

The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

May 2011

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Monday, May 30, 2011
Prospect Park
11300 West 44th Ave at Robb St
West on 44th. Ave from Kipling
Wheatridge

Fun, Intermediate, Road and MTB rides will start at the picnic shelter at the far end of the park.

See the ride schedule in the newsletter for ride start times as the ride times will vary.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:00 pm.

Good weather (is our desire), a bike ride and a picnic with good friends.

What a way to welcome in the Spring and Summer riding season!

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for the lawn area.

Extra Parking is near the front entrance of the park, if the parking near the shelter is full.

Come early, get ready, sign in for your ride and plan on riding on time.



PICNIC HELPERS NEEDED



Coordinator: John Campbell
303-797-0250 or jwc@rmi.net
Plans are under way for the DBTC Memorial Day picnic.

Volunteers are needed:

Someone with an SUV or pick-up to get the coolers and supplies from the storage locker and return them the next day. The locker complex is closed Memorial day.

We will need a grill, either gas or charcoal, and someone to pick them up and return.

to buy and bring large bags of ice;

to buy and bring the soda pop;

to buy and bring lettuce – separated and washed, ready for serving;

to buy and bring tomatoes – wash and sliced at home first;

to bring assorted vegetables – ready to arrange on serving trays;

to take care of the desserts

2 people to help cook hamburgers, to set up serving tables, and clean up.

With more people helping it makes for light work and time for everyone to have a little fun too. Save your receipts and give them to John so he can give them to the treasurer for reimbursement. Please contact John for amounts and sizes of goods needed to be purchased. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

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Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is Wednesday, May 4th at Perkins Restaurant, 1995 S. Colorado Blvd. If you wish to address the board, contact the secretary, Jeff Krinsky: secretary@dbtc.org or 303-543-1320 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.



Indian Creek Campout and Mountain Bike Ride June 3rd and 4th

We will do our annual Indian Creek Campout and Mountain bike ride Friday at the Indian Creek Campground, Pike National Forest, about 12 miles west of Sedalia on Hwy 67. We'll do a short ride on the Sharptail Ridge Trail or hike with Jean Deering, Friday afternoon before the campout. On Saturday we will ride the 800 trail loop with an overlook of Waterton Canyon on the north loop. Camping is limited and has no reservations. For each biker/hiker who wants to camp, arrive Fri. afternoon to get a campsite. Complete the DBTC OTT Registration form and Medical form that are available online at www.dbtc.org and bring both the completed Liability Waiver form and Registration/Medical form to the trip start. Call Darrell Deering for further details 303-697-6126 Cell 303-903-0239 by June 1.

MTB Indian Creek Campout June 3rd and 4th

Friday, June 3 MTB P3 T3 2:00 PM, Special Friday Camp out at Indian Creek Campground, Pike National Forest, about 12 miles west of Sedalia on Hwy 67. We'll do a short ride or hike with Jean Deering, Friday afternoon before the campout. Camping is limited and has no reservations so arriving Fri. afternoon is recommended. Call Darrell Deering for further details, 303-697-6126. Cell 303-903-0239 by June 1.

Saturday June 4th MTB P3 T3 10:00 AM, Indian Creek Ride is about 12 miles west of Sedalia on Hwy 67 with parking at the camping parking lot. We will ride the 800 trail loop with an overlook of Waterton Canyon on the north loop. Bring snacks for after the ride. Call Darrell Deering for further details. Home 303-697-6126. Cell 303-903-0239.



Pictures and Articles for the Newsletter... This newsletter belongs to the members. If you have pictures or an article to share, please email them to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org. Only send one or two pictures so you don't clog up my computer! Be sure to include details about who, when and where the picture was taken. If you have a photo to mail, contact the Ride Coordinator for the address. Remember we must give credit to the author. If you are a writer with an article of interest, we may make you a published author! The deadline for publishing is the 10th, but please send your articles earlier.



BIKE SHOP OF THE MONTH: Nice Bike Shop

This month's Bike Shop of the Month is a brand new shop with familiar faces. A few of the fellows from the old Denver Spoke have gotten back together and opened the Nice Bike shop at 2435 S Broadway. With almost 60 years combined experience in the cycling industry, Todd Hunter, David Albertson and Kent Setsma are back to putting their passion into practice.



Road bikes or mountain bikes, it does not matter. Spring, summer, fall, and even winter, you can find them on the road and on the trail. Of course, if you are this passionate about riding, you've got to have the right equipment.

Kent Setsma, a disciple of the late Dong Ngo of Denver Spoke, understands the importance of what Nice Bike represents to its clients, quality equipment and quality customer service. He said, "At Nice Bike, we would never sell you anything that we ourselves would not use. Let's face it, every time you get on your bike you take your life in your hands. It is our job to give you equipment that you can trust when you hit 50 mph coming down Coal Creek or Stagecoach."

Does your bike need repairs or a tune? Nice Bike has two of the best mechanics in 20-year Denver Spoke veteran, Todd Hunter, the quintessential master mechanic. He is a USCF licensed bicycle mechanic who has been working in the bike industry for over 25 years. While not as tenured as his colleague, David Albertson is talented when it comes to the black arts of bicycle repair. With hundreds of pro bikes assembled, thousands of wheels built, suspension overhaul or rebuilding your Campagnolo shifter, David is adept at any of them.

