



## BTWD May 17: Celebrating 14 Years of Pancakes, Parking Bikes, Helping Cyclists

On Thursday, May 17, the Bay Area and the rest of California will promote bicycling as an everyday commuter choice for the 13th year.

Bike to Work Day on May 17 also represents 14 years since the EBBC inaugurated Bike to Work Day in 1994, serving a pancake breakfast and parking bikes in front of Oakland City Hall. The breakfast and the valet bike corral grow larger each year and serve as a visible sign to elected officials that “bikes matter.” Come join us.

All Bike Month events are intended to encourage novice bike commuters to try bicycling on a regular basis. The Team Bike Challenge engages corporate leaders to set an example and create a spirited competition. The Bicycle Commuter of the Year award in each county provides the media with an exemplary individual who can inspire others.

Fifty-nine Energizer Stations in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties will entice thousands of riders to drop by and pick up a bag of bike swag. Novices can count on having cycling colleagues near at hand to offer route advice or technical help.



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It is particularly inspiring to see a growing cadre of commuters who are not near the pancakes and media. The Pedaler Bike Shop at 3826 San Pablo Dam Road in El Sobrante always seems to attract a fair share of bike commuters. The Pedaler's Energizer Station will get a boost this year from a new Pedal Pool that may include County Supervisor John Gioia and other West County political leaders and cyclists when they leave the El Sobrante Library at 7:30 a.m., heading to the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station and, for those interested, on to Berkeley.

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## MacArthur Maze Collapse Disrupts Traffic, May Cause Problems for Cyclists

A gas tanker fire early on Sunday, April 29, led to the collapse of two busy connectors in the MacArthur Maze. Replacement of the damaged sections (connecting westbound Interstate 80 to southbound I-880, and eastbound I-80 to eastbound I-580) will disrupt travel in the East Bay and around the Bay Bridge for months to come. (For updates on the accident and repairs, see [www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/mazedamage/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/mazedamage/) and [www.511.org/promo/baybridge/accident.asp](http://www.511.org/promo/baybridge/accident.asp).)

Here are some of the implications for cyclists integrating cycling and transit, and a few survival tips. Check out [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org) and [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) for the latest info about commuting with your bike.

### Bicycle to BART

Bike to BART and secure your bike with a strong U-lock through the frame and both wheels. Arrive early, since the capacity of existing bike racks will likely be inadequate. Two East Bay BART BikeStations, Downtown Berkeley and Fruitvale, offer secure attended bike parking and are expected to attract many new customers. The

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## NEXT MEETING MAY 15, 7:30 PM

### 'Cycling to Save the Earth' at Berkeley Cohousing

EBBC's General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 pm in the Common House at Berkeley Cohousing, 2220 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702. The board meeting will be at the home of Raines Cohen and Betsy Morris at 7 pm in Unit N, Berkeley Cohousing. (If you arrive before 7:30 pm, please go to Unit N.)

Berkeley Cohousing is on the west side of Sacramento St. just 1.5 blocks north of the Channing Bike Boulevard between Allston and Bancroft. Outdoor bike parking is available. AC Transit lines J and 88 stop out front, and the 51 and 19 stop a few blocks away at University and Sacramento. Berkeley Cohousing is a short, flat bike ride or walk from North Berkeley BART, and a short downhill coast from the downtown Berkeley BART Bike Station. The on-site auto parking lot is 100 percent reserved so, if you must drive, please use street parking.

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# May Features Bicycle-Oriented Events: Bike to Work Day, Skills Courses, Team Challenge

## Celebrate 14 Years of Biking to Work

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Whether you are an experienced weekend lycra-clad rider looking to stay in top shape with daily commuter rides or an occasional utility bicyclist, Bike to Work Day provides incentives to make a lifestyle changes benefit your health, your pocketbook, the air we breathe, and the planet we live on. Visit any of the 59 Energizer Stations (listed at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org)) May 17 to talk with experienced cyclists about making your bike commute a great part of your day.

### Helpful hints

Review your route on one of the EBBC's Bicycle Transportation Maps (available from EBBC Affiliate Member Bike Shops) and become familiar with it on an easy weekend ride. If you are still not comfortable with how to handle particular situations, enroll in a free Street Skills Course offered by the EBBC.

