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April 4, 2008 Conference Schedule

8:00 am
Registration /Check-in

8:30 am
Welcome/ Sharon Matt

8:45 am
Trail Building/Paul Ponesca

9:30 am
The Arizona Trail / Dave Hicks

10:15 am
Safe Routes to School
Brian Fellows

11:00 am
Spanning the Nation: A Future
Connection of Bicycle Routes
Richard Moeur

11:45 am Lunch

1:00 pm
Press Conference with
Arizona Governor's Office
of Highway Safety

1:30 pm Keynote Speaker
Andy Clarke
League of American Bicyclists

2:15 pm
El Tour Dedicatee, TBA

3:00 pm
Awards and
Concluding Remarks

Arizona Bicycle Conference 2008

Building Communities, Building Trails

On Friday, April 4, 2008, keynote speaker, Andy Clarke, League of American Bicyclists, will speak about "Building Communities, Building Trails" at the second annual Arizona Bicycle Conference presented by CAZB in conjunction with the 2008 Holualoa 17th El Tour de Phoenix, presented by Pierson Construction Corp.

The full day conference highlights the latest programs relating to bicycling issues in the state of Arizona.

All sessions will be presented in Mesa at the Interstake Center. Seating is limited to 100 attendees, so early registration is encouraged.

Why Attend?

Network with Other Cyclists, Planners, and Cycling Advocates

Learn How Trails and Bicycle Routes are Being Planned Throughout the State

Discover who is on the Board of the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists

Listen to the Keynote Speaker, the Honoree for El Tour de Phoenix

Meet the Winners for the CAZB Heart of Arizona Awards for Education, Mountain Biking, Road Cycling, and Advocacy

Represent Your Community, Club or Organization in Discussions with Bicycle Coordinators, Cycling Advocates, and others



Being a Good Neighbor in Hidden Hills

Scottsdale, Arizona

Residents in Hidden Hills recently asked the City of Scottsdale to abandon the public non-motorized access easement through their community along 145th Way citing numerous cases of inappropriate and confrontational behavior by cyclists and asking for some relief and resolution.

Fortunately on February 21st the City of Scottsdale Transportation Commission voted 6 to 1 in favor of keeping the easement as is. However,

the Transportation Commission has asked that the cycling community be respectful of the residents of Hidden Hills.

This means keeping our speed on the descent below 20 mph. Higher speeds are a danger to riders as well as drivers pulling out of their driveways and children on the way to their bus stops. We also must not congregating at the top, tailgate, or pass cars.

To ensure that in the future, cyclists will have a corridor

to Fountain Hills we must be good neighbors now by following the rules of the road, being courteous and remembering that it is a neighborhood, like yours, where people live and play.

For more information or to get involved, contact:

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Superbowl XLII 2008

Glendale, AZ—February 3, 2008
Randy Victory, VVCC
CAzB Northern AZ Representative

We've all had those moments where it seems like everything is going your way. Probably the best personal example I'll ever be able to muster is Super Bowl XLII.

I'm fortunate to be employed as an Arizona State Parks Ranger, a job I love dearly. And I'm proud of the work I've done for bicycle advocacy over the years, and the rewarding time spent as a mountain bike racer. Of course, now my recreation time is spent riding & wrenching. In short, I love bikes.

So, you can imagine how pumped I was to get the call from Arizona State Parks to spend three days talking about my favorite subject - bicycles! On the clock!!

In all honesty, I'm not really much of a fan of all things gridiron. In fact, Super Bowl Sunday is usually spent riding - the roads and trails are mysteriously vacant! But here was a chance to reach an untapped audience (and maybe even a few

folk who's nearest encounter with bicycles was to see how close they could get before activating their horn)!

First a big *thank-you* to Forever Living/Forever Outdoor Resorts and Cabela's Outfitters for the chance to get so many folks excited about bikes! Their idea was "no child left inside". They'd set up "Forever Outdoor Village" just a stone's throw away from University of Phoenix Stadium - and invited a bevy of outfitters and public agencies - USFS, AZ Game & Fish, and AZ State Parks among others - in an effort to get kids excited about the world beyond video games.

Thanks also to Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists (CAzB) stalwart **Radar Matt, John Ker** and **Brad Roe** of Mountain Bike/Road Bike Action and **Patti Bonnet** of IMBA for providing plenty of distribution materials.

Friday turned out to be practice for the real thing - on Saturday, the day before the Big Game, we were inundated. Knowing that kids (and lots of adults) get psyched at the sight of high-zoot full-suspension mountain bikes with lots of carbon, titanium, disc brakes, etc..... and



Randy Victory at the Superbowl

that those on a budget, or looking for something a little simpler might be comforted by the sight of a humble single-speed, I'd brought both my custom AZ State Parks edition Cannondale, and my Gary Fisher 29" Rig. It was enough to get folks to stop and ask questions! I'm always amazed how happy folks are to talk about bikes - no matter what their level of involvement.

Overall, I probably made over 1000 direct contacts - and even met a guy - **Mike Marks** - who has been "car free since 1995". Dang! Best Super Bowl I've ever been to! Now if I can just figure out how to get State Parks to send me to Tampa Bay in '09.....

