

Regular Weekly Rides

Sundays

Sunday Morning Breakfast Ride. Class C, up to 30 miles. Meet 8:45 at the SE corner of 22nd & Spring Garden for a delightful ride to a delightful place to have a delightful breakfast. Bring locks and money for brunch in the middle of the ride. We always need volunteers to lead us to delightful eating spots and pretty biking areas. **Leaders:** **November 6** - Len Langsdorf, 610-278-7779, llangsdorf@jny.com; **13th** - Joseph Feeney, 215-332-0283, jfe7378071@aol.com; **20th** - Henry Lazarus, 267-259-6275 (cell phone), hlazar@netaxs.com; 27th - Show and Go.

B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, approx. 40 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Check the Monthly Calendar for leaders, ride descriptions, and cancellations.

Sunny Sunday Afternoon Ride. Class D. The Sunny Sunday ride is over for the season. See you in the spring!

Sunny Sunday Spin-Off Ride. Class C, usually 25-30 miles. A true C ride which cheerfully waits to regroup. All welcome. Meets 12:15 at the rock near the Italian Fountain, behind the Art Museum. **Leaders:** **November 6** - Sam Wiley, 215-523-7556; **13th** - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164; **20th** - Chuck Martin, 215-923-1887; 27th - Show and Go.

Tuesdays

NightRiders. Class C, 10-20 miles. We spin around southern DelCo in the dark. Bike lights front and rear are a must. You must call or e-mail to confirm the start time and location. Very cold or wet weather will cancel ride. Most rides start at 6 PM. **Leader:** Dave Trout, 610-368-0760, brider-ride@usa.net.

Wednesdays

MTB on the Pennypack Trails. No ride Nov. 23; see

Monthly Ride Listing for Thanksgiving morning MTB ride. Class B-/C+, approx 1.5 hours of riding. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 6:30 PM. Lights and a trail permit are required. Trail permits can be obtained at www.phila.gov/fairpark/newsletter_files/FPC_trail_permit_2005.pdf. Come enjoy the great outdoors (without cars) after dark! Depending on weather and/or trail conditions, the ride may be rescheduled for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Call or e-mail to confirm that the ride is on or with questions. Day-of ride inquiries - call only. **Leader:** Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.

Fridays

Wallyball is back! November 4 and 18. Come to the Aquatic & Fitness Center at Riverside Racquet at 600 Righters Ferry Road, Bala Cynwyd at 7 PM for a fun and invigorating game of Wallyball. What is that, you ask? Good question - it's volleyball in a racquetball court. We play until at least 9:00. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring your own lock for a locker. Call the club at 610-664-6464 for directions. Call or email *coordinator Nikki Marx*, 215-963-9377, bcpwallyball@hotmail.com to let her know you are coming or there may not be a game. Also call or email Nikki if you would like to be on the Wallyball e-mail list to remind you of upcoming games.

Saturdays

Get the Weekend Started Right. Class B-/C+, 13-15 mph, 38 miles. Leaves from the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at 7:30, heading to Fort Washington State Park. We will follow the 38-mile loop from the Century Ride. For those who have never tried this ride, we go through Manayunk, along farms in Whitemarsh, do some climbing to get to the park, and then return via the trail. There will be

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in the QR in previous calendar year, with 2 ad hoc listings equal to 1 QR listing. Since there were a small number of Directors present at the October meeting, I am going to ask the new Board members ratify this decision in our first meeting following the election on November 8. If the discussion becomes lengthy, I will suggest that we table the motion until December.

Annual Awards Banquet

This yearly event will take place in late January, the exact date and location to be determined by the organizing committee chaired by Roger Burnham. Roger is looking for volunteers to help organize this fun event. If you can help, contact him at 215 843-3545 or roham215@yahoo.com.

Fall Foliage Event

I am writing this on Friday evening, October 21, the first day of the Fall Foliage Weekend. Unfortunately, it is a grey, dreary day in Philly. I hope those who arrived today got a chance to ride. According to the National Weather Service, tomorrow is a total washout in Gettysburg. Linda McGrane, organizer par excellence, probably has a host of fun replacement activities for her guests. There looks to be a good chance of rideable weather for the last day of the weekend. I wish that I could have made it over to the event

D Ride Coordinator

John Kalicki has graciously agreed to step forward to coordinate these rides. Thank you, John. Please make John's job easy by volunteering to lead D rides when he calls. I wish you a long and happy reign in your new position.

