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### President's Message

Where do I start? First, I'd like to say "Thank You" to Doug Winters our immediate Past President and his fellow Board Members for all of their hard work in the past two years keeping the club going. You leave me with big shoes to fill. Second, I'd like to "Thank" the club members for their vote of confidence and such a warm welcome as the new President! I've had a lot of great comments and encouragement! I look forward to the challenge of the task and I know I'm in good company. My side kick and partners in crime will be Alex Gonzalez as our Vice President, and continuing in their current positions are Brenda Tracy, our Secretary along with David Cooper, our Treasurer. Alex is young, energetic, full of great ideas and never short for a good.....or bad joke. Brenda and David are our "main stay" guys, keeping us "newbie's" on track. Thanks for joining me guys! In the coming month, I will be announcing our Directors at Large that will help guide us over the coming year.



Ever since Ms. Jennifer and I came back to the Desert and re-established our business, I've wanted to be able to "give back" to the community that I love so much. This is just one small way that I hope to begin doing just that. Since being elected, I've been thinking about the direction that I'd like to help the club move. A couple of the directions are to build on our already strong membership, helping it grow and making it even stronger. I hope to grow the awareness of the club and strengthen the benefits making it more attractive to become a member. I'd also like to increase the participation within the club. It seems that we always have the same small group of people that are active in the club other than riding. One of the ways that we'll see some new growth and strength is to have some "new blood" get active. We have a lot great people that belong to our club that have good ideas. What better way to help our club than to get those people active. So when the club calls on you, if you can, please help the club.

Bill Lightner  
*DBC President*

## Ride Times Change

### July 1st

It's getting HOT, HOT, HOT again and Summer is definitely here! That means as of July 1st, we will be starting our Saturday "Summer" ride times at 6:30 & 6:45am. The Sunday 2+ Tandem ride will start at 7:00. That means the weekday rides, starting Wednesday July the 1st. will also start at 6:30 am.

## YMCA Bike Give Away

### Another Success

On June the 13th, the DBC, with the help of the YMCA gave away 50 bicycles, helmets and locks to kids. The Coeta Barker Foundation provided the funds for the bicycles. The helmets were provided by the Walter Clark Legal Group. The locks were provided by the DBC. Patrick Evans, a YMCA board member and weatherman from CBS was the MC. The YMCA selected the kids. There were also several DBC Members on hand to assist with the event, handing out the helmets, locks and making adjustments to the bikes for the kids. Thank You to all who participated!



A special "Thank You" to Chris Cross and Palm Springs/Palm Desert Cyclery for their efforts in the Bike Give-Away.

They not only ordered the bikes, put them together, delivered them, but also set them up at the YMCA for the event. What an awesome job, Thanks again!!

## **August Club Meeting**

### **August 11th**

Put it on your schedules now, the August meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at Canterra Apartments Club House, 74-401 Hovley Ln. East Palm Desert, CA. All are welcome and remember, the more the better!!

## **2+ Remote Ride**

### **2+ Tandems**

The 2+ remote ride is the weekend of Aug. 22-23 at the KOA campground in Chula Vista. We will have a ride on Friday the 21st, for those who arrive early. There is great riding in the area, and it is away from the desert heat! For more information, please contact the club at [cycleclub@yahoo.com](mailto:cycleclub@yahoo.com).

## **Safety**

One of the many things that our Club advocates is Riding Safety. As many of you know, recently we've had several "crashes" involving club members during club rides and they have ended up with some serious injuries. Granted, one of the membership benefits is our accident insurance, this does not negate the fact that we need to be careful out there! Awareness is paramount! We have to be aware of what is happening around us at all times, pointing out obstacles in the road, letting fellow riders aware of up-coming hazards, be it water in the road, construction hazards or anything else that may put us at risk. Paying attention, looking and listening for these signs will help us stay safe too. We can not be, for the lack of a better term, "Hot Dogging It" either. That means we shouldn't be riding "Hands Fee" within a group ride or "Drafting" off a motor vehicle or riding 3 and 4 wide down the street. These are common sense things that not only put you at risk but the others that you are riding with.

One of the things our new board will be investigating is a "Safety Committee", amongst other committees. This might be a committee that will help us maintain our awareness while we are having fun on our rides.

So let's be careful and safe when we ride.

### Quick Quips

#### **You know you're addicted to cycling when:**

\*\* You see a fit, tanned, Lycra-clad young woman ride by, and the first thing you check out is her bike.

\*\* Biker chick means black spandex, not leather; and a Colnago, not a Harley.

### New Members

#### **We'd like to welcome the following new members:**

Amy Humphrey & Kevin Schandler - May  
Andrew Shouse - May  
Andy Arakelian - June  
Patty Fortner - June

If I have mistakenly left anyone out, please let me know. When you see these new folks on the rides, say "Hi" and make them feel comfortable and welcome. We appreciate their membership.

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