They also have a consignment section. Why would a shop that specializes in the nicest bikes available want to carry used equipment? It's because they are dedicated to their clients. Why keep all these nice bikes cooped up, gathering dust in garages, when there are riders out there just itching to ride a nice bike. Every consignment bike will receive a rigorous 12-point inspection, new cables and housing, and a ninety-day service and fit warranty. So, if you have a nice bike that needs a loving home, or you have room in your heart for an unwanted velociped, please check their pre-owned equipment or place your spare bikes on consignment with them.

Santa Fe Century, May 13 – 16

The Santa Fe Century has been the opening supported ride for many Denverites for many years. This year I'm organizing a carpooling trip, to Santa Fe, NM. The proposed details go like this: Leave Denver on Friday, May 13th, or Sat May 14th. (Up to you) Head south to Santa Fe (About 6 hours)

There are a couple options for lodging in Santa Fe. I like to stay at the nice hotels in the center of town. But they are a bit pricey. I also know of much cheaper condos located near the start of the ride. It's your decision as to where you stay, but please contact me before you make your own reservations. As trip leader, I'll try to match roomies and car poolers.

Sunday is the ride. There are 25, 50, or 75 mile rides, in addition to the Century. The ride is mostly flat, as it all takes place on the plains south of town. (in fact, wind is always a larger concern than the climbs. Except for Heartbreak hill. The steepest 1/4 mile that you'll ever ride up) SFC is also one of the most inexpensive rides around. Century: \$21 25 mile ride: \$13.

And they don't sell out, so you can register the morning of the ride, if necessary.

Friday and/or Sat, we can sight-see around Santa Fe. If this is your first time, that's not enough time, but you can make a dent in it. Don't bring lots of cash if you're

a compulsive art buyer. If you have landscaping projects this year, then Jackalope is a must visit. After the ride on Sunday, we'll head north to Ojo Caliente Hot Springs. Ojo Caliente is a resort and spa. The original Mission Hotel is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The other rooms are in newer Pueblo style buildings. If you looked up 'rustic Southwest Hot Springs' in the dictionary, there would be a picture of Ojo Caliente. It's impressive. After a long day in the saddle, soaking in the outdoor pools will be heaven. Since it's a spa, massages, etc. will be available.

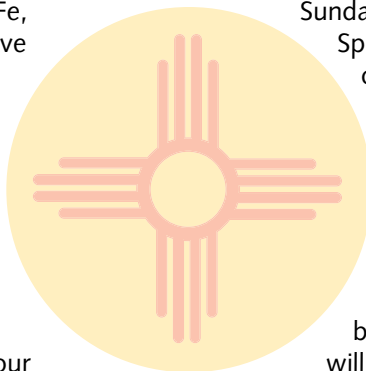
Monday morning we'll get up, leisurely take another dip in the pools, then travel over to Taos for lunch and shopping opportunities. When too much fun has been had by all, we'll head back to Denver.

Web sites are www.santafecentury.com; ojospa.com

The above is what the trip leader has planned. Not everyone can take off Friday and/or Monday.

If you contact me, then we should be able to make arrangements to meet for part of the trip. Perhaps you wish to drive to Santa Fe on Sat morning, and return with us through Ojo Caliente. Contact me and we'll see if we can't make it work.

Rich Olver: 303-888-6118 (no texts-it won't work)
richolver@comcast.net



STEAMBOAT MEMORIAL DAY TOUR

May 27-30, 2011

120-160 miles/3 days – Options for more mileage

Rating: Intermediate to Advanced Intermediate with shorter options

Cost \$175

Bicycle in the magnificent Steamboat Springs, Colorado valley and the surrounding mountains. Drive up on Friday then we'll ride over 20 Mile Road to Oak Creek on Saturday. For those who just have to have more exquisite riding, there is an option to add the Yellow Jacket Pass loop. This is a 55 - 60 mile day with some surprising elevation. We will do Rabbit Ears Pass on Sunday which can be anywhere from 35 – 65 miles. Some folks may want to do a shorter day and ride the Yellow Jacket Pass to Oak Creek route. It is not part of the scheduled tour, but the ride up to Gore Pass could be done on your own. Monday will be the Clark/Steamboat Lake ride. This is an out and back that will allow people to turn around as needed for their

plans to return home. Trip can be moderate to advanced / moderate depending on the routes you choose. Maps will be provided for all noted routes. If there are weather considerations, we may switch routes.

On Saturday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm there will be a social hour at the Nordic Lodge. There are usually some snacks left over, so we will finish them off on Sunday. All other meals are on your own. This tour is not sag supported, so be sure you have all the tools you need for any tire or bike repair – and plenty of food, water and clothes for the weather conditions.

Tour Leader: Diane Short For more information contact Diane @ 303-763-9874 or email dianbike@eazy.net Please fill out the DBTC OTT Registration form and Medical form that is available online at www.dbtc.org and send with your check for \$175 made out to Diane Short (Not DBTC). If you are not yet a member of DBTC, please fill out membership forms and mail those with your dues to the DBTC treasurer.

Fruita Spring Getaway, May 14-18, 2011

Wild trails in remote canyons

Jeff Baysinger

Yes, the winter was long enough! Yes, now is the time to start getting out. Now is the time to set a goal. A goal to do longer rides this year, as those longer day rides feel so worthwhile. So, now is the time for your planning. Here is an opportunity to meet that goal. A call for wild dirt trails beckons!

