



Edmonton Bicycle & Touring Club

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Stamina Builder Optimum and Ultime Ride Series, Saturday April 23, 2022

Danielle Amerongen, EBTC Rides Coordinator

Finally, decent enough weather for riders to complete 30 or 35 km rides - this time in the St. Albert area. There was some shenanigans with shopping carts! EBTCers will do anything for a good picture!

Thank you **Pam Young** and **Charmaine Folster** for leading these rides. April 30, 2022 we will be riding from Beaumont. Two distances are offered, **30 km** and **40 km**. RWGPS is required for the 40 km ride.



Ardrossan Stamina Builder 60 km Ride Series, Sunday April 24, 2022

Danielle Amerongen, EBTC Rides Coordinator

This series had its first group of cyclists meandering county roads today. Thank you ride leader **Pam Young**. Join the group Sunday May 1, 2022 for the **next ride** in the series.

EBTC Social Event at Laurier Heights Community Hall, Sunday April 24, 2022

Anne-Marie Adachi, EBTC Past President

A great event today! 26 members attended the Bike Maintenance Demonstration and Q&A Session led by **Ed Weymouth**. 32 members headed out for a walk led by **Liz Timleck** and **Anne Sutherland**. Nearly 70 members attended the Pizza + beverage event where long-time and new members had a chance to socialize. Great fun.

Big thank you's to: **Ed Weymouth** who donated draw prizes for the demo event; **Sig Jensen** who negotiated with **Vines** for the wines; **Checkers Pizza** for really good and discounted pizza; **Barbara Hall** and **Terri Melnychuk** for bar tending; **Freeman Taylor**, EBTC Vice President, for help with set up; and many others for pitching in to clean up.



Upcoming EBTC Rides and Events

Tuesday Strathcona Ride Series

Sandra McDonald, EBTC Webmaster and Ride Leader

While I'm away cycling in Portugal, you'll have a chance to meet other EBTC board members who'll lead the ride in my stead. On April 26 and May 10 **Anne-Marie Adachi**, EBTC Past President; May 3, **Terry Fannon**, EBTC Rides Coordinator.

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From the Saddle

Should I call “Clear” at Intersections?

Scott Keast, EBTC Safety and Education Coordinator

I have been sitting on the fence for years about calling “clear” at intersections. On the positive side, calling clear falls into the same category as calling out potholes, glass, or any obstructions – it’s a courtesy to following riders. However, I have been vexed by the possibility that I miss something at an intersection and a following rider is lulled into a false security, doesn’t check for themselves, and a collision occurs. Calling clear does not absolve following riders from following the law. In intersections where a yield is called for, that is one thing. But where the intersection has a stop sign, has more complexities, with limited sightlines, well that’s a different breed of cat altogether. We need every member to assess intersections for themselves and follow applicable laws. Legally, I think that I would prefer to banish the practice from a liability standpoint. Doing so would likely release the club and club members of any wrongdoing . . . maybe. I guess I’m still on the fence. CLEAR!

YEG Coffee Outside

John Shaw, EBTC Newsletter Coordinator

I often look down from my balcony, first coffee of the day in hand of course, at the gathering of cycle commuters and early morning riders in **Ezio Faraone Park** on Friday mornings. I greet the few stragglers still there, occasionally, as I head to the Glenora Stairs or begin a workout in the park much later. The **Handlebar Barista** brews coffee on his **baristabike** until the beans run out! He is there every Friday, rain, snow or shine from 07:00 until 09:00. Bring your coffee mug/teacup and join in.

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