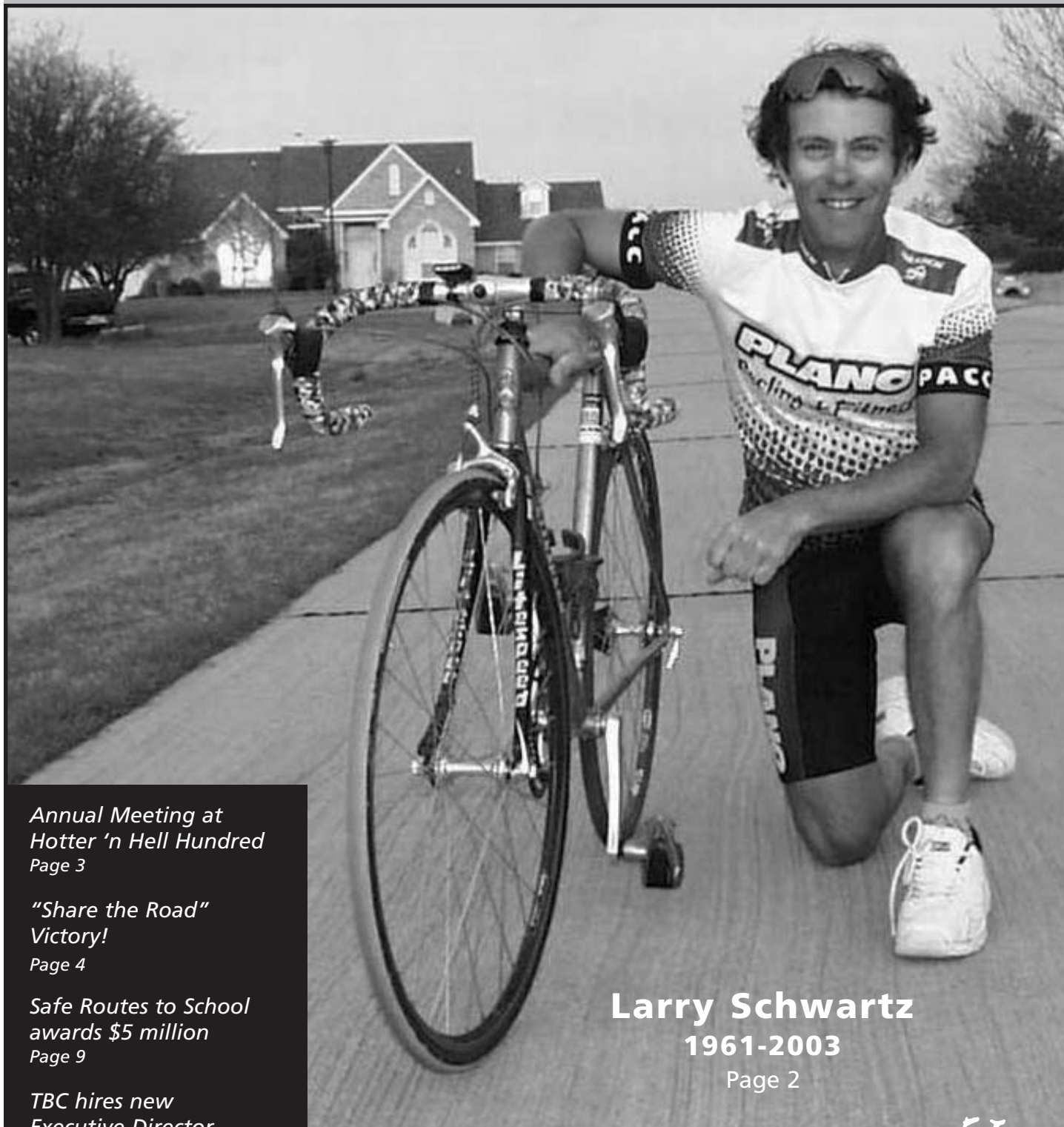


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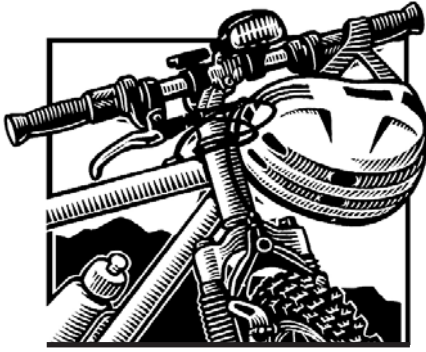
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FROM THE



BICYCLE SEAT

Hello & Goodbye... Last issue for this Executive Director

This issue of BikeTexas Today is my last as Executive Director of the Texas Bicycle Coalition. I'm not sure where the time has gone. But from where I started more than 5 years ago, I can tell you this: the overall perception and importance of bicycling in Texas has dramatically changed from where it was in 1998.

Bicycles have received a lot of attention in the past couple of years due to the Texas Bicycle Coalition's strong presence in the Texas Legislature and elsewhere.

Policymakers and planners recognize the benefits of bicycling and walking...and listening to bicycle advocates.

The decision to leave has been quite difficult for me because I truly have enjoyed the relationships I've built here. In spite of the tremendous successes we have enjoyed together during my tenure, it is time to explore other career opportunities.

I really haven't decided what I'm going to do next except to get some much needed rest (especially after finishing the Texas Legislative Regular session) and ride my bike a lot. That's where I'll do my best thinking about the exciting possibilities ahead.

How can I possibly thank everyone for everything they've done without sounding like Barbara Streisand accepting an Oscar? I'll try, so here goes.

I'll begin with the board of directors – who have always shared and supported my desire to make the Texas Bicycle Coalition one of the country's most effective state bicycle advocacy organizations.

What a pleasure and honor to serve my entire tenure under TBC Board chair Jeanne Patterson. Founding executive director Charlie Gandy would often tell me how proud he was of how far the organization had come since its creation in 1990.

Next, I'll add everyone I've worked with at Texas Bicycle Coalition. When you consider I was THE only employee in 1998, and we've since grown to eight full-time staff, there's a lot of folks who contributed an extraordinary amount of time and talent to our success. Preston Tyree has been with me almost from the beginning developing our education programs into some of the leading models across the country.

I've also had the pleasure of working with our independent contractors who charge us a fraction of what you'd normally pay and they devote a heck of lot of in-kind time: David Tropea, Jeff Heckler, Robin Stallings, Chuck Rice, Denise Luckey, Will Andrews, Holly Van Scoy, Paul Leonardi, Chelanie Israel...the list could go on and on. They, in a very real sense, along with the past and current staff, and the dozens of volunteers, have

made TBC the organization it is today.

Along with you, our loyal supporters, whom I'm honored to say have been liberal with your praise, and prudent, most of the time, with your disapproval, which I've diligently tried to always learn from and respond to. We've come a long way, thanks to the continuing support of all our corporate partners, especially the Texas Bike Industry.

I've spent the past month preparing my successor, Robin Stallings, for when he takes over the helm on August 1. What a seamless and smooth transition! Robin is no stranger around here as he's actively involved himself in almost every facet of TBC's mission in the past 4 years, most recently as our Legislative Affairs Director.

Together, you and I have made some major strides in improving conditions for a more bicycle-friendly Texas. But I can assure you, TBC's work is far from over and there's still so much more to do. You've got the brightest and most talented team of professional bicycle advocates in place, working tirelessly on your behalf, to make that happen.

