



The **3rd annual Rally in the Valley** was held on 4/18/09 in the Wissahickon Valley Park in Philadelphia and it was a great success by all accounts. There are so many wonderful people to thank that it's going to be close to impossible to mention them all here, and I really apologize if I fail to mention anyone... This event epitomizes who we are and it gets better every year and I am really proud to be part of this.

Everyone from the volunteers who helped organize and run the event, to the sponsors (which you see on this page) who helped make this event "the place to be" on this day, to the participants who came out and enjoyed the festivities, all deserve a huge "thank you!" Let's remember that this event is



held to raise awareness and money to sustain the trails in the amazing park which we all use and enjoy, as well as to spread goodwill about our recreational activity/sport and us, the people.

Over 200 riders enjoyed the beautiful warm weather and perfect trail conditions. We raised a nice amount of money which will be used by PMBA to support our trail building and maintenance programs, as well as a nice donation will be made to our cherished partner and sponsor group: the **Friends of the Wissahickon**. Let there be no doubt that, together, our groups are making a huge difference towards preserving and improving the trails.

We greatly appreciate everyone for coming out to help make this day a success. Here are some highlights and the people who we owe special mention and heartfelt thanks:

- **Registration**— **Nick F, Jill, Dmitri, Amy, Courtney, Kelly,** and **Kathleen** for taking great care of all the money and getting everyone pointed in the right direction. And I must mention **Luis** from **Starbucks** because he sure got things fired up with the coffee!

- **Kids course and race event**—It was so nice to see proud parents watching and helping their children ride the course and race their new friends. **Steve, Mike, Dave, Joe** and **Lisa** made this happen and we greatly appreciate that. There was even some bar banging too which proves that this sport teaches you quickly the school of hard knocks! **Dave's** girls are gonna be looking to get even with the **Harris** boys, that's for sure! Every kid got a medal which was so cool and they loved it, thanks to **Julie**.

- **Sponsor row**—We had a lot of vendor tents set up with many new "demo" bikes to ride as well as local bikes shops providing free tune ups for the bikes that were a little dusty. **Please patronize the sponsor companies** whose logos are on this document. They support **PMBA** and our cause; it's as simple as that. We could not hold this event without them...

- **The trails and the rides**—**Max, Brew, Dave G, Riggs, Jacalyn, Tom, Curt, Karl, Jeremy, Kris, Lance, Callum, Jesse, Paul, Nick F, Rico, Nick & Chuck U, Neil, Chuck K, Gary,** & **Kenn** contributed a lot from making the event flyer, the course maps and signs, to setting up the courses on Friday, to marshaling the course and helping the riders find their way on Saturday. Unfortunately **Gary** had a crash and is mending a broken collar bone, but he has a brand new **Princeton Tec** lighting system to use when he heals. Hang in their buddy and we appreciate your help as well as making us look tough!



- **Delicious Pig Roast** with all the fixings—**Paul, Steph, Heidi, Ulla, Natalie** and **Jamie** all deserve a mention for preparing such a nice feast for all the hungry people to enjoy. We are so fortunate there was no swine flu that day. ☺



- **Raffle**—It never gets old calling someone's number and watching them win a prize. Especially when a woman who wins a new bike after hers got stolen the week before! That was priceless. We gave away 3 brand new bikes and a ton of other really nice bike swag, thanks to our sponsors. **Kman** helped me make this so fun and this had to be the pinnacle of the day.



- **Riggs** and **Dave H.** get major props for organizing and motivating all our volunteers. Everyone who contributed should be very proud. The event went smoothly, looked professional and we received positive comments from lots of people. It was a team effort and a job well done!

Check out the photos and videos on our website, and we'll see you on **April 17th 2010!**

Lou Harris, PMBA President

