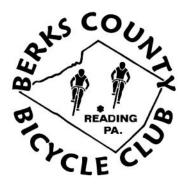
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## Sly Fox-Sly Fox gravel ride ready

Hello, fellow BCBC members and riders.

As of this writing we haven't had rain for 20plus days. Whoa! That is crazy. However, it gives us more time and opportunities to get out and ride, enjoying the nice fall weather.

Weekend rides are in full force as we are wrapping up the Ramble and Adventure rides, opting for shortened distances through the winter. You can only stay or try to

stay warm for so long! Some days that indoor trainer is necessary; you just hope days don't turn into weeks.

On a ride coordinator note: We were able to create a GPS route and cue sheet ers continue to enjoy your riding no for the Sly Fox to Sly Fox Gravel ride. It's in the Misc. ride folder: SX01. Now anyone can ride it whenever they want or when listed as a club ride. There will be one coming up soon, I feel.

The President's Spin by Randy Gonzalez

during her tenure. Thanks again Kat for everything you did! All riders and your families be safe in all your endeavors in the upcoming holiday season. Please all members and ridmatter what your route / bike preference

Along with the holiday

season coming up, it's that

time again for officer nomi-

could always use some different faces and opinions

nations and elections. We

on the board. Please con-

ther a volunteer position is

membership coordinator.

Kat will be stepping away

March 2025. Not sure what

all the position deals with,

but Kat did a fantastic job

sider. One position that isn't up for elections, ra-

Be safe on your rides, and aware of your surroundings.

Until my next Spin, Godspeed...

## Elected, coordinator positions opening up

Members, take note: elections are coming up. BCBC is accepting nominations for the four elected BCBC positions: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Paul DeLong has been nominated for president, and Alan Fineman, current treasurer, for treasurer.

You may self-nominate, but if you nominate somebody else, be sure that person is interested in serving.

The formal vote will be held at the Awards Banquet, to be held sometime during the spring, 2025. More details about deadlines for nominations and for voting will be published after the next club meeting, Nov. 11.

BCBC also needs volunteers to fill or help with open coordinator positions: ride coordinator, membership, newsletter editor, Shoo-Fly Classic coordinator.

Following is a description of the officers and coordinator/volunteer positions, taken from the BCBC Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be four—president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary—and shall be elected in accordance with the stipulations of

(See "Elections," page 3)

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### BCBC CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024

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 & Ride Coordinator**

Randy Gonzalez, <u>day2day-life19@gmail.com</u>

#### **Vice President**

Linda Gross, <u>lindagross222</u> @gmail.com

#### Secretary

Jane Brown, joeorjane@verizon.net

#### **Treasurer**

Alan Fineman, afin6266@ptd.net

#### Membership

Kathleen Casner, <u>katcasner@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>

#### Mileage Master

Gary Rollman, garyroll@ptd.net

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Félix (Poncho) Peña, <u>FelixAlfonso</u> <u>Pena@yahoo.com</u>

#### **Media Liaison & Public Relations**

Félix (Poncho) Peña, <u>FelixAlfonso</u> <u>Pena@yahoo.com</u>

#### Webmaster

Scott Franzen, jsfranzen@comcast.net

#### **Racing Division Chair**

Gary Rollman, <a href="mailto:garyroll@ptd.net">garyroll@ptd.net</a>

#### **Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator**

Scott Franzen, <u>jsfranzen@</u> comcast.net

### Ride hosts: Read this!

- Please send in any ride sheets as soon as possible after hosting the ride.
- Gary needs all information completed: the date, ride number, mileage, and ride host name. Write/print legibly!

### Newsletter changes, ride schedule continues

To reduce expenditures, the BCBC board has opted to discontinue the printed version of *Cycling Times* at the end of 2024. A digital copy will still be distributed via email and available on the Web.

If there is interest, a printed ride schedule will be mailed to bike shops and members lacking digital access. Also, the newsletter will switch to quarterly publications as of December 2024.

As for the ride schedule, a twomonth schedule will continue to be sent out every month, via email.

If you have any comments about the changes, please send these to FelixAlfonsoPena@vahoo.com.

### Share an experience here, or sell bike stuff!

This newsletter serves the BCBC community. It is a place to inform others, to let them know about successes, problems, events, to praise those whom you feel deserve it, etc.—all cycling-related, of course.

It could be a significant cycling experience on a weekend tour, or a cycling vacation, or just on a regular ride, that you want to share.

