



The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

January/February 2012

HELP

Patty Gaspar, Director of Ride Activities

Why did you join DBTC? What do you want from the club? If your answer to both is to have interesting places to ride your bike with other riders, then **I need your help.** If you were at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner then you know what the problem is: several of the ride coordinators have retired. The most disturbing part is that the big issue for them last season was lack of interest by the members in being ride leaders.

There are several reasons we lose seasoned ride leaders, therefore, we always need to find new leaders and this year fewer stepped forward than in past years. Everyone has a favorite ride or two and if you simply invite the club members to join you on that ride, our schedule fills out. The FUN riders especially enjoy discovering new trails and byways. A theme or special destination can make it even more intriguing. Most other bike clubs I've seen don't have

many rides for FUN riders, the pace is simply more than we like or can ride.

The INT and ROAD rides appeal to riders as they improve their skills and want to move to more challenging rides. It also encourages younger members to join the club. Without coordinators in these areas, I'm concerned that people will find the rides repetitious. We can always make the rides all show and go, but then you never know if anyone will be there or you tend to do the same ride from that location when, if there were a leader, there might be some great variations.

To be a leader you do have to make a commitment a month in advance, but if you don't have anything on the calendar, what are the chances that you will next week? When you commit to be the ride leader you no longer have a void facing you next month, you have plans! If you really need to cancel, we'll work with you to find a replacement leader or make it a show and go.

Being a coordinator requires about a week of emails and calls each month. If you are a frequent rider, you can recruit ride leaders when you are on a ride. You then put them in an email or word document and send it to me.

If you want to make sure that the rides you like are on the schedule, please consider taking one of these positions. The coordinators we need are:

FUN South – Lois Kahn has been doing this since 2003 and I will miss her.

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January in Fraser: Thursday January 19th to Monday the 23rd

We will now be staying at a hotel for the tour instead of the hostel. We'll have a continental breakfast daily, plus BYO happy hours daily. Downhillers can ski Winter park or Sol Vista, XC skiers and snowshoers can explore the nordic centers, the Fraser Experimental Forest and even wander up around Granby.

Double occupancy - cost is \$275 per person for 4 nights. There are a few rooms left so if you want to go you need to contact Ellen, outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com, right away.

Save the Date
Kick Off Dinner
March 24th
Details will be in the March newsletter



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Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 4th and Feb. 1st 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.

Using the New Social Media

Patty Gaspar
Ridecoordinator@dbtc.org

DBTC has a great website. We have had both the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo group and the COmtnbikers Yahoo group for several years. We have a Facebook page and now are on MeetUp. In addition we have the newsletter emailed to many of our members. However, sometimes electronic missives are skimmed or not read. A couple of suggestions:

- Print your newsletter so you have it to check when you want to go on a ride and haven't lost it in the in-box.
- Take a few minutes when your newsletter arrives to put the rides you might want to do onto your calendar.
- While you are at it, contact your ride coordinator to let him or her know what dates you'd like to lead a ride next month.
- If there is a bare spot in the schedule for the current month that you would like to fill, you can post it on the yahoo group. See the newsletter for details about how to get credit.

• If you are leading a ride in the schedule, send a reminder through the Yahoo group or post it on MeetUp.

The MeetUp listing for DBTC is new so we are just learning how to best use it. It has some very nice features, but not everyone has signed up. Therefore, please post on the Yahoo group as well. We will be evaluating it over the course of this year so please give me your feedback about how you like it or what you don't like. I was going to start a weekly notice of upcoming rides, but I don't want your email boxes jammed with club information. Our yahoo groups are carefully monitored so that only messages from club members about activities reach you. When a ride is on both Yahoo and MeetUp we get several notices.

Part of the reason DBTC joined MeetUp was to get the word out about DBTC. As new riders come to a ride you are on, please take a minute to introduce yourself. Invite them to join DBTC. Encourage them to try other rides if the one they are on is too fast or too slow.

Any organization has to change and grow or it withers away. We depend on the members to provide the rides and trips that make this a unique club. The Ride Coordinators and the Board need you to step forward. We also welcome your suggestions. Our contact information is on page 2 of the newsletter.

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.

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She always produced an interesting list of rides and is very easy to work with. She and I will be glad to work with you to teach you the process.

