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The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

MARCH 2017

DBTC SPRING KICKOFF!

Join us April 8, 2017 at 12 p.m.

for a Mexican buffet

Platte River Bar & Grill
5995 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton

Pre-kickoff rides will leave from the restaurant parking lot. Details coming soon!

Buffet features a taco bar, burritos, salsa, rice, and beans. Cash bar.

Members: $10
Non-members/guests: $20

Reservations must be submitted by April 4.
RSVP at www.dbtc.org (click on the "Kickoff" link) or mail a check to DBTC, P.O. Box 260517, Denver, CO 80226-0517. Checks must be received by April 4. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Need a vacation? Turn to pages 3 and 4 for all of the details on the Gems of the Pacific Northwest Bike Tour and the Ft. Collins Bike & Beer Tour. *Registration is closing soon!*

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Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome. The DBTC board meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at rotating locations. If you wish to address the board, contact the president at president@dbtc.org or call 303-725-1565 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.

A Note from the President

Cyndy Klepinger

Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the recent survey. We had a great response, with nearly 120 responses! The preliminary results have been interesting and informative. Your Board of Directors will be reviewing the responses and making plans to build on the success that DBTC enjoys.

I would like to pass on some of the suggestions we received. These included adding more intermediate rides, developing more themed rides, offering social activities after the rides (such as pub visits, picnics, etc.), and providing training to ride leaders on how to safely and effectively lead group rides.

And of course, we always appreciate hearing comments such as, "There were a lot of great rides last year. Keep up the good work!"

Your comments will help us better plan our upcoming social and ride schedules.

Thanks again for making your voices heard! We appreciate your valuable feedback as we work to make 2017 DBTC's best year yet.

Cyndy

DBTC SURVEY, BY THE NUMBERS

115: Number of DBTC members who took our survey

2 to 5: Average number of years participants have been involved with DBTC

77: Percentage of social media-active members using MeetUp

95: Percentage of members who are at least somewhat likely to recommend DBTC to a friend

Stay in touch with your DBTC friends this winter!

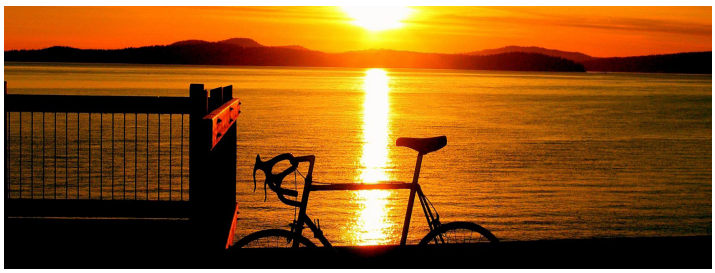
The Yahoo email list is used for impromptu winter rides, downhill ski trips to various Colorado ski areas, snowshoeing, cross-country ski trips, overnight winter events, parties, and more. To join, go to dbtc.org and scroll down to the link for the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo Group. DBTC members are welcome to invite others for their winter outings.

These events are not sponsored by DBTC and not covered by the club's insurance. As a gathering of like-minded friends, everyone is responsible for their own safety.

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 communications@dbtc.org. Be sure to include details about who, when, and where the picture was taken, and 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.

REGISTER FOR THE GEMS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIKE TOUR
SAN JUAN ISLANDS & LA CONNER, WA
September 10 - 17, 2017

NOTE: Registrations for this tour MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 15, 2017 in order to guarantee lodging on San Juan Islands. Don't delay! The trip will be canceled if not filled by the deadline.



Time is quickly running out to register for this spectacular DBTC tour! Tour leaders Kathy and Joe Stommel have worked very hard putting this trip together, but it can't proceed unless the remaining spaces are filled by March 15.

