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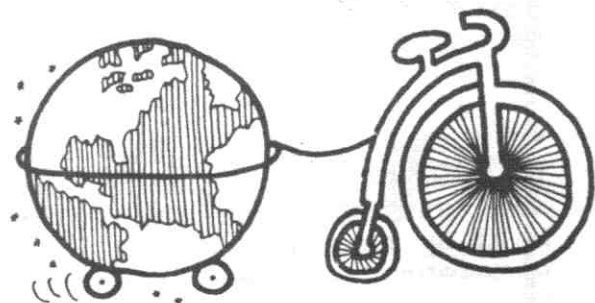
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The EBC newsletter appears 4 times yearly: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue (Fall 1989) is October 5.

Special thanks to those who contributed to this issue: Mary Allen, Doug Barrett, Mia Benjamin, Angela Bischoff, Ron Cattaruzza, Jack Grainge, Andy Hengst, Christine Hogg, Stacey Hutchinson, Michele Kelly, Liz Olsen, Ken Robinson, Richard Tavarov, Jane Wiley, Dom Young, and all those who helped fold & staple.

**** NOTE **** The articles appearing in this Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views held by the Club itself, but are opinions expressed by concerned cyclists.

SUMMER SPLASH & BASH for ALL EBC MEMBERS!!!

It's time for a cool dip with some like-minded cyclists. Come munch, drink punch, dunk & play water volleyball at:

Mill Creek Pool
Friday, August 25th
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Just bring your trunks, and perhaps a story or two entitled: "The Wildest Story Ever on Two Wheels". Volunteers will be revered, and a special presentation will be given to Tooker, ex-primo-volunteer.

(In case of bad weather, alternate date: August 28th)



EBC Clean Up

Thank You to those who helped us out Sunday/Monday, July 16/17. We got a start on tidying up all the bikes outside and downstairs. Anyone interested in helping us another time (yet to be determined), please call Ron Cattaruzza after 7pm at 476-8862 or check at the EBC office.

The Hub of the Velorution

This summer, there have been some changes to the Board of Directors of the EBC. Tooker Gomberg has stepped down as executive director to make time for his new tasks as an Aldermanic Candidate. He remains a Board member and his advice and input are respected. Several new members have been appointed to fill the gaps left by others who have left. Presently eight people sit on the board; Lionel Cook, Steve Talman, Angela Bischoff, George Brohman, Ron Cattaruzza, Christine Hogg, Doug Barrett and Tooker Gomberg.

Board meetings are open to any and all members of the EBC. The next Board meeting is Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. Topics that will be discussed are: changes in EBC organization, Trial Management Committee report, Grants, and the report from the Advocacy Committee.

Doug Barrett



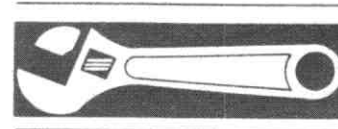
BICYCLE WORKS SUMMER HOURS
Volunteers are on hand every Wednesday from 6-9pm and Saturday from noon-4pm to show EBC members how to fix their bikes with our tools. Phone 433-BIKE during those times to confirm.

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volunteers to help with the Bicycle Works and the repair of bikes for rental and sale by the EBC. Phone Don Cattaruzza after 7pm at [phone number] are interested.

CYCLING INFO

The EBC continues to provide printed material of interest to cyclists. Drop by and peruse our collection of articles including "Bicycles: Wheels of Change", "Economic Benefits of Bicycle Friendly Roads" and a global review of the state of cycling from the July-August '88 issue of Worldwatch, a bimonthly magazine produced by the Worldwatch Institute.

The EBC now has a supply of City Bike Maps. If you need one or know someone who does, send them by.



THE CITY WANTS TO KNOW...

The postage for this issue of the Cyclist's Vehicle was graciously paid for by the City of Edmonton Transportation Department. They have a special interest in this issue because they would like us to do something for them.

Please fill out the enclosed Bicycle User Survey and return it to

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By providing the City with this information it can help them to plan for better facilities throughout the city. Part of being an EBC member means being part of a voice for cyclists. Let's show the City just how strong our voice is; please send in your questionnaire.

