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HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY DBTC

BIRTHDAY & SPRING KICKOFF

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

WHERE:
 CLEMENT PARK, LITTLETON, SHELTERS P & Q
 7650 W. BOWLES AVE. LITTLETON ENTRANCE, NEAR THE SKATE PARK

RIDES START BETWEEN 8:30 AND 10:00

LUNCH - 12:00 PM SERVED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PREPAID ON THE WEBSITE.

COST WILL BE \$15.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES BBQ FROM PIGGIN' OUT SMOKEHOUSE!

LOOK FOR EMAIL BLASTS WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE WHEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!

Adventures BEHIND BARS — 2024 DBTC OOTT —

Let's Do Durango!

Don't miss out on this exciting bike tour.

Send your registration forms and deposit ASAP. Deadline is April 24!

Kathy and Joe Stommel are excited to announce an Out of Town Tour returning to Durango June 2-7, 2024. This OOTT will include four riding days with two routes starting at the hotel and two routes we will drive to - plus a free day! Tour rating is Fun Plus. Destinations include the historic Bakers Bridge, Vallecito Reservoir and Canyons of the Ancients Museum & Visitors Center near Dolores, CO. One evening we will enjoy a chuckwagon dinner and cowboy show.

Hotel amenities include suites with two queen or one king bed; in-room refrigerators, microwave & coffee/tea maker; complimentary hot breakfast; indoor swimming pool; hot tub; fitness center; free WiFi and parking; bike storage in room.

Participants must be comfortable riding on roads with little or no shoulder, although with only light traffic most of the time. Also you must be prepared to handle any bike maintenance issues such as repairing flat tires. Maximum number of participants is 18 with a minimum of 14 to make this tour go. Class 1 E-bikes are welcome.

Tour price per person for double occupancy is \$800 plus a required \$50 DBTC fee for a total of \$850. This price includes 5-nights lodging, chuckwagon dinner & show, one box lunch, happy hour snacks, pre and post-tour meetings. If interested please download the Registration/Medical form and Liability Waiver from the DBTC website, under Out of Town Tours tab, Items #1 and #2. Mail these completed forms along with a \$500 deposit check payable to Kathy Stommel and a separate \$50 check payable to DBTC. Address for mailing is Kathy Stommel, 9631 Autumnwood Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. The final \$300 payment will be due no later than May 1, 2024

Keep in mind that payments for any Out of Town Tour are non-refundable but may be transferable if a suitable replacement can be secured. Direct any questions to Kathy Stommel at 719/671-5579 or cyclekats@gmail.com.

It's "Sterling Silver" in Sterling, Colorado!

Monday, August 26th – Thursday, August 29th, 2024

Have you ridden any Colorado Eastern Plains areas? Maybe the now-defunct Pedal the Plains? Or not? This announces the out-of-town-tour of "Sterling Silver" where you'll ride country roads encased among open fields of wheat and corn and other crops, explore historic places and museum(s) in Sterling, stroll along its Main Street of shops and ice cream parlors, and partake in local eateries.

This tour is rated Fun/Intermediate; our tour group of 10-12 participants should be independent riders capable of doing their own tire and bicycle repairs, if needed. Rides are loops or out-and-back and consist of up to 40 round-trip miles; all rides start at hotels. Each day at ride's end gives you time for yourself to rest, swim, and/or explore the town.

You'll need to be comfortable riding these types of routes: lightly traveled, shoulderless, two-lane county roads; busier access roads needed to connect the back roads of the plains; and a couple of dirt/gravel roads that extend for several miles (only one day).

The tour is a "Pay As You Go" and is fixed-based in Sterling, Colorado. The Leader has saved a block of rooms for DBTC members to reserve their own room. The lodging is in a comfortable hotel that serves complimentary hot & cold breakfasts and includes an indoor swimming pool/sauna, outdoor deck, and rooms (double occupancy) with two queen beds, mini fridge, microwave, coffeemaker, and free WIFI. You may choose to RV/camp elsewhere on your own and will be expected to promptly meet the group each day at the hotel for riding.

Pay As You Go is where participants are responsible for reserving and paying directly to the hotel for their own lodging arrangements. They will also be responsible for their own meals and other tour expenses. \$40 DBTC fee and registration forms will be collected by tour leader.

More details, cost, and application information will be in the DBTC May newsletter. Questions? Interest? Contact Marilyn Choske, mjchoske@gmail.com or 303-905-8510.

If you have questions, if you want to contact an officer or have items to sale in the DBTC Marketplace, send an email to:

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President's Message

Mark Shimoda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DBTC! YOU ARE 60!

