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The President's column.

I would like to welcome all the new members who have joined the Annapolis Bicycle Club since February 1st and I encourage you to attend a Third Thursday Get Together so you have the change to meet other club members in a casual and friendly setting. The next TTGT takes place on April 21 at Nando's Peri-Peri at the Annapolis Mall.

Welcome to Recent new Members!

Steve Bailey, April Doss, Christy Fenner, Charles Gunter, James Johnston, Jourdan Kurtz, Yolanda Lavery, Karen Macpherson, Eileen Martin, Tina McDermott, Charles Sarau, Richard Schueneman, Nancy & Gene Schultz.

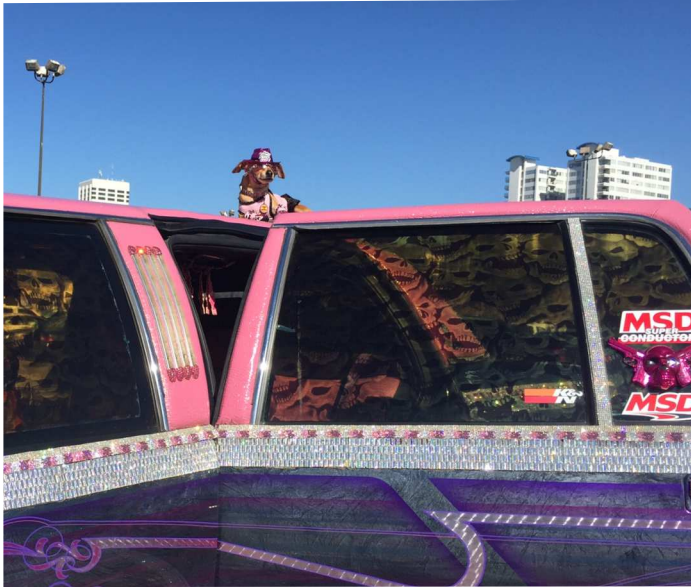
I invite all new and recent members to look up the library of club routes on our website and also on our RideWithGPS club site. You can join our RideWithGPS club for free (click here) and follow club routes with spoken turn by turn directions with the option to download the route and cue sheets for offline use. For more detailed instructions on RWGPS click here to send me an e-mail and I'll respond within a day or so.

Please join us for a regularly scheduled weekday or weekend ride, or come along on one of these popular out of area rides: Bethany Ocean to Bay, April 16; Poker Ride, April 24; and Six Pillars, May 7th. Most of these rides offer distances from roughly 40 to 100 miles so you can enjoy the event without the need to ride 100 miles.

Hoping for warmer weather soon!

Change of Ride Start Times.

As of the first week in April all Tuesday / Thursday morning rides will start at 9:00 AM from the Generals Highway Corridor park. All Weekend Rides will start at 9:00 AM from the Davidsonville Park and Ride



lot UNLESS you receive an email from Jim Black announcing a different start location or a different start time. We are a flexible bunch. The Wednesday night rides have started from the Dixon observation parking lot off Dorsey Road. The rides will start from the lot at 5:00 PM until the day length increases enough to start at 5:30 PM. The 25-30 mile ride will go around BWI airport to Pataspco Valley State Park. Pace 14-15 MPH. Jim Van Horn or Len Jones will lead. Or both!

Third Thursday Get Togethers –

February at Killarney House, Davidsonville.





March TTGT at Ellie's Place, Millersville.
Celebrating St. Patrick's Day.



Next Month at Nando's Peri-Peri / 2022
Annapolis Mall, Annapolis, MD



Earlybird Rates! REGISTER NOW!

<http://www.active.com/millersville-md/cycling/races/anne-arundel-county-lifeline-100-century-ride-2016?int=October 16, 2016>

*The Lifeline100 was a rousing success!! In our second year registration was up 30% to 670 riders! And most importantly all were safely home Sunday night. We raised \$21,000 for our non-profits and appreciate the support of more than 100 volunteers and over 50 sponsors! Read the Severna Park Voice front page story <http://www.severnaparkvoice.com/community/lifeline-100-bike-ride-and-health-fair-success> Earlybird Rates! REGISTER NOW!

