



The Colorado Bicyclist

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Metro Area: Construction Completion Update

Improving the outdoor experience, one project at a time

Over the past few years, cyclists have endured many construction projects around the metro area. Finally, we are happy to report that many of the projects have been completed.

It took three times as long to build, and cost twice as much as expected, but Shoemaker Plaza at Confluence Park is finally open. Gone are the plaza's complicated

zigzag ramps. Although it doesn't look tremendously different from its original design, the renovations offer greater and safer access to the water and separate, wider pedestrian and bike access to the trail.

Another project that has come to completion is the US 6 and 19th Street Interchange (Linking Lookout Project) which opened in Golden a

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Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, November 11, 2017

The Cherry Creek Holiday Inn • 455 South Colorado Blvd
Doors open at 11:30 a.m. • Lunch Served at noon, program following

Price: \$14 - Current Members registered by November 6th

\$28 - Guest & Everyone registered after November 6th

FREE - Qualified Ride Leaders (led 5 or more rides)

Menu Includes: Tossed Caesar Salad with Garlic Croutons, Parmesan Cheese | White Bean Soup | Chicken Parmesan Tender Roast Beef con Balsamico | Linguine Tossed w/ Olive Oil & Fresh Herbs | Baked Zucchini & Tomatoes | Tiramisu

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Board Meetings

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome. The DBTC board meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Perkin's Restaurant (1995 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver). If you wish to address the board, contact the president at president@dbtc.org or call 303-725-1565 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.

The President's Page

Cyndy Klepinger

What I like about the Denver Bicycle Touring Club is not the variety of rides, but the people who are members!

By enjoying one of our many rides, you have the opportunity to meet fellow enthusiasts. This interaction encourages friendships that grow outside weekly rides. In fact as I write this, I am returning from a three-day trip to Grand Junction with two friends, Sunnye Kelley and Scott MacCormack, who I met through DBTC rides. And yes, we experienced some great rides – look for an Out-of-Town Tour next fall to western Colorado and its giant playground for both road and mountain bikes!

Without ride leaders our club would not exist. A big thank you to our volunteer ride leaders who take the time to identify fun and/or challenging rides for members. And then there are those leaders who create rides based on various themes: art, juggling, cemeteries, breweries and more!

Come join us on Saturday, November 11 to recognize our volunteer ride leaders as well as other volunteers who help make DBTC so special.

See you then!



WELCOME NEW DBTC MEMBERS

*Chris Bachmeyer
Laurel Davies
Craig Davies
Kathleen Shelton*

*Jack Davies
Paul Davies
John Skousen
Philip "PJ" Torney*

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.

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few weeks ago.

It is a beautiful and user-friendly path between downtown Golden and the communities at the base of Lookout Mountain. It "links" Golden to Lookout to help bikers, pedestrians and cars cross over US 6 safely without hindering the flow of traffic.

The Peaks to Plains Trail, a key future state-wide connection, gained another three quarters of a mile. This section adds more to the popular trail, which will eventually span the entirety of Clear Creek Canyon Park. In addition to the new trail segment, a developed recreation area and trailhead opened to the

public in the part of the canyon known as "The Big Easy."

The trailhead and recreation area has a restroom, boasts 54 parking spaces, fishing platforms over the water for easy access, picnic pavilions, a geology garden, and a boardwalk in areas where vegetation needs to be protected. A new bridge

also spans the creek, leading onto the Peaks to Plains Trail, which connects to the Mayhem Gulch trailhead heading westward up the canyon. Also, a bike fix-it station is now available at the Mayhem Gulch trailhead. Finally, a picnic area,

restroom and parking lot opened earlier this year on the Cherry Creek Trail at Araphoe. There's also a bike fix-it station for those who need to fix flats, add air or make minor repairs.

Cyclists and every kind of outdoor enthusiast can be thankful for the completion of these projects, as they only make getting outdoors that much easier and enjoyable for everyone!



Find DBTC on Social Media

Become a member of these social media sites for relevant cycling news, last-minute rides and social activities with fellow members, such as ski trips and movies.

