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More options available for riders

Hello, fellow BCBC members and riders! Happy Easter, everyone, as the working folk enjoy a three-day weekend!

Let's just hope the weather cooperates.

March Madness is more than halfway over. I hope your brackets aren't just yet busted.

The Spring Awards Banquet at Ozgood's was a nice time for members to get together off the bike. I think everyone who attended enjoyed the evening.

Congratulations again to Kat Casner for winning the Presidential Award! Definitely well deserved, as she contributes great support and time not only on the



**The President's Spin
by Randy Gonzalez**

board, but in a lot of other activities.

Spring is finally here. The cold will linger for a little bit longer, but the temps will slowly rise—just like our riding time outside.

Tuesday night rides are starting, with options for all riders: an unofficial ride starting at 5:45 for those that want a solid workout after a day's work, and the official club ride at 6:00 with three pace options.

Please choose what's best for your riding abilities.

To all members and riders, continue to enjoy your riding no matter what your route/bike preference is. Be safe on your rides, and aware of your surroundings as the nicer weather also brings out more traffic.

Until my next "Spin," Godspeed ...

Awards: Almost 7,000 member miles!

On March 23, BCBC gathered for its annual Awards Banquet.

Apart from the recognition for miles ridden and rides hosted, Kathleen Casner, currently in charge of membership, received the Presidential Award for her years of service to the club. For more on that, see page 8.

Gary Rollman, the club's official keeper of rides data, announced that, in 2023, BCBC hosted 194 rides, which added up to 6,923 miles, with an average ride of 35.6 miles/ride, and a total of 2,472 riders.

Top 10 mileage honors—strictly for club rides—were as follows (name, num-

ber of rides, total miles):

1. Gary Rollman, 118, 4,105
2. Deborah Miller, 85, 3,480
3. Mike Taddeo, 82, 3,253
4. John Cirulli, 81, 3,220
5. Linda Gross, 78, 2,934
6. Scott Franzen, 77, 2,704
7. Jay Melvin, 67, 2,580
8. Jane Brown, 56, 2,544
9. Randy Gonzalez, 58, 2,194
10. Richard Adam, 65, 2,179

Top 10 ride hosts (name, number of rides) were:

1. Dave Cruzan, 43
2. Randy Gonzalez, 20

(See "Awards" on p. 2)

BCBC CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024

For privacy reasons, the BCBC officer list no longer contains phone numbers. Please contact them via email, and if you know any phone numbers, please do not share these on the Facebook page.

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BCBC BIKE SHOP DISCOUNTS

The following bike shops offer BCBC members discounts on merchandise. Members are required to show their current membership ID card in order to qualify for bike shop discounts.

The shops will give 10% off regularly priced accessories and 5% off regularly priced bikes (unless stated otherwise).

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Send in ride sheets!

- Gary R. needs to finalize the numbers for 2023. Ride hosts, please send in any ride sheets now.

Need tubes/tires?

- Gary still has one tire and five tubes from last year's purchase. He's waiting to see whether there is still interest before ordering any for 2024. Let him know. Contact info: above.

Randy taking orders for jerseys

The club is changing its approach to purchasing cycling jerseys, so that one person does not wind up with a box of jerseys in the car, taking them to every ride in case somebody wants one.

Randy G. will be taking orders for

the old-style cycling jerseys, red and white; he would like to send off the order by mid-March.

The online shop will re-open in the spring, with current logo/design on club merchandise, but not jerseys.

Family Naturefest at Union Meadows East

Kate Kennedy sent a note to invite club members to the Family Naturefest, April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Union Meadows East. Activities include live animal demonstrations, crafts, and

free food and drink.

The event is jointly presented by the Union Township/Robeson Township Environmental Advisory Committees.

Print version of newsletter to be discontinued

To reduce expenditures, the BCBC board has opted to discontinue the printed version of *Cycling Times* at the end of 2024.

A digital copy will still be distributed via email and available on the Web. A ride schedule will be distributed via mail.