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Bike AAA and Bike Maryland

Join us for some Charm City Adventures
Get pumped for Bike Month on April 30th with our Urban Adventure Rides. Three routes will guide you through historic neighborhoods and urban parks. Proceeds from this ride go towards our year-round advocacy and education initiatives.

14 Mile – Harbor Loop

The classic route from Tour du Port is back,

this time starting from the Handlebar Cafe in Fells Point. If you enjoy a leisure spin around the harbor through Downtown, Federal Hill, Locust Point, and Canton, this is the route for you. This route is mostly flat and sticks to quieter road and paved trails.

36 Mile – Urban Adventure Off-road Route

This off-road route was designed with mountain bikers and cyclocross riders in mind. You'll experience single track trails, unique riding obstacles through parks with some lesser known vistas thrown in. At the end of your ride, you'll say "I can't believe this is in Baltimore."

36 Mile – Urban Adventure On-Road Route

Think that the offroad version sounds cool but you ride skinny tires? The road route will still take you through rarely biked corners of Baltimore City following streets and paved paths, but detours around natural surface trails.

A New Bridge for Patapsco

Governor Hogan announced \$700,000 for a new bridge for trail users in Patapsco Valley State Park! This is a much-needed crossing of the river and will connect the McKeldin and Woodstock areas. Why do we want you to contact your senators? We need to make sure that the bridge stays in the budget...

3 Foot on Every Road: HB 214

The bill is still in subcommittee and we are receiving the standard feedback that legislators are worried about being stuck behind a bicyclist for miles. They should be more worried about how Maryland's law encourages drivers to squeeze pass bicyclists, prioritizing convenience over safety.

A season of season firsts.

First Ride of Spring for the Tuesday / Thursday Morning Riders, March 8.



Photo and photo magic by James Black

First Wednesday night ride from BWI.

Photo by Susan Robinson.

Beer by Anonymous.

These rides 28 to 34 mile rides start at 5:00 PM until such time as there will be daylight later enough to get back before sundown at which time the start will move to 5:30 PM. Watch your email for the announcement for the time shift.



**Saturday March 19, Frederick Covered Bridge Ride.
Jim Van Horn ride leader.**



**Saturday ride from BWI to
Ellicott City in balmy Spring like
weather.**

Sun glasses and smiles at the outside tables
in Ellicott City. For once it is not raining!

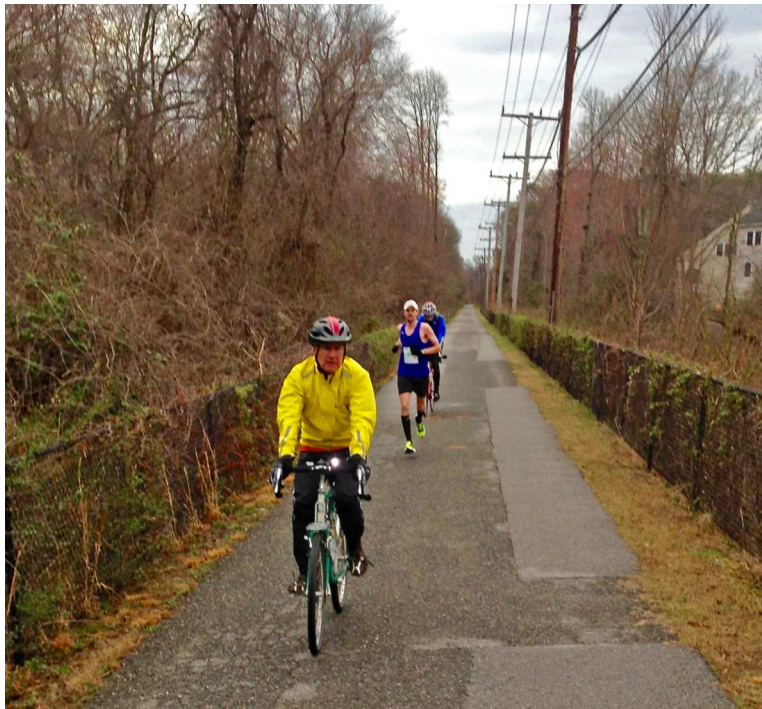




B & A Trail Marathon Support riders.

