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EBTC is a vibrant, member-led club sharing a passion for cycling and other outdoor activities.

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From the Board

Ride Season Update

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

The ride season is shaping up very nicely. We have about 180 rides entered in the Karelo registration system already. Most of them are not yet released for registration so don't appear in the [Calendar](#) yet, but will as details are finalized.

The website [Series Summary](#), and [Unique Rides and Events](#) pages (links from the main menu) have been updated. Take a look and start planning your season. Further updates will be added as plans firm up.

Become a 2026 EBTC Member

Click to [join EBTC or renew](#) your membership.

Sign up for EBTC Pop-Ups

Click [here](#) to get an email with the link to register when a weather-dependant activity is available close to the event's date.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 11: Target the Tour 100

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

We're aiming for the 100 km Tour de l'Alberta in mid-July but starting gently with just 22 km.

Click [here](#) for info or to register.

Tuesday, April 14: Kingswood to the Garrison

Liz Timleck, Ride Leader

We're starting a new series of Tuesday social rides, relaxed with good company and coffee. (Postponed from April 7 due to weather forecast.)

Click [here](#) for info or to register.

Sun. April 19, Ride Leader Training

Sonja Taylor, EBTC Ride Program Coordinator

If you're keen on putting together rides or leading them, or if you're looking to get a feel for 'sweeping' but could use some training or guidance, we're hosting a ride leader's indoor training session on **SUNDAY, APRIL 19, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Whether you're new or have experience, we'd love for you to join us! Click [here](#) to sign up or go to the club [calender](#).



Sunday, April 26: Launch the Season with Ride & Pizza Social!

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator & June MacGregor, President

Come out to Graminia Hall for a ride on the area's quiet rural roads. We'll return to the hall to meet old and new EBTC friends for pizza (no cost to members).

Two early-season options have been planned. Both are 'social' rides, with regular group-ups at corners or landmarks so that no one is left behind, while riders can cycle at their own pace. When you register, the ride description will give you more details, including where Graminia Hall is located.

Easier Ride (22 or 28 km, depending on wind and group interests) starts at 11:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

Intermediate Ride (45 to 50 km) starts at 11:00 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

If the weather forecast doesn't look good for cycling, we'll change the plans and advise registrants by email (e.g., a hike before the pizza social at the hall).



May 22-24: Drumheller - The Dinos and Drama Tour

Norbert and Karen Broda, EBTC Members

EBTC returns for a fourth year to pedal through the spectacular landscape and sites of the Badlands – canyons, a ferry ride, hoodoos, and a saloon! In addition, many Drumheller participants may choose to purchase tickets for the Saturday evening buffet and performance of "Hurry Hard" at the Rosebud Theatre, a heartfelt comedy by a Canadian playwright.

This rural riding tour is unsupported with a 'hub and spoke' format. It is an **intermediate/advanced** level with distances between 36-70 km per day and elevation climbs of up to 400m. The expected average daily riding speed is 18 to 22 km/hr.

Road bikes and pedal-assist e-bikes are welcome.

This trip does not include a sag wagon. All expenses including accommodations, beverages, drinks, snacks and theatre tickets are the responsibility of the participants. Non-cycling family members are encouraged to join the theatre and lunch venues.

For more details and/or to register click [here](#), or it will soon be in the Club Calendar.

Norbert and Karen can be reached for questions at drumheller@bikeclub.ca.

Save the Dates for More Multi-day Trips!

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

To help you with planning your summer activities, the following are confirmed multi-day trips planned for 2026. More details will follow – for now, just mark your calendar!

1. Thunder Lake Cycling and Camping, July 25-26
2. Fairmont Hot Springs, BC, September 21-24

There may be more announced in the future, so stay tuned and keep an eye on the Club [Calendar](#).

From the Saddle

Cycling New Zealand with New Gadgets

Kevin Zaychuk, EBTC Treasurer

As I make my way back to Auckland on the train with my bicycle, here's a few small things that are new to me on this recent tour of New Zealand that I've found to be very helpful and wanted to pass on to the other members.

First off, if you are riding on some roads and highways, especially busy ones with no shoulders and in sunny climes, this HiVis sunshade fits perfectly on your helmet and creates great visibility for the drivers behind you, especially when it is flapping in the wind while you are sailing downhill! I purchased it at [Princess Auto](#) and it is only \$6.99...

Click [here](#) to read Kevin's full story.



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