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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

So, what's up with EBTC's ride cancellations? Because of weather (thunderstorms, rain, wind, and now possibly smoke) ride leaders have had to cancel a number of rides this season. Here's a breakdown:

- **May** – 25% cancelled (56 rides; 14 cancelled)
- **June** – 46% cancelled (52 rides; 24 cancelled)
- **to July 19** – 22% cancelled (32 rides; 7 cancelled)
- **In total** – 32% of 140 rides cancelled (45 cancelled)

When you've registered for a ride, it's wise to always check your emails for a Karelo cancellation email before you leave home. EBTC policy gives ride leaders discretion on when to cancel, recognizing the differences in our individual tolerances for rain, heat, cold, smoke (6 is a general guideline but not a rule for smoke), etc.

It's also wise to cancel your registration if you can't make a ride for any reason. To cancel, click on *Change Registration* at the top right corner of your Karelo registration confirmation email and follow the prompts.

Alternatively, log in to Karelo, click on *My Registrations* and select the ride to cancel.

Fingers crossed for the rest of the ride season that the sun will shine and the rain will shift to snuff out the wildfires.

Upcoming Events

Note: The newsletter highlights only some of the rides available to members for registration. Please check the EBTC website [Calendar](#) for all rides available - but remember to refresh your browser to see the most up-to-date information. Brief descriptions of EBTC's regular Series rides are found in [Series Summary](#).

Ride Leaders may also offer 'pop-up' rides at short notice depending mainly on weather conditions. Click [here](#) to sign up for our **Pop-Up List** to get an email whenever a pop-up is available (with the link to register).

July 23: Thursday Night Rollers

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for this new intermediate series. Rides are between 30-40 km and explore local multipurpose trail systems and rural roads in and surrounding Edmonton. The focus is on improving pace with opportunities to build confidence, fitness, and cycling skills. While this is a no-drop ride, cyclists are expected to maintain an average pace of 20-22 kph. All well-maintained bikes are welcome including pedal assist e-bikes (no throttle). Cyclists should bring food and water as there are no refreshment stops en route.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

July 25-26: Thunder Lake Multi-Day Cycling & Camping

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

NOTE: Registration closes July 23.

Thunder Lake is a fully-supported, intermediate cycling/camping weekend, suitable for cyclists with road bikes or pedal-assist e-bikes (no throttle bikes). We will meet on Saturday in Onoway then ride approximately 80 km on Saturday to Thunder Lake where we will camp overnight. Then the next day (Sunday), we return 94 km to Onoway. Expect a combination of paved mainly flat highways and country roads.

There will be a sweep; the pace is relaxed (15-20 k/hr) and no one gets left behind. There will be snack breaks every 20 - 30 km. The support vehicle

can carry two bikes and riders if someone cannot ride or needs a break. There is a fee for this event to cover costs as noted in the description.

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



Thursday, Aug. 6: Annual Potluck Picnic. Registration Open!

June MacGregor, EBTC President

Click [here](#) to register for an enjoyable social evening. We're returning to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park (by the Valley Zoo). Social Coordinator, Julie, has made sure we again have canopied Site 1 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our picnic is *not* weather-dependent, as proven in some past years when the conversation just got louder to 'drown out' the downpours hitting the roof.

Members are invited to bring appetizers, salads or desserts. The Birkebeiner Society is supplying smokies for the BBQ and condiments. EBTC provides the buns, paper plates, cutlery, napkins and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB.

Bring a non-member guest if you wish but let us know in advance by emailing president@bikeclub.ca. We'll have a jar for any small donations to offset EBTC's cost.



August 11-12: Bikepacking Trip to Fort Saskatchewan

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

Want to try bikepacking? You are in luck! Join this no-drop ride - great for newer bikepackers. It is not too far to travel and only one night - Tuesday,

August 11 to Wednesday, August 12.

Meet and park at the ride leader's house in Edmonton then cycle using bike paths from Gold Bar to Fort Saskatchewan Lion's Campground via Rundle Park, Hermitage Park, NE Edmonton and over the North Saskatchewan on the new bridge to your campground. Camping fees will be split between the registrants.

You will need a well-maintained bicycle (preferably with 50 mm tires), a helmet, paniers and/or pack sack, a spare tube & a basic tool kit, a tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, a pillow, a headlight, your personal hygiene stuff, insect repellent, a plate, cutlery, money for breakfast & for coffees.

For more details or to register, click [here](#).



Sept 22-24: 3rd Annual Cycling Fairmont Hot Springs Area

Sonja Taylor, Ride Program Coordinator

Looking for a short fall cycling trip? Check out this intermediate level multi-day cycling trip from September 22-24 (arrive on evening of September 21) in the Fairmont Hot Springs (FHS), BC area.

Day One: drive to Cranbrook and cycle to Marysville or Kimberley (and back).

Day 2: cycle from the hoodoos in FHS to Invermere (and back).

Day 3: cycle from FHS to Windermere Golf course (and back) + optional hiking in the afternoon.

Participants are responsible for organizing their own accommodation, food and transportation.

For more details or to register, click [here](#).

(Photo: last year's trip!)



Weekly Recap

July 13: Tuesday Social Ride: St. Albert to the Quarry

Liz Timlek, Ride Leader

Our ride started from Kingswood Park in St. Albert. We began into a slight headwind which was great because that meant a tailwind on the way back! We took a short stop at the Quarry Golf Club but were driven off by hungry mosquitoes. I was looking forward to the hill climb out of there, but sadly my bike had other ideas and my chain came off, jamming half way up the hill. I was so fortunate to have so many expert bike repairmen on the ride who had me back on the saddle in no time. A huge thank you to all who helped.

Join us this Tuesday when we ride from Edmonton Garrison Golf Course to Gibbons. Register [here](#).



Thursday, July 16: Red Deer to Innisfail

Susan Williams, Ride Leader

Eight members came out to the 60 km pop-up ride on Thursday from Red Deer to Innisfail on the C & E Trail. This was originally Day 2 of the two-day trip in June that got rained out. (We'll be offering the two-day ride again next year.)

This time the weather was a bit foggy and cool at the start, but as the sun came out, it burned off the fog and the temperature rose. The C & E trail south to Innisfail is a quiet, country road with some hills. The canola fields are in bloom and make a beautiful contrast with the blue sky and our colourful jerseys. We had lunch on the back deck at the Coffee Cottage in Innisfail then took a different way back to Red Deer that was a bit west of the C & E trail.



July 17, Friday Quiet Roads: Clifford E. Lee Nature Sanctuary to Holborn Hall

June MacGregor, Ride Organizer

It was a 'series' ride but a 'unique' 48 km event: no wind as we cycled west in the beautiful open countryside for a break at the Holburn Hall. And imagine, we were happy to return eastward into a cooling headwind as the temperature rose.

This Friday's 49 km ride is from Spruce Grove. We'll cycle west and north, enjoy a break at Glacier Greens Golf Course, and then return with some fun downhill. Click [here](#) to register.

Saturday, July 18: Target On!

Phil Davidson, EBTC Webmaster

Sunshine, blue sky, no wind, alternating fields of lush green and canola gold – what could be better? Maybe a little cooler, but we had a fine 94 km loop from Morinville to Legal and Bon Accord.

On Saturday we plan to do another loop, this time 88 km: Villeneuve, Riviere Qui Barre, Sandy Beach, Onoway and Calahoo. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or check the [Calendar](#).

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