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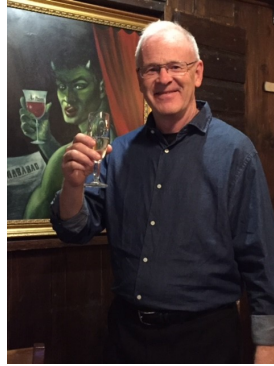
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## President's Column



Spring has arrived and with it the cycling season! Check out the rides scheduled on the ABC [website under Events](#), and don't forget our weekly rides, plus the Third Thursday Get Togethers which take place at various locations around Anne Arundel County. Please take pictures - and send them to [editor@annapolisbicycleclub.org](mailto:editor@annapolisbicycleclub.org).

There are some out of area club rides on the schedule, notably an [Eastern Shore Ride on May 4th](#) that's a less expensive alternative to the Six Pillars ride; and a [Fire Fighter Upper 50 ride on June 15th](#) - a good warm up for the [FireFighter 50 event](#) in late July. Also, ABC has a team riding in the [Komen Maryland Promise Ride](#) on June 22nd - contact Andrew Beron for more information at [awberon@gmail.com](mailto:awberon@gmail.com).

## May is National Bike Month!

Events include:

- May 15 – Ride of Silence. The annual Anne Arundel County Ride of Silence ride commemorating killed and injured cyclists, held by Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, starts at Germantown Elementary School, 200 Windell Ave, Annapolis. 6:45pm Ceremony; 7:00PM Ride Start.
- May 17 – Bike to Work Day. This national event has numerous local meetup points with the main event at Market Place in Annapolis. For questions or to volunteer, please email [bike2work@bikeaaa.org](mailto:bike2work@bikeaaa.org). For more information and free registration that will get you a T shirt, please visit [2019 Bike2Work Day](#).



## Volunteers needed!

- Our club needs another newsletter editor to produce two issues of the Tailwind Express each year. Please contact me (Jim Black) if you're interested: [ABC@AnnapolisBicycleClub.org](mailto:ABC@AnnapolisBicycleClub.org)
- The Ride for the Feast needs a cyclist to monitor and assist cyclists on the B&A trail on Sunday morning May 12th, for about 3 hours. To learn more [contact me](#) or Heather VanKeuren at [heather@spectrumprinting.com](mailto:heather@spectrumprinting.com).

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## BikeAAA Updates

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Incorporated is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit focused on creating a healthier, more livable Annapolis and Anne Arundel County by promoting bicycling for transportation, recreation and fitness. We will advocate for better bicycling conditions and transportation choices; and educate children, adults, and motorists about safe bicycling.

## [Anne Arundel County & Annapolis named a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists](#)



BikeAAA has been the catalyst for this milestone since our launch in 2013. We now have an advocacy group, a Bike Commission, a full-time Bike/Ped Planner and office of Transportation at the county, over 60 miles of bike routes, record-level trail-building and bike lane marking, new legislation, our [Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 Century Ride](#) signature event, bikeshare, awesome partners and more. We've had full support from Steve Schuh and that is continuing with Steuart Pittman; and Mayor Gavin Buckley is all in! Thank you [Anne Arundel County](#), [The City Of Annapolis](#), partners and cyclists! This is a big milestone but we have so much more to do, especially to build out our safe network. Now on to Silver! The media release from the county is below:

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## Upcoming Events

BikeAAA hosts, partners, supports, promotes and participates in events including bike safety, bike commuting, group/club rides, charity rides, biking to community events and advocacy at the local, county and state level.

### Save the Date:

**May 8 Bike to School Day** – Join hundreds of county children for this annual national event. Lots of local public and private elementary schools participate. To learn more, visit the national [BiketoSchool site](#) or email [bike2school@bikeaaa.org](mailto:bike2school@bikeaaa.org)

**May 15 – Ride of Silence.** The annual Anne Arundel County Ride of Silence ride commemorating killed and injured cyclists, held by Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA), typically starts at Germantown Elementary School, 200 Windell Ave, Annapolis and will consist of members of all major bicycling clubs in the area. The escorted ride will follow a predetermined route through Annapolis before finishing at Germantown Elementary School. More [HERE](#).

6:45pm Ceremony

7:00PM Ride Start

**May 17 - Bike to Work Day** – Ride to work with dozens of others! Meetup points around the county.

Details and register for your free T shirt: <https://sites.google.com/baltometro.org/home/our-work/b2wd?authuser=0>

**Lifeline 100—October 6**

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## Upcoming Rides/Events

Refer to the Events calendar on the ABC website (<http://annapolisbicycleclub.org/>) for all events, dates, times, happy hour specials, etc.

In the event that a ride is canceled or postponed, the ABC Communications Officer will try to keep everybody informed as to the status of rides, but you might want to make a habit of contacting ride leaders prior to rides with questionable weather forecasts.



### Weekday rides:

- ⇒ Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10:00AM Generals Highway Corridor Park (27 miles)
- ⇒ Wednesday night, 5:30 PM Dixon Aircraft Observation Area parking lot (25-30 miles)
- ⇒ Wednesday night, 5:00PM Davidsonville Park (not the Park & Ride) (22 miles ~15 mph)

### Weekend rides:

- ⇒ Saturdays, 9:00AM Davidsonville Park (not the Park & Rid) (42-mile ride ~15-16 MPH ride);
- \* Distance and speed may vary depending on the participants.
- ⇒ Saturdays, 9:00AM Davidsonville Park (31-mile ride to Galesville, ~14 MPH NO DROP ride)

Or join one of our sponsors, Bike Doctor, Arnold, every Thursday night for a NO DROP ride from the store, 5:30-7:30

### Upcoming club favorite supported rides:

- ⇒ Ocean to Bay, Saturday, April 27, 2019, Fenwick Island, DE
- ⇒ Bay to Bay, Sunday, June 23, 2019, Betterton, MD



### TTGTs:

- \* April 18, Neo's Pizza, Annapolis Town Centre, 220 Harker PL, Suite 145
  - ◇ The ABC President will give a HIGH FIVE to anybody that can tell us "what is PERI-PERI"!
- \* May 16, Nando's Peri-Peri, Westfield Annapolis, 2002 Annapolis Mall Rd



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Trash cans in Copenhagen are angled so that cyclists can throw their trash while cycling.