Here's what you need to know:

- Dates: September 10-17, 2017
- Routes will range from approximately 20-45 miles, with plenty of options to customize the distance to suit each rider. Participants will be encouraged to ride at their own pace.
- This tour is best suited for independent riders who are comfortable riding on roads with little or no shoulder, rolling terrain, and moderate traffic.
- Tour price is $1,150 per person, with the standard room in Friday Harbor (double-occupancy) or $1,200 per person with a deluxe room (double-occupancy); La Conner hotel rooms are included, and do not differ in price.
- Registration price includes seven nights of lodging, happy hour refreshments, ferry transportation on days four and five, one group farewell dinner, and at least one picnic lunch.

While this tour is priced higher than the typical DBTC out of town tour, you'll find that commercially led tours in this area are at least double or triple the cost. Find a more detailed tour description and itinerary at dbtc.org under "Out of Town Tours".

Room type requests are on a first-come, first-served basis only. Prices are based on double occupancy, but a single supplement can be arranged. Please guarantee your spot with a **$300 deposit no later than March 15, 2017**. The San Juan Islands hotel requires a non-refundable deposit in March, so we can only proceed with the tour if firm commitments for all 18 spaces are received by this deadline.

Send deposit checks payable to Kathy Stommel, along with the required DBTC Registration/Medical Form and Liability Waiver Form (Items #1 and #2 of the "Out of Town Tours" tab at dbtc. org). Mail check and required forms to: Kathy Stommel, 9631 Autumnwood Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129. Deposits will be returned in full if the tour does not fill by March 15, 2017.

SAVE THE DATE: 2017 DBTC SOCIAL EVENTS

Spring Kickoff
Saturday, April 8 @ 12 p.m.
Platte River Bar & Grill

Ice Cream Social
Saturday, June 17 @ 1 p.m.
Frisco

Summer Picnic
Saturday, July 8 @ 12 p.m.
Prospect Park, Denver

Fall Century Ride & Picnic
Saturday, Oct. 7 @ 10 a.m.
Lyons Park, Golden

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
Saturday, Nov. 11 @ 12 p.m.
Cherry Creek Holiday Inn

FORT COLLINS BIKE & BEER TOUR
May 21 - 23, 2017

Fort Collins, Colorado, is best explored from the saddle of a bike. This three-day tour will offer rides that include great cycling and great beers!

This Bike and Beer tour is offering rides for those who want to cruise at a slower pace around the Fort Collins area, as well as those who want to ride faster and longer while sampling the rolling foothills. You chose! Each option will have a leader.

The tour include two nights at a local hotel, two breakfasts, one lunch, and one dinner, as well as brewery tours. This tour will make any beer lover happy!

Cyndy Klepinger and Helen Berkman are your tour leaders, and they both led a similar tour in 2015. (They had so much fun, they're offering it again – with some fun-filled changes!)

Start/Finish
Fort Collins
Need to be in Fort Collins by 3 p.m. on Sunday for a bike ride starting near the hotel. At the end of the ride, we will head to a brewery for a post ride taste of some of the fine beer brewed in Fort Collins. An option for a longer and faster ride will be offered for those who want that extra push.

Monday will feature a choice of rides – both leaving from the hotel. One will be around 50+ miles, mainly on the road, while the other one will be more leisurely while combining bike paths, as well as the road for 30+ miles. We will have a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Tuesday again will offer a choice of two rides, both ending at a site where we can enjoy a picnic lunch as a group before heading home.

Lodging
We'll be staying at a rated AAA-3 Diamonds hotel with an indoor heated pool and spa. Cost: $225/person, based on double occupancy. $100 single supplement available.

Registration
To register, please mail a $100 deposit check, payable to Cyndy Klepinger, along with DBTC liability waiver and registration/medical form (http://www.dbtc.org/page-1568909) to: Cyndy Klepinger, 5401 East Dakota Ave #9, Denver, CO 80246. Final payments will be due no later than **April 30, 2017**. Registration funds are non-refundable, but may be transferrable. Direct questions to Cyndy at matilda8@msn.com or 303-394-4962 or Helen Berkman, at hberkman@comcast.net or 720-355-5687.

