

AABTS Winter 2013-2014 Ride Calendar - Area Rides and Events

Dec 5 (Thur)

Holiday Potluck

Bring a dish to pass

6:00 pm Set up and socialize

7:00 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Entertainment to be announced
Grotto Club 2070 W Stadium Ann Arbor

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Monday Morning Chelsea Winter Ride

A ride for all levels. Destination alternates between Stockbridge, Grass Lake, Napoleon, and Pleasant Lake. Ride contingent on the weather. Route and distance determined by the assembled group.

B/C: 34-45+ mi & 55-65+ mi 9:00 am

Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.

Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

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Monday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Ride Hines Drive or on roads west of Plymouth. Group selects ride captain and route.
A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Info: John Finnegan 734-981-0787

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Tuesday Morning Ann Arbor & Dexter Winter Democratic Rides

Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 10:00 am Bird Hills Park parking lot, Newport Rd

Info: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541

A/B/C: 11:00 am Dexter Pavilion

Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

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Tuesday Dinner Ride

Ride the well maintained Border to Border trail to an Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti restaurant. Participants choose location. Both front and back lights required and reflective clothing strongly suggested.

A/B/C: 10-20 miles

Start: 6:00 pm Wheels in Motion
3400 Washtenaw Ave

Captains:

Doug Tidd 734-678-8297

DeWight Plotner 734-971-2121

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Tuesday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

See **Monday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride**.

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Tuesday Night Kensington Winter Ride

Primary route will be laps around Kensington Park & into Island Lake Park via surface road and paved bike path. 6-10 watt headlight, taillight, and reflective clothing required. Metropark permit needed. **Weather permitting.**

A/B: 9-40 mi 6:00 pm

East Boat Launch parking lot, Kensington Park
Captain: Tom Sleeker 248-761-7634

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Wednesday Morning Ann Arbor & Dexter Winter Democratic Rides

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Wednesday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

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9:00 am

Northwestern Brunch Ride

Enjoy some of our favorite roads when traffic is low. Stop for breakfast/lunch.

Start: Stockbridge Park, at north end of N Wood St, 1st rt turn west of Main Square.

A: 100 mi option

B: 25-50 mi

Captain: Mick Osman

517-285-6830

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014 (1st & 3rd Wed)

The Taste of Ann Arbor No-Mile Ride

Beat the winter blahs with your bike buddies in this "ride" with no miles. Meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of December thru March at 11:30 am for lunch at whatever fantastic restaurant in the Ann Arbor area the previous "riders" have chosen. Call captain to learn each location.

Captain: Anne Ormand [734-662-5052](tel:734-662-5052)

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Thursday Morning Ann Arbor & Dexter Winter Democratic Rides

A/B/C: 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Info: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541

A/B/C: 11:00 am Dexter Pavilion

Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

Thursday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

See **Tuesday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride**.

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Thursday Evening Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Rides

Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 6:30 pm Wheeler Park

Info: Doug Tidd 734-662-0205

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Thursday Night Kensington Winter Ride

see **Tuesday Night Kensington Winter Ride**

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Thursday Evening Chelsea Dirt/Road Winter Ride

Ride the dirt roads on Thursday mornings through great country settings. Bring your Cross, Mountain or Hybrid bike. **6:00 pm start time with roll out no later than 6:15 pm.**

B/C: 25-55+ mi 6:00 pm

Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.

Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

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Friday Morning Ann Arbor & Dexter Winter Democratic Rides

A/B/C: 10:00 am Olson Park on Dhu Varren@Pontiac Trail

Info: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541

A/B/C: 11:00 am Dexter Pavilion

Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

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Friday Morning Far East Fringe Hines Drive Winter Democratic Ride

Ride along Hines Drive, and have brunch at Plymouth & Northville's nicer restaurants. Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Newburgh Pointe

Rec. Area parking lot (on Hines Drive between Haggerty & Newburgh)

Info: Phyllis Czaplá 734-453-8794

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Saturday Morning Saline Ride

Call captain for starting time and location.

A/B/C Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862

bikingjeff@gmail.com

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Saturday Morning Border to Border Ride

Ride the Border-to-Border Trail every Saturday as we visit restaurants in Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. The group will decide where to eat lunch.