We also publish, at no charge,

items about cycling goods for sale by members.

Please let the editor know about any of this by sending an email to the editor, Poncho: FelixAlfonsoPena
@yahoo.com.

We also welcome cycling-related photos you took and want to share; just be sure they are high-resolution.

Reader input is welcome and keeps the publication relevant.

### BCBC BIKE SHOP DISCOUNTS

The following bike shops offer BCBC members discounts on merchandise. Members are required to show their current membership ID card in order to qualify for bike shop discounts.

The shops will give 10% off regularly priced accessories and 5% off regularly priced bikes (unless stated otherwise).

#### **BICYCLE BARN**

839 Reading Blvd. (Rt.625), East Earl, 717-445-8508 bicyclebarnllc.com

#### **GO GRAVA BICYCLE**

840 N Park Road Wyomissing, 610-898-4855 gograva.com

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#### SPOKES BIKE SHOP

1073 Pottsville Pike [Route 61] Suite 8, Shoemakersville, 610-562-8900,

www.spokesbikeshop.com

## WOLVERTON'S CYCLING & FITNESS

2904 Kutztown Rd., Hyde Park, 610-929-8205 www.wolvertonsbikes.com



New Members
Carl & Josh Weaver
Welcome to the club!

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## **FYI: List of officers and volunteer positions**

**Officers (elected):** You may nominate a member for any position, in which case be sure that the person is interested in filling it. You may also nominate yourself. If there is more than one candidate for a position, the membership will vote on this at the general meeting held during the Spring Awards Banquet (exact date yet to be determined).

Position	Current	Nominee for 2025-2027
President	Randy Gonzalez	Paul DeLong
Vice President	Linda Gross	
Treasurer	Alan Fineman	Alan Fineman
Secretary	Jane Brown	

#### Coordinators/volunteers:

Position	Current	Open/Filled for 2025-2027
Ride Coordinator	Randy Gonzalez	Open
Membership Coordinator	Kathleen Casner	Open
Mileage Master	Gary Rollman	Gary Rollman
Racing Division Chair	Gary Rollman	Gary Rollman
Newsletter Editor	Félix (Poncho) Peña	Open
Webmaster	Scott Franzen	Scott Franzen
Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator	Scott Franzen	Open*

<sup>\*</sup>Scott will be available to assist the new coordinator.

## Elections coming up (continued from page 1) -

these bylaws. They are listed in order of authority for purposes of conducting club business.

President: shall be the chief administrator who shall call and preside at all meetings; shall schedule meetings; be an ex-officio member of all other committees; perform any and all such duties to effectuate the powers of the president in his absence;

Vice-President: shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President perform any and all such powers to effectuate the powers of the president in his absence;

Secretary: shall establish, keep, and maintain a record (minutes) of all meetings; assume the responsibility of correspondence;

Treasurer: shall have custody of the club's funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books of the club. He/she shall keep the money of the club in accounts to the credit of the club and shall disburse the funds of the club as may be appropriate in accordance with the authority granted or as otherwise ordered by the executive committee.

#### ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall comprise the four elected officers in addition to any non-elected officers, also referred to as coordinators, listed in this article and standing or ad hoc committee chairs appointed pursuant to Article VII hereunder. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make the day-to-day decisions necessary to the efficient running of the club subject to the powers of the other committees set forth

herein. The Executive Committee shall meet on a monthly basis as determined by the President or by agreement of a majority of the active members of the executive committee. The non-elected officers and their duties shall consist of the following:

Ride Coordinator: Shall schedule club rides; provide the schedule to the newsletter editor and webmaster for publication on a monthly basis;

Membership Coordinator: shall maintain a current list of all members, maintain a directory of members and endeavor to increase membership.

Newsletter Editor Coordinator: shall prepare, review, edit and compose the monthly newsletter on a timely basis to be distributed by the 25th of each month. He/she shall send complete ride list to webmaster.

Shoo-Fly Classic Coordinator: shall organize the annual Shoo-Fly Classic ride and oversee activities during the ride.

Webmaster Coordinator: shall maintain the structure and content of the club web site, and ensure that it is available (up). May delegate the maintenance of content to one or more individuals, as needed or appropriate.

Media Liaison & Public Relations Coordinator: shall serve as a liaison with news media and post items on social media as needed or as requested by the executive committee.

Racing Division Committee Chair: shall organize and oversee any activities related to bicycle racing activities.

## BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES

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 **Facebook** 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 Poncho (aka Félix) Peña or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.

Did you have a great experience on a ride? Let us know and we'll add pictures and stories about your ride!

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

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sat Nov 2	10:00 AM	MCP03 Kutztown - Moselem Loop	3	36	Maidencreek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Randy G.
Sun Nov 3	10:00 AM	SV02 Dryville Hotel Ride	4	42	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Sat Nov 9	10:00 AM	SCB06 New Smithville Optional Lunch and Brews Afterwards	3	34	Saucony Creek Brewing Compa- ny Kutztown Pa.	TBD
Sun Nov 10	10:00 AM	SL27 Lobachsville Loop	3	37	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.
Sat Nov 16	10:00 AM	WIS06 Middle Creek / Blainsport Loop	3	44	Wilson Southern Middle School	Randy G.
Sun Nov 17	10:00 AM	AD11c Swartzville - Farmersville	2	28	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	TBD
Sat Nov 23	10:00 AM	OL07 Oley - Pine Forge - Boyertown Loop	3	29	Oley High School Parking Lot	Deb M.
Sun Nov 24	10:00 AM	WY18 Myerstown Quarry Ride HAPPY THANKSGIVING BCBC!	3	43	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Sat Nov 30	10:00 AM	WI14 Charming Forge Loop	3	30	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.
Sun Dec 1	10:00 AM	FL32 RD32	3	33	Fleetwood Middle School Richmond St. in Fleetwood	Alan F.
Sat Dec 7	10:00 AM	BR11 Adamstown - Bowmansville - Maple Grove	4	32	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Kent S.
Sun Dec 8	10:00 AM	NT07 Ontelaunee - Kutztown Loop	3	40	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Sat Dec 14	10:00 AM	GG01 Thursday Night Ride	3	27	Gouglersville - UCC Church Ver- mont Rd, Gouglersville - exit Rt 222 South at Gouglersville, turn left	TBD
Sun Dec 15	10:00 AM	CW21 Millcreek - Womelsdorf Coffee Shop	3	38	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.
Sat Dec 21	10:00 AM	MCP02 Shoey - Windsor Castle - Crystal Cave	3	36	Maidencreek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Randy G.

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## Berks County Bicycle Club Rides (continued from page 4)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sun Dec 22	10:00 AM	HAPPY HOLIDAYS BCBC! DB12 DBH Oley	2	24	Daniel Boone Middle School Weavertown Rd. Amityville	TBD
Sat Dec 28	10:00 AM	WIS02 Womelsdorf Loop	2	28	Wilson Southern Middle School	Randy G.
Sun Dec 29	10:00 AM	SV08 Blue Marsh Lake Loop	3	37	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Sat Jan 4	10:00 AM	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 BCBC! WY24 Another Reamstown Loop	4	31	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Sun Jan 5	10:00 AM	SL09 Limekiln - Oley - Yellow House	2	32	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.
Sat Jan 11	10:00 AM	WI09 Bunker Hill Loop	3	29	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.
Sun Jan 12	10:00 AM	OL14 Oley - Daniel Boone Loop	2	34	Oley High School Parking Lot	Deb M.



