



# Spokes

The *Newsletter of the Edmonton Bicycle & Touring Club*

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## Winter Planning Meeting

This is the opportunity for any and all members to dream up ski trips, skating, socials—whatever you'd like to do this winter. So start dreaming now!

Would you like some members to join you on a local cross-country trail? Maybe a weekend downhill skiing in the mountains is more your style? Gliding around the rink under the stars at one of the city's outdoor skating ovals? I hear rumours of winter cycling too. How about a club movie night or dinner party? Anything's possible.

If you want to have FUN this winter, bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and if you feel like it, a small snack. Let's make things happen together! Who says winter has to be boring?

Mark your calendar now:

**Sunday, November 19, 7-9 p.m.** Edmonton International Hostel, 10647-81 Avenue (meeting room, downstairs)

## Volunteer Appreciation Party Nov. 26

Everyone should have received an invitation for members and guests to attend this special evening to show appreciation for our many volunteers. If you haven't, please RSVP to our club's e-mail box at [bikeclub@shaw.ca](mailto:bikeclub@shaw.ca). It's free, but we only have room for 150, so please respond early. The important details on the party are:

When: Sunday, Nov. 26, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Nisku Recreation Centre & Fitness Park (10 minutes south of Ikea)

How to Get There: S on #2 highway; 8.3 km S of Gateway Park turn east (left); drive 1.4 km to 5th Street; right on 5th Street; left on 18th Ave.; 0.4 km on 18th Ave, and the Rec Centre is on your left. See you there!



## Gord Charles: Great Friend to Us All

On Sunday, October 22, Gord Charles, our Vice President/Touring, died suddenly. Many members of the EBTC had the opportunity to share memories of Gord at an informal gathering on Oct. 29 and at the funeral Oct. 30. See page 3 of this issue of Spokes for Jasmine's memorial poem and a few recent photos of Gord. A more complete tribute to Gord is planned for the December Spokes, and I'm sure Gord will be featured in the festivities at our volunteer party on Nov. 26.

**December Spokes Deadline** is Wednesday, November 22. Please submit any and all stories and photos of recent club outings that you still have lying around. This is a special, abbreviated November issue; normally we publish a combined November-December issue.

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We welcome your comments and suggestions – especially if you have an idea for a trip or outing you think your fellow club members might enjoy!

## Newsletter Enquiries & Submissions

The deadline for the newsletter is the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of each month. Enquiries, articles and jpg digital or scanned photos can be delivered by email to **gar-risong@shaw.ca** or on paper, CD or 3.5" IBM format diskette to: EBTC Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 52017, Garneau Postal Station, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2T5. Gary can be reached by telephone at (780) 908-6292.

## Moving?

If you're moving, please give your name, old address, new address and new phone numbers to the Membership Coordinator noted above. This information will ensure that you receive your newsletters.

## E-mail?

The EBTC maintains an e-mail directory of members. Occasionally, e-mail or other items received by EBTC considered to be of interest to the membership are forwarded via e-mail. If you wish to be added to this electronic mailing list to receive updates, please send your request via email to [info@bikeclub.ca](mailto:info@bikeclub.ca)

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## Cycling Quote of the Month

The bicycle is the most efficient machine ever created: converting calories into gas, a bicycle gets the equivalent of 3,000 miles per gallon.

Bill Strickland, *The Quotable Cyclist*

## Gord's Way

by Jasmine Hohenstein

There are angels among us. Can I tell you about one?  
Our special friend Gordon, so full of life, so full of fun!  
His wings were well hidden, but I know they were there,  
And his halo was tucked under his helmet with care.

His heart filled with passion to take a ride on his bike,  
To spend time with his friends, *that's* what Gord liked.  
He was never too busy, he always had nice things to say,  
He was kind, he was thoughtful: *that* was Gord's way.

He made you feel special, like you were a star,  
But we all knew that Gord outshone us by far.  
Gord's laughter came easy and so did his smile.  
He always was happy. *That* was Gord's style.

Gord loved to be planning bike trips here and there,  
Whatever Gord did, he did with great care.  
You could pick up the phone, call him up night or day.  
He was never too busy, but *that* was Gord's way.

Bike rides and pizza, junk food at the park,  
Gord loved to go cycling till it almost got dark.  
He was always helping someone, but Gord never kept score.  
He rarely complained when he was tired and sore.

He liked each one of you, and how do I know?  
That's what Gord told me, just a short while ago.  
I miss him already, so I've asked the dear Lord,  
"Please teach me to be a lot more like Gord."