Looking Back on Lunar Cycle '89

Although it is hard to believe - with all those energetic cyclists on Edmonton's streets - Canada's largest and most exciting bicycle celebration, LUNAR CYCLE 89, is indeed over. Twenty-five fantastic events, hosted by a wide variety of Edmonton organizations and businesses, happening all across the city, for thirty-two incredible days of sun, snow, rain, wind and complete wildness! And we cycled smilingly through it all - almost.

Undaunted by wide ranging environmental conditions - usually taking place all within the same day - our great LUNAR CYCLE volunteers made sure either that EBC events ran smoothly or that the EBC was enthusiastically represented at everyone else's events. Without them, there would have been no cycling festival.

During the Wheel-Off, EBC "kicked off" LUNAR CYCLE 89 by helping the City "begin" a bicycle path along Churchill Square. Thanks to Tooker et.al. the Bike Swap, this year at the Old Strathcona Farmers' Market, helped Edmontonians sell over 60 bicycles, with a minimal commission to us. Thanks to Tim et.al.

Our Bike Repair and Maintenance Clinics every Tuesday evening at the Cloverdale Picnic Shelter were very successful. Under the guidance of the EBC Bike Works' volunteer mechanics, a different topic was taught each week, plus any other small repairs that had to be learned then done. Thanks to Ron et.al. We also did the last safe cycling workshop directed towards children. On June 1, International Children's Day, over forty people, children and parents, attended this fun and informative workshop at Gazebo Park. Thanks to Dave et.al.

For Canada FitWeek, the EBC, in conjunction with Canada Fitweek, Lumber Jacks Pancake House,

Edmonton Co-op Stores and the Edmonton Board of Health, hosted Edmonton's Bike to Work and Free Pancake Breakfast. Great food, great speakers, great location - where were you? Yes, it was a bit cold and overcast, but it didn't rain, did it! Every true bicycle commuter should have been there; the one-hundred twenty-five who were, enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Michele et.al.

On World Environment Day, June 5, the EBC hosted two incredible events - the Blue Bike Launch and the Cycling Forum. Our visiting environmental and cycling activist from Toronto, Sue Zielinski, helped us with both.

A week prior to the Blue Bikes public launch, a series of interviews and articles appeared in the Neighbors paper regarding the concept, the program and our need for bicycles and people-power to re-cycle the "old clunkers". We were inundated with calls and





donations! Often we averaged 50-70 calls/donations per day! Within two weeks, we had no space left. Edmontonians loved our idea - inexpensive, re-cycled bicycles to rent (complete with helmet and lock) for \$5 a day. Bernie, Ken and crew re-made and painted five bicycles and Tooker inaugurated the program not by cutting a red ribbon, but by opening a chain of white U-locks!

If you missed the annual Planning a Cycle-Able City II forum, you missed an excellent opportunity to hear and question speakers knowledgeable in all facets of cycling in Edmonton and to learn from the keynote speaker, Sue Zielinski, about cycling in Toronto and other "obscure" places around the world. Interesting discussions, good food afterwards. Thanks to Michele, Elizabeth et al. and the ladies from the Bagel Tree Deli.

LUNAR CYCLE 89 "cycled down" on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with the EBC Open House June 11. Dozens of

people dropped in to make inquiries, join, register their bikes, talk, meet Sue, share some fruit and cheese, write their suggestions for better cycling in Edmonton on a large flipchart - these to be passed along to the EBC advocacy committee for future action planning - and, of course, just in general to relax with good friends after a hectic but very enjoyable cycling festival.

This celebration may be officially over, but the spirit of LUNAR CYCLE 89 lives on! Once again, a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents, to our advertisers and sponsors and to LUNAR CYCLE event hosts all of whom helped to make LUNAR CYCLE 89 the high-profile, high-quality festival that it was! Planning for LUNAR CYCLE 90 begins this September. If you can help, give us a call.

