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# The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

MARCH 2014

## KICK OFF DBTC'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

### 2014 IS A MILESTONE YEAR FOR DBTC!

The Club is celebrating its 50th Birthday all year long and it's time to get together to create and schedule rides for the 2014 season • Longer days and warmer weather tempt us to get back in the saddle • Come greet old friends and make new friends for the 2014 riding season • The 2014 Ride Schedule will be presented • Meet the new club officers and all of our ride coordinators.

**When:** Saturday March 29, 2014

**Where:** Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center,  
6363 West 35th Avenue

**5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Social Time – Old Club gear will be available for purchase to benefit our contribution fund.

**6:00 p.m.** Italian Buffet – Penne Rigati / Italian sausage with peppers / Meat balls / Salad / Italian bread

**BIRTHDAY CAKE** for dessert

**7:00 p.m.** Program

AAA Presentation: new roadside coverage available for cyclists!

Meet Ryne Emory, Program Director of the Bike Depot  
Discussion of recent Board decisions

Meet Ride Coordinators / Ride Leaders / New Officers & Board Members

### RESERVATIONS – IN ADVANCE BY MARCH 24

No reservations will be accepted after that date.

Visit [www.dbtc.org](http://www.dbtc.org) (click on **50th Kickoff Celebration** link) to RSVP and make your reservation: \$10/member, \$16/guest

If unable to pay online, please mail a check to The Denver Bicycle Touring Club, P.O. Box 260517, Denver, CO 80226-0517. CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 24, 2014.

No tickets will be sold the day of the party or at the door.



### WANTED: KICK OFF PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Contact Karen Kirby: [Treasurer@dbtc.org](mailto:Treasurer@dbtc.org) or 303.237.1229

- Helpers needed at 4:30 p.m to set up tables and chairs
- Four Greeters ready at 5:00
- Helpers needed to take down tables/chairs and clean up.

All volunteers should arrive by 4:30 so set up can be completed by 5:15.

Lots of hands make for light work and more fun. Thank you!

### New Commemorative Club Jersey Available for Ordering!

Last chance to order the 50th Anniversary jersey will be at the Spring Kick-Off event. Ladies, we will have a Primal Fit Kit available so you will be able to determine your best fit for ordering the new jersey.

Please bring a check if you THINK YOU MIGHT want one.



## DBTC's Officers

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### Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is Tuesday March 4 at El Senor Sol, 2301 7th St., 6PM. If you wish to address the board, contact the secretary, Carolyn Bauer: secretary@dbtc.org, or 303.740.8491 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.

## Words from the President

Brad West

### Why go it alone?

I know many of you have charity events that you look forward to every year. The season starts with Elephant Rock on June 1st. Mine usually includes the MS 150 and the Copper Triangle. I like the organized rides and appreciate knowing that food, water and medical support will be available.

If you plan to go there, why not bring your friends and make it an event? Get together a group from the DBTC to share rides, rooms and meals. DBTC allows an event organizer to plan a trip and have their expenses paid by the other members on the trip. The trip planner gets something for her time and everyone else gets a trip that is already planned.

Members can use the trip planner incentive to get together beyond the scheduled weekly rides. The level of organizing depends on the trip leader. It could be as simple as planning car rides and gas stops for a trip to Elephant Rock. I have ridden the Copper Triangle every year and I would be delighted to have some DBTC members join me. If there is interest we could go the night before and get an early start.

A longer trip might include shared cost of meals, accommodations and transportation. The club has sponsored trips to Wyoming, Texas and the Northeast. Is there a bicycle trip that you've always dreamed about but didn't know how to get started? We can help you with that and you won't have to go it alone. The club has extensive notes and maps from trips that have been done in the past. It's not too early to start planning for next year.

If you've read down to here, send an email to me at president@dbtc.org and ask for your free bike light. I will have it for you at the kickoff.



## Map Directory

Guy James

Club members, the DBTC has a Route Map Library. However, there are a very limited number of rides described and it sure could use some updating from the members. If you have a ride map and a corresponding ride description it would be nice if you would share it with the membership by adding it to the Route Map Library. It would take a few minutes of your time and it would be so valuable to the other members of the Club. All you have to do is go to www.DBTC.org and click on Route Map Library and follow the directions. Thanks in advance for your submission of rides.