## May Meeting: Raines Cohen

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The agenda will include late-breaking announcements about Bike to Work Day, lobbying reports from Pedal Power, an update on Alameda County's proposed Parade Permit Ordinance, and EBBC's efforts to encourage bike-to-BART and other cycling options following the MacArthur Maze fire and collapse.

At 8:30 pm our host, Raines Cohen, will talk about "Bicycling to Save the Earth: Cycling for Climate Preservation." His presentation will utilize elements of the slide show from "An Inconvenient Truth" to illustrate how promoting bicycling for everyday transportation can be part of worldwide solutions to global climate change. Raines recently participated in training for The Climate Project ([www.theclimateproject.org](http://www.theclimateproject.org)) with Al Gore, and will discuss how bicycling can help limit the production of greenhouse gases and reduce global warming.



*With the proper skills, riding with traffic can be much less stressful.*

## Still Time to Sign Up for Team Bike Challenge

Grab your friends, co-workers and neighbors and get ready to pedal. The second annual Team Bike Challenge kicked off on May 1, but there's still time to take part.

The Team Bike Challenge encourages bicycle commuters to join their friends, colleagues, and anyone else and commute by bike during the month of May. Sign up at [511.org](http://511.org).

Participants in the Team Bike Challenge form teams of two to five individuals, who then think of a creative name for their team, sign up, and log the days they bicycle on a personalized calendar at [511.org](http://511.org).

Teams do not have to ride together. Each individual member earns a point every day he or she uses a bike for transportation.

Teams around the bay compete for points to win a grand prize of a bike rack to be placed in a public space of their choosing. Each individual team member will also receive a Timbuk2 bag filled with goodies.

He is a lifelong bicyclist and bicycle advocate, a former vice-chair of EBBC, and a life member of the League of American Bicyclists. Raines trained as a geographer at UC Berkeley and was a co-founder of the Berkeley Macintosh Users Group.

## Make Your Commute Safer; Take a Free Street Skills Class

EBBC is offering free "Street Skills" safety classes for urban cyclists to help you get ready for Bike-to-Work Day. In the two-day classes, cyclists will learn to drive a bike safely in traffic.

### Day One: In the classroom

Four-hour classroom course teaches the basics of safe cycling, riding in traffic, equipment, crash avoidance, rights and responsibilities. Adults 14 and over. No bike needed for Day One. These classes will be held in:

**Berkeley:** Monday, May 7, 6:00 - 9:30 pm  
Malcolm X School, Ashby & King.

**Fremont:** Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 - 9:30 pm  
Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St.

**Pleasanton:** Monday, May 14,  
6:00 - 9:30 pm; CarrAmerica Conf. Ctr,  
4400 Rosewood Dr.

**Hayward:** Thursday, May 10, 4 - 8 pm  
John Muir School, 24823 Soto Rd.

### Day Two: On-road instruction

Six-hour on-road course provides an opportunity to put into practice what was learned in the Day One Street Skills class, including emergency maneuvers and riding in various traffic conditions, to test your knowledge of vehicular cycling skills. Bicycle required for Day Two.

**Oakland:** Saturday, May 19, 10 am - 4 pm  
MTC conference room, 101 Eighth St  
(at Lake Merritt BART)

**Alameda:** Saturday, June 16, 10 am - 4 pm  
Perforce Software, 2319 Clement Ave.

**Sign up via email:** [dcampbel@mi.net](mailto:dcampbel@mi.net)  
**or at the Berkeley Bikestation:**  
510-548-7433.

## SHORT REPORTS

### 'RICHMOND DANGERFIELD' –

“Richmond has a long and sordid history of being the Rodney Dangerfield of California,” writes Richmond Councilmember James Rogers. “We produce lots of things that the region and state need, but we don't get any respect or mitigation for the problems.”

