

# Tailwind



“ George Washington rode here ”

May 2008

## Where shall we ride? See page 2!

### Annapolis is Really Trying!



Annapolis seems serious about improving bicycle access in and around the city. Pictured are some of the Annapolis Bicycle Transportation Committee as they search for ways to join some of the currently disconnected bike paths in the area near West Street. An 8 foot wide bike trail will be constructed along Forest Drive from Chinquapin Round road to Hilltop Lane during an upcoming project. And a new statement favoring bicycle access has been prepared for inclusion in the new city Comprehensive Plan.

### Maryland Legislature – Can I ride my bike over the Bay Bridge?

The 2008 Regular Session in the Maryland General Assembly is over, and we didn't win them all – but we won a big one! It is now legal to build ***bike and walking paths on new bridges, and they can be added to existing state-owned bridges.*** One of the most common queries that come into the club via email from outside the state is 'Can I ride my bike over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge?' It won't come soon, but perhaps someday, the answer will be yes. Even sooner, we may see bike paths on the new Nice Bridge over the Potomac and on the Hattum Bridge over the Susquehanna River which is due for a refit.

Meantime, the State Senate has under consideration the Complete Streets Act of 2008 (S. 2686) which would improve bicycle and pedestrian safety by requiring the consideration of *all* users (bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users) as well as drivers when designing and constructing future transportation projects. The bill is sponsored by Senator Tom Harkin (1A). An email to your Senators today could make the difference. (for names and email addresses, see <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/> )

### Ride For Melanoma a Success

The Ride4Melanoma was successfully run on Sunday, 20 May, with a good turnout despite the threat of rain. Many riders enjoyed the various courses, and most made it without getting a wet. And, most importantly, funds were generated to help fight skin cancer. (You do remember your sunscreen lotion, don't you?)



### Useful Web Sites for Cyclists

[www.RoadBikeJourney.com](http://www.RoadBikeJourney.com) is designed to help cyclists find great roads and routes throughout the world using a combination of GPS, interactive maps, and other technologies. Cyclists can:

- Share their favorite routes (with pictures and videos) and comment on other cyclist's routes.
- View their favorite routes directly on interactive maps, or download routes directly to their GPS device or Google Earth.

[www.mapmyride.com](http://www.mapmyride.com) This site is can be used for setting up maps for local rides or rides you're planning outside of the local area. You can generate both maps, and it claims cue sheets – although I haven't found that button yet! It also attempts to generate altitude data if the hills are over about 60 meters..

## Where to Ride this Summer?

Wondering about where to ride now that summer's near? Here are some ideas currently listed under the 'Rides' page on the club web site ([www.annapolisbicycleclub.org](http://www.annapolisbicycleclub.org)). Keep an eye on the site to see other possibilities as we hear about them.

### ***Sugged Rides:***

[April 27, ROAR!](#)

[May 4, Five Boro \(New York\)](#)

[May 16-18, Tour de Chesapeake](#)

[May 17, Heritage Bike Ride \(Charles County\)](#)

[June 15, Bay to Bay](#)

[June 20 - 25, Bike Virginia](#)

[July 24-27, Cycle Across Maryland](#)

[September 20-21, Ride the Heartland - Charlotte VA](#)

[September 26-28, RiverRide](#)

### ***Crabtowne Skiers Rides:***

Crabtowne Skiers do one or two rides a month, usually at a different time than our rides, and they have generously invited us to ride along. If you can't make our regular Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday rides, or if our rides seem a bit strenuous to you, why not try some of these?

WHEN & WHERE	WHO	COST
Sunday, April 13-12 PM. - 3 PM. Jazzercycle Ride - Galesville, MD	Tom & Linda Stemmy, 410-266-5602 Tom.stemmy@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE
Sunday, May 4 - 10:00 AM. Iron Guys & Gals, Columbia, MD	Leslie Anne Shacka, 410-562-5533 Leslie.shacka@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE
Sunday May 18-9 AM. - 2 PM Oxford Loop/Easton, MD	Mary Rohde, 410-956-3037 mary.rohde@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org Teddy Blandy, 410-827-6671, teddi.blandy@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE
Saturday, June 7 - 9:00 AM Eastern Shore Loop de Loop Wye Mills, MD	Jenny Russell, 410-924-1231 Jenny.russell@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org Jim Gibbs, 410-562-2027	FREE
Saturday, June 14 - 8:30 AM York County Heritage Trail Ride New Freedom, PA	Eric Welch, 410-266-7605 Eric.welch@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org Rose Dempsey, 410-549-2243 Rose.dempsey@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE
Sunday, July 6-9 AM - 12 PM Bike the Hills of Crownsville Crownsville, MD	Jim Claffey, 410-956-5219 jim.claffey@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org Diane Gainey, 410-410-798-8848 Diane.gainey@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE
<i>Saturday, July 12-9 AM - 6 PM</i> Bike Ride and Splash Wye Mills, Maryland	Teddy Blandi, 410-827-6671, teddi.blandi@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org Tom Griffin, 410-827-6671	FREE
Saturday, August 2 - 9 AM - 6 PM Rain date - Sunday, August 3 Kent Island Trail - 27 Miles Bring a Dish to Share & Your Drinks	Bike, Swim, Croquet & Horseshoes Pat & Patty Kirby, 410-643-1542 pat.kriby@SNIPcrabtowne-skiers.org	FREE

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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 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.

## Spring Rides

With spring nearing, we can be anxious to get on the bike. But remember, changeable spring weather may cancel a ride. So call and check with your buddies to be sure you'll have company. And take it easy the first ride or two – winter inactivity may have taken its toll on those leg muscles! And be sure to come out – as soon as it warms up a bit, we'll be out there!

## Annapolis Bicycle Club Activities

- Tuesday morning - Meet at Charlie's at 9 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

## 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

Membership Year runs from March 1 to February 28. New memberships begun between November 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> terminate February and are half price.

NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF APPLICANTS OVER AGE 18:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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