Mia Benjamin,
Coordinator: LUNAR CYCLE 89

Safety News & Views

SAFE / LEGAL CYCLING

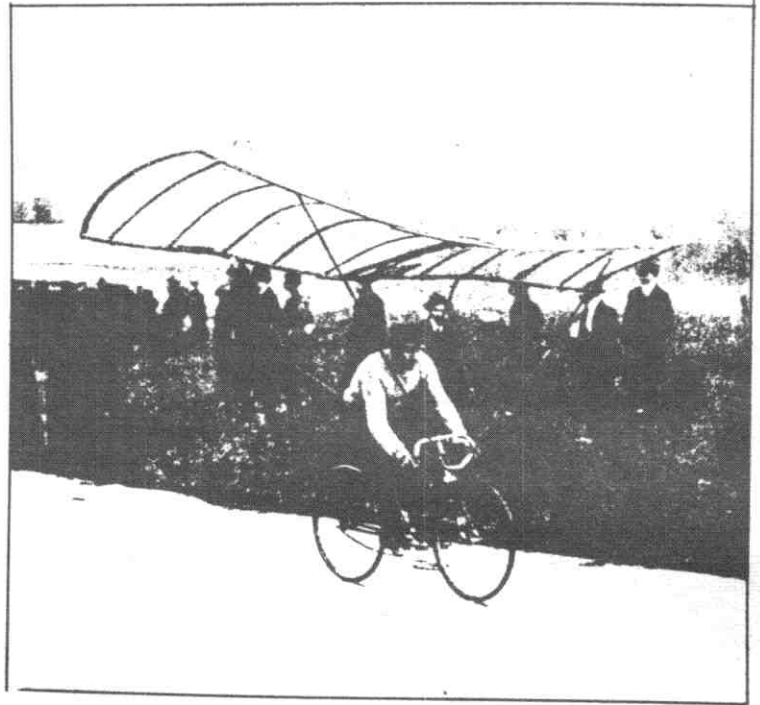
As cyclists in this city we are becoming more and more vocal about our rights. But sometimes we tend to ignore our responsibilities. If we want drivers, pedestrians, and most importantly, politicians to respect our rights we should be careful to meet their legitimate demands. So here's a reminder of our legal responsibilities:

- Obey all traffic regulations, particularly stop and yield signs and one way streets. Use hand signals.
- A legally equipped bicycle needs an adequate horn or bell, working brakes, and for night riding - front and rear lights.
- Pedestrians always have the right of way. Cyclists may not ride on sidewalks unless there is a sign permitting them to do so. When you are sharing a path or walkway with pedestrians, be sure to warn them well in advance with your horn or bell (voice is inadequate).
- Legally, bicycles must not ride in bus lanes. The law requires that you ride in the lane to the left of the bus lane. If you feel this is unsafe, the city suggests you choose another route.

These are the rules. Some, particularly the last one (bus lanes) are often questioned. We would appreciate any comments you wish to make. Perhaps with enough feedback from the membership, we could make bus lanes an issue.

Cycle safely and responsibly. When we're out there in traffic we have a chance to earn our rights and a responsibility to give cyclists a good name.

Mary Allen



CYCLING HELMETS

Most cyclists at some stage face the dilemma of whether to buy a helmet. They argue that helmets are expensive, clunky, over-cautious, funny looking, that they prefer the "hair-in-the-wind" feel of freedom. Motorcyclists have made the same arguments, but common sense generally wins out. If you are still undecided, remember that up to 90% of cyclist fatalities result from head injuries. If you have decided to buy one, keep these points in mind:

- Make sure the helmet meets ANSI or SNELL standards. There should be a sticker inside the helmet.
- Make sure the helmet fits your head or can be adjusted to do so.

BE PREDICTABLE

Each day at the EBC we get calls from people who are wondering where in the world cyclists are supposed to ride. Drivers tell us to get off the road - pedestrians tell us to get off the sidewalk. Maybe that means that cyclists should be the adaptive species and grow wings to hover over the streets and sidewalks.

WRONG!!

Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities on the road as motorists do. Technically, that means we can take our lane of the road just like a car does. Most often though, just riding as far to the right of the lane as is safe, is best.

If you are riding on a lane way with a row of parked cars to your

right the safest spot is about one door width from the parked vehicles.

When you need to turn or change lanes, signal your intentions with simple hand signals. Let those around you, who are paying attention, know what you plan to do. Make eye contact when possible and shoulder check often so that you know what is happening around you (practice shoulder checking before you get into heavy traffic).

Keep your path predictable, let others know what you plan to do and feel confident that you have a place on the road.