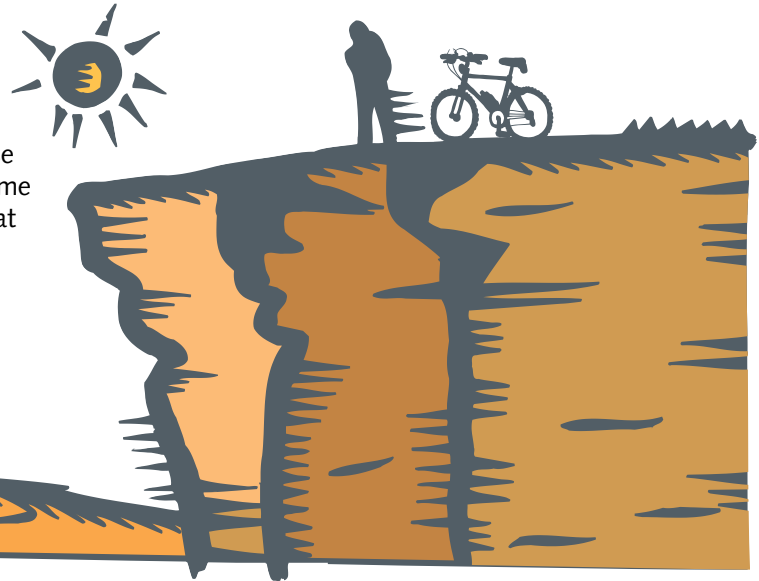
Once again, you can join your single track-riding comrades for a fun weekend near Fruita, Colorado. Trails will be explored in all four directions. Where you stay is your option, but many are expected to be camping in the Colorado National Monument.

Here are the ride details. Arrive to the Grand Junction vicinity by Saturday afternoon to meet the group.

- A first ride starting at 1:00 PM is at Tabeguache trails. The trailhead is about 1 mile from the east entrance to the monument. Join the campout that evening or find your own hotel.
- On Sunday, the group will find the Western Rim trail west of Fruita for a ride start about 9:45 Am. This is the fabled Rabbit Valley trails.
- On Monday, letting the weekend dust settle riders will do the Road 18 Area trails north of Fruita. This is a morning ride, allowing you to finish about noon and return home that afternoon.

But wait, there is more for the adventurous, if that meets your liking.

- Tuesday will find the few, the proud, and the strong riding the full Colorado National Monument Loop. This thrilling road type ride is a must for everyone to do at least once in his or her life. This asphalt surface ride is about 34 miles long with 2800' of elevation gain.



With 4 solid days of riding under your belt, your plans for getting into summer condition are going to be realized. But wait, there is even more!

- If you can stay around one more day, Wednesday will find you doing a new trail exploration. This day you will be exploring the one, the only, the enticing Flight of Icarus trail. This trail is normally open until about June 1. The trailhead is off the Douglas Pass Road northwest of Fruita. A car shuttle will be set-up. Those exploring this trail will find themselves riding along 500' sheer Book Cliffs and then flying down knife-edges. This is dependent on spring weather, as this ride is higher in elevation. There is an alternative trail by Palisades. However, the day is so close to June 1 that our expectations are high.

So now, here is the reckoning. For the few, the proud, the dusty trail riders, if you can do all these 5 days, you are ready for long summer day rides. To verify attendance, contact Jeff Baysinger at 303-969-9241. Group camping plans must be made by May 10th. Hiking is always an option during the 5 days for those who want to explore "hike only trails" in the Colorado National Monument.

Enchanted Tour:

Saturday, June 4 – Sunday, June 12, 2011

NEEDED: ONE MORE FEMALE RIDER. If you would like to join us on a trip through the Enchanted State of New Mexico, contact John Campbell at john@onedenverplace.com.

