BCBC Rides



Berks County Bicycle Club: August—September 2025

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First Number: Terrain Rating Terrain rating 1-5 rates the total hilliness of the ride.

1 = FLAT-easiest

2= GENTLY ROLLING HILLS—moderate terrain with easiest of hills (Almost anyone can handle).

3= SOME HILLS–Moderate hills with some steeper grades (Moderately Challenging–but within the ability of most riders).

4= HILLY–The number and difficulty of hills is quite substantial (Very Challenging).

5= EXTREMELY HILLY–Extreme Challenge- steep and long hills most of the ride. Requires a very high fitness level).

Second Number: Total Mileage for ride

Please note the Club policy on protective headgear: ALL riders must wear Snell/ANSI rated helmets. Ride Host/ Hostess will NOT give cue sheets to riders without helmets and that rider will not be considered an official participant of the Club ride.

Please have your bike in proper working order BEFORE the start of ride. Arrive 10-15 minutes before start time so that all rides leave on time. Bring a spare tube or patch kit, and at least one water bottle.

If weather conditions are questionable, the ride host may notify club members by post-

ing a message on <u>Facebook</u> prior to the ride or make a decision at the starting location based on road conditions and the forecast.

SPECIAL RIDE DETAILS

Special rides during the months will be highlighted in color. If you are hosting a special ride, please contact Newsletter Editor Ky Kontostathis or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.

Cue sheets & GPS files at: www.berksbicycle.com/cues.

Cancellations, changes, etc.: For updates, visit the club Facebook page, tinyurl.com/bcbcfacebook

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Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Thu Jul 31	6:00 PM	WI09 Bunker Hill Loop	3	29	Wilson High School Park Lot - Upper	Diane R.
Sat Aug 2	9:00 AM	MCP03 Kutztown - Moselem Loop	3	36	Maiden Creek Comm. Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Randy G.
Sun Aug 3	8:00 AM	BR26 Denver - Ephrata Express Ramble	3	56	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Jane B.
Sun Aug 3	9:00 AM	BR05 Blue Ball - New Hol- land Loop	3	39	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Kent S.
Tue Aug 5	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Aug 5	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL25	2	24	Oley High School Parking Lot	Michele W.
Thu Aug 7	6:00 AM	Thursday Night Ride			Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park Rear of Store	Butch U.
Sat Aug 9	9:00 AM	WY27 Shady Maple Budda Bellly Buster	4	45	Wyo High School off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Sun Aug 10	9:00 AM	FL06 Fleetwood - Velodrome Loop	2	41	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St.	Alan F.
Tue Aug 12	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Aug 12	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL36	2	25	Oley High School Parking Lot	Michele W.
Thu Aug 14	6:00 PM	NT26 Shoemakersville Loop IV	3	24	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	TBD
Sat Aug 16	8:00 AM	CW37 Ramble to Cleona	3	63	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Jane B.
Sat Aug 16	9:00 AM	CW15 Reinholds - Cocalico Loop	3	34	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	TBD
Sun Aug 17	9:00 AM	SV08 Blue Marsh Lake Loop	3	37	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G
Tue Aug 19	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.

BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES (cont'd)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Tue Aug 19	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL50	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Thu Aug 21	6:00 PM	WY26 Smoketown Loop	3	26	Wyomissing High School off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Diane R.
Sat Aug 23	9:00 AM	OL34	3	36	Oley High School Parking Lot	Deb M.
Sun Aug 24	8:00 AM	AD04 Tour of Lancaster County	4	81	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Jane B.
Sun Aug 24	8:00 AM	AD11b Swartzville - Farmersville	2	27	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	TBD
Tue Aug 26	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Aug 26	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL15	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	Linda G.
Thu Aug 28	6:00 PM	WI05 Thursday Night Ride	3	24	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Diane R.
Sat Aug 30	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride Ride thru Jim Thorpe			Details to Follow: Mtrek520@msn.com	Matt F.
Sat Aug 30	9:00 AM	FL35b Topton Coffee Shop Ride	2	27	Fleetwood Middle School Richmont St.	Alan F.
Sun Aug 31	9:00 AM	SL28 Oley Dinner Ride	3	34	Exeter School District office, 2 Blks off Rt 562 in St. Lawrence	Brad S.
Mon Sep 1	9:00 AM	HAPPY LABOR DAY BCBC!!! RVO BCBC	2	33	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Tue Sep 2	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Sep 2	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL58	3	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Sep 4	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride			Gouglersville - UCC Church Vermont Rd, Gouglersville - exit Rt 222 South at Gouglersville, turn left	Butch U.
Sat Sep 6	9:00 AM	CW39 Mt. Gretna Ramble	3	71	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Jane B.
Sat Sep 6	9:00 AM	CW30 Stouchsburg Loop 2	3	25	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	TBD
Sun Sep 7	9:00 AM	DB28 Oley Loop	3	37	Daniel Boone Middle School on Weavertown Rd. in Amityville	TBD
Tue Sep 9	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Sep 9	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL27b	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Sep 11	6:00 PM	AD02 Swartzville- Durlach Ride	3	25	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Diane R.
Sat Sep 13	9:00 AM	NT02 Hess - Clauss - Windsor Castle	4	36	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Sun Sep 14	9:00 AM	MCP08 Kutztown - New Smithsville - Mertztown	3	44	Maiden Creek Comm. Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Randy G.
Tue Sep 16	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Sep 16	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL45	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Sep 18	6:00 PM	CW05 Stouchburg Loop	3	25	Conrad Weiser East ElementaSat ry School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Diane R.
Sat Sep 20	8:00 AM	Matt's Hershey Adventure Ride WI35	3	100	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Matt F.
Sat Sep 20	9:00 AM	WI24 South Mountain Circle	3	34	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.

BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES (cont'd)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sun Sep 21	9:00 AM	cpgk07p	3	31	Chapel Gate Park, Reinholds	Randy G.
Tue Sep 23	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride OL59	2	24	Weis Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue Sep 23	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride 3 Groups; A, B, C OL03	3	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu Sep 23	6:00 PM	FL07 Fleetwood - Topton Loop	2	25	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St.	TBD
Sat Sep 27	8:30 -9:30 AM	Shoo-Fly Classic	Various	R: 20-40-62 G: 26	Oley Fairgrounds, Jefferson St., Oley	Scott F



SEASONED SPOKES



These are group rides of roughly 20 to 40 miles in length. Rides are rated 1, 2 or 3 with 3 being the hilliest and most difficult. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time with a bicycle in good condition, a bicycle helmet, and anything you need to repair a flat tire.

Please see top of page 1 for important information

about riding with BCBC groups.

Links to route maps are on the Seasoned Spokes tab of the BCBC website: www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes.

Cancellations, changes, etc.: For updates, visit the club Facebook page, <u>tinyurl.com/bcbcfacebook</u>.

More information: David Cruzan, 484-225-7048, pjcruzan@comcast.net

Date	Time	Ride Name	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host
		cpgk05p	3	39		
Thu Aug 7	9:00 AM	cpgk05m	3	31	Chapel Gate Park, Parkview Dr, Reinholds	Alan F
		cpgk05s	3	20		
		cmdk06p	3	40	Cacoosing Meadows Park, Reedy Rd,	
Thu Aug 14	9:00 AM	cmdk06m	3	31	Spring Township	David C
		cmdk06s	3	20		
Thu Aug 21	8:15 AM	rmtk03p	3	40	Reamstown Memorial Park/Community Pool, East Church St, Reamstown	Bill W
Th A 24	0.00 454	ertk04m	2	31	Ephrata Township Community Park, E Fulton St,	Bill W
Thu Aug 21	9:00 AM	ertk03s	2	21	Ephrata	
	9:00 AM	fmrk05p	3	42	Farming Ridge Park, Farming Ridge Blvd and Ritters Rd	Rich Z
Thu Aug 28		fmrk05m	3	30		
		fmrk05s	3	20		
		lvtc01p	2	40	_ Lebanon Valley Trail, Cornwall Trailhead,	
Thu Sep 4	10:00 AM	lvtc01m	1	31	Cornwall: lunch possiblity after ride	TBD
Thu Can 44	0.00 484	cpgk06p	3	40	Changel Cata Bank Bank days By Baink alda	TDD
Thu Sep 11	9:00 AM	cpgk06m	3	32	Chapel Gate Park, Parkview Dr, Reinholds	TBD
Thu Sep 11	9:40 AM	rmtk04s	2	21	Reamstown Memorial Park/Community Pool, East Church St, Reamstown	
Th. 6 40	9:00 AM	nrdz06p	3	36	North Reading Plaza, Leesport Ave	
Thu Sep 18		nrdz06m	3	28		TBD
		nrdz06s	3	21	& Allentown Pike, Temple	
Thu Sep 25	9:00 AM	wmdk04p	2	39	Womelsdorf Park, Water St, Womelsdorf	TBD
Thu Sep 25	9:40 AM	cyfr03s	1	20	Country Fare Restaurant, US 422, Myerstown: lunch possibility after ride	TBD