A/B/C no-drop ride: 22 mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Doug Tidd 734-662-0205

dougidd@yahoo.com

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Saturday Afternoon Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Ride

A later ride for those who would rather wait until it warms up a bit. Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 1:00 pm Wheeler Park

Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

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Saturday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Ride Hines Drive or on roads west of Plymouth. Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Plymouth

(downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.

Info: John Finnegan 734-981-0787

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Sunday Morning & Afternoon Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Rides

Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Info: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541

A/B/C: 20+ mi 1:00 pm Wheeler Park

Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Sunday Morning Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Plymouth (downtown)

parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.

Info: Joe Skurka 248-449-6572 joe@skurka.us

Dec 2013 - Mar 2014

Sunday Morning Saline Ride

Call captain for starting time and location.

A/B/C Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862
bikingjeff@gmail.com

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Terry's Herd of Turtles No Drop Sunday Afternoon Ride in the Park Ride

A relaxing, conversational ride through Hines Park. Ride only if it is above 50 degrees (or under 90 degrees!), and pavement is dry.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 1:00 pm Nankin Mill Interpretive Center, north side of Hines Dr., 1/4 mile east of Ann Arbor Trail.

Captain: Terry Treppa 734-729-0150
ttreppa@comcast.net

Jan 1 (Tues) 2014

First Ann Arbor Miles of 2014

A local first ride to a suitable brunch spot for eating and socializing. Mileage determined by the weather. No ride if official road advisories are in effect. Call captain up to 9:30 am if uncertain.

A/B/C/C-: 3-? mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park
Captain: Doug Tidd 734-662-0205

doughtidd@yahoo.com

Jan 1 (Tues) 2014

Eighth Annual FYA Ride

Start the New Year right. Ride away those calories put on over the holidays! Work off that hangover! Destination and mileage determined by the weather.

A/B/C: 9:00 am Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.

Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

Mar 10, 17 & 24, 2014

Monday Far East Fringe Democratic Ride

Take advantage of the early start for DST and ride Hines Park to Dearborn. One rider should submit a ride sheet to Vickie Smith.

A/B/C: 15-30+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.

Info: Don Broadway 734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

Mar 11, 18 & 25, 2014

Tuesday Far East Fringe Democratic Ride

Take advantage of the early start for DST and ride the roads west of Plymouth. One rider should submit a ride sheet to Vickie Smith.

Experienced riders A/B: 20-33+ mi

6:00 pm

Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.

Info: Don Broadway 734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

Mar 12 & 19 & 26, 2014

Wednesday Far East Fringe Democratic Ride

Take advantage of the early start for DST and ride Hines Park to Dearborn. One rider should submit a ride sheet to Vickie Smith.

A/B/C: 15-30+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth

(downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.

Info: Don Broadway 734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

Mar 14, 21 & 28, 2014

Thursday Far East Fringe Democratic Ride

See Tuesday Far East Fringe Ride

Info: Matt Raezler 734-560-4512

mraezler@yahoo.com

Out-of-State Club Rides

December 2013 – March 2014 (every Mon-Sun)

Florida Placida and Englewood

Join me for a daily ride around sunny Englewood, Florida.

Call captain for starting time and location.

B/C: 20+ mi

Captain: Dawn Callahan

Florida phone: 941-830-8270 or 517-392-8945

Jan 1-Jan 31 (every Sun, Tue, Wed & Fri)

January Rides on the Pinellas Trail

Join the snowbirds for a leisurely pedal on one of the best bike trails in Florida. A rails to trails paved path, it takes you safely through some of the more populated parts of the Tampa Bay area, offering a variety of beach and restaurant destinations. Call ride captains if you wish to participate, as there are multiple ride starting points & times. Rides do not go in rain or cold.

Captains: Connie Cavanaugh, 727-593-2412
Dorothy Stock 734-717-0208.

Dec 15, 2013 -Mar 31, 2014

(every day)

Florida in Key Largo

Join us for a daily ride, seven days a week, to breakfast, lunch, or just the ocean. Flat route goes south or north out of sunny Key Largo on paved bike paths or road shoulders. Call captain for starting time and location.

