me, and, quite frankly, as a 1st time tour director, I was terrified of screwing up. Last minute route changes, bridge closures ... and then, that fishing pole was calling me. Thank goodness for Mary and the rest of you there was something to print. Many Thanks.

I's done gone fishin
Gots me a line
Nothin' I do's gonna' make the difference
So I's taking the time

Nobodies ain't never gonna' be happy
Anyhow, anyway
So I'm going fishing
And I'm going straight right today

I'm gone fishing
Sounds crazy I know
I dun't know nothin about fishing
But just watch me go

And whens my time is come
I's 'll look back and see
Peace on the shoreline
That could has been me

You can waste a whole lifetime
Tryins to be
Whats you thinks yous posed to
But you'll never be free

May as well go fishing
– Chris Rea

**Bicycle Mag article on Helmet Safety**

<http://www.bicycling.com/senseless/index.html>

“Bicycle helmets do an outstanding job of keeping our skulls intact in a major crash. But they do almost nothing to prevent concussions and other significant brain injuries—and the very government agency created to protect us is part of the problem. The time has come to demand something safer.”

Stat #1: More people are riding. Between 1995 and 2009, the annual number of bike trips in the United States grew by 30 percent, and the number of daily bike commuters grew by 60 percent.

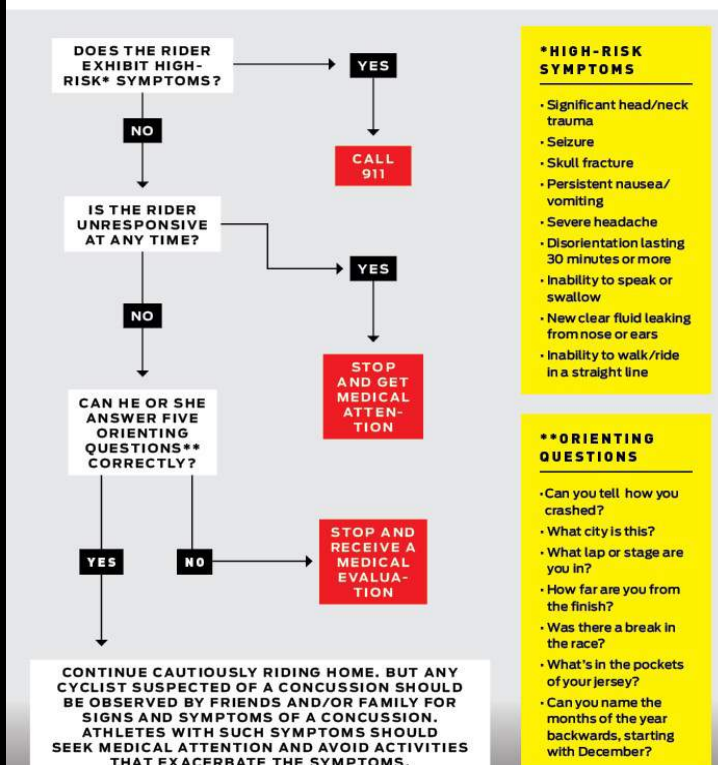
Stat #2: Despite that growth, until recently bicycle-traffic deaths were declining. From 1995 to 1997, an average of 804 cyclists in the United States died every year in motor-vehicle crashes. During an equivalent three-year period from 2008 to 2010, that average fell to 655

Stat #3: As more people buckled on helmets, brain injuries also increased. Between 1997 and 2011 the number of bike-related concussions suffered annually by American riders- increased by 67 percent, from 9,327 to 15,546

Insight? Concussions are growing at a faster rate (Stat#3 67%) than the rate of bicycling growth (Stat#1 30%). Read the article for more information on the issues and the emergence of new concussion-resistant helmets and certification programs.

AFTER THE CRASH

IF A RIDER IN YOUR GROUP CRASHES AND TAKES A BLOW TO THE HEAD, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT. HERE'S YOUR GUIDE.



