



Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

The Colorado Bicyclist

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MAY DAY BIKE RIDE AND BARBEQUE POTLUCK

SUNDAY MAY 20TH 1PM

MEET AT THE NE CORNER
OF CHEESMAN PARK
(13TH AND WILLIAMS BY CAPITOL HILL
COMMUNITY CENTER)

RIDE OPTIONS:

- 1 TO CHERRY CREEK RESEVOIR AND BACK – 22 MILES
- 2 AROUND RESEVOIR – 30 MILES
- 3 LOOP IN RESEVOIR – 34 MILES

BARBEQUE FOLLOWS RIDE AT 4PM AT 1291
HIGH ST, UNIT I
ENTER THROUGH CHEESEMAN PARK –
13TH AND WILLIAMS
BRING SOMETHING TO BARBEQUE
AND A SIDE AS FOLLOWS:
LAST NAME: A-C BEVERAGE, D-J SALAD,
K-T SIDE, U-Z DESSERT

CALL DENNIS FITZPATRICK WITH QUESTIONS:
303-322-0290

Fruita Spring Getaway, May 12-14, 2012 Wild trails in Book Cliff canyons...

Once again, the DBTC dirt trail tribe is heading to the Fruita area for a spring campout and getaway. Some may camp, some may hotel, and some may attend only part of the weekend. Lodging is all optional and up to attendees. However, those wanting to join a possible group camp in the Colorado National Monument should let the leader know as soon as possible.

The schedule is as follows: Saturday, May 12, 1:00 PM, meet at the Loma exit 15 and ride the Horsethief Bench – Mary's Loop; 10:00 AM Sunday ride at Western Rim; Monday's ride to be decided upon at the Sunday evening group powwow. Monday choices are either Area 18 or Tabeguache. These rides are all intermediate to advanced level for endurance and trail obstacle difficulty. All rides are a blast!

For verifying attendance, contact Jeff Baysinger at 303-969-9241. If there are some road riders, Jeff plans the annual Colorado National Monument loop ride on Tuesday. This is a complete circumnavigation of the Monument. Distance is 33 miles, elevation gain is 2500 feet. This is also optional.



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MARCH KICKOFF

March Kickoff Meeting had a great turnout. 162 DBTC members attended enjoyed Mexican from Rosa Linda's Restaurant – and lots of tasty, sweet desserts were enjoyed after the meal. Our club's own stand-up comedian Dick Plastino's "Rider's Code of Conduct" caused smiles and laughs. DBTC Tee Shirt door prizes were received by ten lucky members in attendance. The Board would like to personally thank all who volunteered to serve as Greeters, Dessert Table Hosts and the Set-Up/Tear Down Team. Jack Shaver, Julie Brown, Clara Pulver, Marlene Hanson, Criss Lucas, Pam Anderson, Ellie Baldwin, Lois Kohn, Rose Jones, Carol & Dianne Minka, Kim Penoyer, Burt Hunt, Dick Plastino, Darrell & Jean Deering, Lily Schumann, Lurt Koerth, Ron & Marsha Wagner, Janet Becker and Marlene Patchy. If we missed anyone who volunteered, we apologize. President John Campbell conducted the meeting. Discussion topics: Upcoming Summer Picnic – July 21, 2012 at Prospect Park, and the Volunteer Recognition Dinner to be held November 17, 2012; the change to electronic newsletters in June (the final printed newsletter is May); and plans to use DBTC Meetup Group to schedule rides on short notice – in 7 days or less. All ride leaders are encouraged to join the DBTC Meetup group at www.Meetup.com in order to post rides. Once you have posted your ride, Dale Trone, Dick Plastino, Patty Gaspar or Karen Kirby will review the ride information to be sure it complies with the club requirements. Once the ride is uploaded to the Meetup web site, you will be able to edit your ride. Everyone was encouraged to go to the Meetup web site and sign in so that they can receive announcements from our Meetup group announcements. Ride Coordinators and ride leaders talked about upcoming rides and trips planned for the summer season. The March Kickoff was a huge success and we look forward to seeing everyone on the road or mountain bike rides planned for the 2012 season.



Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is May 2nd at El Senor Sol, 2301 7th St. 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.

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.



Colorado Bicycle Summit

Kevin Purdy

This year's Colorado Bicycle Summit was a smashing success. Attendees were exposed to a perfect mix of bicycling venues including mountain biking, trail biking, road biking, bicycle commuting, and competitive cycling. Governor John Hickenlooper was the first guest speaker, and it was obvious that our governor is a huge cycling fan and supporter.

Governor Hickenlooper made it clear that he would love to see Colorado become known as a pro-biking state. In fact he wants it to be pro-biking in two ways. First and most importantly, he wants Colorado to accept, promote, and support cycling in both a utilitarian and recreational way. He would love to see bicycle commuting become more popular and feasible. He would also like to see recreational biking become even more prominent among Coloradans and Colorado visitors. He also strongly supports pro-biking in the competitive sense. Our bike-friendly governor is part of the reason why Colorado is becoming one of the biggest bike racing states in the country.

Shawn Hunter, the CEO of USA Pro Cycling Challenge was the next speaker. Mr. Hunter was an enthusiastic presenter and shared his dream for the upcoming stage race and the statistics that support his dream. For example, the Pro Cycling Challenge alone attracts more spectators than all the rest of Colorado's pro sports combined. In addition to providing Colorado with an extremely visible sporting event, the Cycling Challenge also brings in a great deal of tourist revenue for the state. It is clear that last year's USA Pro Cycling Challenge was a great success and that this year's event will be even bigger.

Other presenters at the summit included Jeff Miller from Alliance for Biking & Walking, Dan Grunig from Bicycle Colorado and Travis Berry from PoliticalWorks LLC. Each presenter was passionate about cycling and provided interesting information about the state of bicycling in Colorado and throughout the U.S. Some of the information and anecdotes presented at the summit included:

Pedal The Plains will become the Ride the Rockies for the rest of us.

50,000,000 Americans ride bicycles each year.

Bike/Pedestrian infrastructure accounts for 1.6% of the U.S.

Transportation Department funding. That would build 15 miles of interstate. (That funding was nearly dropped to 0% earlier this year and is still potentially on the chopping block.)

66% of U.S. citizens report that they would drive less if more options were available.

