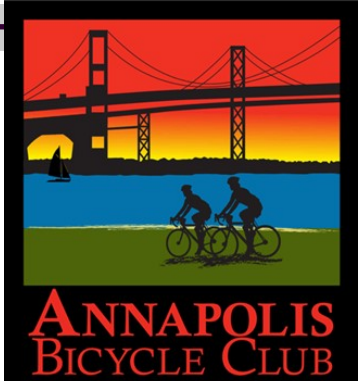


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President's Column



Thanks go out to all of our members for a rewarding summer and autumn cycling season. We rode many new routes as well as the favorites. I'm sure we each have many fond memories of what we accomplished whether it was inside on the trainer, at our social events, or on the road. Our annual picnic was very well attended at Quiet Waters Park with 45 members and guests and Third Thursday Get Togethers at places like Davidsonville Park pavilion in addition to Zoom kept up the laughs and fellowship. Applause to Linda Jones and LJ Reiter. Thanks to the long standing Tuesday and Thursday group who had anywhere from 3-15 riders each ride, all season long thanks to John Richardson and the gang. I hope to join you in a week or two. Wednesday around BWI grew and we upped our speed and distances as the season progressed. Found some great new roads and beverages too. We'll definitely miss regular rider and ride leader Jim Van Horn who's heading for a warmer latitude soon. South County Wednesday with Tina, Rob, and RJ leading provided even more after work opportunities. I enjoyed a few of those myself. Too bad we just lost our daylight or I'm sure we'd still be gathering. The Sunday morning ride with Lynn Mullineaux became an instant success and even helped grow our membership. The brunch rides, social rides, numerous metrics, and a dozen full centuries really stretched our legs. Thanks again to our outstanding Ride Coordinators Eric Veit and Chris Higgins for keeping the calendar full and interesting and to the ride leaders who kept us moving and safe. We are a success thanks to all of our members!

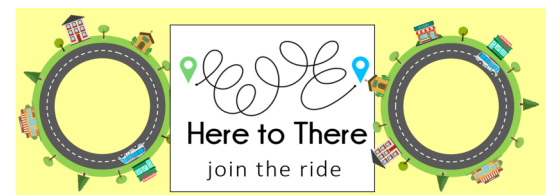
Speaking of members, we have added 55 new members to our ranks bringing us up to 181 which is a record, some of whom have starting being ride leaders already which is excellent for all of us. Please introduce yourselves and feel right at home. I hope everyone has joined our exclusive Strava Club and is enjoying the new ABC app. Feel free to post your pictures and thoughts on our Facebook page too.

ABC leadership consisting of our treasurer Kathy Mathews, at large board members Jim Van Horn, Len Jones, Chris Higgins, and I set our dues at \$30 in order to maintain our outstanding program and keep up with information technology and insurance cost increases. We now have single year and multi year membership options. I'm also thinking of a low cost college student option to encourage new cyclists to come aboard. We also made a donation to BikeAAA who promotes safe cycling on our behalf. Each of us are automatically members in BikeAAA so please take advantage of the organization.

Looking ahead, we have many rides coming up the rest of the year and have started to post adventure rides and organized rides for 2021. We are starting to think about our annual meeting after the new year where we gather for good times and to elect the president, vice-president, and treasurer for a year of service. More to come later on that but please express your interest in serving the club. It's both time consuming but very rewarding. Kathy has been a great treasurer and advisor and is very appreciated along with our at large board members. And thank you to our newsletter editors Sandi and Rob for another fine Tailwind Express.

Thanks again for everything and lets keep doing what we enjoy.

John Tyrrell



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Ride Coordinator Profile –Eric Veit

Each issue we will provide a profile of a member of the Leadership Committee so you can get to know them better. In this issue, we profile a new Ride Coordinator, Eric Veit.



