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From the Board

How is the EBTC season going? By Phil Davidson, Webmaster: As part of our input to planning and decision-making, the EBTC Board regularly looks at data derived from Karelo “data dumps,” a facility we had Karelo implement in 2023. Here are a few tidbits derived from the Karelo data for 2025 to date:

- 316 members (similar to 2024), of whom 60 are new to EBTC (down a bit from 2024).
- 150 ‘active’ events so far (rides, walks and trips) with a total of over 1640 registrations (up some from last year). In addition, 250 registrations for events that were ‘not active’ (AGM/Volunteer Appreciation, pizza social, potluck picnic, etc.)
- While the number of cancelled rides is about the same in 2025 as in 2024, this year causes were rain and wind whereas last year’s issue was smoke.
- In 2025, there were more walks before the main ride season than 2024. This year, the Club’s insurance covers cross-country skiing. Watch for that! (If there is any snow this year.)
- This year, 100 events have been led by only 7 members. Since the Club relies on volunteers, we need more members to step up and lead, even one or two events or filling in when one of the regulars is away. We’ll have more about volunteering in upcoming newsletters.

With the main ride schedule winding down in mid-September, watch for pop-up rides (walks too) as long as the weather stays good.

New Members: You can find key information about EBTC [here](#), including Ride with GPS and Pop-Up Rides (walks too).

Edmonton Bike Swap, Sunday, Sept. 7: If you are looking for a bike or have one to sell or donate, click [here](#) for details and FAQs. EBTC will be there with our brochures and flag – so drop by to say hi.

Canadian Birkie Society’s Off-road ‘Bikenbender’, Sat., Sept. 13: Click [here](#) for info and to register for this gravel or cross-country ride at the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Recreation Area.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Click [here](#) for the complete list of what's on and to register.

Autumn Hub & Spoke, Sunday, Sept 14

Larry Zelazo, Membership Coordinator

These shorter or longer rides start in South Cooking Lake Park and are organized by Larry. There will be other ride leaders and sweeps for each loop. Snacks and drinks will be provided by EBTC at the park during breaks and at the finish. There will be plenty of time to socialize!

This event is designed to be suitable for all levels of cyclists in our club. The rides return to Cooking Lake Park for breaks and bathroom visits during the ride. So register and get your EBTC friends to join you!

The shorter ride starts with a 35 km loop and followed by an optional 25 km loop. The shorter loops are a meet-up-at-corners ride and thus Ride with GPS is optional. The challenging longer ride has up to 3 loops: the first loop is 63 km, the second is 35 km and the optional third loop is 25 km. RWGPS is a must for the challenging longer ride. You are in control of your ride choices! There will be no support out on the road for these rides.

In the event of bad weather we will postpone this event to the next weekend.

- Click [here](#) to register for the challenging longer loop ride (63 km or more)
- Click [here](#) to register for the shorter loop ride (35 km or 60 km).

Ride Recap

Bakery Ride Part II, Saturday, August 16

Darren Ocrainec, Ride Leader

The second Bakery Ride was a leisurely 27.5 km sweet-tooth adventure that took seven of us to three stops around south Edmonton. First stop was at Hazeldean Bakery, then off to Punjabi Sweets & Restaurant for samosas and ice cream. The last stop was at Vienna Bakery. I believe we enjoyed more calories than we burned during the ~4 hour ride.

Pop-up Ride: Villeneuve to Onoway, Tues., August 19

Liz Timleck, Ride Leader

Perfect weather for a perfect 45.5 km ride through the Glory Hills. We had a short stop at Glacier Greens Golf Club for snacks/drinks, then off to Calahoo for another short break before returning to Villeneuve. Thanks to all who were able to join me.



Wednesday Evening Exploring with AI, August 20

AI Carlson, Ride Leader

Well, the hoped for sunshine did not appear, but the big ugly black clouds over Big Lake did bypass us and headed NE. The sky over NW Edmonton was patches of blue, so I lead a group of six to explore the new areas of Edmonton between Big Lake and the Henday. Included was a guest, Terry from AUS, riding his foldup bike. We rode about 20k through Starling, Trumpeter, Hawks Ridge, and Kinglet. The evening was very cool and windy, so my planned stop at the Kinglet DQ was discarded. Finding this DQ was the final push that got me planning my first Wednesday ride for many years. Encouragement from Sonja this year, and Anne-Marie two years ago was so appreciated.

With no DQ stop we had time to stop at Big Lake to see a beautiful sunset. Next week the forecast is for 30, so we will find some ice cream, and stop by Big Lake near sunset. Come on out and join me on **August 27** by clicking [here](#) to register.



Friday Quiet Roads, August 22

June MacGregor, Ride Leader

Finally, a perfect day for a 60 km out and back to Old Station Honey & Mead. Owner, Will Munsey, was getting the pies and coffee/tea ready when our group of 15 arrived. We all enjoyed his history of cartoonist Yardley Jones' fictional New Sarepta, 'Tire and Girdle' factory, after which one of his meads is named.

Click [here](#) to register and join us on **August 29** for a 'new' 50 km ride in Strathcona County, planned/led by Robin Lane and Sandy Ponich. We'll explore the quiet roads of some scenic acreage areas as well as roads we know, and have a break at Half Moon Lake Resort.



Pigeon Lake Ride, Saturday, August 23

Anne-Marie Adachi, Ride Leader for Outer Loop

EBTC's Annual Pigeon Lake Ride on Saturday was an all-around wonderful day! The weather was beautiful, blue sky, little wind and temperatures not too hot. Approximately 50 members and guests attended. Enduro riders did a 100 outer loop, a 60 km ride around the lake and an inner loop. Frank Potter led 12 riders who were kept on track by Keith Bambridge around the inner loop. Based on post-ride comments Frank took first prize!! "Awesome", "amazing", "fantastic" were some of the words members used to describe their experience. There were no surprises on the outer loops, except maybe NO dogs were encountered as we rode through Ma-Me-O where five of them "greeted" us last year. There was minimal traffic and generally good motorist behavior.

At the finish line at Mulhurst, Chef Charles, assisted by his wife Juliana World, served up sausages and "crack slaw", a new veggie mixture for most people, which tasted fabulous. If you see Charles you can ask him about his secret ingredients - there are several! Thank you so much to you both. The sausages were excellent, and were generously donated by Kastelen Sausage and Fine Meats, supplier of sausages for the Birkebeiner Ski Race.

A great day was had by all except the two riders who experienced flat tires. It was lovely to see so many people out riding and catching up with friends. George and Linda Childs came all the way from Vegreville! It was wonderful to see them after such a long time.

(Photos: Top, inner loop riders; Bottom left - riders enjoying the bbq thanks to Chef Charles, bottom right.)





Sunday Social & Fitness Ride, August 24

Betty Lafave, Ride Leader

It was a beautiful day (finally) for our ride from South Cooking Lake to the Hastings Lake Gardens. This is a wonderful place to stop. It offers hot and cold drinks and lots of nice places to sit and enjoy the lovely gardens. We had a great workout on the hills of TWP Rd 510, one of our favorite rides! Join us next Sunday at Ardrossan for a 40km ride to Fort Saskatchewan. To register, click [here](#).



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