On the second day of the Bicycle Summit, participants biked to the Colorado State Capitol Building to speak with state representatives. One of the main talking points was a Bill that would impose stronger penalties on people who flee the scene of an accident. Bicycle Summit members encouraged their representatives to vote in favor of such a bill because it would be one more step toward making bicycling safer in Colorado. Most representatives seemed supportive of such a bill.

DBTC Members Joining in March

JENNY BRIDGES MYRA JANS
LINDSEY CRAWLEY SUE LEMONS
MICHAEL GILLES GARY PRATT

PLAN AHEAD

Cortez Mountain Biking Trip September 22nd to 30th

You can choose any of the 40 rides available from as short as 5.5 miles to as long as 29 miles or combine two or more rides. They range from easy to difficult with elevation changes from as little as 330 feet to as challenging as 5200 feet – there is something for everyone. Maps rate every trail as to difficulty and endurance required.

I will be camping at a campground, but there are several hotels in the area if you prefer. The world is at your wheels. The final ride selection for the group will be made when we know the riding level of those coming. There may be more than one option some days.

Contact Richard Quick quick71@msn.com or 303-466-4008. I'm at the REI flagship store from open to close every Thursday volunteering at the ORIC next to the maps if you want to talk about the options.



NEW BICYCLE SHOPS

by Doug Schuler

In the past 18 months here has been quite a bit of activity in the world of bicycle shops in the metro area. Some of you have already discovered that your favorite shop has moved, closed or been replaced. I will try and bring you up to date on the changes that I have discovered. Three of the larger shops that have closed are The Spoke on Evans which is now City Velo, two former Spoke employees have opened up new shops of their own, Nice Bicycles at 2435 S. Broadway and Full Service Cycles at 195 S. Union.

Just prior to Christmas, Littleton Cyclery left the scene and was quickly replaced by Pedal, LLC, while two weeks ago Campus Cycles opened their second store on west Colfax replacing Westside Schwinn.

Paul's has relocated to the south Platte bike path near the junction with Bear Creek while Green Mt. Sports is now located on Alameda near Green Mt. High School and Foothills has moved south to Kipling and I-70.

The new shops that I have discovered are The Bicycle Shack on the Clear Creek bike path at Beech Street, Velo Soul at south Pearl across from Whole Foods, The Urbanistic Tea and Bicycle Shop in the Highlands at 32 and Lowell. People living in northeast Denver can now go to Cycleton located on 29 Avenue in the shops at Stapleton.

My favorite new shop is The Denver Bicycle Café. This is a new concept combining a coffee shop, bike repair shop and pub. They are open from early morning to late at night.

If you know of any new shops, closings or relocations please let me know to keep our lists up to date. Also remember to also shop at our sponsoring shops that are listed in the newsletter.

ASPEN MEMORIAL DAY TOUR

MAY 25-28, 2012 (Friday – Sunday nights lodging;
Sat – Monday cycling)

Intermediate to Advanced (easy options available)

\$190 to include 3 nights lodging (with continental breakfast), social hour, maps.

Spend 3 days in the wonderful town of Aspen. This tour will include planned rides up Independence Pass, hopefully before it is open to traffic; to Maroon Bells; and to Ashcroft. There will also be easier options available to take the new Rio Grande bike path to Basalt and beyond or to pack up Monday and go to Carbondale to do an advanced ride up McClure's Pass. We have a Lodge in Aspen that serves continental breakfast and is close to all the local restaurants. Saturday we will have a social hour in the Lodge lobby after the ride. Plan for blue skies, warm weather and a great time. Trip is currently set up for 4 couples and 12 to 16 singles (2 to a room), but could be modified or expanded.

Tour leader: Diane Short 303-763-9874; dianeshort@yahoo.com

Send a check to Diane at the address below for \$190 along with the DBTC trip registration form and medical form (download from the www.dbtc.org web site). Those just joining the club need to send just their membership fee and forms to the DBTC post box.



Diane Short 1978 S. Garrison St. Suite 114, Lakewood CO 80227

UTAH PARKS SAMPLER TOUR

Multi-sport: Road Biking and Hiking

June 16-23, 2012

\$550/person double occupancy – hotel lodging

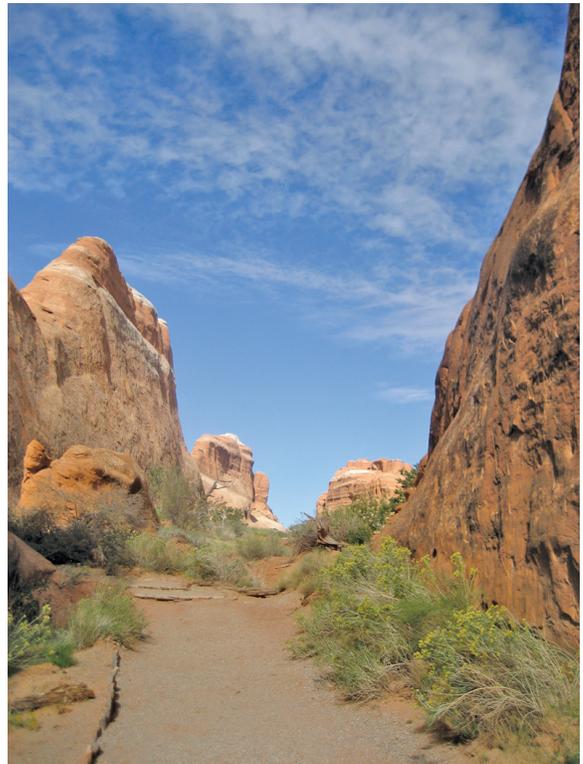
Ellen Chilikas and Ruth Berkshire

FULL – Accepting wait list

We will be playing in both Capitol Reef and Bryce Canyon National Parks. Both of these parks have unique and drop dead gorgeous scenery - you will not be disappointed! Both hiking and biking options will be offered. Some days we may bike in the morning and hike in the afternoon (or vice versa). For those who only want to bike, there will be a cycling option every day. Rides will be at the Intermediate level and are for independent riders.

The trip cost includes several happy hours and a dinner - breakfasts are not included (since our hotels don't provide them) but there are places nearby to buy food, and the rooms in Capitol Reef have refrigerators and microwaves.