To join Meetup:

Go to meetup.com and join the DBTC Meetup by searching for "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" in Groups or going to: www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/

To join Yahoo Groups:

To receive email updates from the Yahoo Group or Mountain Biking Yahoo Group, you can join by sending an email to: coloradobicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or comtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You'll then receive emails about upcoming rides for those respective groups. You can also check out the latest at: <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoBicyclist/> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COMtnbikers>

Mountain Biking with DBTC

Currently, the DBTC does not have an MTB ride coordinator despite the fact that there is a very active mountain bike group within the club. The MTB group uses Yahoo to coordinate impromptu rides. If you are a MTB rider and would like more information about upcoming rides, it is easy to join the Yahoo group and keep up to date with emails about rides and trips. The group is very active during the winter months riding on nice days at nearby foothills trails. Click the following link to join the group: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/COMtnbikers

October Riders

DBTC Ride Leaders and cyclists made it out to enjoy some of the beautiful scenery and sunshine in the Denver area. Here are some of the images we captured on those rides. If you are interested in joining us on one of our group led rides, check out the upcoming ride list starting on page 13. Hope to see you at a ride soon!



On Sunday, October 1st, the weather was threatening on the morning of the Tour De Boulder but two riders persevered!!!



On Sunday, October 15th, three riders enjoyed the Westminster Classic through the trails of Westminster, Northglenn and Thornton. Shown here at the E B Rains Jr. Memorial Park Lake.

This lady has a dog that looks just like Jeff's!!!



On Sunday, October 8th, five riders checked out the Hidden Gems of Arvada shown here at the Lake Arbor Break.

Ride Leaders: Remember, if you have a guest/non-member on any of your rides, the Membership Committee needs to know so we can invite them to join us on future rides as a NEW (or renewing) MEMBER! Please photocopy your Sign-in Sheet and email a scan of it to Lin Hark at: guestrelations@dbtc.org. Thanks for helping us grow our Club!

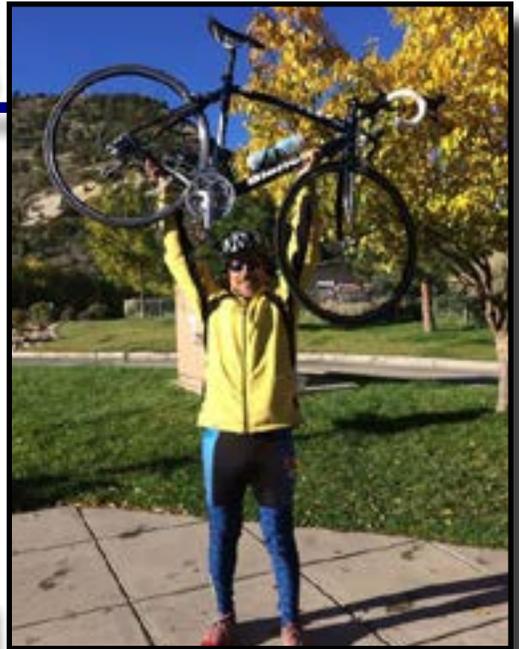
Metric Century Rides

At the recent second annual Metric Century Ride, the wind had the potential to wreck the rides. Wind makes cycling colder and zaps energy as well as slows a rider to a crawl.

But more than 50 DBTC cyclists punched back and completed their rides. They then got their reward: a picnic lunch that included pumpkin pie and apple cider! A perfect ending.

