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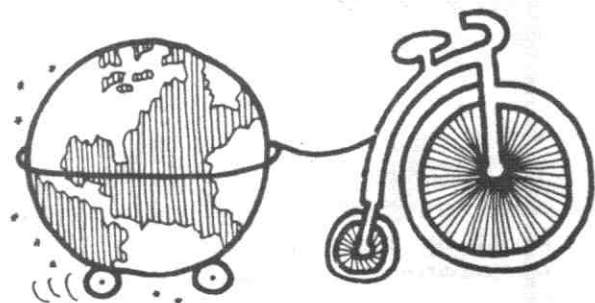
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The EBC newsletter appears 4 times yearly: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue (Fall 1989) is October 5.

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**** NOTE **** The articles appearing in this Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views held by the Club itself, but are opinions expressed by concerned cyclists.

SUMMER SPLASH & BASH for ALL EBC MEMBERS!!!

It's time for a cool dip with some like-minded cyclists. Come munch, drink punch, dunk & play water volleyball at:

Mill Creek Pool
Friday, August 25th
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Just bring your trunks, and perhaps a story or two entitled: "The Wildest Story Ever on Two Wheels". Volunteers will be revered, and a special presentation will be given to Tooker, ex-primo-volunteer.

(In case of bad weather, alternate date: August 28th)



EBC Clean Up

Thank You to those who helped us out Sunday/Monday, July 16/17. We got a start on tidying up all the bikes outside and downstairs. Anyone interested in helping us another time (yet to be determined), please call Ron Cattaruzza after 7pm at 476-8862 or check at the EBC office.

The Hub of the Velorution

This summer, there have been some changes to the Board of Directors of the EBC. Tooker Gomberg has stepped down as executive director to make time for his new tasks as an Aldermanic Candidate. He remains a Board member and his advice and input are respected. Several new members have been appointed to fill the gaps left by others who have left. Presently eight people sit on the board; Lionel Cook, Steve Talman, Angela Bischoff, George Brohman, Ron Cattaruzza, Christine Hogg, Doug Barrett and Tooker Gomberg.

Board meetings are open to any and all members of the EBC. The next Board meeting is Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. Topics that will be discussed are: changes in EBC organization, Trial Management Committee report, Grants, and the report from the Advocacy Committee.

Doug Barrett



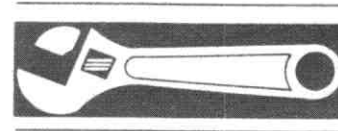
BICYCLE WORKS SUMMER HOURS
Volunteers are on hand every Wednesday from 6-9pm and Saturday from noon-4pm to show EBC members how to fix their bikes with our tools. Phone 433-BIKE during those times to confirm.

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volunteers to help with the Bicycle Works and the repair of bikes for rental and sale by the EBC. Phone Don Cattaruzza after 7pm at [phone number] if you are interested.

CYCLING INFO

The EBC continues to provide printed material of interest to cyclists. Drop by and peruse our collection of articles including "Bicycles: Wheels of Change", "Economic Benefits of Bicycle Friendly Roads" and a global review of the state of cycling from the July-August '88 issue of Worldwatch, a bimonthly magazine produced by the Worldwatch Institute.

The EBC now has a supply of City Bike Maps. If you need one or know someone who does, send them by.



THE CITY WANTS TO KNOW...

The postage for this issue of the Cyclist's Vehicle was graciously paid for by the City of Edmonton Transportation Department. They have a special interest in this issue because they would like us to do something for them.

Please fill out the enclosed Bicycle User Survey and return it to

The City of Edmonton
Transportation Department
10th Floor Century Place
9803 - 102A Ave
EDMONTON, AB
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phone 428-4735

By providing the City with this information it can help them to plan for better facilities throughout the city. Part of being an EBC member means being part of a voice for cyclists. Let's show the City just how strong our voice is; please send in your questionnaire.