May the Texas Bicycle Coalition, serving you as the voice for bicyclists in Texas, continue to grow and prosper in the years to come.

Bicycle Everywhere!

Gayle Cummins
Executive Director



In Memorium: Larry Schwartz (1961 - 2003)

Lawrence "Larry" Schwartz was born January 5, 1961, in Washington, D.C. and passed away May 4, 2003, in Dallas. Larry was featured in our March-April issue of BikeTexas Today and recognized in the Dallas Morning News for his prolific cycling. In 2002 Larry cycled approximately 25,000 miles and in 2003 he had already cycled 7,612. Larry was fatally hit when the mirror of a passing school bus struck him from behind north of McKinney on FM 1461 around 8 a.m. on May 1. Larry was wearing a helmet.

Larry's love of cycling and his involvement in the cycling community cannot be overemphasized. As evident when viewing the Dallas Morning News "Larry Schwartz guestbook" Larry's life and sudden passing have touched cyclists across the continent. A common theme in 21 pages of guestbook entries is Larry's humble nature despite his amazing achievements. You can view Larry's guestbook by clicking on the guestbook link at www.biketexas.org. Larry became a TBC member in 1991 and made a generous donation to the TBC Education Fund last Fall. In lieu of gifts and flowers, the Texas Bicycle Coalition and The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America were designated as recipients for memorial contributions. TBC has received over \$2,500 in contributions in Larry's memory that will be used for motorist and cyclist education programs.

PLEASE JOIN US!



Texas Bicycle Coalition

2003 ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2003 - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Multi Purpose Events Center Auditorium (MPEC)
(HHH 100 headquarters!)
1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas

at

Door Prize Drawings
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TBC Annual Meeting Agenda will include: U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (invited), Year In Review, Board of Directors Elections, Welcome TBC's new Executive Director, "Share the Road" victory, A Federal Perspective of the Battles Ahead, special showing of PBS series "Texas Safe Routes to School", Passing the Gavel to New Board Chair.



Building More Trails for Texans! 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Special Session - Multi Purpose Events Center Auditorium
(prior to Annual Meeting)

The Texas Bicycle Coalition has launched a new program with generous support from Subaru of America, Inc. and grants from Texas Parks & Wildlife's Department Recreational Trails

Grant Program that will benefit mountain bicyclists and other trail users in Texas - the Subaru/BikeTexas Trail Doctors. Modeled after the highly successful Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew, our team of professional multi-use trail experts, Ryan Spates and Susan Stormer, travel across Texas to lead trail workdays and to host trail construction workshops. Come hear more on how TBC can help build more trails in your community.

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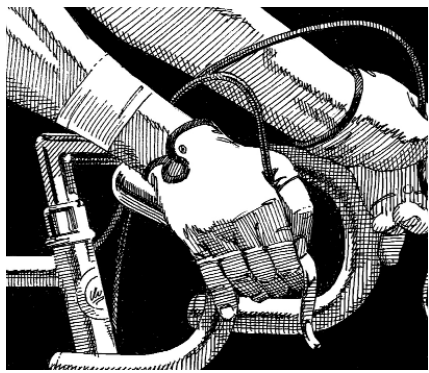
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ADVOCACY



& ACTION

Turn the Share the Road license plate into reality

What's special about these specialty plates? Aside from raising the awareness of all cyclists and motorists who see them, these plates will help to pay for cyclist and motorist education. Once we go into full production, this has the potential to generate tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Logistics:

The fee for issuance of a license plate is \$30. This fee is in addition to the standard license plate fees. After deduction of the administrative costs, the remainder will be deposited to the credit of the "Share the Road" account in the state treasury to be used only by the Texas Education Agency to support the activities of the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund to promote bicyclist safety, education, and access.

What's next:

1.) TBC must secure a deposit of \$15,000 to accompany the application for the license plates before production can begin. Bell Sports has already contributed the first \$1,000.

2.) Over the next couple of months, TBC will work with 4 or 5 graphic designers to secure potential designs for the license plate that must adhere to the strict state guidelines.

Governor signs license plate bill into law - Success at last!

By Jeanne Patterson, Chair

It's true! After weeks of delays and slippery slopes from the Senate to the House and back again, the "Share the Road" license plate bill has finally passed. Governor Perry signed the bill into law on June 22. The law becomes effective September 1.

On June 1, the final day of the 78th Texas Legislature, the omnibus license plate bill that was added as an amendment by State Senator Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) to HB 2971 made it through the House around 4:30 pm and then around 8:30 pm passed in the Senate. Talk about down to the wire! The session officially ended at midnight.

Special thanks need to go to Executive Director Gayle Cummins and her legislative team of Chuck Rice and Robin Stallings. The passage would not have been possible without their work behind the scenes up until the last seconds. Their dogged perseverance is what kept this alive.

"I'd say it's akin to pulling the rabbit out of the hat - I know the legislative team was working the phone lines, even Sunday afternoon, the last day of the 78th Legislature. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen," said Annie Melton, TBC Board Member from Dallas who sits on the legislative committee.

We want to give a big thanks to our TBC members in one of the Dallas State House districts who agreed to call their legislator when we heard about a last ditch attempt to derail our bill in the final hours. Additional gratitude goes to the entire TBC legislative committee, chaired by Dan Lundeen of Houston. We are also grateful for help from the Florida cyclists, especially Henry Lawrence.

All Texas cyclists should be proud of another successful legislative year especially during this strange legislative climate. Only about half the number of bills that are normally passed during a session passed this time around. So we were quite fortunate. Could there be a better way to start the summer than with a steady funding source in the works for motorist and cycling education!



License plate courtesy of Florida Bicycle Association. License plate design for Texas will differ from the Florida license plate.

How YOU can help:

1.) Send in your contribution today to the "Share the Road" license plate fund so we can raise the \$15,000 deposit and start production immediately. Contribute online at www.biketexas.org (you can also contribute by regular mail or phone).

2.) Sign up to receive email updates about our progress over the next couple of months so we can notify you when the plates become available for sale (biketexas@bikemail.org).

3.) Help TBC spread the word to individuals, clubs and events!



Citizen lobbyists and TBC members, Twilight Freedman (center) and Gail Wellenkamp (right) of Houston look comfortable and polished as they discuss bicycle issues in one of the many legislative offices they visited at the 2nd Annual Cyclists in Suits Texas Bike Lobby Day held April 14. - TBC Staff Photo

Senator Wentworth comes to bicyclist's rescue

It all came down to the final minutes on the last day before the Senate's deadline to consider any bills or joint resolutions on third reading. That's when State Senator Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) saved the day by introducing an amendment that included the Texas Bicycle Coalition's "Share the Road" license plate bill. The Senate passed House Bill 2971 on third reading at approximately 12:44 a.m. Thursday, May 29.

The deft legislative work by the senator prevented any more unwelcome amendments that might have once again doomed our bill. After the Senate added amendments to the original version, the bill had to go back to the House for concurrence by sponsor State Representative Linda Harper-Brown (R-Irving).

In close collaboration between TBC's legislative team and Sen. Wentworth's staff, a plan was hatched to resurrect the license plate bill from its second premature death in the House the night before. Earlier in the week, an amendment on the House floor by Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth (R-Burleson) for a "Choose Life" license plate fizzled on a technicality, thereby defeating Senate Bill 1704, the entire omnibus license plate bill, originally sponsored by State Senator Jon Lindsay (R-Houston).

