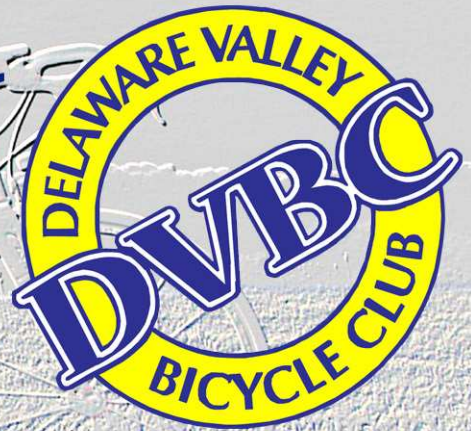


# Delaware Valley Bicycle Club



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## Bonkers Metric Tour 2009

Compiled by Dom Zuppo  
from various reports

While rain, cool temperatures, and the wind may have dampened the turnout for this year's Bonkers Metric, we still put together a wonderful tour. The few brave souls who rode on Sunday (50 in attendance at the final count) were uniformly pleased with themselves and with the ride's scenic routes, helpful

volunteers, good food, and the most visible SAG vehicles of any organized tour in our area.

The club received a lot of positive feedback from our guests which directly reflects on the effort our volunteers put into this event - none of this would have been possible without your help! Here's an example of some feedback from a group of riders from Southern New Jersey:

"Once again it was a pleasure riding the

Bonker's Tour. The course is fantastic; we took advantage of the Challenge loop back and ended up just over 65 miles. The food stops are the best; baked goods are our favorites; especially the pies, cookies, muffins and pretzels. The course was very well marked; we can always tell when a bike club lays out the markings on the course. It was nice having the arrows prior to, at, and confirmation after the turns. We left right after 8 and never really got rained on or had much water coming off the tires. The course is protected enough that we never really noticed the winds. It was a shame your club got such a low turnout; have not had much luck with the weather on the weekends this spring. Once again thanks for such a great day; everything on your club's end was perfect, we will hope for nicer weather for the Brandywine. Please let your club know that they put on a great event!"

We sincerely appreciate our volunteers' commitment to the DVBC. No matter what Mother Nature throws at us, we can rely on everyone to put in a 100% effort, from the time the first rider left Ridley Creek State Park to the last one that passed by the Cheyney University food stop

Once again, thank you guests and volunteers for supporting our spring tour.



Photo by Edward Sobelewski

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Annual Club Picnic**  
**Saturday August 22**

**Brandywine Tour**  
**Sunday September 6**

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Membership in DVBC is encouraged, but non-members are welcome at all our rides and events. Except for the Bonkers Metric, Brandywine Tour, Club Banquet and Bonkers Picnic, all club events are free. Board meetings, held the first Monday of the month, are open to all.

DVBC welcomes articles, photographs, and ride reports for the newsletter. Please submit materials to the Editor before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please note that the views expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the DVBC, nor do we endorse products or services advertised.

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## Ride Guidelines

1. Arrive early and **be ready to leave on time.**
2. Make sure your bike is in proper working order **before** you arrive. Ride leaders are not expected to be bike mechanics.
3. **A helmet is mandatory for all DVBC rides.**
4. Carry a spare tube, patch kit, and water bottle.
5. All Club rides are rated according to the degree of difficulty. Do not "bike off" more than you can do. Go on rides within your ability, interest and experience. If you're in doubt about your ability, try out a ride one class below the one you're unsure of and work your way up.
6. Practice safety and obey all traffic laws.
7. Each rider assumes his/her own risk on all rides.
8. Those who ride ahead of the group are on their own ride.
9. Always notify the ride leader before leaving the group.
10. Ride leaders should adhere to the advertised speed of the ride.

### RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

**Class D:** For new, inexperienced riders or families: 7-9 mph average moving speed with frequent stops and as few hills as possible. The group will wait for all riders. The ride lengths are usually less than 10 miles, but longer distances are permissible.

**Class C-:** For average riders: 10-11 mph average moving speed with rest stops as needed. The group will wait for stragglers. The recommended distance is 10-30 miles.

**Class C+:** Also for average riders: 12-13 mph average moving speed with rest stops every 45-60 minutes. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.

**Class B-:** For more experienced riders: 14-15 mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.

**Class B+:** For strong riders: 16-18 mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.

**Class A:** For very strong riders: 18+ mph average moving speed with rest stops at the discretion of the ride leader. No obligation to wait for stragglers if cue sheets or maps are provided.