To save your spot, send a check for \$150 to Ellen Chilikas at PO Box 471803, Aurora, CO 80047, along with the filled out tour forms located here: http://www.dbtc.org/OTT_Index.aspx. All moneys are transferable but not refundable. Contact Ellen with questions at outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com.



DBTC SPONSORING SHOPS

DBTC members receive a 10% discount off purchases (excluding bicycles and sale items) at these sponsoring retailers.

ARAPAHOE CYCLERY
6905 S BROADWAY UNIT 169
LITTLETON, CO 80122
303-797-1858
arapahoecyclery.com

ARVADA BIKE COMPANY
6595 WADSWORTH BLVD
ARVADA, CO 80003
303-420-3854

BICYCLE PEDAL'R
2030 E. COUNTY LINE ROAD
LITTLETON, CO 80126
303-730-8038
BicyclePedalr.com

BIG KAHUNA BICYCLES
8246 W BOWLES AVE
UNIT 2
LITTLETON, CO 80128
720-981-5199
bigkahunabicycles.com
Includes 10% discount on bikes!

BIKE SOURCE
*2690 E COUNTY LINE RD
LITTLETON, CO 80126
303-221-4840

*2665 S. COLORADO BLVD
DENVER, CO 80222
303-759-5099
bikesourceonline.com

CAMPUS CYCLES
2102 SO. WASHINGTON ST.
DENVER, CO 80210
campuscycles.com

CYCLE ANALYST
722 S. PEARL St.
DENVER, CO 80209
cycleanalystinc.com

DERBY BICYCLE CENTER
410 EAST 104TH AVE
THORNTON, CO 80233
303-288-4100
derbybicyclecenter.com

ECHELON SPOKES & SLOPES
297 N. Hwy 287, Ste 110
Lafayette, CO. 80026
303-604-1825
echelonspokesandslopes.com

FOOTHILLS CYCLING
11651 W. 64th AVE.
ARVADA, CO 80004
303-420-0815
foothillscycling.net

GOLDEN BEAR BIKES
290 NICKEL STREET
BROOMFIELD, CO 80020
303-469-7273
goldenbearbikes.com

GREEN MOUNTAIN SPORTS
NEXT TO VITAMIN COTTAGE:
12364 WEST ALAMEDA PARKWAY
LAKEWOOD, CO 80228
greenmountainsports.com

PEAK CYCLES
801 14TH ST, SUITE B
GOLDEN, CO 80401
303-216-1616
BikeParts.com

SCHWAB CYCLES
1565 PIERCE ST
LAKEWOOD, CO 80214
303-238-0243
schwabcycles.com
Restrictions: No discount on Shimano and Campagnolo

SPORTS PLUS
1055 S GAYLORD ST.
DENVER, CO 80209
303-777-6613
sportsplusdenver.com

CHERRY CREEK VELO
1435 S. Holly
DENVER, CO 80222
303-691-5650
25% off Sampson Pedals
10% off bikes and parts

THE GOLDEN BIKE SHOP
722 WASHINGTON AVE
GOLDEN, CO
303-278-6545

TREADS BICYCLE
OUTFITTERS (3 locations)
*10831 S. CROSSROADS DR.
PARKER, CO 80134
303-690-2900

*16701 E ILIFF AVE
AURORA, CO 80013
303-750-1671

*3234 S. WADSWORTH BLVD
LAKEWOOD, CO 80227
303-781-1162

2012 Advance Planning Calendar

May 5
Fort Collins Cycling Club
Spring Warmup Ride
fccycleclub.org
Fort Collins, CO

May 20
Community Classic Bike Tour
McKeefoundation.com
Loveland, CO

May 19
Buena Vista Bike Fest
bvbf.org
Buena Vista, CO

May 20
Santa Fe Century
santafecentury.com
Santa Fe, NM

May 26-28
Iron Horse Bicycle Classic
ironhorsebicycleclassic.com
Durango, CO

June 3
Elephant Rock Ride
elephantrockride.com
Castle Rock, CO

June 9
Starlight Spectacular
starlightspectacular.org
Colorado Springs, CO

June 9-15
Ride the Rockies
ridetherockies.com
Gunnison–Ft. Collins

June 16
Greenwood Goosechase
goosechase.org
Greenwood Village, CO

June 16
Tour de Cure
diabetes.org
Woodland Park, CO

June 17
The Denver Century Ride
denvercenturyride.com
Denver, CO

June 17-23
Bicycle Tour of Colorado
bicycletourcolorado.com
Fort Collins (Saratoga-
Steamboat Loop)

June 23
Tour de Prairie
307-637-6423
Cheyenne, WY

June 27
Bike to Work Day
drcog.org
Denver Metro area

June 23
Sunrise Century
bikerpelli.com/Sunrise_
Century
Boulder, CO

June 30-July 1
MS 150 Bike Tour
nationalmssociety.org/
chapters/COC/index.aspx
Westminster–Ft. Collins Loop

July 14-15
Triple Bypass
teamevergreen.org
Evergreen, CO

July 14
Moonlight Classic
moonlight-classic.com
Denver, CO

July 15-20
Tour de Wyoming
cyclewyoming.org
Jackson Hole, WY

July 21
Tour De Steamboat
rockypeakproductions.com
Steamboat Springs, CO

July 21-23
Courage Classic
couragetours.com
Copper Mountain, CO

July 22-28
RAGBRAI
ragbrai.org
Sioux Center – Clinton, IA

July 28
Colorado-Eagle River Ride
vailvelo.com
Beaver Creek, CO

July
Durango Century
durango100.com
Durango, CO

August 4-11
CANDISC – Cycling Around
North Dakota In Sakakawea
Country
www.parkrec.nd.gov/
activities/candisc.html
Garrison, ND

August 4-11
Colorado Rocky Mountain
Bike Tour
crmbt.com
Pagosa Springs – Montrose
Loop

August 4
Copper Triangle Alpine Classic
coppertriangle.com
Copper Mountain, CO

August 11
Stonewall Century Ride
spcycling.org
La Veta, CO

August 18
Circle the Summit (aka Bob
Guthrie Memorial Ride)
Circlthesummit.com
Frisco, CO

August 18
Tour de Cure
diabetes.org
Longmont, CO

August
Blue River Century
& Metric Century
bluerivercentury.com
Summit Co, CO

August 19
Deer Creek Challenge
deercreekchallenge.com
Wadsworth @ Deer Creek
Canyon Rd, CO