**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 20th, but please send your articles earlier.

# Order Your 50th Anniversary DBTC Jersey Today!

Available for pick-up at our Summer Picnic on July 19

**ALL ORDERS ARE DUE by March 29, 2014 (checks only)**

Celebrate DBTC's 50th Birthday this year by wearing the 50th Anniversary DBTC Sport Cut Jersey from Primal! The design is bright for visibility, in Club logo colors: white, teal, purple and black. The jersey features 3 cargo pockets: one 'contains' a DBTC map, in another is a bright yellow banana! ...and for 2014 we've added "50th Anniversary" above the logo on the back. Refer to the fit guide and product specs on this order form to determine best fit for you. Ladies will be able to try on women's jersey sizes at the Spring Kick Off Dinner & Annual Meeting, March 29th.

**We need a minimum order of 15 jerseys per gender.** They are offered at our cost of \$58.00, so please order early (if minimum is not met, we will cancel the order and return checks). Jerseys will be available for pickup at the Summer Picnic on July 19, 2014.

**If you will not be at the Picnic to receive your jersey,** include an ADDITIONAL \$12.50 for shipping. Please use the order form included for placing order and make your check to DBTC.

Mail order form with check, to:

**c/o Kathy Strommel  
9631 Autumnwood Pl,  
Highlands Ranch 80129**



## DBTC Jersey Subscription Form

### FIT GUIDE

Size	Men's Jersey				Women's Jersey				
	Waist	Chest	Weight	Height	Waist	Chest	Weight	Height	Hips
X Small	-	-	-	-	24-25	32-33	90-110	Up to 62"	34-35
Small	29-32	35-38	120-145	64"-68"	25-27	33-35	105-120	61-65"	35-37
Medium	32-35	38-41	145-165	66"-70"	27-29	35-37	120-145	64-68"	37-39
Large	35-38	41-43	165-180	68"-72"	29-32	37-40	140-165	67-71"	39-42
X Large	38-42	43-46	180-210	70"-76"	32-35	40-43	160-185	70-73"	42-45
XXL	42-46	46-49	210-240	74"+	35-37	43-45	185-205	70"+	45-47
XXXL	46-51	50-52	240-260	74"+	37+	45+	190+	70"+	47+

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Men's (circle one): Small Medium Large X Large XXL XXXL

\_\_\_ Women's (circle one): X Small Small Medium Large X Large XXL XXXL

(For a looser-fitting jersey, please order one size up from that shown in the size chart.)

\_\_\_ Total x \$58.00 each (see shipping note below) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Product Specification for 50th Anniversary DBTC Sport Cut Jersey by Primal

Our new jersey will fit any cycling style. Its design has been field tested in competition and analyzed for durability, colorfastness and performance. The Denver Bicycle Touring Club jersey is a sport cut raglan sleeve jersey made with Primal's SpeedPro Fabric. Its raglan sleeve design will fit any rider comfortably, complete with full-length hidden zipper and 3 cargo pockets. Men's jersey has elastic at the sleeve & at the waist. Women's jersey has no elastic at the sleeve or the waist. **Questions? Contact Kathy Strommel: cyclekats@gmail.com • cell: 719/671-5579**

**Available by Subscription Order Only • All orders must be received by March 29, 2014.**

Make check payable to **Denver Bicycle Touring Club** for \$58.00

(plus shipping, \$12.50 = total \$70.50 for each jersey not picked up at July Picnic).

# DBTC Does the 15K Stagecoach Classic!

Carolyn Bauer

...at least those who went on the Fraser trip in January did. The club had 2 winter ski / snowshoe tours this year: News Year's in Leadville and late-January in Fraser.

True to DBTC tradition, we rang in the New Year again above 10,000 feet with the best snow we've had in years. DBTC-ers enjoyed a tasty brunch at the Tennessee Pass Cookhouse, kept warm in the yurt, skied and snow shod the backcountry trails on Tennessee Pass, and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day on the Mineral Belt Trail. There were great meals, fun game nights and some vintage videos. It was the perfect way to ring in the New Year – with friends in the high country.

