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SERVICE GETS ITS JUST REWARD

By Lynda Collins

The April Potluck introduced a new award, the Service Award. According to President Doug Tidd, "Any club's survival is due to the actions of its key members who work tirelessly year after year, often without due recognition. This award honors those members who give their time to making the various aspects of the club work smoothly and well." Four members were chosen this first time since the awards were long overdue. Carole Hann, Ann Hunt, Vickie Smith, and Jan Shubitowski are the first recipients of this award. Each of them has filled numerous roles and worked many hours for the club and its members.

Carole Hann currently coordinates traffic safety at the Gregory Food Stop for OHR. She is also in charge of helmet giveaways twice this year. In the past, since joining the club in 1996, she has served as the Safety Committee Chairperson, One Helluva Ride Safety and Public Relations Chairperson, League of American Bicyclists Road Class Chairperson and an instructor for Safety Cycling classes. She was also vice-chair with Dave Adams for the One Helluva Ride and was the editor of the newsletter.



Ann Hunt Receiving Her Service Award
from the President and Board

Ann Hunt is in her sixth year as Facilities Chairman (or co-chair) for One Helluva Ride, lays out the Weekly and Winter Ride Calendars as a member of the Ride Calendar Committee, and has worked as Membership Co-chair on and off since 1984. She maintains the club membership database as well as the databases for OHR volunteers and potential OHR riders. She regularly proofreads the newsletter and ride calendar and sees that they get printed and distributed.

Vickie Smith, who has been a member since 1983, each year gathers the volunteers for OHR. She also is a member of the Ride Calendar committee with primary responsibility for Invitational Rides. For many years she has kept track of the mileage records for the club. In the past she has served as Publicity Chairman, been a co-editor of the newsletter, and co-chaired OHR with Chris Flaviani.

Jan Shubitowski is another long time member and worker. She has been involved in all levels of the annual invitational ride, One Helluva Ride, almost every year. In 1986 she was Publicity Chairman and in 1996 with Dan Harrison co-chaired the entire event. Since 1990 she and Dan have been developing, ordering, handling and presenting the 500-mile patches. She also has created the presentation of the lifetime patches for the annual spring potluck. This includes determining the winners, researching the lifetime mileage history, and scripting the presentation. Probably Jan's most visible contribution is the Table Lotto schemes presented at the Potluck dinners. In Jan's words, "Table Lotto started as a way to avoid the rush to the buffet table. Calling numbers soon became boring, so, I started employing bike-themed Call-outs. The earliest were simple: names of bike parts, makes of bikes, or invitational ride names. Now almost anything goes. The most popular schemes involve food. A delicious topic was Types of Pies. A Taste of Biking spotlighted locally produced foods."

MORE AWARDS, MILES, PRIZES, SERVICE, AND TROPHIES

By Paul Bjornstad

The Spring Potluck is always a special time for AABTS. It is important because it gives us an opportunity to thank those who gave their time and effort to make 2010 an incredible success. It is also a time to celebrate those who joined us on many club rides and accumulated some impressive mileage.

First let me mention the three men who won trophies for their extraordinary mileage: John Finnegan 13,187 miles, John Pierce 9,852 miles and finally Tom Sleeker with 8,410 miles. Congratulations!

The women who won trophies are as follows: Sharon Sleeker with 6,351, Jenny Young with 6,205 miles and Jan Shubitowski with 5,950 miles. Again congratulations for an inspiring riding season.

All this would not be possible were it not for the dedication of our many ride leaders. You get credit for each ride you lead. These credits are accumulated and a drawing is held. The winners this year are as follows: Bud Preston, Tom Sleeker, Terence Treppa, Will McWhirter, Dorothy Stock, Mick Osman, John Finnegan, Vickie Smith, Elizabeth Tidd, Vivian Phillips, Terri Keppler, Carole Hann, Jeff McNally, Gail Preston, Jeanette Hescheles, Jeff Witzburg, John Bain, Beth Caldwell, Connie Cavanaugh, Bob Rawson, Joe Skurka, Sharon Sleeker, Maury Kroopnick and Chuck Hescheles.