B/C: 20+ mi 8:00 or 9:00 am

Captains: Bud & Gail Preston

FL phone: 305-852-9555 or cell phones:
248-376-1440 (Bud), 248-464-2221 (Gai)

February & March Rides in Pinellas County, Florida:

All rides will start at 9:00 a.m. George C. McGough Nature Park, 11901 146th Street North, Largo. Any AABTS member who plans to join us is asked to contact one of the ride leaders below so that we know who is in town.

February Captains:

Connie Cavanaugh 727-593-2412

Vickie Smith 734-276-2096

Bob Rawson 734-476-9010

Dorothy Stock 734-717-0208

March Captains:

Connie Cavanaugh 727-593-2412

Vickie Smith 734-276-2096

Bob Rawson 734-476-9010

Dorothy Stock 734-717-0208

Dan Harrison 734-476-4944

Feb 2 – Mar 30 (every Sun) 2013

Clearwater Cruise & Beyond

Largo, FL. Easy paced ride to interesting places around Largo & the Pinellas Trail. Features stops at Connie's favorite lunch spots, known only to locals.

A/B/C: 20± mi

Feb 6 - Mar 27 (every Thurs) 2013

The Grouper Gobbler

The grouper is the unofficial lunch fish of the AABTS Florida winter contingent. This ride will explore different local restaurants to determine the best grouper sandwich in Pinellas County.

A/B/C: 20+ mi

Feb 7 - Mar 28 (every Fri) 2013

Florida Friday Ride

Ride to various destinations around Largo, FL, including the Pinellas Trail, beaches, parks, and our favorite lunch stops.

A/B/C: 20+ mi

Feb 1 - Mar 29 (every Sat) 2013

The Pinellas Promenade

Strut your stuff in sunny Florida up and down the fabulous Pinellas Bicycle Trail. See why this part of Florida has a reputation for being the most bike-friendly in the state.

A/B/C: 20+ mi

Feb 3 - Mar 31 (every Mon) 2013

A Bummel with Buster

Enjoy a leisurely ride through Florida's Indian Rocks Beach area to various dog parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and other non-human destinations.

A/B/C: 20+ mi

Feb 4 - Mar 25 (every Tues) 2013

The Ibis, Pelican & No Egrets Ramble

The variety of winged residents of Pinellas County, FL is truly amazing. Come ride with us and see if you can tell the difference between lawn ornaments and the real thing!

A/B/C: 20+ mi

Apr 2 - Apr 24 (every Wed) 2013

Florida Winter Rides

Ride Florida's Pinellas Trail with different destinations each week. Two starting points, call ride captain for details (see below).

A/B/C: 20-40 mi 10:00 am (Jan-Feb), 9:00 am (Mar-Apr)

Two starting points: New Atlantis on Indian Rocks Rd or Taylor Park, Largo, FL.

Captain: Connie Cavanaugh
517-764-3340 (thru Dec 27),
727-593-2412 (Florida phone)

Apr 6-27 (every Sunday)

Clearwater Cruise & Beyond

Largo, FL. Easy paced ride to interesting places around Largo & the Pinellas Trail. Features stops at Connie's favorite lunch spots, known only to locals. Call ride captain for start location & time.

A/B/C: 20± mi

Captain: Connie Cavanaugh

727-593-2412 (Florida phone)

Feb - Mar, 2014

Terry's Herd of Turtles Rides the Sonora Desert

A no drop ride through the streets and desert countryside of Mesa, AZ. The ride begins in Mesa and travels to downtown Mesa on bicycle friendly roads. It culminates in Gold Rush Frontier Town (tourist trap) in Apache Junction, AZ.

Call ride captain for starting time and location.

A/B/C 20+ mi

Captain: Terry Treppa (734) 776-1885

2013-2014 WINTER (DECEMBER-MARCH) INVITATIONALS

Dec 17 (Tue)

Holiday Lights Ride

7 pm, Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St, Ypsilanti
A fairly short ride (8-10 miles) through Ypsi residential neighborhoods to view Christmas light displays from your bike. Socializing afterward at the Corner Brewery (Norris and Forest in Ypsi). All riders should have working front and rear lights. www.bikeypsi.org
Captain: Bob Krzewinski 734-649-6283
wolverbob@gmail.com

Jan 1 (Wed)

