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The Newsletter of the Edmonton Bicycle & Touring Club

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EBTC 25 YEARS Old 1978- 2003!

2003 is a milestone year in the history of the Edmonton Bicycle & Touring Club, as we celebrate our first quarter century in existence! While there are still a handful of us around from those early years in the late 1970ies and early 1980ies, I am sure we've had over a thousand different members over the years. For everyone's benefit, we will write a little about our origins and how the club developed over the years.

Back in the early 1970's, when bicycling was mainly the realm of kids and racers, Maurice Rousseau, a native of Shawinigan, Quebec, operated a bicycle rental business in South Carolina. After living in Ottawa and exploring bicycling in that region, he moved to Halifax where he founded the Velo Halifax Bicycle Club in 1974. This Club is now the largest bicycle club in Atlantic Canada (see www.velohalifax.ca).

Maurice came to Edmonton in 1977 and as usual he wanted to explore the bicycling opportunities and meet the local women. Naturally, he started another bicycle club. In the Spring of 1978, he organized a meeting at a hall at the University of Alberta. Some 30 people attended, including Nick Watkins (now living in BC), Frank Sawyer, Dennis Bjelke, Mike Olsen and Dave Parker. Other long time members who joined the following year include Victor Dorian, Sandy Krause and Debbie Henwood. *continued on page 5*

B.A.D. Party (Bring A Dish!)

6:00-9:00PM, Sat. May 3, 2003 Edmonton International Hostel 10647 - 81 Ave.

Bring a dish to share at the BAD potluck, one of our most popular parties of the year. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet other cyclists. EBTC supplies the refreshments- juice, tea & coffee. Bring to this event any slides or pictures on CD you should have to share.

Any questions, or to reserve space in a slide tray, contact Nadine at 438-1987 or nadine@ualberta.ca



Time to Renew

for the new season

and get your free socks - Application on back page

MS 150 team info meeting/ social & pizza party/ bike tune-up clinic. Come out and socialize with your EBTC team members.

Wed. April 30 - 7:00 pm

location: Alan & Millie's place 13744-115 Avenue (Tel. 455-1924)

If you are interested in joining the EBTC Pre-descents team, or want more info about the MS 150 bike tour, Alison Hagan of the MS Society will give a brief presentation about the Tour, to be followed by a pizza/ social. Bring ideas for team themes etc. and your bike for the tune-up clinic (optional)

Cost: a few \$ to share cost of food.

Contact: Angela 469-0328.

To be followed by Alan's Bike clinic.

Enjoy reading the about the adventures of cycling Eastern Canada, by Bob Davidson.

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(ecn.ab.ca/bicycle/)**

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