### CANCELLATIONS

In the case of questionable weather or road conditions, events may be canceled. Call the ride leader if in doubt.

# DVBC Rides for June 2009

If the weather is iffy, it's important to  
**CONTACT THE RIDE LEADER**  
**IN ADVANCE**

to make sure the ride is still on.

You can also check the club listserv (find it at [www.dvbc.org](http://www.dvbc.org)) for up-to-the-minute ride information, as well as for unscheduled "ad-hoc" rides posted from time to time.

RIGHT: Illustration from an 1890 article, "Cycling in America." See ride on June 21, and look for article excerpts in future newsletters.



## RECURRING RIDES

<p><b>Wednesdays 9:30 am</b>                  Miles:35-50 Class:B-  <b>Doc's Ride</b></p>	<p>Various routes from Swarthmore. Ride leaves from the 320 Market Café parking lot. Probably a lunch stop. Inclement weather cancels ride.                  Contact Larry Green at 610-544-5799 Email: <a href="mailto:largreen@earthlink.net">largreen@earthlink.net</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesdays 6:00 pm</b>                  Miles:20 +/- Class:C+/B-  <b>Wed Nite Road Crew</b></p>	<p>This ride is meant to be fun and challenging with some breakaways. Expect hills. Average speeds will be about 13.5 mph in the spring and will be around 15.0 mph at season's end. The route will change weekly and cue sheets will not be provided. Any riders going off the front are on their own. Start time is promptly at 6:00 pm to take advantage of daylight. As days get longer so will the ride. Rain cancels ride. Meet at Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252, Media PA.                  Contact Debbie Chaga at 610-494-3033 Email: <a href="mailto:dreamerdeb@gmail.com">dreamerdeb@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesdays 6:00 pm</b>                  Miles:15 +/- Class:C  <b>Rose Tree Park-n-Ride</b></p>	<p>Meet at Rose Tree Park, Rte. 252 near Media, for an easy ride through Ridley Creek State Park and/or the surrounding area. We'll stick to the advertised pace, and the group will stop and wait for stragglers. Inclement weather cancels the ride.                  Contact Dom Zuppo at 484-483-7456 Email: <a href="mailto:domzdvbc@att.net">domzdvbc@att.net</a></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, Jun 2 6:00 pm</b>                  Miles:20 +/- Class:C  <b>320 Produce</b></p>	<p>We will ride through Swarthmore, Wallingford, and Ridley Township, where the terrain varies from flat to hilly. Average speed, 11 to 13 miles an hour, and we'll wait for stragglers. Rain cancels. Meet at 320 Produce, Swarthmore Wood Shopping Center, South Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA.                  Contact Betsy Ffrench at 610-324-8207 or <a href="mailto:EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com">EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday, Jun 6 8:30 am</b>                  Miles:45 Class:B-/C+  <b>Annamarie's Place Ride</b></p>	<p>Ride in upper Montgomery County to our favorite breakfast spot in Royersford, Annamarie's Place. Leaves from Lansdale, bring money for food. Contact ride leader for directions. Contact Doug Bower at 610-952-0562 or <a href="mailto:doug_bower@verizon.net">doug_bower@verizon.net</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday, Jun 6 9:30 am</b>                  Miles:25 Class:C  <b>Westtown Loop</b></p>	<p>Meet at Rose Tree Park in Media for a fun C paced ride out to Westtown and back. Bring a snack for the rest stop at Westtown School. Expect some hills. We will maintain a comfortable C pace and regroup as needed.                  Contact Mary Huis at 610-627-0766 or <a href="mailto:mhuis@comcast.net">mhuis@comcast.net</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday, Jun 7 6:55 am</b>                  Miles:55 Class:B  <b>R5 Show and Go</b></p>	<p>I may or may not be here for this ride, but the regulars know the route. Starts and ends at the R5 Wayne Train Station.                  Contact Brian Wade at 610-254-9485 or <a href="mailto:bwadedvbc@aol.com">bwadedvbc@aol.com</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday, Jun 7 8:00 am</b>                  Miles:TBD Class:ALL  <b>Philly Pro Race</b></p>	<p>Join us for a ride to the Philadelphia International Championship. Starting from the Betzwood Parking Lot in Valley Forge, we'll ride along the river trail to the city and view the race from the legendary Manayunk Wall, the Art Museum area, and Lemon Hill. Afterwards we'll take the trail home. Bring \$ for food and trinkets.                  Contact Doug Bower at 610-952-0562 or <a href="mailto:doug_bower@verizon.net">doug_bower@verizon.net</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday, Jun 7 8:30 am</b>                  Miles:40 +/- Class:ALL  <b>Kountry Kitchen</b></p>	<p>Come out and learn some new roads to one of the DVBC's favorite South Jersey breakfast places, the Kountry Kitchen in Elmer. The ride leader will stay with the C group with an average speed of 11 to 13 miles a hour. Rain Cancels. Meet at Kingsway High School, Routes 322 and 551, Swedesboro, NJ. Clue sheets will be available.                  Contact Betsy Ffrench at 610-324-8207 or <a href="mailto:EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com">EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com</a></p>

