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Verde Valley a little more Bike-Friendly!

Reported by Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists Northern Region Representative Randy Victory

The Verde Valley took a couple of steps towards becoming a little more bicycle-friendly in October. Both the City of Cottonwood and the Arizona Department of Transportation carried out long-awaited measures that bicycle advocates have been working towards for years.

On October 9th Cottonwood's City Council, led by Mayor Diane Joens, approved the city's moving forward with a bike plan. The new plan will include the four basic elements that advocates say are necessary to improve the cycling environment in Cottonwood: Education, Engineering, Encouragement & Enforcement.

A bike plan is necessary for any community to take steps in the direction necessary to become a League of American Bicyclists recognized Bicycle-Friendly

Community, as well as getting ADOT to include shareable facilities in its right-of-ways. For more information on the Cottonwood Bike Plan, contact planner Wes Ballew at wballer@ci.cottonwood.az.us.

In October, ADOT placed "Share the Road" signs on SR89A over Mingus Mountain.

"It's great to see these signs - they're definitely a step in the right direction towards making this a bicycle-friendly area",

commented Zoomer's Bike & Gear Shop manager Patrick Wiatrolik.

The next step will be signing & marking bike lanes throughout Cottonwood, as well as educating cyclists & motorists regarding bicycle safety.



Photo: Bike advocate Randy Victory poses next to one of the new "Share the Road" signs on SR89A. Randy and many others, including CAzB member Midge Stueber, worked hard to make this a reality.

In Memory October-December

September

Sean Casey
Jason Wedo
James Trice
Linda Cleapoor
Brad Gorman
Sydney Jaffe

October

Jack Carney
Jesus Perez
Wes Carnes
Tom Meyer
Matthew Preston

November

Don Anselmo
Elaine O'Canas
David Wagner

December

Paul L'Ecuier

Safety Ride

On October 13, 2007
CAzB and PMBC
sponsored the Annual
Memorial Ride for Safety

The Coalition of Arizona
Bicyclists Would Like To
Thank All Riders
Who Participated in the
Memorial Ride For Safety

Share The Road

The ride Was a Great
Success.

Many Thanks to Our
Friends at [PMBC](#) as Well!

Annual Membership meeting in October Board Elections

At the October 15th Annual Meeting, twenty-five CAzB members and guests met to elect a Board of Directors for the next two year term. Guest speaker, Eric Post, a Tucson attorney and CAzB Member, provided a fascinating overview of the legal system in Arizona.

The incumbent board was unanimously re-elected as a whole, plus one new member was added, Richard Corbett. Richard is an avid cyclist who brings a

great deal of experience and knowledge to the board. We look forward to working with Richard as CAzB transforms from a grass roots group to a nationally recognized organization.

Welcome to our guests and new members:

Brian & Katie Flaherty
Tim & Donna Manion
Midge Stueber
Nicole Eikenberry
Tom Merrifield

Announcing

CAzB's 2008 - 2010
Board of Directors:

Rich Rumer, Chairman
Gail Hildebrandt
Robert Jenson
Sharon Matt
Radar Matt
Charles Sobczek
Gerald Stanley
Rita Walter
Richard Corbett



Join us at the next Meeting:
Monday, December 19th 7:00 p.m.

Featured speaker:
Joseph Perez
City of Phoenix's newest
Traffic Engineer, who will tell us all
about plans the Street Department has
to reduce bike-ped-car crashes in the
City of Phoenix

Veteran's Hospital
At 7th Street &
Indian School

Coffee & Cookies
will be served.

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Tucson and buy your lucky ticket.**

November 14th - 17th in Tucson



Our Mission

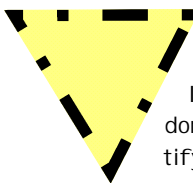
The mission of the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists is to improve the bicycling environment and thereby the quality of life in the State. We do this by promoting bicycle safety, education and facilities, and by encouraging use of the bicycle as an energy-efficient, economical and nonpolluting form of transportation and as a healthful and enjoyable form of recreation.

The Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists recognizes the synergies between promoting bicycling and promoting walking and public transit. We align our advocacy with social equity and community improvement and we embrace the power of a broad multi-modal coalition to achieve our mission.

Report Road Hazards

Email: roadhazard@CAZBike.org

If you are bicycling and see a hazardous situation but don't know who to call, send us an email. We will help identify the proper authorities so you can get it resolved fast.



TAKING IT ON THE ROAD

ROAD ONE TRAVELS TO VERDE VALLEY

Our Nations' premiere street bicycling program is taught by instructors certified by the League of American Bicyclists in Washington DC. Learn the basics of bicycle and helmet fit. Learn state bicycle laws. Learn how to predict and prevent crashes, and how to bail out as a last resort! Learn how to operate your bicycle in a skillful and confident manner, in any traffic-any time! This class is designed to be of value to new and experienced cyclists. Veteran cyclists finish in one day. Newer cyclists finish in two days. The two day program includes a flat repair and lubrication module.

On October 21st, the Verde Valley Cyclists, in conjunction with the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists held a Road 1 class in Cotton-

wood, taught by Phoenix couple Radar & Sharon Matt. The pair are League Cycling Instructors, as certified by the League of American Bicyclists.

Attendees included Daniel Paduchowski, President of the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition. Whether new to bicycling or an experienced rider, Road 1 has something for everyone. The hands-on classes are entertaining and informative!

Upcoming classes:

Dec 8-9 Road 1 -

The Science of Street Bicycling

Dec 15 Bicycle Commuting

Dec 15 Basic Bicycle Maintenance

Dec 16 Road 2 -

Training & Fitness

For course details please visit us at:

<http://www.cazbike.org/BikeEd86.htm>



ROAD 1: IN THE CLASSROOM
AND ON THE ROAD

