

Tailwind Express

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Are You a Member? The membership year began on 1 March. If you haven't sent in a membership form and a check this spring, then you're no longer a club member. If you'd like to stay informed of what's happening to cycling in the Annapolis area, sign up now. *We'll soon be pruning our mailing list to include only active members !*

Great new video on fun, safe riding! Maryland has created a new video which is available via the net. It includes info on riding in Maryland, equipping the bike, roadway riding, night and trail riding, and special topics such as bikes on transit and bike parking. Its broken up into 5 sections – most are 2 to 3 minutes long, the longest is about 5 min 30 seconds. Well worth a few minutes to view! Check it out at <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/index.asp?NID=3213>

New Bike Store in Town: Eastern Mountain Sports has moved to the new Town Center at Parole, and now has a line of bicycle gear. They're located below the Linens and Things store, just off the main traffic circle. Might be worth checking out.

No place to work on your bike? Check out <http://velocipedebikeproject.org/> The project has lots of tools and room for working on bikes & the project runs repair clinics. The basic program is to volunteer for 3 hours a month to use the facility that month. There are other things such as buying & trading bike parts, donating old bikes, etc.

On travel and want to ride? You can find shops that will rent a bike in 144 cities in the US and Canada – go to www.RentaBikeNow.com You can choose dates, site, bike type, etc.

Looking for a good home for your old bike? You can drop it off at Pedal Pushers in Severna Park (on the B&A Trail) on Saturday, May 16. The sponsor is Bikes for the World, and they ship them overseas to developing countries. They'll ask \$10 to help cover shipping expenses. Call Ann Jackson at 410 315-8481 for details.

Bikes in Annapolis – Town Meeting this Thursday, 30 April! There'll be a Town Hall meeting in the City Council Chambers, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, at 7:00 PM . They'll be looking at ways to make Annapolis more bike friendly. There will be a speaker who has a lot of experience with biking and environmental issues in both the US and in Europe. If you care about riding in town, this should be worth your time.

Rides this Month

[May 2 - Six Pillars Century - 2009 Blackwater Tour](#)

[May 3 - Bike for a Greener Maryland](#)

[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 - Shorebird Metric Century](#)

[May 30 - Casa ROCK \(Shepardstown, WV\)](#)



Wounded Warrior Soldier Ride – Saturday, 2 May. We're not riding this one – our function here is to cheer the Wounded Warriors on. All of these riders have lost either an arm or a leg. One of the riders is a Naval Academy grad who lost both legs during combat – he'll be riding a hand-crank bike. They'll leave Jonas Green Park about 10 AM, ending up at the City Dock around 4:45. Let's get out there and cheer when they pass! The expected route is:

USNA - 10:15 -10:30

Main Street 10:35

Annapolis Street 10:50

Wardour, Westwood, Scott, Claude, Monterrey, Forbes 10:55 – 11:05

Farragut, Howison, Porter, Baldrige, Williams, Bristol, Cedar Park 11:15 – 11:30

Poplar Trail, Taylor Avenue, Westgate Circle, Spa Road, Greenfield 11:35 – 11:50

LUNCH @ MARYLAND HALL 11:55 – 1:00

Spa View Drive, Spa Creek Trail, Chesapeake Children's Museum 1:05 – 1:15

Spa Drive, Acton, Boxwood, Hilltop, Primrose, TRUXTUN PARK 1:25 – 1:45

Primrose, Hilltop, Tyler, Bay Ridge, Victor Parkway, Dunbarton 1:55 – 2:10

Bay Ridge Road, Herndon, BAY RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER 2:15 – 2:30

River, Sands, East Lake, Farragut, Bay Ridge 3:00 – 3:20

State, Chester, Second, ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM 3:40 – 4:00

Second, Eastern, First, Chester, Horn Point, Chesapeake, First, Severn 4:15 – 4:30

FINISH - ARMADILLOS - CITY DOCK 4:45