Awards (from p. 1)

3. Robert Noll, 19
4. Wendy Davis, 15
5. Deborah Miller, 13
6. Gary Rollman, 12
7. Matt Farrell, 9
8. Diane Reider, 8
9. Michele Wolfskill, 8
10. Jane Brown, Walt Hug, 7

Congratulations to the honorees! Thanks for your enthusiasm, and we'll see you on the ride!



MATT'S ADVENTURE RIDES

These excursions are long-distance rides that include rest stops plus a chance to enjoy the beautiful countryside and charming towns and attractions along the way. Check the [BCBC Facebook page](#) for information about cancellations or changes. Questions: Contact Matt at Mtrek520@msn.com.

April 27: CW28 Tour of Fredericksburg

- ◆ 8am Start from Conrad Weiser East Elementary
- ◆ 57 miles, 2,618 ft of climbing

From the ride start in Wernersville the route finds many short but steep hills on the way out towards Mt. Aetna. Then the route flattens a bit as it continues west to Fredericksburg. There is a planned stop at mile 27. After the stop the route stays in Lebanon county south of Myerstown through familiar places like Richland and Newmanstown but with a few different roads. It's the normal east-bound ride back through Robesonia to the finish.

May 25: CWW04 To the Susquehanna and Back

- ◆ 8 AM Start from Conrad Weiser West Elementary Womelsdorf
- ◆ 100 miles, 4,000 ft. of climbing

Join in on one of the flattest century routes in the clubs library. This ride heads west staying to the south side of Lebanon on the way to the first control in Annville at mile 25. From Annville the ride turns more to the south going through Campbelltown on the way to Bainbridge which sits along the Susquehanna River.



Photo: Wikipedia

Main Street, Fredericksburg

We will join the Northwest River trail on our way to Marietta and the second stop at mile 55. The river trail is a paved trail that follows the Susquehanna River into Columbia. From Columbia we ride through western Lancaster County on our way to Lititz and the final stop at mile 77.

Ready to ramble? Seven rides set through June

Rambler: "A person who walks for pleasure, especially in the countryside." Ramble Rides are like that, a time to relax and enjoy the day at a leisurely pace.

Note difficulty level/miles, in parentheses, and departure information. GPS files and cue sheets are available at www.berksbicycle.com/cues.

Host for these rides will be Jane B.

New to riding with BCBC?

We want all the riders to be safe and prepared. See the top of page 4 for information about what to bring and what to expect.

See you at the ride!

- ◆ Sat., April 6: NT 16 (4-70), Eastern Berks ¾ Century, 9 a.m.

- ◆ Sat., April 13: BR20 (3-55), PA Dutch Tour Club ride, 10 a.m.
 - ◆ Sun., April 21: OL46 (4-60), Ramble to Macungie, 9 a.m.
 - ◆ Sat., May 4: RM02 (3-60), Lititz-Brownstown Ramble, leaves from Reamstown Park, 9 a.m.
 - ◆ Sun., May 12: SP03 (3-56), Ramble to Pequea Creek, leaves from St Peter's Village, 9 a.m.
 - ◆ Sun., June 2: DB05b (3-52), Phoenixville Tour, 8 a.m.
 - ◆ Sat., June 22: AD 03 (4-81), Tour of Lancaster Cy., 8 a.m.
- (Full schedule, through Oct. 13, was published in the previous *Cycling Times*.)

Tuesday morning rides will offer stay-together option

Wendy has extended the season for the stay-together Tuesday morning rides this year. They will begin May 21 and end Oct. 8.

The ride will always be OL 59, but it will depart from the Weis Market parking lot, Friedensburg Road and Route 73.

As was the case last year, riders wanting to extend the ride are welcome to do so, but will be on their own.

The shorter ride will stay together or have a group

that does so.

Departure times:

- ◆ May and June, 9 a.m.
- ◆ July and August, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ September, 9 a.m.
- ◆ October, 10 a.m.

Rain or threat of rain cancels. Check the club Facebook page Tuesday morning to make sure:

<https://tinyurl.com/BCBCFacebook>.