Our Fraser trip in January was full of new experiences. Some of us skied the inaugural 15K Stagecoach Classic tour between Devil's Thumb and Winter Park. The tour took a trail that used to be

groomed years ago, but now crosses private land so it's only going to be open ONCE a season.

While we didn't break any speed records, all crossed the finish line and earned our beer and chili lunch. In addition to playing at Snow Mountain Ranch, we also discovered the Grand Lake Nordic center, which is a hidden gem. The hot tub was a big hit at the end of each day, as were our happy hours.

We plan to do these trips again next year, because they're favorites! A new Winter weekend trip, based out of Glenwood Springs, will be offered in 2015.

Join us for some fun next winter!



People are like  
bicycles. They can  
keep their balance  
only as long as they  
keep moving.

– Albert Einstein



A book to consider while waiting for the snow to melt and temperatures to rise:

**Obsessive Compulsive Cycling Disorder**  
by Dave Barter

*Obsessive Compulsive Cycling Disorder* is an anthology of thirty articles written by an amateur cyclist over a period of ten years. The collection exhibits the madness that engulfs those who descend into cycling obsession, celebrating the average cyclist living in a world defined by the pros.

The writings range from fanciful musings concerning the Tao of singlespeeding to lengthy descriptions of end-to-end rides in Britain and Ireland. Mountain biking, road cycling, classic alpine climbs and all sorts of other cycling events are chronicled along the way. Each is written in a lighthearted style designed to bring the reader into the author's world which is often littered with incident and humour. Within the pages the reader will find a loose ticklist of events to ride, bikes to own and challenges to take on. Each described in the author's own inimitable style.

## 2014 (and Future) DBTC Activity and Tour Calendar

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

### September 2014 Door County: The Sequel

Trip Type: Road Riding

Lodging: Hotel

Leaders: Ellen Chilikas,

[outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com)

and Karen Jenneman,

[karen\\_jenneman@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_jenneman@hotmail.com)

Status: CANCELLED

### Mid-late-January, 2015 6th annual Fraser Fun Weekend

Trip Type: Skiing / Snowshoeing

Lodging: Hotel

Location Details: Fraser, CO

Contact: Ellen Chilikas

([outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com))

Status: Planning

### Dec 31, 2014 - Jan 3-ish, 2015 Happy New Year in Leadville

Trip Type: Ski/Snowshoe

Lodging: Hostel

Location Details: Leadville, CO

Leader: Ellen Chilikas,

[outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com)

Status: Planning

### ANYTIME, 2014 into 2015 Your Trip or Tour, Your Way!

Trip Type: Bike, Hike, Ski, etc.

Lodging: Your Choice

Location Details: Your favorite place to play

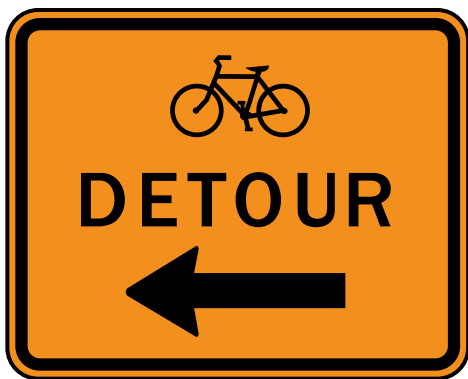
Leader: Yes, you can!

Status: Learning how begins in April!

Visit [DBTC.org](http://DBTC.org) and click on "Tours" for updates on the trips.

## Detour Alert

There is construction on the underpass at 104th Avenue on the Platte River trail. A severe washout also exists about a mile or two south of 104th Ave.; approximately 200' of trail is destroyed, and the trail is out of service from McKay Road to the north side of 104th Ave. A sign posted at Elaine Valente park states that repairs will be completed by Adams County in July.



## Construction Starts on Peaks to Plains Trail Segment

Doug Schuler

Clear Creek and Jefferson Counties have begun work on a \$10.2 million, six-mile segment of the Peaks to Plains trail, a paved, multipurpose trail that will eventually connect Loveland Pass with the South Platte River Trail in Adams County.

Bicycle Colorado supported the counties in their successful application for a Great Outdoors Colorado River Initiative grant, which provides half of the project's funds.