The prizes they received should gladden the heart of any club member. Gift certificates to Main Street Ventures, Wheels in Motion, Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors, Midwest Tandem, Two Wheel Tango, North Side Grill, Zou-Zou's, Panera Bread, and Barnes & Noble were presented.

I hope this inspires you to all get back on your bikes, lead lots of rides and travel many, many miles.

**AABTS SPRING POTLUCK AWARDS
THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2011**



Steu White & Sharon Sleeker With Their 60,000 Mile Lifetime Patches



Vickie Smith Receives Her 90,000 Mile Lifetime Mileage Patch from Doug Tidd



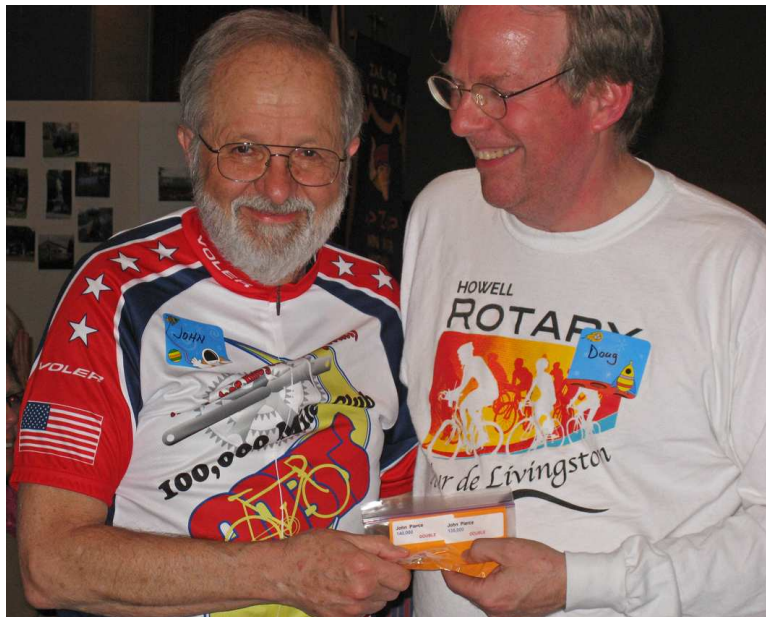
Gene Hoefle and AABTS Web Gal Deb Halbleib Show off Their 15,000 Mile Patches



Ann Hunt Presents the Happy Spring Cycling Cake Made by Kim at the Pinckney Bakery



Amy Mckinley, Steve Dodge, Rita Straith, Chris Marble and Dan Harrison
Receive Their Sunday Ride Captain Award Pens from Joe Pavlovich



John Pierce, Continuing on His Meteoric Mileage Rise, Accepts
a Double Patch Set of 135,000 and 140,000 Miles from Doug Tidd

AABTS ELECTION RESULTS

The annual AABTS Board Member election was held at the AABTS potluck and annual meeting on April 14, 2011. Here are the results of the election. Thanks to the board members for their two years of service and congratulations to the newly elected board members.

AABTS Board Members Terms End

- Chris Marble 03/2011
- Don Broadway 03/2011
- Debbie Beer 03/2011

Terms Continue until:

- Tom Powell 03/2012
- Dave Patria 03/2012

AABTS Board Election

Term: March 2011 to March 2013

The following members have been elected:

- Chris Marble
- Don Broadway
- Debbie Beer

FOUR CLUB MEMBERS REACH THE 100,000 MILEAGE POINT!

By Frank Lamitola

This past Spring potluck four club members celebrated their lifetime mileage personal best on club sponsored rides since joining the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. The club has helped them celebrate this milestone by presenting them with a new club related jersey. This prize will also be presented to all those club members attaining this status in subsequent years. A drawing of the jersey is shown below.