Hard to believe that DBTC is 60, almost ready to claim Social Security and Medicare, like many of its members. And like many of its members, though it's getting up in years, at its core, it is still an energetic being. But let's ask the question: how does DBTC get to 70 years old in good shape?

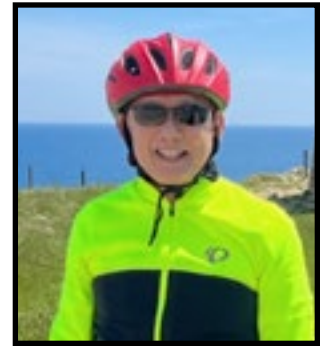
First, our club must offer weekend and weekday evening rides. Why? Because that is when the younger population can ride since they work during the week when most of our rides are offered. Last year, we the Board and Ride Coordinator **Patty Gaspar** sent out a request for ride leaders for weekend rides. That call was answered by **Merri Bruntz, Jeff Krinsky, Peter Woulfe** and others. Well, this year the call will go out for weekday evening ride leaders. Again, if DBTC is to have a future, it needs younger members to carry on with the business and pleasures of DBTC and the only way to introduce them to the club is to offer them what we do best, organized group rides, at their convenience.

Second, DBTC must shore up its finances. Our club has run a deficit for the past couple of years. The deficit for 2022, was about \$2500 and last year the deficit was considerably smaller, only about \$250. However, the finance committee has worked up a budget for 2024, that has a deficit of about \$2500. The board has taken two steps to lessen financial pressure on our treasury: (a) we now have about \$27,000, in short term fixed income products, certificates of deposit and an iBond. These will yield about \$1900/year or the equivalent of 55 new dues paying members. (b) a decision was made to make the social events self-supporting. Dues now go to support our membership and event software (Wild Apricot), insurance policies, dues to Ride with GPS, MeetUp, staff (**Kathleen Shelton/Lise Neer and Jeff Krinsky**), etc. Events are supported by charging for events. However, due to increased costs that we have all experienced, soon dues must go up by \$5-7/year and charges for events will go up as well.

Third, DBTC has to market itself better and get better known to the general population. Recently, I have had the pleasure of introducing several people to DBTC. It is amazing to me that so many people who enjoy bicycling do not know of DBTC. The 2024 budget has a modest sum to develop and produce some marketing material that can be used to attract people to our club and to seek support from bike shops.

We will be celebrating the 60th birthday of DBTC with a birthday cake at the Spring Kickoff on Saturday May 4. Event coordinator, **Ruby Frederick**, has ordered a cake or two and that will kick off the celebration of our club's 60th. Let's hope that in 10 years, DBTC can celebrate its 70th and be in good shape offering 300 rides/year, weekday, weekend and evening rides to members of all ages and riding at different levels and backed by a club that is strong financially, with good governance and great leadership.

Mark Shimoda



WELCOME NEW DBTC MEMBERS

Janice Centa

Sue Fody

Jean Macdonald

Jamie Polliard

DBTC Mission Statement - 2020 and Beyond

The Denver Bicycle Touring Club (DBTC), a non-profit corporation run by volunteers, is the original bicycling club of the Denver Metro area.

The Mission Statement of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club is to:
Organize and sponsor all levels of rides for bicycling enthusiasts. Promote recreational and commuter cycling, bicycle safety, and bicycling education to the general public.

Advocate and support bicycling routes with local governments in the Denver Metro area.

A Big Thank You to Our 2024 Sponsors!

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Steel Horse Rescue is your resource to help you ride longer & easier! Professional Bike Fitting at a fraction of the cost of some other fit systems. Take advantage of over 30 years' experience, including 7 years' experience at the dedicated fit studio at Bicycle Village. Training at New England Cycling Academy now Fit Kit, Trek bicycles 40 hr course, 16 hr course at Fit Kit, 4 hr course at BBI in Colo Springs. Want to learn more about maintaining your own bike? Ongoing Maintenance Classes, both group and individual, are available, all tools supplied! Certificates held from BBI, Shimano T.E.C., Professional Bicycle Mechanic Assoc, Yamaguchi Bicycles Frame Building School.

Contact us now through our website Steel Horse Rescue FB page [Steel Horse Bike Rescue](http://SteelHorseBikeRescue) or at wrenchrandy@centurylink.net



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Mike's Bikes

Mike's Bikes has four stores in the Denver metro area, an online store, and 14 stores in the Northern California area. Mike's Bikes was established in California in 1964. In May 2022, Elevation Cycles, a local 4 door bike shop in the Denver metro, joined forces with Mike's Bikes. Our Denver locations now have the pleasure of selling Santa Cruz, Cervelo, Cannondale, Pivot Cycles and Giant. Whitney Tabaina and Phillip Brown were previous owners of Elevation Cycles and have stayed on to help run the Colorado region. Mike's Bikes is excited to continue to provide top notch hospitality, support and inspire the rider, and help grow our cycling community.

mikesbikes.com

Carboy Winery and Angelo's Taverna

In March of 2013, Craig Jones bought Angelo's Taverna and partnered with Chef Scott Hybbeneth to bring the best of old world Italian pastas and pizzas with added modern favorites, such as chargrilled oysters and balsamic glazed ribs, making the eclectic menu that you see today.