Rogers cites the latest example of disrespect: the draft EIR in the State Lands Commission proceeding that said Chevron should not have to mitigate its Long Wharf, which blocks the Bay Trail from connecting Pt. Richmond and Pt. Molate. On the plus side, he says, “a veritable who's who of environmental, civic, trail advocate (TRAC), and bicycle advocates [See: rideOn, April 2007] have now weighed in on Richmond's side, insisting that Chevron could at least provide access for the Bay Trail (if not build it), as mitigation for the 30-year lease of extraordinarily valuable Tidelands property.” Tragically, one cyclist was killed and another critically injured after being struck by a car while riding on the freeway shoulder between Pt. Richmond to Pt. Molate. Without the Bay Trail, bicyclists have no choice but to ride there.

You can help by contacting the members of the State Lands Commission:  
Lt. Gov John Garamendi,  
[Lt.Governor@Ltgov.ca.gov](mailto:Lt.Governor@Ltgov.ca.gov)  
Controller John Chiang, [john@sco.ca.gov](mailto:john@sco.ca.gov)  
Gov. Schwarzenegger's Finance Director Michael Genest,  
[maureen.schwind@dof.ca.gov](mailto:maureen.schwind@dof.ca.gov)

**CANYON SCHOOL** – First we encounter refreshing smoothies at the Critter Café on Pinehurst Road during a Sunday ride when bikes outnumber cars. This bucolic café serves brunch to bicyclists from 9 am till 2 pm each Sunday. Then we find out that long-time EBBC supporter Brendan Smith ([brendansmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brendansmith@sbcglobal.net)) is teaching at Canyon School and engaging his pupils in some pedaling. Brendan is looking for volunteers to help lead rides.

**WORKSHOP** – Join a free, interactive workshop conducted by Fehr & Peers and Eisen | Letunic aimed at providing the latest bicycle and pedestrian design tools to practicing professionals in transportation and urban planning and design. There will

be two free workshops sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. Attendance will be limited. On May 20, from 9 am to 4 pm, a workshop will be held at the Pleasanton City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Road. An RSVP is required by May 11 to: Anne Zuparko at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, 415-397-2220 or [anne@railstotrails.org](mailto:anne@railstotrails.org). The second workshop will be held on June 19 at the San Mateo City Council Chambers, 330 W. 20th Ave., from 9 am to 4 pm. Each workshop will include a one-hour walking tour.

**BAY BRIDGE ACCESS** – A large number of people gathered at Caltrans on April 25 to discuss implementing access from Emeryville and Oakland to the Alex Zuckermann Path on the East Span (2013 opening). Project Manager Ken Terpstra told the crowd that “Caltrans is committed to build a world-class approach to the world-class bike path.” From a transbay bus, you can now see the path railing being installed on the new East Span. Gaps in the 15.5-foot path will be where the six viewing platforms will be installed.

**EAST BAY GREENWAY** – Alameda Supervisor Nate Miley's April 19 Transportation Roundtable was jam-packed with agencies and staff to consider the Urban Ecology plan to convert the abandoned Western Pacific (now Union Pacific Railroad) into a major pathway (See: rideOn, June 2006). The path between High Street in Oakland and Fremont is near the BART right-of-way and would offer many localities convenient and grade-separated access to transit. The Fruitvale BART parking garage and other buildings guarantee that the former rail corridor is unlikely to again carry train traffic.

**BERKELEY FARMER'S MARKET** – The market will host a full slate of Bike Day activities on May 12 between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm. There will be expert presentations on bicycle security, repair, and practical bicycle tips to counter global warming. Located on Center Street between Milvia and MLK Way. Check the EBBC online Event Calendar for details.

**RICHMOND GREENWAY** – On May 16 at 1:30 pm, join Richmond's Green

Party Mayor Gail McLaughlin at 16th Street and Ohio Ave. to celebrate the opening of the Phase I portion of the east-west path from Garrard Blvd. to 23rd Street just north of Ohio Ave. Phase II of the Richmond Greenway will pass through the old rail tunnel beneath I-80 to connect with the Ohlone Greenway, I-80 Bikeway, and Del Norte BART Station.

**RIDE OF SILENCE** - Tom Ayres, EBBC Secretary, has again scheduled a ride to honor cyclists who have been injured or killed (like Ed Weiss), to raise awareness that we are here, and to ask that we all share the road. Please join a slow 10-mile ride through Albany and North Berkeley on May 16, starting at the U.S. Post Office on Solano Ave. (several blocks east of San Pablo Ave.) at 7 pm.