The first ever winners (in order of reaching this goal) are: Joe Datsko, John Pierce, John Finnegan, Don Evich



John Finnegan, Don Evich, Joe Datsko, John Pierce

COMMUTER CYCLISTS SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

by Craig Stephan

There were three winners in the Commuter Miles Contest.

- Jeff Eisemann (top mileage, with 2,421 miles)
- Rita Aagenas
- Jonathan Rodgers

(The second two were picked from a random draw from all people who had posted

2010 mileage.) All received \$20 gift certificates to Two Wheel Tango.

Altogether, 22 commuters rode 14,838 miles in 2010, resulting in 706 gallons of gasoline saved and the avoidance of 6.8 tons of CO2 emissions.

HIGH MILEAGE ACCUMULATION 2010

Place	Rider's Name	Miles
Men		
1	John Finnegan	13,187 TROPHY
2	John Pierce	9,852 TROPHY
3	Tom Sleeker	8,410 TROPHY
Women		
1	Sharon Sleeker	6,351 TROPHY
2	Jenny Young	6,205 TROPHY
3	Jan Shubitowski	5,950 TROPHY

LIFETIME MILEAGE PATCHES AWARDED

At the April 14, 2011 AABTS potluck, the following **Lifetime Mileage Patches** were awarded.

- 140,000:** John Pierce
- 135,000:** John Pierce
- 120,000:** Joe Datsko
- 100,000:** Don Evich, John Finnegan
- 95,000:** John Finnegan, Frank Lamitola
- 90,000:** Vickie Smith
- 85,000:** Gwen Evich, Jan Shubitowski
- 80,000:** Dan Harrison
- 75,000:** Dan Harrison Gary Oak, Tom Sleeker
- 70,000:** Chris Marble, Tom Sleeker
- 65,000:** Chris Marble, Will McWhirter
- 60,000:** Sharon Sleeker, Steu White
- 55,000:** John Bain
- 45,000:** Bud Preston, Bob Rawson

35,000: Dieter Hohnke, Bill Johnson, Jim Melosh, Vivian Phillips, Jim Van Vlerah

30,000: Jack Caldwell, Sandy Hahn, Mick Osman

25,000: Don Broadway, Steve Dodge, Carole Hann, Marc Konvisser, David Patria, Joe Skurka

20,000: Tom Hunt, Toshiki Masaki, Kevin McGuinness, Michael Murray, Craig Stephan, Carol Stinson

15,000: Marlene Barr, Buster Buster, Dan Clarke, George Gonyo, Deb Halbleib, Mary Hensel, Gene Hoeffle, Joe Pavlovich, Lloyd Strong, Jeff Witzburg, Jenny Young

10,000: Jennifer Bryson, Jim Bryson, Ron Bunnell, Jeff McNally, Doug Tidd, Jan Warren

5,000: Eric Dean, Joel Hakken, Jim Irrer, Debbie Kelley, Amy McKinley, Laike Misikir, Darlene Morin, Anne Ormand, Randy Rubin, Jan Tripp, Tony Williams

Few Miles needed in 2011 for next Lifetime patch:

Harold Klee, Deborah Kornak, Rita Straith, Scott Falconberry, Tim Caldwell, Eugene Buatti, Ross Richardson, Pete Cwik, Claudio Vacas, Gail Preston, Maury Kroopnick, Terri Keppler, Elizabeth Tidd, Gil Daws, Kathleen Farmer, Alex Wagner

AABTS MILEAGE PATCHES FOR CLUB RIDES IN 2010

Annual Club Mileage Patches

Club members ride 500 or more club miles and earn an AABTS annual mileage patch for 2011. This patch will feature an original AABTS design for the year and it will be customized with your first name and club miles accumulated during the year. Remember you must ride at least 500 club miles to qualify.

The 2010 AABTS patch, pictured here, was designed by club member Frank Lamitola. The 2011 patch design will be selected at the September 25, 2011 potluck.