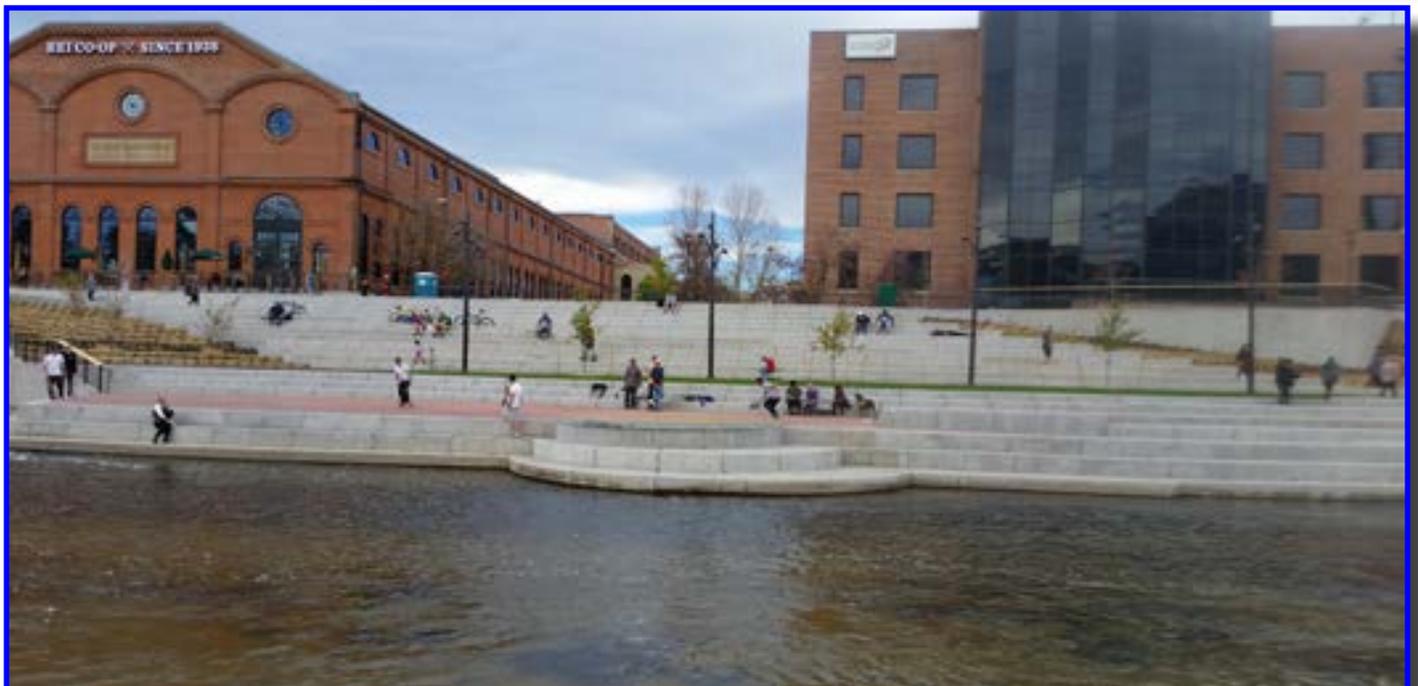
Thank you to event organizer Linda Wheeler and ride leaders Jeff Krinsky, Jill McMahon and John Klever.

For your next windy ride, consider gearing down and taking it easy. Riding into a constant headwind is like riding up a hill. Also, it helps to ride in the drops as it improves aerodynamics.



A New Day at Confluence Park

New and Improved: The Shoemaker Plaza at Confluence Park was officially reopened on October 12th, 2017. The area now offers easier and safer access to the waterway, as well as updated walking and bike paths for everyone to enjoy! The DBTC has several rides that originate from the flagship REI store, located a short distance from Confluence Park. Be sure to take time to check out the new area the next time you come along for a ride. The improvements completed so far by the city of Denver, known as the *River Vision* project, will continue its 8 year, \$50 million dollar renovation of the greenways along the South Platte for several more years to come. The project is estimated to be complete in the year 2020.



Send A Teacher Traveling!

Every year, since 1996, ExperiencePlus! Bicycle Tours has offered the Send A Teacher Traveling (S.A.T.T.) Award, designed to recognize outstanding public school teachers throughout the United States. They believe that public school teachers (K-12) are the nation's most important human resource. They further believe that by encouraging teachers to participate in educational, active travel opportunities, countless students who come into contact with those teachers will benefit.

Monica and Maria Elena, current owners of ExperiencePlus! Bicycle Tours, are excited to offer such a great program. Since the program began in 1996, they have been able to send teachers on over 25 free bicycle tours across Europe and Latin America. This year, Monica and Maria Elena, along with their parents and founders of the company, Rick and Paola Malpezzi-Price, will be picking the winner for the upcoming 2018 ride.

If you know a teacher who might be interested in applying for 2018, follow the link to their website below to register.

https://www.experienceplus.com/about_us/our_style_of_travel/bicycle_tours_for_teachers.html



Pictured above: the 2017 winner, Denise Wright. She and her mother, Patty Gaspar, enjoyed a week in France, bicycling and touring castles and chateaus.