**MUSEUM BIKETRIPPERS** – On May 20 at 10 am you can join a docent-led ride that meets at the Oakland Museum of California, 10th and Oak Streets (near Lake Merritt BART). Introduce your novice friends and family to a fun outing. Select from two tour options: Downtown Oakland History or Arrowhead Marsh. RSVP: 510-238-3514.

**CHERRY FESTIVAL** – Ride to the San Leandro Marina for the annual festival on Saturday, June 9. Between 10 am. and 6 pm you will be treated to free, attended bike parking provided by the Cherry City Cyclists and the EBBC. Volunteers can contact Phil Kent, 510-352-7959 or [philipkent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:philipkent@sbcglobal.net).

**TEMESCAL STREET FAIR** – Telegraph Ave. will bustle when the traffic is blocked between 48th and 51st Streets on Saturday, June 9, from 12-6 pm. Entertainment will be offered on two stages. There will be 75 booths with a mix of craft vendors, non-profits, businesses, and food and drink. EBBC's valet bike parking will be located on 48th Street next to the Lane-splitter pub (how convenient!). Free tune-ups will be offered by Tip-Top Bicycles.

## BAC Calendar

Compiled by John Ruzek

### Get Involved

*MTC now requires that local citizen-based Bicycle Advisory Committees review all MTC-funded transportation plans and projects. BACs have proven effective at changing policies to encourage cycling. Please get involved in your local BAC, or help establish one in your community.*

**Alameda County** May 10, June 14, 5:30 pm; 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Visit [www.acta2002.com/meetings.html](http://www.acta2002.com/meetings.html) or call staff to confirm details of next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler (510-267-6121, [RWheeler@acita2022.com](mailto:RWheeler@acita2022.com)).

**Albany** (Traffic & Safety Committee) May 24, June 28, 7 pm; City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. **Staff:** Aleneida Andrino (510-528-5759, [AChavez@albanyca.org](mailto:AChavez@albanyca.org)). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch ([nicky@mindspring.com](mailto:nicky@mindspring.com)).

**BART** June 4, Aug 6, 6 pm; MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy (510-464-6446); **Co-Chairs:** Joe Carroll ([Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net](mailto:Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net)), Dave Favello (925-939-9462, [DaveVelo@mac.com](mailto:DaveVelo@mac.com)). County reps: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin ([EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com](mailto:EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com)); Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin (925-937-7610, [Chagelin@astound.net](mailto:Chagelin@astound.net)).

**Berkeley** (Transportation Commission) May 17, June 21, 7 pm; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue. **Staff:** Heath Maddox (510-981-7062, [HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us)); **Chair:** Sarah Syed ([ssyed@berkeley.edu](mailto:ssyed@berkeley.edu)); **EBBC Rep:** Eric McCaughrin ([emccaughrin@yahoo.com](mailto:emccaughrin@yahoo.com)). Berkeley's BAC is currently inactive: contact Eric McCaughrin or Heath Maddox for updates.

**Brentwood** June 26, Aug 23, 4 pm; Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. Call staff to verify meeting time. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan (925-516-5420, [SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us](mailto:SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us)). **Chair:** EBBC Rep David Stoeffler ([dstoeffler@sbc-global.net](mailto:dstoeffler@sbc-global.net)).

**California Bicycle Advisory Committee** (CBAC) June 14, Aug 9, 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Bimonthly meetings held in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding Caltrans facilities,

standards and legislation of statewide significance. **Staff:** Ken McGuire (916-653-2750, [Ken\\_McGuire@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov)); **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO (650-494-1750, [Wachtel@aol.com](mailto:Wachtel@aol.com)); **BABC Rep:** Deb Hubsmit (415-454-7430, [debhub@igc.org](mailto:debhub@igc.org)).

