



# New Mexico Bicyclist

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## May is Bike Month

It's the 50th Anniversary of Bike Month! The League of American Bicyclists ([www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)) started the event in 1956 (when they were the League of American Wheelman). See events on page 2 for celebrations in New Mexico. Email us ([webmaster@bikenm.org](mailto:webmaster@bikenm.org)) with any other Bike Month celebrations in your community and we'll post them on our website ASAP.

## Who Is BCNM - The 5 E's: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement & Evaluation

by Gail Ryba, BCNM Board President

The Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico evolved from the interests of cyclists around the state who were acting locally to improve bikeways in their communities. Local activists recognized that the State Department of Transportation is one of the most important agencies impacting bicycling. Cyclists recognized a need to speak with a statewide voice in presenting concerns to the New Mexico DOT. In 2001 BCNM incorporated as a non-profit in the State of New Mexico with the stated mission to promote bicycling and bicycle

safety in New Mexico. The six charter groups were: BikeABQ (formerly GASP!), founded 1998; New Mexico Alternative Transit (NMAT), founded 1999; Los Alamos County Cycling Coalition (LACCC), founded 2001; Mesilla Valley Bicycle Coalition (MVBC), founded 1999; Corrales Cycling Club (CCC), founded 1994; and Silver Spokes Cycling Club, founded 1986. Bicycle activists in all of these groups, as well as others, advocate for the needs of bicyclists on roadways, as well as on trails. The "5 E's" (Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Encour-

agement and Evaluation) serve as a focus for the actions of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, because they neatly summarize five key issues for community and regional planning, and particularly for transportation planning. Issues impacting bicyclists range from the content of driver's education manuals (we've

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### BIKE BACK TO SCHOOL AND BIKE SAFETY ISSUE

Call for Articles: Aug-Sept issue will focus on Bicycle Safety.

Write us with your comments on this topic, or submit articles to [info@bikenm.org](mailto:info@bikenm.org)

## New Mexico's State Bicycle Coordinator - Tim Rogers



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Tim Rogers is New Mexico's Bicycle/Pedestrian/Equestrian Coordinator. He's the third individual to hold this position since it was mandated by the 1991 federal transportation bill. Tim bicycles to his Santa Fe office every day, and when he's not at work, he's often out touring around town with his wife and 3 young children. He also takes his bicycle whenever he visits communities around the state to review bicycling, walking and equestrian projects. We recently spoke with Tim in his office and asked him what his priorities were for 2006. He said, "One of my main goals is to help the NMDOT, the BPE Advisory Committee and myself become more responsive to the needs to NM cyclists, pedestri-

ans, and equestrians. The Department and the Committee have come a long way in developing an interface with the non-motorized transportation constituency but we still have a long way to go in terms of identifying and fully adopting the best approaches and practices to make walking and biking more safe, enjoyable, and feasible in New Mexico. The multi-modal philosophy that NMDOT has embraced needs to be fully reflected in the full gamut of transportation planning, funding, design, construction, and maintenance, and this kind of transformation requires a lot of work on many fronts. One big area, that I am working with Federal Highway Administration and our Traffic Safety Bureau on, is getting more trainings for transportation professionals and others to plan and build better accommodations for New Mexican pedestrians and bicyclists."

One specific effort that Tim is leading is the installation of signs on state bike routes. Tim indicated that in response to the Governor's and Secretary Faught's goals for designating 500 miles of bike routes every year that we will soon have state bike routes providing access into, out of, and between communities all around the state. We currently have signed Route 1 from Mesilla to San Miguel, Route 9 from Lamy to Santa Fe, Route 66 from Albuquerque to Tijeras, and Route 14 from Tijeras to Sandia Park. Next up are a pair of routes in the Grants and Santa Rosa areas. In some cases, the signs are basically a guarantee that you will not lose a shoulder while riding on a state highway to a given destination. In other cases, Tim is working with local governments to designate routes using a combination of the best facilities available regardless

of whether it is a state highway or a city street. Only a small handful of New Mexico communities have useful bicycle maps or on-street guidance; these designations may eventually be very helpful to visitors to a community as well as locals who may need a little help in their bicycle way-finding.

Tim is also leading the development of an effective Safe Routes to School Program at the statewide level. For the first time, thanks to

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### 2006 BPE Advisory Committee Public Meeting schedule

Bayard, March 2  
Artesia, May 17  
Taos, August 17  
Belen, November 16

### Pedestrian Trainings

1. Pedestrian Planning Workshop, Las Cruces: May 9-10
2. Pedestrian Design Workshop, Las Cruces: May 10-11
- 3.- 4. Santa Fe courses are being scheduled for Fall 2006

### State Bicycle/Pedestrian/Equestrian Committee members as of March 2006

Name, Organization / Community, Term Ends

Robert Perry, BPE Chairman, Town of Red River, 12/31/06  
Juliet Armijo-Paña, NMDOT Traffic Safety Bureau, Santa Fe, 12/31/06  
Debbie Bauman, NMDOT District 3, Albuquerque, 12/31/2006  
Dee A. Beingsner, NMDOT Operations Div., Maint. Bureau, 12/31/06  
Valerie S. Cole, New Mexico Horse Council, Albuquerque, 12/31/07  
Sharon L. Few, at-large, City of Alamogordo, 12/31/06  
Matt Grush, citizen, at-large (cyclist, Transportation Consultant works for Gannett Fleming West) Albuquerque, 12/31/2007  
Andrew Hume, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization, 12/31/07  
Stephen P. Krest, City of Farmington, 12/31/2007  
Rodolfo Monge-Oviedo, Mid-Region Council of Governments, 12/31/06  
Rusty Rodke, NMDOT Internal Design Bureau, Santa Fe, 12/31/07  
Mark S. Tibbetts, Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization, 12/31/07  
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