August 26
Venus de Miles
venusdemiles.com
Prospect Park,
Longmont, CO

September 8
Ride Westcliffe Adventure
www.ridewestcliffe.com
Westcliffe, CO

September 9
Buffalo Bicycle Classic
buffalobicycleclassic.com
Boulder, CO

September 14-16
Mickelson Trail Trek
MickelsonTrail.com
Custer, SD

September 17
Tour of the Vineyards
Coloradowinefest.com
Palisade, CO

September 21-23
Moab Century Tour
skinnytirefestival.com
Moab, UT

October 6
Tour of the Moon
www.tourofthemoon.com
Grand Junction, CO

For additional cycling event listings, visit the following website:
coloradobicyclerides.com

Guide to Reading the Ride Schedule

By Patty Gaspar

Each leader determines the rating and mileage for the ride. They try to be accurate, but their idea of hills might differ from yours! Some leaders are more supportive than others. Some leaders are way out front; others lead from the middle of the pack. Please be flexible. Much of the fun of riding with the club is exploring new trails with different people. Ride leaders and/or the riders reserve the right to modify the route selection due to rider attendance, skill levels, weather conditions or the whining of other riders. Keep the leader informed if you decide not to ride with the group.

Pace of Ride:

This is an average pace, not a maximum speed. Pace will vary with terrain.

"ROSES" OR LEISURE 8-10 mph. Leisurely pace, frequent stops, good place to start

FUN 9-12 mph. Moderate pace, frequent stops, focuses on group ride.

INT 12-15 mph. Intermediate, steady pace with fewer stops for more advanced riders.

ROAD 15+ mph. Vigorous pace with only occasional stops for advanced riders.

MTB or ATB Mountain bike ride – terrain determines pace.

Difficulty of Terrain

H1 Mostly flat to rolling with an occasional hill

H2 Mostly flat or rolling with moderate hills

H3 Quite hilly or some long and/or steep hills

H4 Serious climbs – remember we are in the Rocky Mountains

ATB Terrain Rating - Mountain or Hybrid Bikes

H1 Non-technical trails, gentle climbs, gravel or dirt roads/trails, few obstacles.

MTB Technical Rating and Physical Exertion Rating – Mountain Bikes Only

T1 Easy technical ride. Flat, moderate single track or trails - suitable for beginners.

T2 Moderate technical ride. Single track, some bumps, maybe a sharp turn or two - expect to break a sweat.

T3 Very technical, single track, ruts, rocks and obstacles. Might fall off bike - expect your legs to burn.

T4 Extremely technical with tight, difficult single track, large obstacles, ruts, logs, rocks. You'll wonder why you picked up this crazy sport!

P1 Not too difficult to **P4** Demands excellent physical condition – a trail might not be technically difficult, but it might be physically challenging.

Estimated Distance

This is the estimated distance in miles (MTB rides may not have a mileage designation) but actual ride distance can vary.

Quadrant of City - SW, NW, NE, SE, W

Note the quadrant of the metro area for the meeting place. The North/South dividing line is Colfax. The East/West is Broad-

way. W indicates in the foothills or mountains. This is simply to help you locate the starting point on your DBTC map. We try to spread the rides throughout the metro area. You can go to www.DBTC.org for the most common starting locations and print a map from your home to the starting point.

Examples

FUN-H2-25-NW Fun ride from Olde Town Arvada out the Ralston Creek Trail and back.

Expect to ride about 10-12 miles per hour with some climbing. A pleasant ride and they will probably have lunch afterwards.

ROAD-H1-55-NE Road ride from Denver to Fort Lupton and back.

Expect to ride 20 MPH or more on flat road. No beginners on this ride.

FUN-H4-20-NW Fun ride from Prospect Park up Lookout Mountain.

Expect to do some serious climbing. Lookout Mountain is a steep, narrow road, but the pace will be slow with frequent stops for the slower riders to catch up.

– If this ride is rated INT-H4-20-NW expect fewer stops on the ride up and the group may meet you on the way down if you fall too far behind.

– If this is rated ROAD-H4-20-NW expect the riders to meet in the parking lot and go straight up the hill.

MTB-T3-P3-NW MTB ride at White Ranch.

Expect to climb up a trail. This is not a ride for your first outing. Mountain bikes only.

INT-H2-35-SE Intermediate ride from South High School to Cherry Creek Reservoir.

Expect to ride at a steady pace without a lot of breaks. There are some climbs on this route, but nothing like Lookout Mountain.

The rating system is just to give you an idea of what to expect. ROSES, LEISURE and FUN rides are very supportive with frequent breaks to re-group. A FUN-H1 ride would be at a leisurely pace along one of the flat bike trails. A FUN-H3 would be much more challenging. Please read the ride description, because one person might label a ride a FUN ride that someone else would consider an INT ride. For a FUN ride you can use a road bike, a hybrid or even a mountain bike.

There is a fine line between a long fun ride and an intermediate ride. If the riders who show up for a FUN ride are ALL faster riders, the pace may be the INT speed. If it is a large group, some of the riders may be riding at a faster pace. FUN rides incorporate stops to regroup. If you don't plan on completing the entire ride, be sure to let the ride leader know so the group doesn't wait for you.

INT or Intermediate rides are intended to be at a faster pace or on more difficult terrain than FUN rides. Many riders cannot keep the pace on a mountain bike. Intermediate rides will be more supportive than ROAD rides, but you are expected to be able to keep up with the group.

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ROAD rides are fast-paced rides intended for riders in good physical condition. It is assumed that riders will be able to read a map if offered, comfortable to proceed at their own pace, be competent to fix flats, and can do their own mechanical work if necessary. Those who ride at a slower pace are welcome. However, they may be riding alone sometimes and are urged to attend with a friend who rides at a similar speed. Road riders at times do not ride as a group and sometimes split off the agreed-upon route.

Some of the INT or ROAD rides feature a lot of altitude gain so the pace will be slower.

Some rides will have a dual designation FUN/INT or INT/ROAD. There might even be mileage options. When you read the text you'll find that there might be two leaders for this ride and they expect the group to split between faster and slower riders. Other times the leader wants to warn you that even though it's not quite an INT ride it is not suitable for a beginner. An INT/ROAD welcomes people who want to ride faster or climb harder, but aren't necessarily roadies. If in doubt, contact the ride leader and ask.