This flowchart was designed by the Medicine of Cycling Concussion Task Force, a group of physicians and researchers with a special interest in cycling medicine. Go to medicineofcycling.com to purchase a laminated version of this resource.



Recipe Exchange Gone Fishin Edition

With off season around the corner the same questions always start pouring in. “Ricco” How can I avoid gaining weight?” or “.... should I stop eating carbs?” The last one always floors me. *No you should not stop eating carbs.* For most of us casual athletes, we are likely going to continue to exercise an hour a day in the off

season as well. It’s what we do! It’s actually a healthy place to be when you can simply eat the same healthy and balanced diet all year, simply moderating the portion size.

This Gone Fishin edition offers some healthy meal choices. We start with my favorite apertivo, the Italian martini, Negroni. We are fishing after all. Negroni is THE drink of choice in the Florence region of Tuscany. Forget Rosetta Stone, one Negroni and you’ll be talking like a native. The next course can be either a salad, or with the edition of grilled protein, a main course. We wrap up with an alternative main course that uses those overripe bananas, composting in the fruit basket attracting fruit flies.

Negroni

Throughout Tuscany, the Negroni is served as an apertivo, a before meal alcoholic appetizer. It is sometimes referred to as “Milano-Torino” because of its ingredients. It is equal parts bitters, Gin, and sweet vermouth, served over ice and garnished with an orange slice. The traditional bitter liquor, Campari, is from Milan and Cinzano. The Vermouth is from Torino.

1 1/2 oz sweet vermouth (Rosso – red, semi-sweet)

1 1/2 oz Campari

1 1/2 oz gin

Orange slice or twist for garnish

Pour ingredients over ice. Stir well. Garnish with orange slice. Enjoy immediately.

Panzanella with Shrimp.

Panzanella is an Italian bread and tomato salad common to Tuscany. The crunch of cucumber cools the crisp onion while the sugary juices of the tomato explode on your tongue. Cleanse your pallet with a sip of Negroni and savor another bite. It is good by itself, but when I want a little more heft I grill my favorite protein while the bread continues to soak up the fresh vegetable juices.

- 1 Pound Garden fresh tomatoes, roughly cut in piece
- 1 Tbl Red wine vinegar
- 1 Kirby or English cucumber, chopped 1/2-inch
- 3/4 tsp Kosher or your favorite sea salt
- 1/2 Cup Sweet onion chopped in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 Day-old baguette, cubed
- 2 Tbl Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb Medium shrimp, shelled, deveined

Mix together the tomatoes, cucumber and onion in a large bowl. Whisk together the olive oil and vinegar, pouring over the vegetables. Stir to combine; season with half the salt. Stir. Taste. Adjust salt if necessary. Stir in the bread cubes and set

the salad aside. It is ready any time, but I like to let it soak 10-15 minutes.

Season the shrimp with an additional teaspoon of salt. Let sit for several minutes. Thread on skewers (or if you prefer, a seafood grilling screen). Grill over high heat. Toss with the salad. Awaken your tongue with another sip of Negroni then dig in.

Chicken Kebabs with Chili Banana Sauce

Bananas, bananas, bananas. There are always bananas in my kitchen. By this time of the season I am tired of them. I love them, but, *if only they didn’t taste so much like bananas!*

I stopped for dinner one time during a cycling tour of the Shenandoah Valley; Burger and a salad. The burger came with sweet potato fries. The waitress presented a bottle of a dark catsup-like sauce for the fries. Banana sauce?? The sauce had the consistency of catsup with a mildly spicy kick. The banana flavor was almost indiscernible, a mildly sweet background to a pronounced smoky chili bite. I made several attempts to replicate it at home and have come pretty close with this recipe.

I like to brine my chicken breast when grilling. It adds flavor and moisture to the chicken, keeping it from drying out on the grill.