Come Join Fellow Cycling Enthusiasts for a Special Engagement of

LE RIDE

Promoted By Demand Film

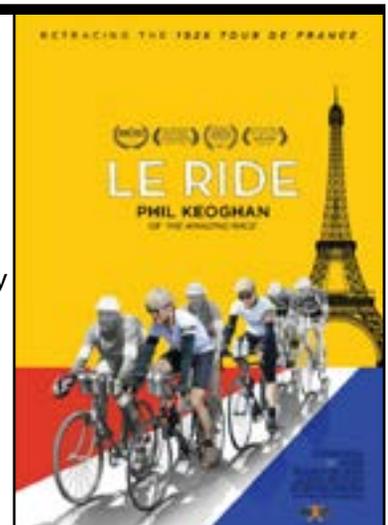
Date: Thu, Nov 9, 2017 6:30 PM

Where: Regal Continental Theater
3635 S Monaco Pkwy
Denver, CO, 80222

[Tickets On Sale NOW!](#)

You are invited to a special one night only screening of Phil Keoghan's (The Amazing Race) documentary Le Ride!

LE RIDE follows Phil Keoghan and his friend Ben Cornell as they attempt to recreate the original route of the 1928 Tour de France. Averaging 240 kilometres a day for 26 days, Phil and Ben traverse both the unforgiving mountains of the Pyrenees and the Alps, on original vintage steel racing bikes with no gears and marginal brakes. The documentary takes inspiration from the remarkable true story of Australians Sir Hubert Opperman, Ernie Bainbridge and Percy Osborne, and New Zealander Harry Watson as the first English speaking team to compete in the Tour de France. They arrived after six weeks at sea, under-trained and under-resourced, untested and completely written off by the French media. The 1928 Tour was the toughest in history – a hell on wheels race of attrition. Only 41 finished out of 161 starters yet remarkably three were from the Australasian team. This extraordinary story of achievement against the odds has never been told on film – until now.





Online Construction Detours & Updates from RTD:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?ll=39.805899,-104.984665&t=m&source=embed&ie=UTF8&msa=0&spn=0.158248,0.342636&z=11&mid=zVMlvSdJQnac.kopSvxexI_mc

Ditto from Denver Parks & Rec:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/parks/trails/trail-detours.html>



We need you to be involved in the Denver Bicycle Touring Club! We have several volunteer opportunities as well as a paid part-time job. Without you, our Club would not exist.

EVENT COORDINATOR

We need a volunteer to help manage DBTC's outreach efforts, which include Bike to Work Day and the Subaru VeloSwap. The job involves coordinating the details of events, recruiting and managing the volunteers to staff events, and setting up and tearing down the exhibit display. VeloSwap is Saturday, November 4, 9 AM-4 PM.

While the rewards are non-monetary in nature, you will gain the satisfaction of making a difference, as well as promoting the joys of bicycling. BONUS: You meet some great people!

Traveling with your bike?

Do it the easy way... DBTC has hard-sided bike transport boxes that can be checked out to current members. Contact any Board officer for more information.



FOR SALE

TIRES: Two kenda kwest 20x1-1/8 (wire bead and 100psi) with tubes.

Ridden less than 400 miles.

\$30 for both.

Call Cyndy Klepinger: 303.725.1565

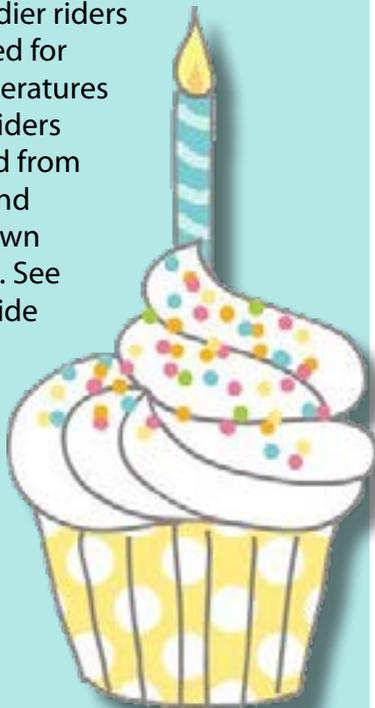
THE BICYCLING SEASON ISN'T OVER 'TIL YOU RIDE YOUR AGE IN MILES!