## 2014 Colorado Bicycle Summit

Doug Schuler

On February 10th, more than 250 people filled a downtown Denver ballroom to learn more about how to make Colorado an even more bicycle-friendly state, at the 2014 Colorado Bicycle Summit. Hosted by Bicycle Colorado, the summit featured keynote talks from Gov. John Hickenlooper, Andy Clarke of the League of American Bicyclists, John Ricks of the Colorado Tourism Office, a broad range of breakout sessions and a culminating visit to the state capitol to meet with legislators.

Read all about what happened at the 2014 Colorado Bicycle Summit and view a photo gallery here:

<http://bicyclecolorado.org/2014-summit/>

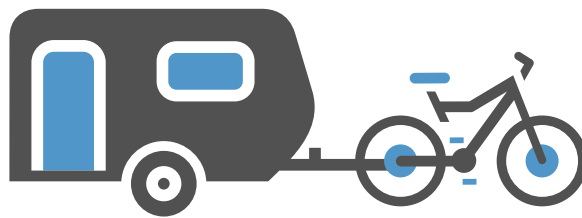
*Bicycle Colorado works across our state to make bicycling fun and safe for everyone who rides. We improve bicycling through education and providing a voice for people who ride bikes.*

As a DBTC member, a portion of your dues helps to support the work of advocacy organizations such as Bicycle Colorado, to improve cycling for everyone in Colorado.



## Coming in April: Ellen's How-to for Leading Tours

Bicycle touring is not only part of our name, it is a long tradition of the Club. Leading an out of town tour sounds daunting, but Ellen Chilikas is going to have a tour leader training in April. She will discuss the advantages of doing a fully designed tour versus simply inviting others to join a trip you are going on. She will have information at the Kick Off Dinner and in the next newsletter.



## Attention: Aspiring Ride Leaders

April is the beginning of our scheduled riding season. Give back to your Club by contacting your ride coordinators to arrange your April rides now. You can even pre-schedule for every month! Putting the schedule together can be very frustrating, and the coordinators really need more members to volunteer. It's easy, it's fun, and it's all about where YOU want to ride.

Email your local Ride Coordinator today and ask how.

Thank you in advance for stepping forward and giving it a try!

## DBTC Members Joining thru January

JANE JOHNSTON  
JUDY SCHMIDT  
JOHN KLEVER  
BARRY LEVENE

Invite a friend to join today!

# Map Update is Underway for 2015

Lise Neer

Once again, the Club is preparing to update our popular map, and as members and regular bicycle riders, your input is very important.

As you have probably noticed, RTD has opened the West Line from downtown to Golden, and there is a wonderful new bike route—much of it off-street path—along its entirety. It is time to include this and all the new Light Rail lines and improvements to come in the next few years.

Additionally, after 12 years of pressure on the City of Denver, there will soon be a bike-ped bridge over Colorado Boulevard near I-25 (thanks to the tireless work of bicycle advocates at BikeDenver.org)! As you can see, Denver is seeing many and extensive improvements to the bicycle route system, and in the ways it connects with walking and other forms of transportation—imagine no longer having to put your bike on the roof rack and drive across town to join a ride with your fellow Club members! In just a couple of years, there will be light rail lines snaking here and there across the Metro, and you can bring your bike on board.

In general, there will have been changes to bike-ability on certain streets, and some routes have become more favored (less car traffic, better maintained, etc.) than those currently on the map.

## Here's how you can help:

You already are familiar with your quadrant of town, and where to take the best rides. Why not jump in and provide info on where the map needs amendments? Four to five volunteers from NW, NE, SW and SE, plus Central are needed to ride the current routes and recommend any changes.

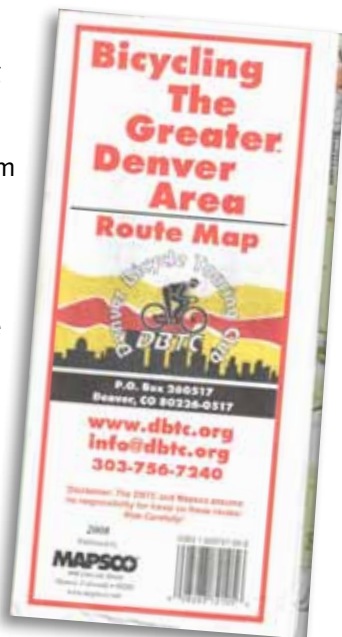
Needed most of all is someone to lead the effort in gathering and compiling data to provide to our map printer. Steve Ingraham has held this post through several map revisions, and it's time to pass the baton.