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one WaWa stop. Our goal is to make it back by 10:30. We wait to regroup. Bring liquids and snacks. Rain cancels. No calls between 19:30 and 21:30 please. *Leader: Gaby Beitler, 484-532-1108, gabybeitler@yahoo.com.*

Krank with Kolman. Class C, 30-40 miles, 12-14 mph. New start time: 9:00. Call first in case weather forces cancellation or a later start. Come on down and discover a new area to ride. This is wonderful, open flat to slightly rolling farm land. We will hold a C pace, but faster riders are welcome and

may ride off. Meet at baseball field parking lot, Sharp & Columbia Sts, Millville, NJ. From 55 S, take exit 27. Go south. Cross light. Bear right at the Y. Stay right at second Y. Go about 1 mile. Laundromat is on left; parking lot for the ride is on the right. Rain cancels. Joint ride with SJ Wheelmen. *Leader: Kolman Kleinbord, 856-787-9677, kolman39@hotmail.com.*

Blue Bell Special. Class C. Last rides of season Nov. 5 and 12. See Monthly Ride Listing for descriptions.

Remembering Long-Time Ride Leader Mort Packel

For those of you old enough to use a "granny gear," you might remember long-time BCP'er Mort Packel. Mort for many years led the Wednesday morning D ride out of Center City. Mort was 78 and died on Sept. 15. He was a life long bachelor and was active in the club going back to the late 70's. He was an engineer and retired in 1982. At his request, there was no service and his body was donated to science.

Gene Martin

The following are a few remembrances of Mort:

My favorite, from riding a few of those summer-Wednesday breakfast rides, is the little brushes he had installed above his wheels to wipe off debris and thus prevent flats. He was always a gracious and patient ride leader.

Jill M.H. Gefvert-Minick

I had ridden with Mort on many rides. When I joined the club originally it was a result of Jim Carey and his compassion

on the D ride to encourage riders along on the rides. They were social, non-competitive rides with small tips for riding better. I had been a lone rider up till that time.

Mort was one of the few riders whom I would ride whom that I felt comfortable with on a ride. I still ride but not with the club. His pace was one that made me feel as if I belonged on the ride and with the group. It was that type of feeling when I rode with the club that kept me with the club. I never had the aspirations of riding with a cadence or shape-up ride. I didn't want to do a C+ ride. I just rode to enjoy a group ride with other riders in a social atmosphere. Those were Mort's rides.

Mort gave people the pleasure on a bike to others that is hard find.

Edward Rabinowitz

BCP Annual Meeting

Pursuant to club bylaws, the 2005 Annual Meeting of the general membership is called for Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 6:30 pm. The dinner meeting will be held at "McFadden's at the Ball Park", 1001 Pattison Ave. Philadelphia.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear reports, elect a new Board of Directors, and conduct any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be conducted by BCP President Jeff Bakely. Immediately after this meeting, the newly-elected Board of Directors will convene to select 2005 - 2006 officers from among its membership.

The following BCP members have been nominated as Directors for 2005 - 2006:

Jeff Bakely

Gaby (Gabriel) Beitler

Art Elwood
Maureen Hansberry
David S. Johnson
Linda McGrane
Ted Northrop
Matthew Rice
Howie Wiener

Peggy Gertz
Sheldon Isaac
Margaret Lenzi
Gary Morris
Hans van Naerssen
Barbara Rosenberg

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting, including self-nominations. If the person nominated is not present, it will be necessary to show that they are willing to serve before the nomination will be accepted.

If anyone wishes to vote in the election but cannot attend the meeting, a proxy ballot may be obtained from Gary Morris, BCP Secretary at (215) 557-0410. Signed proxies must be delivered to Gary prior to the election.