2011 Advance Planning Calendar

<p>May 14 Tour de Cure diabetes.org Woodland Park, CO</p> <p>May 15 Community Classic Bike Tour McKeefoundation.com Loveland, CO</p> <p>May 15 Santa Fe Century santafecentury.com Santa Fe, NM</p> <p>May 21 Buena Vista Bike Fest bvbf.org Buena Vista, CO</p> <p>May 28-30 Iron Horse Bicycle Classic ironhorsebicycleclassic.com Durango, CO</p> <p>June 5 Elephant Rock Ride elephantrockride.com Castle Rock, CO</p> <p>June 11 Starlight Spectacular starlightspectacular.org Colorado Springs, CO</p> <p>June 18 Greenwood Goosechase goosechase.org Greenwood Village, CO</p> <p>June 11-12 The Denver Century Ride denvercenturyride.com Denver, CO</p> <p>June 11-17 Ride the Rockies ridetherockies.com Crested Butte – Georgetown</p>	<p>June 18 Sunrise Century bikerPELLI.com/ Sunrise_Century Boulder, CO</p> <p>June 19-25 Bicycle Tour of Colorado bicycletourcolorado.com Central City-Steamboat Springs Loop</p> <p>June 22 Bike to Work Day drcog.org Denver Metro area</p> <p>June 25 Tour de Prairie cheyennecity.org/Document View.aspx?DID=3562 Cheyenne, WY</p> <p>June 25-26 MS 150 Bike Tour nationalmssociety.org/ chapters/COC/index.aspx Westminster – Fort Collins</p> <p>July 9-10 Triple Bypass teamevergreen.org Evergreen, CO</p> <p>July 16 Tour De Steamboat rockypeakproductions.com Steamboat Springs, CO</p> <p>July 16 Moonlight Classic moonlight-classic.com Denver, CO</p> <p>July 17-22 Tour de Wyoming cyclewyoming.org Worland, WY</p>	<p>July 23 Colorado-Eagle River Ride vailvelo.com Beaver Creek, CO</p> <p>July 23-30 RAGBRAI ragbrai.org Glenwood, IA</p> <p>July 24 (Tentative) Durango Century durango100.com Durango, CO</p> <p>July 23-25 Courage Classic couragetours.com Copper Mountain, CO</p> <p>August 6 Copper Triangle Alpine Classic coppertriangle.com Copper Mountain, CO</p> <p>August 6-13 CANDISC - Cycling Around North Dakota In Sakakawea Country ndparks.com/recreation/activities/candisc.htm Fort Stevenson to Washburn, ND</p> <p>August 7-13 Colorado Rocky Mountain Bike Tour crmbt.com Grand Junction – Buena Vista Loop</p> <p>August 13 Stonewall Century Ride spcycling.org La Veta, CO</p>	<p>August 20 Circle the Summit (aka Bob Guthrie Memorial Ride) Circlethesummit.com Frisco, CO</p> <p>August 20 Tour de Cure diabetes.org Boulder County Fairgrounds</p> <p>August Blue River Century & Metric Century bluerivercentury.com Summit Co, CO</p> <p>August 21 Deer Creek Challenge deercreekchallenge.com Wadsworth @ Deer Creek Canyon Rd, CO</p> <p>August 28 Venus de Miles venusdemiles.com Longmont, CO</p> <p>September 11 Buffalo Bicycle Classic buffalobicycleclassic.com Boulder, CO</p> <p>September 16-18 Moab Century Tour skinnytirefestival.com Moab, UT</p> <p>September 16-18 Mickelson Trail Trek MickelsonTrail.com Custer, SD</p> <p>September 18 Tour of the Vineyards Coloradowinefest.com Palisade, CO</p>
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For additional cycling event listings, visit the following Website: bcn.boulder.co.us/transportation/bike.d/bike.cal.html

2011 DBTC Activity and Tour Calendar

Email the trip contact for more information. Email Ellen (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) to add your trip to this list.

May 13-16, 2011

Santa Fe Century

Trip Type: Road Biking
Lodging: Hotel
Location Details: Santa Fe, NM
Contact: Rich Olver,
richolver@comcast.net
Status: Open

May 5-9, 2011

Moab Spring Tune-up

Trip Type: Road Biking, Mtn Biking
and/or Hiking
Lodging: Hotel
Location Details: Moab, Utah
Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com
Status: Open

May 30 Memorial Day Picnic at Prospect Park

44th Ave & Robb St., Wheat Ridge, CO

May 27-30, 2011

Steamboat Springs

Trip Type: Intermediate Road Biking
Lodging: Hotel
Location Details: Steamboat Springs, CO
Contact: Diane Short, dianbike@eazy.net
Status: Planning

June 4-June 12, 2011

The Enchanted Tour

Trip Type: Road Biking
Lodging: Hotel
Location: Santa Fe, Los Alamos
& Taos, NM
Contacts: John Campbell, jwc@rmi.net
Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com
Status: **NEEDED: ONE MORE FEMALE
RIDER. CONTACT JOHN CAMPBELL**

July 16 Summer Picnic

Bear Creek Lake Park (Near Morrison)
Lakewood, CO

August 28-Sept 2, 2011

Saratoga Sojourn

Trip Type: Intermediate Road Biking
Lodging: Hotel
Location Details: Saratoga, WY
Contacts: John Campbell,
jwc@rmi.net and
Richard Gieseler,
rgizler@gmail.com
Status: Open

September 17 Front Range Metric Century at Golden Lions Park

November 12

DBTC Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Holiday Inn Select
Denver

December 31, 2011-Jan 3, 2012

3rd Annual New Year's Pajama Party

Trip Type: Ski, snowshoe
Lodging: Leadville Hostel
Location Details: Leadville, CO
Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com
Status: Planning

Visit DBTC.org and click on "Tours" for updates on the trips.

SARATOGA SOJOURN

Sunday Aug. 28- Friday Sept. 2, 2011

Saratoga, Wyoming is located approximately 245 miles and about 3½ hours North of Denver surrounded by the Medicine Bow National Forest and home to the Snowy Range. We will be staying at the Saratoga Resort and Spa, which features private mineral Hot Springs.

The trip includes 5 nights lodging with double occupancy, continental breakfasts, several happy hours; a pre-trip get together and a farewell get together. All of this is affordably priced at \$375.00 per person. To join this trip, please send your deposit check in the amount of \$ 150.00 made out to Richard Gieseler, 232 West 4th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80223. Also, please include the Out Of Town forms (Liability Waiver, Registration and Medical) located on the DBTC web site at {www.dbtc.org/OTT-Index.aspx} The trip deposits are transferable but not refundable. If you have someone that you would like to room with, please indicate that on your form that you send in. Otherwise, we will work to find you a roommate.

All rooms are on a first come first served basis. Final payment will be due by June 15, 2011.