For the past 14 years Lin Hark has ridden her age in miles on or near her birthday in November. It has become a tradition for Lin to lead one or more rides and invite DBTC members to join her. Her daughter and grandkids have followed this tradition in recent years as well, and there may be some new faces joining this year.

For the past several seasons she has done a very well attended ride (depending on the weather) beginning at the Downtown REI at 11:00 am on the first Saturday in November. This is the last day before the time changes back to Standard Mountain Time. All members are welcome to join the fun, even if they don't ride, for the lunch on the deck by Starbucks at REI (bring or buy your own).

There are rides before and after for the hardier riders who are prepared for the colder temperatures early and late. Riders often ride to and from the 11am ride and calculate their own desired mileage. See the November ride schedule for details.

We look forward to having your join in to ride your age in miles!



FOR THOSE WHO ONLY DRINK BEER ON DAYS THAT END IN *y*

by Ellen Chilikas

Brewery rides have ended for the season, but brewery visits will continue during the upcoming colder months. This summer and fall, I led brewery rides to the following breweries: Halfpenny, Grist, Breckenridge, Landlocked Ales, Locavore, Boggy Draw and St Patrick's.

With winter upon us and the weather getting colder, I will offer visits to breweries and tap rooms that are accessible via light rail. If you wish, you can still ride your bike to these breweries or you can just hop on the train and walk a bit for your brew. I am eyeing both Declaration and Renegade brewery visits coming up in November. I will post the dates and details on the Colorado Bicyclist and MeetUp sites. Also, check out the DBTC social media outlets for updates on times, dates, and locations! Looking forward to seeing you there and enjoying a cold brew.



A group of Bicycle Aurora and DBTC members at the site along Sand Creek where the George Bartling memorial bench will be installed.

Construction Alert: Highline Canal Detour along C-470

What: High Line Canal full closure for drainage structure work as part of the C-470 Express Lanes project

When: For approximately two months starting on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017

Detour: Clockwise from the closure (red X), this detour uses the C-470 Trail to Erickson Boulevard, then County Line Road to Primo Road, back to the High Line Canal Trail.



STAY TUNED:



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Saturday, Nov. 11th • 12:00 p.m.
Cherry Creek Holiday Inn

LE RIDE

Thursday, Nov. 9th • 6:30 p.m.
Regal Continental
on Monaco Parkway

Mountain Bike Ride

South Table Mountain, Golden

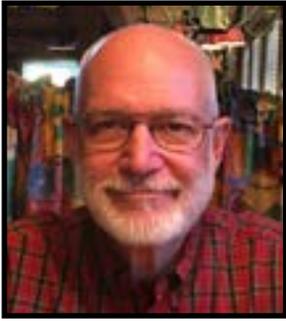


We had a great turnout for the ride up South Table Mountain. Fourteen riders in total made the trip. The group is pictured on top of the mesa, which once was the home of a restaurant.

History of South Table Mountain:

In times far past, South Table Mountain was ascended and used by American Indian tribes of the region, and archaeological remains are known to exist on its top. A piece of grape shot thought to be from either Spanish explorers or fur traders was found by Arthur Lakes on the mesa top in April 1895. The earliest recorded ascents of the mesa occurred during the Colorado Gold Rush in 1859. In 1906 father and son William H. and Clyde L. Ashworth built the original Castle Rock Resort, a cafe atop Castle Rock, where visitors were taken by burro up a trail up the north flank of Castle Rock. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

DBTC Board Candidates



Dick Shelton

I discovered the physical and mental satisfaction of recreational cycling after moving to Colorado in 2004 and enjoy sharing knowledge of new trails and advocating for continued expansion of both the on-street and multi-use trail system. For the past 6 years I have been an Aurora Trail Steward helping to maintain safe and attractive open-space facilities.

I have served on the Board as Secretary for the last two years and look forward to continuing that role using my knowledge, experience and energy to provide positive cycling experiences for fellow club members.