- 2 Tbl Salt
- 1 1/4 lb Boneless Skinless chicken breast; cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 tsp Smoked Paprika
- 1/4 Cup Catsup
- 1 Cup Water
- 1 1/2 Bananas. Overripe work best.
- 1/2 tsp Ground black pepper
- 2 Tbl Red Wine or Cider Vinegar (Balsamic is to mild and sweet for this recipe)
- 1-2 Poblano or Chipotle chilies; grilled

In a large zip-close plastic bag, mix the salt, paprika, pepper and water. Seal, shake. Add chicken, covering thoroughly. Light the grill. Let chicken brine in the bag until the grill is ready. Roast the peppers on the warming grill. When the grill comes to temperature, the peppers are done. Kebab’ the chicken by threading on your choice of grilling skewers. Grill, rotating until cooked through, about 12 minutes total on medium heat.

As the chicken grills, in a blender or food processor combine the bananas, catsup, chilies and vinegar. Puree until smooth. Using a basting brush, lightly coat the chicken on both sides with the banana sauce, and then grill for another minute. Transfer the kebabs to serving plates and drizzle with more sauce. Serve with the remaining sauce on the side.



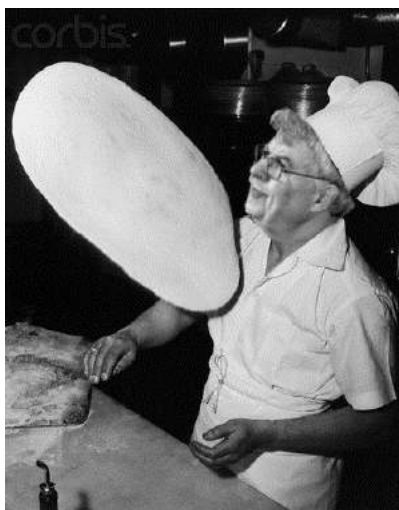
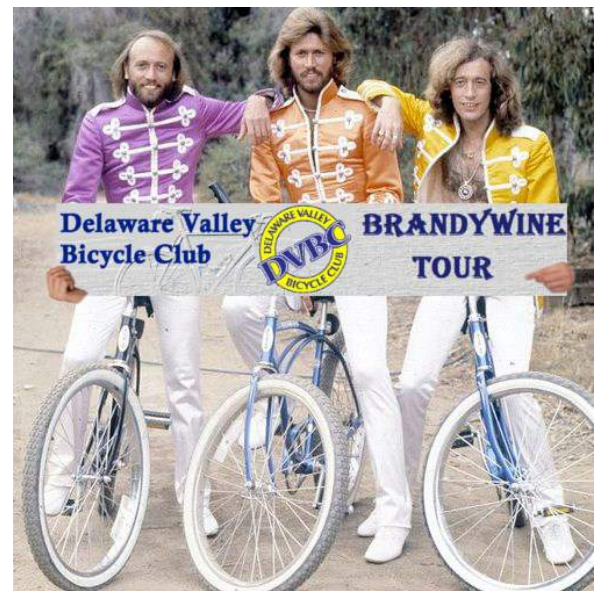
BONKERS Cartoons of the DVBC...

by Bob LaDrew



Not Once, but Twice -

Mel and Gary Stewart graciously hosted both summer and fall club picnics.



Gas Passer

"Tossing Pizza is really no different than Anesthesiology"



Brandywine Tour entertainment by
Davey Sprocket
and the Squirrel Hunters

Father from Page 3

McNair, played a major role in launching the Delaware Valley Bicycle Club in 1972. In addition to bicycling, this founding father also stamped his imprint locally in the realms of skiing, orienteering, whitewater canoeing, and antique bike collecting.

While little is known about the early days of the DVBC, McNair himself was a leading figure in the world of adventure after he moved to Swarthmore in 1944. Upon receiving his M.A. in mechanical engineering from Harvard that year he moved to the Delaware Valley to take a job designing jet engines for Westinghouse.

Bob brought with him an 1896 Humber tandem bicycle he had been given a few years earlier by its original owner. In the ensuing decades he helped form, and was an active spokesman for, The Wheelmen, a national organization dedicated to the preservation of antique bicycles. In an email, his daughter Matty told me, "Dad loved bikes, he was on the Harvard bike racing team, and (*when living in Swarthmore*) he would ride his high wheel bike up town once a month to get his hair cut."