When a parcel of land became available in Littleton, Craig saw an opportunity to bring the Angelo's concept to his neck of the woods in the south suburbs, with a twist, Carboy Winery. They built a sister restaurant with a 10,000 square foot full scale urban winery thus bringing together the best food and wine to your table without pretentious prices or attitude. The newest Carboy location, in Palisade, Carboy Winery's Estate Vineyard, has a tasting room for welcoming Apres Bike guests to their rooftop patio.

Come visit us to share our collective experiences and make them yours at:

- Angelo's Taverna in Denver and Littleton
- Carboy Winery in Denver, Littleton, Breckenridge, and Palisade
- Logan Street Restaurant and Bar in Denver
- Gold Pan Saloon in Breckenridge



Goodbye Kathleen – Hello Lise!

GOODBYE KATHLEEN SHELTON. THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AS DBTC NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER!

Yes, Kathleen is leaving her post as publisher of our newsletter after serving for seven years. Over the years of her service, she has taken documents sent to her by members of the club, and pictures sent to her by Jeff Krinsky and others via MeetUp, organized and compiled them into the newsletters as we see them. Kathleen has helped make our club's public face a very professional newsletter, colorful, very readable, and with the many pictures that our members like to look at. This April DBTC Newsletter is her last and we all wish you well in your future endeavors. Thus ends years of the Shelton family contribution to DBTC in formal roles as Board Member, her father Dick Shelton, and Kathleen as DBTC Newsletter Publisher. Thanks for all you and your father have done for our club.

WELCOME BACK LISE NEER!

We are fortunate to have Lise Neer back as Newsletter Publisher. She will work with the DBTC Editor, Virginia Dudley, and the two will edit and publish our newsletter. You DBTC members might know Lise from her many days with the club, from her art shows that she has done out of her home, and from her promoting recumbent trikes. Yes, she is a woman of many interests and talents and though we might not see her as often due to her relocation to Pagosa Springs, she obviously will continue to be connected to DBTC via her role as publisher of our newsletter and she has suggested a mountain bike ride in her area for later this fall. We welcome you back in your rerun role as DBTC Newsletter Publisher!

– Mark Shimoda

Call to Action

***We need your help for the birthday party/spring picnic.
The special menu is BBQ including a vegetarian option and we need
hands and hearts to serve.***

There will be 5 teams with at least 12 people needed.

Set up: 10:30-11:30 2-3 people set up, organize tables, setup food and warming trays

Name Tags: 1 person

Servers: 11:45-1:00 4-5 people

Clean up: 1-2:00 2-3 people

Delivery team: Ice pick up, meat pick up

Entertainment: Help create activities to help people get to know each other better

***Will you join the fun and help make this a great event for our 60th year as a bike club?
Please Call Ruby at 303-522-3573 to let her know how you will help!***

Ride with Peter



Peter led four rides this winter before the official riding season.

1) Warm Tuesday Ride on February 20th

*2) Welcome March on March 1st
(Bottom three photos)*

3) Wednesday's Ride on March 6th. (Top three photos)

4) Welcome Spring on March 20th



DBTC E-bike Etiquette

by Merri Bruntz and Peter Woulfe

Bicycling in this country is in a transition period where the ratio of e-bikes to regular bikes is increasing. DBTC is no different than other bicycle clubs in the country who are trying to navigate this transition. One such club is the Greater Arizona Bicycle Association (GABA). In an article in their newsletter this winter, they addressed the issue. As ride leaders in DBTC, we feel the need to do the same.

Most riders in DBTC who ride e-bikes adhere to bicycling etiquette that is, in general, the same for everyone riding in a group. However, because e-bikes have the potential to go much faster than regular bikes, safety can be an issue. For that reason, riders of e-bikes should ride in a fashion such that no one knows they are riding one. In other words, when riding in a group, ride with the group. Zooming ahead of everyone is not only dangerous for the group, but it is frustrating for the ride leader. Hence, we make the following suggestions of etiquette for riding with a group on an e-bike:

- Ride within the group, as you would if you were on a regular bike.
- Pedal with the same cadence as those around you. You are not on a motorbike. The e-bike is designed to assist you.
- If you must pass another rider, call out to them announcing that you are passing. Do not do this at a high rate of speed.
- When climbing up hills, be respectful of those riding regular bicycles – this means not zipping by them.
- If the ride leader tells the group to ride at their own pace, then don't desert your friends. Pay attention to where the ride leader has stated that the group will regroup (the ride leader is not responsible for you when you do not pay attention).
- If the ride leader wants everyone to stay behind them, then do so.
- And finally, ride your e-bike in such a fashion that no one knows you are on one.

