

PPTC Rents Protective Bike Boxes for Travel

Potomac Pedalers has several wheeled, hard-shell bike boxes (and one soft case) for short-term rental. The boxes are available exclusively to club members, and help keep your bike safe while traveling.

Demand for the boxes is high, particularly in the summer and fall. So reserve early.

The rental price is \$20 per week, and \$3 per additional day, with a \$20 minimum fee (nonrefundable). You will need your own tools, including Allen wrenches and a pedal wrench, to disassemble your bike. These are not provided by the club.

Size: 46" by 30" by 10". (Many airlines charge an oversize luggage fee of \$50 or more each way; be sure to get specifics from your individual carrier.)

For more information, or to reserve a box, please email coordinator Bob Bloomfield in northern Montgomery County or Rita Zeidner in Arlington. Include information on the dates of your trip AND approximately when you would like to pick up and drop off the box.

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Two Rides in One Day to Tour DC and the National Mall

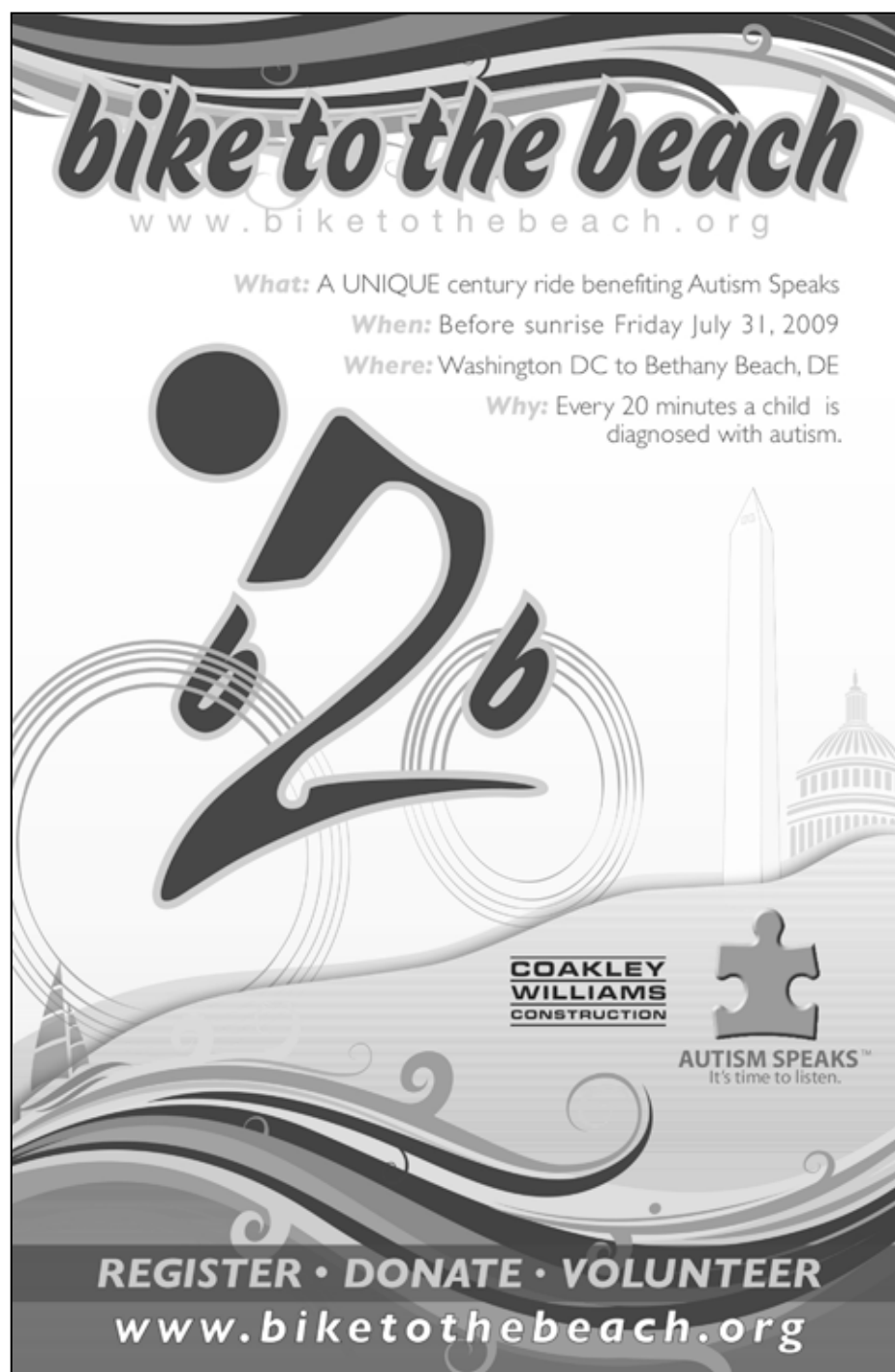
By Lisa Campbell

PPTC is offering two opportunities in one day for cyclists to tour Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 16th. One is a day-time tour starting out at 3:00 from the Tenleytown/AU Metro station, perfect to bring out your friends and family to see Washington from the cyclist's vantage point. The second ride is for the more adventurous, departing from Tenley at 8:30 and 9:00 pm, a repeat of November's successful nighttime view of this beautiful city.

The first ride, the National Mall Tour, is a delightful afternoon tour, departing from Tenley. The route goes by the National Cathedral, through Rock Creek Park to Georgetown to pick up riders at a remote start location, Cycle Life USA in Georgetown. Next, we cycle along the Potomac past the Kennedy Center, stopping at the Lincoln Memorial to view the Washington Monument, then to the Jefferson Memorial for a stop, next past the Smithsonian museums along the Mall to the Capitol building with a stop at the U.S. Botanical Garden. Loop back past the National Gallery and the White House. Then we return on a gradual ascent back to Tenley. There will be an option return by Metro from this point. Registration will begin at 2:30 in front of Starbucks near the Tenley Metro elevator.

The second ride is the Moonlight National Mall Tour. Enjoy a romantic evening tour of Washington's finest landmarks illuminated against the nighttime sky with frequent stops to absorb the sights. The route will be the same as the daytime ride. Registration begins at 8:00 pm in front of Starbucks near the Tenley Metro elevator. Rides will depart in two waves, one at 8:30, second at 9:00. All bikes must be equipped with working headlights and taillights. Mt Airy Bicycles/College Park Bicycles will be on site at the ride start at 7:30 pm with bike lights and other necessities at wholesale cost.

Check the May issue of Pedal Patter and the PPTC website for further details.



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