Senator Wentworth and TBC have quite a history together. During the 2001 legislative session, Sen. Wentworth sponsored a bill that TBC strongly opposed. Through a major grassroots effort, the senator's office was buried in correspondence from his district, and everywhere else in the country.

Fortunately, when TBC asked cyclists to oppose the bill and not the author, they listened. Instead of making a lifetime enemy, Wentworth has become a strategic ally of bicyclists in Texas.

If you are a cyclist in Sen. Wentworth's district, please take the time to send him a thank-you note for his effort in the passage of House Bill 2971, with a provision for a "Share the Road" license plate.

The good, bad and irritating about the Administration's reauthorization bill

-- An analysis by America Bikes

On 5/14, the Bush Administration introduced their reauthorization bill called the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003" (SAFETEA). The federal transportation law, known as TEA-21, is up for reauthorization by Congress this year. The administration proposes \$247 billion over 6 years, a very slight increase over current TEA-21 levels.

The good news is that it maintains the existing structure and programs, including Transportation Enhancements, but it does little positive for bicycles or pedestrians and no Safe Routes to School, no better design of roadways. We ask "SAFETEA for whom?"

The Administration's SAFETEA bill supports the America Bikes agenda and retains the Enhancements program with no new categories or transferability. It also retains other key programs: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Scenic Byways, and Recreational Trails.

However, the bill takes several steps backwards. The funding for Transportation Enhancements is cut by nearly 15% as funding for the Surface Transportation Program is reduced. Despite a doubling of non-attainment areas, there is no increase in CMAQ funding. The bill adds several unfortunate provisions to the Recreational Trails program: 1.) removes the ability for a state to apply for a waiver from the funding split (30% motorized, 30% non-motorized, 40% either); and 2.) increases the funding from \$50 million to \$60 million a year, far short of the \$143 million requested by the Coalition for Recreational Trails.

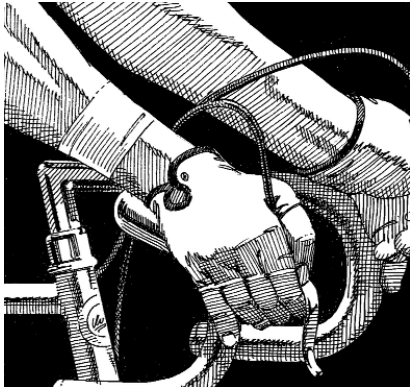
SAFETEA misses several important opportunities: 1.) no mention of Safe Routes to School, despite increasing concerns about childhood obesity and inactivity; and 2.) does not include "routine accommodation" language, ignoring the FHWA guidance in 2000 which directs states accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians in new highway projects and reconstructions.

Read the actual language or the analysis of the bill from the U.S. Department of Transportation at www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/safetea.htm.

America Bikes is a national coalition of groups asking Congress to enact a federal transportation law to ensure that new and existing transportation investments improve conditions for bicycling and walking. For more information, visit www.americabikes.org.

The Texas Bicycle Coalition is part of the America Bikes coalition, which is calling for an increased federal commitment to using transportation dollars to create a bike-friendly transportation system.

ADVOCACY



& ACTION



One of the first meetings of the Texas delegation at the National Bike Summit in Washington DC, March 5-7 was at the Constituent Coffee with Senator Kay Bailey-Hutchison (L-R): Preston Tyree, TBC Education Director; Gayle Cummins, TBC Executive Director; Jeanne Patterson, Chair, TBC Board of Directors; Robin Stallings, TBC Legislative Affairs Director; Linda Armstrong, TBC Spokesperson and mother of Tour de France champion, Lance Armstrong; Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas); Bill Fry, President & CEO, Bell Sports; Hill Abel, owner, Bicycle Sport Shop; and Tom Riddle, The Woodlands Cycling Club. - Courtesy Photo.

National Bike Summit: A view from Capitol Hill

by Tom Riddle, The Woodlands Cycling Club

What better way to jump-start a fledgling interest in bicycle advocacy than to attend the National Bicycle Summit in Washington, D.C. – hang out with over 400 expert cycling advocates, attend educational seminars all day and lobby Congress on behalf of cyclists nationwide? So I thought when I considered going, and I was not disappointed. Just steps away from the White House, The Capitol, the monuments and museums, Washington is an awesome place. But if you want to be a tourist, go some other time; the schedule for March 5-7 was intense.

I had never met anyone from the Texas Bicycle Coalition, but Robin Stallings, TBC legislative director, found me in the hotel lobby early the first day of the conference. The second person I met was Linda Armstrong Kelly, mother of Lance; then Gayle Cummins, TBC Executive Director; and Jeanne Patterson, Chair of the TBC board. Later we were joined by Preston Tyree, Education Director; Hill Abel, owner of Bicycle Sport Shop in Austin; and Bill Fry, President and CEO of Bell Sports.

Why do I mention all these people? Because this was a great team! Everyone in this group really contributed something solid to the intense lobbying effort we put in all day Thursday on Capitol Hill. Also, this group was somewhat representative of the conference attendees as a whole. Besides state and local advocacy groups and bike industry representatives, many Department of Transportation staff and other experts at the state and national levels were present.

One thing I learned immediately at the summit is that TBC is nationally admired and respected because of its accomplishments. I'm really proud of what we accomplished in Congress on Thursday. Due to careful planning, we were thoroughly briefed on the bicycling issues and the

background and special interests of each Senator and Congressman before we visited them. Between the eight of us from Texas, we visited both Texas Senators and 29 Congressional offices, and wrote follow-up thank you notes to each one. The great reception we received was exciting.

Bicycling is really a great issue to lobby for because almost everyone bicycles or has in the past - at least a little - and everyone thinks what we are doing is worthwhile. Besides that, we aren't paid lobbyist, but real people visiting our elected officials. This is what democracy is all about. What a great country!

One more thing I have to mention, that was an unexpected treat: Greg LeMond showed up at the Congressional reception. I'm definitely not a groupie, but I couldn't think of any celebrity I'd rather have met.

If you ever get a chance to go to a National Bike Summit yourself, I promise you it's worth the trip.

The League of American Bicyclists organizes the National Bike Summit. This year, participants visited more than 300 House offices and 80 Senators. It is our hope that this momentum will result in what we are all working for – a bicycle-friendly America.

Late Breaking News!

State Senator and cyclist Rodney Ellis has made a major step toward making Texas a more bicycle friendly state for residents and visitors. During the Special Session of the Texas Legislature, Chairman Ellis, in collaboration with TBC, was successful in getting an amendment attached to SB19 and passed through his committee, the Senate Government Reorganization Committee, to encourage "Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails." SB19 still must go through the Senate floor, House of Representatives, and get the governor's signature before being passed into law. Go to www.biketexas.org for all the details.

Polls show Americans want better biking

A majority of Americans want to bicycle more and are prepared to invest tax dollars in better places to bike, according to two new national polls released during National Bike Month™.

In a national poll conducted in April by the firm Belden Russonello and Stewart (BRS), 53 percent of those polled supported increased federal spending on bicycle facilities, even if it means less gas taxes go to construction of new roads. Fifty-two percent said they would like to ride a bike more often.

"People in Texas want to bike, and they want the roads to be bike friendly," said Executive Director Gayle Cummins from the Texas Bicycle Coalition. "It is heartening to confirm that so many Americans support investments to improve bicycling in their communities."

A survey conducted by the Gallup Organization and just released by federal transportation agencies found that the changes Americans believe would most improve bicycling are the installation of more facilities for bicycling, including bike lanes, new paths, and better lighting and signals.