24 Hours in the Old Pueblo

February 16, 2008
Tucson, Arizona

Jerry Stanley, CAzB Vice President

Sun, fun and a romp on your bike in the desert - what could be better? Throw in snow (yes snow), 6" to 10" deep mud, sub-freezing nighttime temperatures and camping - that's how!

The Kona 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo lived up to its reputation and then some. And true to prior years weather patterns, the start of the race at noon on Saturday saw the parting of the clouds and plenty of the warm sunshine the Arizona desert is best known for. The stage was set for a great race and a great time! For the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists, the 2008 Kona 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo marked our second year as an IMBA affiliate. Forget the snow and general weather conditions,

the Friday before the race started we set up our information booth. What we remember most is all the great cyclists we met and how stoked they are about the Coalition's mission. A huge thanks goes out to Sean Hammond from the Governors Office of Highway Safety for manning the Coalition booth all day Saturday and

to Charlie Sobczak (Coalition Board member and owner of Driving MBA driver training school) for trekking down from Phoenix to cover the booth all day Sunday. Thank you as well to all our new members who joined the Coalition while at the event. Your membership helps further our efforts to make bicycling safer for all Arizona riders.



ROUGHING IT AT THE 24 HOURS IN THE PUEBLO RACE

Building the AZ Trail

February 19, 2008
SE of Patagonia on Hwy 82

Richard Corbett, M.S., AICP
CAzB Board of Directors

A presentation on the Arizona Trail will be a part of the Arizona Bicycle Conference, with Arizona Trail Association (ATA) **Executive Director Dave Hicks** sharing lots of insight on the wonderfully diverse, soon to be designated, Arizona National Scenic Trail. Visit <http://www.aztrail.org/> to learn more about the Arizona Trail, and to find out how you can help out.

The Arizona Trail Association was founded In 1994 to promote

the Arizona Trail as a unique and outstanding recreational and educational resource, and to provide opportunities for citizens to become involved in the development, maintenance, use and enjoyment of the Arizona Trail.

The ATA is a volunteer group that helps guide the construction and maintenance of the Trail. Volunteer labor, membership and donations helps build, maintain and promote the Arizona Trail.

Pictured, right, **Richard Corbett** and other ATA volunteers working on the trail.



Canelo West Segment of the AZ Trail

Bike-a-Palooza SWAP MEET

CAzB's annual Bicycle Swap Meet will be a bike bargain hunter's paradise. This huge bike-garage sale will have great deals on new and used bike related goods of all types and sizes. The swap meet is FREE for buyers and sellers.

Businesses are required to apply for a City of Tempe Special Events Privilege (Sales) and Use Tax License in order to participate. For details, go to: www.tempe.gov/tim.

For more information please call:

Bob Jenson at 602.274.1602

Bike-a-Palooza

When:

Saturday

April 5, 2008

7:00 am—Noon

Where:

Kiwanis Park in Tempe

6111 S. All American Way

(Between Baseline and Guadalupe)

CAzB Board and Committee Transitions:

Please congratulate Gene Holmerud in his new position on CAzB's Board of Directors. Gene will continue to Chair the Rail Safety and Access Committee.

Sheila Foraker has agreed to Chair the Education Committee, with Sharon Newman-Matt assisting.

Radar Matt has given up his seat on the Board of Directors, but will continue to play an active role on the Board's Advisory Council.

Make a Difference!
Sign up to assist at
CAzB's Information booth on:

March 10th in Chandler
Wells Fargo Wellness Fair

March 15th at Children's Hospital
bike safety activities

March 22nd
Avondale city bike ride

April 4th in Mesa
CAzB's Conference

April 5th
Swap Meet in Tempe
Tour de Phoenix in E. Mesa
Peoria Pioneer Day bike ride

April 13th
Glendale Family Ride

April 20th in Phoenix
Great Bike Chase

April 20th in Scottsdale
Cycle of the Arts

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Is it time to RENEW your membership?

If you have been wondering when your CAZB membership is due to expire, just take a look at the address label. To the left of your name you will see a date in the format of YYYYMMDD to indicate the year, month and day your membership expires.

Membership Rates:

\$25 Individual

\$30 Family

\$200 Organizations

Please mail your check to CAZB at:

P.O. Box 54488 Phoenix, AZ 85078-4488

Thank you!



Next meeting:
Monday at 7:00 p.m.
March 17, 2008

Veteran's Hospital
at 7th Street & Indian School

Refreshments will be served

Come Listen to
Sharon Newman-Matt's
presentation:

***"The History of the Bicycle
and the Women who Rode it"***

Arizona Bicycle Institute

CAZB is now offering classes by request. Business, clubs or groups of friends/associates may arrange a class.

The fee is \$250, paid in advance. Each class may have six to ten students.

We will arrange the space and work with you on an agreeable date.

The same selection of courses are offered as in the past. Including:

The Science of Street Cycling
Mountain Bike Basics
Bicycle Commuting

Visit our web site for all the details!



Michael Sanders speaks to CAZB members at February Meeting

ADOT's Bicycle & Pedestrian Program

February 18, 2008
Phoenix, Arizona

The guest speaker at CAZB's February meeting walked us through the decision making process inside Arizona's Department of Transportation (ADOT). Mike Sanders, Senior Transportation Planner and a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for ADOT, provided a chronology of how the current organization came into being. His informative presentation explained how the agency is developing transportation infrastructure that provides safe and convenient bicycle access throughout the state of Arizona.

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