**Caltrans District 4** July 10, Oct 9, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Call Chair to confirm). Meets quarterly to review state highway projects that impact bicycle facilities. **Staff:** Julian Carroll (510-286-5598, [Julian\\_Carroll@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov)); **Chair:** Sean Co (510-217-5748, [sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov](mailto:sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov)), **EBBC Rep:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, [RobertRaburn@ebbc.org](mailto:RobertRaburn@ebbc.org)).

**Staff:** Steve Kowalewski (925-313-2225); **Chair:** John Ruzek (925-939-5181, [John\\_Ruzek@yahoo.com](mailto:John_Ruzek@yahoo.com)).

**Danville Parks Commission** May 9, June 13, 7 pm; Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street. **Staff:** Marcia Sommers (925-314-3313, [MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us)).

**Dublin** Dublin's Citywide Bicycle Master Plan has apparently not yet been reviewed by the City Council, as had been scheduled in March. Interested cyclists should contact Ferd del Rosario (925-833-6637, [Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us](mailto:Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us)) to find out when it will be on the calendar.

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### EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT THESE MEMBER SHOPS

- Alameda Bicycle 1522 Park Street, Alameda (*20th anniversary in May*)
- **Bay Area Bikes** 2424 Webster Street, Oakland (*new location*)
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Avenue, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Drive, Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First Street, Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Avenue, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High Street, Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Avenue, Oakland
- Danville Bike 115 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Avenue, Oakland
- Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Avenue, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery 7214 San Ramon Boulevard, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery 2752 First Street, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes 2133 University Avenue, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes 1150 Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
- Montano Velo 4266 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works 439 Railroad Avenue, Danville
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery 1100-C Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles 3506-B Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Boulevard, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery 471 East 14th Street, San Leandro
- Schwinn City 814 A Street, Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle 969 Moraga Road, Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery 1554 Solano Avenue, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery 2320 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda
- **Tip Top Bike Shop** 4800-A Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- **Velo Sport** 1615 University Avenue, Berkeley (*new location*)
- **wheelgirl** 1714 Fourth Street, Store C, Berkeley (*new shop*)
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop 22125 Mission Boulevard, Hayward

*Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain discounts at participating retailers. The newsletter mailing label must indicate "Current" membership to qualify. Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org) for details.*

## MacArthur Maze Collapse

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EBBC is seeking emergency funding to install additional bike racks inside the paid areas at BART stations.

BART intends to add train capacity, but predicts that the peak hour train crowds will be shoulder-to-shoulder. Crowded trains may also preclude bicycles on BART at other times.

### Caltrans Bike Shuttle

Shuttles connect MacArthur BART and SF.

### Bikes on AC Transit

AC Transit Transbay service is being rerouted to the West Grand Avenue approach and the agency hopes to add to Transbay service. Front-loading bike racks on every bus carry two bikes, and AC Transit's tall green MCI coaches offer additional bike storage in the luggage bays. All Nighter transbay buses follow BART routes and allow additional bikes inside: if the front rack is full, ask the driver to

bring your bike in the bus rear door.

### Bikes on Amtrak

Mainline rail tracks near the collapse were not disturbed. All Capitol and San Joaquin trains carry bikes.

### Bikes on the Ferries

The ferries, which have welcomed cyclists since 1988, offer the most bike-friendly options for those integrating transit and bicycling.

### Cycling on Surface Street Detours

Bicycling on surface streets in Oakland, Berkeley, and Emeryville just got a bit trickier. If you ride on surface streets being used as detours around the damaged Maze, watch for distracted drivers who may be on unfamiliar routes. Expect drivers to make more frequent sudden turns and lane changes. Use extra caution, be more visible than usual, and ride predictably. (To improve your on-street cycling skills and your confidence, take a free Street Skills course this month.)



The (undamaged) MacArthur Maze, viewed from the Mandela Parkway bike lane linking West Oakland BART with Emeryville and Berkeley.

### Check Your Label

Is your EBBC membership up to date?

Please check that your mailing label says "Current" to support EBBC's bicycle advocacy efforts. If it reads "Expired" or "Renew Now," please mail a check or renew online. Thanks!

## BAC Calendar

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**East Bay Regional Park District** (Park Advisory Committee) May 21, June 25, 7:30 pm; Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605. **Staff:** Ro Aguilar (510-635-0138 x2006, [RAguilar@ebparks.org](mailto:RAguilar@ebparks.org)); **Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe ([JimGaebe@comcast.net](mailto:JimGaebe@comcast.net)).