November Ride Listings

Wednesday, November 2 - Ramble from VFNHP-Betzwood. Class D. About 10 mph, perhaps 20 miles, plus or minus depending on the group. Meet 10 o'clock at the bulletin board adjoining the trail entrance. After riding the Schuylkill River Trail for a while, we may explore some of Norristown and/or the Farm Park. A multi-club relaxed ride - flat but perhaps a few hills if the group is willing. We stop to regroup as required. No one left behind - no cue sheets. Bring snacks, liquids and money. Rain, or no calls = no ride. Call for more info/direction. *Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Saturday, November 5 - Blue Bell Special. Class C, 20 miles, 14-15 mph. Meet at the Kohl's parking lot, routes 202 and 73, for a 9:00 departure time. It's across from the Center Square Fire Company. At this time of year bring coffee money, we will stop. Rain does cancel. *Leader: Len Langsdorf, 610-278-7779 (home), lnl@jny.com.*

Saturday, November 5 - Underground Railroad. Class C, 40 miles with longer options available. The ride links two stops on the Underground Railroad: the Peter Mott house in Lawnside, NJ and Bethel AME church in Woolwich, near Swedesboro (we will lunch in historic Swedesboro). Ride starts 9:30. For longer options, ride with me from Cheltenham at 7:30 or the Cooper River pickup on Cuthbert Blvd & Park Blvd at 8:30. Take Walt Whitman or Ben Franklin Bridge to I-676, exit at Rt 30 (White Horse Pike) east, go 4 lights and turn left onto Gloucester Ave. Turn right onto Moore Ave. Peter Mott House is at the end of a cul-de-sac. Call or email for directions to alternative start locations. See www.billcotton.com/underground_railroad_east_bicycl.htm for cue sheets for the 40-mile ride and a 54-mile each way option that includes a start from the Ben Franklin Bridge and an additional Underground Railroad stop at the Bethel AME church in Greenwich, NJ. *Leader: Bill Cotton, 215-559-2910 (cell), billcotton@billcotton.com.*

Saturday, November 5 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 25-35 miles with brunch stop. We leave promptly at 9:30 from behind the Burger King on Castor Ave, just north of Oxford Circle on Roosevelt Blvd. No cue sheets. Back between 2 & 3 PM. Destination depends on group & conditions. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Sunday, November 6 - Visit to the Lazaretto. All Classes, ~20 miles; a D paced city ride. Starts 10:00 from the formal entrance to the Azalea Garden at the Italian Fountain circle, behind the Art Museum. We'll go to the Lazaretto Quarantine Station on the Delaware River in Essington, Delaware County. It was used as a quarantine station for immigrants to Philadelphia from 1799 to 1895. and is listed

on the National Register of Historic Places. When restored, it will become a National Historic Landmark - Philadelphia's equivalent to Ellis Island. On arrival, we will be given a tour of the site by a Tinicum Township official. Outbound, we'll ride through the Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. The trail surface through the refuge is hard clay - suitable for skinny tires. There will be an alternate street route for those who want to opt out or if the trail is wet. Lunch will be at Romano's, a local restaurant. Bring \$ if you opt for lunch. Return route via the back of Phila Intl. Airport. Rain does cancel. *Leaders: Steve Trobovic, wildyugo@comcast.net and Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Sunday, November 6 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. Mystery Destination. Snack stop at a coffee or bagel shop. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 6 - Northeast Ramble. Class D, 10-20 miles with snack stop. Leave promptly at 12:30 from behind the Burger King on Castor Ave. just north of Oxford Circle on Roosevelt Blvd. No cue sheets. Destination depends on group & conditions. Call to RSVP: no calls = no ride. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Tuesday, November 8 - BCP Annual Meeting. McFadden's Restaurant, 1001 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia. Happy hour at 6, dinner at 6:30. After dinner, Steve Bilenky, owner of Bilenky Cycle Works and a veteran of the custom bike building business, will talk about bike building and fitting. There will also be a brief election of new board members. If you're planning to attend, RSVP *Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.* For more details, see announcement elsewhere in this Quick Release.

Saturday, November 12 - Blue Bell Special. Class C, 14 - 15 mph, 30+ miles. For the last Saturday morning BBS ride of the year we will take a little trip to Doylestown. Leave at 9:00 from the Kohl's parking lot, routes 202 and 73, across from the Center Square Fire Company. This ride will stop and regroup when necessary. Bring coffee and/or breakfast money, we will stop. Rain does cancel as does no calls before Saturday. *Leader: Len Langsdorf, 610-278-7779, lnl@jny.com.*

Sunday, November 13 - Radnor Ramble. Class C, 12-13 mph, 32 miles. Starts 9:00 at the Lancaster Co. Farmers Market in Wayne, Eagle Rd and Lancaster Ave. A rolling ride through Chester County. Visit the Paoli Massacre Memorial, see Belted Galloways, equine art, the Willows Park, and finish on the new Radnor Bike Trail. A WaWa at