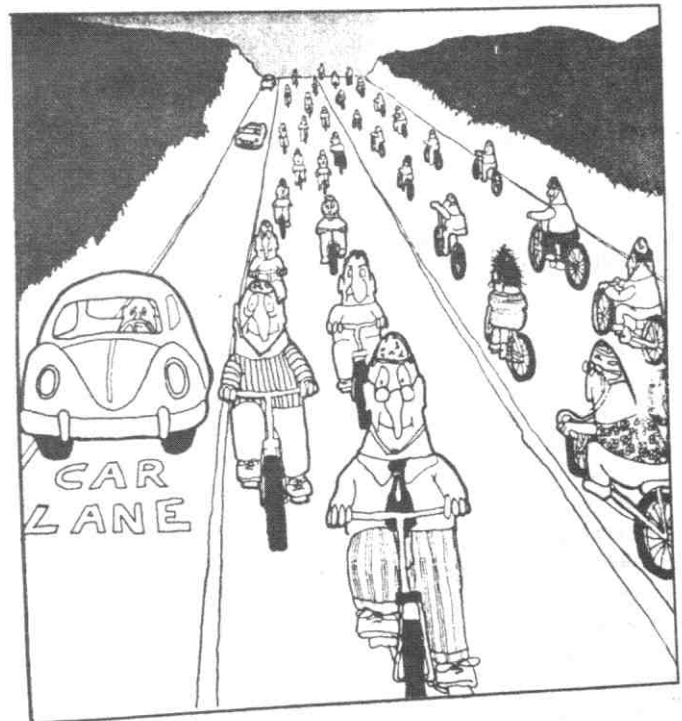
Ride On!
Michele

- Shop around. Helmets range in price from about \$30 to over \$100. Be careful. The same helmet may sell for \$40 in one shop and \$60 in another. Check department stores and watch for sales.

- If you are likely to ride in hot sunny weather (and who isn't), you may want a light-coloured, well-ventilated helmet. (Black may look sexy but might not feel so good after a few hours in the sun).

Remember to wear a bicycle helmet; hockey helmets are not adequate. If you can think of any points we've missed, or if you have anything else you want to say about helmets, we would appreciate your comments for our next newsletter.

Mary Allen



TALKIN' WITH TOOKER

by Angela Bischoff

Angela: You've been Executive Director of EBC for the past three years. Now you're stepping down. Has it been a good experience for you?

Tooker: Well, yes and no. The mandate of EBC is humongous and the resources are limited. There were always more things to be done, so it often seemed like we took one step forward and two steps back. But on the positive side, what we have accomplished is impressive, and this is gratifying to me. I feel that I've been involved in setting a lot of the goals of the organization and have seen them through.

Angela: Could you be more specific as to some of the accomplishments EBC has seen over the past 3 years?

Tooker: When I inherited EBC, it was virtually in shambles. There were a hundred or so members recorded on index cards, many of which had not paid up. There was very little going on in terms of club activities. There was no office, no headquarters, an infrequent newsletter, and a kind of phantom board of directors that met and wondered why the organization was on the verge of dying.

Since that point, it's been a struggle to advance the organization - step by step. I personally spent the time punching in all those members on computer so that the mail-out would be more efficient. I personally put together the first few newsletters to communicate with the members and to try to stimulate some new interest and excitement in the organization.

And since then it's been a process of setting up an office in the old Tools for Peace warehouse, getting our own phone number, publishing the newsletter on a regular basis, and increasing the membership to the point where it's now around 400.

The Bicycle Works started out as a few tools; now it's a viable, exciting facility that is of tremendous value to the cycling community in Edmonton. Beyond that we've established a library, and we've run four very successful bicycle festivals which I think we have a lot to be proud of in terms of raising the profile of bicycling in Edmonton. We've developed a good rapport with the bike shops in town, letting them know that commuters are worth catering to. We've expanded the bicycle registration program and we've raised awareness about the problem of stolen bicycles in the city. And I think that generally we're now a force to be reckoned with. We've succeeded in establishing a fair bit of credibility for the organization. We're a lot better known; we've got many more people plugged into the commuting network; we have a profile in the international bicycling community; and I think we've become a strong organization that represents the bicycle commuting interest in Edmonton.

Angela: Given that we've received the recognition that we

have, why is it that we still seem to be up against the mindset that believes that bicycles are simply recreational vehicles and that cars are the only way to commute?

