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From the Board

EBTC Cancel Culture: Our version involves you cancelling your registration if you aren't coming on the ride (or other event). Cancelling lets the leader know not to make everyone wait for you, opens a spot for another member when participation is limited, and saves EBTC a bit of money.

The easiest way to cancel is to open the confirmation email for the event from Karelo and to click Change Registration near the upper right corner. Scroll to the bottom of the next screen and click the CANCEL THIS REGISTRATION button.

If you don't have the confirmation email, login to your Karelo account. Click on My Account → My Registrations. The Review Registrations page will appear. Click on the confirmation number for the ride or event that you want to cancel. Go to the bottom of the page that appears and click on 'Cancel this Registration.' This information is available from the Calendar, REGISTER/CANCEL link [here](#).

New Members: You can find key information about EBTC [here](#), including Ride with GPS.

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. Spaces are limited for this event, which can be completed using a cyclocross, gravel or mountain bike.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

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

- ongoing 'weekly series rides' which are planned well in advance,
- weather-dependent 'pop-ups' added to the Calendar on short-notice. By signing up for our [Pop-up](#) list, you can be notified by email whenever a 'pop-up' is available for registration, and

- 'unique once-a-season events'. Listed below are the ones currently planned for August.

C&E Trail (Lacombe to Red Deer), Friday, August 1

Liz Timleck, Ride Leader

Friday Quiet Roads moves to Lacombe to cycle this iconic route, based on the Fort Calgary to Fort Edmonton trail in the pre-Alberta Northwest Territories. This intermediate out and back ride is 47 km. Click [here](#) for the details, including the 9:00 a.m. meet-up location in Lacombe, and to register.

Potluck Picnic in the Park, Thursday, August 7

Julie Moehrle, Social Events Coordinator

Join fellow members for a fun late afternoon and evening in the park from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. EBTC has canopied Site #1 at **Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park** down by the Valley Zoo (photo is from 2024). The picnic sites are just past (west of) the large Zoo parking lot and Park washrooms.

EBTC supplies the 'protein' (hotdogs/smokies/veggie dogs) for the BBQ as well as buns, condiments, plates, napkins, cutlery and no-alcohol beverages. Members are invited to bring a dish to contribute to the potluck if you wish, e.g., salad, dessert. Alcohol is permitted at our site so BYOB if you so choose.

Register [here](#) prior to the evening of **Aug. 5** to give us attendee numbers. Partners/friends are welcome but please let Julie know at 780 405 5334 or social@bikeclub.ca and bring \$5.00 cash to the picnic to defray non-member costs.



Annual Miquelon Lake Rides, Saturday, August 9

Phil Davidson, Ride Leader & June MacGregor, Support Driver

Members can choose from two distances and start locations/times. Riders all meet-up for a break with EBTC-supplied snacks and beverages at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park (picnic area by the Visitor Centre; photo is from 2023). The support vehicle will have water along the route and a cooler to keep your lunch in if you choose to bring one.

- If you are interested in the 92 km challenging loop, which starts and ends in Beaumont, click [here](#) for details and to register.
- If an intermediate 42 km out/back ride from New Sarepta interests you (with goodies to buy and enjoy at the end at Old Station Honey and Mead), click [here](#) for details and to register.



Annual Pigeon Lake Loops & Picnic, Saturday, August 23

Led by Frank Potter, Anne-Marie Adachi & Charles World

Registration opens **August 4** but you can view the details in Karelo now. The loops are intermediate; they start at Mulhurst Bay and end there with a BBQ in the park. For the 65 km **inner loop** which meanders past cottages on various road surfaces, click [here](#). For the 60 km **outer loop** on paved roads around the lake, click [here](#).

Ride Recap

Friday Quiet Roads, July 25

Liz Timleck, Ride Leader

The ride to the Quarry was a fast ride out with the wind at our backs. We had a nice lunch/coffee stop there with excellent service. We sat out front and the food was delivered to us. There was only one hill to climb and we all managed it with very little effort. Riding back with the wind at our face was a different story. Thanks to everyone who took turns leading to break the wind and a big thanks to Mike Stern for sweeping the ride. We had three no shows - please remember to cancel the ride if you are unable to make it so people on the wait list can join the ride.



Pincher Creek Multi-day Ride, July 23-25

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

An inauspicious start turned into a great ride.

Pincher had heavy rain forecast for the original start date of July 22. So, we postponed the start to July 23 but lost several registrants who couldn't stick around long enough. One of our riders had a flat before getting on the bike.

Once we got going, the temperature was ideal, the sun was shining and the scenery was gorgeous. Of course the wind was gusting to 50 km/hr: it's

Pincher after all. We had a very scenic ride around the Old Man Reservoir with a few hills, all into the wind.

The next day the wind was even stronger. We headed out toward Beaver Mines on a road with no shoulders. Our smaller riders risked being blown into traffic by the crosswinds. We abandoned and explored a couple areas by vehicle. Some of us then had a lovely walk along the creek through the town, out of the wind, while others braved a less windy area.



Target On!, Saturday, July 26

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

We targeted a new route that included sections I'd never visited. Thanks to Keith for the route and for leading the ride. A few clouds threatened from off in the distance but never got close. We headed north from Villeneuve, west with a brief stop at Sandy Beach to Onoway for our break and back the short way – 82 km with about 500 m of climbing.

We have a new convert to longer distances, who had only once done a longer ride, some time ago, and didn't enjoy it. After today's ride, she was beaming and promptly registered for Beaumont to Miquelon. Riding with a good group makes all the difference!

Next week we'll ride about 90 km from Edgemont (199 St and Lessard) to the great playground at Holborn Hall and on to Spruce Park Ranch for refreshments. Click [here](#) for information or to register.



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