BICYCLE ROUTE MAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DBTC will be revising and reprinting its Greater Denver Area Bicycling Route Map this summer. Board Member Clark Wilson is spearheading the effort to improve the accuracy and usefulness of this map, and he is seeking volunteers to help. Some ideas for improvement include naming all streets with bike routes, indicating names of trails, adding bike repair station locations and indicating the regional bike routes (e.g. D1-D21).

Map sales help DBTC raise funds for our social events and bicycle advocacy programs.

We will need volunteers from throughout the metro area. If you are interested in map checking, exploring new routes and helping with route improvement, contact Clark at clarkcwilson@gmail.com.

SALIDA ART & RIDE TOUR ENCORE
June 21 - 25, 2017

NOTE: This tour is full, though waitlist applications are being accepted; contact Kathy Stommel at OutOfTownTours@dbtc.org or 719-671-5579.

Join tour leaders Kathy & Joe Stommel for an extended weekend tour to the beautiful mountain town of Salida during their annual Art Walk Festival. This event features tours of the town's numerous galleries, outdoor concerts, an air show, and countless other activities.

The tour includes four nights lodging with daily breakfast, two queen beds, in-room mini-fridge and microwave, and outdoor hot tub.

Four Fabulous Rides:
- Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville
- Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort
- Scenic Poncha Pass
- Loop route of Salida area, featuring fish hatchery tour

Social Activities:
- Happy hours
- Lunch at Mt. Princeton resort and admission to hot springs pools
- Group dinner
- Pre- and post-tour parties

Maximum group size is 20 people, plus two leaders. The price is $375/person, based on a double-occupancy room.

Please contact Kathy to be added to the waitlist for this sold-out tour.

SPOKE JOKES

Q: What is the hardest part about learning to ride a bike?

A: The pavement.

DISCOVER COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO
August 6 - 12, 2017

NOTE: This tour is full, though waitlist applications are being accepted; contact Marilyn Choske at mchoske@juno.com or 303-905-8510.

New tour leader Marilyn Choske invites you to northern Idaho for a new six-night tour. Lodging for the trip includes three days/nights in Kellogg, Idaho, and three days/nights in Coeur d'Alene. Hotel amenities include complimentary hot breakfast; in-room bike storage, mini fridge, microwave, coffeemaker, and free WiFi; free parking; pool/spa; and easy access to bike paths.

Routes are mainly on dedicated recreational trails including Trail of the Coeur d'Alene, Route of the Hiawatha and Northern Idaho Centennial Trail.

Social Activities:
- Happy hours
- Picnic lunch on Hiawatha Route
- Evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene

Maximum group size is 14, plus tour leader. Price is $725/person, based on double occupancy.

Please contact Marilyn to be added to this sold-out tour's waitlist.

Find DBTC on Social Media!

Did you know that DBTC is on social media? Check us out for relevant cycling news, last-minute rides and social activitives, and another opportunity to connect with fellow members.

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com.denverbicycletouringclub

MEETUP: www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/

YAHOO GROUPS: https://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoBicyclist/

MTN. BIKE GROUP: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COmtnbikers

CLASSIFIEDS

Tricycle for Sale

Catrike Expedition trike for sale. Well maintained - owner's maintenance record is available. Includes panniers, RAM handlebar mount, Cateye odometer, and new front fenders.

Wheels: Front: 406 x 40 mmx40, rear 559mm. Front Tires: 20 x 1.5 (40-406). Rear Tire: 26 x 1.5 (40x559).

Previous owner (a DBTC member) was 6'3".

Bought new in 2013 for $2600. Asking $1000. Text or call Leta at 484-354-7573 for more information.

SELL YOUR GEAR HERE

Getting ready for some spring cleaning? Have a bike or gear that is just collecting dust? Submit a classified ad to the DBTC newsletter, and sell your bicycle-related itmes to another member!

Email communications@dbtc.org with the details of the time and photos (if possible) by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

COME RIDE WITH US!

When you are planning something and would like to invite others to join you, use this section! We will not advertise for tours unless YOU, a member, are going. Please limit the post length and include a link to the tour details or your home email so people can contact you.