Tooker: Well I think we're talking about changing the status quo and the status quo is powerful. In terms of bicycles being seen as recreational vehicles or as toys, part of the problem is that the bicycle industry hasn't taken the initiative to portray the bicycle as a commuting vehicle. But I don't think that's by chance. The automobile and the oil lobbies in Alberta and in the rest of the world are extremely powerful lobbies and they have vested interests in continuing to sell their products. They're going to be the last ones to tell you to leave your car at home and ride your bike instead. Cycling appeals to peoples' common sense and we've got a good product to sell. But EBC is not selling bicycles. So we're in a sense relegated to the sidelines where we try to raise the issue and hope that the public's good sense will prevail and that people will at least try bicycle commuting. I'm convinced that if people try it they'll realize that there are tremendous bonuses to riding a bike and they'll eventually be sold on it.

Angela: Now that you're stepping down as Executive Director, what direction would you advise us to focus on in upcoming years?

Tooker: Well I'm of two minds on this. On the one hand, I feel that as Executive Director I set the tone for the organization; things that I felt were key issues I put on the agenda and went to it. It's now up to the Board of Directors and the new Executive Director to step in and take the lead.

On the other hand, I feel that certain initiatives have been taken while I was executive director which would be a pity to see fall by the wayside. Specifically, the ones I would hope would be maintained are Lunar Cycle for its public outreach potential and the registration program for its fundraising potential. It is important to have a solid financial base so that we're not constantly operating in a crises mode. One of our goals needs to be to find ongoing sources of funding.

A third project which I'd like to see maintained is the Bicycle Works because it is a very valuable and inexpensive service that has real potential to attract new members and educate bicyclists. Education is a key area for us to keep working at since most bicyclists often don't recognize that they're getting the short end of the stick. They don't recognize that they're entitled to space on the the road, entitled to good facilities, that they are in fact entitled to a good network of bicycle routes in Edmonton. The first step to acheive that network is to educate bicyclists.



Bicycle activist Tooker Gomberg out for a spin around the block

Fourthly is the Cyclist's Vehicle. It's become a real valued tool for educating and communicating amongst the members.

Beyond that I'd like to see EBC focus more efforts in the area of advocacy -- that is, of getting out there and making it known that we represent the bicycle commuting population in Edmonton and we think that 'xy&z' should happen and should happen soon.

The whole bicycle parking area is one where we've started to do good work. We prepared the bicycle parking study The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, and we're now at the point where we could be going out and pushing the bicycle parking issue. I think that we're on the verge, or could be, of getting the bicycle parking bylaw passed by the city whereby any new building built downtown would have to have quality bike parking racks installed. We've done the research, we've had a petition circulating for a couple years -- now's the time.

I would like to see more advocacy happen in terms of new roadway construction, new developments, more routes, and the university area. So the whole area of advocacy has a lot of potential. EBC has started an advocacy committee working on such issues. That's a really hopeful sign.

Angela: What about the Blue Bikes project, the idea of renovating old bikes and renting them to the public for a supply of a helmet and lock. Great idea -

Tooker: Yes, and one I'm particularly proud of. We've touched a nerve in Edmonton in terms of people wanting to donate second-hand bikes. The blue bikes project could develop in a number of different ways, and which direction it takes depends wholly on whoever steps forward to take it on. A couple of possibilities that I see are: 1) that EBC overhaul old bicycles throughout the winter as a job creation or skills training project teaching people bicycle repair. Bikes could then be sold or used as Blue Bikes. 2) that EBC offer a Blue Bikes service throughout Edmonton, and perhaps set up 10 depots throughout the city. We could try it out as a summer project next summer. So it's just a matter of someone stepping forward with the initiative, and we could be creating jobs here and offer a great service.

Angela: Speaking of creating jobs, where are you going from here?

Tooker: Well at this point, (as of July 11), there are 97 days to go 'till the city elections and I'm focusing all my efforts on my election campaign. I expect that come Oct. 16th I'll be elected as city councillor. I'm looking forward to it. I plan to put the quality of our environment onto the agenda of city council.

Angela: Well you've got my vote. Any last word to the membership?

Tooker: The greatest resource and potential of the EBC is its membership. I would encourage any member who has a particular area that they think is important to come forward and get involved. The organization is only as strong as the people who are actively involved. It's one thing, and a good thing, to pay your \$10 membership fee and ride a bicycle. That's valuable. But EBC can and will flourish when a few more members come out of the woodwork and say "Hey, I want to help with the Bicycle Works" or "I think we should write more letters to the editor of the Journal."

