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SCHEMES FOR RIDE THEMES

Jeff Krinsky

Themed rides are an excellent way to take advantage of the new "Pimp Your Ride" option that the DBTC Board has recently enacted, which will reimburse ride leaders for funds needed to enhance their rides. At the 50th Kickoff Celebration I gave a presentation about themed rides, past, present and future. Here is a summary of that presentation.

Past Themed Rides have included:

- 1) Don and Marilyn Swett's rides including the WINE and ARCHITECTURE rides
- 2) Patty Gaspar's Ice Cream Social
- 3) Steve Stevens' rides including the Historic and Pre-Historic Tour of Golden, Sustainability rides, Chicken Coop Rides, and Birthday Rides
- 4) Graveyard and Halloween rides led by Gaar Potter, Ellen Chilikas, Bill Orchard, Charlie Krinsky, myself, and others.
- 5) Gaar Potter's Back to School, Soft Underbelly of Denver, Juneteenth Five Points Ride, and Alfred Packer Memorial
- 6) Howard Bagdad's Golden Watermelon Ride
- 7) Bill Orchard and I like to pass out free articles for the group shots. Past ideas include Caps, hard helmets, afros, beads, fake mustaches for the Father's Day Ride. Bill also passed out motion detectors for the Trails Day Ride itself.
- 8) My Tour De Boulder Beer and Juggling rides.
- 9) Arboretum rides
- 10) Scavenger Hunt Rally
- 11) Coffee Mocha Dinosaur Ride (just completed... see page 13)

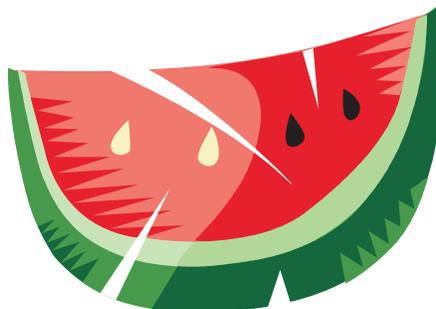
Themed Rides that I forgot to mention at the 50th Kickoff include:

- 1) Lin Hark's Birthday Rides (riding the number of miles of her age), Foxteen rides, and flower rides.
- 2) Ride to Work Day
- 3) Dave Grimes' Hot Air Balloon Ride
- 4) Lise Neer's Better Block Ride
- 5) Richard Geisler's Museum Ride

Ideas for Future Themed Rides include:

- 1) Trivia Rides (Clues given at checkpoints)
- 2) Midnight rides
- 3) Musical rides (Singing and/or instruments during breaks)
- 4) Egg and I rides (Ride to as many Egg and I restaurants as possible)
- 5) Cheese rides (Ride to the Cheese Factory in Longmont)
- 6) Great Magic Ride (Magic tricks during the breaks)
- 7) Great Joke Ride (Jokes told during the breaks)
- 8) People who have had Body Parts Replaced Ride
- 9) Juggling Rides (Juggling presentation during at least one of the breaks. Future rides cannot include alcohol.)
- 10) The Great Mother's Day Ride—actually implemented for this Mother's Day to include a special surprise for mothers and a free Starbucks of choice for all attendees (See details in this newsletter and in the Scheduled Rides Section!)

Let us know if we left out any themed rides past, present, or future. Choose from the ideas here, or try one of your own!



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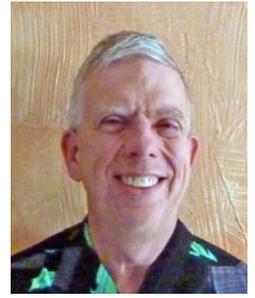
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Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting is Monday, May 5th at El Senor Sol, 2301 7th St., 6PM. If you wish to address the board, contact the secretary, Carolyn Bauer: secretary@dbtc.org, or 303.740.8491 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.

Words from the President

Brad West



MeetUp

It wasn't that long ago that I got the DTBC monthly Newsletter in the mail. I had to watch for it, and I had to keep track of it for the whole month. It was the only way to know when and where the scheduled rides would be. Without the Newsletter I had to call someone else in the club to find out the information on a ride. There was no membership list so I was dependent on a few phone numbers for any information I needed. I found out about the club through a social notice in the Arvada Sentinel. I showed up at the volunteer banquet because it was nearby. Like the Fight Club rule, nobody talked about DBTC.

Now we have a club web site which is a big advance over the mailed Newsletter. I can go to the site any time and pick the ride of my choice when I have free time on a weekend. We have a membership list if I have to call someone. I can renew my annual membership and no one has to write a check or take it to the bank to be deposited.

Now there is a new player called MeetUp, and the rules are changed forever. Anyone with a membership can schedule a MeetUp. It will be posted on the site where anyone with a similar interest can see it. If others are also interested, the group forms, and they meet again. Some groups have leadership, oftentimes the people who started the MeetUp. Other groups stay loosely organized.

I did not understand the impact of MeetUp until I had a look at the cycling groups. There are many in the Denver area. Some are specific to a certain neighborhood. Others want to find people with certain cycling skills or interests. They all seek to gather people with similar interests who are unknown to each other.

If you go to the site you are sure to see rides with a group called Denver and Front Rang Cycling or DFC. They have made fantastic use of MeetUp. Using MeetUp and little else they claim to have over 2700 members looking at their site to schedule or participate in rides. There are rides available nearly every day and many on weekends. They are led by volunteers who simply post the ride and show up. Many lead the same ride week after week with attendance increasing on every ride. Most of the riders are under 40, the sort of rider that we want in the DBTC.

Why should these riders spend \$25 to join the Denver Bicycle Touring

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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.



Spring Kick-Off and 50th Birthday Bash

A record number of attendees gathered to eat cake, sing Happy Birthday, and kick off our next 50 years of rides and fun. We cleared out some old stuff, hatched some new plans, told stories, and met friends new and old. Thanks to all who helped!!



The 2014 Ride of Silence:

324 Cities, 50 States, 24 Countries, 7 Continents, 0
Words Spoken.

<http://www.rideofsilence.org>
mark.hagar@rideofsilence.org

RIDE OF SILENCE

10th Annual Ride of Silence
Wed. May 21ST, 2014

One Day, One Time, Free Worldwide.

Denver: From Civic Center Park on 14th Ave, At
the Greek Amphitheater.

Starts promptly at 7:00 PM,
Please arrive by 6:30.

Helmets are Mandatory.
Lights are recommended.

Pace: Slow, Distance: 8 Miles

Today we number many but ride as one,
In honor of those not with us, friends, mothers,
fathers, sisters, sons.

With helmets on tight and heads down low,
we ride in silence, cautious and slow
The wheels start spinning in the lead pack,
but today we ride and no one attacks.

The dark sunglasses cover our tears
remembering those we held so dear
Today's ride is to make others aware
the road is there for all to share.

