



## March 26, 2023 - Newsletter

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#### Octogenarian Odyssey Social March 26, 2023

June MacGregor, EBTC President



45 EBTC members and friends 'relived' the ups and downs, the cold and heat, the rain and desert - plus the welcoming people along the 5-month 14,500 km ride from North Pole Alaska to Panama City. The talks and photos by **Bob Fletcher**, former EBTC member, and **Wayne Grover**, current member, gave attendees a real sense of being on this adventure.

Bob presented an overview of the trip through Alaska, Yukon, B.C., Washington, Oregon, California, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, all in his pursuit of a world record for the longest e-bike ride. Wayne shared entertaining stories of their many and varied experiences. On the Oregon coast, Bob celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends from Liberia, Costa Rica, and from Edmonton.

I particularly enjoyed hearing about their purchase in Alaska of a 'tourist' license plate



because Bob knew that, without a front licence plate, their support van faced being pulled over by police in central America. Well, a few months later, Wayne and Bob held back their chuckles when an official carefully copied down the license number from the front of the vehicle: "I Luv Alaska".

You would think that this (145)x(metric century) ride would be enough but no, this is not the case. Bob will ride from Cartagena, Columbia to Ushuaia, Argentina, and beyond starting later this year. Some EBTC members plan to join him on legs of this trip. Thank you to Bob and Wayne for sharing your stories and photos.

EBTC member **Ann Sutherland** planned and led a walk before the presentations. **Michael Roloff** organized the hall, the snacks, etc. for this event. He was only elected as the EBTC Social Events Coordinator at the Annual General Meeting last month! What a wonderful volunteer led club we have!

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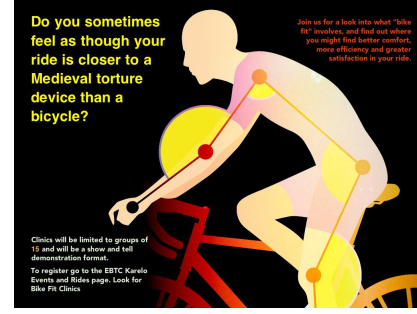
## Upcoming EBTC Rides and Events

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### In-Person Bike Fit Demonstrations April 5 and April 12, 2023

**Anne-Marie Adachi**, EBTC Past President

There is a wait list for April 5, 2023 but there are still spaces for April 12, 2023!



[Click here to register for the April 5, 2023 session](#)

[Click here to register for the April 12, 2023 session](#)

[Click here for bike fit demonstration event outline](#)

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### Cycling 101 Ride Series - April/May 2023

**Anne-Marie Adachi**, EBTC Past President

Cycling 101 will be a multi-week on-bike, on-road course to be held at Gold Bar Park during April and May 2023 offered by **Scott Keast**, EBTC Safety and Education Coordinator. Watch for details and Registration Information in upcoming EBTC Newsletters. The first ride is on April 18, 2023.



[Click here for Cycling Ride Series Outline](#)

[Click here to Register for the Cycling 101 Ride Series Launch on April 18, 2023](#)

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### Drumheller Get-Away Ride May 27-28, 2023 -



# Express Interest Your Interest

**June MacGregor**, EBTC President

There is still room on this weekend get-away for more EBTC members to cycle the beautiful and unique Drumheller area. Please **[email me](#)** to express your interest as plans for accommodation, etc. will be finalized on this basis. The rides will be out and back of varying distances with meet up points, and suitable for a range of cyclists.

[Click here for the preliminary Drumheller Get Away trip description](#)

## L'étape Edmonton, August 13, 2023

**Danielle Amerongen**, EBTC Ride  
Coordinator



If you are a current EBTC member and want to participate in this ride/race on August 13 2023, you can save 10% on your registration fee. Please contact me at **[touring@bikeclub.ca](mailto:touring@bikeclub.ca)** for the code. The organizing committee remembers all the support our members provided in various positions last year and hope we can help again.

[Click here for more information about L'Etape Edmonton 2023](#)

## There Are Only 4 Spaces Remaining for the 2024 EBTC Bike and Barge Trip in Southern France

**Cathy Walsh, Elaine Steedsman**

EBTC members receive a 50 euro discount if they book before March 31st, 2023. A 25% deposit will secure your spot. The prices on the Girolibero web site are for 2023. Prices for the 2024 trip are:

- 1.620 euro per person in DBL/TWN cabin; 1.970 euro per person in SGL cabin
- 110 euro regular muscle bike; 270 euro E-bike
- 50 euro special diets supplement

Contact **[Cathy Walsh](#)** for the booking form.

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