Some ride leaders may not want e-bikes on their rides. They have the right to make this decision. Currently, we have no rides that are strictly for those riding e-bikes. But just like we have a mountain bike group in the club, we encourage the formation of an e-bike group (e-bike riders step forward to lead rides).

Finally, this article is not meant to discriminate against riders of e-bikes. It is meant to point out the ever-increasing need for safety adherence on our club rides. As ride leaders, we want everyone to enjoy a safe ride.

DBTC Private Facebook Group

This private group allows us to communicate better with each other and learn about what's happening with the club. Each member of this group will need to ask to join the group by answering a couple of questions and once approved, you can post and interact with other group members.

If you don't have a Facebook account, simply go to www.Facebook.com to create a basic account with a profile picture. For any questions or help setting up the account, please contact Ruby Frederick at 303-522-3573. Here's the link:

DBTC is a private group on Facebook. The administrator for this Facebook group will confirm that you are a member of DBTC.



Twin Lakes with Fred



On June 1st, 2023 Fred Tarbell led a FUN PLUS ride from Twin Lakes Park (right) to Little Dry Creek and Lakecrest Park (left).

Three Parks with Ellen



On July 1st, 2023 Ellen Fitzpatrick led riders on a "triple by-park pass" loop ride from Cook Park Rec Center to Eisenhower and Wash Parks via Denver local neighborhood bike friendly streets and Cherry Creek bike path.

Ride with Jake

On Jan 31st, 2024 Jake Jacobi led leisure riders on an out and back ride from Twin Lakes along Clear Creek.



Planning Your Bicycle Events for the Year

**These are not DBTC sponsored so DBTC's insurance policies will not cover them.
These rides are on paved roads unless Gravel or MTB is indicated.**

May 3-5

MTB

[Fruita Fat Tire Festival](#)

Fruita, CO

May 18

[Wild Horse Gravel – GRAVEL](#)

30 and 65 mile courses

High Lonesome Ranch

DeBeque, CO

May 17-19

[Santa Fe Century](#)

20, 54, 106 miles for Road

25 and 50 miles for Gravel

Santa Fe, NM

Jun 9-15

[Ride the Rockies](#)

6 days – 58 to 107 miles

Total of 409 miles and 23,010 elevation gain

Steamboat Springs, Craig, Meeker, Rangely, Fruita

Jun 24

[Bike to Work Day](#)

Jun 29

[Tarry-It-Up](#)

30, 50 and metric century routes

Florissant, CO

Jun 29-30

[MS 150](#)

32, 60, 80, 100 mile options

Westminster, Fort Collins, Westminster

July 13

[Tour de Steamboat](#)

Gravel – 50, 100 mile routes

Road – 26, 44, 66 mile routes

Steamboat, CO

July 13

High Mountain Gravel – **GRAVEL**

[Crooked Gravel — The Ride Collective](#)

25 and 67 mile courses

Winter Park, CO

Jul 13

[Triple Bypass](#)

118 miles Evergreen to Aspen

10,800 ft vertical

Evergreen, CO

Jul 20-21

[Courage Classic Bicycle Tour](#)

12 to 79 miles

Copper Mountain, CO

Aug 3

[Copper Triangle](#)

79 miles, 6500' elevation gain

Copper Mountain, CO

Aug 10

[La Veta Century Ride](#)

102 miles, 7500' elevation gain

Out-n-back; turn around when you would like

La Veta, CO

Aug 12

[Enchanted Circle — The Ride Collective](#)

85 mile and 100 mile options

Red River, Questa, Taos, Red River, Eagle Nest

Red River, NM

Aug 24

[Venus de Miles](#) (women only)

30, 48 and 64 mile routes

Boulder County, CO

Sep 14

[Tour of the Moon](#)

41 and 64 mile routes

Grand Junction, CO

Sep 21

[Tour de Vineyard](#)

23 and 58 mile routes

Palisade, CO

Sep 28

[Denver Century Ride](#)

24, 50, 85 and 100 mile routes

Denver, CO

Stone House to Nixon Ride



On July 24th, 2023, Merri Bruntz led a large group of riders from Stone House to Nixon Coffee.

