

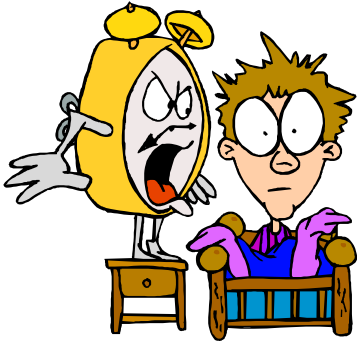
# Tailwind



"George Washington rode here"

June 2007

## Saturday Rides start at 8AM



Beginning Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</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

The ABC often rides Route 450, and we've adopted a section for a once a year road cleanup. This year's cleanup will be on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you care about the environment, and the roads we ride on, come on out and help for a few hours.

Location: Sign Company at the intersection of Crownsville Rd and Md 450  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Date: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Wear protective (old) clothing. Trash bags will be provided. Lunch on the ABC afterwards! Call Charlie Dodge 410 841-6269 for more information and to let us know you expect to be there.



## Annapolis Bicycle Club Bike Jerseys

Want to let people know where you're from? If you hurry, you may still be able to order a new ABC jersey. The standard short sleeve jersey is \$65, and a long sleeve will be \$70. **But** there's not much time left. You'll want to try on some samples to determine your size, and we've got around 20 anxious riders who want their jerseys as soon as possible – so you'll have to act fast to get in on this order. Delivery times will probably be in the neighborhood of mid to late July, so let's get going! Contact Jim Claffey this weekend at 410 956-5219 for orders.

## 'No Drop' Ride Around BWI

Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Hudson Trail Outfitters and the Annapolis Bicycle Club will hold an ride around BWI Airport. The ride will begin from Dixon Observation Park on Dorsey Road, which affords a fine view of the landing aircraft, along with plenty of parking, Port-O-Pots and picnic tables. The distance around the airport is approximately 12 miles, and for those with extra energy there is a connection to the B & A trail. ('No Drop' means we won't ride off and leave you!)

Check with Don Price (443-618-2703) for details. We'll mail more complete info to the club members this weekend.



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## Saturday Rides are Picking Up!

The photo shows happy riders relaxing at the Galesville West River Market after a 15 mile ride from the Davidsonville Park and Ride lot. The Memorial Day weekend weather was perfect for riding, and 15 or 20 ABC riders showed up – and we weren't the only ones. Riders from Oxon Hill Bicycle Club, Snow Valley and many others were out there enjoying the weather as well.

The ABC riders included 6 that joined our slower, 'no drop' ride. We did a little over 30 miles to Galesville and back, averaging a little over 12 mph and had a great time.

## Wednesday Morning 'No Drop' Rides



The first of the Wednesday morning 'No Drop' rides got off to a great start on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sponsored jointly by Hudson Trail Outfitters and the Annapolis Bicycle Club, 7 riders met at Terrapin Park on Kent Island and rode approximately 18 miles in glorious spring weather. Pictured are Michelle, Fred, Vivian, Nancy, Kevin, and Dave. Don Price took the picture for the Tailwind. We will have other Wednesday rides this summer – the next one is scheduled as a B & A trail and around BWI airport on June 6<sup>th</sup>. (see article on 1<sup>st</sup> page)

## (Lack of) Bicycle Legislation in Maryland

At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, interest was expressed in what laws concerning bicyclists were under consideration. The following is reprinted from a report by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, showing the fate of legislation in the Maryland General Assembly that adjourned on April 9, 2007:

### Bicycle and Pedestrian-Related

- SB 0314 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park - ***((Died at end of session!))***
- SB 0317 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway - ***((Died at end of session))***
- SB 0484 Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Pedestrian Improvements - ***Withdrawn***
- HB 0173 Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters - Rules of the Road - ***Unfavorable Report***
- HB 0205 Transportation - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Parking Lots - ***Unfavorable Report***
- HB 0240 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Eastern Regional Greenway - ***((Unfavorable Report))***
- HB 0241 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Heritage Trail and Saint Helena Park - ***((Unfavorable Report))***

They don't seem to be much interested in bicycles. If anyone in the club has any influence with the Maryland Highway Safety Office or any politicians, you might want to twist their arms a bit!

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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.

**President** – Nancy Waddington  
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Vivian Foley  
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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.

## Summer Rides

With summer weather, rides will usually go. But remember, changeable weather may cancel a ride. So call and check with your buddies to be sure you'll have company. Don't give up because of a small possibility of rain, but don't be foolish either – wet roads can be slippery and dangerous, especially after a long dry spell. And if the temperature and humidity is in the high 90's, it's especially important to check with a ride leader, and then be careful not over exert. And, be sure to keep hydrated!

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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