MTB or Mountain biking is becoming more popular every year. We have two classes of Mountain Biking - ATB means a hybrid or cross bike with tires suitable for gravel roads and paths would be an option and MTB refers to your suspension mountain bike. MTB rides require a mountain bike. Technical rating and physical exertion are a matter of opinion and depend highly on route conditions. Please pay attention to the rating. Many of the rides will be listed with multiple ratings - they may have a T1, P1 for an easy ride option and a T3, P4 for the GONZO option. The riders can do either option. Watch for MTB clinics so that you can improve your technical skills to ride more difficult trails.

Most of all – HAPPY PEDALING!!

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER IN PRINT

If you receive this by post, this is the last newsletter that will be mailed to your home. If you have not already done so, please send your email address to webmaster@dbtc.org. If you do not have an email account, you can go to your library and use their computers to set up a free account with yahoo or gmail or you can simply go the www.dbtc.org each month and print the newsletter from the site.

Comparing the printing and mailing costs of mailing a newsletter versus none for sending the newsletter by email makes this a necessary change. We regret that it will inconvenience some long-time members, but the option is to raise the dues for everyone.

A bonus is that you will have an additional 10 days to get your rides to the ride coordinators.

2012 (and Future) 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 17 – 21, 2012 Self-Contained Touring 101

Trip Type: Road Touring
Lodging: Camping
Location Details: Walsenburg, CO
Contact: Don Swett, don_swett@comcast.net
Status: Open

May 25 – 28, 2012 Aspen Memorial Day Tour

Trip Type: Intermediate to Advanced Road Rides
Lodging: Motel
Location Details: Aspen, CO
Contact: Diane Short, dianeshort@yahoo.com
Status: Open

June 16-23, 2012 Utah Parks Sampler Trip

Trip Type: Multi-sport, Road Biking and Hiking
Lodging: Hotels
Location Details: Capitol Reef and Bryce Canyon National Parks
Contact: Ellen Chilikas, outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com
Status: Planning

May 2013 Albuquerque Adventure

Trip Type: Road Riding
Lodging: Hotel
Leaders: Ellen Chilikas, outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com,
and Karen Jenneman,
karen_jenneman@hotmail.com
Status: Planning

September 2013 Teton Trek Two

Trip Type: Road Riding
Lodging: Hotels
Leaders: John Campbell, jwc@rmi.net, and Ellen Chilikas,
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Status: Planning

September 2014 Door County: The Sequel

Trip Type: Road Riding
Lodging: Hotel
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for updates on the trips.

DBTC SPRING 2012

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 – Leisurely 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 at start time, or it is raining or snowing.

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>

Yahoo Group - Posting Requirements For Rides & Events

During the winter most of our events are Show and Go. We always prefer to have rides with designated leaders so you can post a Yahoo Group ride even if a Show and Go is listed in the newsletter.

1) Description Checked:

- DBTC Moderators (currently Lin Hark, Dale Trone, and Jeff Baysinger) post rides or events only if the requester is a current DBTC member,
- AND for rides the posted description conforms to the standard DBTC posting format: (e.g., FUN-2-25-NW-10:00 AM Location, Contact person & info, brief description)

2) Rules For Posting Rides To Yahoo Group:

- To prevent drawing participants from scheduled rides, your Yahoo-posted ride must NOT be of a similar length, category, location (city quadrant), and length as a ride posted in the Newsletter.
- It must be posted at least 2 days prior to the event.

3) Ride Credit For Ride Posted Only To The Yahoo Group:

- Ride leader must send the completed sign-in sheet (snail-mail or eMail) to the Yahoo Event Compiler (currently Steve Ingraham singraham046@aol.com) within one week of the ride.
- No actual ride, no credit. No sign-in sheet, no credit. If only the ride leader signs in, no credit. If the ride leader does not sign in, no credit.

4) Credit For Other Recreational Events (Ski Trips And Hikes) Not In Newsletter:

- The event leader must send the completed sign-in sheet (snail-mail or eMail) to the Yahoo Event Compiler (currently Steve Ingraham singraham046@aol.com) within one week of the event.
- No actual event, no credit. No sign-in sheet, no credit. If only the event leader signs in, no credit. If the event leader does not sign in, no credit.

New Format for ROAD AND INT RIDES

Patty Gaspar

You will notice that every Saturday there is a ride listed: **ROAD/INT/FUN H2-20-SW 9:00 AM SHOW & GO** and on Sunday: **ROAD/INT/FUN H2-28-NW 10:00 AM SHOW & GO**. They have different times and start locations. These rides will be show and go and riders are advised to download map #55 for Saturday or map #54 for Sunday from the website before going. They will be primarily for the ROAD riders and INT riders wanting a challenge. FUN riders are welcome, but the pace will be fast and no one will wait for you to catch-up.

In addition to these rides, Donald Schmertz will continue to lead his rides from various locations. His rides involve use of a paceline and he tends to do a lot of climbing in the foothills. All rides will regroup as necessary. Some of them will be in the newsletter and some will be posted

on the Yahoo group and MeetUp group. Contact me at ridecoordinator@dbtc.org if you would like to add a ROAD ride to the schedule.

INT ride leaders who want to lead a less aggressive ride should contact Rick Clauder (funridenorth@dbtc.org) to get your rides in the newsletter. The deadline for May will be the 10th, but starting in May (for June) it will be the 20th.

We will continue to have FUN SOUTH and NORTH rides. Many of our riders prefer to ride at the 10 to 12 mile an hour pace on the bike trails and less traveled streets. And, they like to know that lunch will follow. However, we need ride leaders. Without leaders, you'll be left in the dust by the road riders. funridenorth@dbtc.org and funridesouth@dbtc.org are the contacts. The ride can be as simple or as complex as you want.