# 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 4 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

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

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Date	Time	Ride Name & GPS Link	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host		
Thu Nov 7	9:00 AM	srtt01p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/48066620 (trail ride out and back, go as far as you like)	1	38.9	SRT/ThunTrail, Wyomissing to Pottstown), Parkside Dr S, Wyomissing	David C		
Thu Nov 14	10:00 AM	nrdz03p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45534790 nrdz03s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45534661	3	33.1 20	North Reading Plaza, Leesport Ave & Allentown Pike, Temple	David C		
Thu Nov 21	10:00 AM	fwdl01p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45534950 fwdl01s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45534850	2 2	36.3 20.8	Fleetwood Community Pool, Vine St, Fleetwood	David C		
Thu Nov 28		THANKSGIVING: NO RIDE SCHEDULED						
Thu Dec	10:00	amtk01p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37872500	2	29.6	Amity Community Park,	David C		
5	AM	amtk01s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/46094442	2	20.9	Weavertown Rd, Amityville	Daviu C		
Thu Dec	10:00	mdck02p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45535190	2	32.9	Maidencreek Community Park,	David C		
12	AM	mdck02s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45535133	2	20.1	Park Rd, Blandon	David C		
Thu Dec	10:00	olyz03p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45535241	2	28.6	Weis Shopping Plaza,	David C		
19	AM	olyz03s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/45535223	2	19.8	Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Daviu C		
Thu Dec	10:00	wnvt01p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37863528	3	31.1	Wernersville, near tennis courts,	David C		
26	AM	wnvt01s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37863449	3	20.2	Norman St and Stitzer Ave	Daviu C		
Thu Jan	10:00	qfds01p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34290101	3	28.4	Quarry Fields, Old Wyomissing Rd	David C		
2	AM	qfds01s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34290016	3	19.4	& Lancaster Ave, Shillington	Daviu C		
Thu Jan	10:00	olyz05p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34635634	2	30.5	Weis Shopping Plaza,	David C		
9	AM	olyz05s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34635675	2	19.9	Friedensburg Rd, Oley	Daviu C		
Thu Jan	10:00	rdbk02p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34635809	3	27.0	Red Bridge, Tulpehocken Rd,	David C		
16	AM	rdbk02s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34635834	3	19.8	Spring Township	David C		
Thu Jan	10:00	fwdl02p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/46762190	2	30.5	Fleetwood Community Pool,	David C		
23	AM	fwdl02s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41391619	2	20.2	Vine St, Fleetwood	David C		
Thu Jan	10:00	hrwr03p https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34669930	4	29.9	Heidelberg Run West			
30	AM	hrwr03s https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34670076	4	19.7	Recreation Area, Arthur Dr,	David C		
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### Berks County Bicycle Club Meeting Minutes Sept. 9 and Oct. 14, 2024, Bella Italia, Oley

Sept. 9, 2024

**Note:** This meeting was focused on the upcoming (Sept. 28) Shoo-Fly Classic. A committee meeting about preparations for the event was held August 26, 2024 via ZOOM.

**Attendees:** Alan Fineman, Linda Gross, Jane Brown, Scott Franzen, Kathleen Casner, and Poncho Peña

Scott reviewed volunteer assignments. Kat reviewed expected donations. Plans were made for purchases and pick-ups of pies, sandwiches, snacks, and Gatorade.

Routes & cue sheets, cone placement: Duties were assigned.

Details were sorted out for registration and parking, as well as SAG support. Arrangements were made for picking up shirts. It was decided not to have sweeps on these rides.

Support teams and clean-up duties were assigned. Last-minute details and supplies were sorted out.

#### **New Business**

**Newsletter Discussion:** Scott expressed some concern about the move to a quarterly newsletter publication schedule come December:

- 1. This makes the ride coordinator's job more difficult, as he/she will have to anticipate three months of details that could affect the schedule.
- 2. This will increase the workload for the Webmaster, with adjustments to the schedule being more likely.

It was decided to hold discussion and planning agenda items until October 14 meeting.

These discussion items will be on the October Meeting Agenda.

- 1. Ride reviews, discussion and planning
- 2. Concerns regarding moving newsletter to a seasonal schedule.
- 3. Need for new committee assignment: Shoo-Fly Coordinator.

#### October 14, 2024

**Attendees:** Kathleen Casner, Scott Franzen, Alan Fineman, Linda Gross, Gary Rollman, Felix Pena, Jane Brown

#### **Updates**

Vice President: No report.
Treasurer: Alan reported the profit from the 2024 Shoofly is \$257.28. Attendees generally agreed that the rainy weather significantly impacted same-day attendance

**Membership:** Kat added one new

Next BCBC Executive

**Committee Meeting** 

7 p.m., Monday Nov. 11, 2024, Bella Italia, Oley

All members welcome!

member this month. We currently have more than 200 members.

**Shoofly Review:** The Shoofly had 68 total riders this year. Tentative dates for next year's event are Sept. 27 or Oct. 4. Scott and Alan will work on reserving a date. (*Ed. Note:* Confirmed for Sept. 27.)

**Newsletter:** Poncho reviewed the plans for changes in the quarterly newsletter schedule, set to begin December 2024. Concerns were expressed regarding the ride schedule. After discussion the general consensus was to continue sending out a monthly email to members that will include a two-month ride schedule. The current and most accurate ride schedule will continue to be on the BCBC website. Last minute changes to rides (usually due to weather) will be posted on Facebook. We were reminded that we have been discussing this change for months and the proposed change to quarterly newsletter was discussed and included on the agenda for the July 8 meeting (picnic) and was voted on during the August meeting. The vote was 6-0 in favor of moving to a quarterly newsletter. This information was all included in the September newsletter and explained in more detail in "The Presidents Spin."