There were 172 AABTS members who earned a 2010 club mileage patch. These patches were given out at the April 14th potluck. Dan Harrison and Jan Shubitowski will be distributing the remaining 2010 patches at selected AABTS club rides in May and June. The remainder will be mailed in late June. Patches will be carried on Dan's or Jan's bicycles, so the sooner you pick up your patch the less weight we will have to carry. If you earned 500 or more AABTS miles in 2010, you have a personalized patch waiting for you.

Plan now to ride 500 AABTS club miles in 2011!

Name	Miles	Place
Charlie Aagenas	663	142
Rita Aagenas	663	143
Paul Alman	798	114
Dave Arscott	507	167
John Atwater	574	160
Lynn Babcock	533	162
John Bain	3,396	23
John Barr	721	13
Marlene Barr	608	154
Jane Barrett	2,114	55
Ed Baumstark	530	163

Deb Beer	1,090	94
Don Broadway	3,901	18
Jennifer Bryson	648	145
Jim Bryson	625	151
Sophia Bryson	501	171
Eugene Buatti	1,853	60
Ron Bunnell	2,663	39
Buster Buster	1,196	86
Beth Caldwell	2,434	45
Jack Caldwell	1,636	69
Connie Cavanaugh	1,269	83
Eileen Chairve	1,307	81
Dan Clarke	3,222	26
Delia Clarke	764	124
John Clinthorne	1,141	90
Sharon Cooper	617	152
Lexanne Creitz	1,139	91
Geoff Crosbie	2,724	36
Pete Cwik	1,169	88
Phyllis Czapla	2,067	56
Joe Datsko	1,805	62
Gil Daws	1,613	72
Eric Dean	2,941	34
Scott Dedenbach	790	117
Charlie Deroo	2,659	40
Steve Dodge	5,254	10
Kathleen Donahoe	1,652	67
Don Evich	3,068	30
Gwen Evich	4,549	13
Dave Farmer	680	141
Kathleen Farmer	778	121
John Finnegan	13,187	1
Christine Flaviani	1,944	58
Chuck Freitas	1,017	96
Mary Jo Freitas	725	133
Ray Fullerton	528	164
Dan Gauvin	1,705	66
William Ghrist	632	150
George Gonyo	1,727	65
Dorothea Goodwin	758	128
Dave Hahn	2,119	53
Sandy Hahn	2,216	51
Joel Hakken	933	105
Wendy Hakken	691	140
Deb Halbleib	1,638	68
Carole Hann	2,203	52
Matt Harris	767	123
Dan Harrison	6,434	5
Mary Hensel	704	138