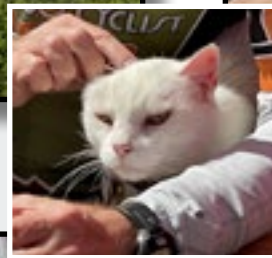
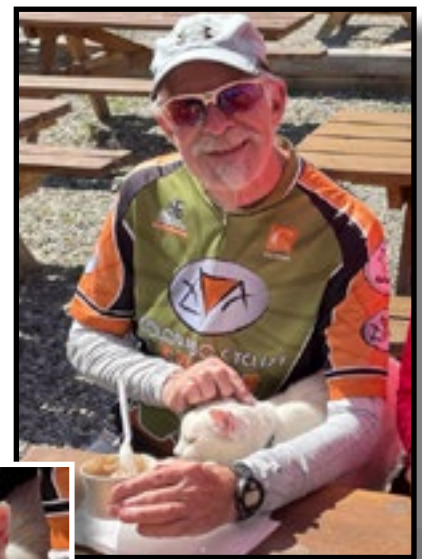


Juggling Ride with Jeff

On August, 18th, 2023, Jeff Krinsky showed off his juggling skillz, dazzling fellow riders with his performance.



Dillon Ice Cream Ride with Jeff



On September 26th, 2023, Jeff led riders around lake Dillon, finishing up the day with ice cream and a visit from a furry friend!

DBTC Marketplace

Specialized Ruby Expert Bike for Sale

51 cm Fits 5' 1" to 5' 5"
Carbon Fiber
Shimano Ultegra components
Chain ring 50/34
Cassette 11 speed 11-32
Well maintained. \$950

Contact Virginia Dudley at vdudley@hotmail.com
or text 303-810-0233



DBTC 2024 Events

May 4th

DBTC Spring Kick-Off
Clement Park
Littleton, CO

June 2nd-7th

Durango Out of Town Trip
Durango, CO

July 24th

Summer Picnic
Anderson Park and Pietra's Pizza
Wheat Ridge, CO

Aug 26th – Aug 29th

Sterling Silver Out of Town Trip
Sterling, CO

Nov 2nd

Volunteer Recognition Lunch
Wheat Ridge Rec Center
Wheat Ridge, CO

DBTC *Spring* 2024 RIDES

Spring has Sprung! Time to lube the bike and pump up the tires and join us. There are scheduled rides almost every day and sometimes two!

If no rides are scheduled , you are welcome to post rides on MeetUp by contacting either Jeff Krinsky jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com or Patty Gaspar patty@gasparjones.com. If you have led rides in the past we will post it for you. If you have never led a ride we will work with you to get you up to speed.

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Weekday: Patty Gaspar patty@gasparjones.com

Fun & Int: Jeff Krinsky jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com

MTB: Cathy Leibowitz cathy.leibowitz@yahoo.com
 & Jim Black jb@jamesblack.org

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to patty@gasparjones.com by the 20th for the next newsletter or contact Patty at 303-618-5069. Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb are combined.

| Pace of Ride | Difficulty of Terrain | Distance | Quadrant of City | Departure Time |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Leisure or Roses (Avg. 8-10 mph) No Drop Rides Fun – (Avg. 9-12 mph) No Drop Rides Fun Plus – (Avg. 11-15 mph) INT - 15+ pace shown (i.e.15-18 mph) ATB – Unpaved Roads MTB – Mountain Bikes | H1 – Flat H2 – Hilly H3 – Some Steep Climbs Alt gain shows 1800 ft. H4 – Serious Climbs T1 Beginner to T4 Highly skilled riders; P1 to P4 physical conditioning required | This is an estimate – options may be offered | NW NE SE SW W Central | Arrive early enough to unload your bike and be ready to leave at the time shown. |

In case of extreme heat, the ride leader may cancel or change time - watch for last minute adjustments. 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. You can also go to Ride with GPS to map rides.

Twitter account: @DenverBikeClub – note many members do not tweet.

DBTC Meetup group at <http://www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/> can 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 website, 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 already-existent ride schedule. If you have registered with Meetup, we will post your scheduled rides.

We are on Facebook, if you want to share pictures or bike-related news there.

Please Note:

- Joining either Facebook, or the Meetup Group does not make you a valid member of the DBTC.
- If your email address changes, you must send your new email address to webmaster@dbtc.org to continue receiving the monthly newsletter.

Spring / Summer Riding Guidelines

- Weather:** No rain or thunderstorms. If temperatures are expected to be over 100 check with leader
- Clothing:** Wear layers and bright colors
- Other:** Bring sunscreen, water, repair items and a snack

Leaders can cancel a scheduled ride if they think the weather is unpleasant, trails or roads may be icy, or no one has responded to MeetUp to register so they are not expecting any riders. If you signed up on MeetUp you will be notified if the ride is canceled.