Just because a member doesn't know how to do these things doesn't mean they shouldn't be doing them. There are a lot of skills and expertise already in EBC, and any member that wants to get involved, be it with publishing the newsletter or starting a new project, is welcome.

All these things can and will happen only if more people get involved. Another challenge of EBC then is to get people plugged in and active with the organization. This will pay off in spades in the long term by building a strong, viable and effective organization.

On behalf of EBC and the cycling community in Edmonton, I'd like to extend thanks to Tooker for the work he has done to advance the velorution in our city. He's been an invaluable resource and will be hard to replace. He will continue to sit on EBC's Board of Directors.

SHUN VEHICLE USE

A nightmare of cars: when I walk or bicycle on the city streets, it is with the unhappy feeling that I am being poisoned. Did you know that the emissions from automobiles account for the greater part of atmospheric pollution? The list includes: carbon monoxide, which starves the body of oxygen; lead, which causes brain damage; nitrogen dioxide, from which is formed nitric acid, a major component of Acid Rain, which threatens our lakes and forests; and carbon dioxide, which greatly contributes to the greenhouse effect.

Environmental awareness is not enough. There seems little point in worrying about the rain-forests of Brazil while we continue to destroy our part of the world. People must think of their own environmental responsibility. If

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people care about the environment, they should take the bus, ride a bicycle, or walk. (These alternatives have well-known benefits.) Citizens must call upon their government for improvements in public transportation.

People speak of the high costs of public transportation, and of the need for fiscal restraint. Does it not cost us much more to keep all the cars on the road--in economic terms (reckoning the costs of fuel, insurance, repairs, and parking), in terms of environmental damage and health, and in terms of injury and loss of life? Over 500 people are killed and 20,000 are injured on Alberta roads each year.

Maybe we should think twice about turning the key.

Geoffrey Pounder

[The preceding letter appeared in the Edmonton Journal on June 23 1989]

The Blue Bikes Are Here!

On World Environment Day, the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters inaugurated the Blue Bikes Program. Our "fleet" presently consists of four coaster-bikes and one three-speed bike rebuilt by volunteers from old bikes and bike parts. These bikes are now available for five dollars a day from the EBC. We hope that the Blue Bikes Program will provide tourists and residents with an affordable opportunity to explore Edmonton's bike trails.

The program has been quite successful. There have been nine rentals since the fifth of June, as well as many telephone and walk-in

inquiries. I expect the pace of the program will pick up during what is left of the summer.

Two of the Blue Bikes are already on their way to movie stardom. They took part in the filming of "Ray Bradbury Theatre" by Kicking Horse Productions in June. The bikes quickly overcame their nervousness and proved to be very adept performers!

If you or someone you know is interested in renting a Blue Bike call us (433-2453) or drop by the EBC office and we'll have you or them on your (or their) merry way.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE SPEAKS OUT FOR CYCLISTS

From the directive of the EBC Advocacy Committee, Angela Bischoff appeared before City Council on July 18th and gave the following presentation on EBC's behalf.

Mr. Mayor and Alderpersons,

The General Municipal Plan, as outlined, speaks of "a safe and efficient roadway, walkway and transit system which provides links throughout the city while protecting communities". The plan also claims to be concerned with the "Quality of our urban environment", yet it completely ignores the urgent need for a system for non-motorized vehicles, namely bicycles.

As I'm sure most here are aware, vehicle emissions are the cause of 60% our atmospheric pollution. Certainly this deserves greater attention within our own city plans. The city of L.A. plans to ban the internal combustion engine altogether, and Athens has banned cars from the downtown core which is rotting from exhaust and noise. Edmonton would be wise to learn from these examples. Let's plan now for alternatives to the private automobile. The bicycle is swift and safe, clean, inexpensive, cause for a healthier community, and it doesn't pollute our urban air.

If the General Municipal Plan hopes to revitalize the downtown core and inner city, why not make it more accessible to all Edmontonians? It is estimated that there are 300,000 bicycles in Edmonton; few of them would presently dare ride downtown. How about banning the car altogether from the downtown core, as the president of Volvo proposes for all cities?