**El Cerrito** Cyclists helped review the *Circulation Plan for Bicyclists, Pedestrians and Disabled Individualists* at a March 13 workshop. El Cerrito residents who wish to form a Bicycle Advisory Committee should contact John Ruzek (925-939-5181, [John\\_Ruzek@yahoo.com](mailto:John_Ruzek@yahoo.com)), who can provide background in establishing a BAC. **Staff:** Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works (510-215-4339, [mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us)).

**Emeryville** May 7, June 4, 5:30 pm; 1333 Park Ave. **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen (510-596-3728, [PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us](mailto:PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us)). **Chair:** Bryce Nesbitt (510-540-8421, [bryce2@obviously.com](mailto:bryce2@obviously.com)).

**Fremont** May 16, June 20, 7:00 pm; Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street (call to confirm). **Staff:** Rene Dalton (510-494-4535, [RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us)). **Chair:** Michael Joss (510-284-9908, [michaeljoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michaeljoss@sbcglobal.net)). **EBBC Rep:** Michael Graff ([Michael.Graff@pobox.com](mailto:Michael.Graff@pobox.com)).

**Lafayette** Quarterly mtgs: see [www.ci.lafayette.ca.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us) or call staff for date. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat (925-299-3229, [LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us](mailto:LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us)); **Chair:** Bart Carr (925-299-1664, [Bart\\_Carr@yahoo.com](mailto:Bart_Carr@yahoo.com)). **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman (925-284-5363, [YehudaSherman@aol.com](mailto:YehudaSherman@aol.com)).

**Livermore** (BAC being formed). Call Community Development Department (925-960-4500) for further information.

**Oakland** May 24, June 21, 5:30 pm; Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza. See [www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm](http://www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm) or call staff for location and other information. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley (510-238-3983, [bikeped@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bikeped@oaklandnet.com)); **Chair:** Paul Russell ([paulbikegeek@gmail.com](mailto:paulbikegeek@gmail.com)); **Vice-chair:** Mark Dieter ([slimysalamanders@yahoo.com](mailto:slimysalamanders@yahoo.com)).

**Pittsburg** (Community Advisory Committee) May 2, June 6, 7:00 pm; City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave. **Staff:** Paul Reinders (925-252-4822, [PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us](mailto:PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us)). **EBBC Rep:** Bruce "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848, [BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com](mailto:BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com)).

**Pleasanton** (Trails Committee) May 28, June 25, 6:30 pm; Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. **Staff:** Fan Ventura (925-931-5348, [FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)). Contact Senior Planner Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the General Plan Circulation Element and forming a BAC.

**Union City** Quarterly meetings, 3:00 pm; City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road. Call staff for next meeting date. **Staff:** Joan Malloy (510-675-5327, [JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us](mailto:JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us)).

**University of California at Berkeley** May 10, May 31, 2:30 pm; 2150 Kittredge, 3rd Floor. **Staff:** Alicia Arellano (510-643-4949, [alicia\\_a@berkeley.edu](mailto:alicia_a@berkeley.edu)); **Chair:** Karl Hans ([KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu](mailto:KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu)); **EBBC Rep:** open.

**Walnut Creek** May 9, June 13, 7:00 pm; 3rd Floor conference room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. **Staff:** John Hall (925-943-5899 x 206; [Hall@walnut-creek.org](mailto:Hall@walnut-creek.org)); **Chair:** Gary Locke (925-288-2499, [Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com](mailto:Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com)); **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello (925-939-9462, [DaveVelo@mac.com](mailto:DaveVelo@mac.com)).

**West Contra Costa County** Bicycling interests are being addressed by an ad hoc BAC that must soon organize to help revise the *County-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County*. **Staff:** John Rudolph (510-215-3042, [JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us](mailto:JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us)). Interested cyclists should contact either Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, [RobertRaburn@ebbc.org](mailto:RobertRaburn@ebbc.org)) or John Rudolph for further information.