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mile 14. Not a ride for beginners, but we stop to regroup as required. Cue sheets provided. Rain cancels. Call for info/directions. *Leader: Bill Weber, 610-505-8822, patbillweb@aol.com.*

Sunday, November 13 - MTB on the Pennypack Trails. Class B-/C+. We will ride for approximately 2.5 hours. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 9:00. A longer and more challenging version of the ride that we do on the Pennypack MTB trails on Wednesday evenings. A trail permit is required (it's at www.phila.gov/fairpark/newsletter_files/FPC_trail_permit_2005.pdf). Ride may be canceled if there's poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 13 - Breakaway A Ride. Class A, 16-18 mph, about 45 miles. Meets noon at the Italian Fountain by the Water Works. This ride to Devon or Ambler is slightly faster than the B Ramble. Riders should be able to climb well, feel comfortable in a paceline, and be able to sustain a pace of about 18-23 mph on the flats. Cue sheets will be provided. There will be a short rest stop. *Leader: Marc Meola, 267-978-1224, marcmeola@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, November 13 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Mystery Destination. Leaves from the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Show and Go or look for an Ad Hoc Leader listing on the BCP website.

Sunday, November 20 - Cheyney U from Chesterbrook. Class C+, about 45 miles, 11 mph avg. Starts from Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center at 9:00. That's accessible from US 202 and Pa 252. A rolling ride though Chester County, Ridley Creek State Park, and Delaware County. Brunch at Pepper Mill. A modified version (fewer tough hills) of my Thornbury Ramble. A multi-club ride. Not a ride for beginners, but we stop to regroup as required. No one left behind - cue sheets provided. Bring snacks, liquids and money. Call for more info/direction. *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529.*

Sunday, November 20 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-45 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit11.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.*

Thursday, November 24 - MTB on the Pennypack Trails. Class B-/C+. We will ride for approximately 2.5

hours. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 9:00. A special Thanksgiving morning MTB ride. We will follow the longer and more challenging version of the ride that we do on the Lorimer and Pennypack MTB trails when there's daylight. A trail permit is required (it's at www.phila.gov/fairpark/newsletter_files/FPC_trail_permit_2005.pdf). Ride may be canceled if there's poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Friday, November 25 - Perkiomen Trail. Class C, 12-13 mph, +/-30 miles. What can I say, it's black Friday and I don't want to go near a mall, so if you feel the same way here's your excuse. This Perkiomen Trail ride will be a little shorter than others because we will be leaving at 9:00 from the Lower Perkiomen Park at Egypt Road & 422 (plenty of free parking), <http://www.montcopa.org/parks/lpvp.htm>. The trail is gravel, so wide tires are suggested, may be muddy. Also a little side trip to Spring Mountain is planned, so bring your skis. We will stop for pizza so bring money, water, and food for the trail. No calls = No ride. Rain or snow at the start definitely cancel, but cold doesn't. *Leader: Len Langsdorf, 610-278-7779 (home) or 215-826-6998.*

Saturday, November 26 - Seventy @ Seventy. Class C+, 12-15 mph for an almost flat 70 miles. 9:00 start from the rock near the Italian Fountain. Walt is planning a flat 70 mile ride into New Jersey to celebrate his 70th birthday. The toughest hill will be the Ben Franklin Bridge. We will stop for a light lunch along the way and return by 4 PM. Call for logistics and weather options. *Leader: Walter Johnson, 215-748-5022, waltjohnson35@hotmail.com.*

Sunday, November 27 - MTB on the Wissahickon Trails. Class B. We will ride for approximately 3 hours. Starts from Valley Green (meet at the upper parking lot on Valley Green Road) at 9. Time for another Wissahickon challenge! By now all the leaves will be off the trees and we'll have great views of the entire valley and the hills you're about to go up and down. A trail permit is required (see 11/13) Ride may be cancelled in poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 27 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Mystery Destination. Leaves from the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Show and Go or look for an Ad Hoc Leader listing on the BCP website.

Tuesday, November 29 - Mailing the December Newsletter. Meet 6:30 at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, 1650 Arch Street, southeast corner 17th & Arch Sts. *Coordinator: Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.*