To those not with us or by our side,
May God be your partner on your final ride.

- Mike Murgas

RIDE OF SILENCE 2014

DBTC will be sponsoring the RIDE OF SILENCE 2014 this year from Civic Center Park in Denver to honor a few who were killed in 2013 from bicycling accidents.

Dean Davis – Lin Hark will be honoring the memory of her friend Dean Davis from Florida (winter) and North Carolina (summer) who was struck and killed by a car in NC while riding. Dean had been training for a World Championship triathlon title he had previously won in Budapest 2 years before. At age 84 Dean ran, biked and swam six days a week to prepare for his frequent competitions. Dean was an amazing guy, a great athlete and an inspiration to many. He is missed greatly! Lin met Dean in NC when she began mountain biking with a group her brother, Dave White, brought from FL to NC to mountain bike near Smoky Mountain National Park. He inspired Lin and many others to compete in triathlons. The world has experienced a great loss!

Joe Neer – Lise Neer will be honoring the memory of her husband Joe Neer. Joe sustained a traumatic brain injury while participating in a favorite charity ride, El Tour de Tucson; his bike hit an unseen road hazard and he was thrown off onto his back. After suffering through nearly 3 years of attempts at helping him rehab, he succumbed to complications and died on Sept. 26, 2013. In 2010, prior to his crash, he had applied for his ACA license, to begin entering time trials and Cyclocross races once he turned 70—with the advantage of competing at the low end of his age class. He enjoyed the challenge of long charity rides (Triple ByPass, Tour de Whidbey in Washington, and the Santa Fe Century), and was known for his dazzling smile, his gourmet cooking, and his love for books and movies. He volunteered for many organizations, including B-Cycle, BikeDenver, Bicycle Colorado, and the DBTC. Most of all, Joe lived to ride his bike. He was an inspiration to many. We lost a good one last year.

FT COLLINS BIKE TOUR

June 6-8, 2014

Double occupancy – cost will be \$180 per person for 2 nights.

Due date for payment of \$180 and forms mailed is 5/4/14!!! Space is first come, first served. Funds are transferable but not refundable.

Please send your check (made out to Lin Hark) with the DBTC tour forms (www.dbtc.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1568909) to:

Lin Hark
4889 Forest Hill Road
Evergreen, CO 80439
Please indicate if you have a preferred roommate.

We will be staying at a hotel two miles from Old Town, near bike routes to the bike path. We can walk or ride to restaurants and stores. Possible rides are along the beautiful Poudre River, Horsetooth Reservoir and around this beautiful town considered one of the top bicycle friendly cities as well as one of the most desirable to live in Nation-wide. Continental breakfast, hot tub, pool, happy hours BYOB, and some great rides. Activities will include a Friday afternoon tour of the New Belgium Brewing Co., makers of the famous Fat Tire and other craft beers. This tour incorporates tastings of their newest offerings, storytelling, and just plain fun. We'll plan a bike ride to the tour and back, weather permitting.

Contact Lin with questions.

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Mtnlin08@gmail.com



Everyone—except Jeff & Umi—enjoyed a well-earned Mexican dinner with new friend and bike advocate, Stephanie Chambers – Pueblo's new Bike/Ped Coordinator.

MTB Trip to Pueblo, April 11–12

Dick Plastino

Most people think of Pueblo as “the steel town” and it is, although not quite like the halcyon days of yesteryear. EVRAZ Pueblo still produces rail, seamless pipe, steel rod and coiled reinforcing bar. But Pueblo is also turning into a premier mountain biking destination and that’s where the mountain bike tribe went on April 11 and 12.

Working with Lake Pueblo State Park staff, the Southern Colorado Trail Builders Association has built a top tier system of mountain bike trails that feature everything from easy cruisers to extremely technical rock-filled canyons with names like “Rattle Snake” and “Broken Hip”.

Fourteen DBTC members made the trek and rode just a few of the technical trails, called “Dead Dog”, “Stonehenge” and “Rock Canyon” before doing a sweet up and down, back and forth sweetie called “Voodoo”. Besides a few flat tires, there were no crashes which was somewhat disappointing. Surprisingly, some of the slot canyon technical trails were closed due to massive piles of tumbleweeds that were blown into the canyons by occasional strong winds in the area. But several of us waded through anyway, with the help of a pair of hikers bushwhacking in front. Many in the group were pushed too hard and ended up whimpering while riding back to the trailhead on Highway 96, a paved road which parallels one side of the riding area. It was a sad time for some of the tribe.

The headquarters motel was the EconoLodge in Pueblo West which had great room rates and sumptuous complementary breakfast including waffles, sausage, eggs, potatoes, yogurt, orange juice, sweet rolls, hot and cold cereal, toast and jelly and lots of hot coffee.

An enjoyable Mexican dinner was held at the Cactus Flower restaurant Saturday night and everyone attended except two members who fled back to Denver, cowed by the possibility of a snowstorm on Sunday. Of course, they were summarily drummed out of the tribe for this retreat in the face of danger. It was prom night in Pueblo and the tribe was constantly bothered by young men and women in the restaurant trying to pick up handsome and beautiful members of the tribe who are, after all, young at heart.

The next out of town ride is in Fruita, May 9–12. Contact Jeff Baysinger at 303-969-9241 for details on camping and any other information.

DBTC SPONSORING SHOPS

DBTC members receive a 10% discount off purchases (excluding bicycles and sale items) at these sponsoring retailers.

ARAPAHOE CYCLERY
6905 S BROADWAY
UNIT 169
LITTLETON CO 80122
303-797-1858
arapahoecyclery.com

ARVADA BICYCLE
COMPANY
6595 WADSWORTH BLVD
ARVADA CO 80003
303-420-3854
arvadabike.com

BIG KAHUNA BICYCLES
8246 W BOWLES AVE
UNIT J
LITTLETON CO 80123
720-981-5199
bigkahunabicycles.com/site/
intro.cfm
Discount Includes 10%
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BIKESOURCE #7
2665 S COLORADO BLVD
DENVER CO 80222
303-759-5099
bikesourcedenver.com

BIKESOURCE #8
2690 E COUNTY LINE RD
LITTLETON CO 80126
303-221-4840
bikesourcedenver.com

CAMPUS CYCLES
2102 S WASHINGTON ST
DENVER CO 80210
303-698-2811
campuscycles.com

CHERRY CREEK VELO
1435 S HOLLY ST
DENVER CO 80222
303-691-5650
sampsports.com
No discount on labor.

