

AABTS Winter 2008-2009 Ride Calendar

Area Rides and Events

Dec 3 (Wed)

Holiday Potluck

Bring a dish to pass.

6:00 pm Social & Dinner

8:30 pm Special Entertainment – Mark Rosenthal's "Animal Magic" show.

Come for both or just the entertainment.
Grotto Club 2070 W Stadium Ann Arbor

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Monday Chelsea Winter Ride

A ride for all levels. Destination alternates between Stockbridge and Munith areas. To arrange a bike demo during ride, call bike shop at 734-475-8203. 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, 1178 S. Main, north side of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.

Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Monday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Ride Hines Drive or on roads west of Plymouth. Ride contingent on weather. 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
Jan Shubitowski 734-476-2203

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Tuesday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

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

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Tuesday Night Kensington Winter Ride

Primary route will be laps around Kensington Park & into Island Lake Park via paved bike path. 6-10 watt head light, tail light, and reflective clothing required.

A/B: 9+ mi (depending on weather) 6:30 pm East Boat Launch parking lot, Kensington Park.

Captain: Tom Sleeker 248-324-1879

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Wednesday Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Ride

Ride contingent on weather. Route and distance decided by the assembled group.

A/B/C: 11:00 am Wheeler Park
Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Wednesday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

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

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009 (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. **1st ride is Wed, Dec 17**, followed by "rides" on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of January, February and March. Meet at 11:30 am for lunch at whatever fantastic restaurant in the Ann Arbor area the previous "riders" have chosen. Call Captain to find out each location.

Captain: Anne Ormand 734-662-5052

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Thursday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

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

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Thursday Night Kensington Winter Ride

see **Tuesday Night Kensington Winter Ride**

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Friday Chelsea Winter Ride

A ride for all levels. Destination alternates between Dexter, Grass Lake, Munith, Stockbridge and Waterloo areas. To arrange a bike demo during ride, call bike shop at 734-475-8203. Ride contingent on the weather. Route and distance determined by the assembled group.

B/C: 35-45+ mi & 55-65+ mi 9:00 am Chelsea, 1178 S. Main, north side of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.

Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Friday Far East Fringe Hines Drive Winter Democratic Ride

Ride contingent on weather. 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

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Saturday Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Rides

An early bird ride plus one for those who would rather wait until it warms up a bit. Those who show pick where to go!

A/B/C: 20+ mi Wheeler Park
Early Start: 10:00 am
Late Start: 1:00 pm

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Saturday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Ride contingent on weather. Group selects ride captain and route.

A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
Info: Wendy D'Haene 313-505-5313
wddhaene@comcast.net

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Sunday Ann Arbor Winter Democratic Rides

Ride contingent on weather. Route and distance decided by the assembled group.

A/B/C: 10:00 am Wheeler Park
Info: Joe Pavlovich 734-761-6253
A/B/C: 1:00 pm Wheeler Park
Info: John Pierce 734-994-5908

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

Sunday Far East Fringe Winter Democratic Ride

Ride contingent on weather.

Group selects ride captain and route.
A/B/C: 20+ mi 10:00 am Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
Info: Wendy D'Haene 313-505-5313
wddhaene@comcast.net
Joe Skurka 248-449-6572 joe@skurka.us

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009

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 40 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@mindspring.com

Jan 1 (Thur) 2009

First Ann Arbor Miles of 2009

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/D: 3-? mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park
Captain: Vickie Smith 996-9461

Jan 1 (Thur) 2009

Fourth 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: 10:00 am Chelsea, 1178 S Main, north side of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.
Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

Feb 4 (Wed) 2009

Ride Calendar Meeting

Come with fresh ideas to plan April-May rides. Pizza & exotic soft drinks provided.
Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Jim Spencer's, 76 Colony Ct, Ypsilanti Township. 0.3 mi NW of the Hewitt-Ellsworth intersection, turn W on Colony Way, then S on Colony Ct.
734-904-6431

Mar 2009

Sunrise Saturday

Begins **Saturday, March 7, 2009**. Ride from Wheeler Park at sunrise (check Ann Arbor News for sunrise time) to Dexter for breakfast at a restaurant or bakery. Ride extended as the group chooses.

