



A CHAPTER OF THE:
INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BICYCLING ASSOCIATION

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Greetings and salutations. There are so many awesome things happening with this club and the people involved that it's simply amazing. This group of people is so much fun to be around and the good times, laughs and achievements keep coming. It is really nice to see new faces appear almost every week. We are spreading fast, in a good way!

We worked directly for the **Fairmount Parks Commission** in July which was a first. **Jason Mifflin**, a volunteer coordinator and a rider, asked us to help him build a brand new trail that parallels Kelly Drive from Boathouse Row north to Girard Ave. We agreed that it will be really cool to be able to ride (or walk) in the woods that close to center city so we held our monthly volunteer trail day and built the first section of trail. But this trail needs to see traffic to establish itself so please make sure you use it! Follow this link for details and pictures:

www.phillymtb.org/News/volunteering/july-volunteer-trail-build-day-at-lemon-hill.html

We have held 2 riding clinics so far this summer (**the 3rd is this Saturday 8/15**) and have had excellent turnout: new riders, seasoned riders new to the area and volunteers. This is clearly a great program offered by this club because we have had over 10 people join up as supporting members and I see new friendships flourishing all over the place. Come on out and join the fun at **Pachella Field at 10am**. See our website.

Things are progressing nicely at **Nockamixon State Park** as **IMBA Trail Solutions** leaders **Rich and Dan** made a visit there this past week to check out the preliminary route flagging, meet the park manager and share their wisdom with us. **Nox** will be a joint project between us and the great folks at (**Lehigh**) **Valley Mountain Bikers**. If you haven't been to their website, check it out at www.bikevmb.com. Better yet, if you haven't ridden their amazing trails up in the Lehigh Valley, plan a trip up there real soon. You don't know what you're missing. And they have a new trail system being built now at Trexler Nature Preserve. They are also hosting **IMBA Trail Solutions** for a **free trail building school** on **Sat, Sept 19**. See their website.

This club is taking a life of its own as everywhere I turn I see another group of people getting together to ride, race or just hang out and have a good time. For instance **Rob from Surly Greetings** organized a **camping trip** up at **Diablo Bike Park** in north Jersey **this weekend**. Check our forum for details. Also this **Sat 8/15**, a bunch of us are heading up to **New York city** to ride their trail systems and bike parks in Manhattan and Queens. **Dawson and Jamie** from **NYCMTB** (www.nycmtb.com) were good enough to volunteer to help us out and show us the goods up there in the big city. Plus our member **John Koch** is from the Lower East Side and will be showing us around his "hood." They have had some phenomenal successes with their parks department in getting approvals and building these mountain bike specific facilities, and the city and neighborhood people are benefiting big time. We hope to glean on their successes!

Our V.P. **Rob Krotee** had **Fred from DHS** make these new shirts for our Platinum and above members. They look pretty rad. Check them out, but better yet, join or renew at the platinum level to get one of these babies.



We have 4 spots up for grabs this year for the **Board of Directors**. There is no better way of getting involved in this club than being on the board. It has been fun, interesting and rewarding for me, no doubt. My spot is up for grabs this year, which I hope to keep, but if there are 4 people who want to help this club more than me, then more power to us all! The deadline is this Saturday if you want to toss your hat in the ring. Online voting starts soon (for supporting members only) and the in-person voting will be at the general meeting, which will be on **Wednesday Sept 23**.

Lastly, our web team has been working with the great folks at **Humid Design** (<http://humiddesign.com>) and they are donating a lot of time and came up with our new logo to keep us moving forward. I think it looks awesome. Look!

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you on the trails having fun and/or volunteering... And thanks a lot for your support!!!!

Lou Harris - PMBA President

