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Date: May 02, 2000 06:12 PM

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Subject: What have you done by bike lately?

May is National Bike Month. What does that mean? It means that all across America, your local bike clubs, associations, and lobbying groups are organizing and leading bike events. They are working with municipal officials and the media to call attention to the value of cycling, as a commuter alternative (National Bike-to-Work Day is May 19 - look for it in your 'hood!), as a family fun activity, as an outdoor sport, and so much more.

So . . . what have you done lately by bike? Do you bike to work? How far? Are you part of a club or association? Have you participated in bike-a-thons raising funds for worthy causes?

For example, GORP is currently raising funds for the GORP Big Ride team, a team that will be part of the RadioShack Big Ride Across America to benefit the American Lung Association. All of us who work at GORP have pledged a minimum of \$7,000 to build the team. This money will be used to match any funds pledged by the GORP community (that's you!) and to guarantee the first rider. For every additional \$7,000 we can raise from all of you, we can place another rider and make another contribution to combat lung disease.

Tell us about what you have done to call attention to the universally positive value of the bicycle!

And if you want to help us help the American Lung Association, [learn about the Big Ride](#), or [make a donation online](#) to this excellent cycling and health-related cause, check out our coverage.

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Subject: National Bike-to-Work Day

You mean it's National Bike Month, and National Bike-to-Work Day is fast approaching (May 19th), and NO ONE is doing anything to recognize the bicycle? Is it that you aren't choosing to use this time to push the spirit of a good thing, or are there forces working against you and making it impossible to do anything about it?

Here in New York City, where Mayor Giuliani and assorted community groups have used random excuses to accuse cyclists of negatively affecting the quality of life, but also where 30,000 bike riders can revel in mass appreciation of the sport on a sultry spring Sunday... here in New York City, our local bicycle advocacy group - Transportation Alternatives - is leading the charge. And GORP is, in its own way, trying to stay in step.

This Friday, GORP will register to participate in the corporate challenge and encourage as many of its employees as possible to pedal the distance from home to work and back again. Are you seeing that your company does the same? Is this even an option for you? Or is your company's management completely uninterested? Do you have protected space for bike parking in or near your building? Are you already a bike commuter and this Friday will be no different from any other Friday?

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Subject: bike to work

I love the national bike to work idea. Two problems with my participation: 1. I am currently looking for a job. 2. I don't even have a bike right now. I'm selling my old one and will use money from my "new" job to purchase a better one. I fully support the day, though!

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