SEASONED SPOKES (cont'd)

Date	Time	Ride Name	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host
		wdlk03p	2	39		
Thu Oct2	9:00 AM	wdlk03m	2	31	Wm Delong Park, Bowers	TBD
		wdlk03s	2	20		
	9:00 AM	hrwr05p	3	40	Heidelberg Run West Recreation Area, Arthur Dr, South Heidelberg Township	
Thu Oct 9		hrwr05m	3	29		TBD
		hrwr05s	3	20		
Thu Oat 16	9:00 AM	olyz08p	2	36	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedensburg Rd, Oley	
Thu Oct 16		olyz08m	2	25		TBD
		olyz08s	2	20		
	9:00 AM	wvms02p	2	37		
Thu Oct 23		wvms02m	2	28	Weaver Markets, Rt 272, Swartzville	TBD
		wvms02s	2	20		
Thu Oct 30	40.00444	stbf02p	2	40	Strausstown Ball Field parking lot,	TDD
	Thu Oct 30	10:00AM	stbf02s	2	20	Talbert Rd, Strausstown

More MATT'S ADVENTURE RIDES 2025

Note: Check <u>www.berksbicycle.com/rides</u> and Facebook, tinyurl.com/bcbcfacebook, for changes.

◆ Aug 30: New ride thru Jim Thorpe

◆ Sept 20: WI35 (3-100) Hershey Adventure Ride

◆ Oct 25: CW08 (4-68) Mt Gretna Lunch Ride **Questions: Mtrek520@msn.com**.



Tuesday morning rides will offer stay-together option

Once again, Wendy is hosting stay-together Tuesday morning rides: through Sept. 30.

The ride will be OL59, departing from the Weis Market parking lot, Friedensburg Road and Route 73, always starting at 9 a.m. Riders may extend the ride on their own. The shorter ride will stay together.

Rain or threat of rain cancels: Check BCBC Facebook page, tinyurl.com/BCBCFacebook.

Questions? Contact Wendy at cyclerad@ptd.net.

2025 BCBC Shoo-Fly Classic Saturday, Sept. 27 www.berksbicycle.com/shoofly.php

And more and more ...

To see additional cycling events, visit scu.clubexpress.com/content.aspx and click on "Regional Calendar."

Thanks to our friends at SCU for their hard work.



New Members ... Welcome to the club!

Joel High, Gerry Russo, Rocco Destafney, Greg Gray, George Vesho, Donald Stafford

Shoo-Fly Classic set for Sept. 27 from Oley

The 2025 Shoo-Fly Classic is set for Saturday, Sept. 27, and we're offering both road and GRAVEL options!

Roadies: Pick from the three traditional mileage options of 20, 40 or 62 miles.

Gravel grinders: Come join us for a new, more approach-able yet challenging 26-mile loop with just under 1,900-feet of climbing!

Cyclists of all ages and abilities will enjoy the scenic roads of

the Oley Valley in beautiful Berks County. Meander through gently rolling farmland, take on punchy climbs, roll over a covered bridge, see multiple historic landmarks of the Oley Valley, and enjoy an assortment of great food and drinks from our local county businesses.

The ride offers stocked rest stops, SAG support, cuesheets and Ride with GPS routes, road markings for the road routes, and lunch.

A commemorative shirt is included for all participants who register on or before September 1!



REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 on or before September 1; \$55 after September 1, with no commemorative shirt; \$60 event-day registration.