Start: Sunrise, Wheeler Park

C-: 22+ mi

Captain: Dennis Burke 313-562-9464

Mar 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2009
Monday FEF Warm-Up Ride
Burn some extra calories, log a few more miles, some hill climbing, before joining regular FEF Ride.
A/B/C: 10+ mi 5:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Captain: Gary Francis 734-522-1014
singingcyclist@aol.com

Mar 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2009
Monday Far East Fringe Ride
Take advantage of the early start for DST and ride Hines Park to Dearborn.
A/B/C: 15-30+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Captains: Don Broadway (c)734-560-1601
dpbroa@comcast.net
Will McWhirter 734-455-5766

Mar 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009
Tuesday FEF Warm-Up Ride
see Monday FEF Warm-Up Ride

Mar 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009
Tuesday Far East Fringe Ride
Experienced riders. Ride the roads west of Plymouth, then socialize at Mother's Pizza.
A/B: 20-33+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Captains: Wendy D'Haene (c)313-505-5313
wddhaene@comcast.net
Don Broadway (c)734-560-1601
dpbroa@comcast.net

Mar 11, 18 & 25, 2009
Wednesday FEF Warm-Up Ride
see Monday FEF Warm-Up Ride

Mar 11, 18 & 25, 2009
Wednesday Far East Fringe Ride
Hines Drive to Dearborn. Ride, then socialize at the Box Bar afterwards.
A/B/C: 15-30+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Captains: Mark Shields 734-455-4453
Don Broadway (c)734-560-1601
dpbroa@comcast.net

Mar 12, 19 & 26, 2009
Thursday FEF Warm-Up Ride
see Monday FEF Warm-Up Ride

Mar 12, 19 & 26, 2009
Thursday Far East Fringe Ride
Hines Park to Dearborn.
A/B/C: 15-30+ mi 6:00 pm Plymouth (downtown) parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman.
Captains: Don Broadway (c)734-560-1601
dpbroa@comcast.net
Mark Shields 734-455-4453

Mar 13, 2009 (Fri)
WBWC Ride Around Town (RAT!)
Get a start on urban cycling or polish your skills in a small town with lots of activity! Ride winds through Ann Arbor downtown streets for a 3 mile figure 8 route. Help demonstrate to motorists and pedestrians that bicyclists can interact safely and courteously with motorized traffic. Helmets required; lights, bright colors and safety vests recommended. Updates and pre-ride/post-ride discussion on WBWC Google discussion group site.
C-: 3+ mi 6:00 pm Liberty Plaza Park, corner of Liberty and Division in Ann Arbor.
Captain: Frank Schwende 734-975-1989
schwende@sbcglobal.net

Mar 30, 2009
Monday Ann Arbor Paved Country Roads Ride
Optional stop at Pleasant Lake Party Store. Longer routes include hilly Schneider Rd.
A/B/C: 18/24/30 mi 5:00 pm Pine Cross Ln off Parker Rd, 1 mile south of Jackson Rd.
Park: Pine Cross Ln, north edge past mailboxes.
Captains: Don & Gwen Evich 734-426-5116

Mar 25 (Wed)
Spring Potluck
*Bring a dish to pass
Elections, Awards, Patches, Trophies,
OHR Volunteer sign-up.*
6:00 pm Set up and socialize
7:00 pm Dinner
Grotto Club 2070 W Stadium Ann Arbor

Out-of-State Club Rides

Dec 1, 2008 - Mar 31, 2009 (every Mon-Sat)
Florida in Key Largo
Join us for a daily ride out of sunny Key Largo, Florida. We ride six days a week, Monday through Saturday, at 8:00 or 9:00 am, going south or north out of Key Largo. We ride paved bike paths where available, otherwise on road shoulders. Very flat, riding to breakfast, lunch or just to the ocean. Contact the ride captain for the starting point and time and place to park your car.
B/C: 20+ mi
Captains: Bud & Gail Preston
Florida phone: 305-852-9859 or 248-376-1440 (cell - Bud)
248-464-2221 (cell - Gail)

Jan 7 - Apr 22 (every Wed) 2009
Florida Winter Rides
Ride Florida's Pinellas Trail with different destinations each week. Two starting points, call ride captain for details: Michigan until Dec 27 at 517-764-3340 or in Florida at 727-593-2412.
A/B/C: 20-40 mi 10:00 am (Jan-Feb), 9:00 am (Mar-Apr)
New Atlantis on Indian Rocks Rd, or Taylor Park, Largo, FL.
Captain: Connie Cavanaugh 727-593-2412

Jan 11 - Apr 26 (every Sun) 2009
Clearwater Cruise
Easy paced ride with local bike club, the Wheel People of Clearwater, FL to interesting areas for biking and eating, known only to the locals. Call captain for starting place, time and destination or check local newspaper.
A/B/C: 20± mi Usually 9:00 am Clearwater.
Captains: (Jan, Feb & Apr)
Connie Cavanaugh 727-593-2412
(Mar) Alice Rawson 734-476-9771 (cell)