CYCLE ANALYST
722 S PEARL ST
DENVER CO 80209
303-722-3004
cycleanalystinc.com/

DERBY BICYCLE CENTER
410 E 104TH AVE
THORNTON CO 80233
303-288-4100
derbybicyclecenter.com

ELEVATIONS
2030 E COUNTY LINE RD
LITTLETON CO 80126
303-730-8038
bicyclepedalr.com/

FOOTHILLS CYCLING
4990 KIPLING PKWY
SUITE B-7
WHEAT RIDGE CO 80033
303-420-0815
foothillscycling.net

GOLDEN BEAR BIKES
290 NICKEL ST SUITE 100
BROOMFIELD CO 80020
303-469-7273
goldenbearbikes.com

GOLDEN BIKE SHOP
722 WASHINGTON AVE
GOLDEN CO 80401
303-278-6545
goldenbikeshop.com

GREEN MOUNTAIN SPORTS
12364 W ALAMEDA AVE
LAKEWOOD CO 80228
303-987-8758
greenmountainsports.com

PEAK CYCLES
1224 WASHINGTON ST
STE 145
GOLDEN CO 80401
303-216-1616
bikeparts.com

SCHWAB CYCLES
1565 PIERCE ST
LAKEWOOD CO 80214
303-238-0243
schwabcycles.com
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Campagnolo

SPORTS PLUS
1055 S GAYLORD ST
DENVER CO 80209
303-777-6613
sportsplusdenver.com

TREADS BICYCLE
OUTFITTERS
16701 E ILIFF AVE
AURORA CO 80013
303-750-1671
treads.com

TREADS BICYCLE
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16701 ILIFF
AURORA CO 80013
303-690-2900
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TREADS BICYCLE
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3234 S WADSWORTH BLVD
LAKEWOOD CO 80227
303-781-1162
treads.com

DBTC Members Joining/Renewing in March

CAROL BENNETT
CRISS LUCAS
DENNIS WACK
GENE WASSMAN

Guide to Reading the Ride Schedule

by Patty Gaspar

Each leader determines the rating and mileage for the ride. They try to be accurate, but their idea of hills might differ from yours! Some leaders are more supportive than others. Some leaders are way out front; others lead from the middle of the pack. Please be flexible. Much of the fun of riding with the club is exploring new trails with different people. Ride leaders and/or the riders reserve the right to modify the route selection due to rider attendance, skill levels, weather conditions or the whining of other riders. Keep the leader informed if you decide not to ride with the group.

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.

Pace of Ride:

This is an average pace, not a maximum speed. Pace will vary with terrain.

“ROSES” OR LEISURE 8-10 mph. Leisurely pace, frequent stops, good place to start

FUN 9-12 mph. Moderate pace, frequent stops, focuses on group ride.

INT 12-15 mph. Intermediate, steady pace with fewer stops for more advanced riders.

ROAD 15+ mph. Vigorous pace with only occasional stops for advanced riders.

MTB or ATB Mountain bike ride – terrain determines pace.

Difficulty of Terrain

H1 Mostly flat to rolling with an occasional hill

H2 Mostly flat or rolling with moderate hills

H3 Quite hilly or some long and/or steep hills

H4 Serious climbs – remember, we are in the Rocky Mountains

ATB Terrain Rating - Mountain or Hybrid Bikes

H1 Non-technical trails, gentle climbs, gravel or dirt roads/trails, few obstacles.

MTB Technical Rating and Physical Exertion Rating - Mountain Bikes Only

T1 Easy technical ride. Flat, moderate single track or trails - suitable for beginners.

T2 Moderate technical ride. Single track, some bumps, maybe a sharp turn or two - expect to break a sweat.

T3 Very technical, single track, ruts, rocks and obstacles. Might fall off bike - expect your legs to burn.

T4 Extremely technical with tight, difficult single track, large obstacles, ruts, logs, rocks. You'll wonder why you picked up this crazy sport!

P1 Not too difficult – P4 Demands excellent physical condition, i.e. a trail might not be technically difficult, but it might be physically challenging.

Estimated Distance

This is the estimated distance in miles (MTB rides may not have a mileage designation) but actual ride distance can vary.

Quadrant of City – SW, NW, NE, SE, W

Note the quadrant of the metro area for the meeting place. The North/South dividing line is Colfax. The East/West is Broadway. W indicates in the foothills or mountains. This is simply to help you locate the starting point on your DBTC map. We try to spread the rides throughout the metro area. You can go to www.DBTC.org for the most common starting locations and print a map from your home to the starting point.

Examples

FUN-H2-25-NW Fun ride from Olde Town Arvada out the Ralston Creek Trail and back.

Expect to ride about 10-12 miles per hour with some climbing. A pleasant ride and the group will probably have lunch afterwards.

ROAD-H1-55-NE Road ride from Denver to Fort Lupton and back. Expect to ride 20 MPH or more on flat road. No beginners on this ride.

FUN-H4-20-NW Fun ride from Prospect Park up Lookout Mountain.

Expect to do some serious climbing. Lookout Mountain is a steep, narrow road, but the pace will be slow with frequent stops for the slower riders to catch up.

- If this ride is rated INT-H4-20-NW expect fewer stops on the ride up and the group may meet you on the way back if you fall too far behind.

- If this is rated ROAD-H4-20-NW expect the riders to meet in the parking lot and go straight up the hill.

MTB-T3-P3-NW MTB ride at White Ranch.

Expect to climb up a trail. This is not a ride for your first outing. Mountain bikes only.

INT-H2-35-SE Intermediate ride from South High School to Cherry Creek Reservoir.

Expect to ride at a steady pace without a lot of breaks. There are some climbs on this route, but nothing like Lookout Mountain.

The rating system is just to give you an idea of what to expect. **ROSES, LEISURE and FUN rides** are very supportive with frequent breaks to re-group. A FUN-H1 ride would be at a leisurely pace along one of the flat bike trails. A FUN-H3 would be much more challenging. Please read the ride description, because one person might label a ride a FUN ride that someone else would consider an INT ride. For a FUN ride you can use a road bike, a hybrid or even a mountain bike.

There is a fine line between a long fun ride and an intermediate ride. If the riders who show up for a FUN ride are ALL faster riders, the pace may be the INT speed. If it is a large group, some of the riders may be riding at a faster pace. FUN rides incorporate stops to regroup. If you don't plan on completing the entire ride, be sure to let the ride leader know so the group doesn't wait for you.

INT or Intermediate rides are intended to be at a faster pace or on more difficult terrain than FUN rides. Many riders cannot keep the pace on a mountain bike. Intermediate rides will be more supportive than ROAD rides, but you are expected to be able to keep up with the group.

ROAD rides are fast-paced and intended for riders in good physical condition. It is assumed that riders will be able to read a map if offered, comfortable to proceed at their own pace, be competent to fix flats, and can do their own mechanical work if necessary. Those who ride at a slower pace are welcome. However, they may be riding alone sometimes and are urged to attend with a friend who rides at a similar speed. Road riders at times do not ride as a group and sometimes split off the agreed-upon route.

Some of the INT or ROAD rides feature a lot of elevation gain so the pace will be slower.

