



## March 17, 2024 - Newsletter

### Messages from the EBTC Board

#### Quick Reminders!

June MacGregor, EBTC President

- **2024 Membership:** if you are thinking about renewing your membership or joining EBTC, we encourage you to sign up soon. Annual membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and 2024 fees remain at 2023 levels: first member \$40; additional family member (18 and over) \$20; additional family member (under 18) \$7. As a member, you'll have access to over 200 rides/events/activities to enjoy with other active, fun-loving adults
- 'Training/fitness' rides begin in mid-April; shortly thereafter, 'social' rides get underway. The 2024 program has rides for cyclists with different cycling interests and experience/skills. We'll again be offering Series (regularly recurring, usually weekly) rides, Unique (once-a-season) rides, Pop-Up (planned close to the ride date) rides, and Multi-Day tours. Join us for a fun spring, summer and fall (and winter rides too)!
- **Pop-Up Ride & Event Notices:** sign up to be notified by email about weather-dependent activities. You won't need to check the website calendar, and email notifications have the link to register.

[Click here to obtain or renew your 2024 EBTC membership](#)

[Click here to sign up for the pop-up ride e-mail list](#)

#### EBTC Board of Directors 2024

June MacGregor, EBTC President

The EBTC directors elected at the AGM on February 25 2024 held their first meeting on March 10, 2024 and took a group photo. There are still vacancies on the Board for Directors-at-Large. If you have questions about our work or want to contribute to making EBTC the best recreational cycling club around (whether or not you have previous Board experience), please ***contact me***. As a volunteer-run club, EBTC depends on member volunteers for the Board, leading rides, organizing social events, doing projects, etc.



Back row from left: **June MacGregor** (President); **Ann Sutherland** (Communications and Promotions); **Sonja Taylor** (Social Media); **Betty Lafave** (Secretary); **Phil Davidson** (Webmaster);

Front row from left: **Sandra McDonald** (Treasurer); **Larry Zelazo** (Membership); **Audrey Sonnenberg** (Ride Program).

Not shown in the photo are EBTC two non-elected 'Special Volunteers' with ongoing responsibilities: **John Shaw** (Newsletter) and **Michel Lamontagne** (Equipment and Supplies) who work independently and generally do not attend Board meetings.



## Rider and Ride Leader Updates

**Audrey Sonnenberg**, EBTC Ride Coordinator

*"My two favorite things in life are libraries and bicycles. They both move people forward without wasting anything."* **Peter Golkin**

It is March 17, and all of you are thinking about the ride season coming up. The two places to check on the EBTC website are the "Series Summaries," and the "Unique Rides and Events". Careful reading here will inform you as to the choices you have available this summer. Some require forethought and planning. This week, I'm highlighting three Unique Rides that require booking a hotel or campsite.

**May 24 to May 27, 2024** – Drumheller Getaway Hub and Spoke – Ride Leaders: **Norbert and Karen Broda**.

- Keep an eye out for upcoming Newsletters for registration details on this late May overnight hub and spoke.
- It is a "meet-up" pay as you go no drop tour that will explore scenic rural routes and historic sites of Alberta's Badlands.
- There will be "ups" and "downs" in elevation, therefore, it is for the intermediate rider, including those with "pedal" assist e-bikes.

**July 16 to 19/20, 2024** – Fairmont Hot Springs (NEW) – Ride Leaders: **Sonja and Freeman Taylor**.

- Register opens April 15, 2024.
- Book your own Hotels/Campsites, and organize your own food.
- One pot-luck dinner – so bring your favourites.
- Enjoy the drive and the easy to intermediate pavement ride in the mountains near the flat parts!

**July 27 to 28, 2024** – Thunder Lake – Ride Leader: **Debbie Wallace**.

- Intermediate pavement cycling camping weekend.
- Distances are 85 km and 75 km at a pace of 15-20 kph.
- Coffee stops and dinner at Thunder Lake Prov. Park.

These are just a few rides that need your attention if you wish to participate. There are other rides in the calendar that are exciting and terrific! I will highlight more next week, but it is time to start **looking at the ride calendar**.



[Click here to contact Audrey Sonnenberg](#)

[Click here for the EBTC Ride and Event Calendar & Registration Links](#)

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## From the Saddle

Please share your cycling adventures and experiences, from stories or tips on cycling in Portugal, to how best to set up a bike for bike packing! Why not let other EBTC members enjoy them or learn from them vicariously? Also, if there are upcoming community cycling events or something else of potential interest to our members get the word out here!

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