At the request of the Annapolis Striders ABC provided riders to help secure the path for the lead runners in the annual Marathon and Half Marathon. Where there were unguarded road crossings riders warned traffic of oncoming runners and warned oncoming runners of



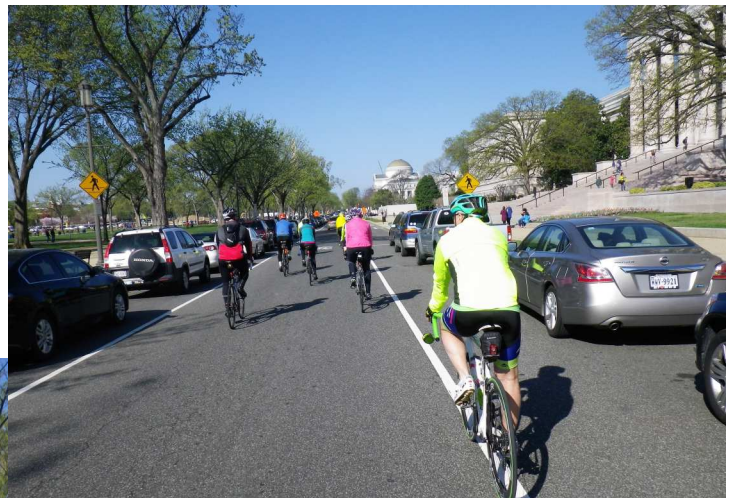


opposing runner traffic. ABC has been requested to provide this service for several years and we have always been able to provide volunteers to assist a fellow Annapolis club.

Annual Cherry blossom ride through scenic overpopulated Washington, DC.

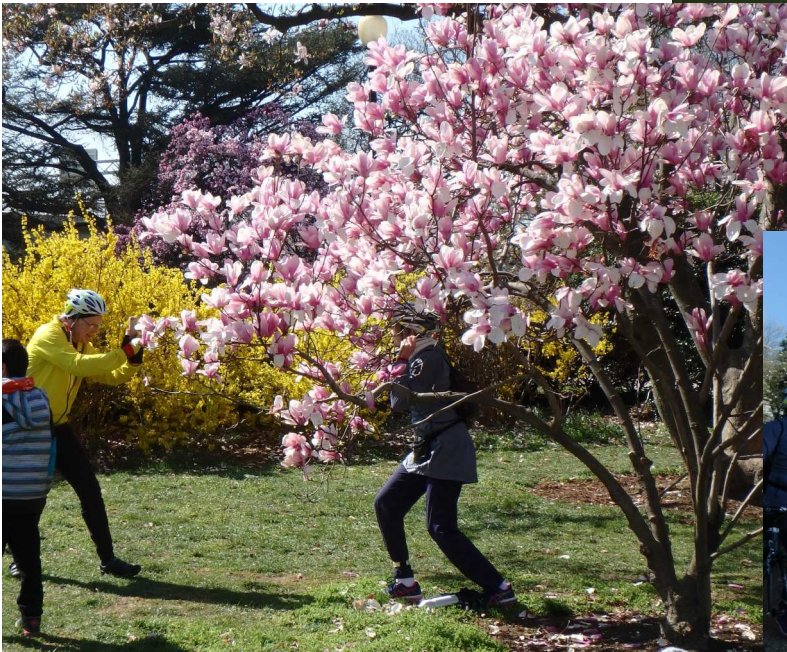
ABC President Jim Black organized and led an urban bike excursion to view the cherry blossoms and the tourists (they are a boxed set) at the peak of the well publicized blossoms. Starting at a closely guarded location of adequate on street parking we took advantage of the bike lanes through the city to East Potomac Park where we were able to actually ride through boulevards of blossoms.

Then on to the Tidal Basin where cycling was impossible and walking was strictly go with



the flow.

Eventually we rode to the waterfront and stopped for lunch.



Lunch at the fish market, DC waterfront.

ABC's Monuments Men & Women.