Some rides will have a dual designation FUN/INT or INT/ROAD. There might be mileage options. When you read the text you'll find that there might be two leaders for this ride and they expect the group to split between faster and slower riders. Other times the leader wants to warn you that even though it's not quite an INT ride it is not suitable for a beginner. An INT/ROAD welcomes people who want to ride faster or climb harder, but aren't necessarily roadies. If in doubt, contact the ride leader and ask.

MTB or Mountain biking is becoming more popular every year. We have two classes of Mountain Biking - ATB means a hybrid or cross bike with tires suitable for gravel roads and paths would be an option and MTB refers to your suspension mountain bike. MTB rides require a mountain bike. Technical rating and physical exertion are a matter of opinion and depend highly on route conditions. Please pay attention to the rating. Many of the rides will be listed with multiple ratings - they may have a T1, P1 for an easy ride option and a T3, P4 for the GONZO option. The riders can do either option. Watch for MTB clinics so that you can improve your technical skills to ride more difficult trails.

Most of all - HAPPY PEDALING!!

Club when they can ride for free with DFC? That's the question our club needs to answer. I stand by two reasons that I believe are important.

The first is longevity, something we know a lot about in DBTC. We have a charter, a board, a budget, a calendar and structure—this has kept us going for 50 years. We have more than a web site to keep us going.

The second is protection for our members. Our ride leaders and members have a medical and liability policy in place if the worst should happen. There is no such backing for members of the loosely organized MeetUps. I would much rather lead a ride knowing that if there is a problem I have somewhere to turn. I would prefer to participate in a ride knowing that if something happens I have someone to go to besides the ride leader.

What about you? What would you say to encourage someone who loves cycling to join the DBTC? Send me your answers and I will put them in next month.

– Brad

SWAPPER'S CORNER

For Sale: Giant TCX Cyclo-Cross.
Get your Spring training on for this year's 'Cross season!
Size Lg or about 58cm. Never raced, very low miles. Deore and Dura-Ace components. \$800 OBO

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It's Official: AAA's Roadside Assistance to Include Bicycles!

Wavelyn Dreher, AAA Colorado

AAA Colorado is expanding roadside assistance to include bicycles for its 575,000 members statewide. Effective May 1, 2014, transportation service will be provided for members when their bicycle is disabled or inoperable, with no increase in membership dues. This service applies to all bicycles and tandems, including rental bicycles and bicycle trailers, as long as service can be safely delivered using normal servicing equipment.

"Offering bicycle service is another great benefit for our AAA Colorado members and we're proud to be one of the first AAA clubs in the United States to do so," said Tony DeNovellis, CEO and President of AAA Colorado. "Riding bicycles is becoming more popular, as Coloradans are concerned about fitness, the economy and the environment. Whether our members are riding for fun or commuting to work, we'll be there to offer assistance if their bicycle breaks down."

Colorado is ranked as the second most bike friendly state by the League of American Bicyclists, with 19 bicycle friendly communities. According to Bicycle Colorado, no other state has more gold- and platinum-rated Bicycle-Friendly Communities than Colorado. Bicycling is a \$1 billion economic driver in the state—including manufacturing, retail and tourism.

"AAA has been promoting sharing the road and bike safety for many years," added DeNovellis. "With bicycle roadside assistance we can give our members the security and peace of mind they've come to expect from AAA Colorado no

matter what 'vehicle' they're using."

AAA membership includes 24/7 roadside assistance that follows the member in any car, as a driver or passenger. And soon on a bike too! Membership offers special benefits and discounts using AAA Colorado's full service travel and insurance agencies as well as discounts at thousands of retailers nationwide. Bike Source, Performance Cycle and Wheat Ridge Cycling will also offer discounts to AAA Colorado members.

Other AAA clubs may offer similar services in the future, but for now bicycle roadside assistance does not extend to all other states, and reimbursement is not available for service provided outside of Colorado. A service vehicle will meet you at a trail head or on a publicly traveled road and transport you and your bike to the location of your choice. Service vehicles are not equipped to repair a member's bicycle or change a flat tire.

AAA Colorado has more than 575,000 members and is an advocate for safety and security for all travelers. As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 54 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive related services, as well as member exclusive savings.

To supporters of the Colorado bicycle community, AAA Colorado is now offering a discount of \$25 off a first year's Basic level membership. Enter the discount code BIKE14 at AAA.com/membership.



Photo submitted by Jack Shaver of participants on the Joe Baker Ride on Saturday, April 19th. He reports, "we actually had 30 riders but 7 of them must have not wanted the Denver Police Department to see their faces."

DBTC SPRING – SUMMER 2014 50th Season!

Spring has sprung and we will have some beautiful riding weather – not too hot, not too cold. Let's hope not too rainy.

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.

Many of our members love winter sports and want to continue enjoying the outdoors with their DBTC friends. The DBTC Message Board will be our main means of communication through the winter months. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember not all members have email so if you have it in the newsletter all members are notified.

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or it is raining or snowing. 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.

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 10th for the following newsletter or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

DBTC's E-Mailing Lists

Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all e-mailed 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 E-Mail List. To join, send an e-mail to: ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DBTC Mountain Biking E-Mail List

To join, send an e-mail to:
COMtnbikers-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 e-mail messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via e-mail only if you have so requested.

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

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Guidelines for Posting a Last-Minute Ride (via MeetUp or Yahoo)

Dale Trone

The purpose of the schedule is to allow us to provide a variety of rides throughout the metro area. Depending on last-minute rides does not meet that goal; however, there are times when no ride is scheduled within a reasonable driving distance so you might want to add an alternative.

The guidelines for posting last minute rides are:

1. The leader must be a member
2. There can't be a similar ride on the published schedule
 - a. Geography – a ride in Parker is NOT similar to one in Golden

- b. AND start time – a 9 AM ride is NOT similar to a 3 PM ride
 - c. AND speed type – ROAD and FUN rides are NOT similar
 - d. AND distance – a 35 mile ride is NOT similar to a 20 mile ride
3. When a last-minute ride appears to fall into the gray area such as 20 vs 25 miles, FUN rides starting an hour apart with start locations both in Aurora, then contact the scheduled ride leader to see if s/he feels the ride would compete. It might be better to simply join the other ride.

MAY 2014 RIDE & EVENT SCHEDULE

Spring/Summer Riding Guidelines

Weather: No thunder, lightning or rain
Clothing: wear layers and SUNSCREEN!!
Other: bring water, repair items and a snack

Wednesday April 30 **MTB-P2.5-T2 6:00PM**, Green Mountain. **SHOW AND GO.** Meet at the Florida trailhead, at the top of Alameda Boulevard at the intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda Boulevard in Lakewood.

