



June 8, 2026

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

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From the Board

Rain, rain, thundershowers and ride cancellations! Last week began with 'reliable' forecasts of rain and resultant ride cancellations, and progressed into 'less reliable' forecasts of sun and thunderstorms, with some rides going ahead and others cancelled.

Why are thunderstorms so difficult to predict? According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, it's because they are highly localized, short-lived and driven by chaotic atmospheric factors. Traditional models, based on large weather systems, cannot capture thunderstorm locations and timing *until* they are actively developing.

Ride Leaders and members know that thunderstorms are a risky situation out on the road. With EBTC's policy that Ride Leaders decide when to cancel their rides, they face tough decisions. Later last week, rides were cancelled when the day turned out sunny, and others went ahead to finish in sunshine or before storms materialized. In all cases, registrations were down due to members deciding to cancel. All these decisions were as good as they could be, given the unreliability of the forecasts.

The Club Jerseys Have Arrived! If you ordered one, Sonja, will bring all ordered jerseys (sleeveless, short-sleeved, long-sleeved and thermal) to the following rides this upcoming week:

-Tuesday Social Ride from Calahoo Arena to Onoway (at 10:30)

-Wednesday's Rambling Routes (meet at Victoria Park Skating Oval parking lot at 6:30 pm)

-Southwest Thursday Intermediate Ride (Meet at Malina's in Cameron Heights at 6 pm)

If you aren't registered for those rides or can't get to the meeting locations at the times noted, contact Sonja at rideprogram@bikeclub.ca to arrange a pickup time/location.



Upcoming Events

Note: The following are just some of the rides being offered. Members are encouraged to look at the [Calendar](#) for additional rides - but remember to refresh your browser by clicking the circular arrow icon on your computer or smart phone to see the most up-to-date information. Brief descriptions of EBTC's regular Series rides are found in [Series Summary](#).

Tuesday, June 23: Elk Island Ride & Picnic

Liz Timleck, Ride Leader

This is a 49 km no-drop ride through Elk Island Park toward Lamont. Bring your own lunch for a picnic after at the Visitor Centre. I'm not sure if admission is free or not, so bring along a pass if you have one. I have a family pass and I can bring in 7 riders. If bringing a guest please make sure to have the waiver filled out and signed.

For more info click [here](#). Registration opens June 17.

(Photo courtesy EBTC member Stephen Middleton)



July 12: Tour de l'Alberta/Biking Like a Viking - Register Now!

Click [here](#) for more info and to register for this premier cycling event in Strathcona County. Choose from: **35 km** Beaver Hills Biosphere Tour; **55 km** Biking Like a Viking | Half Century Ride; **100 km** Tour de L'Alberta | Metric Century Ride; **160 km** Grand Tour de L'Alberta | Century Ride.

The prices are very reasonable and **EBTC members** have also been sent a Karelo email with a **Promo Code for a further 15% off the posted rates**.

Tour of the Rockies, 2027!!

Ben Johnson from Mountain Madness Cycle Tours is offering a seven day cycling trip from Jasper to Longview **July 8-14, 2027!** This iconic Canadian Rockies cycle tour includes Sunwapta Pass, Bow Pass, and Highwood Pass

This is not an exclusive EBTC trip, and spots are filling up! A maximum of 13 cyclists can be accommodated so don't dilly-dally!

Price: (twin share): \$3797 + 5% gst per person. Includes all meals/snacks, hotel accommodations, round trip transport for you and your bike, support van, National Park entry fees.

NOTE: Use coupon code **ebtc** to get lower pricing, which excludes Edmonton accommodation fees.

For full itinerary and registration information look for Tour #4, 2027 7-day 8-night itinerary at: <http://www.mountainmadnesstours.com/tours>

Note that the trip starts and ends in Edmonton (the itinerary has the trip ending in Calgary).

Riders can also contact Ben Johnson directly at: info@mountainmadnesstours.com, or phone: (780) 885-9813.

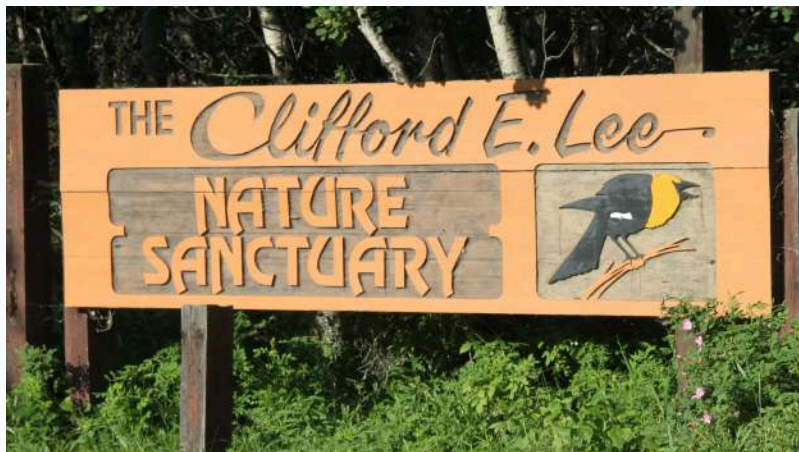
Weekly Recap

June 5: Friday Quiet Roads in Strathcona County

June MacGregor, EBTC President

Thank you to Robin Lane and Sandy Ponich for introducing members to a newish 46 km route through Strathcona County's scenic acreages and rural roads. Eight riders tackled some 'good' hills, enjoyed a break at Half Moon Lake, and got back to Ardrossan before the thunderstorms!

The June 12 ride is in Parkland County from Clifford E. Lee to Holborn Hall, with its cyclist-friendly playground, for 48 km return. If the wind is howling, I'll change up the route, which is no problem as we group up regularly. Register [here](#).



Saturday, June 6: Target the Tour 100

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

We're aiming for the 100 km Tour de l'Alberta on July 12 and so far, we're doing great. From a mere 30 km on April 18, we've progressed to 72 km this week with 345 m of climbing (and a bit more of a breeze than expected).

We headed from New Sarepta around Miquelon Lake – a very pretty route – with a stop at the lake (goodies at the farmers market) and refreshments at Old Station Honey and Mead after the ride. And we deserved it!

The sky couldn't have been bluer and spring green is at its peak after the rain. A great day to cycle.

Next week we'll head to our favourite playground a Holborn Hall and then stop for coffee at Spruce Park Ranch on the way back, upping the distance a bit to 75 km. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or check the [Calendar](#).



Sunday, June 7: Fort Saskatchewan Brunch Ride

Maureen Lanuke, Ride Leader

With the weather telling us thundershowers would start around noon, the question was – “do we chance it?” “Do we cancel?” Decisions! Decisions!

Unfortunately for them, most of the eager cyclists who had signed up for the iconic annual Fort Saskatchewan Brunch Ride decided to cancel.

That left two of us intrepid cyclists who decided to brave the elements and take on the task.

I guess the weather gods decided that they would reward us for our bravery and shine on us today. And shine they did!! I don't know where the rain decided to go, but we had a wonderful country ride with just a bit of a cool wind and sunshine for the entire ride.

Topped off by a delicious lunch at the Canadian Brewhouse in the Fort and a bit of a crosswind on the way back, it was a good day for a ramble in the country!

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