Questions? Contact Wendy at cyclrad@ptd.net.

BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES

First Number: Terrain Rating Terrain rating 1-5 rates the total hilliness of the ride.

1 = FLAT—easiest

2 = GENTLY ROLLING HILLS—moderate terrain with easiest of hills (Almost anyone can handle).

3 = SOME HILLS—Moderate hills with some steeper grades (Moderately Challenging—but within the ability of most riders).

4 = HILLY—The number and difficulty of hills is quite substantial (Very Challenging).

5 = EXTREMELY HILLY—Extreme Challenge- steep and long hills most of the ride.

Requires a very high fitness level).

Second Number: Total Mileage for ride

Please note the Club policy on protective headgear: ALL Riders must wear Snell/ANSI rated helmets. Ride Host/ Hostess will NOT give cue sheets to riders without helmets and that rider will not be considered an official participant of the Club ride.

Please have your bike in proper working order BEFORE the start of ride. Arrive 10-15 minutes before start time so that all rides leave on time. Bring a spare tube or patch kit, and at least one water bottle.

If weather conditions are questionable, the ride host may notify club members by posting a message on **Facebook** prior to the ride or make a decision at the starting location based on road conditions and the weather forecast.

SPECIAL RIDE DETAILS

Special rides during the months will be highlighted in color. If you are hosting a special ride, please contact Newsletter Editor Poncho (aka Félix) Peña or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.

Did you have a great experience on a

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sat Apr 6	9:00 AM	Ramble Eastern Berks 3/4 Century	4	70	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Jane B.
Sat Apr 6	10:00 AM	WI20 Charming Forge - Wintersville Loop WI03 Showers Road Loop	3 2	44 22	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.
Sun Apr 7	10:00 AM	SV08 Blue Marsh Lake Loop	3	37	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Tue Apr 9	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL17	2	21	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Sat Apr 13	10:00 AM	BR20 PA Dutch Tour - Ramble BR21 New Holland Loop	3 2	55 33	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Kent S.
Sun Apr 14	10:00 AM	NT14 Backwards Penn Valley Ride	2	42	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Tue Apr 16	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL16B	2	22	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Sat Apr 20	10:00 AM	CW32 Myerstown Ride	2	38	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.
Sun Apr 21	9:00 AM	Ramble to Macungie OL46	4	60	Oley High School Parking Lot	Jane B.
Sun Apr 21	10:00 AM	OL05 Oley Valley Ride	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Tue Apr 23	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL15	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Sat Apr 27	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride CW28 Tour of Fredericksburg	3	57	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.
Sat Apr 27	10:00 AM	FL16 New Smithsville Loop	3	39	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood	Alan F.
Sun Apr 28	10:00 AM	DB28 Oley Loop	3	37	Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. in Amityville	Walt H.

Berks County Bicycle Club Rides (continued from page 4)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Tue Apr 30	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL23	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Sat May 4	9:00 AM	Ramble Lititz - Brownstown RM02	3	60	Reamstown Park	Jane B.
Sat May 4	9:00 AM	WY04 Ryland Loop	3	32	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	TBD
Sun May 5	9:00 AM	MCP06 Backwards Penn Valley Ride	2	29	Maidencreek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Randy G.
Tue May 7	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL26b	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.
Thu May 9	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Wilson Southern - Spring Twp.	Butch U.
Sat May 11	9:00 AM	<u>NEW</u> - Sly Fox to Sly Fox - Gravel Wyo - Pottstown and Back	2	33	Old Reading China and Glass Parking Lot - Across From Sly Fox	Randy G.
Sun May 12	9:00 AM	WI24 South Mountain Circle	3	34	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	TBD
Sun May 12	9:00 AM	Ramble to Pequea Creek SP03	3	56	St. Peter's Village	Jane B.
Tue May 14	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL17c	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.
Thu May 16	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Weaver Markets, Rt. 272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown, park at rear farthest from store	Diane R.
Sat May 18	9:00 AM	NT07	3	40	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Sun May 19	9:00 AM	DB27b Chester County	4	36	Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. in Amityville	Walt H.
Tue May 21	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Market Parking Lot Oley	Wendy D.
Tue May 21	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL24b	2	26	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.
Thu May 23	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			St. Ignatius Church, Spring Twp.	Diane R.
Sat May 25	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride CWW04 Ride to the Susquehanna	4	100	Conrad Weiser West Elementary School in Wolmolsdorf.	Matt F.
Sat May 25	9:00 AM	BR19 Terre Hill Loop	3	42	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Kent S.
Sun May 26	9:00 AM	SL03 Oley Covered Bridge Loop	2	25	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.
Mon May 27	9:00 AM	HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY BCBC!!! FL11 Fleetwood - Mertztown	2	35	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood	Alan F.
Tue May 28	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Market Parking Lot Oley	Wendy D.
Tue May 28	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL28b	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	Scott F.

