

BCA Thursday Night Touring Ride

The BCA Thursday Night Rides are definitely the place to begin. The primary focus of these rides is to get folks comfortable riding A) with others, B) on open roads with traffic, and C) at a pace that is comfortable for their ability. All of these things are intended to enhance your experience of cycling for whatever your reason for doing it. There are always more experienced riders there to offer help in any way (moral support, technical information, guidance about etiquette & "Rules of the Road" type stuff).

A few tips and reminders:

- Be sure to have your bicycle in good working condition. A trip to one of our fine Club Sponsors, Ordinary Cycles & The Spoke, for a checkup is a good idea.
- Know the rules of the road. We are required to obey them and act predictably for our own safety.
- Be prepared in case of a flat tire. A spare tube (at the very least), pump, and tire irons (those funny looking plastic stick thingies) should be all you need. If you don't know how to change a tire, someone will be happy to help/teach you when it happens, but already knowing how saves time.
- These rides are intended to be a very casual and relaxed pace with an atmosphere focusing on getting people comfortable with riding on the open road and with other people.
- Nobody ever gets left behind. There are always experienced folks who sweep the route to encourage and help anyone in need.
- Helmets are **STRONGLY** recommended.
- **MOST** importantly, have fun and safely enjoy riding your bicycle!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me @ 499-6110 or via e-mail - shaunweigand@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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