Stay tuned for more details at the March 29 Kick Off!

## Interested?

### Have questions?

Please contact  
Doug Schuler at:  
[Mapsales@dbtc.org](mailto:Mapsales@dbtc.org)



# Thank-you Brunch for Roses Leaders



"Roses" ride leaders enjoyed a lovely thank-you brunch put on for us by long-time appreciative, rider-but-not-leader Jane Carlstrom last fall.

# Birthday Party to Beat the Mid-Winter Blues

Patty Gaspar

Several years ago Sue Frakes started a tradition of celebrating mid-winter with a birthday party for the February babies – herself, Don Pearson and Gordon Valentine. As Gordon so kindly pointed out, Don is 4 days older than he is (and the oldest rider in the club). Lee and the other February babies – Happy Birthday to You as well.



## 2014 Advance Planning Calendar

March 9-12  
**Moab Skinny Tire Festival**  
[skinnytirefestival.com](http://skinnytirefestival.com)  
 Moab, UT

April 25-28  
**Fruita Fat Tire Festival**  
[emgcolorado.com](http://emgcolorado.com)  
 Fruita, CO

May 4  
**Fort Collins Cycling Club Spring Warmup Ride**  
[fccycleclub.org](http://fccycleclub.org)  
 Fort Collins, CO

May 18  
**McKee Classic Bike Tour**  
[McKeefoundation.com](http://McKeefoundation.com)  
 Loveland, CO

May 19  
**Santa Fe Century**  
[santafecentury.com](http://santafecentury.com)  
 Santa Fe, NM

May 24-26  
**Iron Horse Bicycle Classic**  
[ironhorsebicycleclassic.com](http://ironhorsebicycleclassic.com)  
 Durango, CO

June 1  
**Buena Vista Bike Fest**  
[bvbf.org](http://bvbf.org)  
 Buena Vista, CO

June 2  
**Elephant Rock Ride**  
[elephantrockride.com](http://elephantrockride.com)  
 Castle Rock, CO

June 7-13  
**Ride the Rockies**  
[ridetherockies.com](http://ridetherockies.com)  
 Boulder-Steamboat-Golden, CO

June 14  
**Starlight Spectacular**  
[starlightspectacular.org](http://starlightspectacular.org)  
 Colorado Springs, CO

June 21  
**Sunrise Century**  
[www.granfondoguide.com/Events/Index/2671/boulder-sunrise-century](http://www.granfondoguide.com/Events/Index/2671/boulder-sunrise-century)  
 Boulder, CO

June  
**Greenwood Goosechase**  
[goosechase.org](http://goosechase.org)  
 Greenwood Village, CO

June 15  
**Tour de Cure**  
[diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)  
 Colorado Springs Area

June 15  
**The Denver Century Ride**  
[denvercenturyride.com](http://denvercenturyride.com)  
 Denver, CO

June 23-29  
**Bicycle Tour of Colorado**  
[bicycletourcolorado.com](http://bicycletourcolorado.com)  
 Canon City, CO (Canon City – Crested Butte Loop)

June 25  
**Bike to Work Day**  
[drcog.org](http://drcog.org)  
 Denver Metro area  
 Boulder, CO

June 28  
**Tour de Prairie**  
[cheyennecity.org/index.aspx?NID=735](http://cheyennecity.org/index.aspx?NID=735)  
 Cheyenne, WY

June 28-29  
**MS 150 Bike Tour**  
[nationalmssociety.org/chapters/COC/index.aspx](http://nationalmssociety.org/chapters/COC/index.aspx)  
 TBD

July 13-14  
**Triple Bypass**  
[teamevergreen.org](http://teamevergreen.org)  
 Evergreen, CO

July 14-19  
**Tour de Wyoming**  
[cyclewyoming.org](http://cyclewyoming.org)  
 Cody, WY

July 19  
**Tour de Steamboat**  
[rockypeakproductions.com](http://rockypeakproductions.com)  
 Steamboat Springs, CO