DBTC April 2024

Tuesday, April 2nd:

10:30 AM FUN-H2-20-NW MAJESTIC PREMIERE EASTER RIDE Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) at the Majestic View Park north parking lot (north on Wadsworth to W 72nd Ave, west on 72nd, just west of Carr on the south side. THIS IS NOT THE ENTRANCE at GARRISON ST. nor 71st ST!) This recently enhanced ride will go west on Ridge Road and van Bibber Creek Trail, north on the new Blunn Trail and then return on most of the length of Ralston Creek Trail. The theme of this ride is an "Easter Hello to spring" so a surprise to ring in the 2023 biking season will be provided to all participants during the Ralston Creek Golf Course break!

Wednesday, April 3rd:

10:00 AM FUN-H1-24 SW Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) behind the McDonald's at Sheridan and Dartmouth for a warm up ride down to REI. We'll take a break sunning ourselves on the deck and then head back to Bear Valley. I'll treat the riders to pizza at Giuseppes to celebrate the start of the season. This is weather permitting so watch MeetUp or check with the leader if in doubt.

Thursday, April 4th:

11:00 AM NE FUN H1 - 24mi Sand Creek and Northfield Loop Meet Fred Tarbell (630-888-5290) at Twin Lakes Park. 226-328, 70th Ave (West of 53 and 224 intersection) Ride East on Clear Creek trail to South Platte trail junction. South over bridge to Denver to the Sand Creek trail junction. Follow Sand Creek to the Sand Creek Greenway and do a big loop around urban Central Park. A mid ride 12 mile stop at Starbucks for bathroom and refreshment. We continue along Central Park Blvd to the North Field Mall and another loop around Prairie Basina and Meadow Basin Parks. Return on Sand Creek to Twin Lakes for recovery, socializing, and lunch that you brought. Bring money for your Starbucks break.

Friday, April 5th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-22-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Crown Hill Park (26th & Garrison) for a ride to Wash Park. We will ride through neighborhoods to the Cherry Creek Trail, which we will take to Wash Park. After riding around the park and taking a break, we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Saturday, April 6th:

10:00 AM FUN-PLUS-H2-23-NW Meet Peter Woulfe (540-219-6674), at Anderson Park (44th & Field). We will ride west on Clear Creek Trail to McIntyre, then on to the Ralston Creek, Blunn, and Van Bibber Trails, a few streets to Easley and then back to the Clear Creek Trail and return. Bring your lunch to socialize after the ride.

Monday April 8th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-23-SW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Reynolds Landing (6745 S. Santa Fe Dr.) for a ride south on the South Platte Trail to Chatfield State Park, where we will ride to the marina via the road. After a break, we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday, April 9th:

11:00 AM NE FUN PLUS-H1-32 miles NE Rotella Park to Brighton Meet Fred Tarbell (630-888-5290) at Rotella Park, 1824 S. Coronado Pkwy, Denver, (East end at shelter 1) Ride East on Niver Creek bikeway to South Platte trail. Turn left, North on South Platte trail, following the Platte River on the right, for 16 miles to Brighton. Bathroom and break in Brighton, or in route, before returning the same route to Rotella Park. Bring money for Berry Bleenz, Stone Cold Creamy, or StarBucks if desired. Entire route is flat and open, with only the last mile on streets. Bring snack/lunch items and socialize after the ride if desired.

Wednesday, April 10th:

9:00 AM FUN-H2-20 SW Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) at Broken Tee Golf Course We'll do a different route winding down to the Platte Trail and then enjoy a shady ride up Big Dry Creek, along the Highline Canal, and back down Mineral. There are a couple of climbs but only 614 feet and some of the trails are hardpack gravel. We'll then wander - bring your picnic lunch.

10:00 AM FUN PLUS H-2-20 SW Meet Peter Woulfe (540-219-6674) at Clement Park. Meet behind the library near the skateboard park. We will ride some quiet streets in the Columbine neighborhood to South Platte Canyon Rd., then to the C-470 trail, to Coal Mine Ave., to the Dutch Creek Trail, and return to Clement Park. Bring your lunch to socialize after the ride.

Friday, April 12th:

10:00 AM FUN-H1-19-SW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at the Stone House (Estes & Yale along the Bear Creek Trail). We will ride east on the Bear Creek Trail to the South Platte Trail, taking it south to Nixon's Coffee for a break. We will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

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11:00 AM MTB P2T2 Meet Janet Martel 303-929-5950 at Phillip S. Miller Park Castle Rock, 1375 W Plum Creek Parkway, Castle Rock, CO 80109 Park at 2nd parking area near CORE PLAZA. Restrooms etc. see park map Philip-S-Miller-Park-Trails-Map-PDF (crgov.com) We will loop together several trails to make about an 8 mile loop. Ebikes or Standard bikes. We can have a nice picnic afterwards. No need to bring your own chairs. Lots of tables and chairs in the area.