His son Douglas added, "My dad was very interested in all forms of transportation, thus his collections of carriages, sleighs, bikes, canoes, and cars. Bob loved to share his knowledge of the collections with anyone who showed interest. I think that, being a trained engineer, he marveled at the ingenuity of the day. He was very adamant that people shouldn't just collect things but use them and show how they worked."

Just a year after his arrival in the Philadelphia area McNair helped establish the Buck Ridge Ski Club, an organization that played a major role in the development of whitewater slalom racing in the U.S. Through his leadership, the first inter-club whitewater slalom races were held on the Brandywine, and continued annually until the early 80's.

McNair wrote the book "Basic River Canoeing," which was considered the bible of whitewater canoeing in the 70's and 80's. Bob was also instrumental in the formation of the American Whitewater Affiliation, an organization that reached out to non-competitive paddling clubs across America.

In 1955 he was co-developer and founder of the "Red Ridge College of Canoeing Knowledge," a 3-day basic canoeing course sponsored by Buck Ridge and the American Red Cross.

And he played a major role in the establishment of the American Canoe Association's National Slalom Committee, serving as a member (and chairman) for many years.

In 2005 he was among the first class ever enshrined in the International Whitewater Hall of Fame.

Mr. McNair's role in the Buck Ridge Ski Club also contributed to the 1967 formation of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association, currently the oldest and largest orienteering club in the country.

Bob's love of adventure and risk must certainly have influenced many around him but probably none more so than his own daughter, Matty McNair, who became the most accomplished woman polar explorer in U.S. history. Among her many claims to fame is the fact that Matty is the only American woman to have skied to both Poles. She now lives on Baffin Island where she runs her own outdoor adventure company, NorthWinds.

Furthermore, Matty's children, Sarah and Eric, continued what Bob McNair started when, among other achievements, they became the youngest persons to ski to the South Pole.

Sadly, Bob McNair was plagued with vision problems that rendered him unable to read a book after the mid-1950's. By the mid-80's he was legally blind. He retired from Westinghouse and moved to the old family farmhouse in New Hampshire where, in his later years he would occasionally risk mountain bike rides on unused dirt roads. Mr. McNair passed away in 1989.

For the time being at least, little is known about the origins of the DVBC because few documents remain from the club's first decade. The people who established our organization in 1972 apparently gave little thought to their own personal legacies. It was a pair of off-handed newsletter references to Bob McNair in the 80's that provided the clues that made it possible to learn more about this dynamic character. Judging by the role Bob McNair played in the inception of other recreational associations it seems clear that he had a drive to establish and organize. Neither the Bicycle Club of Philadelphia nor White Clay existed then so in 1972 McNair and his peers saw a real need to establish the Philadelphia area's first bicycle riding club.

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Arthur is to the string bikini.

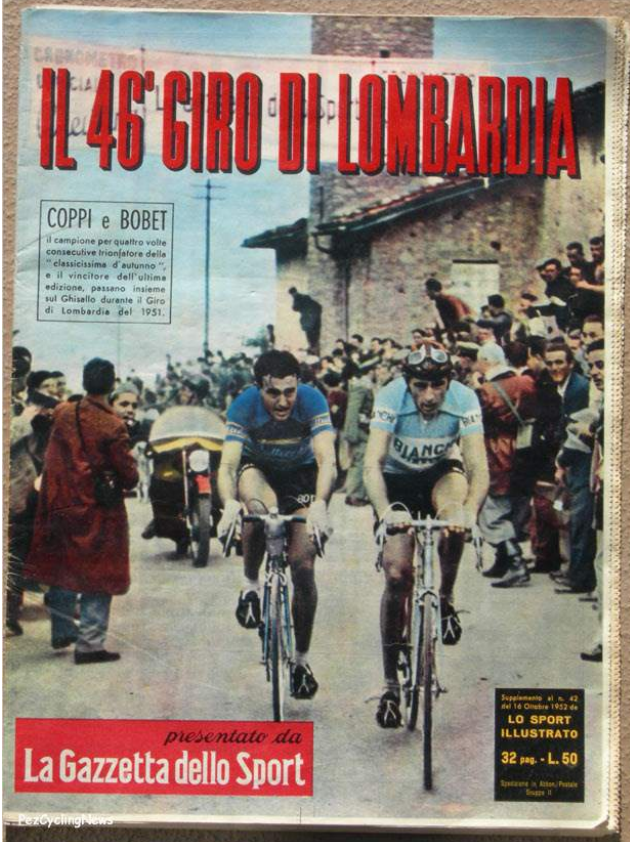
But right now Derrick had more on his mind than Ms. Arthur's swimwear. He knew the weapon in Luther's pocket had tremendous destructive potential. He also knew that New Jersey had one of the most restrictive handgun laws in the country and, in any event, the carrying of weapons capable of discharging more than fifteen rounds was strictly prohibited. Furthermore, the paranoid tone of Luther's earlier comments elevated Derrick's concern. He resolved that, as the ride progressed, he would monitor any of Luther's mood fluctuations.