2012 DBTC ROAD/INT/FUN

Saturday May 5, 12, 19, 26

ROAD/INT/FUN H2-20-SW 9:00 AM SHOW & GO Meet at the Park 'N Ride behind Panera Bread (Aspen Grove Shopping Center) at Mineral & Santa Fe in Littleton. This is a Show & Go Ride therefore there is no ride leader, map, or designated pace. Riders will decide among themselves the route(s) to take and ride at their own pace. There are many well known routes from this start location. A suggested 20 mile route is available at dbtc.org, route map library, map #55. Route to Ken Caryl Ranch is: west on Mineral, S. on Platte Canyon Rd, W. on Chatfield Ave., W. on Ken Caryl, S. on S. Valley Rd., E. on Deer Creek Canyon, S. on Wadsworth Bl., enter Chatfield State Park at main entrance, follow main road NW over the dam to where it ends at the bike trail, continue 1/3 mile and turn north on Platte River Bike Trail, follow it back to the Park & Ride and Nature Center starting point. Many options exist to add or subtract miles from this route (including climbing Deer Creek Canyon, or Roxborough Park) depending on your desire. If unfamiliar with the area purchase a Denver Bicycle Touring Club map from a local bike shop to assist you. Restrooms are at the start in the Nature Center, on Deer Creek Canyon, and in Chatfield State Park.

Sunday May 6, 13, 20, 27

ROAD/INT/FUN H2-28-NW 10:00 AM SHOW & GO Meet at Prospect Park in Wheatridge at 44th Ave. and Robb St., south parking lot). This is a Show & Go Ride therefore there is no ride leader, map, or designated pace. Riders will decide among themselves the route(s) to take and ride at their own pace. There are different routes from this start location. A suggested 28 mile loop route to Golden and south is available at dbtc.org, route map library, map #54: Approximate route is: W on Clear Creek Trail, N. on Tabor St., W. on 52nd Ave., S. on McIntyre, W. on 50th Ave., S. on Easley Rd., W. on 44th Ave. into Golden, S.E. on Washington Ave., W. on 19th St., at junction of 19th St. & 6th Ave. go S. on bike path that is on east side of 6th Ave., turn rt. (S.) at Jefferson/Heritage and crossing 6th Ave., left (E.) 4th st., rt. (S) Zeta, left (E.) Colfax, rt.(S) Rooney Rd., left (E.) Alameda Parkway, proceed straight on Jewell at junction with Jewell, left (N) on Union, rt. (E) Florida, left (N) Garrison, cross Colfax Ave., short jog rt. (E) 15th Ave., left (N) Glenmoor, bend left (N.W.) Glen Ayr, cross 20th Ave. and continue N. on Garrison, enter Crown Hill Park taking bike path rt. around east side of lake, exit park on N. side onto Holland, left (W.) on 37th Ave., rt. (N.) Independence, cross 38th Ave. & pick up Independence Ct. going N., it will junction next with Clear Creek Bike trail turn left (W.), proceed back to Prospect Park and cross small bridge over creek to enter the park. If unfamiliar with the area purchase a Denver Bicycle Touring Club map from a local bike shop to assist you.

MAY RIDE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 2nd **FUN/INT-H2/3-16-SW 9:00 AM** Meet *Steve Stevens* (720-497-1100) at Golden Oldy Cyclery, 17224 West 17th Place, Golden for the "Historic and Pre-Historic Tour of Golden". More Hilly than some but more Stops for Historic Notes on this 16 mile ride.

"Roses"-H1-20-NE 9:30 AM Meet *Dianne and Wes Chowen*, 303/204-5887, at City of Cuernavaca Park (20th St exit from I-25 north, rt to Little Raven, R to 19th, to the end at Platte River Dr, R again to parking at the end of the road. You'll be right next to I-25) for an out-and-back ride north on the Platte River Trail. (Or--Take 23rd Ave. exit, go down the hill, drive by REI going NE on Platte River Rd. Cross 15th, keep going until the end. Parking will be directly in front of you.) Bring a snack and money for an optional restaurant lunch following the ride.

MTB P2 T1 Green Mountain, 6:00 PM Show and Go. No designated leader. Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda in Lakewood).

**Saturday,
May 5th**

FUN-H1-22-NW 9:00 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 is afterwards.

FUN-H1-16-SE 9:30 AM Meet *Tom Tobiassen* (303-699-9260) at Treads Bicycle Outfitters, (16701 East Iliff Ave, just West of Buckley Road) This is a relaxing ride around Cherry Creek State Park. Mostly flat, on concrete or asphalt, with plenty of rest facilities. Note: This ride is in connection with BIKEAURORA.ORG (introducing and promoting the Aurora bike trail system)

FUN/INT-H3/H4-28-NW 9:00 AM Annual Bike the "burbs" with Bill. Meet *Bill Lew* (303-883-4308) at the Moe's Barbeque - Kipling and Morrison road, NE corner. "Hills and thrills" with Bill (not your mother's ride). Scenic and epic, neighborhoods thru Lakewood, Morrison, to 'South Park'. Steep ascents, and descents, so be ready.(Relaxed pace for sight-seers) " Ribski's and Brewski's" at Moe's afterwards. (Gratuities for the leader optional).

INT-H2/H3-30-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 Aves. for a loop thru Ken Caryl Ranch, back down Deer Creek Canyon, break at C store at Waterton Rd. & Rampart Range, return via Wadsworth and through Chatfield State Park. Shortcuts are available if you desire to reduce mileage. Lunch after is at Panera Bread.

**Sunday,
May 6th**

FUN-H1-20-SE 9:30 AM Meet *Gary Goins* (303-433-4398) at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6301 South University Blvd, (S. University and Josephine Way). We will ride one of the most scenic sections of the High Line canal Trail. Bring water, air and a spare. Sun screen would be good too. This ride is suitable for both mountain and road bikes (unpaved in spots).

FUN/INT-H2-27-SW-9:30 AM *Jeff Krinsky* (720-373-9107) The adventure begins at the Lakewood Heritage Center at Belmar Park at Ohio Street on the west side of Wadsworth, north of Mississippi and South of Alameda. We will tour the park then head west to Dinasoar Ridge and Red Rocks where we will stop for a break. Then we will continue on down through Morrison and Bear Creek Trail and return north to Belmar Park. Optional lunch is afterwards.

MTB P4, T3, 10:00 AM Walker Ranch. This is an interesting and tough ride. You luck out and get to carry your bike up about 50 rock steps to get out of a box canyon. Join *Jeff Baysinger* (303-969-9241) for this ride. To reach the Crescent Meadows Parking Lot at the south side of Walker Ranch, travel north on Hwy 93 toward Boulder; turn left (west) on Hwy 72 and travel 8 miles; turn right and follow the road to the intersection with the Gross Dam Road; turn right and follow this road a short distance and cross over the railroad tracks. The lot is on your right. Carpool at 9:15 AM from Sofa Mart on the north frontage road at the NW corner of Kipling St. and Hwy 6. Bring meats, cheeses, crackers, desserts and beverages for a parking lot gala lunch afterward.