Cyndy Klepinger

I am running for the Board again to continue to bring some fresh ideas and perspectives to the best biking club in the Denver area. I enjoy contributing to the success of DBTC not only as member of the Board, but as a ride leader. Over the past several years as a club member, I have enjoyed meeting new people, creating friendships and becoming a better rider. And I would like to share my enthusiasm for riding with others.



Sunnys Keeley

I moved to Denver about a year ago. One of my first objectives was to join DBTC, a bike club that offers a wide range of activities and many potential friends with a similar passion for riding. Not only do I enjoy the organized rides and events, but I'd also enjoy contributing my services to a worthy club. I'd like the opportunity to give as well as receive the benefits of DBTC.



Phil Gee

Retired, currently volunteering as a bicycle mechanic at "Bikes Together" since they opened 10 years ago. I have also worked as a mechanic for a bike shop after college. For the last three years, I have been a member of DBTC. I also enjoy skiing and hiking and have been a member of the Colorado Mountain Club for the last 20 years. I Hope to be able to contribute my time and knowledge to DBTC as a board member.



Linda Wheeler

I have served on the board three years and have enjoyed being "social events coordinator" for the club. I am a retired, but working, middle school science teacher who enjoys biking for the outdoor experience and exercise. Bike tours are my favorite. The friends I have met through DBTC are icing on the cake.

All of us at the DBTC would like to say a special

Thank you

to the many ride leaders who
have taken the time to
lead road rides this year

Helen Berkman
Jeff Baysinger
Carol Bennett
Julie Brown
Merri Bruntz
Ellen Chilikas
Marilyn Choske
Darrel Deering
Harold Deist
Ellen Fitzpatrick
Patty Gaspar
Richard Giesler
Lin Hark
Tom Hurja

Cyndy Klepinger
John Klever
Jeff Krinsky
Cathy Leibowitz
Melanie Levin
Linda Lewis
Denny Martin
Jill McMahan
Jeff Messerschmidt
Lise Neer
Dave Noble
Mark Pawlak

Dick Plastino
Gaar Potter
Gary Pratt
Annie Rice-Johnson
Jennifer Saxhaug
Doug Schuler
Bob Shedd
Dick Shelton
Pete Steel
Jean Stevenson
Kathy Stommel

Bob Svenson
Russ Templeman
Steve Thomas
Tom Tobiassen
Carol Tobiassen
Wayne Tomasello
John Wren
Linda Wheeler
Clark Wilson
Cathye Woody
Patsy Venema

This list does not include the ride leaders who post last minute rides on MeetUp or Yahoo Groups.

Proposal to amend DBTC Bylaws

At the DBTC Board meeting in August the following amendment to our Bylaws was proposed:

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES

Section 3. Authorized Signatures. The board shall authorize **up to** four of its members to sign checks. ~~All checks in an amount greater than \$300.00 will require two signatures.~~ **The president may utilize a debit card to conduct routine business transactions subject to monthly review by the treasurer.**

Added language is in **bold type**, deleted language is struck through.

Discussion:

The 2017 annual audit pointed out one area where current business processes do not conform to existing bylaws; this update is to correct that problem.

In practice only two board members, the president and treasurer, have signatures on file for the checking and savings accounts and only they possess blank checks. The language change moves away from a mandate of four board members that is impractical and unnecessary but retains flexibility to add more if needed.

Also, it is impractical and unnecessary to require two check signatures and this requirement has not been followed in recent memory. Approximately 70 checks are written annually and less than 20% exceed \$300 and are always for expenses authorized by the board.

Lastly, modern checking accounts include a debit card function that facilitates routine business transactions and the board has entrusted this function to the president. There are approximately 5 debit transactions per month and the treasurer always reconciles them in his report to the board.

The Board unanimously approved this amendment and recommends members also approve it at the VRL on November 11th. Please direct questions or comments to Dick Shelton, Board Secretary, at richardmshelton@aol.com.

DBTC FALL / WINTER RIDES 2017

The season is over, but we have some scheduled rides, show and go rides, and skiing. You can add last minute rides or other adventures on any of the DBTC social media. I suggest you post on both MeetUp and the Yahoo group to get as many members as possible. Note, downhill skiing and other winter activities are not covered by the insurance plans.