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Thu May 30	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	TBD
Sat Jun 1	9:00 AM	SV01 Virginville Ride I	3	34	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Sun Jun 2	8:00 AM	Ramble Phoenixville Tour DB05b	3	52	Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. in Amityville	Jane B.
Sun Jun 2	9:00 AM	SF Gravel 2023 Mountain Mary Option SF_Gravel_2023_MM	4	27	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Tue Jun 4	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Market Parking Lot Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Jun 4	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL37	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Jun 6	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride WY14 Smoketown Loop	3	26	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Sat Jun 8	9:00 AM	NT40 Cheesy Loop or NT41 Green Acres 2	3 3	41 51	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Sun Jun 9	9:00 AM	CW10 Quarry Swim Ride	3	36	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.



SEASONED SPOKES



These are group rides of roughly 20 miles that usually take a little less than 2 hours to complete. Any pre-post ride options for an additional 10-20 miles are announced each Monday by email. Please see top of page 4 for important information about riding with BCBC groups.

More information: David Cruzan, 610-376-5048; pjcruzan@comcast.net

Date and Time		Starting Location	Miles	Rating	Host
4-Apr	10 a.m.	Wm Delong Park, Bowers	21	2	David C
11-Apr	10 a.m.	Cocalico High School, 4th St, Denver	20	2	David C
18-Apr	9 a.m.	Maidencreek Community Park, Park Rd, Blandon	20	2	David C
25-Apr	9 a.m.	Robesonia Community Park, Railroad Ave and Birch Alley, Robesonia	20	2	David C
2-May	9 a.m.	Chapel Gate Park, Parkview Dr, Reinholds	20	3	David C
9-May	9 a.m.	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	21	2	David C
16-May	9 a.m.	Fleetwood Community Pool, Vine St, Fleetwood	20	2	David C
23-May	9 a.m.	Cacoosing Meadows Park, Reedy Rd, Spring Township	20	2	David C
30-May	9 a.m.	Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St, Ephrata	21	2	David C

Links to route maps are on the Seasoned Spokes tab of the BCBC website: www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes

Berks County Bicycle Club Meeting Minutes March 18, 2024, via Zoom

Attendees: Linda Gross, Alan Fineman, Kathleen Casner, Walt Hug, Jane Brown, Felix (Poncho) Peña.

(Editor's note: Owing to technical difficulties detailed notes were not kept, but the following represents an encapsulated version of the discussion. No decisions requiring a vote were made.)

Membership: Kathleen C., who has been organizing the banquet, reported that everything is set up for it and 45 people had signed up. She expected no more than 50 to attend. Attendees concurred that 50 would be the number of reservations, as the next day was the deadline for submitting the information to Ozgood's.


Kathleen also put together a gift basket for the raffle.

Finance: Alan reported nothing significant has changed in BCBC finances. The insurance bill has been paid.

Alan is looking into sites for the picnic and will be in touch with the executive committee via email about options so they can make a decision.