The plan also talks about protecting the natural environment; paving over one-third of the city

and polluting its air does not sound like protection. Bike routes, on the other hand, cause little environmental damage.

I have a vision for our city, a vision based on community that is vibrant, safe and diverse. A General Municipal Plan with this same vision must take into account and provide for the bicycle as an alternate means of transportation that is environmentally friendly and sustainable, and downplay the role of the private automobile.

Angela Bischoff

Bells are Beautiful

When I'm riding down the walk
and I find no time to talk
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Deputy Mayor Campbell and Aldermen,

I represent Edmonton Bicycle Commuters. We ask your support for a small matter which we hope will become part of long range plans for safe bicycling downtown.

The bylaw makes reference to a bicycle path along 105 Avenue, but does not mention accommodation for bicycles on 104 Avenue. Bicyclists who approach the development from the south will not go a block out of their way to travel along 105 Avenue. Instead, they will crowd into the traffic lanes on 104 Avenue, and inevitably some of them will become involved in accidents. Planning like this is unfair to both the potential bicycling victims and the motorists involved.

Presumably bicycle paths on 104 Avenue have been rejected. Therefore, we suggest a minor concession: that the outside traffic lanes should be at least a

half metre wider than the usual plan.

This is a fair alternative. In fact, winter bicycle commuters prefer wider outside lanes to separate bicycle paths. They find that bicycle paths do not get snow-ploughed either as soon or as well as do arterial roads. Furthermore, cars wear away the snow that remains after ploughing, and thus bicyclists travelling on the bare pavement beside the cars are less likely to slip and fall.

Even during summer, most bicycle commuters in Edmonton use arterial roads wherever they are more direct than the designated bicycle paths. Incidentally, side streets are no safer for bicycling than for driving.

Edmonton Bicycle Commuters are not selfishly seeking concessions for themselves. However, we recognize that bicycle commuting is on the verge of a boom. There are close to 20,000 of us now, and we believe 100,000 latent bicycle commuters will join us when bicycling on our streets becomes safer.

Because Alberta is underlaid by a thousand-year supply of coal, the population of our city is destined to grow to several million. Unless there is careful planning now, our city center will eventually become choked with cars, as is the case in many cities in Europe and U.S.A. We in Edmonton should avoid such a catastrophe.

In summary, we respectfully request that you consider adding at least half-metre extensions to the outer traffic lanes on 104 Avenue.

Jack Grainge

[The preceding letter was delivered to City Council on June 27 at a public hearing concerning the bylaw.]



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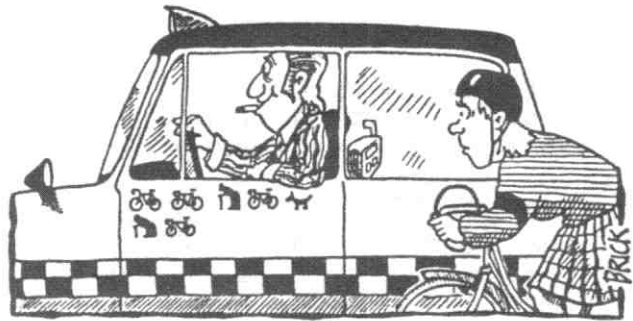
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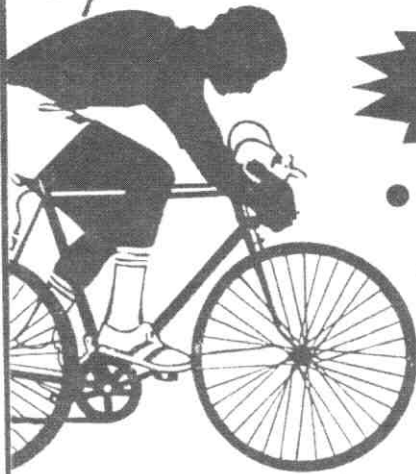
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Recent visitors to the EBC and curious passers-by stare (generally with eyes shaded or squinting) at the bright green and blue and pink and orange and yellow, ten-wheeled, seven-egged, eight-winged, five seated contraption now at rest just south of the EBC building. This infamous machine, dubbed the Flycycle-I, was EBC's entry in the Old Strathcona Silly Parade on July 1st. It was truly awesome, and silly, in action that day. Five people (including L.C., the Lunar Cycle Cow) drove its majestic, flapping form, proudly yet awkwardly along the parade route. It took five people to steer it. While flapping, it also occasionally lost its front wheel, to the surprise of its riders and the delight of the crowd. With nine other wheels, however, this was not a serious setback. Once, a helpful bicycle mechanic sprang from the