<b>Tuesday, Jun 9 6:00 pm</b> Miles:20 +/- Class:C <b>320 Produce</b>	We will ride through Swarthmore, Wallingford, and Ridley Township, where the terrain varies from flat to hilly. Average speed, 11 to 13 miles an hour, and we'll wait for stragglers. Rain cancels. Meet at 320 Produce, Swarthmore Wood Shopping Center, South Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA. Contact Betsy Ffrench at 610-324-8207 or <a href="mailto:EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com">EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 13 8:00 am</b> Miles:55 +/- Class:C++ <b>Dreamer's Way 2 Northbrook</b>	Whichever way we take will be a dreamy journey so come on out. Will we take the quick easy way or the long way out? Be ready to climb some hills and enjoy a nice food stop at Northbrook. Ride starts at Planet Fitness, Rt 452/Pennell and Marionville Rds, Aston PA. Contact Debbie Chaga at 610-494-3033 or <a href="mailto:dreamerdeb@gmail.com">dreamerdeb@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 13 8:00 am</b> Miles:100 Class:B <b>Hoagie Century</b>	Meet at Kingsway H.S., Rtes. 551 & 322 for a Bob Leon-type ride to Mayonnaise Landing, NJ. If you're late you're dropped. Contact Bob LaDrew at 610-383-9327 or <a href="mailto:bonkersboy@verizon.net">bonkersboy@verizon.net</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 13 8:30 am</b> Miles:45 Class:B-/C+ <b>Annamarie's Place Ride</b>	Ride in upper Montgomery County to our favorite breakfast spot in Royersford, Annamarie's Place. Leaves from Lansdale, bring money for food. Contact ride leader for directions. Contact Doug Bower at 610-952-0562 or <a href="mailto:doug_bower@verizon.net">doug_bower@verizon.net</a>
<b>Sunday, Jun 14 6:55 am</b> Miles:62 Class:B <b>R5 Show and Go</b>	I may or may not be here for this ride, but the regulars know the route. Starts and ends at the R5 Wayne Train Station. Contact Brian Wade at 610-254-9485 or <a href="mailto:bwadedvbc@aol.com">bwadedvbc@aol.com</a>
<b>Tuesday, Jun 16 6:00 pm</b> Miles:26 +/- Class:C+ <b>Airport Loop</b>	Join me for a loop ride around the airport. Due to the distance and the threat of darkness, the average speed will be a minimum of 13 miles per hour. Rain cancels. Meet at 320 Produce, Swarthmore Wood Shopping Center, South Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA. Contact Betsy Ffrench at 610-324-8207 or <a href="mailto:EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com">EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 20 7:30 am</b> Miles:100+ Class:B <b>Salem Oak Long Ride</b>	Leave Kingsway H.S. promptly pedaling south to join Bob LaDrew's Salem Acorns to build a flatlander century. Contact Drew Knox at 267-421-2657 or <a href="mailto:agknox@gmail.com">agknox@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 20 9:00 am</b> Miles:10-15 Class:All <b>Woodlawn/Brandywine MTB</b>	Meet at Woodlawn Preserve lot (Creek Rd just off Smithbridge at the covered bridge) for a few hours of off-road fun. Bring money for a snack, we found a restaurant on a side trail. Rain in previous 48 hours will cancel ride. Contact Dan Dillon at 610-494-4949 or <a href="mailto:Grey48Wolf@verizon.net">Grey48Wolf@verizon.net</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 20 9:00 am</b> Miles:62 Class:B <b>Salem Oak Metric</b>	Meet at Salem Oak Diner, Rte. 49, Salem NJ. Park across the street. Come early & eat breakfast. Contact Bob LaDrew at 610-383-9327 or <a href="mailto:bonkersboy@verizon.net">bonkersboy@verizon.net</a>
<b>Sunday, Jun 21 6:55 am</b> Miles:62 Class:B <b>I'm Back</b>	Head west on this mostly flat to rolling ride but a hill or two. Starts and ends at the R5 Wayne Train Station. Contact Brian Wade at 610-254-9485 or <a href="mailto:bwadedvbc@aol.com">bwadedvbc@aol.com</a>
<b>Sunday, Jun 21 8:00 am</b> Miles:35 +/- Class:C+ <b>Our High-Wheeled Heritage</b>	Start and end at Drexel Hill Cyclery. Join Joel and Doug and we'll head to the Art Museum but divert in Manayunk up toward Roxborough to see the extensive Hetzel collection of early (<1900) high-wheeled and racing bikes, and other vintage cycling memorabilia. Break/refreshments there or other, then back to the start. Contact Doug Mead at 610-715-9130 or <a href="mailto:dmeadiii@verizon.net">dmeadiii@verizon.net</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 27 9:00 am</b> Miles:62 +/- Class:C+ <b>Kennett Square Metric</b>	Meet at Rose Tree Park in Media for a fun C+ paced ride out to Kennett Square. Bring \$ for a food stop at the Country Butcher. Expect hills, a comfortable pace of 12 to 14 average mph (faster on flats and slower on hills), beautiful scenery and (hopefully) wildlife sightings. Contact Mary Huis at 610-627-0766 or <a href="mailto:mhuis@comcast.net">mhuis@comcast.net</a>
<b>Saturday, Jun 27 9:30 am</b> Miles:30 Class:C <b>Highland Orchards</b>	Meet at Chadd's Ford Elementary School. We'll make one stop at Highland Orchards, so bring money for food and produce. Contact Steve Bertolini at 302-529-1122 or <a href="mailto:spbert465@hotmail.com">spbert465@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Sunday, Jun 28 6:55 am</b> Miles:60 Class:B <b>Coventry Ride</b>	Slight climb all the way to the one quick stop and a few hills on the way home. Starts and ends at the R5 Wayne Train Station. Contact Brian Wade at 610-254-9485 or <a href="mailto:bwadedvbc@aol.com">bwadedvbc@aol.com</a>