Bylaws: Alan and Poncho P. will

**Next BCBC
Officers Meeting**
7 p.m., Monday
April 15 2024, via Zoom
To attend,
contact Félix or Scott
(see page 2) and ask for
the Zoom link



continue work on a final copy of the bylaws revision for the executive committee to vote on at the April meeting. This way it can be published in the May issue of the newsletter so that the general membership can vote on it at the picnic, which is a general membership meeting, in June.

In the discussion, it was stressed that only four positions would be voted on: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Other, appointed positions, now generally referred to as committees, would be formally known as coordinators—e.g. Shoo-Fly coordinator, newsletter coordinator, public rela-

tions/media liaison coordinator (currently advocacy and trails liaison), etc.

The four elected officials and coordinators would constitute the executive committee.

The attendees discussed the possibility of adding a vote-by-mail option for the general meetings as part of the bylaws amendment. Ultimately it was decided that such votes would be cast via the United States Postal Service, by regular mail, with the votes due before the date of the general membership meeting, and require a signature in order to be included in the official tally. This will be incorporated into the bylaws amendments.

(Editor's note: None of these changes will apply until they have been approved by the general membership, subsequent to approval by the executive committee.)

*Respectfully submitted,
Félix Alfonso Peña*



BCBC needs your input to update bylaws

The BCBC officers have begun discussion on updating the club bylaws in 2024. Alan F. and Félix P. are on the committee to provide recommendations to the board.

Why? The bylaws lack precision in some places. What constitutes a quorum? How do we replace board members when their term has not expired? On what years are elections held? Etc.

If this interests you, please review the bylaws, especially if you have experience in such matters. They are available in the August 2023 newsletter, pp. 9-10. Go to www.berksbicycle.com/newsletter to access the issue. It's under the archived issues.

Send your comments to [Alan](#) or [Félix](#). See page 2 for their contact

info.

Note: Our current bylaws, specifically Article XIII, dictate that any changes must be approved by the membership at a general meeting, and at least 10% of the membership must be present in order to vote on it. Also the notice of the changes must be published beforehand in the newsletter.

What are some of the changes being proposed for the bylaws?

1. Give standing committee chairpeople a vote on board decisions affecting their committee if they are not board members.
2. Change the status of most current standing committee chairpeople to coordinators.
3. Eliminate the Racing Division and change the Advocacy and Trail

Liaison position to Media Liaison (The last is Walt H.'s idea. He is the current A&T Liaison.)

4. Change from Robert's Rules of Order to Modern Rules of Order, 5th edition. This is a widely used and preferred set of rules among non-profit groups.

5. Rewording needed in a number of places, for clarity's sake.

6. Specify that online meetings will be considered official and proper.

7. Will voting by email or phone be allowed? In what circumstances?

8. Other matters, as required.

Member input is welcome: Send suggestions to Félix P. or Alan F., the two members of the Bylaws Subcommittee: FelixAlfonsoPena@yahoo.com or afin6266@ptd.net.

2024 Spring Banquet & Awards Night

Saturday, March 23 at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Robesonia



Congratulations to Kat Casner, seen at left with Randy Gonzalez, BCBC president, holding the Presidential Award, presented in gratitude for her many years of service to the club. Kat currently oversees club membership duties, which includes keeping the data and sending out the newsletter and other information on a timely basis.

Some 45 members signed up for the Spring Awards Banquet, which was held at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar in Robesonia on the evening of March 23. The room was abuzz with conversation, as friends got a chance to interact without having to watch for traffic.



All photos © Walt Hug. Thank you, Walt, for being so generous with your talent.



2024 Spring Banquet & Awards Night

Saturday, March 23 at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Robesonia



All photos courtesy of Poncho Peña.



2024 Spring Banquet & Awards Night



Photos courtesy of Poncho Peña

Bike Stuff for Sale



(Above) 700 size Mavic Aksium wheels with Mavic Hubs. Black. Front wheel is through bolt screw mount and rear wheel is quick release type. Fits Cannondale

Super Six Evo and others. \$200 firm for the set. Call Judith Smet-Weiss 610-334-5547 or email smet-weiss@live.com



(Above) Mid-90s Timberline bike, known as the triple triangle for its frame design. Steel frame, size large, everything works. My local bike shop mechanic said it rides smooth. Too big for me, so I'm selling it for what

it cost to fix up plus a few dollars. Cash only.

