



Road Coordinator

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Comments & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Thanks to everyone who chipped in while I was away.</li> <li>-The first race of the year took place in Bruxelles with an excellent turnout, especially in light of the difficult nature of the race, snow the day before, and cold temperatures.</li> <li>-there are some changes to the schedule. 1) The initial proposal to hold a stage race May 7/8 at Grand Beach was withdrawn. In it's place I will run a road race in the Whitemouth area on that weekend. Working to add an ITT. 2) Bikes and Beyond will hold an ITT on June 11. I've arranged for them to combine with the Lifesport RR the following day to create a new stage race.</li> <li>-in South Africa a lot of long time roadies have switched to mountain biking out of concerns about safety on the roads (traffic).</li> <li>-Twila has been working on an exciting idea for a multi-disciplinary series</li> <li>-Thanks to Allan Robertson for his tireless work on behalf of the Provincial Committee.</li> </ul>
Issues & Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Concerns on the road side are the same as outlined in February and only heightened by some events that have happened since then... what Mike Caslor referred to as seeds planted in rocky soil.</li> <li>-The MCA doesn't have defined goals with the race schedule and does not give the road, mountain bike, (and KOM) coordinators the tools to achieve them. What is important to us as an organization regarding the schedule? What do we do to achieve that?</li> <li>-There is a lack of expectations/direction laid out for clubs/riders and defined requirements to help achieve the above. Organizers may pour their heart and soul into some events, but without direction those events might not just fail to advance the goals of the group effectively, but may at times actively conflict with them.</li> </ul>

-If we look again at the analogy of trying to move a huge boulder with everyone needing to push in the same direction in a coordinated effort.

Many are pushing, trying to work together

Some are pushing and want to help, but not listening to direction. They push, but end up countering the efforts of others

Some have their own ideas and stick with those. Their efforts do not coordinate with others and do not result in advancement

Some are sitting on the boulder looking for others to do the pushing

Some have been watching way too much Survivor and think everyone else is conspiring against them. If someone says to push right, they push left

Everyone only has to put in a little effort if the effort is coordinated and selflessly focused in the same direction.