First Ride In The First Hour Of 2014

12:30 am (yes... 30 minutes after midnight!).
Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St, Ypsilanti. Start the year off right by riding in the first hour of the New Year! Ride leaves promptly as it will be too cold to wait around. Ride on low traffic residential streets. Lights (front and rear) mandatory. Ride will be around 6 miles long and take around 30-45 minutes. People can warm up inside the Corner Brewery before the ride starts (and enjoy their New Years party).
www.bikeypsi.org

Captain: Bob Krzewinski 734-649-6283
wolverbob@gmail.com

Jan 1 (Wed)

Bike Ypsi New Year's Day Ride

1pm, Recreation Park, corner of Congress and Oakwood, Ypsilanti. Get in some first miles of the year on the first day of the year. At least 12 miles on this ride, and depending on the weather/road conditions, maybe more.
www.bikeypsi.org

Captain: Bob Krzewinski 734-649-6283
wolverbob@gmail.com

Jan 11-20 (Sat-Mon)

Wandering Wheels Florida Trip #1

Starts & ends in Cocoa Beach, FL, looping to Juno Beach. Average 35 miles/day along the Florida Atlantic coast, to provide a "Keys" type experience. Lodging, vehicle support, team shirt, & some meals provided. Trip repeated Jan. 25-Feb. 3 (see below). **Space limited—fills quickly!** www.wanderingwheels.org
Captain: Vivian Phillips 734-482-5103
VIVAGAPE@aol.com

Jan 25-Feb 3 (Sat-Mon)

Wandering Wheels Florida Trip #2

See description above, Jan 11-20 Wandering Wheels Florida Trip #1.

Captain: Vivian Phillips 734-482-5103
VIVAGAPE@aol.com

Jan 26 (Sun)

Worst Day of the Year Ride

Ann Arbor. Bundle up & show everyone how crazy you are by joining this free festive winter ride around town. Prizes, contests, food provided. All the routes (6-, 12-, 20- & 40-mile) start at Kerrytown Farmers' Market & end at Arbor Brewing Company. Sponsored by Wheels In Motion Bikes. www.wheelsinmotion.us

Captain: Paul Alman 734-775-1156
paulalman@gmail.com

Feb 16 (Sun)

Another Chili Ride in Ypsi

Starting at Corner Brewery near Ypsilanti's Depot Town. Ride your bike down & get some grub before the ride. This free event features 4-, 12- & 28-mile routes. Followed by the Depot Town Chili Challenge (\$5), a community event with all proceeds going to SOS Community Services. Ride sponsored by Wheels In Motion Bikes. www.wheelsinmotion.us
Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862
bikingjeff@gmail.com

Mar 8-15 (Sat-Sat)

Texas Hell Week

Fredericksburg, TX. Nicknamed "The Rides of March," this is a fixed-center tour in the Texas Hill Country. Features 8 days of riding for all levels of cyclists, with rides from 26 up to 100+ miles, plus a double century. Also included are 200K & 300K brevets.

<http://www.hellweek.com/texas.html>

Captain: Sharon Sleeker 248-761-5792
sharon.sleeker@hotmail.com

Mar 22-28 (Sat-Fri)

Bike Florida Spring Tour – Magical Mystery Tour

20th anniversary of this popular Florida tour starts & ends in Palatka, with layover days in Daytona & St. Augustine. Profits from Bike Florida tours go to fund community bike projects and elementary school cycling curriculums throughout the state. 7-day and 2-day tour options offered. Limited to 800 riders.

<http://bikeflorida.org/tours/bf20-the-magical-history-tour/>

Captain: Tom Rogers 734-747-8774
trogers@umich.edu

UPCOMING RIDES

Mar 8-16 (Sat-Sun)

BAC Florida Spring Break

Indian Rocks Beach, FL. Fixed-base Bicycle Adventure Club ride from the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, across the street from a lovely Gulf of Mexico beach. The majority of the riding will be on the Pinellas Trail, a 45-mile paved trail system developed from an old railroad line. Towns visited include St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, Gulfport, Dunedin, & Ozona.

www.bicycleadventureclub.org

Captain: Graham Fleming 517-423-4702
gffleming33@comcast.net

May 10-11 (Sat-Sun)