Fifty percent of respondents to the BRS poll supported requiring roads to include bicycle lanes or paths, even if it means less space for cars and trucks. Currently Texas does not routinely provide for bicycle travel when building roads, and only 0.3% of federal transportation funds received by the state are used to build either bicycling or walking facilities. Almost half of the respondents to the Gallup poll said they are very or somewhat dissatisfied with how their communities are designed for bicycling.

Read the full press release at www.biketexas.org.

US Congressman Nick Lampson convened the Transportation Forum held June 30th at the Houston Galveston Area Council on the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill - often called "TEA-21." L-R: Congressman Lampson, Linda Armstrong, and John Johnson, Chair of the Texas Transportation Commission.
- Robin Stallings Photo



The Transportation Forum in Houston on June 30th provided ample opportunity for participants and members of the public to voice their opinions about key transportation issues. L-R: Margaret Charlesworth, TBC Board, Jennifer Naglieri, TBC Board, Gayle Cummins, TBC Executive Director, Linda Armstrong, TBC Spokesperson and Forum panelist, Gail Spann, TBC Board, and Regina Garcia, TBC member and Forum panelist. - Robin Stallings Photo

Thank your legislators for a great job!

Without the help of the following legislators, Texas' cyclists would not have a Share the Road license plate. Please take the time to express your appreciation to them!

It will only take a moment to send a thank you note or make a phone call to State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown and State Senators Bob Deuell and Jeff Wentworth. These elected officials fought for the passage of HB 2971 down to the last minute of the 78th Texas Legislature. We owe a great deal of thanks for all of their hard work in making the Share the Road license plate a reality.

In your letter or phone call, tell them you ride a bicycle and thank them for their hard work on HB 2971. Specifically mention the section on "Share the Road" license plates which will promote motorist and bicyclist education and "God Bless Texas" and "God Bless America" license plates which will fund the Texas Safe Routes to School program.

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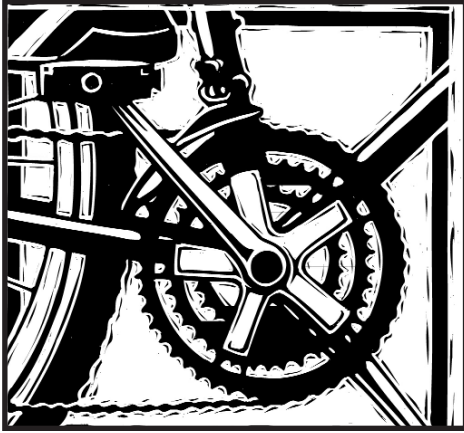
House Bill 2971 Sponsor: Texas State Senator Bob Deuell (R-Mesquite)

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Amendment authored to House Bill 2971: State Senator Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio)

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BIKE SMARTS



& EDUCATION



Teachers test new curriculum

The first quarter of 2003 was exciting for TBC's Education Department in that we had close communication with approximately 55 teachers who are taking part in the first-ever national evaluation of a bicycle safety curriculum.

The results of teaching the revised Texas SuperCyclist Project curriculum during the spring is currently underway and when complete, will represent the largest test in the nation of both knowledge transfer and behavioral change resulting from teaching bicycle safety. TBC's partner in this evaluation is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

By the end of the second quarter, almost 10,000 children will have taken part in this program. The SuperCyclist curriculum will be revised based upon the work these teachers and students are doing and will be available for use in approximately 1,800 classrooms in the next school year. The curriculum was revised to meet the requirement of 135-minutes per week of structured physical activity for K-6 as mandated by the State Board of Education and Senate Bill 12.

A simultaneous push to introduce this comprehensive new curriculum to teachers at the university level is proceeding ahead of schedule and we will meet our goal of having the curriculum taught in at least three Education Colleges by September as part of their teacher certification process. Teachers will receive materials, lesson plans and a certificate to take to their new teaching jobs. The multi-year Texas SuperCollege Project grant receives funding from the Texas Department of Transportation and Subaru of America, Inc.

For more information about TBC's education programs, go to www.supercyclist.org.

Oberstar champions Safe Routes to School: three co-sponsors from Texas

Washington DC - Supporters of bicycling, walking and healthy communities cheered as Congressman James L. Oberstar (D-MN) announced the introduction of a bill on June 18 to fund Safe Routes to School and create more bikeable and walkable communities. "This bill encourages children and adults to reacquaint themselves with the joys of human-powered transportation," said Oberstar.

At the heart of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Equity Act of 2003 (PACE) is a national Safe Routes to School program which would provide \$250 million a year to fix unsafe conditions on roads near schools and encourage children to walk and bike to school.

Representative Oberstar announced the new bill surrounded by children on bicycles and proponents of Safe Routes to School from around the country. He was joined by co-sponsors Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Rep. Jim Moran (D-OH), and Rep. Nick Lampson (D-TX). Fourteen members have co-signed so far, including two other Texas members of Congress, Rep. Lloyd Doggett and Rep. Martin Frost. For the rest of the news release, go to www.americabikes.org/saferoutes.asp.

US Congressman James Oberstar (D-MN) (at podium) and US Congressman Nick Lampson (D-TX) (left) introduce a bill to fund Safe Routes to School at \$250 million annually over the next six years in front of the nation's Capitol on June 18. The fourteen co-sponsors of the bill included three from Texas: Lampson (D-9th District), US Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-10th District) and US Representative Martin Frost (D-24th District). - Preston Tyree Photo

Twenty-seven Safe Routes projects selected for funding

More than \$5 million for projects designed to improve children's safety in and around school areas statewide was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in February. TxDOT, with assistance from the statewide Bicycle Advisory Committee, evaluated and selected the projects. More than 277 projects totaling \$45 million were submitted by the December 6 deadline.

The TxDOT Commissioners raised the amount of funding from \$3 million to \$5 million due to the high demand in project applications.

"I am proud to have sponsored the legislation which made this program possible. The death of Matthew Brown will not be forgotten," said State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, author of the Matthew Brown Act. "I am pleased that bicycle, pedestrian safety advocates, and the Texas Department of Transportation

have been able to work together to make this important initiative a reality. I am also glad that the city of McAllen is one of the grantees."

Funded projects include installations of sidewalks, pedestrian/bicycle paths, school zone flashers, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and a multi-use trail. "This program provides funding that will improve the traveling safety of one of the state's most precious assets - our children," said John W. Johnson, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "We are excited about this program and its beneficial effect on school children."