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org by the 20th for the next newsletter, or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Roses – Leisurely (Avg. 8-10 mph) Fun – Comfortable (10-12) Int. – Brisk (12-16) Road – Fast (16-20+) 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.

Fall / Winter Riding Information

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or if it's raining or snow are in the area. Be ready to start at the time listed – tires pumped up and bike ready. The ride leader is not a mechanic so if your bike needs repair, please take it to the shop.

Clothing: Rain gear or jackets to layer WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT over dark jackets

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 or Google Maps 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 20th of the month, for the following newsletter or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

DBTC's Emailing 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 Email List. To join, send an email to: ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DBTC Mountain Biking Email List

To join, send an email to:

COmntnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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

DBTC MeetUp group at www.MeetUp.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/ be used to post rides as well. Once you have posted your ride, we will review the ride information to be sure it complies with the club requirements then upload it to the MeetUp web site where you can edit your ride. MeetUp is open to the public and can increase the number of riders on your rides and, hopefully, club members. Rides cannot conflict with the ride schedule. If you have registered with MeetUp, we will post your scheduled rides. We are also on Facebook if you want to share pictures or bike related news.

The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only email messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

You can join any or all groups. After you send the email requesting to join, you will be contacted via email 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 email address changes, you must send your new email address to the DBTC webmaster (webmaster@dbtc.org).

The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

"How do I get to the start of that ride?"

Not certain where to meet your DBTC friends to ride?

Many of our start locations are available on our website: dbtc.org/page-1533322

DBTC Ride Schedule • November / December 2017

ON THE SNOW: WEEKDAY SKIING WITH DBTC! Sue Frakes and Lin Hark will be skiing weekdays at Loveland this season. Join them the second Thursday of each month for Ski Hooky Days. Other ski days will be posted to the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo Group and Meetup. To get notices, send an email to coloradobicyclist-subscribe@yahoo.com or watch on the meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club

Where to get your discounted 4 packs. Last day November 19th. See schedule <http://skiloveland.com/passsaleevents/>

Mark your calendars: Thursday, December 14th – Downhill Ski Loveland with Sue Frakes and Lin Hark. Meet Sue and Lin at 8 am inside the El Rancho McDonald's (I-70 exit #252, cross over the highway, turn left at the light and left into the Wal-Mart parking lot. Park at the west end of the Wal-Mart lot just outside the McDonald's lot).

Please RSVP to Sue (cell phone 303 910-8206 before 9 pm or after 4:30 am) or Lin (303 578-9369 cell) to let them know you will be coming and where you will meet the group. The group plans to break for lunch at 11:30 AM in the upper level near the cafeteria if you want to join them.

Saturday, November 4th

THE BICYCLING SEASON ISN'T OVER 'TIL YOU RIDE YOUR AGE IN MILES

Lin's Birthday Rides -- 3 Ride choices from REI. Suggested parking at City of Cuernavaca Park for 3 hours or less, REI overflow lot south of the store, or the Downtown Aquarium pay lot. (Directions to Parking: exit I-25 at 23rd Ave., drive past REI and continue north on Platte St about 5 blocks, under the overpass, to the parking lot.)

9:15 AM STAGE 1 Leisure-H1-18-Central Meet Lin Hark at REI's South Deck FUN/Leisure morning riders will meet at 9:15 AM sharp for the morning 18 miles. Hardy riders can brave the morning chill for a short brisk ride north to South Platte River Park on 88th and back on the South Platte trail to arrive at REI for a quick break before stage 2 at 11:15 AM.

11:15 AM STAGE 2 FUN/Leisure -H1-16-Central Meet Lin at the REI Flagship Store's sunny porch for the second stage of her birthday ride. Ride out and back on Cherry Creek Trail. Meet at REI no later than 11:15 AM.

11:15 AM STAGE 2 FUN RIDE H1-22 Meet Jeff Krinsky for a faster paced ride out and back on Cherry Creek.

1:15-2:15 PM LUNCH CELEBRATION Lunch at Starbucks Meet your DBTC friends at REI hopefully out on the deck in the sunshine, but if the sun's not shining we can go inside Starbucks to warm up. If you're not riding anymore but just want to join the fun just come for lunch! Or do your own ride from home and meet at REI for lunch.

