

Tailwind Express

February-March, 2013



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ABC Meeting Notes



Ken Keeler has agreed to be the ABC Safety Officer for this season. Ken will update our safety guidelines and help us develop a system of regular safety reminders. Ken has a keen eye for cycling safety - we welcome him into this role!

Mark Hanna and David Bleil will share the editorship of the Tailwind Express. Each of them does a great job with the newsletter and we appreciate their continued involvement.

As many of you have noticed, online payments are now active on the club website using Paypal. Credit cards are also accepted, but not if they have been used with a Paypal account in the past. Due to the inconvenience of this corporate hegemony we will continue to accept checks and cash. You will receive an e-mail notification when we have posted a membership or renewal payment to your account.

Effective March 1, 2013 we will raise membership rates to \$25 for individual and \$35 for family memberships. This increase is partly due to online transaction costs and partly for the old fashioned reason that we would like to increase the funds available for club activities.

Membership has increased to 109 active members from 78 a year ago.

Upcoming Events:

TTGT: Third Thursday Get Togethers

Starting February 21st - Meeting at a different bar each month, Third Thursday Get Togethers will be a casual monthly networking social where prospective, new and long time ABC members can meet and talk about their bike rides and other matters of importance. No RSVP necessary, this will be a show and go event (or show and drink). Each person will be responsible for their own food and beverage.

REMINDER!

Don't Forget
to
Renew Your
Membership!

[renewal page](#)

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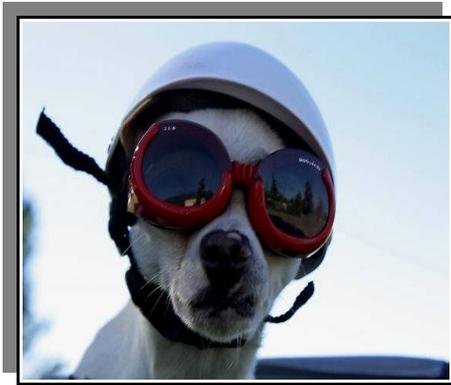
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New ABC Jerseys

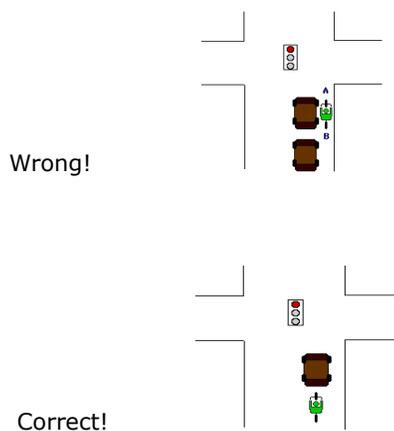
The new ABC jersey was presented at the ABC party. It is available with the manufacturer's name on the sides for \$60, or with "Annapolis" & "Maryland" on the sides for \$75. Other than the sides, the two versions are identical.





Safety Tips *by* *Ken Keeler*

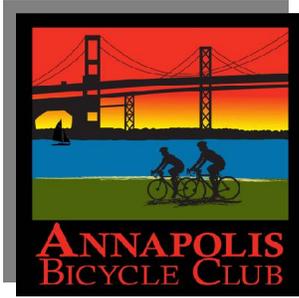
1. Intersections! When Riding up to an intersection, don't stop in the blind spot of a car. Simply stop *behind* a car, instead of to the right of it. This makes you very visible to traffic on all sides. It's impossible for the car behind you to avoid seeing you when you're right in front of it. Always look behind you and signal with your arm before pulling out behind a car.



2. Moving Left For Any Reason! Never, never, never move left without looking behind you first! Some motorists like to pass cyclists within mere inches, so moving even a tiny bit to the left unexpectedly could put you in the path of a car. Practice holding a straight line while looking over your shoulder until you can do it perfectly. Most new cyclists tend to move left when they look behind them, which of course can be disastrous. Assume that traffic is always about to pass you.

3. Traffic Circles! - Taking the whole lane works especially well in most traffic circles. The traffic generally moves slower so it's easy to keep up with it. Enter the circle carefully and use your arm to point to traffic that you're not sure about giving you right of way. If riding in a group, try to enter the circle as a group, not one at a time, if possible. Taking the lane prevents motorists from right hooking you as they exit the circle.

(Source: <http://bicyclesafe.com/>)



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ABC Party Pictures