The Safe Routes to School program is the result of the Texas Bicycle Coalition's House Bill 2204 passed during the 77th Legislature. For more information go to www.safer-outestexas.org.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2002; PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

Project Number	Dist	County	Applicant	Total Project Amt.	Local Match	State Match	Federal Amt. Requested	Work Type
0214014	AUS	Travis	City of Pflugerville	\$151,158		\$30,231	\$120,927	Sidewalks
0214017	AUS	Hays	City of San Marcos	\$18,300	\$3,660		\$14,640	Sidewalks
0225001	CHS	Knox	City of Munday	\$32,375		\$6,475	\$25,900	Improve Crosswalks (in-pavement lighting)
0216022	CRP	Bee	County of Bee	\$112,692		\$22,538	\$90,154	Sidewalks, Crosswalk
0218020	DAL	Dallas	City of DeSoto	\$134,395	\$26,879		\$107,516	Sidewalks, Crosswalk
0218024	DAL	Dallas	City of Mesquite	\$85,000	\$17,000		\$68,000	Sidewalks, Crosswalk, Zone Flashers
0224001	ELP	El Paso	County of El Paso	\$201,160	\$40,232		\$160,928	Pedestrian/Bicycle Path, Sidewalks
0224004	ELP	El Paso	County of El Paso	\$103,632	\$20,726		\$82,906	Sidewalks, Bicycle Lane
0202011	FTW	Parker	City of Weatherford	\$252,850	\$50,570		\$202,280	Sidewalks, Crosswalks
0212013	HOU	Galveston	City of La Marque	\$46,205	\$9,241		\$36,964	Sidewalks
0212024	HOU	Harris	City of Pasadena	\$189,200	\$37,840		\$151,360	Sidewalks, Pedestrian Bridges
0212025	HOU	Harris	City of La Porte	\$568,746		\$113,749	\$454,997	Pedestrian/Bicycle Path
0205002	LBB	Lubbock	City of Lubbock	\$312,410	\$62,482		\$249,928	Sidewalks
0211003	LFK	Angelina	City of Lufkin	\$455,000		\$91,000	\$364,000	Sidewalks, Crosswalks
0222001	LRD	Val Verde	City of Del Rio	\$383,500	\$76,700		\$306,800	Sidewalks
0222002	LRD	Maverick	City of Eagle Pass	\$41,999	\$10,500		\$31,499	Sidewalks
0206003	ODA	Ector	City of Odessa	\$59,663		\$11,932	\$47,731	Pedestrian Signals, Crosswalks
0206004	ODA	Upton	City of Rankin	\$74,330		\$14,866	\$59,464	Crosswalk, School Zone Flashers, Flashing Beacons
0221004	PHR	Cameron	City of Brownsville	\$375,231	\$225,231		\$150,000	Sidewalks
0221006	PHR	Willacy	County of Willacy	\$50,000	\$10,000		\$40,000	Sidewalks
0221013	PHR	Hidalgo	County of Hidalgo	\$25,410		\$5,082	\$20,328	Sidewalks, Crosswalk
0221014	PHR	Hidalgo	County of Hidalgo	\$14,415	\$2,883		\$11,532	Sidewalks
0221019	PHR	Hidalgo	City of McAllen	\$227,640	\$70,672	\$45,528	\$111,440	Sidewalks, Bicycle Lanes, Pedestrian Heads, Overhead School Zone Flashers
0215004	SAT	Bexar	City of San Antonio	\$551,488	\$116,400		\$435,088	Crosswalks, School Zone Flashers, School Zone Signs
0207002	SJT	Tom Green	City of San Angelo	\$80,522	\$16,104		\$64,418	Sidewalks
0209001	WAC	McLennan	City of Waco	\$250,000	\$50,000		\$200,000	Sidewalks, Bicycle Lane, Crosswalks
0213001	YKM	Matagorda	City of Bay City	\$291,953	\$58,391		\$233,562	Multi-use Trail, Pedestrian/Bicycle Path
Totals				\$5,089,274	\$905,511	\$341,401	\$3,842,362	

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Meet TBC's new Executive Director, Robin Stallings - TBC Staff Photo

TBC Board announces new Executive Director

After an extensive national search, the Board of Directors of the Texas Bicycle Coalition is pleased to announce that former bike shop owner Robin Stallings will replace departing executive director Gayle Cummins beginning August 1. Robin has directed the two previous legislative sessions as Legislative Affairs Director for the Texas bicycle industry, managing the legislative team for the Texas Bicycle Coalition.

"Robin was really an outstanding candidate," according to TBC Chair-elect Gail Spann, who chaired the search committee. "Everyone agreed that he has the right combination of business savvy, strategic vision and political experience to continue building on the success that TBC has enjoyed under Gayle's leadership."

Robin's background is rich with bicycle advocacy experience. As a former road racer, Stallings co-founded Washington D.C.'s largest bike shop, City Bikes, in 1987. Robin was naturally drawn toward advocating for safer cycling conditions for both himself and his customers. He currently serves as Chair of the Texas Department of Transportation Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Friends of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway in Austin.

However, the excitement surrounding the appointment of a new executive director for TBC is tempered by the departure of Gayle Cummins, who has led TBC for the past 5 years. During that time, TBC membership has doubled, 250,000 Texas school children have received bicycle safety training, and Safe Routes to School is now an established multi-million dollar program in the Texas Department of Transportation.

Under her leadership, TBC also saved 30,000 miles of Texas roadways from being banned to cyclists and the most recent legislative efforts saw the passage of the Share the Road license plate. Gayle received the 2002 National Advocate of the Year award from the League of American Bicyclists.

"Gayle Cummins is absolutely amazing," stated TBC chair Jeanne Patterson. "Her energy and enthusiasm have translated into real progress for all bicyclists in Texas. Under her leadership, the Texas Bicycle Coalition has become a model for other states. She has definitely set the bar very high, and we will all miss her very much."

Satisfied members and Subaru customers

The following members took advantage of TBC's exclusive Subaru package from July 2002 to March 2003. When TBC members purchase a new Subaru, Subaru contributes \$150 to the TBC Education Fund in the member's name, making them a Legacy Sponsor. For more information on the Subaru package, see the Membership Benefits on page 15.

Legacy Sponsors

Shawn Collard	Jay Kolar
Jean Dixon	Victoria Matthews
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Eric Holt	Ruben Velayos
Stephen Kellicker	Faeghan White Wolf

TBC thanks the employees of the Houston, Dallas, and Austin REI stores who voted to award TBC a grant of \$3,000 per store. Jim Hansel, Store Manager for REI in Austin, presented TBC Executive Director Gayle Cummins (left) and Board Chair Jeanne Patterson (right) with a \$9,000 check on behalf of the three Texas REI locations during the TBC June 28 Board Meeting held at the REI Austin store. - Rick Alexander Photo





Citizen lobbyists came from all over the state to participate in our 2nd Annual Cyclists in Suits Texas Bike Lobby Day, April 14. We visited all 181 legislative offices, gave away thousands of bike pins, and stopped for a group photo. - TBC Staff Photo

Despite apprehension, TBC member makes a difference at Bike Lobby Day

by Jean Marie Linhart

I maintain that it is all Preston Tyree's fault. I, after all, am not into lobbying or politics. But Preston was persuasive when he said that cycling advocacy was a necessity. Persuasive enough for me to send my membership fee to the Texas Bicycle Coalition and think to myself, "Now I have paid them to advocate on my behalf."

Apparently I forgot this when I saw the TBC notice about Bike Lobby Day, scheduled for the day after the MS150. I was doing the MS150 and I wasn't planning on going to work that Monday. I was going to stay overnight at a friend's house and maybe get back to College Station and to work at noon. But maybe not. I'd see how tired I was. But there I was, I wasn't going to work a full day anyhow, so I might as well sign up and see what Bike Lobby Day was all about.

I brought my red blazer, a pair of khakis, and my Birkenstocks. If I was going to spend the day on my feet, I was at least going to wear a pair of comfortable shoes. I thought people should remember me in the red blazer. I'd look reasonably professional and I'd stand out, too. Besides, in real life I am a mathematician so I'm entitled to my Birkenstocks, red blazers, and other peculiarities. I show up at the Capitol and, of course, almost everyone else is wearing a real live suit, and the women are wearing real live nylons. I begin to wonder if I should have done the same or just stayed at home this morning. One thing, for sure, I am still glad it isn't me wearing those real live nylons.