Spain & France Pyrenees Tour

May 13 - 20, 2017

DBTC member Polly Dunlap is joining an eight-day tour of the Pyrenees in May with Easy Rider Tours, and the group is seeking a few more riders.

Straddling the Pyrenees on the border of Spain and France, the region of Catalonia boasts an incredible range of landscapes. This is the land that inspired Picasso, Matisse, Chagall, and Dalí, not to mention the cycling superstars who train in Girona. The group will bike it all, from mountain massifs to the gentle Empordá plains, from Roussillon vineyards to the Mediterranean Costa Brava.

Trip details: http://www.easyridertours.com/spain/pyrenees-catalonia-bike-tour.html. For more information, contact Polly at 970-846-4217.

Hop on your bike saddle and join other DBTC members on these rides. Contact Cyndy Klepinger at matilda8@msn.com if you're interested in these two rides:

7th Annual Front Runner Century

May 6, 2017

This 100 km (62 miles) bicycle century ride from Salt Lake City to Ogden has only 725 feet of total climbing. Fully supported charity bicycle ride with aid stations approximately every 15 miles and a finish line catered meal, which is purchased separately. Starting in downtown Salt Lake City and ending at Ogden's historic railroad depot, the Front Runner® Century offers a metric century ride. At the end of the bicycle ride, enjoy a unique return to Salt Lake City via UTA's Front Runner train. For information, go to www.frontrunnercentury.com.

17th Annual Buena Vista Bike Fest

June 3, 2017

The beautiful century route goes north to Leadville, along the scenic rolling hills of Turquoise Lake Road, around the Mineral Belt Trail passing aspen groves and conifer forests, meandering through the historic Leadville Mining District, and back to Buena Vista in the shadows of Colorado's highest mountain peaks. Nearly all of the climbing is completed over the first 60 miles of the ride, with the last 40 miles essentially downhill to flat! Riders also have options to take shorter routes, including a 35-miler, a 50-miler, and a metric century (62 miles), while still enjoying the Collegiate Peaks magnificent scenery. For information, go to www.bvbf.org.

Be advised these "Come Ride With Us" events are not sponsored or led by DBTC and, therefore, participants will not covered by the club's insurance.

2017 ADVANCE PLANNING CALENDAR

March 11-14
Moab Skinny Tire Festival
www.skinnytirefestival.com
Moab, UT

March 18-20
Four Seasons of Horsetooth Mountain Bike Challenge
www.4soh.org
Fort Collins, CO

April 27-30
Fruita Fat Tire Festival
www.fruitafattirefestival.com
Fruita, CO

May 6
AntiEpic 160 Gravel Grinder
www.ridinggravel.com/event/antiepic-160/
Monument, CO

May 20
Ride for the Pass
www.independencepass.org/ride/
Aspen, CO

May 21
Santa Fe Century
www.santafecentury.com
Santa Fe, NM

May 26-28
Iron Horse BIcycle Classic
www.ironhorsebicycleclassic.com
Durango, CO

May 27
Mesa Double Century
www.coloradotriplecrown.blogspot.com/2017/01/the-2017-colorado-mesa-double-century.html
Fruita, CO

June, TBD
Pedaling for Parkinsons
www.pedaling4parkinsons.org
Denver, CO

June 3
Buena Vista Bike Fest
www.bvbf.org
Buena Vista, CO

June 4
Elephant Rock Ride & Festival
www.elephantrockride.com
Castle Rock, CO

June 10-17
Ride the Rockies
www.ridetherockies.com
Alamosa to Salida

June 10-12
Death Ride Tour
www.deathridetour.com
Silverton, CO

June 17
Mountain Top Experience
www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com/experience-ride/
Woodland Park, CO

June 17
Denver Century Ride
www.denvercenturyride.com/
Denver, CO

June 17
Starlight Spectacular
www.trailsandopenspaces.org/newsevents/starlight-spectacular
Colorado Springs, CO

