

the pedal co-op

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

In the News

Drink Coffee, Support the Coop

This week the Metropolitan Cafe in West Philly (4013 Walnut St.) will donate 5¢ to the Pedal Co-op for every cup of coffee or tea you buy. Drink your way to good karma.

Pedal Co-op: Documented

There are two short documentaries about the Pedal Co-op available on the web:

National Geographic: <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/content/preserve-our-planet/film-fest/psa.html>

Vimby: <http://www.andrewdavidwatson.com/v2/pedalcoop1.html>

Our Wish List

Below is a list of a few things from our wishlist that would help us do what we do better.

- Garage space (in South Philly, Center City, or West Philly)
- Laptops
- Lawnmower
- Wood chipper
- Bicycle trailers
- Bicycles

A Word from the Director

Up and down, rain and shine has been the past month. We have been busy with new clients and getting ready for some new clients like KPMG and several Earth Day events. If you have not seen the National Geographic short film on us please google pedal coop and national geographic to watch the Film. Bruce and Bunker did a great job on the film, both students from Drexel. Also, please keep your eyes peeled for a short that Andrew is making for vimby.com.

The Benefit show that was held on April 15 at Marvelous Records went very smoothly and was a success. We almost meet our goal of \$750.00 that will be used for the fee for filing of the nonprofit status through the IRS.

Lastly, it is the time of the season for moving. So, if you are moving within the city please think of us. We offer affordable moving services! Yes, we can move your entire house via the bicycle. We moved 3 residents last year and a whole bakery (Four World Bakery, the bakery has a film of us moving it).

Feel free to check out our wish list on the website as well.

Cheers,

Woody

Basic Bicycle Repair: Properly Patching Punctured Tires

Some sources suggest that patching should only be a temporary solution, and you ought to replace the inner tube first chance you get. This is good advice for high pressure tires (100–130psi). But if you patch your mid-to-low pressure tube correctly, it should see you through its share of flats.

Patching is a straight forward task, but there are a couple of points to keep in mind so that you don't mess it up.

Remove the tire from your frame, fill it with air, and find the hole. Take the sanding paper from your patch kit and sand the heck out of the area surrounding the puncture. This is an important stage. If the rubber is not sanded thoroughly, the patch won't stick, and this will undermine your entire operation. Sand an area bigger than the patch you intend to put on it, and make sure all of the glossy shine from that spot is gone. If the spot includes molding, sand extra thoroughly. Spread the vulcanizing glue over the area. It has to dry, so you can have a cigarette or eat a Clif bar while you wait. Once it is dry, remove the patch from the foil and stick it over the puncture (leave the thin plastic film on top of the patch—it doesn't hurt anything.). Press down on the patch with your thumb and hold it tightly for a few seconds.

The tube probably didn't pop itself, so look inside the tire and feel around for the offending object. Maybe it fell out. In that case you won't find anything. But not finding anything doesn't always mean whatever it was fell out—check your bicycle rim. Make sure the rim tape covers all of the spoke nuts. If the rim tape is lopsided, the spoke nuts may tear your tube.

If the puncture left a big gash in your tire, you might want to stick a boot in there to prevent anything from poking through the same hole. To make a boot, fold up a dollar bill or a piece of cardboard and stick it in the tire against the hole (before you insert the tube).

Pay attention while reinstalling the tube. Don't use a lever to put the tire back on the rim (You might tear the tube with the lever!) Pump up the tire to the recommended psi (noted on the side of your tire), and at half full, check around the edge where the tire meets the rim to make sure no tubing is protruding.

