



GUELPH OFF-ROAD BICYCLING ASSOCIATION

2025 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn!

Here's a few things you should know about... BIG MTB, EPIC Photos, Group Rides & New App Testing, Trail work continues.



BIG MTB

The Annual BIG MTB Ride is this coming Sunday September 28th!

This is a joint event with the Guelph Cycling Club. Arkell Spring Grounds Trail Supervisor & dual club citizen, Jim Brogden presents the BIG MTB Ride! All of Guelph's best MTB trails will be included: Arkell Spring Grounds, Smith property & Guelph Lake - a 62km route. Some speed groups will do less - TBD as the day progresses. Coffee at 9:30 am (pedal at 10) at Flow State Bike Co. in Arkell, and finishes at Fixed Gear Brewing for food and bevies afterward. There is a supported rest station en route. For more details and sign up, click below.

[BIG MTB Ride Info and Registration](#)



EPIC Photos

GORBA's Annual 6 Hour EPIC & Mountain Bike Festival took place **Sunday September 14th**. It was another ***sold out*** event! All the local shops were on hand and SRB even took care of waste management duties - kudos to them for that! Mel Poel from Stoked MTB Sessions had a special course setup for kids of all ages. Rob Thorne from Performance Suspension Design was also there tweaking boingers and talking shop with those seeking assistance. GCC-Royal City Racing ran some fun mid-day activities that saw Evan Slood win the high jump event at 34 inches (we think he went higher on earlier attempts). The ride got off to a flying Le Mans start and photographer Jordan Franck captured it all. You can view & download photos by clicking the button below. Be sure and tag [@jordanfranckphotography](#) in your postings. View the GORBA Instagram stories collection of the event [here](#). A special thanks to all the volunteers and organizers who made this another 'Epic' event!

EPIC & Mountain Bike Festival Photos

Cyql Group Ride App

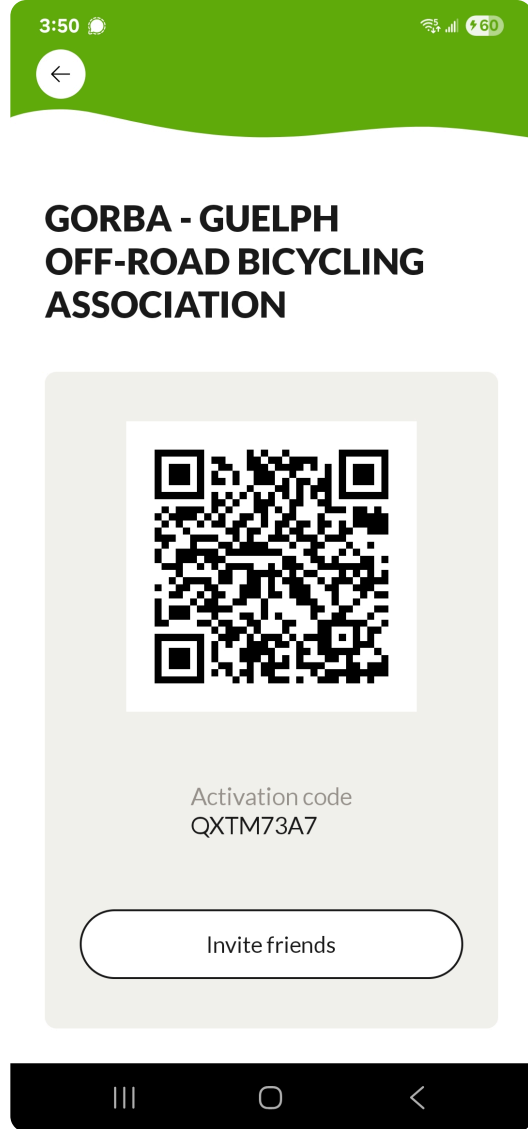
Group Ride Coordinator, Mark Buckaway is looking for volunteers to test out a ride booking app.

Ideally, we'd like to see most of the regulars on the Tuesday ride try it out, but it is optional. We will probably move to something like this to replace the ride calendar over the winter.

Cyql is a phone & desk top app that keeps you informed of new rides and cancellations with notifications.

You sign up for rides and pick the speed group. Ride leaders get a

count of people coming and you get to see who is riding in which group. If you are interested in trying it out, download and install the Cyql app on your iOS or Android phone. Scan the QR code or click the button below to sign up and get the app.



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Trail Crews

Every week GORBA's Trail Crews have been working away, trimming, building, refreshing and maintaining the trails. It's been a very dry year which has stressed the trees and made some work (berm repair) nearly impossible. Now that we are getting some moisture back into the ground, berm TLC is on the way. Keeping all users safe from 'hazard' trees is also a daunting and ongoing priority. Fortunate for club members, we've been getting some great

volunteer turn outs in 2025. Consider joining the team by clicking the button below!



Volunteer with GORBA

That's it for now, see you on the trails!

These trails don't build or maintain themselves.



Supporting the trails is the cheapest & most important part of MTB.

\$40 GORBA Membership

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