

NEABC

NORTHEAST
ARKANSAS
BICYCLE
COALITION

Share the Road Sign on Duncan Road



And now a word from the president...

On Jan. 4th, the Technical Advisory Committee of the MPO voted to send the 2035 Transportation Plan that included a significant number of bicycle and pedestrian projects and recommendations for complete street planning onto the Policy Committee for a final vote. Thank you to those who attended the meeting and who have emailed, written, or called the MPO and/or mayor to let them know that equitable transportation planning is important to you. The Policy Committee will meet on Feb. 15th, most likely at the Huntington Building. I'll be sure to let you all know the details.

We had a productive meeting on the 18th and welcomed some new

faces to the table. The main topics of discussion were Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Paint the Town Green" initiative for Earth Day and this spring's Women Can Ride clinic.

NEABC will be taking part in the Chamber's celebration with a yet-to-be-determined project. Ideas discussed included a tree planting along the greenway or some sort of commuter support (lunch clinic, ride buddy, or something along those lines).

Women Can Ride is a new program we're putting together to help all the women out there with bikes gathering dust in the garage to get out and ride. We'll kick off in May and train for Ride the Ridge on

July 9th. The program will be catered to all ability levels and will also include clinics on things like flat fixing and how to use clipless pedals. Details are in the works and we're on the lookout for folks who would like to help out. Ladies, look for an email from me soon about a get together soon to start getting some firm plans.

And, typical crazy Arkansas, we were treated to some beautiful weather here at the end of the month. Hope you all got to get out and enjoy!

~ Sally Broadway

Northeast Arkansas Bicycle
Coalition

February 2011

The Northeast Arkansas Bicycle Coalition is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to:

-Promoting the use of bicycles as a means of transportation and recreation

-Making Northeast Arkansas A safer place for cyclists of all types through encouraging the development and utilization of facilities (bike paths, routes, lanes and trails)

-And providing education and information to motorists and cyclists about safety and



New Bike Rack at the Greenway Trailhead on Highland Drive.

New Bike Racks along the Jonesboro Greenway

The students at the Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center in Jonesboro have come through for the community again. Mr. Michael Barrett and his students created these one-of-a-kind bike racks and have installed them at Allen Park and at the trailhead off of Highland Drive. The racks will be

various colors and feature mirrored plates recognizing the city and the students' contributions.

This is not the first time that these students have helped provide bicycle parking in Jonesboro. Last year, they installed racks throughout downtown.



Students from the NEA Career and Technical Center install the first of several new bicycle racks along the Jonesboro Greenway

Looking Ahead....

2011 holds lots of possibilities. What would you like to see from NEABC in the coming year? Drop us a line or start a conversation on our Facebook Page!

Did you know?

Some of the ways NEABC is working for you:

A Voice in Regional Planning

NEABC is represented with a seat on Jonesboro's Transportation Management Board. There is an NEABC board member at every Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting and very often at Jonesboro City Council meetings and other community planning meetings.

Share the Road Signage

Thanks to generous donors, there are now 65 Share the Road signs throughout Jonesboro and Craighead County

Infrastructure

Through a grant from New Belgium Brewery, we were able to create a pump track/mt. bike training park inside of Craighead Forest Park. We also partnered with Jonesboro Parks and Recreation to provide a grant worth \$5k to assist in funding the Greenway. With the students of the NEA Technical Center, we provided 21 bicycle racks for downtown Jonesboro.

Partnerships

NEABC partners with national organizations such as the League of American Bicyclists, the Alliance for Biking and Walking, and Safe Routes to School. We are also a part of the Arkansas Safe Routes to School State Network.

Community Outreach

NEABC provides safety and encouragement information during community events and as requested from other organizations .

Board of Directors

Sally Broadway - President
 Dr. Jeffery Graham - Vice President
 Troy Ratliff - Treasurer
 Jason Broadway - Secretary
 Jim Gann - Ridge Rider Rep.
 Jeff Owens - Jonesboro Parks Dept.
 Cecil McDonald
 Jeff Herren

Join NEABC Today!

Individual Membership: \$30

Family Membership: \$50

Corporate Sponsor: \$150

Membership Benefits Include:

- 10% Discount -Gearhead Outfitters Bikeshop
- Monthly newsletter packed with information
- A voice in local and regional planning
- Updates and alerts about important issues and events locally and nationally
- Discounts to NEABC events
- Having a hand in creating a healthy, bike friendly NEA!!

NEABC Membership

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I do not wish to receive occasional email

Referred by: _____

Membership Type

Family - \$50

Individual - \$30

I'd also like to sponsor a Share the

Road sign - \$50

Corporate Sponsor - \$150

Additional Donation - \$_____

Total contribution - \$_____

Checks Payable to: Northeast Arkansas Bicycle Coalition
PO Box 892
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Kid's Corner

Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injury by 88%. Make sure your kid wears a properly fitting helmet EVERY ride. Set a good example and protect your noggin, too.

Contact Us:

On the Web

<http://neabicyclecoalition.org>

Email

info@neabicyclecoalition.org

Find us on Facebook and Twitter!
(NEABC)

NEABC

PO BOX 892

JONESBORO, AR 72403

For Your Calendar:

Feb 15th - 10:30am MPO Policy Committee Meeting - Come speak out for bike and pedestrian planning Jonesboro -900 W. Monroe Ave.

Feb 15 - 6pm NEABC Meeting
Jonesboro The Spot (above Piero's)