

Regular Weekly Rides

Sundays

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

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

Sunday, Nov 5 - Sunny Sunday Afternoon Ride: See Trees, Historic Sites and Open Spaces along Schuylkill River. Class D, ~16 miles, or 8-mile option. Meet at noon at the formal entrance to the Azalea Garden, Water Works Drive, off Kelly Drive. See Monthly Ride Listing for full ride description. Bicycles and helmets are available for rent. *Leaders: Mindy Maslin, PA Horticultural Society, 215-988-8844, mmaslin@pennhort.org, and David Ziccardi, 215-978-7531, d_ziccardi@yahoo.com.* This will be the last Sunny Sunday Ride until the regular schedule resumes the first week in April.

Sunny Sunday Spin-Off Ride. Class C, usually 25-30 miles. A true C ride which cheerfully waits to regroup. All welcome. Meets 12:15 at the rock near the Italian

Fountain, behind the Art Museum. *Leaders: November 5 - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164; 12th - Chuck Martin, 215-923-1887; 19th - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164; 26th - Rafael Corredoira, 215-605-2285.*

Wednesdays

Through November 15: "Night Lights" Ride, Conshohocken to Art Museum and Back. Class B- (but all classes welcome), 13-14 mph, 27 miles. Two groups leaving the SEPTA lot next to the Outbound Station convenience store in Conshohocken, E. Elm St and Harry St, at 6:00 and 6:30. I'll lead at a B- pace but all classes of riders are invited to join and ride at your own speed. We'll take back roads to Manayunk and then the West River/MLK Drive bike path to Lloyd Hall. After a 5- minute bathroom break we'll head back towards Conshohocken via the Kelly Drive bike path. ETA in Conshohocken is 8:30-9:00. Bright headlights and flashing tail lights required. Unfavorable weather conditions cancel. *Leaders: Tom Madle, 215-641-7686, TMadle@RohmHaas.com, and Dee Kotzur, Dee.Anne@comcast.net.*

November 1, 8, 15, and 29: MTB on the Pennypack or Wissahickon Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park or the upper parking lot on Valley Green Road (Wissahickon) at 6:30 p.m. Ride time is between 1.5 to 2 hours, so a light with a minimum of 2 hours burn time and 10W is required. Trail permit

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Wheeling with the President, continued

AWARDS BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING

Linda McGrane (what a woman) and Debbie Hollein both volunteered on the same day to chair the Banquet committee. So they are co-chairing it together. They are seeking a venue – restaurant or banquet hall as you read this. We expect to have the Banquet in late January or maybe early February. If you want to help organize this fun event, please contact Linda at McGraneL@MLHS.ORG or Debbie at Wholelion@aol.com. The annual meeting, at which we elect a new Board of Directors, will be held at the Banquet this year. The business meeting is usually very brief.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ PRESIDENT

As I mentioned last month, we are seeking new members of the Board of Directors and a new President. Margaret Lenzi mlenzi@comcast.net and Gary Morris

gmmorris@vzavenue.net have volunteered to co-chair the nominating committee. They are currently contacting potential candidates for the Board who have been suggested to them. Note that the new Board will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members. The only standing officer who has indicated that he does not wish to serve another term is me. However, all positions can be contested. If you wish to serve on the Board, be President, or have suggestions for good candidates, please contact Margaret or Gary.

WEB SITE

A small group of people met recently to discuss redoing our web site. We shared ideas about the features that we want on the web site and how to accomplish them. Shortly, Leigh Weber will develop a survey from our ideas to poll the membership on what features are most important to them.

November Ride Listings

Saturday, November 4 - Schuylkill River/Thun trail to Reading PA. Class C/D, 10 to 12 mph, 30 miles. This ride leaves 11:00 from the Pottstown Community College remote parking lot at Hanover St and College Ave. 25 mm or greater tires recommended. Surface on the Thun trail is much like the Perkiomen trail. Lunch is at the Queen City Dinner in Reading. Birdsboro's Turkey Hill with a deli is at the 8-mile mark. The route uses Rt 724 for two blocks at this point. Anyone desiring a shorter ride can turn around here. D riders are welcome. Directions to Pottstown Community College: Rt 422 to Hanover St to College Ave. First street after crossing the bridge. SEPTA bus allows two bicycles on each bus and the last stop is the Community College. Snow or rain will cancel the ride, Cold will not. *Leader: Bill Cotton, cell 215-559-2910, bcotton@billcotton.com.*

Saturday, November 4 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 20 to 35 miles depending on weather, etc. Call Thursday evening or Friday for details of start location, etc. Always a brunch stop, usually leave at 9:00. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907. No calls - no ride.*

Sunday, November 5 - Hike the Wissahickon. Too cold or windy for your tastes to ride? Join me for a 5-7 mile hike on the flat and hilly trails along the beautiful Wissahickon Creek. Meet at 9:30 at Bruno's, corner of Northwestern & Germantown Avenues in Chestnut Hill. *Leader: Debbie Hoellein, 215-233-1198, wholelion@aol.com.*

Sunday, November 5 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-45 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in

Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit611.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.*

Sunday, November 5 - Sunny Sunday Afternoon Ride: See Trees, Historic Sites and Open Spaces along Schuylkill River. Class D, ~16 miles round trip, or 8-mile option. Meet at noon at the formal entrance to the Azalea Garden, across from the Italian Fountain, Water Works Drive (off of Kelly Drive), Fairmount Park. For the 8-mile ride, join at approximately 12:45 at Pretzel Park, 4300 Silverwood St (between Cotton & Rector) in Manayunk. Joint ride with PA Horticultural Society's Tree Tenders, Treevitalize, and the Bicycle Club of Philadelphia. A family-friendly tour of significant trees, historic sites, and open spaces along the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park and along the Manayunk Canal. Helmets are required. Bicycles and helmets are available for rent. Ride is free. *Leaders: Mindy Maslin, 215-988-8844, mmaslin@pennhort.org, and David Ziccardi, 215-978-7531, d_ziccardi@yahoo.com.*