The trip will include 3 out and back rides. One will leave from our hotel and go to the town of Encampment and back 40 miles round trip with rolling hills. The second ride will begin at the town of Centennial on the East side of the Snowy Range with an altitude gain of approximately 2,500 feet and about 30 miles round trip. The third day will be a hike led by Richard in the Snowy Range or you can use it as a free day to explore the area on your own. The fourth day will be from the Brush Creek campground up the West side of the Snowy Range for approximately 32 miles round trip with an elevation gain of approximately 2,300 feet. Riders are expected to ride at an Intermediate pace. For more information you can contact John Campbell at jwc@rmi.net or 303-797-0250 or Richard Gieseler at rgizler@gmail.com or 303-722-1475

DBTC SPRING 2011

Spring has Sprung. Early season rides get us back into the swing of things and give us a chance to reconnect. Contact your ride coordinator about getting your rides on the schedule for this summer. We are always looking for something new and different. The coordinators will be glad to help you with the details.

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Mileage	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Roses – Leisure Fun – Comfortable Int. – Brisk Road – Fast ATB – Unpaved Roads MTB – Mountain Bikes	H1 – Flat H2 – Some Hills H3 – Hilly H4 – Serious climbs Two ratings: Technical skill T1 to T4 and Physical exertion P1 to P4	This is an estimate – options may be offered	NW NE SE SW W	Arrive early enough to unload your bike and be ready to leave.

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees, it is raining, snowing or a thunderstorm is in the area.

Ride Locator: There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website, www.dbtc.org. It provides the information you need to use Map Quest to make a map to the starting location.

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org by the 10th for the following newsletter or contact **Patty** at **303-989-8268**.

DBTC's E-Mailing Lists

Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all e-mailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted.

DBTC Message Board is the DBTC General E-Mail List

To join, send an e-mail to:

ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all e-mailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted.

DBTC Mountain Biking E-Mail List

To join, send an e-mail to:

COMtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You can join both groups. After you send the e-mail requesting to join, you will be contacted via e-mail with a confirmation. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember that only club-related activities can be posted. We reserve the right to cancel any posting we don't think is appropriate.

Please Note:

- Joining either of these Yahoo Groups does not make you valid member of the DBTC.
- If your e-mail address changes, you must send your new e-mail address to both the Yahoo Group and to the DBTC webmaster (webmaster@dbtc.org)
- The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only e-mail messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via e-mail only if you have so requested.

Be Ready To Ride: DBTC Ride Leaders and members are NOT bike mechanics. Before showing up for a ride, check your tubes and tires. Fix flats in advance of start time. Check your brakes and shifters, and, if any part of your bike needs maintenance, take it to an authorized mechanic. A complete tune up once a year is recommended. Your ride is only as safe and enjoyable as the condition of your bike.

DBTC Facebook

Check out the DBTC page on Facebook to discover more about events and happenings in the club and other bicycling-related stories. Search "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" within Facebook to find us. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/122447584186>

Never leave your wallet, purse, or valuables in your vehicle. There have been vehicle break-ins at many parking lots. Carry a small coin purse to hold your driver's license, medical insurance card, money, and car key. Do not leave an empty purse in view.

MAY RIDE SCHEDULE

**Sunday,
May 1st**

FUN-H2-30-SE-9:00 AM "TWENTY PARKS TOUR SE" . Meet *Gaar Potter* (303-691-0938) at Eisenhower Park. We'll tour SE Denver and ride by as many parks as possible. The ride is mostly on streets with the odd bike path. We will NOT be crossing the route of the Mayday March for Justice.

MTB P3, T2 9:30 AM Alderfer/3 Sisters Park at Evergreen Your intrepid leaders will be *Val Mees* (303-322-8332) and *Dick Plastino* (303-988-5359). Meet at the upper parking lot at Buffalo Park Road and Le Masters Road for a sweet single track through the pines. Carpool from the Sofa Mart parking lot on the NW corner of Hwy 6 and Kipling at 8:45 am. Parking is on the east side of the lot. Access Sofa Mart parking lot from the north frontage road. Lunch is at the Stagecoach Grill on Hwy 74.

**Monday,
May 2nd**

Fun-H2-18-SW 9:00 AM Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at the Platte River Grill located at 5995 Santa Fe Drive. From C-470 take the Santa Fe Dr. exit going north for about 3 miles. The Platte River Bar & Grill is on the left (West) side. Enter the parking lot and drive to the rear of the restaurant and park towards the rear of the lot. We will ride the Platte River trail north to the Big Dry Creek Trail to the Highline Canal Trail to the Lee Gulch Trail. The ride is on paved and gravel bike trails. An optional lunch is at the Platte river grill.

**Tuesday,
May 3rd**

MTB P2, T2-T3 Matthew Winters 6:00 PM Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) (I-70 & Hwy 26) we will ride the Red Rocks trail. Stronger riders will return via Dakota Ridge. Option exists to return via Slide trail or Red Rocks trail for those that do not wish try Dakota Ridge. Chill out afterwards at a local venue.

**Wednesday,
May 4th**

Fun/Int-H2-20-NW 9:00 A.M. Meet *Steve Stevens* (720-497-1100) at Golden Oldy Cyclery (17224 West 17th PL, Golden, 80401) Gentle rolling hills around Golden. Please come early to leave at 9:00 A.M.

Roses H2-15 SE 9:30 AM Meet *Judy Deist*, 303-841-4792, Cell 303-906-4305 at the south side of the Walmart parking lot off of Aurora Parkway and Commons, which is in the Southlands shopping mall north of Smokey Hill road and west of Aurora Parkway in Aurora. Walmart is just north of Sams Club. We will ride around the Aurora Reservoir and more. Bring a snack and money for a restaurant lunch after the ride.