Meanwhile, across the Delaware River in West Chester, flustered club treasurer Mike had just wasted twenty minutes shuffling and re-shuffling through almost 150 Bonkers Tour registrations. The club's newly hired lawyer Wallace Doberman was gathering paperwork necessary to fight Robert T. Casserole's lawsuit and he had asked Mike to dig up several documents, including the plaintiff's Bonkers Tour registration. Normally organized down to the last jot and tittle, Mike could not believe he would have misplaced Casserole's ride registration. Yet he could not find it. After exhausting all possibilities, Mike had to phone Doberman with the news that Casserole's registration was missing.

As Drew's 33 riders approached their lunch destination, *The Green Onion* in Bridgeton, some pudgy weekend warriors who fancied themselves as near-miss pro racers got frisky and picked up the pace at the front. It was clear that an unvoiced competition was on to see which would-be *campione* could win glory by arriving first at the restaurant. With an impish grin, Derrick, who had



Getting High In Montana



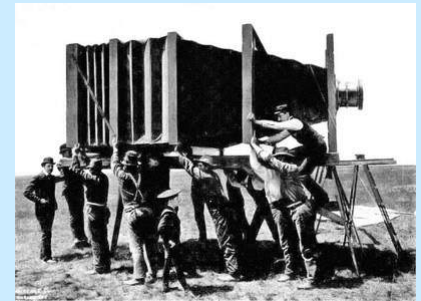
Wanted DOA

We have been plagued for years by an unknown vandal(s) that delights in blacking out our Tour markers and running over our signage. The area around Brandywine Outfitters is their prime area.



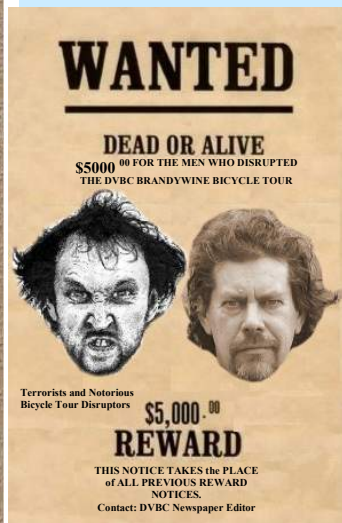
If you've been following RoseTree Rendezvous you know that Megan and Derrick enlisted Bubba to keep an eye out. No luck. We got hit again for the Brandywine.

