

## **FCCC Member Educational Opportunity**

Given the recent cycling deaths in Fort Collins, some parents of school-age children are understandably hesitant or even somewhat reluctant to encourage their sons and daughters to bicycle to school. Numerous Fort Collins Cycling Club members have indicated an interest in getting our club more involved with safe cycling and community education.

Working closely with the Fort Collins Bike Co-op and Bike Fort Collins, FCCC is going to donate \$1,000.00 for 4-5 scholarships to the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) bicycle education and safety seminar to be held in Fort Collins this August 7 – 9.

Participants who successfully complete this program will be certified “League Cycling Instructors.” LCIs are experts in bicycle education and safety. LCIs are trained, insured and equipped to offer courses in Bicycling in Traffic Skills, Commuting and Motorist Education to suit the needs of both youth and adult cyclists, giving them the confidence they need to ride safely and legally on city streets and bike trails.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage our club to work more closely with students and parents, Safe Routes to Schools and the Fort Collins Bike Co-op to make our city a safer environment for school-age cyclists.

An eight-hour “Road 101” course is a prerequisite for the certification seminar. This course will be taught by Buzz Feldman, an LCI from Longmont on May 2 and 3.

Club members will be given the first opportunity to claim several of the limited number of seats in both this prerequisite course and the August LAB seminar. FCCC recreational ride leaders are especially encouraged to apply. Write a one paragraph explanation of why you would like to become a FCCC sponsored LCI and email it to [clubs\\_govt@fccycleclub.org](mailto:clubs_govt@fccycleclub.org).

Currently there are only two LCIs in Fort Collins. It has been estimated that we need at least a dozen more LCIs to make a significant impact on bicycling safety and education in our town. Total cost per participant in this worthwhile program is \$290. These include League Membership Fees (\$35), May Road 101 Course (\$60), August LAB Seminar (\$200). FCCC will cover \$200--\$250 of these costs for each member participant. If there are not enough FCCC member applicants applying before April 17 these scholarships will be awarded to non-member community cycling activists.

In addition to the financial and time commitment outlined above, we are asking LCI candidates to commit to teaching a minimum of three safe cycling courses over the next year. FCCC and The Community Cycling School, recently founded by Bike Fort Collins, will facilitate these course offerings and recruit students from community schools, non-profit organizations and local businesses.

For more information: <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/education/instructors.php>