<b>Sunday, Jun 28 8:30 am</b> Miles:15 - 20 Class:C <b>Tour of Darby Creek 4 in Radnor</b>	Meet at the North Western end of the Radnor Trail, one block west of Route 30 at the trailhead on Sugartown Road. We will explore the tributaries of Darby Creek, Ithan Creek, Little Darby Creek, some of the parks in Radnor, as well as the Trail. There are some hills, and we will make a couple of rest stops in order to take in the scenery. Contact David Bennett at 610-626-1344 or <a href="mailto:dster21@comcast.net">dster21@comcast.net</a>
<b>Sunday, Jun 28 8:30 am</b> Miles:35-50 Class:C <b>Kountry Kitchen Loop</b>	Meet at Kingsway High School (Rts. 322 & 551) for a true C pace to breakfast at the Kountry Kitchen in Elmer. We can do the 35 or 50 mile loop, or split up into 2 groups after eating. Bring \$\$ for breakfast. Contact Dan Dillon at 610-494-4949 or <a href="mailto:Grey48Wolf@verizon.net">Grey48Wolf@verizon.net</a>
<b>Tuesday, Jun 30 6:00 pm</b> Miles:20 +/- Class:C <b>320 Produce</b>	We will ride through Swarthmore, Wallingford, and Ridley Township, where the terrain varies from flat to hilly. Average speed, 11 to 13 miles an hour, and we'll wait for stragglers. Rain cancels. Meet at 320 Produce, Swarthmore Wood Shopping Center, South Chester Road, Swarthmore, PA. Contact Betsy Ffrench at 610-324-8207 or <a href="mailto:EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com">EFfrench@wilmingtonTrust.com</a>

## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

**Sat. June 6,** Get Ready Metric, Fort Mott, Pennsville, NJ. 31 or 62 mi. South Jersey Wheelmen. [www.sjwheelmen.org](http://www.sjwheelmen.org)