Looking Back on Lunar Cycle '89

Although it is hard to believe - with all those energetic cyclists on Edmonton's streets - Canada's largest and most exciting bicycle celebration, LUNAR CYCLE 89, is indeed over. Twenty-five fantastic events, hosted by a wide variety of Edmonton organizations and businesses, happening all across the city, for thirty-two incredible days of sun, snow, rain, wind and complete wildness! And we cycled smilingly through it all - almost.

Undaunted by wide ranging environmental conditions - usually taking place all within the same day - our great LUNAR CYCLE volunteers made sure either that EBC events ran smoothly or that the EBC was enthusiastically represented at everyone else's events. Without them, there would have been no cycling festival.

During the Wheel-Off, EBC "kicked off" LUNAR CYCLE 89 by helping the City "begin" a bicycle path along Churchill Square. Thanks to Tooker et.al. the Bike Swap, this year at the Old Strathcona Farmers' Market, helped Edmontonians sell over 60 bicycles, with a minimal commission to us. Thanks to Tim et.al.

Our Bike Repair and Maintenance Clinics every Tuesday evening at the Cloverdale Picnic Shelter were very successful. Under the guidance of the EBC Bike Works' volunteer mechanics, a different topic was taught each week, plus any other small repairs that had to be learned then done. Thanks to Ron et.al. We also did the last safe cycling workshop directed towards children. On June 1, International Children's Day, over forty people, children and parents, attended this fun and informative workshop at Gazebo Park. Thanks to Dave et.al.

For Canada FitWeek, the EBC, in conjunction with Canada Fitweek, Lumber Jacks Pancake House,

Edmonton Co-op Stores and the Edmonton Board of Health, hosted Edmonton's Bike to Work and Free Pancake Breakfast. Great food, great speakers, great location - where were you? Yes, it was a bit cold and overcast, but it didn't rain, did it! Every true bicycle commuter should have been there; the one-hundred twenty-five who were, enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Michele et.al.

On World Environment Day, June 5, the EBC hosted two incredible events - the Blue Bike Launch and the Cycling Forum. Our visiting environmental and cycling activist from Toronto, Sue Zielinski, helped us with both.

A week prior to the Blue Bikes public launch, a series of interviews and articles appeared in the Neighbors paper regarding the concept, the program and our need for bicycles and people-power to re-cycle the "old clunkers". We were inundated with calls and





donations! Often we averaged 50-70 calls/donations per day! Within two weeks, we had no space left. Edmontonians loved our idea - inexpensive, re-cycled bicycles to rent (complete with helmet and lock) for \$5 a day. Bernie, Ken and crew re-made and painted five bicycles and Tooker inaugurated the program not by cutting a red ribbon, but by opening a chain of white U-locks!

If you missed the annual Planning a Cycle-Able City II forum, you missed an excellent opportunity to hear and question speakers knowledgeable in all facets of cycling in Edmonton and to learn from the keynote speaker, Sue Zielinski, about cycling in Toronto and other "obscure" places around the world. Interesting discussions, good food afterwards. Thanks to Michele, Elizabeth et al. and the ladies from the Bagel Tree Deli.

LUNAR CYCLE 89 "cycled down" on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with the EBC Open House June 11. Dozens of

people dropped in to make inquiries, join, register their bikes, talk, meet Sue, share some fruit and cheese, write their suggestions for better cycling in Edmonton on a large flipchart - these to be passed along to the EBC advocacy committee for future action planning - and, of course, just in general to relax with good friends after a hectic but very enjoyable cycling festival.

This celebration may be officially over, but the spirit of LUNAR CYCLE 89 lives on! Once again, a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents, to our advertisers and sponsors and to LUNAR CYCLE event hosts all of whom helped to make LUNAR CYCLE 89 the high-profile, high-quality festival that it was! Planning for LUNAR CYCLE 90 begins this September. If you can help, give us a call.

Mia Benjamin,
Coordinator: LUNAR CYCLE 89