**Saturday,
May 7th**

FUN-H1-22-NW 9:30 AM Meet *Dave Noble* (303-694-2008) at the Westwoods Golf Club (1 block north of 64th and Quaker) for a loop of the Clear Creek and Ralston Creek trails. Lunch will follow.

FUN-H1-22-SE 10:00 AM Meet *Gary Goins* (303-433-4398) in the parking lot of the Colorado Community Church, 3651 S. Colorado Blvd., 2 blocks south of Hampden Blvd. This ride will be as flat as any ride in the area. The trail is well maintained and suitable for all types of bikes. Bring air, a spare and sunscreen.

INT H2-H3-38-SW 9:00 AM Meet *Denny Martin* (303-793-0395) at the Park 'N Ride behind Panera Bread (Aspen Grove Shopping Center) at Mineral & Santa Fe in Littleton. We will pedal west on Mineral and Chatfield avenues for a loop thru Ken Caryl Ranch, back down Deer Creek Canyon, break at C store at Waterton Rd. & Rampart Range, south to Arrow Head Golf Course, and return thru south end of Chatfield State Park. Short-cuts are available if you desire to reduce mileage. Lunch after at Panera Bread.

ROAD-H4-35/45-SW-9:00AM Meet *Diane Short* (303-763-9874) at the dirt parking lot at the Morrison Road and Rooney Road intersection for a foothills ride to Bergen Park, Evergreen, and Bear Creek Canyon, with Stagecoach Road as an option.

MTB P3, T2 10:00 AM Buffalo Creek. This is a good one to carpool at 9:15 am from the Fort Restaurant on Hwy 8 just north of Hwy 285. 18 glorious miles starting from the pay parking lot (somewhere around \$4-\$5 per car) at CO Road 126 and Redskin Creek Road. Contact ride leader *Fred "no sweat ever" Berry* at (720-840-8596) with questions. Lunch after is at Zoka's in Pine.

- Sunday, May 8th** **FUN-H2-20-NW-10:30 AM** Meet *Dave Grimes* (303-986-7666) at Berkley Park near 46th Ave and Sheridan. Dave will lead the 26th Annual Mother's Day Ride. We will ride around Berkley Park Lake and Rocky Mountain Lake and proceed north on Tennyson to the Clear Creek Trail to the Platte River Trail to a stop at REI. Return to Berkley Park via the Platte River, 47th Ave and other streets. Lunch is at a selected eatery after the ride
- INT-H2 21 NW 10 AM** Meet *Bruce Kohl* (303-458-7322) at Hilario's Restaurant (4835 W 38th Ave.) east of Sheridan for a small loop around NW Denver. The ride is a combo of streets and bike paths.
- ROAD - H3/H4 - 50 - NW - 9:00AM** Piece of Cake ride. Meet *Donald Schmertz* (roadrider80226@yahoo.com) at Mercedes Mexican Restaurant, 10151 W. 26 Ave & Kipling, Wheat Ridge. This location is just across Kipling St. from the Crown Hill Park. Please park your car on the far northwest corner of the parking lot. This 50 mile Road Ride will climb Lookout Mountain. The route goes through Golden, Bergen Park, Evergreen, and Morrison. Pace of these rides will be 15 to 20 MPH on the flats. Climbing Lookout is at your own pace. Along with regrouping, we will visit Bergen Park and Evergreen for refreshments. Wet roads at start time will cancel ride.
- Monday, May 9th** **FUN-H1-23-Central 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at Cuernavaca Park for a ride on the Cherry Creek Trail to the Highline Canal and back. The ride is on paved bike paths. An optional lunch is at My Brother's Bar.
- Tuesday, May 10th** **MTB P2, T1 Green Mountain 6:00 PM** Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) MTB P1-2, T1-2 Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda, Lakewood). We will ride the Hayden Trail to the top and do a quick summit loop and return via the Rooney Valley trail. Pot luck dinner is afterwards at Russ Peterson's house.
- Wednesday, May 11th** **FUN/INT-H2-30-SE 9:00 AM** Meet *John Mues* (303-795-6167 [home]) at the Goodson Recreation Center (off of University Blvd. between Arapahoe Rd and Orchard Rd - Meet in the lower part of parking lot near the bridge) for a loop down to REI via Washington Park and the Cherry Creek Trail. We'll return via the Platte River and the Big Dry Creek Trail. This will be a paved route except for a very short stretch near the start. Bring a snack and we'll have an optional lunch after the ride.
- "Roses" H1-8 NW 9:30 AM** Meet *Susan Gregory*, 303-477-9233, at the NW corner parking lot of Sloan's Lake 25th & Sheridan, for a ride through the Highlands neighborhood, with stops at a Panaderia Mexican bakery, and the best outdoor sculpture (rusted metal) studio in the Metro area. Bring money for an optional restaurant lunch after the ride. To get more miles, come early and circle the lake 1 or more times.
- Saturday, May 14th** **FUN-H2-20-NW-9:30 AM Giro della poca Italia (Denver style).** Join *Stuart Black* (303-433-9041) for a tour of the Italian side of Denver. Meet at the Highlands Park (32nd and Federal, parking on the south side of the park) for a tour of Denver's Northside and the Platte Valley. Although most of the ride will take place on bike paths there will be some quiet urban riding. Join us for lunch afterwards at Spuntino (<http://www.spuntinodenver.com>) for modern Italian fare and killer gelato in one of Denver's up and coming neighborhoods.
- FUN-H2-22-N 9:30** Meet *Richard Quick* (303-466-4008) at Whole Foods at 303 Marshal Road in Superior to ride in and near Lafayette and Louisville. This is on hard pack and roads. The hard pack is hard. Those interested in lunch can choose Whole Foods or one of the other nearby restaurants.
- INT-H1-40-NE 9:30 AM** Meet *John Campbell* (303.797.0250 (h)/303.916.7070 (c)) at 9:30AM at the Park-n-Ride at 88th and Colorado Blvd. for a flat 40-miler out and back to Ft. Lupton. We'll stop at the Sonic in Ft. Lupton for refreshments midway. This is a training ride for the Enchanted Tour trip, but is open to all members. This is a fair weather ride—if the weather isn't fair, we aren't riding!
- Sunday, May 15th** **FUN-H2-22-NW 9:00 AM** Meet *Jake Jacobi*, (303.475.0374), (jakhok62@yahoo.com) at Twin Lakes, near Broadway and 70th Ave. Ride along Clear Creek, through VanBibber Park, and back along Ralston Creek and Clear Creek trails. Optional lunch is afterwards.
- FUN-H1-28.378(apprx.) SE 9:00 AM** Meet *Guy James* (303-321-4607) at Four Mile House 715 S. Forest Denver. Ride west to Platte River via Washington Park, south to Union, east to Clarkson and then to Eisenhower Park, east on the Highline to Cook Park . Then back home. Some trails, some streets, SOME FUN !