The next thing you know I find myself talking to people about the Share the Road license plate bill. Money from this will go to the Texas Bicycle Coalition for motorist and cyclist education programs. I also find myself talking about the God Bless Texas/God Bless America license plate bill (with proceeds to go to the Safe Routes to School program). Next time, I want to think of other things to say to support cycling and bike safety.

Did I say next time? I guess that means that I'll be coming back. I tell you this is all Preston Tyree's fault...

"Feeling the Burn" for MS



by Hilda Correa and Mikail Davenport

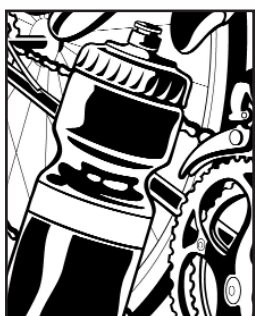
Imagine 10,000 bike riders giving it everything they have got for people they may not even know to conquer a disease striking thousands of people every year! Miles and miles forming a blur of color, sweat, metal, and rubber all integrated in devotion to serving one's fellow human beings.

This is the basis of the MS150 Bike Tour, the 183-mile trek from Houston to Austin that occurred April 12-13 this year. Each Tour, the finish line moves, so you never know exactly how many miles each ride will bring. Originating in 1984, this massive fundraiser is the largest bike ride in Texas and the largest fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, with 83% of all dollars raised going directly to programs, services, and research to end this devastating disease.

The MS150 riders are heroes in the eyes of those living with MS. They are seen by many as valiant crusaders in this important battle. To read the rest of the adventures from a novice and veteran rider of the MS150, go to www.biketexas.org.

Hilda Correa is the Division Administrative Manager for the Right of Way Division of TxDOT and this was her third MS 150.

Mikail Davenport is the Special Projects Coordinator for the Right of Way Division and rode the MS 150 for the first time this year.



Drinking enough?

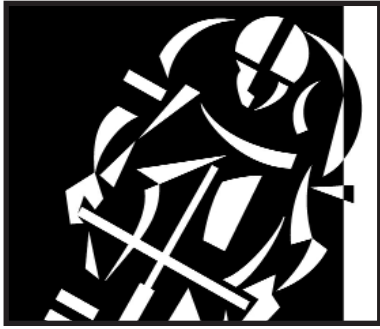
Are you drinking and riding your way though the hot Texas summers? Dehydration can lead to loss of performance and even death if not dealt with in a timely manner. To see exactly how much dehydration you incur during your workout, take the fluid balance test at www.biketexas.org.



Helmets ring a BELL?

The Texas Bicycle Coalition has arranged with one of our generous bike industry sponsors, Bell Sports, to provide affordable children's helmets made by Bell to eligible organizations and schools. Through this new program, TBC can provide Bell helmets for \$6.99 each when you buy 12 or more helmets (and they don't have to be in increments of 12!). For an order form or more information visit www.biketexas.org.

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Your groceries can help bicycling each time you shop!

We are excited to inform you that the Texas Bicycle Coalition now has Kroger Share Cards. These cards allow for a percentage of your grocery purchases to go to TBC every time you shop, and it doesn't cost you anything. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our organization earn revenue. It's easy to join, use, and contribute.

If you are a Kroger shopper and want to help earn more money for TBC, please contact us and we will send you a Share Card. What if you shop at Randalls/Tom Thumb? Well you can still earn money for TBC through the Randalls/Tom Thumb Reward card by going to the Randalls Courtesy Booth and filling out an application to add TBC on to your Good Neighbor account. Just give them our account number: 10646.

If you don't have a Randalls/Tom Thumb card, it's easy to get one! Your shopping experiences will be so much more rewarding as you fuel yourself, your family, and TBC in our work for bicycle rights and education. Write us at mail@biketexas.org for more information.



Aledo Ride for Heroes auctions flag autographed by Lance

Congratulations to the Aledo Ride for Heroes for a very successful first time ride. The United States Postal Service team donated a Tour de France flag, autographed by Lance Armstrong and the other members of the USPS team, to the ride. Aledo Ride for Heroes auctioned the flag to help raise money for their benefit organizations, including TBC. The flag was auctioned on Ebay and sold for \$1,500 to a buyer in California. The ride took place April 5th with a terrific turnout, over 650 people registered, greatly increasing cyclist's visibility in Aledo. To make your event a TBC sponsor, go to www.biketexas.org and look under rides and events.

TBC Board of Directors election

At the Annual Meeting at Hotter n Hell 100 in Wichita Falls on August 22, TBC members will be asked to fill three board of director positions. Each of these nominees is a returning board member and this would be their second term.

The TBC Nominating Committee of Gail Spann and Jeanne Patterson selected the candidates for the three (3) Director positions open on our seventeen (17) member Board. The Committee's selection is presented here in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Texas Bicycle Coalition. Each candidate will serve a 3-year term. With three positions open and three nominees, we will conduct a voice vote to confirm the slate of candidates. For those attending the Annual Meeting, you'll have the opportunity to meet and talk with the candidates before the election.

Gail Hurley Spann, Chair-Elect

Besides TBC, Gail currently serves on the boards of the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association (TMBRA), the Texas Trails Network, and BikeHouston. Gail recently married TBC member Jim Spann and has relocated her home and business to Rockwall in the D/FW area. An avid cyclist, Gail divides her time between both on-road and off-road cycling. When asked why she wanted to continue on the board she states "the efforts of TBC have always inspired me to do my best for cyclists everywhere. I feel that I have a lot to offer TBC and its members through continued hard work."

John Bean

A CAD/Drafting Designer in Belton, John is spokesman for his local club, the Bell County Bicycle Club. As a father of three, cycling education and safety are key issues he promotes whenever possible. And because of his work as the official spokesman of his club, John has really learned the importance of keeping informed as well as the power each of us hold in legislative endeavors. John rides both on-road and off-road and is a key person in keeping the trails in great shape at the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreational Area (BLORA). When asked why he would like to serve a second term, John replies "I'm kind of a safety nut and really believe that TBC's work really goes a long way in making cycling safer."

Randy Wile

As a commercial and residential real estate developer in Houston, Randy feels strongly that cycling should be woven into the transportation fabric and works hard to enlighten others among his industry. When asked why he would like to serve a second term, he states, "As the parent to three girls, TBC's mission towards safety and education are very important to me. Additionally I feel that through my work I can help create bicycling friendly communities." Randy is primarily a road rider and recently completed the MS150 from Houston to Austin.

Texas bike industry featured in comptroller's newsletter

The Texas Bicycle Coalition and several bike industry experts were featured on the front cover of the April issue of Fiscal Notes, the monthly newsletter published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Carole Keeton Strayhorn. The three-page feature article, "Pedal Power," emphasizes the tremendous amount of fiscal power that cyclists represent.

81-year-old man admits to hit-and-run

An 81-year-old man has admitted to driving the vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident that injured a member of The Woodlands Cycling Club on Saturday, June 7. James Price said he struck Bill Oswald with his Ford F150 pickup truck on Texas 105. Oswald was riding with a group of cyclists from the club near Montgomery High School when the accident occurred around 10:30 am. Oswald sustained a bruised lung and kidney, cracked ribs and extensive road rash. He was treated at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital and released. The Department of Public Safety trooper said Price stated he wasn't sure whether he had hit something until he noticed the right-side mirror of his truck missing. The investigating DPS officer at the scene will file appropriate charges, if necessary, with the District Attorney's office; and the district attorney will determine whether any charges should be filed.