Saturday May 3 **FUN-H2-22-SW 9:30AM** Meet *Dave Grimes* (303-986-7666) at Addenbrooke Park (west parking lot – entrance on east of side Kipling just south of Alameda). Ride south on Garrison /Estes to Stone House >Bear Creek trail > ride down the Bear Creek trail to Platte River trail to Sanderson Gulch trail > Pierce> Florida > Addenbrook Park. Trip distance is about 22 miles. Bring money for optional lunch.

MTB-P1.5-T1.5 11:00AM Dirty Bismarck THE RIDE: Meet *Bob Kochevar* (303-870-6833) for a loop/lasso ride starting in Louisville and going through Superior & Marshall. The ride includes portions of Coal Creek, Singletree, Mayhoffer and Marshall Mesa trails. It's called the Dirty Bismarck because it follows the inside, dirt version of the old Morgul/Bismarck Loop road ride. More information about the ride is available at <http://bouldermountainbike.org/route/dirty-bismarck-route>. THE DIRECTIONS: Meet at the parking lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Colorado Highway 93 (South Foothills Highway) and Colorado Highway 170 (Marshall Road) south of Boulder. (There is overflow parking lot on the northeast corner.) Use mapquest or maps.google to find your way there from wherever you're coming. THE FOOD: A cowboy bar called "Waterloo" in historic old downtown Louisville has penciled us in on their outdoor back patio around 2:30 PM. The restaurant is a few miles east of the trailhead.

Sunday May 4 **FUN-H2-3-30-SW 8:00 AM** MANY TURNS TOUR Meet *Jeff Messerschmidt* (303-904-0573, leave message) at the Stone House. The Hutchinson Park area was designed to thwart bicyclists. We're going right through it, and continuing through Morrison to the West Littleton Maize. We'll be looking for the riders we lost the last time we tried this!

FUN-H2-23-NW 9:00AM Meet *Merri Bruntz* (303-517-9781) on W 26th Ave, west of Kipling St, west of Bowling Alley/ Restaurant west side of parking lot. We will ride east to Garrison and then south to the Stone House. We will then ride east on the Bear Creek Trail to the South Platte Trail north to REI. We will return via 23rd St through the Highland neighborhood and west on 26th

Monday May 5 **Fun-H2-18-SW 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at the Platte River Grill located at 5995 Santa Fe Drive. From C-470 take the Santa Fe Dr. exit going north for about 3 miles. The Platte River Bar & Grill is on the left (West) side. Enter the parking lot and drive to the rear of the restaurant and park towards the rear of the lot. We will ride the Platte River trail north to the Big Dry Creek Trail to the Highline Canal Trail to the Lee Gulch Trail. The ride is on paved and gravel bike trails. An optional lunch is at the Platte River Grill.

Wednesday May 7 **"Roses" H1-15-20-SW 9:30 AM** Show'nGo from Reynolds Landing, 1 mile north of Carson Nature Center at 6745 S Santa Fe Dr.—there are 2 driveways, W side Santa Fe—1 into a mobile home park, the other into construction. That's the one to take. There is a break in the concrete barrier on Santa Fe where the 2 driveways are. Go all the way to the end of the driveway—plenty of parking there.) Bring a snack, and money for an optional restaurant lunch following the ride. Questions? Call Melba Bouquet, 720-493-0564

FUN/INT-H2-20to25-SW 9:30 AM We have a new ride leader - meet *Gary Holmes* 303-638-1774 (he'll be the charming, handsome guy with the bike) in the McDonald's parking lot near Hampden and Sheridan. He'll be heading west to Morrison and loop back. Lunch is afterwards.

MTB-P2.5-T2 6:00PM Green Mountain **SHOW AND GO** Meet at the Florida trailhead, at the top of Alameda Boulevard at the intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda Boulevard in Lakewood.

Saturday May 10 **FUN/INT-H2-45-SE 9:00 AM** Meet *Cyndy Klepinger*, (303-725-1565) at Cook Park Recreation Center, 7100 Cherry Creek Dr. for a fun loop that cruises along four of the metro area's best multi-use paths: Cherry Creek, Highline Canal, Little Dry Creek and Platte River.

FUN/INT-H1-40-W 9:00 AM start with helmets (and rear mirrors optional) Mostly flat to low grades Meet *Steve Stevens* at Golden Oldy Cyclery (17224 West 17th Place) and ride to the Clear Creek confluence at the Platte river and back. Museum open after ride... for tour. Ride follows the Clear Creek Trail. 720-497-1100.

INT/FUN-H1-2 (with H3 options)-23-NE 9:00AM Meet *Carol Kennedy* 720-289-9569 for a ride along the Farmer's Highline Canal, Brantner Gulch, Platte River, and Grange Hall Creek trails. Meet at the Wagon Road Park n Ride (120th and I-25) behind Cracker Barrel. We'll decide some details of the ride when everyone has gathered. We can include a climb that gets you to the best view in NE Denver! There is little access to water on this route so bring enough.

MTB-P2-3-T2-3 1:00PM, first day of Fruita weekend THE RIDE: Meet *Jeff Baysinger* (303-969-9241) at the Kokopelli trailhead and enjoy the Mary's – Horse Thief Bench loop. Depending upon trail variations selected, 14 to 18 miles are possible this afternoon. The trail includes double track, easy single track and occasional rock obstacles and drops. A true land of enchantment. THE DIRECTIONS: West of Fruita, take exit 15 (the "Loma" exit) (13 Road/Colorado Highway 139/US Highway 50). Turn left (south) at end of ramp. After crossing over I-70, turn right (west) at the "T" intersection and follow the signs to the trailhead (and not to the truck inspection station). LODGING: camping and many commercial options.

**Sunday
May 11**

FUN-H2-25-SE 8:30 AM Highlands Ranch! Meet *Carol Bennett* at the South end of the Highlands Ranch Super Target (NE Corner of Lucent and N. Highlands Ranch Parkway) to ride the famous Highlands Ranch green belts and visit Highlands Ranch Mansion.

Mothers' Day Ride FUN or INT-H2-20/30-Downtown 9:15 AM Meet *Jeff Krinsky* (720-373-9107) and *Lise Neer* (303-249-8621) for this Mothers' Appreciation Ride that is designed for both mothers and anyone who has or has had a mother. There will be two ride leaders offering two ride options (20 mile FUN and 30 mile INT,) both culminating at the REI Starbucks for FREE BEVERAGES! THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR JUST THE MOTHERS! We will meet at the City of Cuernavaca Park downtown (23rd Ave Exit from I25, go down the hill, drive by the REI Superstore going NE, cross 15th St and keep going till you see the parking lot directly in front of you) for this fantastic ride down the Cherry Creek Bike Path towards the Cherry Creek Reservoir and back. Remember that a beverage of your choice will be provided to all mothers and non-mothers alike at the break at the REI Starbucks on the return voyage. THIS IS THE RIDE THAT WILL START YOUR MOTHER'S DAY OFF WITH A BANG!

