

Tailwind Express

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ABC Century

The 2011 ABC Century was a great success. Special thanks to Jim Claffey for planning out a scenic and trouble-free route (and great pictures), and to the SAG drivers Jim, Pete and Linda.



Summer Party Update

Pinto and his family have graciously and bravely offered their pool again this year for the ABC party on Sunday, August 28, 2011, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. We will provide some more details shortly. We're asking for a few good men and/or women to help with planning and purchases, so if you can help out, please email abc_pres@annapolisbicycleclub.org We would also like to know how many members and guests can make it so please email your RSVP when you know.

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MVA Emergency Contact Program

Maryland MVA has instituted a new program where you can sign up and provide a list of up to three emergency contacts on-line that will be linked to your driver's license number, and if you are in an accident or another type of emergency the information will be available when the Police enter your driver's license information into their database. Go to: <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/> to register.



Departing Longtime ABC Member



The Annapolis Bike club is saying goodbye to a long term member, Becki Sander. Becki has been an active member since 1995. Now she is pulling up stakes and moving to California. Becki's generous and kind spirit will be missed here. She was a tireless rider who was always willing to help out a guest or new member.

We wish her the very best in California – canning kumquats and all!



In Memory of Mike Steiner **by Ken Keeler**

Mike Steiner, one of ABC's most passionate members, lost his fight with cancer on June 13, 2011, just a few days after the ABC century ride which Mike had hoped to ride. As Mike's condition worsened that weekend, Jim Claffey rushed to frame pictures from our Century and the last Seagull Century, which I delivered to Mike a few days before he died. I don't know if he could actually see the pictures I held in front of him, but they were with him when he died.

Mike always talked about getting a new bike and he did this Spring. I was with him when he asked the bike shop guy if there were discounts for someone with terminal cancer. The guy turned white and slowly answered no, uncertain if Mike was joking or not. Mike laughed and bought the bike, a white Trek Madone 5.2. He didn't get to ride it much because of cancer treatments and pain, but when he did he loved it. He liked that it was high tech but not flashy, although, Mike was not a low profile guy. You always heard him on a ride shouting out about how beautiful the day was! He was all about enjoying the day.

When the doctors told Mike the first time to prepare for his death, he changed doctors and we started going to spinning classes together in the winter! When his new doctors stopped his treatments shortly before he died, Mike got angry and defiant. He said he wasn't going into a hospice house because that's where people go to die. He chose to stay at home where he fought cancer mentally when his body began to fail. Mike's wife Betsy and his 12 year old daughter Viviane get a standing ovation for caring for Mike at home.

Mike's friends at his funeral were as diverse as was Mike: From bankers to Harley bikers. Well over a hundred young and old friends and relatives shared stories about Mike's sometimes quirky obsessions and high energy. Clearly, Mike's daughter Viviane and his wife Betsy motivated him to live. As I stood near Mike's grave site during prayers, I looked down and saw a bicycle engraved in a grave marker. It was someone who had died young, in their 30s. Good company for Mike.

Mike's personality was radioactive! He brought unconventional excitement to our club, and ABC will miss him.

July Rides

July 16 - Trek in the Neck Bike ride

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July 24 – Ball and Chain Century

July 30 - Shenandoah Valley Bike Festival