Pair charged after truck strikes cyclist in Collin Classic

Two men were arrested on felony charges of failing to stop and render aid after a 1972 Chevrolet pickup struck a cyclist participating in the Collin Classic bike rally on June 14. Several cyclists were injured in the incident, though none of the injuries were life threatening, according to Event Director Mike Keel.

The driver of the truck, Mitchell Penland, 49, of Anna, was also arraigned on a third-degree felony charge for threatening an officer, a Class B misdemeanor charge of driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor charge of driving without insurance. His bail was set at \$30,600. The bail for the passenger in the truck, Roger Boyd, 45, also of Anna, was set at \$10,000. Both men are being held in the Grayson County Jail.

Bus driver indicted in cyclist's death

A Collin County grand jury indicted the driver of the school bus that fatally injured Larry Schwartz. Robert Haynes, 41, of Anna, was charged with failure to stop and render aid, which, if convicted, could mean up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. According to Department of Public Safety reports, the incident occurred north of McKinney on FM 1461 at 8:05 a.m. May 1. As the bus Haynes was driving passed Schwartz, its right-side mirror clipped the cyclist knocking him to the ground where he suffered head and neck injuries.

The incident happened while Haynes was returning the school bus to Laidlaw Education Service's center in McKinney after having delivered students to Celina Schools. Laidlaw managers have said the company will cooperate fully with officers throughout the investigation and had conducted post-accident drug and alcohol testing, which were negative.



Three TBC Board appointments

The following board members have recently left our organization due to other obligations. They are Bill Boon of Lubbock, Jack Richards of Aledo, Bob Spalten of San Antonio, and Dave Cardone of Katy. Please thank them for all their hard work in making TBC what it is today.

The Board has approved the appointment of the following new Board members with an electronic ballot the week of 6/23/03. They are: Rick Alexander of The Colony, Dr. Pierre Filardi of Austin, and Melanie Oberlin of Austin. We are excited to welcome our new board members to the table. Each one brings unique talents and experience that will enrich our organization and keep us a leader in bicycling advocacy throughout the country. Bios for the new members will be in our next issue.

Mod office modules

In the last newsletter we told you about how our office has a sleek and spacious new look due to our donated Herman Miller modular furniture... now we want to thank the person behind it - our former Membership Director, Nicole Holt. Thanks Nicole!

Join Online! - www.biketexas.org

READY



TO RIDE!

Follow the signs!

If you were out there sweating at the MS150 Houston to Austin ride, you probably saw the new safety route signs the Texas Bicycle Coalition produced for the event. Our signs remind cyclists to, "Sound Off When Passing," "Don't Block The Roadway," and "Signal All Turns," just to name a few.

We have 18 captions and graphics to choose from and these 14" x 21" yellow coroplast signs bear your event logo and ours. An added bonus: these signs are currently under review for statewide approval by the Texas Department of Transportation. For more information, call the office or email us at mail@biketexas.org.

Sound Off When Passing



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2003 Upcoming Events

August 9

* *Cove House Classic* in Copperas Cove. Scenic routes on sparsely traveled roads with rest stops every ten miles and plenty of support. Registration begins 6:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast for a donation. Start: 8:00 am. Distances: 10, 26, 42, 50, 63 miles. \$20 before August 1st, \$25 after. Contact: Mark Kemp (254) 547-0511 (evenings) or email: pastor@fbcove.net.

August 21-24

* *Hotter n' Hell Hundred* in Wichita Falls. 100 miles, 100K, 50 & 25 miles and 10K. Aug. 21: Registration & consumer show. Aug. 22: Shopping, registration, dinner, TBC Annual Meeting and more events TBA. Aug. 23: Riding begins. Aug. 24: Mountain biking. For more information: (940) 322-3223. Website: www.hh100.org/index.shtml. Email: info@hh100.org.

September 14

* *2nd Annual Biscuits & Gravy Rotary Ride for Hunger* at San Angelo State Park (North Shore). Four fully supported routes of 100 miles each, a metric century (100k), and routes of 35 and 20 miles. Sponsored by the Southwest Rotary Club of San Angelo. Contact: Margaret Charlesworth at mgc@wtcxmail.com.

September 20

* *Hill Country Century Challenge* in Marble Falls. Start Location: 1900 Mormon Mills. Sponsor: Kiwanis Club of Marble Falls for scholarships to benefit Marble Falls High School Seniors. Distances: 15, 30, 48, 62, 102 miles. Registration Fee: \$20 before September 13th and \$25 after. Contact: Harold Brueckner cpa@tstar.net Website: www.pages.tstar.net/~cpa.

September 27

* *Skittles Waco Wild West Century Bicycle Ride*. Start Location: Indian Springs Park. Sponsored by the Waco Wild West Century Committee to benefit TBC, United Cerebral Palsy, and local non-profits. Distances: 10, 25, 50, 62, and 100 mile routes. Reg. Fee: \$20, \$25 after 9/20. Website: www.teamwbc.com/wacowildwest. Contact: Susan Fornoff, wacowildwest@aol.com.

September 28

Biking for Sight Montgomery High School in Montgomery. Sponsored by Houston Cy-Fair and Bellaire Lions Clubs. 24, 40, 62 & 100 miles. Start: 8:00 a.m. \$20 if postmarked by Sept. 1; \$25 thereafter. Contact: Chuck Martin at cbmartin@ev1.net.

October 18

* *Texas Hill Country River Region Classic* in Concan, TX. Start location: Garner State Park. Sponsor: Texas Hill Country River Region Benefits local EMS and VFD. Distances: 34, 52, 68, 100 miles. Registration Fee: \$25 before 9/26 and \$35 after. Contact: Nicole Ogburn at nicole@thcrr.com. Website: www.thcrr.com.



* indicates that the event is a Texas Bicycle Coalition sponsor. To become a TBC sponsoring event and get your event listed in our newsletter and on our website, go to www.biketexas.org.

TMBRA Subaru Texas Fall Cup 2003

* August 30 *Subaru Texas Championship Downhill*, "Mamacita's Kelly Creek Classic", Kerrville, TX, Lisa Nye 830-896-6864, hillbike@ktc.com, www.tmbra.org.

* August 31, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #1*, "Mamacita's Kelly Creek Classic Mountain Bike Festival", Kerrville, TX, AMBC XC and JOMBS race, Lisa Nye 830-896-6864, hillbike@ktc.com, www.tmbra.org.

* September 13 & 14, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #2*, "The X Bar Shoot Out"; X Bar Ranch, Eldorado, TX, XC; Stan Meador, P.O. Box 696, Eldorado, TX 76936, 915-853-2688, info@xbarranch.com, www.XBarRanch.com.

* September 27 & 28, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #3*, "The Huntsville Classic" Huntsville State Park, Huntsville TX, XC, Ken at 281-440-6100, www.tmbra.org.

* October 5, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #4*, Bryan Texas Utilities "11th Annual Power Pedal Mountain Bike Race", Lake Bryan, Bryan, TX, XC, Don Lewis, (979)-821-5857, Sara Wallace, 979-821-5859, swallace@btutilities.com, www.bvmba.txcyber.com.

* October 25 & 26, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #5*, GHORBA Presents the Houston Big Ring Challenge, Double Lake Recreation Area, Cold Spring, TX, Scott Schaefer @ 713-256-3088, mtbscott@swbell.net, www.ghorba.org.