Chuck Hescheles	694	139	Michael Murray	3,005	32
Jeanette Hescheles	762	126	Allan Newman	559	161
Alan Hillman	577	159	Chuck Nicewonder	1,339	79
Gene Hoefle	2,651	42	Gary Oak	3,244	24
Carol Hohnke	2,331	49	Anne Ormand	833	112
Dieter Hohnke	1,918	59	Mick Osman	3,970	17
Daryl Howell	787	119	David Patria	1,371	77
Ann Hunt	764	125	Joe Pavlovich	4,664	12
Tom Hunt	715	135	Vivian Phillips	2,536	43
Gerald Huntley	3,006	31	Bill Pidgeon	738	131
Jim Ingles	978	100	John Pierce	9,852	2
David Iott	807	113	Marilyn Pobanz	1,016	97
Corliss Irrer	791	116	Kristen Polanski	634	149
Jim Irrer	2,337	48	Rich Polich	1,113	92
Bill Johnson	1,106	93	Tom Powell	1,263	84
David Jonah	1,455	75	Bud Preston	3,752	19
Carl Karickhoff	792	115	Gail Preston	3,752	20
Jeff Keeler	759	127	Matt Raezler	2,656	41
Debbie Kelley	1,519	74	Alice Rawson	500	172
Terri Keppler	3,129	29	Bob Rawson	5,623	9
Art Kitze	1,196	87	John Reiter	951	104
Rosie Klauscher	641	147	David Relson	837	111
Cheryl Klee	1,597	73	Chris Richardson	1,089	95
Harold Klee	1,779	63	Ross Richardson	714	136
Jim Knight	3,242	25	Leslie Roberts	1,334	80
Marc Konvisser	842	110	Jonathan Rodgers	2,478	44
Maury Kroopnick	1,284	82	Randy Rubin	2,389	47
Frank Lamitola	4,314	15	Laura Ruetsche	881	107
Gayle Larson	974	101	David Sasaki	613	153
Dan Lenardon	1,762	64	Stan Sedo	876	108
Jan Leonard	504	170	Jan Shubitowski	5,950	8
Steve Lepper	1,437	76	Joe Skurka	3,415	22
Cathy Lichtman	711	137	Sharon Sleeker	6,351	6
Debbie Lienau	526	165	Tom Sleeker	8,410	3
Karl Liskow	602	156	Vickie Smith	3,155	27
Kathy Malone	583	157	Diane Spence	608	155
Chris Marble	6,470	4	Chuck Stanich	1,235	85
Toshiki Masaki	645	146	Carol Stinson	582	158
Sharlene McGugan	755	129	Jon Stinson	776	122
Drew McGuinness	967	102	Harvey Stob	636	148
Kevin McGuinness	3,553	21	Dorothy Stock	1,630	70
Amy McKinley	1,620	71	Rita Straith	2,427	46
Jeff McNally	1,850	61	Lloyd Strong	2,714	37
Will McWhirter	4,828	11	Pat Swann	850	109
Jim Melosh	986	99	John Tatum	954	103
Dick Miller	522	166	Doug Tidd	3,139	28
Laike Misikir	1,988	57	Elizabeth Tidd	2,698	38
Kenny Moffatt	785	120	Joe Toland	492	173
Darlene Morin	735	132	Terence Treppa	1,168	89

Jan Tripp	4,402	14
Barb Underwood	1,350	78
Claudio Vacas	740	130
Jim Van Vlerah	2,330	50
Merry Vander Linden	790	118
Alex Wagner	660	144
John Waller	2,115	54
Lucy White	884	106
Steu White	2,730	35
Tony Williams	4,020	16
Regina Wilson	505	169
John Wilson	505	168
Jeff Witzburg	2,990	33
Larry Wolicki	1,008	98
Jenny Young	6,205	7

THE DORIS WEST AWARD

May is Curb Your Car Month, sponsored by the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition. As part of CYCM, WBWC is looking for nominations for the Doris West Cycling Spirit Award.

Many of you knew Doris West as an active member of AABTS as well as a WBWC stalwart. Doris West never drove a car. From 1956 until her death in 2010 at 92, she used a tricycle as her sole source of transportation in the Ann Arbor area, year-round.

The WBWC realizes that Doris is a tough act to follow; that's why the following criteria list is flexible. The person who wins this award may not meet all of them while still demonstrating Doris' indomitable spirit.

The ideal candidate for the Doris West Cycling Spirit Award:

- lives in Washtenaw County
- uses a human-powered cycle of some kind (bi-, tri-, hand-powered, etc.) for nearly all local trips, in all seasons.
- has overcome physical and other obstacles in order to keep riding
- is an informal ambassador for cycling
- is an advocate for non-motorized transportation
- does not own a car

To recommend candidates for the Award, see the Doris West Cycling Spirit Award Nomination Form:

<http://sites.google.com/site/curbyourcar/the-doris-west-award>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Cycling Friends,

Thank you for all your support and words of kindness after the loss of our son, Jan. The flower arrangement is beautiful and makes the house just a little brighter.

Sincerely yours,

Jan & Marilyn Tripp

Dear AABTS Board and Officers,

Being honored with an AABTS service award is very gratifying. Gratifying because it puts bike safety education in the spotlight—where it needs to be.