Contact Poncho (Félix) at FelixAlfonsoPena@yahoo.com.

More photos available or set up a time to see it.



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Volunteers keep your bike club rolling!

BCBC depends on volunteers to plan and help out at our events.

Some give a lot, and we are very grateful for their time and their talent.

But we also need people who can put in less time or contribute less frequently.

If you can give us a few hours of your time, please do so.

We need your help to keep the club healthy and growing. Every little bit counts!

Let us know as soon as possible. Simply contact a club officer; their contact information is on page 2.

And spread the good word about BCBC.



Upcoming Cycling Events

April 19–21: Face of America, ride with veterans and their supporters, 108 miles, one-way, from the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., to Gettysburg. The ride includes able-bodied and disabled veterans, men and women. World T.E.A.M. Fully supported. Virtual options available.



www.bikereg.com/llwhv12

wtsevent.org/faceofamerica/

May 19: PA Hope Ride Against Cancer, Marietta. Family-friendly choices include a flat, paved river trail, 7.5, 16 or 22 miles. 30, 62, and 100 mile choices also available. Registration fee + fundraising commitment required. www.pahoperide.org/

Sat. April 20: New Holland Bicycle Race & Ride #1, New Holland. Options for 30 or 50+ miles in scenic Lancaster County, including 2,000-4,500 ft of climbing. www.newhollandbicyclerace.com/

June 9: French Creek Iron Tour. Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, Phoenixville. Seven road courses ranging from 11 to 100 miles, a Petite Gravel (60-70 miles) and a Grande Gravel (80-90 miles).

frenchandpickering.org/fcit/

April 21: Fleche Buffoon, New Hope Solebury Upper Elementary School, New Hope. Ride 62 or 76 challenging miles through Bucks County, Pa., and Hunterdon County, N.J. All paved roads, with 10 steep climbs. No road markings or SAG; cue sheets, RideWithGPS App and GPS files will be provided to riders. Kermesse Sport. www.flechebuffoon.com/



June 30: Biking for Brittany, a great event for a wonderful cause! Enjoy a ride through the beautiful Lancaster County countryside. Options include a metric century and a metric half century. Fantastic rest stops, and three timed Strava segments for those who want to be competitive. www.bikereg.com/biking-for-brittany.



April 27: Bikes & Beers Hershey, at Troegs Brewing. Ride 15, 30 or 45 miles. Registration includes two free beers and a souvenir pint glass. bikesandbeers.com/events/

April 28: Lu Lacka Wyco Hundo, Pittston. Choose from 40, 62, 75 or 100 miles on hilly, mixed surfaces.

**2024 Shoo-Fly Classic
Saturday, Sept. 28**

(See page 7 for more events)

2024 Berks County Bicycle Club Membership Form

Names of people in household* (see "Dues," below) who will be riding on BCBC rides:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact, relationship, phone: _____

Please Check one: New Applicant, or Renewing Member

May we publish your name, address, and telephone number in a club directory? Yes No

Please indicate your interests by checking as many items as may apply: () Ride Host/Hostess;

Updating Ride sheets; Road Rides; Trail Riding; Social Events (Helping with picnic and/or annual banquet); Helping with our Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride

How did you find out about BCBC? Friends or family; Newspaper; Online

Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must also sign.)

*Dues: \$20 per household, per year. Renewing memberships are due and payable by MARCH 31 of each year. Dues benefits include monthly newsletter, *Cycling Times*, sent via newsletter, and a membership card for discounts at bike shops listed in newsletter. Website: www.berksbicycle.com

Make all checks payable to: The Berks County Bicycle Club, Inc.

Mailing address: Kathleen Casner, 240 Spies Church Rd., Lot 118, Reading, PA 19606