



The Bicyc'letter

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Ten Weeks to Go!

Have you ever noticed how fast the seven days of a week faded away? It is ten of those short weeks that we have left to go through all that's left to prepare for this crazy project. We have to admit that everything won't be completely ready. But seriously, who ever gets ready for such a journey. However we multiply the contacts and the first week of March was intense enough to give us a preview of what will be the next two months.

Carpe diem! - *Christian Blanchard*

To Follow Us in eSPACES

ESPACES is a magazine that's edited in Quebec and that is dedicated to outdoor, traveling and ecotourism. Espaces is also **the first media partner of the Tour of the Americas**. We met them on the 10th of March and we can already tell you that we agreed for the publication of articles we will write during the 3 years of the Tour.

The people of Espaces' team are among those who make you feel welcomed at first sight. Stéphane Corbeil, his assistant Marie and all the team has received us with a smile and a sincere desire to get involved in the adventure. Not only will they publish our articles but they will give us a hand in our research for outdoor material. Finally, thanks to them, we might participate to the Montreal Outdoor Festival which will be held from May 13 to 15.

Espaces is edited six times a year. Be assiduous in order not to miss our apparitions. Already in the next issue will be an article announcing our departure.

To know more about ESPACES : www.espaces.qc.ca

Vélopax.org and GranbyWeb

The Velopax website has a new address. Since the end of February our site is kindly hosted by a company from Granby, Qc: **GranyWeb**. After he's read our article in the newspaper l'Express, **Mr. Patrice Poisson** contacted us to offer his services. It's a considerable contribution that also gives us more seriousness. Our former address is however bringing you right to www.velopax.org. **Thank you** to Mr. Poisson and GranbyWeb that you can visit at www.granbyweb.com.

Improvisation Match

Saturday, **March 26**, the **Granby College** will host some of the former STARS of the **LAIR**. This Improvisation league has been active from 1988 till the end of the 90. The players for whom it will be a nice gathering also accepted to play this game as a fundraising for the Tour.

Environment

Developing one's ecological conscience and sweep one's ego

To accept that our immediate environment is our source of life is the first step toward the attainment of an ecological conscience. Our immediate environment, but also our further environment. It's been told for a while now: the Amazonian forest is earth's lung. Ecological conscience is among other things refusing to do things, to buy items that contribute to the destruction of the lung, our source of life. The way man occupies the planet right now makes him look more or less like a cancer. We are eating, plundering the planet, its lung. If a man's action doesn't have a consequence within his lifespan, he tends to ignore his impact on the environment, preferring his comfort. But that has to change. **Think globally, act locally**, an expression from the 70's is in the limelight. Our planet is so small: The proof is that we are going to travel the equivalent of its circumference on our bicycles in less than three years. Let's take care of the air water and earth that we use through our short passage on the planet.