MTB-P3-T3 10:00AM, second day of Fruita weekend THE RIDE: Western Rim. Fruita continues—round and round the tortured canyon alcoves we go. Distance is about 19 miles. THE DIRECTIONS: Take exit 2 ("Rabbit Valley") from I-70 (just a bit before you cross into Utah). Go to the second parking lot, which will be on your left.

**Monday
May 12**

Fun-H1-23-NW 9:00 AM Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at Cuernavaca Park for a ride on the Cherry Creek Trail to the Highline Canal and back. The ride is on paved bike paths. An optional lunch is at My Brother's Bar.

MTB-P2-3-T2-3 10:00AM, third day of Fruita weekend THE RIDE: Fruita Area 18 or Grand Junction Tabeguache. Which trails shall we ride about Fruita today? You must attend the tribal spring powwow on Sunday night. Decisions are never easy. Many votes will be taken. If you want to vote often, you must be in attendance.

**Wednesday
May 14**

"Roses" H2-15-SE 9:30 AM Meet *Judy Deist*, 303-841-4792, Cell 303-906-4305 at the south side of the Walmart parking lot off of Aurora Parkway and Commons, which is in the Southlands shopping mall north of Smokey Hill road and west of Aurora Parkway in Aurora. Walmart is just north of Sams Club. We will ride around the Aurora reservoir and more. Bring a snack, and money for a restaurant lunch after the ride.

FUN-H2-22ish-NW- 9:30 AM Meet *Dave Noble* (home 303-694-2008, 303-906-3163 cell) to ride the Signal Ditch trail, Brantner Gulch trail, Platte River trail, Riverdale Road, and Grange Hall Creek trail. Lunch afterwards is at Cinzetti's restaurant. (Directions to start: From I-25 and 104th – exit 221 – go west and take first north/right turn into the Marketplace Shopping Center. Drive north to rear of shopping center and park in front of Cinzetti's.)

FUN/INT-H2to3-34-W 8:30 AM *Steve Stevens* (720-497-1100) Start with helmets (and rear mirrors optional). Some steady climbs – and fast descents. 34miles – Golden Oldy Cyclery (17224 West 17th Place, Golden) A figure 8 tour around the Table Mountains and up and around the Arvada Reservoir. Museum open after ride... for tour. Ride follows the Clear Creek Trail.

MTB-P2.5-T2 6:00PM Green Mountain SHOW AND GO Meet at the Florida trailhead, at the top of Alameda Boulevard at the intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda Boulevard in Lakewood.

**Saturday
May 17**

FUN-H1-16-SE 9:30 AM Meet *Tom Tobiasen* (303-699-9260) at Treads Bicycle Outfitters, (16701 East Iliff Ave, just West of Buckley Road) This is a relaxing ride around Cherry Creek State Park. Mostly flat, on concrete or asphalt, with plenty of rest facilities.

FUN-H1-22-NW 9:30AM Meet *Dave Noble* (home 303-694-2008, cell 303-906-3163) at the Westwoods Golf Club (1 block north of 64th and Quaker) for a loop of the Clear Creek and Ralston Creek trails. Lunch afterwards at the golf course.

COLORADO TRAILBLAZERS: Please come out to help build a new trail with the Colorado Trailblazers! Our first trail building day of the season is on May 17th at Reynolds Park in Jefferson County. The new Reynolds to North Fork Trail will serve to:



- 1) establish a regional connector trail to the west end of section 1 and east end of section 2 of the Colorado Trail at the South Platte (Ed.: where the May 23rd ride will start) for non-motorized trail users;
- 2) open Reynolds Park as a trailhead for MTB riders; and
- 3) conceptually provide a foundation for additional trail alignments to section 2 of the Colorado Trail and loops to trails in the Buffalo Creek Recreation Area.

The new trail will have approximately 10 miles of varied terrain, composed of recovering burned hillsides with spectacular views to rocky features on steep hillsides, and a ponderosa forest canopy.

In order to have enough crew leaders, tools, food and beverages, we need everyone to sign up (no charge) at coloradotrailblazers.org. All details will be provided on the sign up website for time, location, etc. If questions, please contact Fred Berry at 720-840-8596 or fred.berry@gmail.com.

ALSO MiniCrew: MiniCrew is a small group of mostly mountain bikers which works in conjunction with Jefferson County Open Space to maintain local trails on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month, May thru September.

We don't get details of where we are working until it's almost time for the event, so it's important that you use the website minicrew.org for sign up. This allows us to get in touch with you via email, usually by Monday of the week we will be on trail. This also allows Jefferson County Open Space trails staff to get our MiniCrew to spots that need some immediate repairs. All the locations are close to Golden, so we can get a few hours on trail after work and before the sun goes down.

We are currently updating the website for 2014, but it should be ready well before the May 15th trail date. If you have trouble with the sign up, please contact *Fred Berry* at 720-840-8596 or fred.berry@gmail.com.

**Sunday
May 18**

MTB-P?-T? 9:30AM White Ranch THE RIDE: Meet *Darrell Deering* (303-903-0239) at the lower trailhead for an amazing ride. THE DIRECTIONS: Drive north from Golden on Colorado Highway 93 to Pine Ridge Road (approximately 1.8 miles north of Colorado Highway 58). Turn left (west) and drive 1.9 miles to the trailhead parking lot on your right. If you miss Pine Ridge Road, turn left (west) at West 56th Avenue and drive 1.2 miles to Pine Ridge Road. Turn right and the trailhead parking will be on your right. THE FOOD: Lunch in Golden.

FUN-H2-25+ NW 9:00 Meet *Tom Hurja* (303-903-4449), west of Kipling on W 26th Ave-north side, west end of Paramount Bowl parking lot. We'll take pretty residential streets to REI, where we'll take a short break, ride north for a nice cruise along the Platte River Path-watching for a heron or two, then return on a quieter route to the start. Dine at a nearby cafe. Bring lock and funds for lunch

FUN-H2-22-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Bob Shedd* (720-290-6014) at the RTD Littleton Downtown Station, on the west edge of the parking lot located at Alamo Avenue & Prince Street. Ride will go south and west on "secret" bike paths (all fully paved) that Bob has scouted in the Columbine and Ken Caryl areas. Optional lunch afterward at Merle's Restaurant on Main Street, within 3 blocks of the starting location.

INT-H2-33-East-of-Central 9:30AM Meet *Lise Neer* (303-249-8621) at the Park Hill Bike Depot for a jaunt to the Cherry Creek Reservoir and back. We will take my usual route through parts of Stapleton and Lowry, then join the Highline Canal Trail at Fairmount Cemetery and continue South. We'll do a loop around the reservoir, then back through Cherry Creek North and admire the new addition @ Museum of Nature & Science as we skirt the SE corner of City Park. The Bike Depot is at 2825 Fairfax St., with plenty of on-street parking. Riders are also encouraged to 'drive' their bikes to the start. Lunch (optional) at Latke Love.

