

# **BTF Meeting February 13, 2007**

## **Attendance**

Colleen Carboni, Del Sudkamp, David Rathbone, Daisy Blanton, Billy Tiller, Cheryl Shouse, Philip Pugliese, Andy Jones, Melissa Taylor, Hugh Worthy, Alan Brinkworth, Tim Bridger, RC Hoff.

## **Special Presentation on BikeAway Bicycle Parking Systems**

Alan Brinkworth & Tim Bridger of "All American BikeAway" are exploring the possibility of starting a bicycle rack manufacturing business in the Chattanooga area. Mr. Brinkworth had a relationship with Bikeaway in England which produces a range of bicycle rack systems for use by schools, government and private business to provide short, medium and long-term bicycle storage.

Chattanooga is being considered as a primary location site due to our growing enterprise and bicycle friendly environment, central location to other cities and experienced workforce. Mr. Brinkworth has extensive experience in the manufacturing community.

This is a very exciting opportunity to increase our bicycle related industrial cluster in Chattanooga. Already the home to American Bicycle Group and Lynskey Bicycles, this would be a significant addition to our community.

Additional information available at <http://www.bikeaway.com/> or email locally at [aabikeaway@hotmail.com](mailto:aabikeaway@hotmail.com).

## **National Bike Summit**

The National Bike Summit, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists will be held in Washington, D.C., on March 14-16, 2007. In addition to educational workshops, one day of the summit is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with all of our Tennessee legislators. More information at <http://www.bikeleague.org/conferences/summit07/index.php>.

Currently scheduled to attend from Chattanooga are David Rathbone, Philip Pugliese, Melissa Taylor, Cat Thornton and Colleen Carboni. The Chattanooga Bicycle Club again is providing generous support to enable us to attend.

## **Riverwalk Bicycle Day**

Riverwalk Bicycle Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 7, at the Amnicola Marsh center, from 10:00 until 2:00. We now have in stock bicycle bells and front and rear lights for distribution and will once again be providing safety information and free maintenance check.

Andy Jones proposed a special clean-up day at the Riverwalk for Saturday, March 10, from 10:00 until 12:00. While Hamilton County Parks does a great job, there is a special problem area at the intersection to the River Port Road (behind the Burger King on Amnicola Hwy). Andy is coordinating with Parks to provide bags and will encourage the bike clubs and Riverwalk users to participate.

## **Cycledelic 2007**

Outdoor Chattanooga is hosting "Cycledelic", a special event on Saturday, April 14, at the Hunter Museum of American Art, at 6:00 PM. This reception and party will recognize the 40th anniversary of the Chattanooga Bicycle Club, our success in bicycle advocacy that has been recognized by the League of American Bicyclists and our recent National Excellence award by the American Planning Association which Melissa Taylor will be accepting in Philadelphia on April

17, and also serve to kick-off an exciting time for bicycling in Chattanooga. The Tour de Georgia returns to Chattanooga for two days of excitement: a Waterfront finish on Wednesday, April 18, followed by the time trial finish on Lookout Mountain on Thursday.

SORBA Chattanooga is hosting a regional Raccoon Mountain Work Party for mountain bikers from around the southeast that weekend and Scenic City Velo is hosting its Raccoon Mountain Road Race on Sunday, April 15, which will bring about 400 racers to the area.

The 20th Annual 3 State 3 Mountain Challenge begins with an Expo on Friday, May 4, with the 2500 rider event on Saturday, May 5.

We need to celebrate! There will be no admission charge with food and cash bar, special guests and media presentations. Save the date and watch for the official invitation.

## **Bike Valet Implementation**

Following the great success of Bike to Riverbend, we will continue to develop and expand our Bike Valet program.

Our next event will be to provide bicycle parking for spectators at the Tour de Georgia on April 18, from approximately 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. We will be located at the corner of 2nd and Chestnut Streets at the entrance to the Finish Line Festival and Expo.

This will be a great warm-up for our second Bike to Riverbend program from June 8 to the 16th. We will be open from 5:00 pm to Midnight at the Walnut Street Square, at the south end of the Walnut Street Bridge. Friends of the Festival will be including us in their printed information about Riverbend.

## **Other**

### ***Grant Opportunities***

The TPO has endorsed a grant application by CARTA and Outdoor Chattanooga for funds through TDOT's Commuter Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP). This application will fund monthly transit passes to be distributed by CARTA and a mobile bicycle fleet program to minimize mid-day vehicle trips. We should have a funding response by March.

### ***Tunnel Warning Flashers***

Traffic engineering has finalized their design and work orders for our tunnel warning flashers at the Brainerd Road/Missionary Ridge and Stringer's Ridge tunnels. We really do hope to have these installed soon.

### ***Volunteer Recruitment***

We need to explore new ways to engage new bicycle advocates, especially from the university community. Due to time constraints, we weren't able to discuss this fully. Suggestions?

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