July 19-22  
**Courage Classic**  
[couragetours.com](http://couragetours.com)  
 Copper Mountain, CO

July 20-26  
**RAGBRAI**  
[ragbrai.org](http://ragbrai.org)  
 Rock Valley, Iowa

July 27  
**Moonlight Classic**  
[moonlight-classic.com](http://moonlight-classic.com)  
 Denver, CO

July 26  
**Colorado-Eagle River Ride**  
[vailvelo.com](http://vailvelo.com)  
 Beaver Creek, CO

August 2-9  
**CANDISC - Cycling Around North Dakota In Sakakawea Country**  
[parkrec.nd.gov/activities/candisc.html](http://parkrec.nd.gov/activities/candisc.html)  
 TBD, North Dakota

August 3  
**Copper Triangle Alpine Classic**  
[coppertriangle.com](http://coppertriangle.com)  
 Copper Mountain, CO

August 4-10  
**Colorado Rocky Mountain Bike Tour**  
[crmbt.com](http://crmbt.com)  
 Fort Collins – Steamboat Springs Loop

August 17  
**Circle the Summit (aka Bob Guthrie Memorial Ride)**  
[Circlethesummit.com](http://Circlethesummit.com)  
 Frisco, CO

August 17  
**Tour de Cure**  
[diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)  
 Longmont, CO

August 23  
**Venus de Miles**  
[venusdemiles.com](http://venusdemiles.com)  
 Boulder County, CO

September  
**Ride Westcliffe Adventure**  
[ridewestcliffe.com](http://ridewestcliffe.com)  
 Westcliffe, CO

September 6  
**Cycle for Life**  
[cff.org/GetInvolved/CycleForLife/](http://cff.org/GetInvolved/CycleForLife/)  
 Longmont, CO

September 8  
**Buffalo Bicycle Classic**  
[buffalobicycleclassic.com](http://buffalobicycleclassic.com)  
 Boulder, CO

September 18-21  
**Tour of the Vineyards**  
[Coloradowinefest.com](http://Coloradowinefest.com)  
 Palisade, CO

September 19-21  
**Mickelson Trail Trek**  
[MickelsonTrail.com](http://MickelsonTrail.com)  
 Custer, SD

September 19-21  
**Pedal the Plains**  
[pedalth plains.com](http://pedalth plains.com)  
 Eads, CO

September 20-22  
**Moab Century Tour**  
[skinnytirefestival.com](http://skinnytirefestival.com)  
 Moab, UT

September 29  
**Venus de Miles**  
[venusdemiles.com](http://venusdemiles.com)  
 Boulder County, CO

October 4  
**Tour of the Moon**  
[touofthemoon.com](http://touofthemoon.com)  
 Grand Junction, CO

October 4  
**Santa Fe Gourmet Classic**  
[santafegourmetclassic.com](http://santafegourmetclassic.com)  
 Santa Fe, NM

October 20  
**Rock 'n' Roll Denver Bike Tour**  
[runrocknroll.competitor.com/2012/04/denver/denver-bike-tour\\_26092](http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/2012/04/denver/denver-bike-tour_26092)  
 Denver, CO

# DBTC WINTER/SPRING RIDES 2014

Winter is almost done. Our ride coordinators are getting ready for the Kick Off on March 29th and will be contacting you soon to get the April schedule together.

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) by March 20th for the April newsletter or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

Many of our members love winter sports and want to continue enjoying the outdoors with their DBTC friends. The DBTC Message Board will be our main means of communication through the winter months. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember not all members have email so if you have it in the newsletter all members are notified.

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 at the time shown.

**Ride Locator:** There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website, [www.dbtc.org](http://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](mailto: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 emailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted. If the weather is "iffy", a ride leader can post a notice to let you know if the ride will go or be cancelled.

### DBTC Message Board is the DBTC General E-Mail List

To join, send an e-mail to: [ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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](mailto:COMtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### DBTC on Facebook

Discover more about events and happenings in the club and other bicycling-related stories. Search "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" within Facebook to find us. [www.facebook.com/pages/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/122447584186](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/122447584186)

### DBTC has a MeetUp page:

[www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club](http://www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club). Rides can be posted there and will be available both to members and non-members. Not all members are signed up for MeetUp, so you can post to both MeetUp and the Yahoo Group at [ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**Twitter account is @DenverBikeClub** – note that many members do not tweet.