Hi, I'm Eric Veit, the local ride coordinator this year for ABC. I grew up on a Schwinn as a child of the 70's & 80's in upstate New York suburbia, riding to my baseball games, community pool, and friends' houses. I first came to Maryland to attend the Naval Academy, and bought a Trek hard-tail mountain bike early in my Marine Corps career. I spent a lot of time on that bike in the DC area when I was stationed there in the early 90's, but along the way I got married, had two kids, settled in Annapolis, spent a lot of time involved with youth sports, and my Trek 930 gathered a lot of dust. I rediscovered cycling, and bought my first road bike, in early 2018, motivated to get fit again and join some Annapolis friends taking part in an annual charity event with the Climate Ride organization. We rode over 300 miles over 4 days in Northwest Michigan that September, and last year it was 400 miles over 5 days from Bar Harbor to Boston, raising money for various environmental causes.

Despite all those miles, I found my Climate Ride friends didn't like to ride as much as I, and I needed some company on the roads. I learned of ABC last year from Chris Adair at the Annapolis Velo shop, and immediately found ABC rides welcoming and challenging, and a great way to learn new routes. I volunteered to help coordinate rides this year to make sure we were offering a good variety and number of organized rides each weekend, particularly as our numbers grow and include both new and experienced road cyclists. We want to be sure we're offering something for everyone, but we need volunteer ride leaders to make that happen. If you know your way around our local roads, know how to help someone change a flat, and have a bit of common sense, self-confidence and charisma, you can be a ride leader and choose where and when we ride, so please consider volunteering for this role so we can continue to grow our club. Hope to see you out there this fall, and maybe even virtual you on Zwift this winter!

Join
the
ride

New Member Profile—Michael Doshier

In each issue we try to introduce the club readership to a new ABC member. In this edition, we have a profile from Lucy Passaniti.



Hello ABC! My name is Michael Doshier and I just joined the group last month. I am very excited to start participating in rides and events with you all. I recently relocated to Annapolis from Northern California. We had just settled into our new home (my wife Patty and I) when the Coronavirus pandemic struck. After 7 LONG months without much social interaction, I realized my hobby of riding my bike should serve as a starting point for me to search for some new connections in my new community. A little web research and a few phone calls later, and here I am! I have always been a biking enthusiast, but have never been a part of a club before. After having done my first ride last weekend (the 25 mile south county ride with Lynn), I am even more excited about this opportunity. I have recently become an empty nester (the last of three kids was off to college) and now between no kids to physically take care of and my job becoming almost 100% virtual via Zoom at my new "home office", I am looking to find more ways to enjoy things like the local rides you all organize and run. Looking forward to riding (and socializing) with as many of you as I can! Thanks for the warm welcome!

2020 New Members

Acosta, Judy
Biddle, Nora
Bohnsack, Robert
Brown, Steven
Browne, Clare
Burns, Scott
Collins, John
Crone, Tricia
Dabney, David
Dewire, Philip and Katie
Doshier, Michael
Ector, Sean
Enriquez, Reginald
Fawcett, Andrew
Gavin, Jonathan
Hill, Ronald
Gibboney, Matthew

Kennedy, Christopher
Kramer, Michael
Kroh, Collin
Landers, Dean
Letteney, Peter
Liciaga, Justin
Love, Jeffrey
Maltese, Terry
Marks, Jeffrey
Marchick, David
Martinez, Rick H
Mata, Silvester
May, Christian
McDonough, Ruth
Moore, Tom
Nethen, Robert
Orr, Elisabeth

Passaniti, Mary
Passaniti, Sebastiano
Rudoff, Alex
Schell, Barbara
Segev, Steve
Sheehan, Patricia
Sieracki, Frederick
Simon, John
Simponpietri, Andre
Socha, Becky
Stokes, Jacqueline
Tayman, Michael
Walker, Paul
Waring, Cindy
Williams, John
Winter, David
Witt, John
Wunderlick, Linda
Zeckowski, Jason

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Upcoming Rides/Events

See the “[Rides & Event Calendar](#)” on our [club website](#) for the latest, most comprehensive list of rides.

- November 7, 9:30, ABC Glen Arm 27.7 and Das Bierhalle Lunch

Regular Club Rides:

- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00AM Generals Highway Corridor Park (27 miles)
- Wednesday night, 5:30 PM - CANCELED for the winter

Christmas idea—how about an ABC kit!?

Check out the ABC kit on the [website](#)! It would be a great Christmas present for any biker!



Announcements

REMINDER: ABC has discontinued our US Post Office Box in Annapolis. Please contact the treasurer if you would like to mail in a renewal check instead of paying on-line.

