

# Tailwind Express



June, 2009

“When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race” H.G. Wells



## This may be *your* **LAST Tailwind!**

Our membership year started 1 March. If you haven't sent in a membership application and a check yet this spring, you're no longer a member. And we'll be sending future newsletters to members only. So, if you're interested in staying up to date, be sure you've signed up. (If you have signed up and the email stops coming, be sure to contact us at [jclaffey@erols.com](mailto:jclaffey@erols.com) )

## Saturday Rides start at **8AM**

Beginning Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday rides will roll at 8 AM. Remember that we now are looking for slower riders to ride with us from the Park and Ride at Route 50 and Maryland 424 (Davidsonville Road). We usually try to make Galesville and back on country roads (about 30 miles) but we'll adjust to whatever the group prefers.

Try to get there a little early – enthusiastic riders get a little anxious if forced to wait for a late arrival!

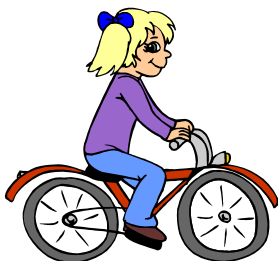


## ABC Roadside Litter Cleanup

We were rained out last month, but the road still needs cleaning up. Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is our day to do something about it. 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. Gray skies will not deter us, but if it's actually raining we'll cancel.

## Tentative Date for Pool Party – Sunday, 26 July

Mike Steiner has volunteered his house and pool for this year's pool party. It looks like the date will be Sunday, 26 July. Details will come later, and be sure to call Ken Keeler (410 798-00930) or Jim Claffey (410 956-5219 if you know of a date conflict!



## Help the Kids!

On Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>, there'll be a Youth Triathlon at Truxton Park. They need volunteers to help with the bicycle part of the race. Contact either Vince Harriman ([vince@vsharriman.com](mailto:vince@vsharriman.com)) or Jenn Bistrack ([jbistrack@annapolis.gov](mailto:jbistrack@annapolis.gov)). Or, if you're in the Capital Bicycles shop check with Parker Jones – he's also involved.

## Sign up for the Seagull Century!



One of the most celebrated accomplishments for a recreational cyclist, and one that's surprisingly easy to accomplish if properly organized, is to ride 100 miles in one day. And the Seagull Century is one of the best. Featured in *Bicycling* magazine as one of the tops in the nation, it's also one of the easiest, as it is held on the Eastern shore through beautiful, *flat* countryside. You'll have excellent cue sheets, good road markings, police ensuring safe passage, good food, plenty of equipment support, and lots of willing assistance from Salisbury University Bicycle Club members. It's an ABC favorite!

This year it's on Saturday, 10 October, but you should sign up soon! There is a limit on riders, and motels and other accommodations usually sell out that weekend. Go to [www.seagullcentury.org](http://www.seagullcentury.org) to sign up, and let's see lots of ABC jerseys out there this year!

## Police Assistance

We've been contacted by an Officer of the Annapolis Police Department, asking what they could do to make Annapolis more bicycle friendly. So if you're aware of any particularly dangerous areas that could use more surveillance, or an area that could be improved, let Ken Keeler ( [kkee@loc.gov](mailto:kkee@loc.gov) ) or Jim Claffey ( [jclaffey@erols.com](mailto:jclaffey@erols.com) ) know about it. We'll pass on your suggestions.



## Another Annapolitan Crosses the U.S. On a Bike!



Ed Morris, who grew up in Severna Park and has worked at the Annapolis City Marina, is publishing a book on his adventures while riding across the U.S. He covered 3,600 miles photographing the mayors of the cities he passed through. In 65 days, he passed through 13 states, holding a 65 mile per day pace. If you're interested in his book, check out [www.MayorsAcrossAmerica.com](http://www.MayorsAcrossAmerica.com) Or, ask for *Mayors Across America* at your bookstore.

## Rides this month

[June 6 - Pedal to Preserve - New Holland, PA](#)

[June 12 - Annapolis Weekend - Eco Tour](#)

[June 13 Patuxent River Rural Legacy Ride](#)

[June 14 - Tour dem Parks, Baltimore](#)

[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](#)