**Sun. June 7,** Philadelphia International Championship (men's race) and Liberty Classic (women's race), Philadelphia, PA. Volunteer and spectator event. [www.procyclingtour.com](http://www.procyclingtour.com)

**Sun. June 14,** 7th Annual Bike for Sight. Distances range from 2-mile family ride to 62 mile metric century. All rides begin and end in Media, Pa. Benefits Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. <http://bike4sight.cbvi.net>

**Sun. June 14,** French Creek Iron Tour, Kimberton, PA. Ride 10, 20, 35, 50, 66, 75, or 100 miles on lightly traveled roads through beautiful countryside. Benefits the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. 610-469-0150 or [www.ironontour.org](http://www.ironontour.org)

**Sat. June 20,** ALS Express, one-way rides to Wildwood, NJ, from four NJ start locations. Ride 10, 25, 50, or 75

miles. Each rider receives two complimentary passes to Morey's Piers Amusement and Water Parks. Return transportation is available (fee). [www.als-express.org](http://www.als-express.org)

**Sat. June 20,** Delaware Leap Frog Bicycle Tour, Felton, DE. 32 or 64 mi on flat terrain. Ride from pond-to-pond in Central and Southern Delaware. [www.ddsr.org](http://www.ddsr.org)

**Sat. June 20,** Double Creek Tour, Dover, PA. 30, 48, or 63 mi through the scenic and lightly-traveled roads of York and Adams counties, along the Conewago and Bermudian creeks for which the ride was named. Benefits the Healthy Community Pharmacy, providing medications to uninsured and underinsured families. [www.doublecreek.org](http://www.doublecreek.org)

**Sat. June 20,** Flatlands Tour, Chesapeake City, MD. 35, Very scenic, 54, 63, 77, or 101 mi on flat terrain. This is a no-frills event - no

SAG or supported rest stops. Baltimore Bicycling Club. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

**Sat. June 20,** Roll & Stroll, Souderton, PA. 10 or 20 mi on rolling terrain; or 39 or 64 miles on rolling to hilly terrain. Benefits the Indian Creek Foundation. [www.rollandstroll.com](http://www.rollandstroll.com)

**Sun. June 21,** Bike Freedom Valley, Lloyd Hall, One Boathouse Row, Philadelphia, PA. Flat trail rides of 8, 22, or 44 mi, or rolling-hilly road rides of 35, 50, or 60+ mi. Benefits the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. [www.bicyclecoalition.org](http://www.bicyclecoalition.org)

**Sat. June 27,** Miles for Mission, Lower Makefield, PA. Ride 5, 10, 20, 40, or 60 mi to benefit local charities. [www.yardleychurch.org](http://www.yardleychurch.org)

**Sun. June 28,** Bay to Bay Ride, Betterton, MD. 27, 50, 78, 86, or 104 mi, flat to gently rolling. Chestertown Lions Club. [www.chestertownlions.org](http://www.chestertownlions.org)

### ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!***

Michael D'Antonio (Havertown), Alex Donofrio (Drexel Hill),  
Maria Dziembowski (Swarthmore), Mike Maniker (Bryn Mawr),  
Gerald & Arlene Marron (Broomall), Frank Martin (Broomall),  
Jim McGonigle (Media), Bob Rosati (Brookhaven),  
Amanda Strouse (Philadelphia), Louis Vitali (Havertown)



## Bike Dirt

by F.X. Pedrix



With the new TV station Universal Sports airing the Italian “Giro” two hours a day for three weeks, my lovely wife Babs and I have been neglecting our yard. I always thought that if anybody besides **Paul, Bob** and (**Dreamer** and **Misty’s** best friend) **Phil** called a race I couldn’t enjoy it but these new guys Steve and Gogo seem to know their cycling. **Babs** is less willing to accept change. She says she misses Paul Sherwen’s cute smile.

A DVBC squad of ten riders is entered in Bike Virginia during the week of June 19-24. Comprising the squad are **The Real Professor, Dreamer, Motorola, GiGi, Ride Away, Eye of the Needle, Gas Passer, Buckeye, Alex, and Larry Parker**. While their goal is to put somebody on the podium, I think they’ll be lucky to grab a few stages. GiGi could enhance her palmares by copping a mountain stage and Alex’s strong kick should be good for one or two sprint finishes. But I don’t think Needle Boy and Ride Away are strong enough to support GiGi and Gas Passer in the mountains.

