Tailwind Express



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Lots of Rides – See last article in this newsletter.

New Club Membership Year – Stay in touch with what's happening in cycling and with where your friends are riding – fill out the membership form and mail it with a check today.

Earth Day – The club will have a table at Quiet Waters Park during this year's 'Earth Day' celebrations. Club members are invited to stop over and greet the public – we'll be there on Saturday, April 18th from 10 AM to 3 PM. If you've got an ABC jersey wear it, or just stop by anyway. Call Ken Keeler (410 798-0093) for details.

ABC Roadside Litter Cleanup – We often ride Route 450 (Generals Highway) and Sunday, May 17 is our day to do our yearly cleanup. We'll meet at the parking lot of the Sign Company at the intersection of Crownsville Rd and 450 at 9 AM. If you care about the environment and the roads we ride on, put on some protective (old) clothing. Call Charlie Dodge (410 841-6269) for more information.

Big Bike Warehouse Sale – **O**n Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd Terry Precision Cycling is having a warehouse/tent sale in Cambridge. There'll be apparel for women from Terry, Gore Bike Wear and others as well as saddles for men and women. These are returns and overstocks. It'll be at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, 2475 Route 16, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Bikes in Annapolis – There will be a Town Hall meeting on bicycling in the City Council Chambers on April 30^{th.} Here's a chance to let the city fathers see we care about biking conditions in Annapolis! There will be a speaker who has had plenty of experience with both politics and cycling in cities – here *and* in Europe. A bike-friendly city will reduce the number of cars circulating through our city, improve our air quality, increase property values, and enhance our overall quality of life. Try to attend the the meeting in the City Council Chambers at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street. The meeting is at 7:00 PM.

More Rides this Spring – As the weather warms up, we're hearing of more rides. New rides include the Six Pillars Century through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (May 2) and the Annapolis Bike to Work Day (May 15). The website is updated periodically, but here's the current status:

Rides this Summer

April 17-19 - Cycle North Carolina Spring Ride 18 April - Ocean to Bay Bike Tour April 25 - End the Hunger (Calvert County) April 25 - Tour de Carroll (Westminster, MD) April 25 - Pennsyslvania State Police Benefit Ride April 25 - ROAR for Autism - Cockeysville, MD May 2 - Six Pillars Century - 2009 Blackwater Tour May 15 - Annapolis Bike to Work Day May 15 - 17 - Tour de Chesapeake XI May 16 - Charles County Heritage Bike Ride May 16 - Dorchester County Heritage Day & Bike Ride May 17 - Bonkers Metric - Delaware Co, PA May 17 - Horse Farm Tour - Hanover, PA May 30 - Casa ROCK (Shepardstown, WV) June 6 - Pedal to Preserve - New Holland, PA June 12 - Annapolis Weekend June 13 Patuxent River Rural Legacy Ride June 13 - 14 - Bike MS: Chesapeake Challenge 19-24 June - 22nd Annual Bike Virginia June 17-? - Race Across America June 20-27 - Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure June 28 - 24th Annual Bay to Bay July 11 - Total200 (A Chesapeake Double Century!) August 8 - Ride to See - Kent County Sept 12 - Civil War Century - Thurmont, MD Sept 13 - Southern Maryland Fall Century - Indianhead 100 Oct 10 - Seagull Century - Salisbury, MD Oct 11 - Potomac Heritage Bicycle Tour