FUN/INT Wednesday – Joyce Teralje took this position in 2007 when she had every other Wednesday off. She now has to work every week so she can't ride with us. A new coordinator is needed to keep this group together.

INT – Dale Trone has been doing this since 2007. This important transition group provides an opportunity for leaders and riders who want to ride faster than most FUN rides with fewer stops. Rick will add it to the North FUN, but it will be a stronger group with a coordinator of its own.

ROAD – Steve Ingraham took this position in 2007. He's asked several of the riders if they would take the position and all declined. I need some feedback – what do you want to do? This group is essential to keeping the advanced riders in the club. We can go to all show and go, but even then it would be better if a road rider was determining the routes. We can just have you post when you want to lead a ride, but the YAHOO group has been available for five years and only one leader posts regularly.

Rick Clauder, Melba Bouquet and Dick Plastino are still coordinators for the North FUN, "Roses" and MTB groups respectively.

If we want to have a bike club different from all the others, we need to keep its most unique characteristic – a vigorous schedule of interesting rides for various rider levels. Please contact me to volunteer or with your suggestions: ridecoordinator@dbtc.org or 303-618-5069. This spring please send the coordinators an email with your rides rather than wait for them to call you.



Joan Van Loozenoord is leading a series of Friday rides on pleasant days this winter. This picture was taken 11.11.11 at 11:11 at the top of Mt. Carbon. Later in the ride Bill Stevens earned one of "special awards" at the VRD the next night. He has just rebuilt the racing bike he used when he was 19. He even found the original graphic stickers to put on after it was repainted. We noticed that the rebuilt bike appeared to be much faster than some of our newer bikes, especially going uphill. However, just before we got back to the start his cassette fell apart and he needed a lift back to his car. Therefore, we gave him a new bike complete with its own tools and spare handle – and it fit nicely in the palm of his hand for convenience.

Reminder to Winter Commuters

Please put a yellow or reflective vest over your winter coat. Drivers aren't looking for bikes and you are practically invisible with your dark jacket in the early winter evening.



Renee Terlaje has just mastered her two wheel bike and intends to become a ride leader next summer. She's planning on starting with a 10 mile trip at the Memorial Day Picnic and hopes that other members – young and old – will join her on her inaugural trip. She's been letting her mom, Joyce, pull her in a trailer on DBTC rides for the last 5 years, but now she is ready to take on the world. She's asked her mom to co-lead.



Assistant Needed

David Grimes, Webmaster

Dave keeps our website current. He's the one who designed our website and has kept it up-to-date as functionality of websites has evolved over the years. He manages our data base and is always willing to provide information for the Board and ride coordinators. He needs help with some of the monthly tasks. Both of these tasks require just a couple of hours a month and can be done from your computer:

- Send the renewal notices and mail the membership ID cards when they have renewed. You do not have to collect the payments, simply send the notices.
- Track volunteers. When the ride schedule comes out you simply enter the names of ride leaders onto the online membership program. After picnics and parties you are sent a list of people who helped and need to be credited.

For more information please contact Dave Grimes, webmaster@dbtc.org, 303-986-7666



Thanksgiving Day was warm and bright. Dale Trone and Jeff Baysinger led. Dale noted that Steve Ingraham and Jeff Baysinger missed the message that the color of day was Dayglow Green.

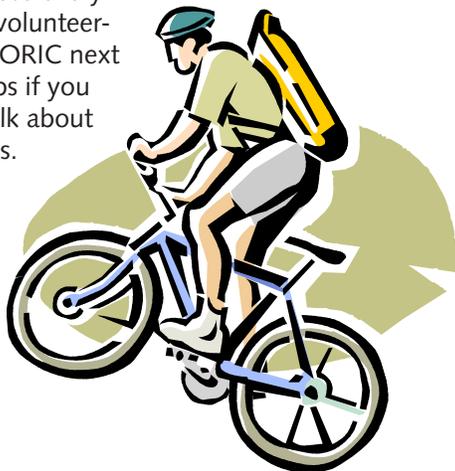
Plan Ahead

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.



Moab Spring Tune-up Tour 2012

Thursday, May 3 – Monday, May 7

This is our annual spring tune-up trip to Moab for independent riders and hikers. Each day there will be a road bike ride, a hike and an easy mountain bike ride option. Some days we might bike in the morning and hike in the afternoon (or vice versa). Leaders will be drafted for the activities that Ellen doesn't lead - we will meet each morning in the parking lot at a designated time so people can hook up to ride or hike together.