**You can join any or all 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. See the website for posting rules.

### Please Note:

- Joining Facebook or any other group does not make you valid member of the DBTC.
- If your e-mail address changes, you must send your new e-mail address to the DBTC webmaster ([webmaster@dbtc.org](mailto:webmaster@dbtc.org))
- The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo and MeetUp Groups. The Yahoo and MeetUp 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.





### Wednesday "Roses" Group

These hardy riders continue all winter. Wednesday's "Roses" rides are 1-20, SW, 10AM. "Roses" will meet when the temperature is 50 or above and trails are clear, for "Show and Go" rides from Reynolds Landing ( 1 mile north of Carson Nature Center at 6745 S Santa Fe Dr. -use the driveway with a sign for Silver Sage Garden Center and go all the way to the end.) Riders attending will determine route. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant after the ride. Questions? Call Melba Bouquet 720-493-0564.

### Weekday Skiing with DBTC

Lin Hark and Sue Frakes will be leading weekday ski trips to Winter Park and possibly Loveland, Breckenridge and/or Ski Cooper this season. If you would like to join any of these trips you will want to be on the Yahoo Group email list. Loveland will be doing the Ski Hooky Days which are the second Thursday of the months December thru March for \$25 this year. Sue and I have decided to NOT do December or January, but we may do February or March.

I will send out the information each month in case you would like to lead a trip or go on your own. Ski Cooper's Senior Days are on the first and third Wednesdays of January, February, March and April. The rate is \$27 for age 55-69 and \$15 for 70+. So we may schedule a day at Ski Cooper.

Watch for updates and more info on the yahoo group emails. There may be some snowshoe and cross country ski days too so watch for these. We have decided NOT to get the GEMS card this year. To join the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo Group send blank email to ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the slopes!

## WINTER-INTO-SPRING SHOW-N-GO RIDES

### EARLIER START TIME – Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 9

FUN/INT-2/3-20/30-NESW-10:00 AM Unless there is a leader named, WINTER rides will be Show-N-Go. The riders who show up on these days will decide among themselves the route, the mileage, the pace and the after-ride restaurant. The starting locations will be places where many rides have begun in the past and thus several riders will have an idea of possible routes to be taken. You can go to [www.dbtc.org](http://www.dbtc.org) and hit the start locations button for more detailed directions to most of the starting points or possibly maps of rides from that location.

### Winter Riding Guidelines

**Weather:** forecast temperature above freezing with dry conditions.  
**Clothing:** wear layers, outer windbreaker, hat/ear covers, gloves, toe covers and riding/sports pants – knees should be covered if it is below 50.  
**Other:** bring water, repair items and a snack  
**Reminder:** Adding a bright colored vest over a winter jacket makes you much more visible

Sat, March 1st	SE	Corner of Orchard and Parker RD
Sun, March 2nd	NW	Crown Hill Park, just east of 26th & Kipling
Wed, March 5th	SE SW	Meet at Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union "Roses" Reynolds Landing
Sat, March 8th	SE	South High School, E. Louisiana & S Franklin, near Wash Park
Sun, March 9th	Central	City of Cuernavaca Park
Wed, March 12th	SE SW	Corner of Orchard and Parker Rd. "Roses" Reynolds Landing
Sat, March 15th	SE	Corner of Orchard and Parker Rd.
Sun, March 16th	SE	Goodson Recreation, near S University Blvd and Arapahoe Rd.
Wed, March 19th	SE SW	Behind the tennis bubble @ Federal and Bowles. "Roses" Reynolds Landing
Sat, March 22nd	SE	Village Greens Park, just east of Union and Dayton
Sun, March 23rd	NW	Olde Town Park-N-Ride, just north of W 55th Ave & Wadsworth on Vance
Wed, March 26th	SE SW	Goodson Recreation, near S University Blvd and Arapahoe Rd. "Roses" Reynolds Landing
Sat, March 29th	NW	Olde Town Park-N-Ride, just north of W 55th Ave & Wadsworth on Vance AND Kick Off Dinner that night
Sun, March 30th	NW	Park-N-Ride, NW corner of 70th and Broadway