Thanks to his new Hubble Telescope SLR camera lens DVBCer Gary Stewart was able to look back in time and catch the culprits red handed



Setting Up the Hubble Lens

Does anyone recognize these men? Use caution. Do not approach. They are armed with paint and considered extremely dangerous. Please contact us at the Editors Office Immediately. Ricco has arranged for a pair of shoes (size cinderblock) and a ticket for a one-way trip on the Spirit of Philadelphia. *Met-*



It's Fall Classics time. The Giro Lombardia is Oct 6. The route this year includes the terrifying Muro di Sormano climb immediately before the more famous Ghisallo. The 1.5mi Sormano averages 16% with sections over 25%. The cover of the program from the 1952 Giro di Lombardia (left) shows Coppi (ITA) leading Bobet (FRA) over the summit of the 6 mile, 6%

Ghisallo during the prior year's edition. Bobet prevailed for his only Lombardia victory. Busy watching each other in '52 a relative unknown, Giuseppe Minardi would beat them both. They should have watched him more closely as he'd won a stage in the Giro d'Italia over these same climbs earlier in the year. Although losing in '51 and '52, Coppi would claim his 5th and final victory in '54, a record which stands today. Legendary Eddy Merckx could only win twice

Below are 4 of Italy's top cycling luminaires, Campioni, at the start of the '52 race. Between them they had 11 Lombardia victories.



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?The Future of Cycling Safety?

We touched on the emergence of safer, concussion resistant bicycle helmets on page 4. Neither DVBC nor the newsletter office are in the business of product endorsement, so caveat emptor. That stated, here's another new innovation which merits consideration ... Buckeye????

In 1999 Evan Solida was a Junior at Perdue. He won a RCA promoted Engineering Innovation competition by creating a digital bicycle mirror. He tinkered with the technology for several years, but put it away as his career took off. He was an avid USCF racer and was stuck from behind by a car in 2007 while training. The accident renewed his interest. Technology had finally caught up and he knew that the product was viable. His startup company, Cerevellum, introduced a prototype which was awarded "Product of the Show" at Interbike 2011. Hindsight 35, is the world's first cyclometer with a built-in rearview camera. In addition to a nine-function computer that measures everything from watts to speed to heart-rate, it continuously records video of what is approaching the cyclist from behind, automatically stopping the recording in the event of an accident.

The goal of the Hindsight 35 is to increase your peripheral and rear viewing area to prevent potential accidents due to lack of vision. A digital camera is attached to the seat post or seat stay and sends video data along a micro-HDMI cable to the handlebar-mounted head-unit. The head-unit features ANT+ wireless technology for displaying data from compatible devices and a sun-light readable LCD screen. The video data is recorded to internal Flash memory so in the event of an accident, the Hindsight 35 stops recording, leaving you with a video file of exactly what occurred leading up to the incident.



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been enjoying the easy pace and conversation with Megan, prodded her to take up pursuit. He knew she could leave these flaccid pedalers wheezing in her wake, and probably be sipping coffee in a booth when they arrived. But Megan would have no part of Derrick's monkey business. As a new club member she had intended to remain unnoticed for her biking skills. For the past several years Megan's self-esteem had depended upon her ability to ride a bike fast. Now the DVBC seemed to accept Megan for the person she was. And that felt a lot better.



Fresh coffee, a stack of steaming blueberry pancakes with a side of sausages, a seat next to the beautiful love of his life, and the companionship of thirty-two great biking friends.... When things were at rock bottom last year Derrick had never thought he would be able to experience joy again. Now he was on top of the world. There was a part of Derrick that felt guilty on behalf of his late brother but he knew Justin, his best friend, would be happy for him.

Derrick's reverie was interrupted by a cell phone ringing on his left. Dominick took the call and listened quietly until everyone's attention was captured by the transition in his visage. As Dom hung up, his face broke into a huge smile and he called for the floor.

"I have wonderful news," exclaimed Dom. "That was President Rich. It seems we have learned that when the infamous Bob Casserole came from Maryland to ride the Bonkers Metric he neglected to fill out a registration form and, more importantly, to pay an entrance fee. In other words, he was not even officially on our tour. At first we thought we had just lost his registration form but the ambulance EMT was willing to testify that, when they loaded Bob into the wagon, he was not wearing a yellow wrist band. Penn DOT is still being sued but a judge has set aside the DVBC as a defendant!"

As thirty-two loud cheers echoed through the restaurant Derrick couldn't help noticing the agitated expression on Luther sitting across the table. He began blinking uncontrollably and his right hand slipped around his jersey toward its back pocket.