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Dear Club Officers,

The **Bicycle Access Council** is hosting the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bike Club Conference**. Your club is invited to attend this meeting to learn and share your experience with other Pennsylvania bicycle clubs. The meeting will be held **Saturday, March 26** in **York, PA**.

The conference is meant to showcase *Best Practices*. This is a good opportunity for new club officers to gain confidence and insight about their duties, and for established clubs to show leadership from their experiences. For a list of bike clubs that attended last year, contact the Bicycle Access Council.

The conference will begin at **9 a.m.** and includes a full agenda of topics. Your most important issues can be added in advance or on the day of the conference during an open discussion period. The conference will end at **4 p.m.** and a local bicycle ride will be offered based on interest and weather permitting.

**This year, several guest speakers have been invited to discuss topics of interest for all bicycle clubs and their members. Dan McKay will offer a presentation on club liability insurance and ride event planning. A PennDOT representative will review transportation issues and policies of interest to bicyclists. State Representative Ron Miller has accepted an invitation to address the group. Rep Miller is the sponsor of the Bicycle Safety legislation [HB1110] proposed by BAC.**

Included on the agenda will be an opportunity to discuss the following general topics.

Legal requirements for bicycle clubs

Insurance/Liability requirements

Club newsletters—printed or electronic?

Advocacy—state, local and national

**The cost to attend is \$50**, which includes lunch for two club representatives, snacks, refreshments and conference materials. The conference cost has been reduced from previous years thanks to the generosity of several club donations in 2010. A registration form is included with additional meeting details. Registration information will also be listed on the Bicycle Access Council website.

**Directions and detailed meeting information will be sent to a designated club representative once registration forms and fees have been received. Deadline for registration is March 21, 2011.**

For those who wish to travel the night before and/or stay over in the area, a list of affordable hotels and restaurants close to the meeting location can be provided. A variety of local rides will be offered for those interested. York's Heritage Rail Trail is also nearby. DST will be in effect by this date.

For more information, contact the Bicycle Access Council.

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