



Bicycle Access Council News & Digest

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It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania!

This issue of the **Bicycle Access Council News & Digest** is a monthly communication with members and supporters. You may view past issues that started in January 2005 by going to the **BAC** website.

GETTING A ROUND TU-IT...

"Modern Roundabouts" are the newest design tool for transportation planners to relieve congestion and improve safety. When properly designed and constructed, a roundabout reduces the points of conflict found in traditional intersections. Roundabouts may be one lane or multiple lanes. Modern roundabouts are unlike the "circles" you may remember.

Pennsylvania installed its first roundabout in Quakertown (Lehigh Valley) in 2004. Roundabouts will be proposed in increasing numbers and all road users will need some education. New signage, road markings and lane striping must be understood before entering the roundabout, especially for multiple lane designs.

Pennsylvania bicyclists need to be aware of how to navigate through roundabouts. Bike Lanes are not permitted--bicyclists are advised not to "hug the curb, but must "take the lane" until reaching the desired exit point. An alternate is to leave the roadway before entering the roundabout and use the pedestrian access routes (sidewalks and crosswalks).

PennDOT has three publications available online:

<http://tinyurl.com/3dfo5c>

Pub 579 Single Lane Roundabout information for Bikes and Peds

<http://tinyurl.com/3cc8zi>

Pub 580 Multiple Lane Roundabouts information for Motorists

<http://tinyurl.com/2cf9cm>

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If you have questions about the rules of the road when using roundabouts or examples of poorly designed roundabout situations for bicyclists, contact the Bicycle Access Council.

Bicycling through Roundabouts will be an additional topic covered during the Bike Club Conference.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES...

The Bicycle Access Council is accepting letters of interest for future director positions. Send a narrative letter indicating your desire to become involved in bicycling advocacy in Pennsylvania. Include your education, any experience serving on a board of directors, fund raising experience, and a summary of your bicycling experience. All letters received will be kept confidential.

Send all letters to:

Bicycle Access Council, P.O. Box 92, Dallastown, PA 17313, or

E-mail to: ED@BicycleAccess-PA.org

ROAD SHOW...

The Bicycle Access Council will be at the **Tandem Expo 2007** event on Sunday, March 18 in Centerton, NJ. Anyone interested in tandems, recumbents and more should stop by. Contact BAC or TandemsEast.com for directions and details about the event. Some merchandise will be available for sale including Selle An-Atomica saddles—all sales benefit BAC.

PENNSYLVANIA BIKE CLUB CONFERENCE...

The Bicycle Access Council will host its 5th annual Pennsylvania Bicycle Club Conference on Saturday, March 24, in York, PA. Bicycle Club representatives are invited to attend this meeting to learn about and share their experiences with other Pennsylvania bicycle clubs.

The conference is meant to showcase Best Practices. This is an opportunity for new club officers to gain confidence and insight about their duties and responsibilities and for established clubs to show leadership from experience. A full day agenda of topics will be covered. Details will be sent directly to clubs.

Individuals may also attend who are interested in starting a bicycle club or learning more about bicycle advocacy. Contact BAC for information on how to register to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER...:

- ⇒ March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins and ends November 4. 2007 marks a change from the former schedule April through October.
- ⇒ March 14-16 National Bike Summit, Washington, DC. Go to www.BikeLeague.org for details.
- ⇒ March 18 Tandem Expo 2007. Go to www.TandemsEast.com for details. Click on News & Events.
- ⇒ March 20 Spring season begins
- ⇒ March 24 Pennsylvania Bike Club Conference, York, PA. Go to www.BicycleAccess-PA.org for details. Click on NEWS for registration forms and information.
- ⇒ April 5-7 LCI Seminar. Become a certified League Cycling Instructor offered by the League of American Bicyclists. For information on the prerequisites and details of completing this course, contact Steve Schmitt, director@car-free.org

MISSION STATEMENT...

The Bicycle Access Council is a non-profit advocacy organization that serves as a forum for Pennsylvania bicyclists and as an ombudsman for bicycling issues.

It is the objective of the Bicycle Access Council to make bicycling on roads throughout the Commonwealth safe, respectable and a transportation choice by educating its members and the motoring public.

All funding for the Bicycle Access Council comes from memberships and donations. Annual membership is \$20 per year. BAC does not share membership information.

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