June 18-24
Bicycle Tour of Colorado
www.bicycletourcolorado.com
San Luis Valley, CO

June 24-25
Bike MS Colorado 150
http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=28914&pg=informational&sid=13239
Westminster, CO

June 24-July 1
109 Degrees West Bicycle Tour
109west.presencehost.net/home.html
Moab to Cortez, UT

July 8
Tour de Ladies
www.tourdeladies.com
Parker, CO

July 8-9
Triple Bypass
triplebypass.org
Evergreen, CO

July 16-21
Tour de Wyoming
www.tourdewyoming.org
Cheyenne, WY

July 22
Tour de Steamboat
www.tourdesteamboat.com
Steamboat Springs, CO

July 23-29
RAGBRAI
www.ragbrai.com
Orange City, IA

July 29
Denver to Aspen Classic
www.coloradotriplecrown.blogspot.com/2011/12/joe-lookingbill-denver-to-aspen-classic.html
Denver, CO

July 29
Breck 100 Challenge
www.warriorscycling.com/races/breckenridge-100
Breckenridge, CO

Aug. 5
Copper Triangle
www.coppertriangle.com
Copper Mountain, CO

Aug. 5
Stonewall Century Ride
www.spcycling.org
La Veta, CO

Aug. 12
Vuelta a Dillon Fondo
www.vueltafondo.com
Dillon, CO

Aug. 26
Venus de Miles
www.venusdemiles.com
Longmont, CO

Aug. 27
Golden Gran Fondo
bit.ly/2mcW1Ug
Golden, CO

Sept., TBD
Wacky Bike Ride
www.wackybikeride.com
Highlands Ranch, CO

Sept., TBD
Salida Bike Fest
www.salidabikefest.com
Salida, CO

Sept. 2
Red Rocks Gran Fondo
www.redrocksgranfondo.com
Morrison, CO

Sept. 3
Royal Gorge Century
www.bikesandbrews.org/road.html
Cañon City, CO

Sept. 9
Tour de Cure CO
tour.diabetes.org
Parker, CO

Sept. 9-16
Cycle Oregon
www.cycleoregon.com
Tumalo, OR

Sept. 10
Buffalo Bicycle Classic
www.buffalobicycleclassic.com
Boulder, CO

Sept. 15-17
Pedal the Plains
www.pedaltheplains.com
Eastern Plains, CO

Sept. 16
Tour de Vineyards
www.tourdevineyards.com
Palisade, CO

Sept. 23
Bike & Brews
www.bikesandbrews.org
Cañon City, CO

Sept. 23
Moab Century Tour
http://skinnytireevents.com/page.cfm?pageid=20054
Moab, UT

Sept. 24
Mountains to the Desert
www.m2dbikeride.com
Telluride, CO

Sept. 30
Tour of the Moon
www.tourofthemoon.com
Grand Junction, CO

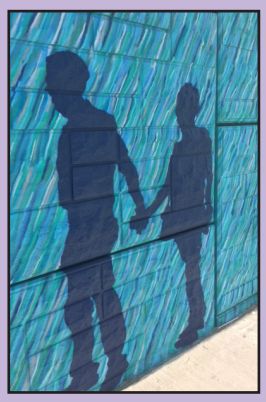
Nov. 18
El Tour de Tucson
www.perimeterbicycling.com/el-tour-de-tucson
Tucson, AZ

Find more events throughout 2017 at www.pedaldancer.com/p/calendar-of-races-events.html.

DBTC MEMBERS CAPTURED IN TIME IN LIGHT RAIL MURAL

Early in 2016, DBTC members Wes and Dianne Chowen saw an RTD newsletter about Denver's G Line light rail to Arvada, in which it sought RTD users to pose for an artist commissioned to do a large mural.

Wes and Dianne decided to attend. There, the artist, Addison Karl, took profile photos of them them to convert into life-size silhouettes at the base of the wall.



They stopped by the Federal Boulevard station the next weekend when the artist was there; he showed Wes and Dianne their placement on the wall, next to the station's elevator.