Feb 2 - Mar 23 (every Mon) 2009
A Bummel with Buster & Frank
Enjoy a leisurely ride through Florida's Indian Rocks Beach area to various dog parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and other non-human destinations. Call ride captains for starting time and location.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captains: Frank Lamitola & Buster Buster 734-276-2096 (cell)

Feb 3 - Mar 24 (every Tues) 2009
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! Call captain for starting time & location.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captains:
February--Vickie Smith 734-276-2096 (cell)
March--Lynda Collins 734-355-3079 (cell)

Feb 5 - Mar 26 (every Thurs) 2009
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. Call captain for starting time and location.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captain: Bob Rawson 734-476-9771 (cell)

Feb 6 - Mar 27 (every Fri) 2009
Florida Friday Ride
Ride to various destinations around Largo, FL, including the Pinellas Trail, beaches, parks, and our favorite lunch stops. Call captain for starting time and location.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captain: Vickie Smith 734-276-2096 (cell)
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Feb 7 - Mar 21 (every Sat) 2009
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. Call captain for starting time and location.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captains:
February--Bob Rawson 734-476-9771 (cell)
March--Jan Moore 734-634-1141 (cell)

Invitationals

Dec 3-8 (Wed-Mon)

FestiVELO de Charleston

This fixed-base ride will be hosted and centered in the rural area of Berkeley County, SC, around the Francis Marion National Forest. 340+ miles of recreational cycling viewing the most breathtaking scenery the Ol' South has to offer!

www.festivelo.org/

Captain: Lloyd Strong 519-252-8674
lstrong2@cogeco.ca

Jan 1, 2009 (Thu)

First Dozen Bicycle Tour

Start the year off right with a 12-mile ride on the streets of Dearborn with the Cycling Saddlemen Bicycle Club. Snacks and drinks provided after the ride. 2:00 pm Olive Branch Masonic Lodge, 1170 Mason, Dearborn, MI. (2 blocks south of Michigan Ave.)

www.saddlemen.org

Captain: Mark Barkey 313-534-4589
judyamark@ameritech.net

Jan 11-21, 2009 (Sun-Wed)

Wandering Wheels Florida Trip #1

Ride starts in Cocoa Beach, hugs the coastline into Miami, and ends with 3 days riding in the Keys out of Key West.

www.wanderingwheels.org

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

Jan 25, 2009 (Sun)

Worst Day of the Year Ride

Bundle up & show everyone how crazy you are by joining the Wheels in Motion and GetDowntown folks on a festive winter ride around Ann Arbor. Prizes, contests, food. 6, 12, 25, & 40 miles. Free, but advance registration is requested.

www.wheelsinmotion.us (click on

snowman!) or www.getdowntown.org

Captain: Frank Schwende 734-975-1989
schwende@sbcglobal.net

Jan 25-Feb 4, 2009 (Sun-Wed)

Wandering Wheels Florida Trip #2

See Jan 11-21, above.

www.wanderingwheels.org

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

Mar 14-21, 2009 (Sat-Sat)

Texas Hell Week XIX

Fredericksburg, TX. This fixed-center tour features 8 days of riding in the Texas Hill Country. Now in its 19th year, over 325 riders have been coming to this German Hamlet for some of the best rural riding this side of Eden. "No Wimps or Whiners Allowed!"

www.hellweek.com/texas.html

Captain: Sharon Sleeper 248-324-1879
sle148851@aol.com

Mar 20-Apr 30, 2009 (Fri-Thu)

Wandering Wheels' Coast to Coast Tour

66th U.S. crossing sponsored by Wandering Wheels. Details not yet available. Most meals, sag, shirt, maps provided; lodging in schools, churches, motels, campgrounds.

www.wanderingwheels.org

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

Mar 28-Apr 4, 2009 (Sat-Sat)

Bike Florida

*Annual event to raise funds for the Florida Traffic & Bicycling Safety Educational Program. The 2009 tour will begin in beautiful and historic Madison and travel through Monticello and Wakulla and then back through both cities to end in Madison. Registration opens in November. **Fills quickly!***

www.bikeflorida.org/

Captain: Vickie Smith 734-276-2096 (cell)
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Club Mile Eligibility:

Invitationals must be published on the Ride Calendar while the ride is still open for registration.

