

# Tailwind Express

October, 2009



## Dangerous Intersection



As of now, the Maryland Highway Administration seems to have given up on improving the MD 2 and Harwood road intersection. No money and no interest. We're taking the problem to State Legislators. Ken started preliminary talks with State Delegate Bob Costa, Dist. 33, whose district includes much of Route 2 and our riding area in South Anne Arundel County. Delegate Costa doesn't ride a bike, but he's concerned about the safety of bicyclists because he's noticed a huge increase in weekend biking on South County roads. Delegate Costa is not only a Legislator, he's a professional firefighter and Deale resident. He told me he would like to see more marked bike lanes, especially through intersections and wider road shoulders to accommodate bikes along some heavily traveled bike routes. He's agreed to help us with improving the Harwood Rd. intersection. He's completely open to new ideas about how we can get State funding for bike-related road projects because there is NO state funding. One idea he has is to bring more attention to biking and stimulate the South Anne Arundel County economy by encouraging a US Cycling sanctioned stage road race in South Anne Arundel County. If you have any reasonable or unreasonable ideas about how the State can raise funds for some bike-friendly roadwork, email me! [abc\\_pres@annapolisbicycleclub.org](mailto:abc_pres@annapolisbicycleclub.org)

We'll keep you posted – meantime, consider going an extra 0.1 mile to the School where you've got a left turn lane and some shoulder to help make the turn safer.

## Jerseys

The order for club jerseys has arrived, and many have been distributed. As soon as all those that were preordered are picked up, we'll have a few available for purchase. We'll send out a notice when the extras go on sale.

## Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: *the Seagull Century!*



Contact Joe Phillips (410)266-7585, cell (410)562-9800 if you need a bib for the ride, \$45. If you're going, it's possible to drive over, ride, and drive back in one day, but most find that a bit strenuous. If you want a motel, try south of Salisbury, near Princess Anne or below – most motels in the Salisbury or Bethany area will be sold out.

**Ride with your friends** – If you're looking for a buddy, we'll try to gather at the school side of the 'Starting Tunnel' at about 8 AM. Jim Claffey will try to hang around there at approximately 8 AM to help get some groups together. His cell phone is 410 353-5349

## Ken's Safety tip for October



I've noticed some club members drifting left and right on Saturday rides and some regularly riding in the middle of the road. Drifting left is never good!! Practice riding a straight line if you have a drifting problem. Cars, and other bicyclists, anticipate that you will not suddenly drift in front of them as they pass. Ride single file unless you're confident that you can monitor traffic behind you like more experienced riders do. I'm not discouraging you from riding side-by-side; I'm encouraging you to be aware of traffic behind you so nobody gets hurt! Thanks!

## December – March 10 AM Rides



Traditionally, our January and February rides have been held at 10 AM, and those during March through May and September through December at 9 AM. But despite global warming, we've noticed that it gets pretty cold on an early morning ride in December and in March. So it's been proposed to move the December and March rides to 10 AM. If you just *love* getting up early, you can discuss it with Ken Keeler.

## Bike DC

Tour DC on your bike – a family friendly chance to see DC from the best vantage point: your bike seat. Visit <http://www.bikedc.net/> for details.

## Swap Shop – Bike Stuff For Sale!

- **Cycleops Fluid 2 trainer** with front wheel stand in excellent condition, very little use - asking \$175.00 – call 410-562-3683
- **IRON MAN Profile Design Carbon Stryke Aerobars** in excellent condition, very little use - asking \$100.00 - 410-562-3683

## Call for ride leaders

Ride leaders wanted for all ride levels!! You can do this!! Good leadership experience, benefit package and perks! For details, contact Ken Keeler at 410-798-0093.

## Rides this Fall

[Sept 26 - 27 Ride the Heartland Century \(Charlotte Co, VA\)](#)

[Sept 26 - Oct 3 Cycle North Carolina](#)

[Sept 27 - Western Maryland Kidney Ride](#)

[Oct 4 - Tour du Port, Baltimore MD](#)

[Oct 10 - Seagull Century - Salisbury, MD](#)

[Oct 10 - Flaming Foliage Metric - Hazleton, PA](#)

[Oct 11 - Potomac Heritage Bicycle Tour](#)

[Oct 17 - Bike DC](#)

[Oct 24 - Between the Waters Tour - Nassawadox, VA](#)