Call for Ride Leaders

Like any growing cycling club, **we can always use more Ride Leaders**, especially at the 13-14 MPH and 14-15 MPH speeds on Saturdays.

Let Eric Veit know that you are interested in leading and we'll train you for the role. Thanks to our longstanding and new Ride Leaders who have stepped up so far! You really make a difference to ABC.



Call for Tailwinds Editors

As AWESOME as our editors are, they could use some help collecting content and producing the newsletters. Please contact John Tyrrell at abc_pres@annapolisbicycleclub.org if you would like to help.



REMINDER: AAA Members in MD have Bike Road Side Service at no additional charge. Call AAA to verify the information (and always ride with somebody that has AAA!).



BICYCLE ADVOCATES FOR ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

BIKEAAA is a 503C advocating safe cycling in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Remember that your membership with ABC automatically grants you membership with BikeAAA. Read below about all the accomplishments of this group! Please feel free to GET INVOLVED!

The following information has been extracted from recent BIKEAAA.ORG communications.

Attend the BIKEAAA Virtual Annual Meeting November 18

You must register in advance to participate via Zoom using the link below. The meeting will also be streamed live to the BikeAAA Facebook Group page.

When: November 18, 2020, 7:00PM-8:15PM
Register [HERE](#)

Save the Date: the seventh Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 is already scheduled for October 3, 2021. 15 and 30 mile trail rides and 60 and 100 mile scenic tours with water and historic views. All to support local non-profits!



3 Foot Passing Now Applies to ALL Road!

Maryland's 3 foot passing law has always had an exception for roads too narrow to legally give 3 feet. That means many of the the roads we ride with no shoulders and double yellow line have not leagally required 3 feet. Thanks to years of work by Bike Maryland, BikeAAA and others, [HB 230](#) sponsored by De. Wells and cross-filed by Senator Lee was passed and went into effect October 1, 2020. The new law permits crossing the double yellow to safely pass a bicyclist with all the usual caveats of safe passing—clear sight line, no oncoming traffic, adequate time, et. This means 3 FEET is now required on all Maryland roads!

County Land Use Policy Must Promote Safe Biking and Walking To Reduce Traffic!

Anne Arundel County's General Development Plan (GDP) will guide land use for the next 20 years. The council has already approved the Move Anne Arundel! Transportation Plan which calls for reducing traffic by shifting from single occupancy vehicles to walking, biking and transit. That is the best way to reduce traffic, protect our environment, improve health and reduce the cost of living. The GDP must have land use goals, strategies and policies that create places where people can live, work and play without daily car use, especially in town centers and near transit. Your voice matters so please [provide your input now!](#)

Anne Arundel County & City of Annapolis Awarded MD Bikeways [Grants!](#)

Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis were each awarded Maryland Kim Lamphier Bikeways Grants in September 2020. The \$600,000 county grant will design a trail extension to the existing BWI Trail spur that currently goes to Maple Ave. in Linthicum. This will accelerate the plan to connect Anne Arundel County trails with Baltimore City trails. Annapolis received a \$224,000 grant to design "low-stress bike connectors" in a variety of places in the City in order to connect existing trails and bike lanes to create a network. BikeAAA and the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission were both instrumental in developing and pursuing these grants. BikeAAA was also active in getting MDOT to increase the overall amount of the Bikeways program and getting a bill passed that names the program for Kim Lamphier, our clear and active voice for safe biking, who we lost to cancer last year.

Mountain Biking in Moab, Utah (last Fall)

As a reminder that better days WILL be coming when cyclists will be able to go on trips of exploration again, here is a photo journal and 6-minute video (<https://youtu.be/UgHDz9Un5qk>) of a trip I took to Moab, Utah last fall. My group met up at the Moab Brewery before the ride and camped locally. The ride began the next day at Bears Ears, south of Moab, at an elevation above a mile. Over the next four days, we cycled on mostly gravel roads from higher elevations to ultimately end up in Moab, on the Colorado river. We saw amazing scenery over the 100 mile plus trip, camped each night, and rehydrated ;-) copiously each night. I joined my brother-in-law on the trip. He is in many pictures with me, and is the one whose tent blew away for hundreds of yards across the desert as he was putting it up (in the video he is carrying it back on his shoulders). I hope you enjoy the pictures and video as much as I enjoyed the trip. Remember, better days WILL be coming!

