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October 2008 NEWSLETTER

Hello all, October is here (already) and it sure is welcome to me. This time of year is optimal for just about everything, especially riding your mountain bicycle on dirt. So save the excuses and get out there!

First order of business: This **Saturday October 4th** we will be holding the **IMBA "Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day"** and also clinics for adult riders on the same day. This is a **FREE** event hosted by volunteers who obviously love the sport and want to share the joy of riding a bike away from cars and pavement, especially with the next generations. Click this link: www.phillymtb.com/images/kidDay_Final.pdf

The kids event starts at 9am and will be followed by the adult clinics around 11am. We have teamed up with **Trips for Kids**

(www.tripsforkids.org) and they will have some extra kids bikes

available for free use. Supply is limited and is on a first come first serve basis, so get there early if your child needs a bike to ride! We have some cool things planned for both events so come on out and have some fun. We have mapped out several courses for kids of all ages who can ride a bike. They will have a good time, for sure. Unfortunately, we will not be providing a free pulled pork lunch like our last clinic day, but we will have coffee and refreshments in the morning. We do have the Pachella Pavilion reserved all day so feel free to bring some food and drinks and hang out afterwards. The weather is looking perfect so it should be an awesome day!

On Saturday Sept 27th, we hosted a Trail Maintenance Day at the Phase 1 section of the **FOW Sustainable Trails Initiative Project**, the site we have been working on for the whole summer. **IMBA Trail Solutions** and their sub-contractors are just about finished this huge project, and we helped them complete some important finishing touches. Please see my more detailed write up on our website homepage and here is a link to the pictures: <http://picasaweb.google.com/babeur4/09272008FOW#> I mentioned this on the website and it is worth repeating here: Thanks to all who showed up and made a strong statement as to **PMBA's steadfast dedication** to help **repair the Wissahickon Valley Park for all of its users**. Also, it was a huge privilege learning from and working with **Chris and Ben**, true trail experts. We will be back at it this month (it never ends!) on **Saturday Oct 25th**. Visit our website for the location of this months project... We are really fortunate to have these highly skilled people in our back yard, and we should thank the **FOW** and the **Fairmount Park Commission** for making this happen.

We have **2 new members of the Board of Directors!** Congratulations are in order for **Kelly Bostick** and **Neil Silverman**. As long as they remember that one of their duties is to keep my bike prepped and clean, then they will fit in fine. I'm kidding of course, but that would be nice! Also I want to acknowledge **Nick Fortune** and **Dmitri Zorine**, our returning Board members, and sincerely thank **Dave Sparango** and **Jesse Kelly** for their incredible service to this club since it began back in late 2006. The Board does lots of nitty-gritty work, for free, and it can become demanding at times. You see, we all just want to ride our bikes, but keeping this club alive and well is a very important part of riding in this great city of Philadelphia. Especially considering the huge projects that are taking place in one of our favorite riding destinations, the Wissahickon. There is no doubt that more and more people are discovering the fun and positive vibes of riding a bike on natural surfaces, and we need to make sure this influx of people meshes well with the other users. We are doing a great job, no doubt, but there is always more we can do. Did I mention the vast number of solid, sincere, cool, dedicated and diverse people I have met and become friends with through this club? Well, I just did, and that fact right there makes this all worth it.

On that note, this club is still growing steadily, and we are getting new registered and supporting members every month. Welcome aboard everyone, and we hope to see you on the trails!

Lou Harris - PMBA President