* November 8 & 9, *Subaru Texas Fall Cup #6*, "Piney Hills Fall Classic X" (AMBC U.S. Finals), Lincoln Parish Park, Ruston, Louisiana, XC and JOMBS race, James Ramsaur, 318-251-5156, park@bayou.com, www.tmbra.org.

BikeTexas Today Newsletter

Members will receive *BikeTexas Today*, the official bi-monthly newsletter of the Texas Bicycle Coalition. It carries statewide news for bicyclists and those with an interest in bicycle access, safety, education, and advocacy. Each issue will be delivered to your door, post office box, or email box.

Member/Club Support

Members can request a presentation by a TBC staff member. We'll assist you in responding to anti-cycling articles in your local newspapers, educating your community, supporting safer cycling, and much more. When possible we'll attend and participate in your events.

Exclusive Subaru Package

Members of the Texas Bicycle Coalition that purchase a new Subaru vehicle have the opportunity to receive a special TBC Member's package worth over \$600 from Subaru of America, Inc. The Subaru package includes a *free rooftop bicycle rack, a two-year/24,000 mile extended maintenance agreement, and a \$150 contribution to Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund in your name making you a Legacy Sponsor. You must be a member of TBC for three months and purchase a new Subaru vehicle to qualify.

* You must notify the Subaru dealer prior to purchase that you will be using this special offer.

Three Top-notch Websites, Email Alerts, & Resource Sheets

Members with web access can enjoy our three up-to-date websites: biketexas.org; saferoutetexas.org; supercyclist.org, each with a special focus - advocacy, education, and Safe Routes to School. We'll send you email alerts to keep you informed on upcoming events and urgent matters. We also have resource sheets available, by request, on a variety of cycling issues.

A Voice in Austin & Washington, DC

Membership in the Texas Bicycle Coalition gives you a voice in state and federal transportation issues - perhaps the most important membership benefit. Your membership assures that there is a collective voice for cyclists in Texas and for Texans. The larger our numbers, the louder our voice!

TBC SUPER SPONSORS!

Yellow Jersey Sponsors (\$5,000 +)

Bicycle Sport Shop, Austin (two locations)
Bikes Belong Coalition
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REI, Austin, Dallas, Houston
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Subaru of America, Inc.
Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association (TMBRA)

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Bicycles Outback, Waco
Bicycle World Fitness Systems, Beaumont and Harlingen
Bike Pro of San Angelo
Bikesport, Houston
Bike World, San Antonio (two locations)
Bluebonnet Bicycles, Lewisville

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Austin
Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce
Cycle 360, Austin
Cyclone Cycles, Houston
Cycle Logic, San Antonio
Desert Sports, Terlingua
Fort Worth Cycling and Fitness
Freewheeling Bicycles, Austin
Hill Country Bicycle Works, Kerrville and Fredericksburg
Jack Johnston Bicycles, Dallas
Lone Star Works, Lewisville
Mad Duck Adventure Sports, Grapevine
Northwest Cyclery, Houston
Peyton's Bikes, Midland
Ride Away Bicycles, San Antonio
Shirar's Bicycle Store, Houston
Sun Country Bicycles, Temple and Killeen
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Texoma Cycling Center, Wichita Falls
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West End Bicycles, Houston

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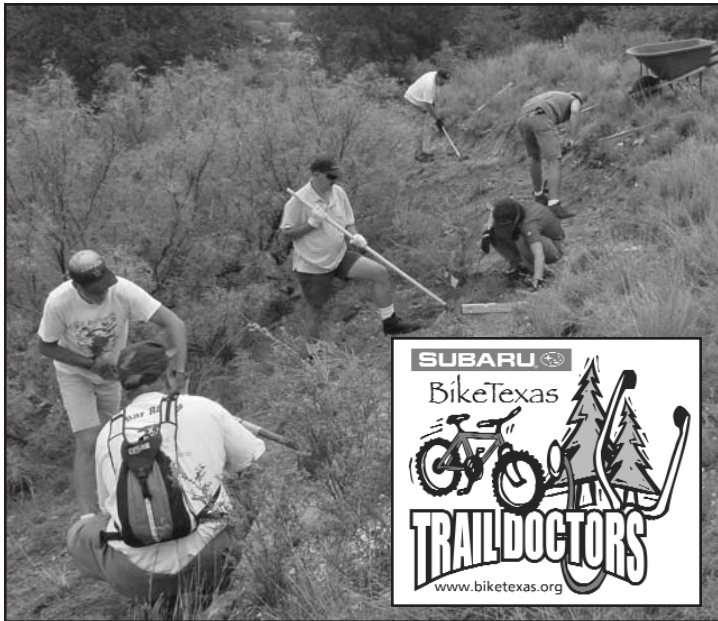
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Aggieland Challenge, College Station
Aledo's Ride for Heroes, Aledo
Armadillo Hill Country Classic, Austin
Bar H Bash, St. Jo
Beauty and the Beast, Tyler
Bicycles Outback Blowout, Waco
Biscuits & Gravy Rotary Ride for Hunger, San Angelo
Bryan Texas Utilities Power Pedal, Bryan
Century Buzz, Bike and Skate Tour, Clute
Collin Classic, Plano
Cove House Classic Bike Tour, Copperas Cove
Cycle 360 Flat Creek Challenge, Austin
Easter Hill Country Tour
Fiesta Grande Bicycle Classic, San Antonio

Fire Ant Tour, Gatesville
Hill Country Century Challenge, Marble Falls
Hotter'n Hell Hundred, Wichita Falls
Horney Toad Roundup, Lake Ray Roberts
Huntsville Classic, Huntsville
Mamacita's Kelly Classic Mountain Bike Festival, Kerrville
Medina Valley River Ride, Castroville
Moonlight Ramble, Houston
MS 150 (Houston to Austin)
New Year's Day Loop 1604 Tour, San Antonio
Pedal Power Wildflower Bike Ride, Stonewall
Piney Hills Fall Classic, Ruston, La.
Pineywoods Purgatory, Lufkin
Rocky Hill Mountain Bike Race, Smithville
Shiner Bash, Stafford
Southwest Tandem Rally, Waco
Storm Hill Country Mountain Bike Challenge, San Antonio
Texas Hell Week, Fredericksburg
Salado Smokin' Spoke Bike Ride, Salado
Subaru Texas TrailFest, Smithville
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Howdy from Lubbock, TX.

On May 7-8, we had the privilege of welcoming and working with Ryan Spates & Susan Stormer from the Subaru/Bike Texas Trail Doctors. From the class lesson to the trails, they did an outstanding job. It was great to have a crew of their caliber come to our area (and it's about time TX had something like IMBA's trail crew!). I will be writing an article about it for our next club newsletter (WTCA - West Texas Cycling Association) so I can tell everyone what a good job they did. Thank you for the program. I hope it will be a success for years to come.

I renewed my membership to TBC while they were here. Please keep me informed and updated on the latest news concerning the "Share the Road" license plates. I'm looking forward to displaying those beauties on my Honda (and I told Sen. Wentworth as well).

Thanks again & keep up the good fight!
Cole McKenzie

With generous support from Subaru of America, Inc. and Texas Parks & Wildlife's Department Recreational Trails Grant, the Subaru/Bike Texas Trail Doctors started in January with funding available through December 2004. Visit www.biketexas.org to read the latest adventures and travel schedule.

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