



News - December 2017

It's supposed to be December, but the last few days of November had mid-50 temperatures and even low 60's. Go figure and get out and enjoy!

Our artist of the month is **John Fridy** and our Sponsors Spotlight this month is on **Exton Bikes** and **Keller Williams Real Estate**, both are web sponsors.

December Events & Organized Rides

Did you all enjoy the Nov 7 Kit Fit Party at GreshFit? It was certainly well attended and hopefully everyone who needed to check out clothing had their chance to try stuff on. As a reminder, our renewal deadline (and the associated clothing order deadline) is the end of 2017. My suggestion is that you buy your kit when you read this or immediately after your monthly credit card payment happens since you'll be paying with plastic anyway!

As for other events/rides, just our usual weekly postings!

Safety

See the [Riding Safety Tips](#) on the WCCC [Rides](#) page for more safety tips.

This month's topic – **Peaceful Coexistence**

If you don't think this is about safety, think again. Peaceful coexistence with other vehicles, pedestrians and even horses is paramount to your safety. When you see or hear a car back, single up and call out to your fellow riders to do the same – for everyone's safety. The right side of the road may not be perfectly smooth, and by law you have every right to ride "where practicable" (a fancy way of saying where safe and practical), but you still have more maneuverability in a single line than being boxed in by a fellow cyclist. If you think "Share the Road" means cars have to give you room, you're partially right. The relatively new law called "The 4 Foot Rule" says that a passing vehicle must give a cyclist at least 4 feet of space. That law isn't exactly known by all drivers and in cases where a vehicle attempts to pass you and moments later sees an oncoming vehicle, it's more likely they will swerve right into you than to have a head-on collision. You will lose in any situation where you are hit by a vehicle, so follow the law, stay to the right when any vehicle is behind you, communicate within your group to help peaceful coexistence to happen and be courteous.

As always, make your goal to have accident free rides. Stay in control and make it your responsibility to be a safe and courteous cyclist every time you ride.

Extras

Renew now and if you aren't a member yet, sign up now. As you should know by now, our Club membership is based on you purchasing \$60 or more from our custom clothing partner, Voler. The rides page / web site has the link, but for your convenience, here it is:

<https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/19602/>

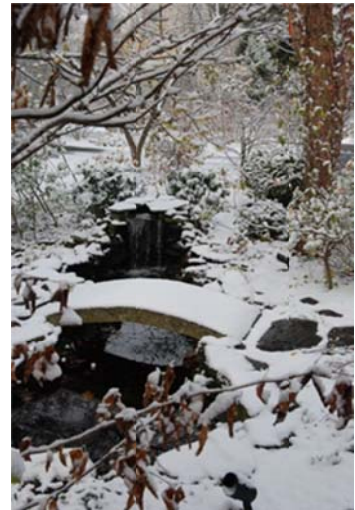
WCCC's Member Spotlight for November 2017

John Fridy (Landscape Artist)

Admit it, this is one cool artist profile. John's lived in the area pretty much his whole life and has been doing naturalistic landscapes and related horticultural work for 45 years. His art is truly ALIVE!



So, how does a guy with a degree in clinical psychology from Hanneman end up with his wife Sally to run a company that designs and installs low maintenance landscaping and hardscaping? You'll have to ask him (he's often on my rides). He really loves his work and can share the genius of the plants he sees. It's cool to hear and wonderful to know that this naturalistic design uses native plants as much as possible. Of course, he also works with ponds, waterfalls, retaining walls, lighting and anything else a homeowner or business may want, but when it's all done, expect an environmentally friendly masterpiece that includes birds, butterflies, humming birds and even beneficial insects. Want to see more photos, check out his company website - <https://www.naturescapes-pa.com/>



Enjoy and keep letting [me](#) know about fellow WCCC artists and their incredible talents!!

WCCC's Sponsor Spotlight for December 2017

Exton Bicycles

Full disclosure, Exton Bicycles is also West Chester Bicycle Center, so two locations, one set of owners. For many WCCC members, Exton Bicycles has been a go to for Specialized, Giant and Fuji bikes for years. They've been affiliated with the WCCC since the 2nd year or so of the Club's existence and as a family owned and operated shop (since 1974), it's safe to say that their Lifetime Service Policy has some longevity! Check them out at either store and for more info and directions, visit <https://www.extonbikes.com/>

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www.extonbikes.com

Keller Williams Real Estate

Another web sponsor of the WCCC is Keller Williams. You've likely seen their red "kw" signs on people's yards or maybe you've visited their local website (http://www.kw.com/homes-for-sale/pennsylvania/west-chester/ctyprp-PA-west_chester-all.html) and found the home of your dreams (or listed your own). With luck, you'll at least consider them if real estate needs come up!



Sponsors previously highlighted:

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant (April), Design 6 Degrees (May), Stillman Volvo (May), McElree Harvey (June), Naturescapes (June), M2VP (July), Chester County Eye Care (July), Benchmark Twilight Criterium (August), Jester Family Chiropractic (August), Haverford (September) and Mauger Mechanical (September), The Whip Tavern (October) Farmers – JC Allred Agency (October), Loweriders Bikes & Boards (November) and First Resource Bank (November)

That's if for this month folks – Have Fun and Ride Safely!

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