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“ George Washington rode here ”

April 2008

Club Jerseys

Last year over 25 club members bought new club jerseys. If you're willing to commit to one, contact jclaffey@erols.com. The price will be the same as last year: \$65 for a short sleeved 'club' fit and \$70 for a long sleeved 'race' fit. The race fit is a snug fit like Lance wears – the club fit is for the rest of us. We need at least 5 jerseys per type for a minimum order, so let me know soon. The manufacturer's web site has some details of their jerseys at www.pactimo.com



Spring Bike Stuff Sales

The cycling season is getting underway - do you need some new gear? Local stores are holding sales so you can get what you need to make it a better summer! Check out the following local stores:

Bike Doctor – 150 P Jennifer Road, 410 266-7583; 953 Richie Highway, 410 544-3532

March 27 - 30 Big Tent Sale

Capital Bicycle - 436 Chinquapin Round Road, 410 266-2197

Starts 4 April Big Spring Sale

Cycleworks at Ski Haus – Route 50 - Exit 29, 410 757-6446

March 27 – 30 discounts on accessories for ABC members

Hudson Trail Outfitters - Annapolis Westfield Mall, 410-266-8390

Now underway, while supplies last Warehouse Clearance all '07 bikes on sale

Crabtowne Skiers Rides

Crabtowne Skiers has a pretty active cycling program, and has invited us to participate in some of their rides this summer. If you find the ABC Saturday morning rides a bit to strenuous you'll probably find these 'social' rides more to your liking. You can get complete information at www.crabtowne-skiers.org. Here is a list of rides they'll be doing early this summer.

Sunday, April 13 – 12 PM – 3 PM	Jazzercycle Ride, Gainsville MD	410 266-5602
Sunday, May 4 – 10 AM	Iron Guys & Gals, Columbia MD	410 562-5533
Sunday, May 18 – 9 AM – 2 PM	Oxford Loop/Easton MD	410 956-3037
Saturday, June 7 – 9 AM	Eastern Shore Loop de Loop	410 924-1231
Saturday, June 14 – 8:30 AM	York County Heritage Trail	410 266-7605
Sunday, July 6 – 9 AM – 12 AM	Bike the Hills of Crownsville	410 956-5219
Saturday, July 12 – 9 AM – 6 PM	Bike Ride and Splash	410 827-6671
Saturday, August 2 – 9 AM – 6 PM	Bike, Swim, Croquet & Horseshoes	410 643-1542

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July 24 – 27: CAM - Cycle Across Maryland

This is the 20th Anniversary for the CAM – a ride many ABC members have participated in over the years. The ride this year is centered at Emmitsburg Maryland. That means you'll get a chance to see some beautiful, tree covered rolling hills and for those interested in a challenge, there'll be some serious climbs as well. You'll ride through Gettysburg National Park, and there will also be some covered bridges (remember *The Bridges of Madison County?*) If you're really a serious rider, there is an option to climb South Mountain, but we can skip that if we like. As usual, the ride will have food, rest stops, and on road support.

For the last few years, this ride has been sponsored by the One Less Car people. This is the last year they'll be sponsoring it, so we don't know if it will be available next year or not. If you're interested, better think about signing up for this one!

Details at www.onelesscar.org/CAM/2008

Ride4Melanoma

On Sunday, 20 April we'll have a chance to warm up for the summer riding season, and do some good for our children. The Ride4Melanoma starts in Galesville and features rides of 10, 20, and 50 miles through rolling horse and farm country, and great views of the Chesapeake.

Riders can start anytime between 8 AM and 10 AM, and should be off the course by 3 PM. Registration is only \$35 and that's tax deductible. More information is available at www.ride4melanoma.com/Events.htm

If you can't ride, or really want to help, volunteers are needed at the starting line and on the course. Contact Jim Claffey at jclaffey@erols.com. This is a great way to help the kids and get some publicity for your club!

Maryland Legislation to Benefit Cyclists

There is currently legislation under consideration in the Maryland House and Senate that could have very beneficial effects on cycling in Maryland. Many have, at this writing, passed in only one chamber and may not make the deadline to be passed to the other chamber. But for those that have, we can still make a difference. For details on what's under consideration this year, check out the following site maintained by the Baltimore Bicycle Club <http://www.baltobikeclub.org/index.pl/advocacy3>

If you're not sure who your representatives are, you can get information on that at <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/> If you've been buzzed by a pickup lately, or realized you really need a bike lane, an email to a Senator or Delegate could make the difference. This year's session is scheduled to end April 7th, so time is short. Let's let them know we're out here, and we vote!

Looking For a Ride?

The club rides regularly on Saturday mornings from the Park and Ride lot at U.S. 50 and MD 424. But many of us have other obligations at the time, or have found they're looking for a slower or faster ride. If that's why you're not getting out, check out your local bike store. Most do regular rides each week. Times, distances, bike types and speeds vary, so give them a call.

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<http://www.annapolisbicycleclub.org/>

The Annapolis Bicycle Club is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to the interests of recreational cycling enthusiasts. Our interests are recreation, exercise, safety and camaraderie. We don't pollute or block traffic and we encourage cyclists to adhere to traffic laws.

The Annapolis Bicycle Club is affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists.

Members and prospective members are encouraged to call any of our officers to answer any questions and obtain information about Club activities.

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Saturday Rides

Please **check** with a buddy to verify the ride in the winter months

March – May; September – December 9:00 AM

June – August – 8:00 AM

January & February – 10:00 AM

Davidsonville Rides – Multiple rides; speeds from 13 – 20+ mph.
35+ mile rides

Meet at the Davidsonville Park 'n Ride, Routes 424 & 50 for rides to Deale, Galesville and around South Anne Arundel County.

Spring Rides

With spring nearing, we can be anxious to get on the bike. But remember, changeable spring weather may cancel a ride. So call and check with your buddies to be sure you'll have company. And take it easy the first ride or two – winter inactivity may have taken its toll on those leg muscles! And be sure to come out – as soon as it warms up a bit, we'll be out there!

Annapolis Bicycle Club Activities

- Tuesday morning - Meet at Charlie's at 10 AM, call for directions - 410-841-6269. *Call first to verify the ride.*
- **Occasional Membership meetings** with programs on bicycle topics. To be announced in the newsletter and on the web site.
- **Special event rides** and other bicycle related social activities
- **Group participation** in regional bicycling events

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Membership Application and Renewal Form

In consideration of accepting application for membership and being permitted to participate in any way in the activities of the Annapolis Bicycle Club, ("ABC"), I/WE, for myself/ourselves, my/our personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I/we understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I/we am/are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I/we further acknowledge that certain of the activities will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the activities and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I/we further agree and warrant that if at any time I/we believe conditions to be unsafe, I/we will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) bicycling activities involve risks and dangers of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my/our own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the "RELEASEES" named below, (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me/us or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I/we fully accept and assume all such

risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I/we incur as a result on my participation in the activities of ABC.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE ABC, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, and sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which activities take place, (each considered one of the RELEASEES herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I/we further agree that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I/we, or anyone on my/our behalf, makes a claim against any of the RELEASEES, I/we will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim. I/we have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I/we have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check one and circle fee)

FAMILY = Annual Fee: \$18 email newsletter, \$28 US mail newsletter

SINGLE – Annual Fee: \$10 email newsletter, \$20 US mail newsletter

Membership Year runs from March 1 to February 28. New memberships begun between November 1st and February 28th terminate February and are half price.

NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF APPLICANTS OVER AGE 18:

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Address _____ City, State _____ ZIP _____

email Address _____ Phone _____

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