Coming Up

Apr 18-23, 2009 (Sat-Thu) **Dates Tentative 2009 Florida Safari**

*Ride some of the best cycling rides in north Florida & south Georgia. Only move your tent once. Mileages per day: 30-100. Food by Charles. **Fills quickly!***

www.floridafreewheelers.com/

Captain: Gary Francis 734-522-1014
singincyclist@aol.com

May 2, 2009 (Sat)

Wine Country Century

*Santa Rosa, CA. An organized cycling experience on the back roads of Sonoma County presented by the Santa Rosa Cycling Club. Routes include 35 mile, 100K, 100 Mile and 200K options. No DOR registration. **Fills quickly!***

www.srcc.memberlodge.com/WCC

Captain: Janice Eunice 707-575-9439
nice@sonic.net

May 9-10, 2009 (Sat-Sun)

48th Annual TOSRV - Tour of the Scioto River Valley

*This Mother's Day favorite is a 2-day, 200-mile bicycle tour from Columbus, OH to Portsmouth, OH & back again. Half-TOSRV starts in Chillicothe. **Fills Quickly!***

www.tosrv.org

Captains: Chris & Casey Marble
231-828-4483

Chris.Marble@muskegoncc.edu

June 20-26, 2009 (Sat-Fri)

PALM XXVIII - Pedal Across Lower Michigan

*Emphasizing the social & recreational aspects of cycling, PALM is geared to the novice and intermediate rider, and is particularly well suited for families. Daily distances of 35-60 miles; longer routes available. Whitehall to Lexington. Applications available in January - **filled in 3 weeks last year!***

www.lmb.org/palm/

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

July 11, 2009 (Sat)

OHR XXXIII - One Helluva Ride!

Our fabulous annual Club Invitational, always held on the 2nd Saturday in July. Rides of 39, 63, 76 and 100 miles start at the Chelsea Fairgrounds; 15- and 30-mile Fun Rides and a Fat Tire Ride start at Portage Lake State Park.

Captains: David & Laurie Adams

david@theadamsclan.com

Jul 19-25, 2009 (Sun-Sat)

RAGBRAI XXXVII - Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa

*Classic cross-country bicycle tour - the grand-daddy 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
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Sep 2 or 3-6, 2009

(Wed or Thur-Sun)

DALMAC - Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour

*The 2008 version of this Cub favorite featured 5 routes, including one into the U.P. The 2009 event is in the planning stage; applications will be available mid-February. **Fills quickly!***

www.dalmac.org
Captain: Gwen Evich
734-426-5116 gwenevich@worldnet.att.net

Sep 3-13, 2009 (Wed-Sat)

September Harvest in the Garden of France

*This Bicycle Adventure Club tour will explore what happens "behind the scenes" at chateaux and gardens in the Loire Valley of France. The ride will be at the peak of the grape and potager (kitchen vegetable garden) harvests, also during several garden festivals. **BAC rides have limited space & fill quickly.***

www.bicycleadventureclub.org

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

Oct 10-17, 2009 (Sat-Sat)

PA's Brandywine Valley, Valley Forge, Amish Country

*A tried & true Bicycle Adventure Club ride in a lovely rural area close to Philadelphia, with rolling hills, early fall colors, and a wealth of historic sites. **BAC rides have limited space & fill quickly.***

www.bicycleadventureclub.org

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

P.O. Box 1585
Ann Arbor MI 48106
<http://www.aabts.org>



Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society

Lead a Ride!

To Volunteer as a
ride captain, call these
ride coordinators:

A/B Rides: *Position Open**

C Rides: *Position Open**

*See **Two Ride Captain
Recruiters Needed**
in box below.

Saturday Rides:

Kevin McGuinness 734-761-9894
kmcguinn@comcast.net

Weeklys:

Ann Hunt 734-761-1147
aehunt@comcast.net

Invitationals:

Vickie Smith 734-996-9461
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Doing an invitational
(April or later)
you don't see in
Coming Up?

Email
vickie.smith@comcast.net
or Call 734-996-9461
NOW to get it listed.

Visit www.aabts.org

for:

**Forums
Calendar
& Updates
Newsletter
Ride Sheets
Maps**

**April-May 2009
Ride Calendar
Deadlines:**

**Sunday Ride Ideas:
Feb 2 by e-mail, or at
Ride Calendar Meeting
on Wed, Feb 4**

**Weekly & Invitational:
Feb 18 *Final!***

Sunday to:
Jim Spencer 734-904-6431
jspencer_aabtscale@earthlink.net

Weekly to:
Ann Hunt 734-761-1147
aehunt@comcast.net

Invitationals to:
Vickie Smith 734-996-9461
vickie.smith@comcast.net

Two Ride Captain Recruiters Needed

We really need two volunteers to be ride coordinators in charge of finding ride captains for the Sunday morning A/B and C rides.
To volunteer for these positions, contact

Jim Spencer 734-904-6431
jspencer_aabtscale@earthlink.net