Thursday, November 9 - BCP Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM at the Manayunk Diner, 3722 Main St., Manayunk, Philadelphia, 215-483-4200. We'll be in the upstairs dining area. All BCP members are encouraged to attend. To get something on the agenda, contact *Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 12 - Chesterbrook to Spring City. Class C-, about 35 miles, 10 mph avg, hills. By popular

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required; application is at <http://www.fairmountpark.org/pdf/Trail%20User%20Permit%20Application.pdf>. The ride will generally be held at Pennypack, but will change location on occasion. Those interested in riding should call or e-mail the day before the ride to confirm and find out the location. Depending on the predicted weather and/or trail conditions, the ride may be rescheduled for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Day-of ride inquiries - call only. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Fridays

Wallyball. November 10 and 24. Come to the Aquatic & Fitness Center at Riverside Racquet at 600 Righters Ferry Road, Bala Cynwyd at 7 PM for a fun and invigorating game of Wallyball. What is that, you ask? Good question - it's volleyball in a racquetball court. We play until at least 9:00. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring your own lock for a locker. Call the club at 610-664-6464 for directions. Call or email *coordinator Nikki Marx, 215-963-9377, bcpwallyball@hotmail.com* to let her know you are coming or there may not be a game. Also call or email Nikki if you want to be on the Wallyball e-mail list to remind you of upcoming games.

November Ride Listings

demand we ride to breakfast at the American Legion. Departs 9:30 from Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center, easily accessible from US 202 and Pa 252. Ride over to Valley Forge National Historical Park, then through parts of SW Montgomery County - Oaks, Arcola, Upper Providence, Royersford and cross the river to our destination in Spring City. After a hearty \$5 breakfast, our route back goes through Phoenixville and Mont Clare. Cue sheets provided. We will stop to regroup. A multi-club ride. Bring snacks, liquids and money. Winter protocol: no calls = no ride. *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Sunday, November 12 - Hike the Wissahickon. Meet at 9:30 at Bruno's, Northwestern & Germantown Aves. See Nov 5. *Leader: Debbie Hoellein, 215-233-1198, wholelion@aol.com*

Sunday, November 12 - The Two Rivers. Class D, 10-12 mph, about 15 miles. Meet 11:00 in the parking lot of the UA movie on Main St, just above Ridge Ave in Manayunk. We'll try the Kelly path along the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park - stop at Lloyd Hall (good restrooms). Join the ride there at about 11:45. Then east to the Delaware River, maybe see some ships. Cross town, take the Schuylkill River Trail and MLK Drive back. Possible coffee/snack stop. *Leader: Sheldon Isaac, 215-842-0863, sheldonisaac@myrealbox.com.*

Sunday, November 12 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-45 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jeff Braff, jbraff@cozen.com, 215-665-2048.*

Saturday, November 18 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 20 to 35 miles depending on weather, etc. Call Thursday evening or Friday for details of start location, etc. Always a brunch stop, usually leave at 9. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907. No calls - no ride.*

Saturday, November 18 - Skippack or Schwenksville. Class B-, 13-14 mph, 38 or 50 miles. We will make a final choice of our destination based on the weather. Rolling terrain with a couple of climbs on the longer ride. Sitdown lunch stop. Meet at Bruno's, Northwestern and Germantown Aves. in Chestnut Hill/Lafayette Hill at 9:15 for a prompt 9:30 start. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jeffbakely@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, November 19 - MTB on the Wissahickon Trails. Class B. Starts from Valley Green at 9. Meet at the upper parking lot on Valley Green Road. Time for another Wissahickon challenge! By now nearly all the leaves will be off the trees and we'll have great views of the entire valley. Well ride for approximately 2.5 to 3 hours. Trail permit required, get a copy of the application at <http://www.fairmountpark.org/pdf/Trail%20User%20Permit%20Application.pdf>. Ride may be canceled in case of poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call ahead or e-mail to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 19 - TOPS. Class B-, 13-14 mph, 45-50 miles. Tandem/Recumbent/Single Bikes all welcome. Start behind Fonthill Mansion, Court St and Swamp Rd in Doylestown at 9:30. Ride down our favorite lane, Fleecydale, to Upper Black Eddy for lunch at our favorite general store. Lots of fun along the way. *Leader: Pat Rock, 215 659 5148, patrockbikes@aol.com.*

Sunday, November 19 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 45-50 miles. Mystery Destination. Leaves from the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Show and Go or look for an Ad Hoc Leader listing.

Thursday, November 23 - Annual Turkey Day Pennypack MTB ride. Class B-/C+. Annual Thanksgiving morning MTB ride. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park at 9:00. Well follow the longer and more challenging version of the ride that we do on the trails when there's daylight. Well ride for approximately 2.5 hours. Trail permit required, see Nov 19. May be canceled in case of poor weather and/or trail conditions, so call or e-mail ahead to confirm or with questions. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, November 26 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 45- 50 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. Mystery destination will depend on the weather. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Tuesday, November 28 - Mailing the December Newsletter. Meet 6:30 at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, 1650 Arch Street, southeast corner 17th & Arch Sts. *Coordinator: Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.*