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“George Washington rode here”

March 2007

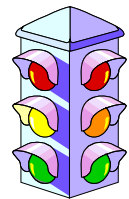
Bike Virginia Team Complete!



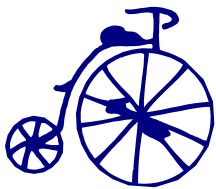
The Annapolis Bicycle Club will be represented by a team in this year's Bike Virginia, June 22 – 27. This year's ride will be along the James and York Rivers, around Hopewell, Jamestown, and Williamsburg. There will be eight team members, and several others have registered individually. We've talked with the Bike Virginia people, and they tell us the ride is filling up quickly – so that they expect to reach their “limit of 2000 riders before the event begins.” So, if you want to be in on this, *better send in that application quickly!*

Road Improvements

At long last, a traffic light has been installed and is operating on Route 2 at Harwood Road – just south of Southern High School. This should substantially increase our odds of getting across Route 2 alive on Saturday mornings!



Ghosts in Southern Anne Arundel!



Spotted recently headed north on Route 2 a little south of Southern High School, a rider in full biking gear – jersey, shorts, helmet, gloves...and riding a **Penny-Farthing!** No, your editor has not been spiking his Gatorade. Does anyone know who this guy is?



Puzzle of the Month

Why can't a bicycle stand alone? (answer on next page....)



Cycling in Annapolis

We've received reports that the Transportation Department in Annapolis is considering a bike program for this summer. The idea seems to be having bikes available around town, available for whoever needs transportation for a short time, probably around the center of the city. The club will be in contact with them to see if we can help and/or encourage the idea.

That may sound a little far out, but the Washington Post reported on March 24th that Paris will soon join several other European cities in a new program which will make rental bikes available all around the city. You must sign up to use the program, and the bikes are checked out by using a credit card, which leaves a deposit of \$195 (canceled when you return the bike, one presumes!). The first half hour is free, the second half hour \$1.30, and subsequent half hour segments will cost progressively more. As an additional measure to discourage theft, the bikes are very distinctive in appearance and would be difficult to disguise if stolen. Besides, while they look fine for short distances, they don't look at all suitable for a century.

Rides this Summer

Check page 2 for information on all the many rides we've heard about already!

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PLEASE CALL SPONSORS FOR INFORMATION ON ALL RIDES!

Weekly Rides

- Mondays 6:00 PM Bike Doctor - (410)266-7383 – follows the route of the Annapolis Triathlon
- Tuesdays 10:00 AM Annapolis Bicycle Club – (410) 841-6269 – multiple speeds, *call first*
- Wednesdays 9:30 AM HTO – B & A trail, easy (410) - 266-8390
- Wednesdays 5:30 PM Capital Bicycles - (410) 626-2197 - call for information
- Thursdays 5:30 PM Capital Bikes – (410) 626-2197 – Mountain Bikes
- Thursdays 9:00 AM Annapolis Bicycle Club – (410) 841-6269 – multiple speeds, *call first*
- Saturdays 9 AM (8 AM beginning 2 June) Annapolis Bicycle Club - (410)956-5219 - 30 miles, some hills, 13 mph average and up
- Sundays 4:30 PM Capital Bicycles - (410) 626-2197 – Mountain bikes

Other Local Rides

For more information on the rides marked CS, see [Crabtowne Skiers](#). For info on ABC rides see the Tailwind. Details on the Crabtowne rides also available on the ABC web site, on the 'Rides' page.

- Saturday, April 21, 9 AM: St Michael's/Oxford loop, CS, (410)956-3037
- Sunday, April 22, Noon: West River Ride, CS, (410)266-5602
- Saturday, May 5, 10 AM: Beltsville Agricultural Center, CS, (410)757-2576
- Saturday, June 9, 9 AM: Eastern Shore Loop de Loop, CS, (410)942-1231
- Sunday, June 24, 9 AM: Bike Ride and Wine/Blues Festival, CS, (410)827-6671
- Saturday, July 14, 9 AM - 6 PM: Bike Ride and Pool Party, CS, (410)827-6671
- Saturday, August 4, 9 AM - 6 PM: Wye Mills, Md, CS, (410)643-1542
- Saturday, August 18, North Central Trail, CS, (410)798-5521
- Sunday, August 26, St. Michaels/Oxford loop, ABC, (410)956-5219
- Saturday, September 22, 9 AM - 2 PM Murder Mystery Bike ride, CS,(410)266-8995

Sagged One-day or multi-day Tours

(Check the websites for details – most charge for the cue sheets, sag support, snacks, etc.)

[April 15, 2007 - Annapolis Ride for Shelter](#)

[April 21, 2007 - Ocean to Bay Bike Tour](#)

[May 19, 2007 - Tour de Chesapeake IX](#)

[May 19 - 20, 2007 - MS Bike Ride](#)

[May 20, 2007 - Horse Farm Tour](#)

[June 16-17, 2007 - 25th National 24 Hour Challenge](#)

[June 22-27, 2007 - 19th Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure](#)

[June 1 - 3, Chesapeake Bay Asthma Ride](#)

[June 16-23, 2007 - Bike Virginia: 20th Anniversary](#)

[July 12 - 15, 2007 Cycle Across Maryland](#)

[March 17-23, 2007 - Bike Florida](#)

Answer to the Puzzle of the Month

Because a bicycle is TWO TIRED!

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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.

President – Nancy Waddington
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Leon Frank

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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