2:15 PM STAGE 3 FUN-H1-25-Central Start with Lin from REI for the last leg going South on the Platte to Hudson Gardens and back. Riders who choose to do only the afternoon ride can come at 1:15 PM to join the group for lunch before riding the afternoon 25 miles (or turn around whenever you like). Bring layers of clothes, water, snacks, lunch to eat at REI (or you can buy a sandwich at Starbucks or Vitamin Cottage) a lock and money for lunch. No gifts, your presence will be Lin's gift. This ride will go regardless of the temperature or trail conditions. Note: The miles don't add up because Lin will be riding to and from the ride herself.

Wednesday, Nov 8th 10:00 AM SE Corner of Orchard and Parker RD

Saturday, November 11th Volunteer Recognition Lunch

Sun, Nov 12th 10:00 AM Central City of Cuernavaca Park

Wed, Nov 15th 10:00 AM SE - Goodson Recreation Center

Sat, Nov 18th 10:00 AM SE – Corner of Orchard and Parker RD

Sun, Nov 19th 10:00 AM SE – Goodson Recreation, near S University Blvd and Arapahoe RD

Wed, Nov 22nd 10:00 AM SW - Behind the tennis bubble Federal and Bowles.

Thurs, Nov 23rd Turkey Day Hunger Builder Ride

FUN/INT H2-22-SW and & MTB T2 P2 10:00 AM Give yourself an excuse to eat more turkey and gravy! Meet your DBTC buddies at Jewell & Kipling (Old Performance Lakewood; park away from the buildings) for a Calorie burning appetizer ride. We'll cruise down Kipling, ride up MT Carbon, pass thru Bear Lake Park, and then grind into Red Rocks Park. After a break at the trading post, we'll head to Dinosaur Ridge, Green Mtn/ Alameda to return to the start. We realize that many people have other plans for the day, so this ride will have limited stops and target for a return to the start no later than 1 PM. This is now a Show-N-Go.

Fri, Nov 24th Day after Thanksgiving Ride NW McDonald's, NW corner of W 80th Ave & Wadsworth Blvd

Sat, Nov 25th 10:00 AM SE Village Greens Park, just east of Union and Dayton

Sun, Nov 26h 10:00 AM NW Crown Hill Park, just east of 26th & Kipling

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Sat, Dec 2nd 11:00 AM SW Behind the tennis bubble Federal and Bowles.

Sun, Dec 3rd 11:00 AM SW Morrison PNR, NW corner of C470 and Morrison Rd

Wed, Dec 6th 11:00 AM SE Meet at Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union

Sat, Dec 11th 11:00 AM NW Prospect Park, W 44th Ave at Robb St

Sun, Dec 12th 11:00 AM NW Scott Carpenter Park, SW corner of 30th & Arapahoe in Boulder

Wed, Dec 13th 11:00 AM SE Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union Ave.

Sat, Dec 16th 11:00 AM SW Carson Nature Center, (N on So Platte Parkway, West of Mineral and Santa Fe)

Sun, Dec 17th 11:00 AM SE Cherry Creek HS, SE corner of Union and Dayton

Wed, Dec 20th 11:00 AM SE Corner of Orchard and Parker RD

Sat, Dec 23rd 11:00 AM NW Westminster Mall, southeast corner of W 92nd Ave & Harlan St

Sun, Dec 24th 11:00 AM SE Cherry Creek HS, SE corner of Union and Dayton

Wed, Dec 27th 11:00 AM SE – Village Greens Park, just east of Union and Dayton

New Year's Eve or Day – someone want to put a yahoo or MeetUp event together?

Come Join DBTC at the Annual VeloSwap!

Date: Saturday, Nov 4, 2017

Location: National Western Complex

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$8 at the door, \$6 in advance, online or at Performance Bikes

Parking: \$10 payable to National Western as you enter

If you like biking, you belong at VeloSwap. Every year, everyone is invited to the world's largest consumer bike swap and expo. In a lively, no-pressure environment, this is your chance to learn about bikes, test ride and demo new models, talk with expert cyclists from all backgrounds, buy what you need for well below retail and spend the day immersed in all things for the biking life.