



# January 26, 2025

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## From the Board

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Join EBTC. Enjoy EBTC.

June McGregor, EBTC President

**2025 Membership:** Click [here](#) to renew your membership, or if new to EBTC, join the club. The confirmation email from Karelo will have your 2025 membership card (electronic or paper) for bike shop discounts arranged by EBTC.

**Pop-Up List:** Sign up [here](#) to receive an email whenever a weather-dependent outing is put in the calendar for registration close to the event date.

**Planning for the 2025 Cycling Season Launched:** As referenced in earlier newsletters, we've now launched the process of contacting 2024 ride leaders about your ideas for 2025. You'll receive a short survey by email. A face-to-face ride leader planning session is being scheduled to review the survey results and next steps. Also, whether you led rides or not in 2024, feel free to contact me at [President@bikeclub.ca](mailto:President@bikeclub.ca) about how you can support a successful 2025 ride program.

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## Keen for Overnight Trips?

Sandy McDonald, EBTC Treasurer & Overnight Trip Coordinator

With 'pay-your-own-way' trips, EBTC is making it easier for members to organize overnight trips for registration. Last year we had two such trips planned as 'hub and spoke' tours (Drumheller; Fairmont). We'd sure like to see more in the calendar for 2025.

These trips have no large Club fee to figure out, manage or account for. Participants pay for their own accommodation, transportation and food, and

meet up to ride the routes planned by the leader(s). The 'social' aspect of these tours, however, remains important: the leader(s) may suggest hotels and campgrounds so that participants can stay close together, may book restaurants for group meals and may collect \$ for post-ride snacks, a BBQ, etc.

For 2025, we've also initiated discussions with the Elbow Valley Cycling Club (EVCC) in Calgary to see if we can partner on a few of these types of trips. This way EBTC members can ride the routes that EVCC has developed farther south, and EVCC members can become familiar with our 'neck of the woods'.

If you have an overnight trip in mind or are interested in working with others on a trip, please contact me at [Treasurer@bikeclub.ca](mailto:Treasurer@bikeclub.ca) . Also, stay tuned as we'll have more in upcoming newsletters.

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## EBTC by the Numbers

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

How are we doing for membership? So far this year (to January 24) we have 137 members; last year we had 117 at January 31. 2020 and 2021 were lost causes thanks to COVID. In 2022 EBTC had 333 members; 359 in 2023 and 348 in 2024. Of 2023 members, 103 did not renew in 2024. Ouch! But the Board has taken measures aimed to retain members. In 2024 we had 92 new members – good! But we also had 58 members who first joined in 2010 or earlier... (read entire article [here](#).)

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## Important Jersey Update

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### Last Chance to Order Jersey!

Sonja Taylor, EBTC Social Media

The last day to order your 2025 EBTC club jersey is **January 31, 2025**. If you would like to check out the sizing kit first, Sonja Taylor has two dates and times available at her home: Monday January 27 at 3:00 pm or Tuesday January 28 at 7:00 pm. Contact Sonja at [social.media@bikeclub.ca](mailto:social.media@bikeclub.ca) to book your time. You can then order online [here](#).



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## Upcoming EBTC Events

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### Walk in St. Albert, January 31

Liz Timleck, EBTC Walk Leader

On Friday, January 31, join me on a walk from the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert at 11:00. Please arrive at 10:45 so you have time to gather and make use of the facilities. We will walk through the trails in the community of Starling in Edmonton. This is a 7-9 km out and back. After returning we'll go for coffee/snacks in the Enjoy Centre cafe.

Please dress for the weather and remember to check your emails the morning of the walk in case there are any changes.

For information and sign-up, click [here](#).

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## Ride and Event Reports

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### Walking the Scenic Trails of Mactaggart and Magrath

June MacGregor, Walk Leader

Exiting the Rabbit Hill Freson Bros. parking lot, I was sure other walkers had thoughts like mine, "We can't walk in this wind; this is bound to be short walk with a l-o-n-g lunch". No complaints were voiced, however. Once we got going we were sheltered by trees, then enjoyed a tailwind and walked farther than expected. The walk ended with hot drinks, fresh food and good conversation, turning out to be a l-o-n-g walk and a l-o-n-g lunch.



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## From the Saddle

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### EBTC Throwback

Scott Keast, EBTC member

It was 2014 and the weather was sublime at the Tour de l'Alberta. You may recognize these two members. One is a former Alberta MLA and the other is a much-admired Ride Leader – you may know them.

(Annie McKittrick on the left; Gaye Carter on the right)



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## Electronic Gear Shifters & Day Rides in Malaga, Spain



John Shaw, EBTC member

I've written about mountain biking and about leisurely rides along the beach front from Malaga on old-fashioned Italian city bikes in the EBTC newsletter previously. During my most recent visit in Fall 2024, I focused on road cycling. [EATSLEEPCYCLE](#) is a high-end bike shop, near where I was staying in Centro Historico. They rent, sell and repair fancy bikes and run tours in Andalusia and on Mallorca...(read entire story [here](#).)



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