

Upcoming Bike Events

10/14 Lady K Ride

Fundraiser and memorial - afternoon & dinner.
www.eximiousproductions.com/kmalone

10/19-20 Boston Bike Film Fest

At the Brattle, benefits MassBike.
<http://www.bostonbikefilmfest.org/>

10/20 Urban Wild Ride

Earthworks & BNB to forests & orchards! Pre-register.
<http://www.earthworks.org/>

10/27 Tour De Graves

Spooooky!
<http://www.massbike.org/>

11/7 Ayame

Boston movie premiere about Boston bikes shipped to Ghana.
www.bikesnotbombs.org

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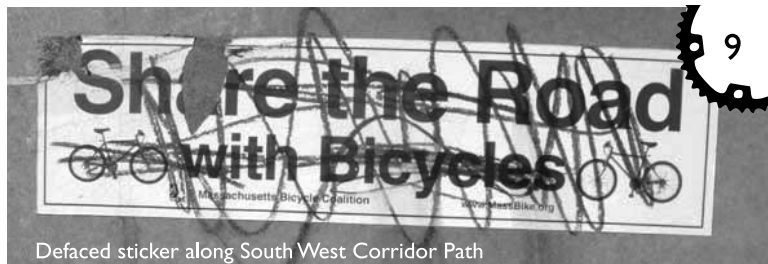


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Picking on Bikes

by Jeffrey Ferris

Do you ever feel like you are picked on as a cyclist? I sure do. I've ridden sidewalks on dicey streets, and pedestrians tell me to get on the road. I've been on the road and then told to get on the sidewalk. But I've also noticed a bigger social trend.

Remember the Bic-pick a couple of years ago? The news hit the web that Kryptonite locks could be picked with the hollow shaft of a cheap ball point pen. A bunch of cyclists went home and tried this out, some successfully. It hit national news. Kryptonite bike locks were vulnerable. The same round key is used on car alarms, motorcycles, vending machines, and more, and I didn't hear any word on the street of any rash of bikes being stolen with this new lock-busting info. Still, the biggest bike lock brand took the hit.

Doping in sports? Is there a sport in which drugs are not used? Ironically on VS, the cable channel showing the Tour De France this summer, there were weightlifting shows with 300 lb. Finns lifting enormous hunks of steel. There is no way these guys get this big without steroids. From baseball to golf to football, everybody is on performance enhancing drugs. But who is taking the big media dope hit in the news? Bicycling.

Traffic scofflaws. Cars speed, don't use turn signals, don't stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, run red lights, etc. Pedestrians jay-walk and don't wait for the walk signal. Sure, cyclists break rules all the time. But who is thought of as the scourge of the roads? Bicycles again.

And global warming? You and I know that there is no way that global warming can be addressed without a major shift to bicycling. But Deval Patrick is changing the light bulbs in the State House. Horrors if he should actually ask people to bike to work.

Are we getting the drift? There seems to be some great social stigma on bicycles. And you thought the driver behind you was upset at you only because you slowed them down for a few seconds...

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