Thursday, May 3rd: Drive to Moab, dessert happy hour around 7:30pm (I bring dessert, you bring beverages) to go over the planned rides and hikes. We'll meet outside by the picnic tables.

Friday, May 4th: Arches - incredibly scenic road bike and hike options; mountain bike option requires a \$20 shuttle ride and is a fabulous 14 mile downhill ride on an unpaved road past Gemini Bridges - you'll have to wipe the smile off your face after this ride!

Saturday, May 5th: 5-mile round trip hike south of Moab that takes us to a 1/2 mile wall of petroglyphs - this is pretty fabulous! Optional is a short afternoon hike to see even more petroglyphs. Road bike from the hotel to the end of Potash Rd or mountain bike ride either the Bar M trails or Monitor/Merrimac trails.

Sunday, May 6th: Deadhorse Point - road bike, mountain bike and hike options in either Deadhorse Point or Island in the Sky - farewell pizza happy hour/dinner (I provide the pizza, you provide the beverages)

Monday, May 7th: Several short hike/bike options will be offered before we get in the cars and drive home.

Cost is \$250/person double occupancy. Cost includes 4 nights lodging at the Red Stone Inn (small clean rooms with refrigerators and microwaves and coffee pots), dessert happy hour food on night one, pizza happy hour/dinner food on night four, 3 full days with bike and hike options.

If you want to come play in Moab, send a check for \$100 made out to Ellen Chilikas to PO Box 471803, Aurora, CO 80047 and send the 2 tour forms located here: http://www.dbtc.org/OTT_Index.aspx. You must be a member of the DBTC to come on this tour. First come, first served. Either indicate your roommate request or I will pair you with someone. Deposits are transferable but not refundable. ***Please post-date your checks to Feb 1, 2012***



Utah Parks Sampler Tour

Multi-sport: Road Biking and Hiking

June 16-23, 2012

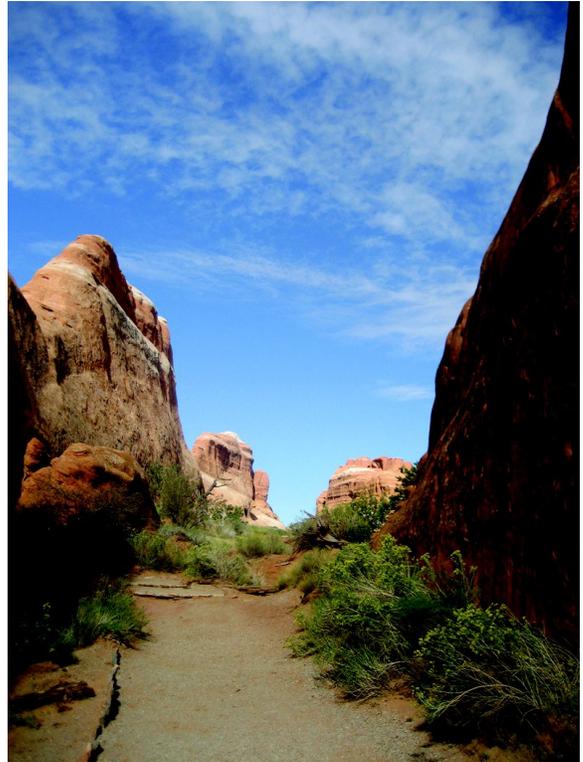
\$550/person double occupancy – hotel lodging

Ellen Chilikas and Ruth Berkshire

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. Please post-date your check to 1/1/2012. 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
foothillscyding.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

LITTLETON CYCLERY
2640 W BELLEVIEW AVE
UNIT F SUITE 100
LITTLETON, CO 80123
303-798-5033
littletoncyclery.com

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

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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

WESTSIDE CYCLING
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7310 W COLFAX
LAKEWOOD, CO 80214
303-237-1115

Volunteer Recognition Dinner – 2011

Steve Ingraham

One hundred folks enjoyed the pot luck dishes brought by members and the ham and turkey supplied by the club. We all wish to thank Karen Kirby and her hard working corps of volunteers for organizing a wonderful evening. As we ate our desserts, the a cappella group from Denver University, IdioSINGcrasies, entertained us with their very special musical stylings.

