



**Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society
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Greetings to All AABTS Members,

First:

I would like to take a brief moment to thank the club membership for electing me to the Board of Directors at the last Pot Luck Dinner,

and

to thank the Board of Directors for electing me to serve our club membership as Chairperson on the Board of Directors, at the most recent board meeting.

I look forward to working with everyone, to continue the good works of the AABTS.

Second:

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the club membership the results of the most recent actions your club representatives have taken.

At the Board of Directors Meeting we took up the matter of "bookend miles," which has been in various stages of discussion and deliberation for some time now.

After much discussion, review and careful deliberation a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to make it **official club policy that, starting June 1, 2009, "bookend miles", miles ridden to and from your home to a scheduled aabts ride - will be officially recognized towards your club mileage total.**

- (and as such will be reflected in the mileage shown in your yearly embroidered patch)

All that is necessary is that you add the actual bookend mileage to the miles you're riding with the club, on the club route that day, and enter that total amount on the ride sheet.

(If your bike computer battery is dead or you don't have a bike computer, you can use Google maps to accurately get the mileage from your home to the ride start)

Bookend miles are not to be confused with commuter miles: mileage accumulated commuting to and from work; to and from the store; or just riding around town miles.

AABTS has a separate recognition of those miles at the end of the year. You may keep track of those miles yourself and can submit them once, at the end of the year.

For example: I personally prefer and use a free on-line bike journal (www.bikejournal.com) to record my rides, both aabts rides and non club rides.

It's a wonderful website, friendly, full of features, easily customizable and will get the job done.

If you join (did I mention it's FREE?) be sure to visit the AABTS Club Section and join us there, on the web too.

In closing, I'd like to convey my thanks to all of the AABTS members for being such a helpful and friendly group of dedicated cyclists, without whom, I would probably not still be riding today.

Best Regards,

Don Broadway

(AABTS Board of Directors Chairperson)