January, 2007

Sundays

Sunday Morning Breakfast Ride. Class C, up to 30 miles. Bring locks and money for brunch in the middle of the ride. Meet 8:45 at the SE corner of 22nd & Spring Garden for a delightful ride to a delightful place to have a delightful breakfast. The ride will be show and go till daylight savings time returns. Contact Henry Lazarus at hlazar@netaxs.com if you are interested in having a breakfast ride.

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 regular 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:
7th - Linda McGrane, 267-251-7862 cell;
14th - Sam Wiley, 215-523-7556;
21st - Chuck Martin, 215-923-1887;
28th - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.

Wednesdays

MTB on the Pennypack or Wissahickon Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park or the upper parking lot on Valley Green Road (Wissahickon) at 6:30 PM. Ride time is 1.5 to 2 hours, so a light with a minimum of 2 hours burn time and 10W is required. A trail permit is also required; see http://www.fairmountpark.org/pdf/Trail%20User%20Permit%20Application.pdf for the permit application. The ride will generally be held at Pennypack, but will change location on occasion. Those interested should call or e-mail the day before the ride to confirm and find out the location for that week's ride. Depending on the predicted weather and/or trail conditions, the ride may be rescheduled for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Day-of ride inquiries - call only. Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-576-6514, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.

Fridays

Wallyball. January 5 and 19. 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? 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 want to be on the Wallyball e-mail list to remind you of upcoming games.
Monday, January 1 - New Years' Day Ride to the Mummers Parade. Class B, 14-20 mph, 30 miles. Leaves at noon from the SEPTA lot underneath the bridge in Conshohocken, E. Elm & Harry Sts. We'll arrive 1 PM in Philly and return by 4 to Conshohocken. Bring a backpack with a pair of walking shoes, bike lock, set of dry cycling clothing and anything else to brave the cold weather. We'll change and warm up inside the Kimmel Center. Leader: Tom Madle, tmadle@rohmhaas.com, 215-233-2578 (home).

Saturday, January 6 - Bruno's to Doylestown with TOPS (Tandems of Philly & Suburbs). Class B, 12-14 mph, 45-50 miles. 9:00 start from Bruno's, Germantown & Northwestern Aves. Cycle to Upper Dublin where we'll pick up more cyclists. Snacks & coffee/hot chocolate at Starbucks in Doylestown. Recumbents and "regular" bikes are always welcome. Terrain is a little hilly. Leaders: Pat & Bill Rock, 215-659-5148, patrockbikes@aol.com.

Sunday, January 7 - Hike the Wissahickon. If it is too cold or windy for you to ride, or if you just like hiking, hike the beautiful Wissahickon. We will start from the Valley Green Inn at 9:30 and do 5-7 miles, mostly on trails, with Forbidden Drive option. From Germantown Ave (across from Wissahickon Cyclery), turn onto Springfield Ave. (right turn from the suburbs, left from the city. After about a mile, bear right at the fork. Please park in the upper lot and walk down to the Inn. From Henry Ave, turn onto Wises Mill Rd, (left turn from the suburbs, right from the city). Leaders: Howard Hochheiser, 215-913-3246 cell, howard@thebluestargroup.biz, and Debbie Hoellein, 215-833-5545 cell, wholelion@aol.com.

Sunday, January 7 - Winter Wimps II. Class C, 11+ mph, about 30 miles, hills. Departs 10:00 from Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center, easily accessible from US 202 or Pa 252. We ride through parts of Tredyffrin, East & West Whiteland, etc. Food stop at WaWa in Frazer. A multi-club ride. No one dropped. Cue sheets provided. Bring snacks, liquids and money. Winter Protocol: NO CALLS = NO RIDE! In case of weather concerns or for directions, please call. Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.

Sunday, January 7 - 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 two or three moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit701.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.

Thursday, January 11 - BCP Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM at the Manayunk Diner, 3722 Main St, Manayunk, Philadelphia, 215-483-4200. We'll be in the upstairs dining area. All BCP members are encouraged to attend. To get something on the agenda, contact Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.

Sunday, January 14 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Mystery Destination, likely to the western 'burbs. Call if the weather is questionable. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. Leader: Jeff Kimmel, 610-446-1334, jeff_signs@yahoo.com.

Sunday, January 21 - Hike the Wissahickon. 5-7 miles, mostly on trails. Start from the Valley Green Inn at 9:30. See Jan 7 listing for directions to start. Leaders: Howard Hochheiser, 215-913-3246 cell, howard@thebluestargroup.biz, and Debbie Hoellein, 215-833-5545 cell, wholelion@aol.com.
Sunday, January 21 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40 miles or less. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. We'll do the shortest route to Ambler because of the likelihood of cold weather. Snack stop at Toto's for coffee and snacks. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable: rain, sleet, snow or temps below 40. Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.

Saturday, January 27 - Skippack. Class B-, 13-14 mph, 38 miles. Rolling terrain with a few moderate climbs. Sit down food stop at Mal's American Diner. Prompt 9:30 start at Bruno's at the corner of Germantown and Northwestern Avenues. Call if weather is questionable. Start time temperature of 35 degrees or below cancels ride. Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, bcpjeff@gmail.com.


Saturday, February 3 - BCP Banquet. From 6 until 11 PM. Ocean City Restaurant, 234-236 North 9th Street. Please sign up soon! The deadline is January 27. Details in this QR, or at http://www.phillybikeclub.org/banquet.htm