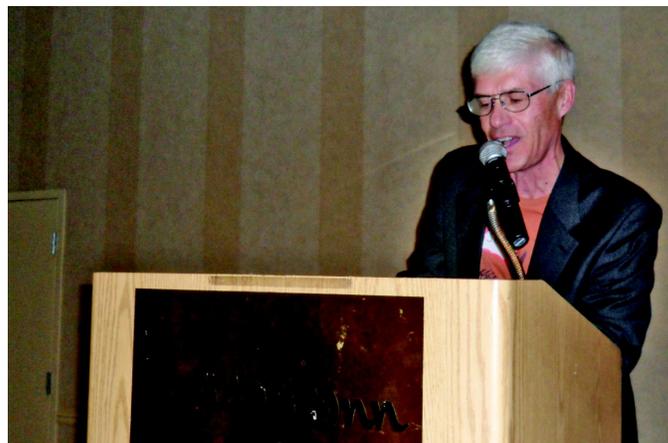
As is our tradition, at various time throughout the evening well-deserving members received special awards. Steve Ingraham, our master of ceremonies, joined in by reuniting Richard Gieseler with Richard's dear pool alligator (you had to be there!!)

John Campbell, our club President, introduced the Board of Directors for 2011. We all thank John, Tom Casadevall (VP), Jeff Krinsky (Secretary), Karen Kirby (Treasurer), Guy James, and Doug Schuler for their service to the club in 2011. For 2012 the Board of Directors are John Campbell (President), Guy James (VP), Elfriede Shoemaker (Secretary), Karen Kirby (Treasurer), Doug Schuler, Jeff Krinsky, Tom Casadevall, and Kevin Purdy.

Patty Gaspar, the Director of Ride activities, thanked all the 2011 Ride Coordinators. Howard Bagdad (North Fun Rides), Lois Kahn (South Fun Rides), Joyce Terlaje (Wednesday Rides), Dale Trone (Intermediate Rides), Steve Ingraham (Road Rides), and Dick Plastino (MTB Rides) served but are now retiring. Melba Bouquet (Roses Rides) and Russ Peterson (Weekday MTB Rides) will continue as coordinators in 2012. New Coordinators for 2012 are Rick Clauder (North Fun Rides and Intermediate Rides) and Kathy Basel (MTB Rides). All these Coordinators depend on members to step forward and lead rides from April through October. Patty discussed the drop in the number of ride leaders in 2011 and the need for volunteers for the Coordinator positions for Road Rides, South Fun Rides, and Wednesday Rides.

Steve Ingraham next introduced the group of On-going Volunteers, most of who have served for a number of years and they keep the club running smoothly. They are Patty Gaspar (Director of rides and Newsletter Editor), Dave Grimes (Webmaster and Data Base Manager), Gaar Potter (Bookkeeper and Bike box Manager), Sally Swartz (New member welcomer), Darrell Deering (Out-of-Town MTB Tour Director), Carolyn Bauer (Newsletter Mailing Coordinator), Jeff Krinsky (Photo Gallery Manager), Cindy Ferry (Club eMail Manager), and Dale Trone (Yahoo Group Moderator). Each of the Ride Coordinators and these On-Going Volunteers received a special gift from the club.

Ingraham thanked Don Pearson, our Project Full Circle



Coordinator for the past decade, for his hard work in the bike program for the kids at the Mount Saint Vincent Home. The Home will be running the bike program itself in the future.

The Denver Bicycle Touring Club wouldn't be a "touring" club without the Out Of Town Tour Leaders. John Campbell thanked Ellen Chilikas, Darrell Deering, Lin Hark, Richard Gieseler, Diane Short, and Stuart Black for leading Out-of-Town Tours. Also recognized were MTB weekend trip leaders Jeff Baysinger, Fred Berry, Russ Peterson, and Chuck Caldwell.

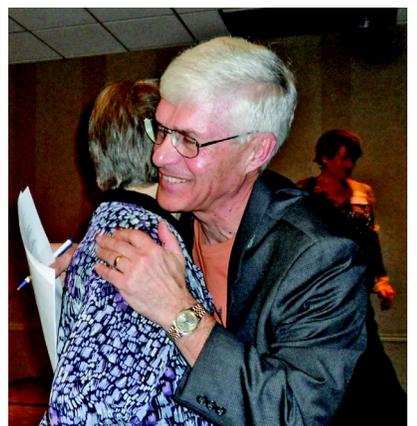
Our club now has 43 members over the age of 75. This group of experienced rider received a rousing round of applause as they stood and were recognized.

