

# BRILLO Braves Blustery Breezes to Bag Bottles and Beer Cans



On successive Saturdays the Blue Ridge Litter Look Out(BRI LLO) 'padders collected litter on 4 miles of Mission Road and about 10 miles of byways in neighboring communities. Sadly, litter is the gift that keeps on giving, or we should say that our neighborhoods can rely on irresponsible litterers to keep on providing plenty of trash to pick up. The effort this spring was an ambitious one and more BRI LLOpadders than ever were on hand to help.

The total of over 50 volunteers resulted in about 75 orange vested, grabber wielding, picker-uppers over the two days. Yes, some of our dedicated members were present on both days! One hundred and ninety three(193) bags, a dozen tires(some with rims), a pink sexual appliance, bags of used and NEW syringes, a commode, a cell and cordless phone, enough car parts to build a VW Bug, a bag of dead fish(holy mackerel) and other items of interest too numerous to mention were generously donated by the litterbugs.

One important characteristic about the litter was that nearly eighty(80)% was comprised of cans and bottles. Special interests, primarily distributors and retailers, have time and again successfully lobbied against a bottle bill which would place a deposit on such containers. The amount of aluminum and glass being sent to the landfill to be buried (where it will last nearly forever) was staggering for just a few of West Virginia's roadways. What must it be Statewide?

BRI LLO's triumph over trash validated the organization's decision to officially adopt four(4) miles of Mission Road(that's eight(8) miles of roadside!). In addition BRI LLO will be helping to organize and conduct "mini-pick-ups" in communities upon request. These would be small groups of volunteers using the pick-up effort as a means of meeting new people to further Shannondale and Beyond(S&B)'s effort to bring a sense of community to the Blue Ridge Mountain. They will be "talking trash", arrrrgh, did we really

say that?

The 'padders of BRILLO would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who made the Spring cleaning such a huge success. These include, of course, our selfless volunteers, user Pickle who arranged for donation of the banner, St Andrew's, not only for their invaluable cooperation positioning the banner but the use of their parking lot for assembling our crew, the Fire Company for posting the event on their sign, users Black Dog and Jenniffer who provided coffee and home baked scones, the Sheriff's Department for providing traffic control, the Department of Highways in Leetown for supplies and collection the refuse and the REAP program whose Adopt-a-Highway program provided guidance and materials.

The list could go on and on but one group was very important to giving the 'padders a boost in the midst of a sometimes thankless chore. That group is you, the public, who waved and honked and yelled encouragement even as you were slowed somewhat by the picker-uppers' progress. BRILLO will be posting news and upcoming events (It's not all work, we'll be attending S&B's upcoming 5th annual picnic soon) in its forum on Shannondale.org and our website at Shannondale.org/brillo will have a more detailed account of our adventures soon.



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