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“ George Washington rode here ”

October 2008

Club Elections – Wednesday, November 19, 730 PM

Do you want more Sunday rides?

Do you want more evening rides during the week?

Do you want a newsletter?

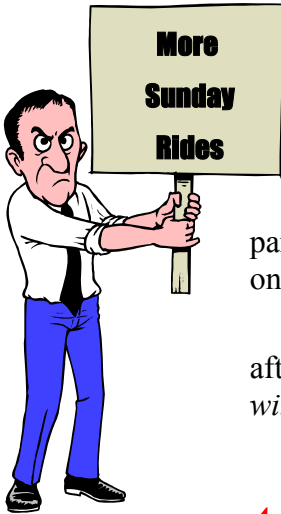
Do you want a Bicycle Club?

If you've answered 'yes' to any of the above, you need to think about actually participating in the club by accepting some responsibility beyond just mailing in a check once a year. See page two for an idea of officer's duties.

If new officers are not elected, the club will be placed on an inactive status, and after a few months if no one is willing to accept at least the position of president, *the club will be shut down* and the balance of the treasury sent to a suitable, bike-related charity.

All Club Officer positions will be open

A New President is needed – No President, No Club!



Ride Report

Easton/Oxford/St Michael's: Labor Day weekend saw 10 ABC riders having a great time on the Eastern Shore. The day was beautiful – clear, bright, just the right temperature, and no crowds.

There would have been more riders, but many were concerned about traffic due to the bridge repairs. As it turned out, it was the easiest commute ever – no backup at all going over (anybody going to the shore had gone on Friday or Saturday) and no backups whatsoever coming back – everyone over there was staying until Monday to return. This may be the weekend to schedule this in the future!



Rides This Fall

The riding season isn't over – the best is yet to come! Here's a few of the rides you can look forward to in the next few weeks. Let's get out there and enjoy the fall weather before the snow starts!

[October 4, *Seagull Century!*](#)

[October 4, *Tour du Port*](#)

[October 4, *Legacy Trail Ride \(Pittsburgh\)*](#)

[October 11, *Flaming Foliage Bike Ride*](#)

[October 12, *Potomac Heritage Bicycle Tour*](#)

[October 17 - 19, *Hanover/Gettysburg Fall Foliage Weekend*](#)

[October 25, *Between the Waters Bike Tour*](#)

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Duties of Club Officers

President: Ensure that the mail is picked up from the main Post Office on Church Circle, either by himself or by another club member. Ensure that checks are written and mailed to cover our expenses for club insurance, retaining our right to the www.annapolisbicycleclub.org name, and to the computer company that hosts our website and our mailing lists. In total, approximately 6 checks per year. Mail pickup should occur approximately once a week.

Vice President: Back up and assist the President.

Secretary: Maintain the club membership rolls on a simple database.

Treasurer: Deposit checks from membership dues and keep an eye on club funds.

Newsletter Editor: Prepare and mail (mostly email) the newsletter.

Ridemaster: Promote special rides (Sundays, evenings, Bike Virginia, CAM, etc)

Lets Learn to do it Right!



Bicycling Classes This Fall

Bicycling classes will be available this fall at Anne Arundel Community College. Classes are offered in partnership with the League of American Bicyclists.

BYC 500

Road 1

Learn the basics of bicycles, proper attire and safety equipment. Perform a bicycle safety check and learn how to make basic repairs. Identify traffic regulations pertaining to cyclists and various road hazards. Learn crash avoidance techniques. \$105 includes \$75 supplies/lab fee.

Note: Includes student manual. Must bring your own bike for both sessions. Notify instructor if you intend to take BCY 501 League Cycling Instructor Certification so that you can be issued a pre-enrollment exam.

Sec. 901 **2 Sessions Arnold**

Sa 8:30 am – 12:45 pm Oct 11

Su 8:30 am – 2 pm Oct 12

BCY 501

League Cycling Instructor Certification

Become certified to teach all League of American Bicyclists BikeEd courses. Discuss cycling skills and equipment. Learn and demonstrate basic teaching principles and techniques for various audiences. Discover how to organize and market BikeEd courses. \$250 includes \$183 supplies/lab fee

*Prerequisite: BCY 500 and successful completion of pre-enrollment exam two weeks prior to the course. Contact the League at **202-822-1333** to take the exam.*

Note: Includes student manual. Bring your own bike to all class meetings and bring appropriate nighttime bike equipment and attire to Friday's class for an evening bike ride.

Sec. 901 **3 sessions** **Arnold Campus**

F 5-9:15 pm Nov 7

Sa 8 am – 8 pm Nov 8

Su 8 am – 3 pm Nov 9

For Information, Call 410 777-2325

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<http://www.annapolisbicycleclub.org/>

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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410-956-5219

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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.

Fall Rides

With autumn 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 remember, there are lots of well sagged rides available this time of the year – now's your big chance to try a well-run Century!

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

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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

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

NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF APPLICANTS OVER AGE 18:

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Address _____ City, State _____ ZIP _____

email Address _____ Phone _____

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