crowd and put the wheel back on for us, and then left us his business card. Since the whole event was fun and raised EBC's prestige in certain silly circles, EBC would also like to thank those who took part in the building and riding of Flycycle-I. Thank-you Ken Robinson, Mia Benjamin, Doug Barrett, Dom Young, Stacy Hutchinson, Ivy Boschman, Steve Talman, (and L.C.) for your hard work and enthusiasm.



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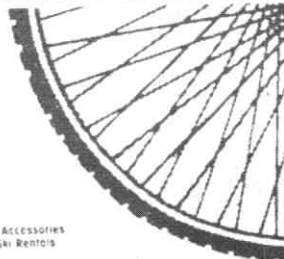
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THE EDMONTON BICYCLE REGISTRY

The Edmonton Bicycle Registry, a program of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters, exists to facilitate the speedy return of stolen bicycles (recovered by the Edmonton Police Department), to their rightful owners.

Currently, City police recover between 50 and 100 bicycles per week during peak bicycle season. Unfortunately less than 25% are returned to owners; more than 75% are auctioned off each month because their owners cannot be identified.

A grant provided by the Wild Rose Foundation enabled the E.B.C. to purchase hardware and software in order to computerize the bicycle registry. Subsequently, in April 1989, the Edmonton Police Department began working together with E.B.C. to upgrade the operation of the bicycle registry.

In the past, decals were issued to registrants. If a bicycle with a decal was recovered, E.B.C. was contacted so that the registrant's name could be provided for notification purposes. Because of concern for the possibility of decals being removed or falling off, it was decided to use bicycle serial numbers as the primary source of identification.

The Edmonton Police Department now provides to E.B.C. the serial numbers of all bicycles recovered, and a search is made of the computerized Registry to determine if any are listed. If the serial number of a recovered bicycle is found in the Registry, the registrant is notified that their bicycle has been recovered.

With the current registration fee of \$5.00 for a 5-year registration period, bicycle registration is a great bargain in today's world of rising bicycle costs. So spread the word about our program! Tell all your cyclist friends before their bicycles are stolen!

For more information, do not hesitate to contact the E.B.C. office - telephone number 433-BIKE (2453).

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The Responsibility Remains With Us

After hearing the guest speakers at "Planning a Cycle-Able City II," one glaring point remained in my mind. The responsibility remains with us, the aware and thinking cycling public, to bring that awareness, that perspective to the other citizens of our city. The politicians will only embrace our vision when it becomes popular. That has become obvious.

It has now become obvious to me that our primary job is to show that worthwhile growth of our society can only happen through responsible stewardship of our environment and that bicycling can play a large and effective role.

To show how bicycling fits in with environmental stewardship:

1) Keep in mind what a cycle-able

city would be like to live, play and work in.

2) Learn as much as possible about what's right and wrong about how we use our resources now. Become an expert on how cycling can improve our environment and our standard of living.

3) Talk to people: Bring cycling up with people who seem willing to entertain your ideas. Ask for their ideas. Gently encourage them to research for themselves. Perhaps even carry copies of the various information packets available at the EBC office.

4) Have fun with it. Be serious yet playful as you introduce people to a cycle-able city.

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"Bikes for Peace". The campaign to send bikes to Nicaragua needs a coordinator. If you are interested please call 433-2453.

Our Japanese Connection

To anyone interested, Yagami Corp of Japan is looking to import (1) any of various items with bicycle designs (T-shirt, cups, etc.), (2) bicycle posters, books, magazines, (3) bicycle antiques or other items. If you are interested, contact EBC or write (in English) to: Yagami Corporation, P.O. Box No. Showa-77, NAGOYA, Japan.

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Tired of using disposable dishes for large events, filling up the landfill sites and using trees? Want to use some glass dishes? I have over 100 large and small plates, cups, saucers, cutlery, and bowls. Borrower's fee will be 10% of what disposables would cost you. You pick up and return. Wash before and after use.
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