(Let's get our BikeAAA guys working on this for Annapolis!)



### A new rest stop!

A shiny new Dunkin Donuts shop has opened at the former site of a gas station on Route 2 in Lothian, located on our Saturday morning cycling route about a quarter mile north of the traffic circle where Bayard & Rt 408 and Rt 2 intersect. The shop has a patio with outdoor furniture in place already, in early March! Yum!

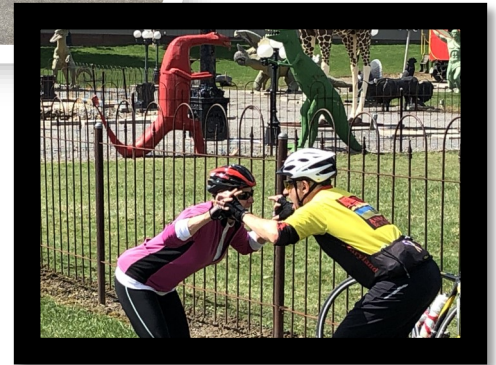
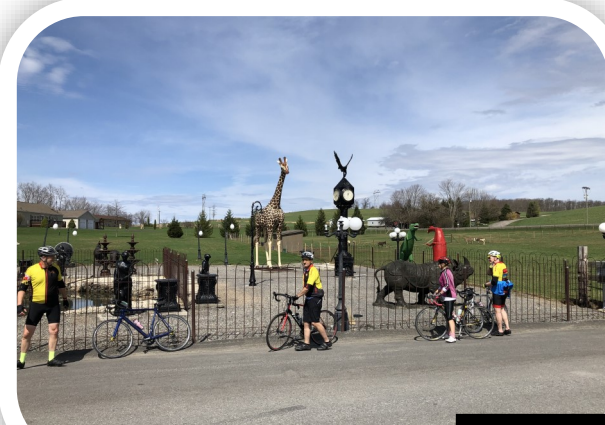


Frederic Covered Bridges ride.  
10/14/2018



Great looking group for the Saturday, 3/30 ride!

Deep Creek



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### First Wednesday South County Ride, 4/3/2019



Small but impressive group!

### TTGT, 10/18/2018, Molly's



### TTGT 12/20/2017, Neo's Pizza



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Yearly NCR Hunt Valley to New Freedom PA Trail Ride, 10/28/2018



Every Fall, Jim Van Horn leads a group on the 42-mile NCR Trail (not recommended for skinny-tired road bikes). This very wet Fall of 2018 made it incredibly muddy, but the riders are still popping with color and smiles!

As is customary on this ride, our beautiful club gnome model shows off her gnome tattoo for the lucky gnomes on Gnome Hill.

Be sure to check it out next year.!



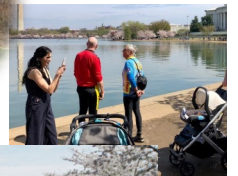
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## Cherry Blossom Ride, 4/7/2019

The cool morning turned into a sunny and warm day, and we had a near-record turnout with 12 riders, one of whom traveled from Atlanta, Georgia to participate and four Sussex Cyclists members (including Susan Robinson and David Bleil) drove in from Delaware for the occasion. We rode through the grounds of the US Capitol building, down the National Mall dodging a massive collection of food trucks, around West Potomac Park and Hains Point, stopping at the Jefferson Memorial. The views were wonderful, most of the cherry blossoms were still on the trees but they were starting to fall each time the breeze picked up. We proceeded into Northern Virginia, returning into DC on the Memorial Bridge and stopped at the Lincoln Monument and the Korean War Memorial before moving on to the Martin Luther King Memorial. Then we biked across town to Eastern Market where we stopped for lunch before returning to our cars.



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# ABC Winter Party, January 27, 2019

The 2019 ABC Winter Party and Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at the All American Steakhouse in Odenton, MD. Many thanks to all that provided prizes for the group! And, of course, many, many thanks to our own personal Vanna White and Pat Sajak (Karen and Jim Van Horn) for mediating the board elections and give-aways.



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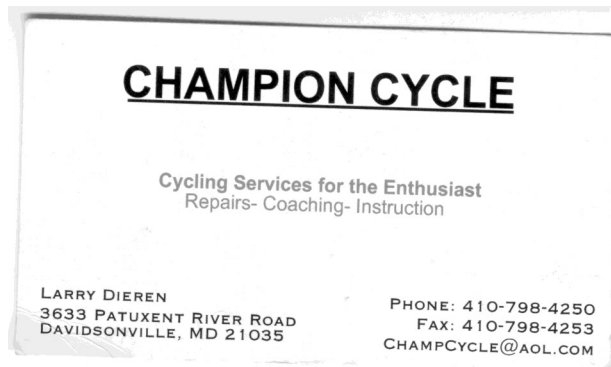
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ABC members get 10% off purchases at Bike Doctor—Crofton. Go talk to Ernest about lights for your bike or a new MIPS helmet!



Ensure your bike is ready for fall riding. Schedule an appointment today with Larry Dieren. Larry is sure to give you a great deal with a smile!