May 14-18th Fruita Weekend and Then Some

See page 3 of the March "Colorado Bicyclist" Newsletter for details. Contact *Jeff Baysinger* (303-969-9241) with questions.

Saturday, May 14, 1:00 pm, Tabeguache Trails just outside the east entrance to the Colorado National Monument.

Sunday, May 15, 9:45 am, Rabbit Valley trails at I-70, Rabbit Valley, exit #2 west of Grand Junction.

Monday, May 16, 18 Road area north of Fruita.

Tuesday, May 17, Colorado National Monument Loop

Wednesday, May 18, Flight of Icarus, shuttle drop 22.7 miles north of the I-70 Loma exit on Hwy 139 at Hay Canyon. Trail head at Douglas Pass 33.5 miles north of Loma on Hwy 139.

Monday, May 16th **FUN-H1-26-NW 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at Twin Lakes Park at 70th and Broadway for a ride up the Clear Creek Trail to the Ralston Creek Trail to Westwood golf course and back. The ride is on paved bike trails, some streets and a short distance on gravel road. An optional lunch is at Mickies Top Sirloin.

Tuesday, May 17th **MTB T2 P1, Flying J Ranch 6:00 PM** Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) MTB P1-2, T1-2 6:00 PM. Let's do a lap or laps through the dense pines and easy trails of this park. Meet at the main trailhead (Travel south from Evergreen on County Highway 73 approximately 6.8 miles to the main trailhead entry road. From US Highway 285 at Aspen Park, take Barkley Road to County Highway 73. Turn north and travel to the main trailhead entrance. We will decide on a dinner venue after the ride.

Wednesday, May 18th **FUN-H2/H3-25 or 35 SW 9:00 AM** Meet *Patty Gaspar* (303-989-8268) behind the McDonald's at Sheridan and Hampden. We'll head to the Tech Center on various trails. We have to climb some hills and there are sections on the Highline Canal (pea gravel), and then we'll have our morning latte and loop back to Bear Valley. If interested, you can add a loop around Cherry Creek Reservoir. It is a beautiful ride and we get have a wonderful downhill back to Bear Valley. Lunch is in Bear Valley.

Roses H1-20 9:30 AM SW Meet *Dave Grimes*, 303-986-7666, at the Bear Valley McDonald's. (north of Hampden on Dartmouth, west of Sheridan) for a lovely spring ride on Bear Creek and the Platte River. Bring a snack and money for an optional restaurant lunch after the ride.

Saturday, May 21st **FUN-H2-27-SE-9:00 AM** Join *Dave Noble* (303-694-2008) at Village Greens Park (lower end of parking lot at Dayton St. and Union Ave.) for a loop around the Cherry Creek Reservoir to the spillway then to the Tollgate Creek, Highline Canal, and Cherry Creek trails. Bring a snack and money for lunch afterwards.

INT-H2-30-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Ellen Chilikas* (H: 303.750.5099, C: 720.670.0296) at the Carson Nature Center near Santa Fe and Mineral at 9:30 for an out and back ride up to the Manor House (you may need to park at the park-n-ride). This is a training ride for the Enchanted Tour. There are a few hills to get your lungs working so be prepared. Lunch is afterwards in Aspen Grove.