**Wednesday,
May 9th**

"Roses"-H2-16- SW 9:30 AM Meet *Melba Bouquet* 720/493-0564, CP 303-549-6156, at Goodson Recreation Center, far NW end of parking lot, for a loop ride on the Highline Canal, Lee Gulch, Platte River Trail, and Dry Creek Trail. There is packed gravel, and may be some loose gravel, and sand, so wide or cross tires are recommended. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant following the ride.

FUN/INT-H1/H2-30-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Joyce Terlaje* (303-987-9290 hm 303-323-5548 cell) at the far end of Safeway Parking lot (SW Corner of Kipling & Jewell) for her favorite loop ride. From lot, we will head down to Bear Creek Trail; hook up to the Platte River Trail. Stop at REI for a break & refreshments and social time, then head back to Crown Hill Park, Garrison, etc. Expect detours otherwise it wouldn't be a "Joyce Ride". Lunch at a nearby restaurant of course!

MTB P2 T1 Green Mountain, 6:00 PM Show and Go. No designated leader. Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda in Lakewood).

**Saturday,
May 12th**

FUN/SLOW INT-H2-36-SW 9:00 AM Meet *Lin Hark* (303 507-3502) and Sue Frakes (303 910-8206) for a beautiful country road ride southwest of Metro Denver. Meet at 9AM at the dirt parking lot (along the second set of railroad tracks) in Sedalia for this out-and-back-rolling-hills-ride to Larkspur. Sedalia is 8 miles south of the Santa Fe Drive exit from C-470 on Santa Fe Drive. All abilities welcome to come and do their preferred distance and back. The group will do lunch afterwards.

FUN-H1-23-NW 9:00 AM Meet *Jake Jacobi* (303.475.0374) at Gold Strike Park. (Check map of start locations for directions.). We will ride on Ralston Creek Trail, Easy Rd, and return on Clear Creek Trail. Lunch optional afterwards

FUN/INT-H2-18to25-SE 10:00 AM Meet *Bill Stevens* 303-783-0125 at Belleview Park parking lot EAST of the Tennis courts on South Inca Drive for a scenic ride through the southeast TECH Center area. Some gravel on the Highline Canal. There are about 5 climbs on this ride, but some great downhills go with them.

MTB P2-3, T2-3, 1:00 PM Fruita Spring Camp Getaway. Your ride leader for Fruita will be *Jeff Baysinger* (303-969-9241). Meet at the Kokopelli Trailhead, Loma exit 15 on I-70. Enjoy the Mary's – Horsethief Bench loop. Depending upon trail variations selected, 14 to 18 miles possible this afternoon. Trail sections range from doubletrack, easy singletrack, and occasional rock obstacles and drops. A true land of enchantment.

Sunday, May 13th **FUN-H1-20-N 9:30AM** Meet *Dave Grimes* 303-986-7666 at the City of Cuernavaca Park and ride north along the Platte River Trail to almost the Clear Creek Trail. A little short of that junction, we'll head southeast along the Sand Creek Trail paralleling I-270 to about I-70. At that point, we'll reverse our direction and return the way we came. Following the ride, an optional lunch will be at Jackson's Grill across the street from Coors Field. We'll bike to lunch due to limited parking, a ride of about 1/2-dozen blocks.

FUN-H2-30-SE 10:00 AM Meet Jeannie Clayton (303-964-3364) at Congress Park back by the pool (Enter ½ block N. of 8th Ave on Josephine) We will meander Eastward to Fairmount/Highline and head South to Cherry Creek, returning through Southmoor, University Park and Cherry Creek neighborhoods. Good bail-out opportunities!

MTB, P3, T3, 10:00 AM, Fruita Western Rim. Fruita Continues - Round and round the tortured canyon alcoves we go. Distance is about 19 miles. Find this trailhead by going to I-70 exit 2, Rabbit Valley. Go to the second parking lot which will be on your left.

Monday, May 14th **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.

MTB P2-3, T2-3, 10:00 AM Fruita Area 18 or Grand Junction Tabeguache. Which trails shall we ride about Fruita today? You must attend the tribal spring powwow as usual on Sunday night. Decisions are never easy. Many votes will be taken. If you want to vote often, you must be in attendance.

Wednesday, May 16th **FUN/INT-H2-29-SE 9:30 AM** Meet *Russ Tempelman* (303-617-0260) at the Piney Creek Trailhead for a ride to the Aurora Reservoir which has a very nice paved trail going around it (about 8 miles). We'll go via the Piney Creek Trail part of the way and then various streets. The Piney Creek Trailhead is located near Parker Road and Orchard. From Parker Road, go East on Orchard Road and turn right at the first stop light into the parking lot. Lunch is optional after the ride.

"Roses"-H2-20-NW 9:30 AM Meet *Dave Grimes*, 303/986-7666, at Berkeley Park, just east of Sheridan on 46th for a ride through neighborhoods, along the Platte River, etc. We will do the steep part downhill, return with a more gradual climb. Bring a snack and money for a restaurant lunch after the ride.

MTB P2 T1 Green Mountain, 6:00 PM Show and Go. No designated leader. Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda in Lakewood).

Saturday, May 19th **FUN-H2-22-NE 9:30 AM** Meet *Gary Goins* at the Grizzly Bear statue in City Park (at the Museum of Nature and Science). We will ride through a portion NE Denver including Park Hill, the Sand Creek Trail, Platte River Trail and Cherry Creek Trail. Bring air, a spare and sunscreen.

FUN-H2-16-SE 9:30 AM Meet *Richard Shelton* (720-934-9824) at Treads Bicycle Outfitters, (16701 East Iliff Ave, just West of Buckley Road) Enjoy the newest section of Aurora's Trail network with a leisurely ride along Unnamed Creek and then a jaunt to the East to Murphy Creek Golf Course. A few climbs, on concrete or asphalt. Note: This ride is in connection with BIKEAURORA.ORG (introducing and promoting the Aurora bike trail system)

INT-H1-37-NE 9:00 AM Meet *Derek Paris* 303-410-1001 at Broadway & 70th Park N Ride for an out and back to Brighton via Riverdale Rd.