**Mileage Master:** Gary reports rides and mileage are up to date, although he is still missing some sign-in sheets and reminds ride hosts to return these as soon as possible. He still is receiving sign-in sheets that lack information. He needs to have all information especially the date, ride number, mileage and host of ride.

**Webmaster:** Scott tagged pictures on Facebook of people with donated Shoo-Fly items—pretzels and sodas—as requested by sponsors.

**Rides:** Gary expressed concerns with having two or more rides on the same date because this lessens the number of riders on each ride. Scott and Gary had concerns that there are too many long rides (currently three per month scheduled, with one adventure and two rambles each month during season). Others felt that dropping long rides would weaken member participation. Jane asked Gary to review data so we can actually see which rides have more participation, to use this, along with member feedback, to guide our decision making. Poncho noted that a problem with including shorter, easier-paced rides is that we have no way of getting this information out to non-members. Also discussed: hosting an "intro to group riding" ride—more on this next month.

Members are asked to provide feedback as to what type ride they prefer, the distances, the locations, the pace, the schedule. We want to plan the ride schedule and rides to suit the preference of our members.

Member feedback is welcome.

#### Other business

The executive committee requested that Alan contact Oley Township to reserve Sept. 27, 2024, for the next Shoo-Fly Classic. (*Ed. Note:* The date has been confirmed.)

A discussion on the need to nominate and elect new officers and appoint new coordinators was begun and will be continued at the subsequent meeting.

Gary Rollman nominated Paul DeLong to serve as the next BCBC president. Alan Fineman seconded.

The discussion about how to attract more riders/members, to rides that are slower-paced, continues. Suggestions from members are welcome.

Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month.

Next Executive Committee meeting: Monday, Nov. 11, 2024. Respectfully submitted, Jane Brown, secretary



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### Volunteers keep BCBC rolling!

BCBC depends on volunteers to plan and help out at our events. Some give a lot, and we are very grateful for their time and their talent.

But we also need people who can put in less time or contribute less frequently.

If you can give us a few hours of your time, please do so.

We need your help to keep the club healthy and growing. Every little bit counts!

Let us know as soon as possible. Simply contact a club officer; their contact information is on page 2.

And spread the good word about BCBC!

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## Question out of the blue

Did BCBC have the Shoo-Fly Classic in 2001? That question popped up in the editor's mailbox in mid-October.

Why? A person was looking at T-shirts on Ebay and one from the 2001 Shoo-Fly Classic caught her eye. She thought the design was cool. But that was on Sept. 15, 2001, four days after the tragic



events of 9-11. Being a skilled researcher, the person quickly located the club's information on the Web and sent the question to the editor.

Equally curious, the editor contacted a couple of people and soon latched on to Bill Ruth, who keeps a detailed diary of his athletic activities.

Yes, the Classic was held, riding out of Kutztown. Bill even took note of his riding companions.

BTW: The T-shirt was no longer on Ebay, although the writer did not purchase it; she was just curious. But it is a cool design.

## Bike stuff for sale

### Two Cannondale road bikes

One is 54cm chromoly with 105 components. The other is 2.8 aluminum frame 50cm with Ultegra components.

Both have down tube shifters and toe clip pedals. \$450 for both bikes as a set. Separately, \$300 each.

Judith Smet-Weiss: 610-334-5547, or smetweiss@live.com.





Got bike stuff to sell? Send an email to the editor, with photos if available, before the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next Cycling Times.

### 2024 Berks County Bicycle Club Membership Form Names of people in household\* (see "Dues," below) who will be riding on BCBC rides: \_\_\_\_\_City:\_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: Email Address: Emergency contact, relationship, phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Check one: ☐ New Applicant, or ☐ Renewing Member May we publish your name, address, and telephone number in a club directory? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No Please indicate your interests by checking as many items as may apply: ( ) Ride Host/Hostess; ☐ Updating Ride sheets; ☐ Road Rides; ☐ Trail Riding; ☐ Social Events (Helping with picnic and/or annual banquet); I Helping with our Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride How did you find out about BCBC? □ Friends or family; □ Newspaper; □ Online □ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \_ Date: \_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_ (If applicant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must also sign.) \*Dues: \$20 per household, per year. Renewing memberships are due and payable by MARCH 31 of each year. Dues benefits include monthly newsletter, Cycling Times, sent via newsletter, and a membership card for discounts at bike shops listed in newsletter. Website: www.berksbicycle.com

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