During 2011, 76 members led 333 rides. Of these, 40 members led 3 or more rides and received the 2011 Ride Leader Pin. A total of 114 members, who either led at least one ride and/or volunteered for at least one event, received a DBTC bicycle bell. 3 members, who led 3 or more rides for the first time, received the DBTC baseball hat. They are Jeff Krinsky, Keith Lawson, and Bill Stevens. Remember that you never know what nice gifts await volunteers at the end of the year—please volunteer!!

Special recognition and gifts went to our top Premier Ride Leaders. Russ Peterson led 27 rides, Donald Schmertz 23, Wayne Tomasello 18, and Steve Stevens 17. Our Volunteer of the Year is Melba Bouquet. Several years ago Melba thought that the Fun Ride group rode a bit too fast for her liking. So she started the Roses Ride Group. They are a hardy group that rides all year. We love it when a member sees the need for a new ride category and steps up and makes things happen.

Throughout the evening door prizes were given out. Also, Rick Clauder manned the Club Merchandise table, where members could purchase an array of club items, including the colorful club jersey.

To sum up the evening: good food, good friends, and great entertainment. See you all at the DBTC Kick Off Dinner in the Spring.



See and Be Seen; Hear and Be Heard –Tom Casadevall, Board Member

For those who received a bell at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner, I thought I'd share why the Board chose that gift for you. The club always promotes safety, but sometimes the little things get overlooked. A simple bell can be a great safety device.

See, be seen: When we ride a bike or drive a car, we need to be vigilant to look and see others. Be seen means to wear visible clothing like the DBTC ride jersey – a fabulous, highly visible jersey. Because drivers and other riders simply can't see dark clothing, bright clothing is an essential safety device for the careful rider. Plus, I add a 4-foot high pennant on the back of my bike when I ride cross-country. It's a simple add on. It is the responsibility of the rider to be seen.

Hear, be heard: Use your ears when you ride to hear. Get rid of those ear buds, Bluetooths and other ear phone devices. Hearing – whether other riders, how your tires

sound, or the sound of approaching traffic - is an essential element of safe riding. Be heard simply means announcing your presence when overtaking other riders, pedestrians and even automobile drivers.

Bike path usage requires that we announce - by voice or bell - when we are passing another rider or pedestrian. Again this is simple courtesy and a good safety practice. Besides, a ring-a-ling bell always brings a smile to those who hear it, especially young children. If you earned an award for leading a ride or volunteering at an event and missed the VRD, you can pick it up at the Kick Off Dinner in March or contact John Campbell at president@dbtc.org or 303-797-0250 to pick up your bell.

If you already have a bell, share this one with a friend or a child.



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.

December 31, 2011 – Jan 3, 2012

4th Annual New Year's

Pajama Party

Trip Type: Ski, snowshoe

Lodging: Leadville Hostel

Location Details: Leadville, CO

Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

Status: Open

January 19 – 23, 2012

4th Annual Fraser Ski and Snowshoe Weekend

Trip Type: Ski, Snowshoe

Lodging: Hotel

Location Details: Fraser, CO

Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

Status: Open

February 9 – 13, 2012

Crested Butte Ski Weekend

Crested Butte Ski, snowshoe Weekend

Trip Type: Ski, snowshoe

Lodging: Hotel

Location Details: Crested Butte, CO

Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

Status: Open

May 3 - May 7, 2012

Moab Spring Tune Up

Trip Type: Multi-sport trip, Road & mountain biking plus hiking

Lodging: Hotels

Location Details: Moab, UT

Contact: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

Status: Planning

May 25 – 28, 2012

Aspen Memorial Day Tour

Trip Type: Intermediate to Advanced Road Rides

Lodging: Hotel

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,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

Status: Planning

September 2014

Door County The Sequel

Trip Type: Road Riding

Lodging: Hotel

Leaders: Ellen Chilikas,
outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com
and Karen Jenneman,
karen_jenneman@hotmail.com

Status: Planning

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



Self-Contained Touring 101

May, 2012 (date TBD)

Don and Marilyn Swett

Ever wonder what goes on when you're doing a self-supported ride? This ride will be 4 days of riding and 4 nights of camping. And yes, you will need to bring everything on your own bike. You will need panniers or trailer, tent and all the stuff to make yourself comfortable and that you are willing to carry; and a bike sturdy enough to make the 4 days and the 200+ mile loop.

