

“George Washington rode here”

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Ready for 2006?

It's time to start thinking about the year's big ride. Sure, you'll be out each week for a Saturday ride, or a short one around the neighborhood, but what about the big ones? This photo shows happy ABCers on last year's Bike Virginia – Bob Peterson, Donna Carrington, Charlie Dodge, and Hugh Carrington. There were many there from the ABC, and we had a ball! We've listed some possibilities below for you to think about while shoveling snow this winter. But don't wait too long – some rides and accommodations fill up quickly!



Where we're riding

While you're checking out these special rides, consider notifying us at editor@annapolisbicycleclub.org when you decide to go on a ride. We'll publish information about who's going where, so members can decide which rides to consider and to arrange carpools. And after the ride, send us photos! As we go to press, the Michigan Ramble still has space for a single male rider.

ABC Riders on the Michigan Ramble:

Judy and Harold Ashby, Bob Warfield, Jim Claffey

March 18-24, Bike Florida's 2006 Beach & River Ramble

Bike Florida 2006 is a bicycle and tent camping tour pedaling approximately 343 miles in the beautiful North East Florida area, starting and ending in Palatka, Florida and visiting Gainesville and St. Augustine. The tour is leisurely-paced and is designed to be a fun and relaxing vacation for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Complimentary rest stops are set up approximately every 15-20 miles. Information is available at www.bikeflorida.org.

May 19-21, Tour de Chesapeake VIII

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a bike tour through wonderful, scenic and *flat* Mathews County. This is sponsored by BikeWalk Virginia, the same folks who run Bike Virginia, so you know it'll be well run. There are route options for 15, 25, 35, 50 or 62 miles. Information is available at the Bike Virginia web site www.bikevirginia.org

May 26-29, Baltimore Bicycle Club – Annual Kent County Spring Fling

Four days cycling lightly traveled roads of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Rides of 11 to 100 miles along flat to rolling roads – through rural towns and along scenic rivers. Home base is the campus of Washington College, in the historic port town of Chestertown, Maryland. Information is available at www.baltobikeclub.org/kcsf/kcsf2006.pdf.

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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 14 – 20+ mph.
35+ mile rides

Meet at the Davidsonville Park 'n Ride, Routes 424 & 50 for rides to Deal, Galesville and around South Anne Arundel County.

Winter Rides

Yes, there are some who ride in the winter. On a nice day, you'll find them out there. But please, call a buddy to ensure you'll have someone to ride with before venturing out. Most of our regular rides are either not going, or only going occasionally during the cold, snowy months. And anyone who knows where to obtain tire chains for a 700 x 24 tire, please contact me before it snows at vp@annapolisbicycleclub.org!

Annapolis Bicycle Club Activities

- **Tuesday morning** - Meet at Charlie's at 10 a.m., call for directions - 410-841-6269. *Call first to verify the ride.*
- **Membership meetings** with programs on bicycle topics in the Holy Grounds building of The Community Center. The address is the intersection of Evergreen Road at Baltimore Annapolis Blvd in Severna Park. These meetings will begin again in March.
- **Special event rides** and other bicycle related social activities
- **Group participation** in regional bicycling events

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June 23-28, Bike Virginia – Tour de Love

One of the ABC's favorites over the years, Bike Virginia is always well run. And this year, it is rated at a difficulty level of 3 (out of 10) versus an 8 in '05, 6 in 04, and 7 in 03. In fact, it is the easiest rating since 1992! The home base will be in South Hill, and will cross into North Carolina's Halifax County. There will be plenty of scenery, fun, and history. Route options will vary from 250 to 350 relatively easy miles. Information is available at www.bikevirginia.org.

July 13-16, One Less Car – Cycle Across Maryland (CAM)

This year's CAM will feature rides to Crisfield, Smith Island, Chincoteague, Snow Hill, Nassawango Furnace, and Trappe Pond State Park. Information available at: www.onelesscar.org/CAM2005/cam2005.php

September 12-23, Bicycle Adventure Club – A Michigan Ramble

A ride in the upper part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, the riders will explore the Leelanau Peninsula, go past the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore, Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. There will be a layover day when interested riders can take their bikes aboard a ferry to explore Mackinac Island (no cars allowed!). Most days rides will be from 45 to 55 miles. As we go to press, this ride has space for one more single male rider. Information available at www.bicyleadventureclub.org.

17 September, Potomac Pedalers – Historic Back Roads Century

Over fifty historic sites along the routes (25, 50, 63, or 100 miles) many dating back to Revolutionary War and Civil War days. A well planned and marked route, lots of great food and plenty of volunteers. Information available at http://bikepptc.org/web_final/

September 7-10, Emporia Bicycle Club - Great Peanut Bicycle Tour

As we go to press, details (except the date) for 2006 are not yet available. This is a long time favorite of ABC riders. Last year it passed through sections of Greensville, Sussex, Southampton, and Brunswick Counties in Virginia, and Northampton, Halifax and Warren Counties in North Carolina. The ride passes over flat or gently rolling terrain on lightly traveled roads. Information should appear shortly at www.greatpeanuttour.com

October 7 – Salisbury Bicycle Club – Seagull Century

Probably the all-time favorite of ABC riders, this occurs each year, and has been written up in *Bicycling Magazine* as one of the best Centuries in the country. Well supported, it runs over flat Eastern Shore terrain, allowing both a metric century (62 miles) and a full English century (100 miles). And there are usually options for a 25 mile run, or you can make your own – veteran riders can direct you to shortcuts. We always expect to see plenty of ABC riders on this one. Information available at www.seagullcentury.org.

22 October – Baltimore Bicycle Club – She Got Bike!

A fun celebration of women's cycling – a day of cycling, music, and food. There are rides, a women's-specific cycling expo, and fashion show. Located at Oregon Ridge Park, Hunt Valley Maryland, the rides are for women cyclists of all riding abilities but the festival is open to all. Information at www.bbcracing.org/she_got_bike_fest.htm.

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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 _____
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