DBTC riders can check out the silhouettes of Wes and Dianne via bike by using the Clear Creek Trail, east of Federal Boulevard and taking the new bridge to the south.

A Sign of the Times

STOP!

On a recent ride to the Cherry Creek Reservoir, we discovered the park staff installed a secondary stop sign to warn cyclists that they need to stop – just like motor vehicles.

It was a friendly reminder that cyclists need to follow the "rules of the road".

Meetup Reminder

Did you know many of the club's activities, including last-minute rides, are posted on the popular Meetup site? If you're interested in learning what's happening by getting reminders, sign up for Meetup today! We have more than 650 members – and it grows every day. Remember, it is still better to plan ahead and get your ride into the monthly schedule. The coordinators are listed on page 2 of the newsletter.

Remember, even if you are a Meetup member, you also need to be a member of DBTC in order to participate in club activities! **Posts cannot compete with a ride scheduled in the newsletter.** To receive credit for posted rides, you must be a DBTC member and submit a completed Waiver Form (available on the website) with at least three attendees to RideCoordinator@DBTC.org.

Welcome to new DBTC members!

ROBERT BARDAY

LISA BESSEN

MARTI COLPITTS

JANET JONES

JEAN MACDONALD

DIANE MEYER

ANTHONY MERCER

TWILA MICHAELS

NORMA ROATH

BARBARA RUDDY

PAUL WAXON

MICHAEL WINTER

Spring Forward this March!

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time starts again this month. On Sunday, March 12, set those clocks forward one hour, so you don't miss out on any rides!

DBTC Winter Season 2017 Rides

Winter is almost done, and the coordinators will be contacting you soon to get the April schedule together.

If you'd like to include a ride 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.

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance		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.

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.

DBTC's Emailing Lists

Get late-breaking news, last-minute ride updates, and short notice of weekday rides, all emailed 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 Email List
To join, send an email 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/ 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 also on Facebook, if you want to share pictures or bike-related news. FInd us at www.facebook.com/denverbicycletouringclub.

The DBTC website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only email messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly newsletter, *The Colorado Bicyclist*, is sent to you from the DBTC website via email only if you have so requested.

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

"How do I get to the start of that ride?"

Not certain where to meet your DBTC friends to ride? Ride start locations are available on our website: http://dbtc.org/page-1533322

MARCH RIDE & EVENT SCHEDULE

Winter Riding Guidelines

Weather: No snow or rain and above 40 degress
Clothing: Wear layers and bright colors over dark jackets
Other: Bring water, repair items, and a snack

Wednesday "Roses" Group

These hardy riders continue all winter. Wednesday's "Roses" rides are 15-20 miles, SW, at 11 a.m. "Roses" will meet when the temperature is 50 degrees or above, the weather is sunny and calm, and trails are clear for "Show-n-Go" rides from Reynolds Landing (one mile north of Carson Nature Center, at the signal, turn west onto Brewery Lane, and go all the way past the Brewery to the end). Riders attending will determine route. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant after the ride. Leaders use the DBTC Message Board to let you know if there is a ride each week. In case the Wednesday weather forecast is bad for riding and another day is better, a notice will be sent on the Yahoo Group list with information about the change of day for the ride.

JOIN DBTC MEMBERS FOR WEEKDAY SKIING!

BY LIN HARK

Love to ski or would love to learn? Hate the crowds, the long lift lines, the I-70 traffic, and the inflated ticket prices? Loveland is the place for you! This great classic ski area is the closest to Denver at 57 miles from downtown. DBTC has an active group of skiers who go to Loveland almost every week during the ski season. Get on the CO Bicyclist email list to get weekly reminders of upcoming ski days. Lin Hark and Sue Frakes hope to ski Loveland almost every Tuesday during March 2017. Watch for more information about these trips on the Meetup group and the CO Bicyclist Yahoo Group email list. If conditions aren't good on these dates, watch for updates on those platforms, as well.