The ride will start near Walsenburg, go out to La Junta, back to Trinidad, around to Stonewall, over the top of Cucharas Pass and back to Walsenburg. Expect some climbing and long distances, but fantastic scenery as we travel from plains to mountains. Look for in town practice rides which will show packing techniques and setting up camp examples. No charge for the tour, but you will have to pay for your own camping sites. Don & Marilyn Swett will be guiding this ride. Obviously this is not for everyone, email Don for details or lack of them: don_swett@comcast.net. A DBTC waiver will be required for all participants.

ASPEN MEMORIAL DAY TOUR

MAY 25-28, 2012 (Friday – Sunday night's 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;
dianelshort@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



"You won't believe where the bike made me go today."

2012 Advance Planning Calendar

March 10-13
Moab Skinny Tire Festival
skinnytirefestival.com
Moab, UT

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

April 26 – 29
Fruita Fat Tire Festival
emgcolorado.com
Fruita, CO

May
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
Ride the Rockies
ridetherockies.com
TBD

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-Steam-
boat Loop)

June
Bike to Work Day
drcog.org
Denver Metro area

June 23
Sunrise Century
bikerPELLI.com/Sunrise_Cen-
tury
Boulder, CO

June
Tour de Prairie
cheyennecity.org/Document-
View.aspx?DID=3562
Cheyenne, WY

June 30- July 1
MS 150 Bike Tour
nationalmssociety.org/chap-
ters/COC/index.aspx
TBD

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

July
Tour De Steamboat
rockypeakproductions.com
Steamboat Springs, CO

July
Moonlight Classic
moonlight-classic.com
Denver, CO

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

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

July
Durango Century
durango100.com
Durango, CO

July 22-28
RAGBRAI
ragbrai.org
TBD

July
Courage Classic
couragetours.com
Copper Mountain, CO

July
CANDISC - Cycling Around
North Dakota In Sakakawea
Country ndparks.com/recre-
ation/activities/candisc.htm
TBD

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

August
Stonewall Century Ride
spcycling.org
TBD

August 18
Tour de Cure
diabetes.org
Longmont, CO

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

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

August 26
Venus de Miles
venusdemiles.com
TBD, Boulder County

September
Buffalo Bicycle Classic
buffalobicycleclassic.com
Boulder, CO

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

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

September
Tour of the Vineyards
Coloradowinefest.com
Palisade, CO

For additional cycling event
listings, visit the following
Website:
bcn.boulder.co.us/transporta-
tion/bike.d/bike.cal.html

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DBTC WINTER FUN RIDES 2012

Denver has been basking in 60-degree temperatures and the snow is piling up in the mountains – does it get any better than that? We have a schedule that should appeal to you snow or shine. Remember to watch the yahoo group for additional rides or snow trips, or cancellations.

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org by February 10th for the March 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.

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees, 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.

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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.

DBTC Winter (Frozen Water Bottle) Road Rides

These off-season rides are set up for Road Riders who wish to maintain their overall cycling fitness during the months of November - February.

These rides will be posted on the Yahoo group site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoBicyclist>) on or after each Wednesday. This will allow time to see if the weather is good for a Saturday or Sunday ride. Cancellation of the ride can occur if temperatures are below 30 F and/or roads are wet. Start times will be 10:00AM unless weather determines a later start.

All rides will start at Las Margaritas, 10151 W. 26 Ave & Kipling, Wheat Ridge, CO. This location is just across Kipling St. from the Crown Hill Park. Please park your car on the northwest corner of the parking lot. Mileage is from 20 miles to 35 miles. The routes are not too hilly and have been used before. This time of the year, there is no reason to climb mountains. Winter road rides pace will be 15 + MPH with regrouping. Please reply to Donald Schmetz by email if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!!!
roadrider80226@yahoo.com

Wednesday FUN Group Continues Through Winter

FUN/INT- 1/3-TBD 11:00 AM The Wednesday Fun group will continue to ride throughout the winter. We will be meet at various places. You can use the DBTC Message Board to post additional rides.

Jan 4th & Feb 1st Meet at Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union Ave.