**Monday
May 19**

Fun-H1-30-East 9:00 AM Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-344-8932) at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center near Bed Bath and Beyond (at the corner of University and Cherry Creek Dr. North, park on the South side) for a ride on the Cherry Creek trail to the Highline Canal to Dartmouth St. to the Platte River trail. It is a ride mostly on paved bike path with some street riding. An optional lunch is at the Cherry Cricket.

**Wednesday
May 21**

"Roses" H2-20-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Dave Grimes*, 303-986-7666 at the Tennis Bubble (Bowles & Federal in Littleton) for a ride north along the Platte River Trail (paved), Dry Creek, Highline Canal and Lee Gulch (packed gravel). Fat or hybrid tires suggested. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite eatery following the ride.

Leisure Ride—H2—16—Central 6 PM Meet *Lin Hark* (303-578-9369) at City of Cuernavaca Park for a ride to and through Downtown Denver. Lin will be leading a ride to the Ride Of Silence to honor those who have been killed in bicycling accidents (see poster and article) at the Civic Center Park Greek Amphitheater in Downtown Denver. The silent part of the ride will be about 8 miles through the downtown area of Denver and back to Civic Center Park then we will return to City of Cuernavaca Park. Bring money for an optional dinner at the El Senor Sol Restaurant after the ride.

FUN/INT-H2 to H3-20-Boulder 9:00 AM Meet *Sandi Bianchi* 303 810 0794(C) at the east side of the Safeway parking lot at Foothills and Baseline for a ride along Bear Creek bike path to Table Mesa and then up to NCAR (huff and puff!) If you're faster than Sandi, you have to climb it twice!! Regroup for views of Boulder and the Front Range. Make a speedy descent back down to Table Mesa and then take a leisurely tour through the neighborhood, crossing Broadway and returning on the gravel path along South Boulder Creek. Optional lunch is afterward at Italian or Indian restaurant nearby.

MTB—P2.5—T2 6:00PM, Green Mountain SHOW AND GO Meet at the Florida trailhead, at the top of Alameda Boulevard at the intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda Boulevard in Lakewood.

**Friday
May 23**

MTB—P?—T? 10:00AM, Segment 1 of the Colorado Trail (ridden west to east). PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A SHUTTLE RIDE, requiring two cars for each pair (or group) of riders and their bikes. One car will be left at the meeting point. The other car must transport all of the riders from BOTH cars (AND their bikes) to the starting point of the bike ride. At the end of the bike ride (back at the meeting point), the car left at the meeting point will be used to take the driver of the car driven to bike ride starting point to his or her car. Depending on the number of people in the two cars and the bike carrying capacity of the cars, it might be necessary for some riders to wait at the meeting point for at least one of the cars to return there and pick them up. Obviously, this takes some planning, best done in advance of ride day. Therefore it is encouraged that riders arrange to pair up (or group up) in advance of the meeting time based on their numbers and the bike carrying capacities of their cars, so that, hopefully, everyone can be accommodated. THE RIDE: Meet *Jennifer Saxhaug* (720-260-8595) for a seldom ridden (by DBTC) ride that is beautiful, though difficult in sections. Approximately 16.8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2,830 feet/2,239 feet. THE DIRECTIONS: Meet at the Waterton Canyon parking lot to begin the shuttle. (Call Jennifer if you don't know where that is.) Then (half of the cars) take U.S. Highway 285 west past Conifer to Foxton Road (Jefferson County Road 97). The turnoff to Foxton Road is about ½ mile past the Staples shopping Center in Conifer. Travel for 8 miles on Foxton Road to Jefferson County Road 96. Turn left and drive about 5.5 miles (gravel road) past the boarded up South Platte Hotel. The trailhead parking lot is on the right at the Gudy Gaskill Bridge, a bit beyond the hotel. THE FOOD: Bring tailgate picnic food to kick off the Memorial Weekend after the ride. Bring meats, cheeses, chips, dips, caviar, Twizzlers, sour gummy worms, beverages, cookies and other desserts—or whatever you like—to share. Also, bring a folding chair if you have one.

Coffee-Mocha-Dinosaur Ride

Riders started the day with Coffee Mocha then rode to Dinosaur Ridge and the top of Red Rocks where there was some construction.



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Detour Alert

There is construction on the underpass at 104th Avenue on the Platte River trail. A severe washout also exists about a mile or two south of 104th Ave.; approximately 200' of trail is destroyed, and the trail is out of service from McKay Road to the north side of 104th Ave. A sign posted at Elaine Valente park states that repairs will be completed by Adams County in July.