# Minutes

of the General Membership Meeting of April 17, 2007

Submitted by Tom Ayers

Board members present: Ole, Steve, Tom, Rick, Bill, Dave C, Mary  
Also: Robert

## Announcements

- Richmond Greenway grand opening is May 16, 1:30, at 16th St. and Ohio.  
- UCB spring open house this Thursday at Sproul Plaza.

## Minutes from 3/20/07

From now on, draft minutes will be posted at our website soon after each meeting; please contribute comments there.  
Motion to approve - APPROVED

## Treasurer's report - Rick

About \$1800 new membership dues received; expenses related to BTWD. Histogram of new members and revenue received at 2006-2007 events provides basis for staff and resource priorities.

## ED report on 2007 campaigns - Robert

- Complete Streets Act of 2007 - high priority; amended last week to be more in line with Routine Accommodation language in order to focus on all transportation spending rather than just streets and highways.  
- Base Realignment and Closure in Concord and Alameda - currently working on north Concord area in Caltrans meeting tomorrow; in west Alameda, trying to get park and trail access through Measure AA.  
- Regional Transportation Plan - meeting with TALC, has met with air district (goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions); existing plans don't address VMT (vehicle miles traveled), which needs to be reduced; need additional funding; discussion of alternative sources.

- Measure AA - on ballot in Nov 08, extension of park district in east bay, land acquisition, e.g., along shore, Bay Trail.

- CCC Bicycle Pedestrian Plan - has gone out for bid for professional consultants; may help lead to a west CoCoCo BAC; Ole is seeking to get appointed by Transplan; meetings are noon on weekdays; alternate might be John Ruzak; motion to nominate Ole as ebcc representative if he is not nominated by Transplan - APPROVED

## Parade permits in Alameda County -

A Cherry City rep and Robert attended Apr 11 meeting in Livermore, with county council who gave out a draft county ordi-

nance - regulates bicycle rides, with notification options (send letters to all parties living adjacent to route, publish in newspaper, post notices on streets adjacent to rides - must do 2 of 3); EBBC is working with ride-organizing groups to respond to sheriff dept requirements.

## AB163 - Robert - NEED FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT!

Green and Healthy Workplace Bicycle Facilities Act of 2007, from Rep. Mendoza - need to have lots of people to see the info on this and other important bills at the website, and to write letters of support; this bill would support bike commuting to state buildings by providing parking and showers; fax is best, else write, call, email; Motion to support AB 163 - APPROVED

**Pedal Power, May 1-2** - Jennifer Stanley Sacramento lobbying - most important state-wide advocacy event of the year; \$35 registration; anyone interested should contact Robert.

Robert says we help support important legislation, like AB 534 to increase funding for the Bicycle Transportation Account, which moved through transportation committee last week with 8-2 vote with support from San Ramon Assembly Member Guy Houston (R).

## May Bike Month activities, street skills classes - Dave Campbell

ACTIA (Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority) is providing \$6k for bike safety classes; Motion to approve contract: APPROVED

EBBC application to offer street skills classes for 2 more years, received \$38k from ACTIA.

There will be ads for BTWD in East Bay Express (Thanks to Jennifer Stanley for artwork). Urges people to form teams for Team Challenge, and to nominate people for Bike Commuter of the Year in each county.

Limited number of donated Timbuktu bike bags will be given out at various activities as prizes.

Jennifer mentions Oakland will have various events, including a kick-off ride on April 29 by Yellow Jackets, and May 19 bike rodeo; and a special prize drawing if you bring your own plate and utensils to BTWD.

Delta Pedalers announce a meeting in Bay Point on future alignment of trails through the delta.

## Nick Pilch and Preston Jordan, Albany superadvocates - Robert

Bay Trail connection from El Cerrito Plaza BART Station to Bay Trail along Pierce St. has moved ahead despite objections from residents; Pilch and Jordan worked on this and are much appreciated.

## Waterfront Action's Horace Carpentier Dinner - ebcc table for 8

He was first mayor/scoundrel of Oakland, gave away waterfront to railroads; annual dinner to commemorate this unfortunate action; Jack London Athletic Center, May 8.

Historically Port of Oakland has supported by buying a table for \$1000, but will not do so this year.