Saturday, April 13th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-18/23-NW - Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) for THE SPACE, TIME, 9/11 RIDE or THE HIDDEN GEMS OF BROOMFIELD! This adventure begins near the SE corner of Sheridan and 120th at the new Whole Foods in Westminster (1/2 mile east of Sheridan at Vrain and 120th.) (4451 Main Street 303-439-7000) We will take secret trails around Broomfield where we will experience three incredible hidden displays including THE SOLAR SYSTEM, a brief history of GEOLOGIC COLORADO TIME, and a 9/11 MONUMENT. (This ride has an escape option at the 18 mile marker for riders who run out of time and/or steam.) Possible lunch afterwards at Whole Foods. This adventure has received rave reviews with 4 and a half stars from the ride critics!

Monday April 15th:

11:00 AM MTB P2-T2 ANNUAL TAX DAY RIDE Join Jennifer Saxhaug (720-260-8595) Cathy Pimm Enjoy a ride up Waterton Canyon to the dam or Lenny's Bench. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before ride time at the Audubon parking lot. Afterwards we can enjoy lunch in the Audubon parking area. Bring a chair and food. This scheduled ride is known to happen on rain days. Watch the meetup site for last minute cancellations.

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H1-26-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Twin Lakes Park (west of Broadway at 70th Ave, 300 W. 70th) for a ride east on the Clear Creek Trail to the South Platte Trail, which we will take north to Riverdale Park. After a break, we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday, April 16th:

10:00 AM LEISURE-H1-17- SW Ride to a Mexican Bakery Meet Lin Hark (303-507-3502) at Overland Pond Park (S Platte River Trail and Florida Ave) We will ride the South Platte Trail north then ride on a few streets to a Mexican Bakery. Bring a lock and money for snacks at Emanuel's Bakery.

Wednesday, April 17th:

10:00 AM FUN-H2-25 SW Latte Ride Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) behind the McDonald's at Sheridan and Dartmouth. My old commute - we'll head to the Tech Center on various trails. We must climb some hills and there are sections on the Highline Canal (pea gravel), and then we'll have our morning latte COMPLIMENTS OF DBTC and loop back to Bear Valley. It is a beautiful ride, and we have a wonderful downhill back to Bear Valley. Weather permitting, watch MeetUp.

Thursday, April 18th:

10:30 AM NE FUN H1 24 miles Twin Lakes to Little Dry Creek Meet Fred Tarbell at 226-318 W 70th Ave Denver, 1/8 mile West of Broadway and 224 Ave. Ride West on Clear Creek to Little Dry Creek junction. Follow Little Dry Creek through urban neighborhoods to W 80th Ave. Then connect to Arbor Park Lake for a loop ride before returning to W 80th Ave where we will stop at Safeway for a bathroom break. Continue West along 80th Ave and reconnect to Little Dry Creek trail passing around Pomona Lake. After a midride break at a small park neighborhood park we will return East on Little Dry Creek to Twin Lakes. Welcome to bring lunch items to stay and socialize after the ride.

Friday, April 19th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2/3-31 miles-SW Chatfield Reservoir State Park to Sedalia Meet Janet Martel 303-929-5950 on the road shoulder of Deer Creek Canyon Road just west of Wadsworth. We will ride through Chatfield to quiet neighborhood roads in Sterling ranch. Then are bigger roads with designated bike lanes. Stop at Bakery in Sedalia for coffee, snacks, restrooms. Return the same way.

Saturday, April 20th:

9:30 AM FUN PLUS-H3-21-NW THE HIDDEN GEMS OF LOUISVILLE!!! Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) (Elevation Gain = 1225 feet) This exciting ride full of twists and turns uses the newest portion of the HWY 36 trail that goes west from Interlocken into Boulder then loops back through Louisville and Superior using some interesting secret trails including the Double Lombard Street Experience and the famous Black Hole of Louisville! See you at the Safeway at the Rock Creek village Shopping Center in Superior for this tour of the trails of Superior, Louisville, and South Boulder (with a few roads mixed in as required). Rock Creek village is centrally located in Superior at the NW corner of Coalton and Rock Creek Parkway (Address is 1601 Coalton Road Superior, CO. 80027.)