- Saturday
May 24** **FUN/INT-H1.5-W-50 8:30 AM start** with helmets (and rear mirrors optional) Mostly flat to low grades. Meet *Steve Stevens* @ Golden Oldy Cyclery (17224 West 17th Place) for a ride to the Clear Creek confluence at the Platte river, then North to 104th and Platte, and return. Museum open after ride for tour. Ride follows the Clear Creek Trail and Platte Trail. 720-497-1100
- FUN/INT-H2-24-NW 9:00 AM** *Jeff Krinsky* (720-373-9107) Let us meet at the Safeway at the Rock Creek Village Shopping Center in Superior for this top-notch tour of the trails of Superior, Marshall Mesa, and Louisville (with a few roads mixed in as necessary.) Rock Creek Village is centrally located in Superior at 3017 Coalton Road which is on the NW corner of Coalton and Rock Creek Parkway (Address is 1601 Coalton Road Superior, CO. 80027.) Lunch options will be considered afterwards.
- Sunday
May 25** **FUN-H2-35-SE 8:00 AM 20 PARKS WEST** Meet *Gaar Potter* (303-691-0938) at Eisenhower Park Rec Center parking lot (SE Corner of Colorado BLVD and Dartmouth) for a ride to Belmar with return down the amazing Florida slide.
- FUN/INT-H2-30-NW 9:00AM** Meet *Merri Bruntz* (303-517-9781) at Prospect Park. We will ride the Clear Creek Trail west to Easley Road which we will take to the Ralston Creek Trail. We will then ride the entire length of the Ralston Creek Trail connecting to the Clear Creek Trail and back to the park.
- INT-H2-30-SE 9:00AM** Meet *Ellen Chilikas* at Village Greens Park at the NE corner of Union and Dayton near the Cherry Creek reservoir for a ride through the Tech Center, around Wash Park, back along the Cherry Creek trail and then a loop around the reservoir. No map or cue sheet—we'll post people as signposts to make sure no one gets lost.
- MTB-P2-T2-10:30AM, Marshall Mesa** THE RIDE: Meet *Jeff Baysinger* (303-969-9241) for a trip through the spring flowers south of Boulder. THE DIRECTIONS: Meet at the parking lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Colorado Highway 93 (South Foothills Highway) and Colorado Highway 170 (Marshall Road) south of Boulder. (There is an overflow parking lot on the northeast corner.) Use mapquest or maps.google to find your way there from wherever you're coming. OR carpool by meeting at 9:45 AM at Sofa Mart on the NW corner of Kipling and Hwy 6. Access Sofa Mart on frontage road. Park in the far NE corner of the lot next to the dirt. THE FOOD: Lunch in Boulder.
- Monday
May 26** **FUN-H2-3-32-SW 9:00 AM Memorial Day Ride**
Bear Creek-C-470-Platte River Loop Meet *Helen Berkman* (720-355-5687) on Bear Creek in the south lot of River Point Stadium 14, 3565 S. Platte River Drive. This is a grand loop on 3 scenic bike trails, pace about 12 mph on the flats, with 2 steep but short (1 mi) climbs up Mount Carbon and over 285 to C-470.
- Wednesday
May 28** **"Roses" H1-20-NW 9:30 AM** Meet *Andree Vetter*, 303-466-6509 at Twin Lakes, about a block west of Broadway on south side of 70th. From south, exit I-25 at 58th Ave, go west to Broadway, north to 70th. We will ride east on the Platte River Trail. This is an out and back, all paved. Bring a snack, and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant following the ride.
- CLUB IS BUYING YOU COFFEE**
FUN-H2/H3-25-SW 9:30 AM Meet *Patty Gaspar* (303-618-5069) by the McDonald's near Sheridan and Hampden. We'll head to the Tech Center on various trails. We have to climb some hills and there are sections on the Highline Canal (pea gravel). We'll stop at the coffee shop at the library and the club will buy you coffee or other drink (\$2 limit) and loop back to Bear Valley. It is a beautiful ride and we get have a wonderful downhill back to Bear Valley. Lunch is in Bear Valley.
- MTB-P2.5-T2 6:00PM, Green Mountain** SHOW AND GO Meet at the Florida trailhead, at the top of Alameda Boulevard at the intersection of West Florida Drive and Alameda Boulevard in Lakewood.
- Saturday
May 31** **FUN-H1-16 9:00am** Colorado Freedom Memorial Meet *Gary Beasley* at Treads Bicycle Outfitters, (16701 East Iloff Ave, just West of Buckley Road) for an easy 16-mile ride along the Highline Canal to the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Mid-ride rest stop at Beck Recreation Center.
- FUN-H1-25-NW 9:00AM** Meet *Cindy Ferry* at the Safeway Parking lot at the north east corner of 80th Ave and Wadsworth Blvd. The ride goes from 80th and Wadsworth Safeway parking lot South side, we will ride west on Little Dry Creek to Ralston Creek, and west to Golden and return.

2014 Advance Planning Calendar

May 4
**Fort Collins Cycling Club
 Spring Warmup Ride**
fccycleclub.org
 Fort Collins, CO

May 18
McKee Classic Bike Tour
McKeefoundation.com
 Loveland, CO

May 18
Santa Fe Century
santafecentury.com
 Santa Fe, NM

May 24-26
Iron Horse Bicycle Classic
ironhorsebicycleclassic.com
 Durango, CO

June
Sunrise Century
www.granfondoguide.com/Events/Index/2671/boulder-sunrise-century
 Boulder, CO

June 1
Elephant Rock Ride
elephantrockride.com
 Castle Rock, CO

June 7
Buena Vista Bike Fest
bvbf.org
 Buena Vista, CO

June 7-13
Ride the Rockies
ridetherockies.com
 Boulder-Steamboat-Golden, CO

June 14
Starlight Spectacular
starlightspectacular.org
 Colorado Springs, CO

June 14
The Denver Century Ride
denvercenturyride.com
 Denver, CO

June 15
Tour de Cure
diabetes.org
 Colorado Springs Area

June 21-28
Bicycle Tour of Colorado
bicycletourcolorado.com
 Gunnison, CO (Gunnison – Durango Loop)

June 25
Bike to Work Day
drcog.org
 Denver Metro area
 Boulder, CO

June 28
Tour de Prairie
cheyennecity.org/index.aspx?NID=735
 Cheyenne, WY

June 28-29
MS 150 Bike Tour
nationalmssociety.org/chapters/COC/index.aspx
 TBD

July 12-13
Triple Bypass
teamevergreen.org
 Evergreen, CO

July 13-18
Tour de Wyoming
cyclewyoming.org
 Riverton, WY

July 19
Moonlight Classic
moonlight-classic.com
 Denver, CO

July 19
Tour de Steamboat
rockypeakproductions.com
 Steamboat Springs, CO

July 19-22
Courage Classic
couragetours.com
 Copper Mountain, CO

July 20-26
RAGBRAI
ragbrai.org
 Rock Valley, Iowa

July 26
Colorado-Eagle River Ride
vailvelo.com
 Beaver Creek, CO

August
Greenwood Goosechase
goosechase.org
 Greenwood Village, CO

August 2
Copper Triangle Alpine Classic
coppertriangle.com
 Copper Mountain, CO

August 2-9
**CANDISC - Cycling Around
 North Dakota In Sakakawea
 Country**
parkrec.nd.gov/activities/candisc.html
 TBD, North Dakota

August 3-9
**Colorado Rocky Mountain
 Bike Tour**
crmbt.com
 Colorado Springs – Crested
 Butte Loop

August 16
**Circle the Summit (aka Bob
 Guthrie Memorial Ride)**
Circlethesummit.com
 Frisco, CO

August 16
Tour de Cure
http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?pg=entry&fr_id=9408
 Longmont, CO

August 23
Venus de Miles
venusdemiles.com
 Boulder County, CO

September 6
CF Cycle for Life
http://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/Cycle/22_Colorado_Denver?fr_id=2546&pg=entry
 Highlands Ranch, CO

September 7
Buffalo Bicycle Classic
buffalobicycleclassic.com
 Boulder, CO

September 14
Ride Westcliffe Adventure
ridewestcliffe.com
 Westcliffe, CO

September 18-21
Tour of the Vineyards
Coloradowinefest.com
 Palisade, CO

September 19-21
Mickelson Trail Trek
MickelsonTrail.com
 Custer, SD

September 19-21
Pedal the Plains
pedalthepains.com
 Eads, CO

September 20-22
Moab Century Tour
skinnytirefestival.com
 Moab, UT

September 29
Venus de Miles
venusdemiles.com
 Boulder County, CO

October 4
Tour of the Moon
tourofthemoon.com
 Grand Junction, CO

October 4
Santa Fe Gourmet Classic
santafegourmetclassic.com
 Santa Fe, NM

October 19
Rock 'n' Roll Denver Bike Tour
runrocknroll.competitor.com/2012/04/denver/denver-bike-tour_26092
 Denver, CO