And speaking of DVBC teams, some club members are doing a 5K run on Friday, June 5. Held in Springfield (the home of the legendary Motorola!), the event is called the “Running of the Monk” and offers free beer at the finish line to each contestant. Our club is being represented by Dreamer, **Jittery Jo** (the heavy favorite), **Misty, Smytie, Grey Wolf, Crashrock, Mike Madonna** and maybe **Smilin’ Sophomore**. Grey Wolf says there is also a post-run pool party. Anybody else in?

**Mr. Buckeye** turned 50 last month. He sure doesn’t ride like he’s 50! And speaking of Buckeye, remember a couple of years ago when we told you about the bicycle rack he created so he could carry a bike on the back of his motorcycle? Well last month Buckeye was using it to take GiGi’s bike to the Wednesday night ride. He’d promised he would have the steed there in time for the 6:00 pm start. Only problem was, the Blue Route was backed up for miles. Nothing was moving. It was becoming

clear to Buckeye that, at the present rate, GiGi’s group was going to have to embark without her. Buckeye snuck a peak to his right and observed that not only was the breakdown lane well paved and free of traffic, it had even been recently swept by a street-cleaning vehicle. Unable to resist temptation, Mr. Buckeye pulled his cycle into the right hand lane and sped his way toward the Media exit. For ten miles as he flew by all the stopped vehicles, Buckeye drew hateful stares from frustrated motorists. He was probably thinking to himself, “If they knew what a worthy cause this was for, they wouldn’t resent it.” By bending the rules in this way Buckeye was able to get the bike to GiGi in time. End of story? NOT!

were stopped. What a % @!\$\* &% \*#!% %! \$\* &% \*#@!% %!\$\* &% \*#@!% % @!\$\* &% \*#!% idiot!”

Mr. Buckeye replied, “Yeah, that was me.”

While surfing the web last month I happened onto the World Chess Federation rankings page. That site makes for fascinating enough reading but I got even more excited upon discovering that our own club member **Juror #6** has been assigned a “provisional” chess ranking of 2120. For those of you not aware of it (and I’m sure there are but few), that translates to an international rating of “Expert.” Way to go Juror!

**Lou V.** is a PA state trooper who joined a recent Dreamer ride to Marsh Creek. He says he is thinking about carrying tickets



**Buckeye on his Bike with GiGi's Bike on the Back in the Breakdown lane on the Blue Route**

The next day at work a professional associate was standing near his desk and noticed the screensaver on Buckeye’s computer. It was a photo of a Buckeye’s motorcycle with a bicycle mounted on the back. The co-worker said, “Last night I saw a get-up like that on the Blue Route driving in the breakdown lane passing thousands of people while the rest of us

with him so he can cite motorists who run us riders off the roads.

Sadly, the **Grocer** had three bikes stolen out of a Swarthmore garage last month—two of them pricy. He thinks it might be retribution from the cycling gods for his lack of miles but we know they love this classy guy who supports our tours with generous food donations.

The DVBC's **Legend** has been in Brandywine Hospital battling pneumonia. He is doing better and we look forward to seeing Walt Linton out on the bike with us soon.

Congratulations to Smytie who finished third in his first triathlete race of the year on April 25. Look for Smytie to list a time trial on the ride calendar sometime this summer. My lovely wife Babs says that **Charlie Fitzgerald's** 2002 record of 12:19 for 5.1 flat miles is there for the taking. In fact, she is talking about dusting off her TT bike and tackling the challenge herself.

On one recent Wednesday night ride **Steve Fisher** repeatedly got lost off the back or front, prompting the group to dub him with a new nickname. In a ceremony back at the parking lot (when he finally showed up) Steve was officially knighted **Sir Lost-a-Lot**.

Even when he was riding a 50-lb. bike Alex Moeller was fast but he is flying since he got his carbon fiber Trek. After one recent Wednesday night B ride, group leader Dreamer commented: "Alex is super fast on his new carbon Trek, Mike has been training for triathlons, **Len** is always in good shape and **Ira** rides everywhere. Obviously I was the slowest in the group and I'm not sure if I'm going to be able to keep up on my own ride soon." (We're not worried about that!)

