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Dear Club Officers,

The *Bicycle Access Council* is hosting its third annual **Pennsylvania Bicycle Club Conference**. You are invited to attend this meeting to learn about and share your experience with other Pennsylvania bicycle clubs. The meeting will be held Saturday, **March 26, 2005** in **York, PA**.

The conference is meant to showcase Best Practices. This is an opportunity for new club officers to gain confidence and insight about their duties and for established clubs to show leadership from experience. A full agenda of topics will be covered; however, your most important issues can be added in advance or the day of the conference during open discussion periods.

This year, there are two special speakers scheduled. See Page 2 for a description of their presentations. A general list of topics covered will include:

- Legal requirements for bicycle clubs
- Insurance/Liability requirements
- Membership
- Club Ride issues
- Club newsletters and websites
- Special events
- Advocacy updates—state, local and national

The cost to attend is **\$55 per club**, which includes lunch for two club representatives, snacks, refreshments and materials. A registration form is included with additional details. Directions and pre-meeting information will be sent to a designated club representative once registration forms and fees have been received. Deadline for registration is March 21.

Following the conference, a variety of short local rides will be offered for those interested. York's Heritage Rail Trail is also nearby.

For more information, contact the Bicycle Access Council. info@BicycleAccess-PA.org

Hope to see you there.

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The *Bicycle Access Council* is able to offer several new special presentations including two guest speakers to this year's Bike Club Conference. Bike Clubs that have sent representatives in the past will be pleased to see this expanded format. The guest speakers will share their expertise and allow time for a discussion period to address specific club issues. The information to be gained through these presenters will be very valuable for club leaders.

Also included will be a review of the important topics listed on the first page. Advance questionnaires will be sent to the club contact person when registration forms and payment are received. This improved format will ensure that all clubs, especially clubs attending for the first time, have the same opportunity to participate in the basic topics.

Here is a brief introduction of our two guest speakers:

Dan McKay, CIC, McKay Insurance, Knoxville, Iowa

Dan has been in the insurance business since 1973. The fourth generations of McKays are now actively involved in the operation of the agency. Dan has also been an instructor on the topic of General Liability at various CIC programs

Dan is an avid bicyclist and has turned his hobby into a business activity providing insurance coverage for bicycling related events and business ventures. He has designed insurance programs for multi-day bicycle rides, bicycle clubs and bicycle tours. McKay Insurance currently provides coverage for the International Mountain Bicycling Association, the Texas Bicycle Coalition, National Bicycle Touring Society, Indiana Bicycle Coalition, National Bicycle Tour Directors Association, Non-Sanctioned Mountain Bicycle Races, USA Cycling, Inc. and the Bicycle Touring Company Association. In addition to clubs, rides and tours, McKay provides insurance coverage for RAGBRAI and coverage for the host communities. Dan has recently developed programs for bicycle races, bicycle manufacturers, bicycle shops and the Texas Bicycle Association) and the Hovercraft Club of America. Dan is a past President of the National Bicycle Tour Directors Association (NBTDA). The NBTDA is an association of the largest and best-run multi-day bicycle tours from across the country and internationally. McKay currently provides coverage for over five hundred-bicycle clubs, forty-five hundred bicycle races and one hundred multiple day bicycle tours. Loss control and risk management programs have been developed to avoid losses and to reduce the effects of a loss.

Dave Bachman, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager

Dave has been in PennDOT's Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering in Harrisburg since November 1992. A native of northern New Jersey, Mr. Bachman holds a Master's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Delaware and spent 3 years in PennDOT's Environmental Unit before moving to his present position. An active touring and commuting cyclist since 1971, he regularly logs over 2,000 miles per year commuting to work by bicycle. A personal cycling highlight was a 4,100-mile cross-country bicycle trip from Seattle to Harrisburg in the summer of 2000. His major areas of professional interest include education and safety awareness, multi-modal and inter-modal connections, land use planning, government/private sector partnering, and traffic calming.