

A united voice for bicycle advocacy and safety education in Arizona...



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President's Letter by Rich Rumer

Upcoming

🚲 The National Bike Summit is March 5-7 in Washington, DC. CAzB president Rich Rumer and VP Bill Lazenby are slated to attend the event, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and coordinated by the Thunderhead Alliance.

🚲 The next trail maintenance project is Feb. 22, at 7 a.m. in Dreamy Draw Park. Contact Patrick Young at (602) 264-5681.

🚲 The Thunderhead Alliance also is hosting an advocacy workshop in Santa Fe, NM, on April 3-5. Coalition will pay registration fees for member interested in covering. Email CAzB for more info.

New Years typically brings new resolutions, and one of mine this year is to improve communication with the membership. Our new e-newsletter, The Coalition Times, is one way that we hope to do so in the year ahead.

Your Coalition has been doing a lot more than spinning its wheels over the last few months. For example, recently Penny Allee-Taylor, Bill Lazenby and I met with Mark Thompson, Arizona House member from District 17 and vice-chairman of the Health and Transportation Committee. Penny, who is an experienced lobbyist and a great cycling advocate, had some help from Matt Zoll of Tucson in penning changes to the 28-735 overtaking-bicycles law.

Another problem with 28-704, minimum speed

limits, has arisen— especially in the Tucson area, where cyclists have been ticketed for impeding normal traffic flow. This has occurred regardless of the number of lanes cars have available to pass safely. We are also working on this law and others to better protect Arizona cyclists.

While the Coalition does not put on rides, we do help coordinate them for our member clubs in order to maximize their participation and media coverage. In fact, a statewide events planning session was held at our last general meeting on January 27. Major bike club attendance included presidents Bob Beane (Phoenix Metro) and

Brian Nelson (ABC) as well as Betsy Turner (West Valley GABA). Tucson GABA also was represented by Roy Schoonover and Dick

Schaffer, who made a presentation on the group's Great Arizona Bicycle Adventure, set for Sept. 27 – Oct. 4, 2003. Another ride previewed was ABC's upcoming (April 19)

Desert Classic, which will feature an all-new northern route as well as a new sponsor, Rock Bottom Restaurants.

Also at our last meeting, Brianna Leon, Phoenix's new bike coordinator, presented the new Sonoran Bikeway Map. Last but not least, a marketing

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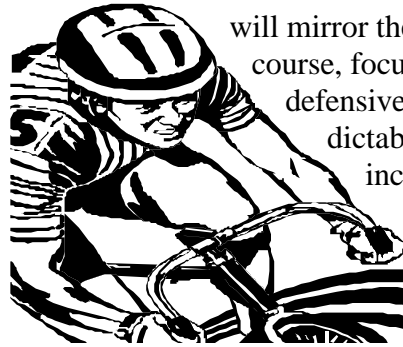
Did you know...Between individual & group members, CAzB represents more than 1,000 bicyclists throughout the state?!!!

From the Safety Saddle

Dick Lorange, CAzB Safety Chair

As part of its lobbying mission, the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists has taken on the role of educator to riders of all ages and skill levels interested in learning more about safe and effective cycling. One way we hope to achieve this is through classroom training, parking lot practice of safety maneuvers, and a 6-10 mile test ride. But whether the learning takes place inside or outdoors, our goal is the same: To teach (and practice until they become automatic) those skills scientifically proven to avoid collisions and produce predictable, safe riding techniques.

The curricula for both of our upcoming classes



will mirror the LAB's Road I course, focusing on bicycle laws, defensive riding and predictably. Some specifics will include safer starting, quicker emergency stopping, emergency turning, road positioning, communicating with other

group-ride cyclists, and how to make eye-contact/signals with motorists. The two-day class also will go into greater depth on bike fit and maintenance topics.

"The Science of Bicycling"

- Sat., Feb. 22, 7 a.m.-6p.m.
- Sat. & Sun., Mar. 29-30, 7 a.m.-5p.m.

Although classes are open to all ages and skill levels, children under 12 should be accompanied by a parent.

Free to Coalition members with their paid membership, classes will be held at the New Phoenix Children's Hospital, Bldg. B (Outpatient), on the west side of 20th Street, approximately two blocks south of Thomas Road on Cambridge. Further class information and an application are available on our website at www.cazbike.com.

Those interested in attending either course should telephone Dick at (480)731-5565 weekdays.



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committee was formed and its first three members chosen; a special thanks to Joe Terranova, Ellen Metz and Don Gage. Other members interested in participating should send an email to joeterranova@hotmail.com.

In other news, ADOT continues work on the statewide bicycle/pedestrian plan at its Phoenix training facility. The Feb. 4 meeting saw Flagstaff, Tucson and Phoenix area bicy-

cle coordinators and planners in attendance, plus four ADOT engineers and three Coalition members.

Well, that's all for now. For more information about the Coalition, please visit our website at www.cazbike.com. Or email us at coalitionazbicyclists@yahoo.com. (If we print your comments in the next issue, you will receive—free, probably—the admiration of all your friends.) Better yet, join

us for our next meeting on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Los Olivos Community Center in Phoenix at 28th Street and Devonshire, just north of Indian School Road. RR



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