Jan 11th & Feb 8th Meet at Crown Hill Park in Lakewood, in the parking lot with bathrooms at Garland Street and 26th Ave, just east of Kipling St.

Jan 18th & Feb 15th Meet at Carson Nature Center, Santa Fe Drive at Mineral.

Jan 25th & Feb 22nd Meet at Washington Park in the parking lot at the SW edge of Smith Lake, near the intersection of Downing Street and Exposition Avenue.

Wednesday "Roses" Group

These hardy riders continue all winter. Wednesday's "Roses" rides are 1-20, SW, 11AM. "Roses" will meet when the temperature is 50 or above and trails are clear, for "Show and Go" rides from Carson Nature Center, (N on So Platte Parkway, West of Mineral and Santa Fe, opposite Aspen Grove Shopping Center.) 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 Loveland, Copper Mountain and Ski Cooper this season. If you would like to join these trips you may want to get the GEMS card for a free day at Ski Cooper in February, and 2 for 1s at Loveland. They will also be doing the \$20 Ski Hooky Days at Loveland the second Thursday of each snowy month. To get the \$10 GEMS card go http://www.shopcoloradoski.com/product_p/cscusa_gems_card_2011_12.htm

Tentative ski dates:

January 5, 2012 Copper Mountain,

January 12, 2012 Loveland,

January 19, 2012 Copper Mountain,

January 25, 2012 Breckenridge,

February 2, 2012 Ski Cooper,

February 9, 2012 Loveland,

February 16, 2012 Copper Mountain,

March 8, 2012 Loveland,

March 15, 2012 Copper Mountain,

March 22, 2012 Copper Mountain

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY WINTER RIDES

FUN/INT-2/3-20/30-NESW-11:00AM 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 and hit the start locations but-
ton for more detailed directions to most of the starting points.

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

New Year's Day Fourth First Annual Not Quite Memorial Bill Orchard Annual New Year's Day Ride

FUN-H1-20-C 11:00 AM *Stuart Black* (303-433-9041) will lead the Fourth FANQMBOANYD Ride at 11:00 AM from the City of Cuernavaca Park at 21st and Platte, just north of the Denver Skate Park. (Going North or South on I-25: Take the 20th St Exit southeast. Take a right on Little Raven, a right on 19th St and right on Platte St. Go a couple blocks to the parking lot.) This will be a 20+mile ride (depending on the weather) with lunch afterwards at a location yet to be determined. This will be a leisurely ride, fairly flat, on trails and bike friendly streets.

Sat, Jan 7th NW – Sloan's Lake, 25th Ave & Sheridan, park in NW corner of park

Sun, Jan 8th NW Crown Hill Park, just east of 26th & Kipling

Sat, Jan 14th SE – South High School, E. Louisiana & S Franklin, near Wash Park

Sun, Jan 15th C – REI Flagship Store – river side

Sat, Jan 21st SW – Stone House, east side of S Estes, just south of Yale.

Sun, Jan 22nd SE – Goodson Recreation, near S University Blvd and Arapahoe Ave

Sat, Jan 28th SE – Village Greens Park, just east of Union and Dayton

Sun, Jan 29th NW – Olde Town Park-N-Ride, just north of W 55th Ave & Wadsworth on Vance

February Winter Fun Ride Schedule

Sat, Feb 4th NW – Prospect Park, W 44th Ave at Robb St

Sun, Feb 5th SW – Morrison PNR, NW corner of C470 and Morrison Rd

Sat, Feb 11th SW - Carson Nature Center, (N on So Platte Parkway, West of Mineral and Santa Fe

Sun, Feb 12th NW – Scott Carpenter Park, SW corner of 30th & Arapahoe in Boulder

Sat, Feb 18th NW -- Westminster Mall, southeast corner of W 92nd Ave & Harlan St

Sun, Feb 19th SE – Cherry Creek HS, SE corner of Union and Dayton

Sat, Feb 25th SW – Stone House, east side of S Estes, just south of Yale.

Sun, Feb 26th NW – Park-N-Ride, NW corner of 70th and Broadway



DBTC Members Joining in November and December

RANDY MCELROY
KEITH & KIMBERLY OBER
MARTIN PFEFER
PAUL & KATIE BATTAGLIA

LORI FRANCIN
CAROLE HINES
JOHN LOEWY

BOB COLEMAN & KATHLEEN
MACBAIN
MIMI SHEPHERD