Robert proposes that some people from Oakland and Alameda share cost of a table to make up for lack of Port support for Waterfront Action. Several Oakland board members have indicated they will participate.

## Upcoming meetings, events

EBBC will be at lots of events coming up, and will need volunteers

## New web site- Robert

Urges all to register at the site so we can contribute to the site, not simply view it

## Website training

Program by Eric McCaughrin on new web site - cancelled; will try to set up a session just devoted to training - will try for April 30 at 7 pm, at Berkeley Center for Appropriate Transportation, date to be confirmed - see the website.

Special thanks to Jennifer Stanley for her work on the website in the past 5 years.

## Next meeting: May 15

- 7 pm board meeting  
- 7:30 general meeting, with Raines Cohen presenting on "Global Warming - NOT if we Ride."

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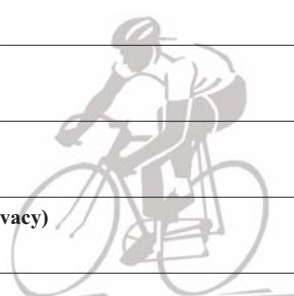
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# WWW.EBBC.ORG — New and All Yours

Do you have digital photos of a great bike ride you'd like to share?

Do you want to organize a new local Bicycle Advisory Committee?

Are you itching to start a bike-related blog?

Would you like to invite other cyclists to an important meeting?

Now you can—all on the brand-new [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org).

The EBBC has introduced a new, dynamic, and democratically run Web server where the membership provides and manages the content. Now, every registered user can create and share content, thanks to EBBC's tireless and talented Eric McCaughrin and our new Content Management System (CMS).

The new EBBC Web server offers many new features. Some of them are outlined

below, and you can explore many more at the all-new [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org):

**Online events calendar.** EBBC members can post and track BAC, City Council, and other cycling-related public meetings and events.

**Gallery.** Users can create an album or gallery of images. Post and share photos or maps of recent rides, pictures of European bike facilities, bicycle art, or anything else of interest to EBBC members.

**Discussion forums.** The ebbc-talk listserv will continue to operate as usual, and it is also now mirrored on the Web site. Registered participants who do not want to deal with large volumes of email can now read or post messages to the forum through the Web site. Plus, the Web interface allows multimedia attachments. Posting messages through the Web server also guards your email identity, providing much better protection against spammers.

**EBBC-Talk.** The ebbc-talk email listserv will continue to operate unchanged. It is now mirrored on [ebbc.org](http://ebbc.org) as well. To post

messages from the Web site (including events, blogs, etc.), users must first register at [ebbc.org](http://ebbc.org). Click "New Account" on the front page and provide a username and valid email address.

### New Web policies prevent abuse

Web site policies to prevent abuse and inappropriate content from being posted have been developed. Users must register with a validated email address before submitting material.

### Registration: The first step

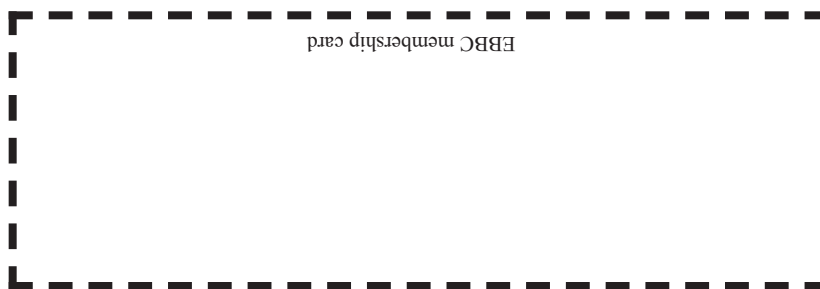
If you would like to contribute to developing [ebbc.org](http://ebbc.org) content, start by registering at the site.

### Future demonstrations and training sessions

If all of this seems complex or difficult, don't worry. Eric McCaughrin, who has brought us all these opportunities to create a new Web site together, will be offering plenty of demonstration and training sessions soon. Watch the calendar at [www.ebbc.org](http://www.ebbc.org) for dates, times, and locations, and take advantage of Eric's expertise and experience with our new "toy."

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