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Join the Ride - Club Anniversary



A Message from the President

It was a thrill to celebrate the 30th anniversary of ABC at a gala-style annual meeting recently held at Live! Casino Hotel with 38 new and long-term members and guests. The pictures tell the story. We are a vibrant and thriving organization that has increased membership and variety of events from casual to very challenging as our founders 30 years ago hoped for.

We re-elected our officers for another year and recognized medalists Linda Reiter, Len Jones, Chris Higgins, Dr. Love, and Mary McCall for their outstanding service to the Club. Again, we thank you all.

The ABC Tour of Maryland Challenge trophy recipients are Chris Higgins, Eric Veit, Khalil Kods, Paul Garza, and John Tyrrell who had substantial rides in all Maryland counties and Baltimore City. You may see details of the Challenge on our website home page and how to participate and slay it.

We look forward to recognizing members again next year for their support and accomplishments. Continue to contact our Ride Coordinators when you have an idea or request for a ride. They will work with you to keep our calendar well populated and busy.

Thank you and well done to all!

-John Tyrrell

A Word from One of Our Advocates-

ABC and BikeAAA: Partners From The First Pedal Stroke!

Jon Korin and his wife moved to Severna Park from Olney, MD in 2011. One of his first connections in the area was joining ABC and doing weekend rides in south county. He retired in 2012 and became a regular on the Tuesday/Thursday morning ride, entered the Leadership Anne Arundel Flagship program in 2012 and biked down to their opening retreat in Annapolis. A group of 6 took on a project called "How do we make the county more bike-friendly?". They learned that the City of Annapolis had recently applied for Bike-friendly Community status from the League of American Bicyclists and failed to make the lowest level, Bronze. Among the deficiencies was the lack of a local bike advocacy group. In the spring of 2013, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County ("BikeAAA") launched and later obtained 501c3 status. Early BikeAAA board members from ABC included Ken Keeler and Steve Miller.

At the 2013 ABC winter social, Jon talked about the BikeAAA launch and short/ long term goals. ABCer and County Recreation & Parks Marketing Director Colleen Joseph ran up after the talk and described their vision for a "park to park to park" bike event. Around the same time, BikeAAA connected with Anne Arundel County Police who were also contemplating a community bike event. The 3 groups

came together, and on a chilly Sunday in October, 2014 we held the inaugural Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100. The "experiment" drew over 500 participants of all ages and abilities from age 4 to over 80-somethings. ABC was our very first Lifeline 100 sponsor and ABCer Susan Robinson was lead for organizing our rest stops supported by ABC volunteers. Susan later passed the lead to Jim Miner, who together with wife Linda continue to lead our food purchase, distribution and rest stop staffing with dozens of ABC captains and volunteers.



In 2014, ABC hosted a program featuring Bike Law, a national leader and advocate in handling bike crash cases. Bike Law said "every bike club member should also be an advocacy group member". BikeAAA launched its Club Member arrangement whereby local clubs make an annual donation to BikeAAA and provide their member list

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to expand BikeAAA's reach. ABC was the first Club Member and today we have all 5 major local riding clubs as members. In 2016 ABCer and AAMC nurse Tina Frye joined the BikeAAA board and also played a big role in the Lifeline 100 while also bringing BikeAAA closer to Anne Arundel Medical Center who remains a BikeAAA partner to this day. Long time ABC president Jim Black has supported BikeAAA and Lifeline 100 from inception and has served on the BikeAAA board for several years. ABCer Tim Yarborough has been a Lifeline 100 SAG Driver every year (he keeps his SAG kit in his car all year round). ABCer John Wilson has been one of our most generous annual donors.

ABC consistently participates in our events, such as Bike to Work Day, Ride of Silence, and the BikeAAA Annual Meeting, as well as online events focused on bike infrastructure, safety laws and other topics of interest. Most recently, ABCer Richard Schoenfeld organized a virtual program about Major Taylor, a legendary world-class bike racer who was a pioneering black cyclist. ABC and BikeAAA co-hosted the program.



The Annapolis Bicycle Club is a wonderful, growing tight-knit cycling club who bring new people to cycling with weekly rides, events, and social gatherings. We encourage club riders to also ride for transportation when you can – to the store, work, park or other destinations. BikeAAA is your voice for safe cycling as we continue to advocate for more and better infrastructure, laws, and safer behavior among drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. At the same time we promote safe cycling for transportation, recreation and fitness for people of all ages and abilities. ABCers are also participating in our Wheels of Hope bike refurbishment program, our new Cycling Without Age program providing rides on a “trishaw” for seniors with limited mobility, our Children’s Bike Safety Parks and a host of other programs and advocacy initiatives. After advocating for a County Bike Commission, a county Bike/Pedestrian Planner, new laws and safety programs and dozens of new miles of trail and bike lanes, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County received Bronze Bike-friendly Community status in 2018. To learn more about BikeAAA, please visit the www.bikeaaa.org website and join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/bikeaaa.

Safe riding!

-Jon Korin

PHOTO GALLERY: ABC 30th Anniversary Party - 3/12/23



ABC 30th Anniversary Party



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ABC 30th Anniversary Party & Awards



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