TOSRV – Tour of the Scioto River Valley

53rd year of a bicycling classic, which started in 1962 as a father & son outing and grew into the nation's largest bicycle touring weekend. Two-day, 200-miles from Columbus, OH to Portsmouth, OH, and back again. Half-TOSRV starts in Chillicothe. **Fills quickly!**

www.tosrv.org

Captain: Steve Limkemann 734-595-7991
stevelim@wnet.com

May 17-Sep 26 (Sat-Fri)

Silk Route

Cycle the ancient route of the legendary silk trade across the entire continent of Asia, from Shanghai to Istanbul: the longest, hardest, highest, hottest, coldest bicycling expedition on the planet, over 12,000K through 7 countries. Part of the "7 Epics," a series of fully supported long distance cycling expeditions passing through over 50 countries and 6 continents that, when combined, cover over 72,000K or almost twice around the globe.

<http://tourdafrique.com/tour-overview/?t=silk-route>

Captain: Lloyd Strong 519-252-8674
Lstrong2@cogeco.ca

Jun 5-9 (Thu-Mon)

BikePacking the GAP

Rockwood, PA. Ride the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) rail trail to Cumberland, MD and back. Camping trip, includes SAG, mechanic on staff, first night beer & pizza party. Mostly level, hard-packed crushed limestone trail along winding rivers, shaded valleys, & small towns. www.bikepacking.us

Captain: Meredith Sheeran 313-779-7806
sheeranm@comcast.net

Jun 21-27 (Sat-Fri)

PALM – Pedal Across Lower Michigan

Emphasizing the social & recreational aspects of cycling, PALM is geared to the novice & intermediate rider, and is particularly well suited for families. Daily distances of 35-60 miles; longer routes available. Application available on PALM website on January 12, 2014.

In 2013, PALM filled in one day!

www.palmbiketour.org

Captain: Vickie Smith 734-996-9461/276-2096
vickie.smth@comcast.net

Jul 12 (Sat)

OHR – One Helluva Ride!

Our fabulous annual Club invitational fund raiser; always held on the 2nd Saturday of July. Rides of 39, 64, 75 & 100 miles start at Chelsea (MI) Fairgrounds; 15- & 30-mile Fun Rides start at Portage Lake State Park. (AABTS members: Please consider volunteering to work on ride day, & ride the AABTS Members' OHR route the Sunday before.)

Captain: Doug Tidd 734-662-0205
dougtidd@yahoo.com

Jul 20-26 (Sun-Sat)

RAGBRAI XLII – The Register's Annual Great Rider Across Iowa

Classic cross-state bicycle tour—the granddaddy of them all! Route TBA, but remember: Iowa ain't flat! Registration opens Nov. 15. **Fills quickly!** www.ragbrai.org

Captain: Vickie Smith 734-996-9461/276-2096
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Aug 3-9 (Sun-Sat)

Shoreline West Bicycle Tour

Montague to Mackinaw City - Experience the Lake Michigan Shoreline for 7 glorious days of riding (3-day option also available). Highlights: From swimming in the lake, to the cherry lady, to the sand dunes, "Watermelon Hill," the sights and sounds of Traverse City, through the Tunnel of Trees, and finishing with a spectacular view of the Mackinac Bridge. Come join us for our 28th year of exploring the coastline of Lake Michigan.

Registration opens Jan. 1 and ride fills

quickly. www.lmb.org/

Captain: George Moses 517-404-7807

gmoses@georgemosesco.com

Aug 27 or 28 - 31 (Wed- or Thu-Sun)

DALMAC – Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour

The 2014 version of this club favorite will feature 4 routes: 5-Day, 4-Day East, 4-Day West, plus the 5-day U.P. The ride is still in the planning stage; applications will be available on

Valentine's Day. **Fills quickly!** www.dalmac.org

Captain: Gwen & Don Evich 734-426-5116

gwenevich@worldnet.net

Sep 14-29 (Sun-Mon)

BAC: The Huff & Puffers Ride Again

Starting in Simsbury, Connecticut, this Bicycle Adventure Club 50-year anniversary tour follows the approximate route first done by Dr. Clifford Graves & friends. Dr. Graves founded the International Bicycle Touring Society, which morphed into the present day BAC. The tour will also travel to Massachusetts and New Hampshire, before looping back to Connecticut.

Ride now filled; wait list only.

www.bicyleadventureclub.org

Captain: Vickie Smith 734-996-9461/276-2096

vickie.smith@comcast.net