- Paul Doughty



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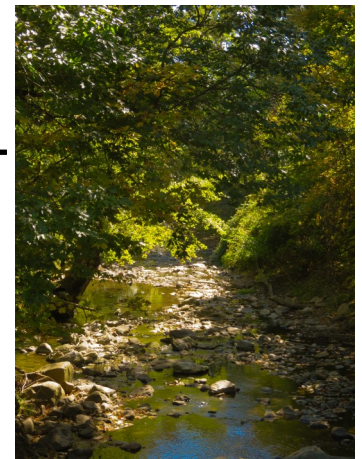
September ride from Seneca to Sugarloaf Mountain



Thurmont Covered Bridges Ride



Move along you annoying bikers!



View from the third bridge



Break time! AGAIN??



Spring House



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Wicomico Country Ride—July, 2020

Nice job with the selfies, guys!



TTGT, Davidsonville Park, August, 2020

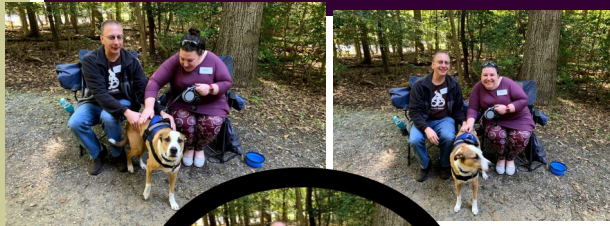
Oxford Ferry Ride, June 23, 2020



Deale Ride, 10/31



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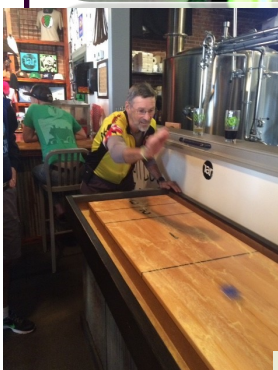
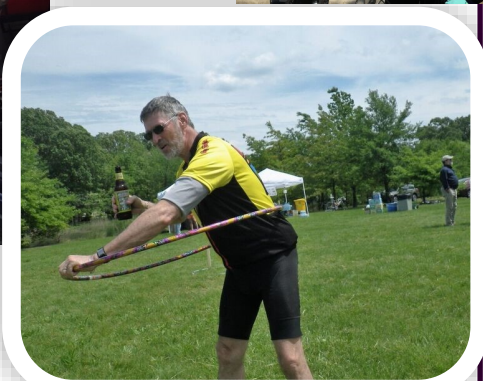


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Congratulations and Farewell to Jim and Karen Van Horn

ABC wishes Jim and Karen Van Horne safe travels on their new journey to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (with a stop in Iowa along the way)! Jim is one of ABCs most beloved members, that may be slow as sludge on the flats, but man, can that skinny little butt climb hills! You may remember Jim playing music on the rides—he has the voice of an angel—and usually has at least 2 beers lined up at the TTGTs. It is unusual to have such an inspirational person touch so many lives! Anne Arundel County will definitely not be the same without that cute couple! Hopefully they will have a house big enough to host some weekend bike trips!

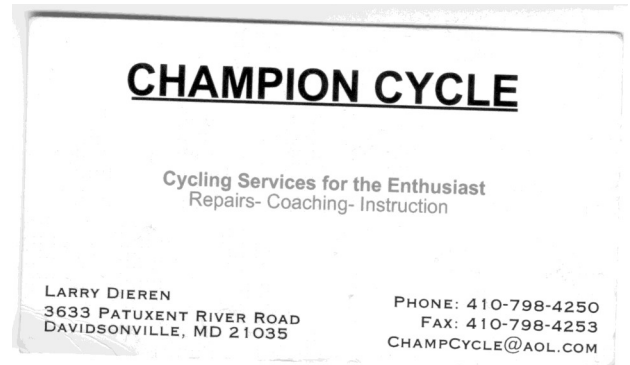


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Ensure your bike is ready for fall riding. Schedule an appointment today with Larry Dieren. Larry is sure to give you a great deal with a smile!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

BIKE SAFELY!