



The Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition's *1st Annual Mud Season Series*

The mission of the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition, as the statewide voice for bicycling and walking in Vermont, is to promote bicycling and walking safety and access for our health, economy, environment and community. The Coalition envisions a state in which human-powered travel is a respected mode of transportation, with more and more people walking and bicycling safely to school, to work, and within the community – for fun, health, and the benefit of the environment.

Join us for inspiring presentations that will take you to byways and highways near and far. In this series we will experience the French Alps, ride across the U.S.A, ask if bicycling is a political statement, hike off the beaten path in Nepal, and much more!

Bicycling in the French Alps Enjoy a trip to France while sipping hot chocolate. Kevin Bessett will be showing pictures taken during a seven-day trip to the Grenoble area in July 2004. Also see pictures from two stages of the Tour de France, including Lance Armstrong in action. Kevin is an avid cyclist and president of the Green Mountain Bicycle Club.

Saturday, February 11 at 4:30 pm, Catamount Outdoor Family Center, Williston



A Cross-Country Adventure by Bicycle When Mary Welz told her husband John Waldo that she was going to ride her bicycle across the country, his first thought was "what bicycle?" as Mary did not even own one. What started out as a seemingly crazy idea turned into reality when John, Mary and her 18-year-old daughter, Annie, spent 49 days riding 3,600 miles across our vast country. The experience left them deeply appreciative of the diversity of America's land and her people... and ready for more bicycling adventures!

Thursday, March 9 at 6:30pm, Onion River Sports, 20 Langdon Street, Montpelier

Is Bicycling a Political Statement? Come watch the short films, *We Are Traffic*, tracing the history of the Critical Mass movement, and *Still We Ride*, a Critical Mass event in New York City on the eve of the Republican National Convention in 2004. Participate in a lively discussion about what bicycling in Vermont means to each of us and our communities.

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30pm, Middle Earth Music Hall, Barton Street, Bradford

A Cycling Journey Across a Free Land For more than 30 years, photographer Stan Achey had wanted to ride his bicycle across the country. Departing from the Golden Gate Bridge park on June 20, Stan rode for seven weeks, as his wife Sally drove the SAG vehicle, accompanied by their Australian Shepherd, Tucker. Stan and Sally will share the photographic images of their adventure on:

Thursday March 30 at 7:00pm, Battenkill Sports Bicycle Shop, Routes 11 & 30-Junction Super 7, Manchester Center.
Potluck at 6:00pm, RSVP to Amy at www.battenkillsports.com or 802-362-2734

Bike in France: If Anything Could Go Wrong, it Did! & Trek in Nepal: Off the Beaten Path This dual topic slide presentation features a humorous look at a bicycle trip in France. Also

featured are slides from a fabulous trek off the beaten path in Nepal. Presented by Tom Jones, an experienced outdoor person, who has bicycled, hiked, & whitewater canoed in North America, Europe, and Asia. Two locations:

Thursday, April 20 at 6:30pm, The Great Outdoors Trading Company, 219 Woodstock Avenue, Rutland

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00pm, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main Street, Middlebury. Co-sponsored by Alpine Shop and The Bike Center.

For more info, call 802-225-8904, e-mail info@vtbikeped.org, or www.vtbikeped.org

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