Meet Lin Hark and Sue Frakes at 8:00 a.m. inside the El Rancho McDonald's to car pool to Loveland Ski Area. (I-70 exit #252, cross over the highway, turn left at the light, and left into the Walmart parking lot. Park at the west end of the Walmart lot just outside the McDonald's lot). Please RSVP to Lin (303-578-9369) or Sue (303 910-8206 before 9 p.m. or after 5:30 a.m.) if you will be coming and where you will meet the group. We will plan to break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the upper level just three steps above the main cafeteria if you would like to meet us there.

- **Thursday, March 9:** Loveland Ski Hooky Day (Watch for information on how to get your $25 coupon!)
- **Tuesday, March 14:** Ski Loveland
- **Tuesday, March 21:** Ski Loveland
- **Tuesday, March 28:** Ski Loveland

Please NOTE: Weekday skiing with your DBTC friends is offered as a gathering of friends and is NOT a sanctioned activity of Denver Bicycle Touring Club. Participating in skiing with DBTC friends means you will accept full responsibility for your own safety.

MARCH RIDE SCHEDULE
And Show-n-Go Rides

Unless there is a leader named, winter rides will be Show-n-Go. The riders who show up on these days will decide among themselves the route, the mileage, the pace and the after-ride restaurant. The starting locations will be places where many rides have begun in the past and thus several riders will have an idea of possible routes to be taken. You can go to www.dbtc.org and hit the "start locations" button for more detailed directions to most of the starting points or possibly maps of rides from that location.

Links to ride start locations are on the website: http://dbtc.org/page-1533322

Note the earlier start time for most rides, due to Daylight Savings TIme.

Wednesday, March 1:

10:00 a.m. Central – City of Cuenavaca Park
11:00 a.m. "Roses" – *See above.*

Saturday, March 4:

10:00 a.m. SE – Corner of Orchard and Parker Rd.

Sunday, March 5:

10:00 a.m. NW – Crown Hill Park, just east of 26th & Kipling

10:00 a.m. INT-H2-25 +-NE – Each Sunday that the temp is above 50, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. These rides will be Show-n-Go. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 8:

10:00 a.m. SE – Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union
11:00 a.m. "Roses" – *See above.*

Saturday, March 11:

10:00 a.m. SE – South High School, East Louisiana & South Franklin, near Wash Park

Sunday, March 12:

10:00 a.m. Central – City of Cuenavaca Park

10:00 a.m. INT-H2-25 +-NE – Each Sunday that the temp is above 50, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. These rides will be Show-n-Go. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 15:

10:00 a.m. SE – Corner of Orchard and Parker Rd.
11:00 a.m. "Roses" – *See above.*

Saturday, March 20:

10:00 a.m. NW – Crown Hill Park, just east of 26th & Kipling

Sunday, March 21:

10:00 a.m. SE – Goodson Recreation, near S. University Blvd & Arapahoe Rd.

10:00 a.m. INT-H2-25 +-NE – Each Sunday that the temp is above 50, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. These rides will be Show-n-Go. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 22:

10:00 a.m. SW – Behind the tennis bubble at Federal and Bowles
11:00 a.m. "Roses" – *See above.*

Saturday, March 25:

10:00 a.m. SE – Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E Union

Sunday, March 26:

10:00 a.m. NW – Olde Town Park-N-Ride, just north of 55th Avenue & Wadsworth

10:00 a.m. INT-H2-25 +-NE – Each Sunday that the temp is above 50, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. These rides will be Show-n-Go. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 29:

10:00 a.m. NW – Crown Hill parking lot, near 26th and Garrison
11:00 a.m. "Roses" – *See above.*

Our regular season rides start in April! Contact your ride coordinator to get your rides on the schedule.

Ride Leaders:

Remember, if you have a guest/non-member on any of your rides, we need to know so we can invite them to join us on future rides as a NEW (or renewing) MEMBER! Please photocopy your Sign-in Sheet and email a scan of it to Lin Hark at mtnlin08@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping us grow our Club!