INT-H2/H3-30-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 Aves. for a loop thru Ken Caryl Ranch, back down Deer Creek Canyon, break at C store at Waterton Rd. & Rampart Range, return via Wadsworth and through Chatfield State Park. Shortcuts are available if you desire to reduce mileage. Lunch after is at Panera Bread.

Sunday, May 20th **FUN-H2-25-NW 10:00 AM** Meet *Cindy Ferry* from the Olde Town Park and ride. Starting at, we will ride south to Clear Creek bike path, then head west to Golden. Travel back on Easley Road to Ralston Creek trail and return to Olde Town. Lunch afterwards is in Olde Town.

ALL RIDERS-H2-22, 30 or 34 SE 1:00 PM Meet at the NE corner of Cheesman Park for a ride to Cherry Creek Reservoir. You can simply ride to the reservoir, ride around, make it a loop or any combination you chose. Then return to *Dennis Fitzpatrick's* for a picnic at 4:00 PM Bring something to barbeque and a side as follows: LAST NAME: A-C BEVERAGE, D-J SALAD, K-T SIDE, U-Z DESSERT

INT-H4-32-NW 9:00 AM Meet *Tom Hurja* (303-903-4449) at Mercedes Mexican Restaurant at 26th and Kipling for a challenging ride over roads and paths, including a 4-mile climb of Lookout Mountain. Short rest at Buffalo Bill's Grave. Return along U. S. 40. Lunch is at Mercedes.

MTB, P1.5, T1, 10:00 AM Dawson Butte. Meet for this Show & Go for a sweet ride through the trees. Both beginner and intermediate riders love this park for the mellow trails and cruising. Travel south on I-25 to Plum Creek Parkway (just south of Castle Rock), exit west and head south 5 miles on the frontage road. Turn right (west) at Tomah Road, go 1.5 miles to the Dawson Butte Ranch entrance on the right. (Note: the frontage road is combined with the SB on-ramp to I-25 so look for it right after you exit I-25). Bring meats, cheeses, crackers, desserts and beverages to share with everyone at the picnic tables

Monday, May 21st **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.

Wednesday, May 23rd **"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.

FUN-H2/H3-25 or 35-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Patty Gaspar* (303-989-8268) behind the McDonald's at Sheridan and Hampden, be sure to park in the white striped area. 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.

MTB P2 T1 Green Mountain, 6:00 PM Show and Go. No designated leader. Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda in Lakewood).

Saturday May 26th **FUN-H2-27-SE 8:30 AM** Meet *Guy James* (303-321-4607) at the Four Mile House (715 South Forest Street, Denver, CO). We will go West from there turning south at the Denver Country Club. Through Washington Park to the Platte Trail, then east through Belleview Park on our way to Mamie Dowd Park, catch the Highland Canal, and back to the Cherry Creek Trail and then West to the Four Mile House -about 27 miles at a spring pace. Mexican lunch is to follow.

FUN-H2-28-NW 9:30 Meet *Richard Quick* 303-466-4008 at Scott Carpenter Park just south of Arapahoe Road on 30th St two blocks west of 28th St (US36). in Boulder for a ride along Boulder Creek then north to Niwot Road and back to Boulder after going east to Niwot.

INT-H3-26-NW 9:00 AM Meet *Lily Schumann* 303-463-0117 9:00 am. Morrison to Evergreen Lake C470 exit SH 8, Morrison Road, parking lot across from Conoco. Gradual uphill with nice scenery; and back. Lunch is at TNT; or Blue Cow; or other eatery in Morrison.

MTB P3 T4, 10:30 AM - Sourdough at Nederland. Meet *Dick Plastino* (303-988-5359) for a 12 mile ride out and back at 10,000 feet. There are some nasty rock sections for the first couple of miles, but then you're in the pines on pure single track. Bring a substantial lunch to eat on the trail. The trailhead is 8 miles north of Nederland on Hwy 72, then west one-half mile on County Rd. 116. Carpool from Sofa Mart on the frontage road at the NW corner of 6th Ave. and Kipling in Lakewood at 9:30 AM. Park on the northeast corner of the lot next to the dirt lot.

Sunday May 27th **FUN-2-25-SE-9:00 AM** Meet *Gaar Potter* (303-691-0938) at Eisenhower Park (Colorado Blvd at Dartmouth). We will go Southwest to Chatfield Reservoir, on streets as much as possible. We will also pay a courtesy call on Alferd Packer at Littleton Cemetery.

Monday, May 28th Memorial Day **FUN-H2/3-21-NW-9:00 AM** Meet *Howard Bagdad* (303-278-0541) on the lot adjacent to the Golden Library at 1019 10th Street. Howard will lead a ride up north Golden, down Tucker Gulch, then out Easley road to Leyden Road. Return to Golden via the Ralston Creek Trail and Quaker St. Lunch afterwards in Golden. We will be climbing Squaw Pass which is over 11,000 ft in elevation so be prepared for changing weather conditions. There will be two options. The first is to turn around at Echo Lake and return to Bergen Park. The second is to drop down from Echo Lake to Idaho Springs. From there we climb Floyd Hill and return to Bergen Park by route CO65

Wednesday, May 30th **FUN/INT-H2/3-28-SW 9:30 AM** Meet *Joyce Terlaje* (303-987-9290 hm 303-323-5548 cell) at far end of Safeway Parking lot (SW Corner of Kipling & Jewell). We will ride down to Bear Creek trail and head WEST to C-470 trail. From there, we will head north on the C-470 trail which loops around to Golden Heights Park. From there we will continue our loop back down into Lakewood/ Green Mountain side and make our way back to where we started! Lunch at a nearby restaurant!

"Roses"-H1-12-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Judy Deist*, 303/841-4792, CP 303-906-4305 for our first ride up Waterton Canyon since the closure! South on Wadsworth past Chatfield SP, L on Waterton Rd 1/8 mile to the parking lot on the left. Wonder if the mountain sheep are still there? Bring a snack, and money for a restaurant lunch following the ride.

MTB P2 T1 Green Mountain, 6:00 PM Show and Go. No designated leader. Meet at the Florida Trailhead, at the top of Alameda Blvd (intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda in Lakewood).