After an April Art Museum ride Grey Wolf reported: "Twelve cyclist's came out for a very nice Art Museum ride. A competitive race developed on MLK Boulevard. The team led by Jittery (Dreamer and the **Dominator**) just edged out the Alex/Misty team. I think Misty forgot to "juice." We had a happy ending at Bruster's Ice Cream. Juror #6 was really missed because we each had to pay for our own."

Following the ice cream stop Dreamer was riding back to her car when she hit a section of freshly milled road and her

computer popped off. It was crushed by a following car, prompting Dreamer to pop off herself, unleashing a stream of invective that would have made a sailor blush.

At that Art Museum ride Grey Wolf was depressed by the absence of **Bike Whisperer**. He asks, "Is it time to send that boy a gold watch?" Wolf thought he had assured that Whisperer would be present by promising to buy him an ice cream cone. "Old people love their ice cream," he explained before adding, "I hope his retirement is not permanent. Hey, **Lance** came back!"

I had multiple reports that somehow, after the Bonkers, the leftover pies from Linvilla Orchards disappeared right around the time that Juror #6 went home.

**Lord D'ster, Rear Admiral of the DVBC Navy**, has been drafted by the BCGP to command the Villanova food stop of the Freedom Valley Tour. D'ster works almost fulltime to promote the cause of cycling advocacy.

And speaking of advocacy, in the wake of the Delaware County Council's recent adoption of the DELCO Bike Plan and their push to create bike routes, Larry Green will be advising the Swarthmore Planning Commission and David Bennett will likewise be advising the Lansdowne Planning Commission toward the same end.

**Doug Mead** (aka **Brewski**) is leading a ride on June 21 that you won't want to miss. It will start in Drexel Hill, head toward the Art Museum, then take a side trip from Manayunk to a house in Roxborough to view a private collection of high-wheeled and early racing bikes and other vintage memorabilia. Doug says that **Movie Man** may even design his ride to join the Mead group and view the exhibit.

Dreamer's new Terry touring bike is slated to be delivered in late June. As she nears her thirtieth year of civil service,

club members are wondering if retirement and a trans-continental bike tour are in her future.



**Mystery Photo of the Month**

This photo was sent to me with the title "Bonkers Improved Corkscrew." Identify it and win a sleek featherweight carbon road bike, courtesy of Grey Wolf Sports.

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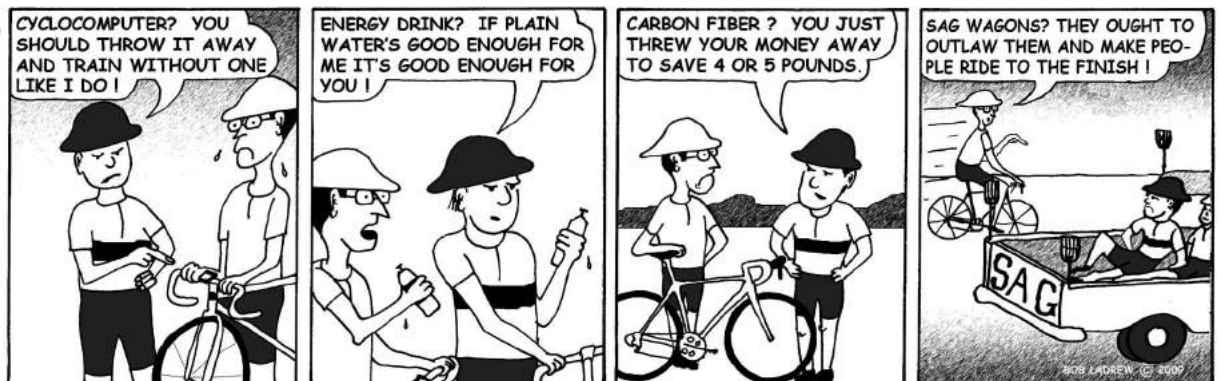
Late bulletin: After the first 15 steps of a recent group training session, **Smilin' Sophomore** suddenly realized she hates running and pulled out of "Running of the Monk."

As usual, send all your bike dirt (as well as all your grease and grime) to [fxpedrix@dvbc.org](mailto:fxpedrix@dvbc.org).

**BONKERS**



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 Your membership also helps influence local government decisions concerning bicycle issues.

**Annual membership: \$15 per household**

Circle one: *New Member* or *Renewing Member*

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I wish to contribute (circle appropriate amount):

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