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Monday April 22nd:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-22-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Anderson Park (44th & Field) for a ride west on the Clear Creek Trail to Easley Rd, which we will take north to the Blunn Trail. After a break on the west side of Westwoods Golf Course, we will return through Arvada Neighborhoods on 50th and 52nd avenues. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

10:00 AM LEISURE H1/H2-20 SE Piney Creek Trail. Meet Jill McMahon (303 888-0314 cell) at the Arapahoe Rd Trailhead for the Cherry Creek Trail (just east of Jordan Road on the south side of the street.) We will ride north into Cherry Creek Park and turn east on the Piney Creek Trail. We will ride to a point just past E 470 and turn around for a total of about 20 miles. Bring a snack and money for an optional lunch at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, April 24th:

10:00 AM FUN-H2-25 SW Look for the Eagles Meet Patty Gaspar 303-618-5069 Meet at Reynolds Landing, 6745 S Santa Fe Dr. (From Santa go west on Brewery Lane, toward the South Platte River, go past Breckenridge Brewery to the parking lot at the end of the road). We'll ride the Platte River Trail to Chatfield, over the dam then west to check out the new roads and the marina – and see if the bald eagles returned to their nest this year. Bring your lunch for a picnic. Weather permitting - watch MeetUp.

April 24-26 Pueblo area MTB rides. See the MeetUp for description and to make the required RSVP.

Thursday, April 25th:

9:30 LEISURE-H1-17-NW Clear Creek then the Platte. Meet Jake Jacobi (720-808-2306) at Twin Lakes, near Broadway and 70th Ave. We will ride east on Clear Creek, and North along the Platte River to Valente Lake at 104th and return. Optional lunch afterwards.

10:30 AM NE FUN PLUS H2 26mi Rotella Park to Webster Park, Northglenn. Meet Fred Tarbell ,630-888-5290, at Rotella Park, (East end at Shelter 1) 1824 Coronado Pkwy S. Denver. The route is East out of Rotella Park on Niver Creek to the South Platte bike path. North on Platte to the left junction of the Grange Hall Creek trail. Follow the trail to Margaret Carpenter Park crossing 104th Ave. Bathroom break at Carpenter Park before continuing on a green way trail through Thornton and Northglenn suburbs. Turn North along the East side of I-25 interstate to arrive at Webster Park. A break for snacks, water, and bathroom visit before returning the same route to Rotella Park. Bring snacks or lunch items if you want to socialize and recover after the ride.

Friday, April 26th:

10:00 AM FUN-H1-22-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Prospect Park (44th & Robb) for a ride east on the Clear Creek Trail to Twin Lakes Park. After a break, we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Saturday, April 27th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H3-24-NW-(Elevation Gain = 1207 feet) – Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) for THE GREAT TOTEM POLE RIDE AKA THE HIDDEN GEMS OF INTERLOCKEN! This exciting ride full of twists and turns uses portions of the new Hwy. 36 Trail to take us on a loop that includes the hidden gems of Flatirons Mall, Interlocken, Standley Lake, and Rock Creek Village! We will meet at the Rock Creek Village Safeway, which is centrally located in Superior at the NW corner of Coalton and Rock Creek Parkway (Address is 1601 Coalton Rd., Superior). This ride is now 99.99% on paved trails.

Monday, April 29th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25-SW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Broken Tee Golf Course (west end of parking lot at 2101 W. Oxford in Englewood). We will ride the South Platte Trail north to the Bear Creek Trail, which we will take west over the Bear Creek Dam to Morrison. After a break, we will return via Morrison Rd to Fox Hollow Golf Course, where we will meet up with the Bear Creek Trail and ride back to the start. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

10:00 AM LEISURE-H1-17 mi Boulder 180+ Always wanted to ride the Boulder 360 but not quite ready for it? Let's ride the B-180+! Meet Marcy Rodney (720 985-3403 text, no vm) at the East Boulder Community Center, 5660 Sioux Dr., north side, east end, nearest to the trail. We will go north along the South Boulder Creek Trail, pick up the Goose Creek Path and stop by the Valmont Bike Park. We'll take a loop through the Four Mile Creek area, a strong downhill on the path next to Foothills, and head back on the Boulder Creek Path. Here's the route <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/40245192>

Tuesday, April 30th:

10:00AM FUN-H2-17-NW-+742' Meet ride leader, Marilyn Choske (text to REGISTER by April 29 - 303-905-8510), at Wheat Ridge Rec Center in Wheat Ridge, 41st & Kipling., far north end parking lot nearest Kipling Street. Ride west on Clear Creek Trail (CCT) to Golden, connect to Tucker Gulch west to Hwy 93, south on bike path to Washington St with Starbucks stop for beverage/snack -- bring \$\$\$. Loop back to CCT and east to WR Rec Center. Some short hill climbs. Early-season ride = comfy 9-13 mph pace. Text ride leader if you're coming. Ride will not go if rainy or forecast is for rain in the morning; call the leader if in doubt.