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"George Washington rode here"

March 2007



Saturday Rides begin at 9:00 AM in March

The regular Saturday rides from the Davidsonville Park and Ride lot at Md 424 and US 50 will be rolling at 9 AM starting Saturday, March 3rd, 2007. How many riders show up will depend on the weather, but if you go – don't be late! (And remember, Saturday the 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to show up at 9AM wearing something green!)

ABC teams forming for Bike Virginia!

Riders are signing up for the ABC teams for this summer's Bike Virginia. Many have expressed interest, but not all have yet sent in a check. Money talks, folks! If you want to save \$20 on the registration fee, you need to send in your filled out Bike Virginia registration form and your check for the registration (and any other items you want – meals, hotel luggage transfer fee, etc.) Send checks and completed Bike Virginia registration forms to:

Nancy Waddington, 410-353-2887.



Each team must consist of exactly eight people. So far, we've nearly completed one team, and will start a second as soon as we get more checks. The following people have already signed up for a great time this June

ABC Team One

Donna Carrington	Bob Peterson
Jim Claffey	Nancy Waddington
Charlie Dodge	Charles Adamo
Don Olson	You?

Several other club members have expressed interest or had already signed up prior to the teams forming – so expect to see Joe Galvagna, Mary Siddons, Ed Gera, and others out there too! Bike Virginia details at: www.bikevirginia.org

Rides this Summer

ABC: Annapolis Bicycle Club will continue our Saturday morning rides. We expect to see the usual group of 'Fast, 30 to 50 miles, average speed 15 to 17 mph' riders out there. We also hope to have some riders in the 'Easy, 30 to 40 miles, average speed 12 to 15 mph' riders show up on Saturdays.

Capital Bicycle: They're planning some Wednesday evening rides from their store on Chinquapin Round Road. Call 410-626-2197 for more information as the weather warms up.

HTO: HTO in Westfield Shopping mall is planning on sponsoring Wednesday rides during April and May, starting April 11th. They will be easy rides on the B&A trail and will begin at 9:30 AM. You can contact HTO at 410-266-8390 for details, and we'll put them on our web site and in the newsletter as we get them.

Ride for Shelter: This one costs \$37 for an adult and \$15 for a child, but you get a great tour of the Annapolis area, a T-shirt, a goody bag, and it's for a *great* cause. Proceeds go to the Annapolis Light House Shelter, Annapolis' only homeless shelter. Check www.rideforshelter.com for details.

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Bicycle Advocacy

Several members have asked about what can we do to improve conditions and safety for cyclists. There are several places to find information on what's going on, and who to contact. One of the best sources for information is the Baltimore Spokes web site at www.baltimorespokes.org. This site has information on pending action in the Maryland Legislature that affects all of Maryland. The site currently covers a law requiring a 3 foot passing distance when a vehicle passes a bicycle and a bill making it a misdemeanor to cause a death as a result of the person's driving, operating or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner. Other articles include a bill addressing the penalties for failure to yield the Right-of-Way, on the origins of One Less Car, and many other items.

Bicycle Advocacy in Ann Arundel County - Recently, your club has sent a letter to Ann Arundel County Executive John Leopold, urging him to limit expansion of the Town Point Dredge Material Placement facility near Deale. Expanding this facility would violate both State and County Critical Area rules, but of more importance to cyclists, it would result in more heavy truck traffic on Town Point, Fairhaven, and Leitch roads – all located south of Deale and which we nearly always use when cycling in that area while heading for North Beach.

Recalls

SRAM Force Road Brake – Mounting Bolts: Both front and rear mounting bolts can fail, resulting in loss of control and serious injury. Contact your dealer or for information.

Cannondale 2007 Model Road Bicycles: Bikes are recalled because the bike's front brake can fail. The recalled road bikes are made from aluminum and carbon fiber or all carbon fiber. They are sold in natural aluminum/carbon, red, black or black and blue. The recalled models include:

2007 Six 13 Team 1

2007 Six 13 Team 1/Compact Drive/td

2007 Synapse Carbon SL1/Compact Drive Si Crank

2007 Synapse Carbon SL1/Standard bottom bracket, Dura Ace Crank

Contact your dealer, or visit Cannondale's web site at www.cannondale.com

Time Road Pedal Recall: - The threaded bearing cap can come unthreaded from the pedal body and this can result in the pedal body coming off the pedal axle and bearing unit. Contact your dealer, Time Sport International at (800)240-8051, or send an email to rxsrecall@timesportusa.com

Section of the B&A Trail Temporarily Closed

A 0.4 mile section of the trail was closed due to a washout but has now been reopened. The washout is located just north of Hoyle Drive, between milepost 3.5 and milepost 4.0 in the Severna Park area. The washout will not hinder your use of the trail – it's been covered by metal plates with a non-slip surface. With the warm weather coming up, this is a great place to start getting in shape!

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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

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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