BCBC members get a \$5 discount coupon code; contact Scott Franzen for details.

RIDE LOCATION AND START/FINISH: Oley Fairgrounds, 26 Jefferson St, Oley, PA, 19547 (Two blocks from the intersection of Route 662 and Route 73).

CHECK-IN, RIDE START, AND

EVENT-DAY REGISTRATION & PAYMENT: Check-in and ride start will be open from 8 to 9:30 a.m. This is NOT a mass-start event. You may start your ride anytime between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. after you have checked in, signed the waiver (if needed), and received your ride sheet.

For anyone planning event-day registration, please note:

The acceptable forms of payment will be cash or check.

NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Sign up here (registration now open): www.bikereq.com/shoo-fly-classic-bike-ride

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Berks County Bicycle Club Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 14 July 2025, Bella Italia, Oley PA

Wolfskill, Scott Franzen, Ky Kontostathis, Kat Casner and Jane Brown.

Updates: President Alan welcomed everyone and provided an agenda for tonight. This agenda included a discussion of his new BCBC goals, Shoofly update, and picnic and member behavior. Vice President-New Vice President Brian Kovatch was unable to attend. Treasurer-New Treasurer Michele Wolfskill participated in all discussions and provide new ideas! Secretary- Ann Rollman was not in attendance. Membership- Kat reported that she will be sending out a new sign in sheet very soon. Newsletter- New newsletter editor Ky was able to co-write the July update and ride schedule that was mailed to members. Ky was able to do this with Poncho who continues to help with the transition to our new leadership. Media Liaison & Public Relations Kellie was not in attendance, but has discussed ideas for promoting the Shoofly with Scott and they will talk again soon. Mileage Master-not in attendance Webmaster-Scott was doing double duty and attended the Oley Township meeting **Shoofly Coordinator** Scott

Attendees: Alan Fineman, Michele went to the Oley Township meeting and the Shoofly event was approved. Scott is working with Kat and others to contact sponsors and he is meeting with Kellie to coordinate promotion ideas for the Shoofly.

> Discussion: Club Goals Alan led a discussion regarding the following goals for the club. Increase Membership Social media has been successful, Jane said posting pictures from rides has results in many "likes", comments and inquiries regarding rides Alan would like BCBC to pursue Beginner's rides, this may include a series of rides, it was recommended beginner rides (and all rides) have a designate sweep rider. Jane thought we could designate a few rides already on the schedule as "beginner friendly" until the actual "Beginner's ride" is ready. We also discussed Participation in community events as a goal. Improve club communication- Purchase App. Brian and Michele had introduced this idea a few months ago, Alan will contact Brian to pursue this. Schedule Non-cycling social events Explore changes to ride schedule. Alan would like to consider pace designation to ride rating, we

discussed pros and cons of this. Allow trained ride hosts to add rides and provide ride host training. Hosts should be reporting any accident that occurs on a ride. Alan told us there is medical insurance to help with medical costs. Jane recommend we develop a simple form for hosts to complete when accidents occur. The BCBC Bylaws state that Installation of officers elect shall take place at the first executive committee meeting following the election. We did not have critical people in attendance to do this and will need to do this at the next meeting. The President (Alan) shall appoint AD HOC Committees & Coordinators. The committee coordinators also need to be appointed.

> **Next Meeting Executive committee:** 7 p.m., Monday, 11 August 2025 Place TBD

BCBC CLUB OFFICERS 2025-2026

For privacy reasons, the BCBC officer list no longer contains phone numbers. Please contact them via email, and if you know any phone numbers, please do not share these on the Facebook page.

President: Alan Fineman,

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Secretary: Ann Rollman,

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Kellie Grimner

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Racing Division Chair: Gary Rollman, garyroll@ptd.net

Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator:

Scott Franzen, jsfranzen@

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Editor's note: The officer and coordinator list, the executive committee of BCBC, represents the result of the elections and appointments made at the June 23, 2025, general membership meeting.



Gettysburg Fall Cycling Weekend

Fri Oct 24 - Sun Oct 26 2025 (3-day wknd)

Th Oct 23 - Tue Oct 28 2025 (6-day wknd)

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