MTB P3, T3 10:00 AM Heil Valley Ranch. *Laurie "in charge" Armijo* (303-717-7676) will lead us wherever she wants to from the trailhead. From Jay Road and US 36 in North Boulder, continue to drive on US 36 for 5 more miles to Left Hand Canyon. Turn left on Left Hand Canyon (also marked to Jamestown) and drive approximately 1 mile to Geer Canyon Road. Turn right and drive another 1.5 miles to the trailhead. Better yet, carpool from Sofa Mart at the NW corner of Kipling Street and Hwy 6 at 9:00 am. Park on east side of the lot. Lunch location and van ride back from Lyons still pending

Sunday, May 22nd **FUN-H2-28-SE 9:30 AM** Meet *Bob Shedd* (720-290-6014) at South High School (Louisiana & S. Franklin) parking lot. Ride on easy street through East Denver to Stapleton. Bob has updated his time-honored route to include a stop at the new Great Lawn at Lowry. Return by way of City Park. Lunch is optional afterwards.
INT-H1-40-NE 10 AM Meet *Bruce Kohl* (303-458-7322) at 10AM at the 70th and Broadway Park-N-Ride for a flat 40-miler out and back to Ft. Lupton. We'll stop at the Sonic in Ft. Lupton for refreshments midway

ROAD/INT-H2/H3-44-SE-9:00AM Meet *John Mues* (303-795-6167 [home]) at the RTD Park & Ride at C-470 & University (SW corner of interchange.) We'll start by going on the C-470 & Cherry Creek trails to Parker, then switch to roads and go for a loop skirting Castle Rock to Castle Pines. We'll return to the start via the Daniels Park climb and Castle Pines North. Pace of the ride should be less than 15mph due to the hills (with more in the latter half of the ride) and the leader's relative turtle pace, but there will be maps and cue sheets handed out prior to the ride. Lunch is optional after the ride

Monday, May 23rd **FUN-H2-20-SW 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at SW corner of Kipling and Jewell, Lakewood, at Safeway Shopping Center (the closed Performance Bike Shop) for a ride on the Bear Creek Trail to the Platte River Trail to the Sanderson Gulch Trail. An optional lunch is at Café Jordano.

Tuesday, May 24th **MTB P3, T2. Mt. Falcon 6:00 PM** Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) at the East access - Colorado Highway 8 south of Morrison. Turn west on Forest Avenue and north on Vine Avenue. We will ride Castle trail to the top. This will probably be an out and back for most riders. A few climbing animals have the option of adding the Meadow and Parmalee trails if 2100' of climbing is not enough.

Wednesday, May 25th **FUN/INT-H2-24-NW 9:00 AM** Meet *John Mues* (303-795-6167 [home]) at the west parking lot in Westminster City Park (Directions: From US36 and Church Ranch Blvd/104th Ave. exit, east on 104th about 1/2 mile to the first left after the Westminster Blvd light. The address for the park is 10455 Sheridan Blvd.) for a ride in the Westminster, Northglenn, and Thornton area, including the Farmer's Highline Canal, Lee Lateral, and Grange Hall Creek trails. Bring a snack and we'll have lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

"Roses" H1-20-NW 9:30 AM Meet *Andree Vetter*, 303-466-6509 at Twin Lakes Park, About a block west of Broadway on south side of 70th. From south, exit I-25 at 58th Ave, go west to Broadway, north to 70th for a ride east on Clear Creek, north on the Platte River Trail. Bring a snack and money for lunch following the ride.

Saturday, May 28th **FUN-H2-20-NW 9:30 AM** Meet *Howard Bagdad* (303-278-0541) at Prospect Park. Howard will lead a ride to Golden, loop around North Table Mountain and return. Lunch afterwards is at Subway.

MTB P2, T2 10:00 AM Magnolia/Star Wars and School Bus. Second week in a row with *Laurie Armijo* (303-717-7676)! Join her near Nederland for the most amazing single track in the entire western United States and maybe the world. The trailhead is on the west side of Hwy 119, approximately 1.5 -2.0 miles north of the junction of Hwy 72. Carpool from Sofa Mart at 8:45 am at the NW corner of Kipling Street and Hwy 6. Park on the east side of the lot.



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Sunday, May 29th **FUN-H3-25-W 9:15 AM** *Susan Gregory* (303-477-9233) would like you to meet her in the Idaho Springs public parking lot behind Beau Jo's to ride to Georgetown. We will gather briefly at the Georgetown Visitor's Center and return to Idaho Springs before the wind starts blowing up the canyon. Lunch is in Idaho Springs.

Monday, May 30th **Memorial Day Picnic FUN-H2-25-NW-9:00 AM** Join *Cindy Ferry* (303-274-9454) at Prospect Park picnic for a ride out Clear Creek, VanBibber Trail to Simms, and back on Little Dry Creek to Clear Creek. Ride is 25 or more miles.

ROAD/INT-H3-35-NW-9:00AM Meet *Steve Ingraham* (303-756-7847) at the DBTC Memorial Day Picnic at Prospect Park for a ride on streets and bike paths to Standley Lake. As with all our Road Rides, the pace on the flat sections will be 15+ mph. Detailed Route Maps will be supplied. Weather can be unpredictable this time of year, so check the weather and bring appropriate clothing.

MTB, P2, T2 10:00 AM Ride South Table Mountain with *Neal Koster* (303-949-3617). Some pavement, lots of dirt and great views.

Tuesday, May 31st **MTB P3, T2. Deer Creek Canyon Park 6:00 PM** Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) at the trailhead (travel south on C-470 to Kipling exit. Turn west, (right) on W. Ute Avenue, then west (right) on Deer Creek Canyon Road. Turn left on Grizzly Drive, then right into Deer Creek Canyon Park). We will ride the Plymouth Creek trail and the Red Mesa Loop with an option to ride the Plymouth Mountain trail. Dinner venue will be selected after the ride.

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