I gained so much from my involvement in promoting bike safety for AABTS. I hope this particular reconnection award can be given to someone else in the future. Bike safety education should be a vital part of any good bike club. Thank you. I appreciate the honor this award gives me.

Carole Hann

Dear AABTS Board members and Officers,

What a surprise and thrill to be a recipient of the AABTS Service Award. Thank you!

I'm honored to be included in a group with Carole, Jan, and Vickie, who put their all into their jobs for the club. I love working with our strong Board, great Officers, dedicated committee chairs, and many volunteers. All of you make the AABTS an important part of my life.

Ann Hunt

April 24, 2011

Dear Don, Tom, Debbie, Chris, Dave and Doug,

Thank you for the Appreciation Award presented at the Spring Potluck of the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. I am deeply touched to be recognized with this award, and to be among the esteemed group of recipients—Ann Hunt, Vickie Smith and Carole Hann.

The awards demonstrate the club’s ongoing commitment to encouraging and recognizing involvement in club activities and service to our members. There are so many who work together to make the club a successful, progressive and fun organization. I hope that I may continue to serve the club that has given so much to me.

See you down the road!

Jan Shubitowski

April 25, 2011

Dear Don, Debbie, Chris, Tom and Dave,

I would like to thank the AABTS Board—and anyone else involved—for the service award and gift certificate.

All of us like recognition and appreciation and I’m certainly no exception. It was a sweet gesture, and I was very touched.

I feel that any contributions in time and effort I’ve made to the club over the years has been offset many times by the enjoyment and good friends I’ve gained from my involvement in such a terrific organization. I can’t imagine my life without AABTS and all the great folks in it.

And finally, a big thanks to all of you for your work on the club!

Vickie (Smith)

NO BIKE LEFT BEHIND

By Tom Hunt

No Bike Left Behind (NBLB) was established in 2009, became a Michigan Non-Profit organization in February of 2010 and

received 501(C)(3) status in November 2010. Their primary focus is to collect pre-owned bicycles and distribute high-quality refurbished bicycles to kids, less fortunate individuals, and families through mainly charitable organizations as a means of transportation and/or recreation at little to no charge for their services. Their goal, in part, is to promote “Fun, Fitness and Function” and to help reduce the effects of childhood obesity, childhood diabetes, and heart disease within our region.

I spoke about them at the Holiday and Spring potlucks and offered to be a collection point for club members who have unused bike parts and/or bikes that these folks could put to good use. Thanks to Jack and Beth Caldwell, Jennifer and Greg Chisholm, Kathleen Donahoe and Joe Pavlovich for responding with donations. On 9 May I took a load of 2 bikes and 3 boxes of parts out to Macomb Bike and Fitness who serve as a drop off point for No Bike, and they were gratefully received. This store also does bike refurbishing for kids at fairs once or twice a year.

I am hopeful that more of us will find items that can be donated and I will be pleased to again collect items and then to make another trip to deliver them. Please call (734-604-2614) and let me know if you can help. Visit <http://www.nobikesleftbehind.com> to learn more about the organization.

Thank you.

AABTS SUPPORTS TOUR DE KIDS

By Ann Hunt

Tour de Kids is back! Sunday, June 19, 2011 will be an activity-filled Father’s day for girls and boys ages 3 to 12 and their families. Come on down to South & East University Streets in Ann Arbor for bike races, a festival with arts and crafts, music, food, and general all around fun. See <http://www.tourdekids.org> for registration information.

The AABTS Board voted at their May 13th meeting to use Chaney Fund dollars, as well as money from our general fund, to help support Tour de Kids this year. There will be more information about the Chaney Fund

and a post-event report on the Tour de Kids in the next newsletter.



AABTS Saturday Riders Take Instructions from the Captain at Wheeler Park on a Cool April Morning

May—June Newsletter Deadline

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