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AABTS BOARD MAKES POSSIBLE A \$5,000-PLUS DONATION TO THE CHANEY BICYCLING SAFETY AND ADVOCACY FUND

Thomas J. Powell

The Chaney Fund, an AABTS endowment fund with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, has funded a number of “Bicycling for Everyone” projects including the Tour de Kids, hundreds of helmet giveaways (and fittings), and the Common Cycle Community Bicycle Program.

To further strengthen the Chaney Fund, the AABTS Board has directed that club funds be used to match member contributions to the Fund up to \$2500 until July 31, 2013. Member donations in the amount of \$2,500 plus a \$2,500 matching from the Club will make a “for good, for ever” total donation of \$5,000. Projects can be funded in Plymouth as well as Washtenaw County since these areas are covered by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

A number of club members have already pledged donations. Be sure to check whether your employer will match your donations. Remember too that donations can be made in honor of a supporter of the Club or in memory of someone who has passed. In addition, good friends of the Chaney family have pledged to match 50 cents on every dollar matched by the Club. With your help we’ll get to \$5,000-plus.

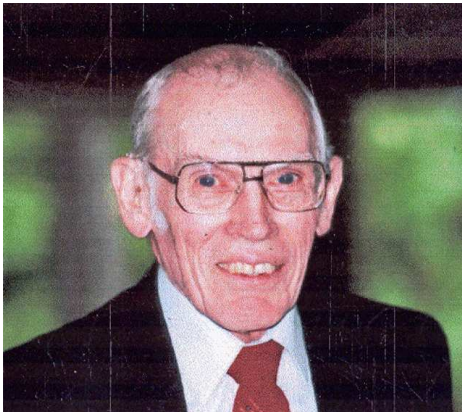
To donate make a check out to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, marking the Lucian Chaney Bicycling Safety and Advocacy Fund in the memo line. The AAACF has been a careful steward growing our donations through prudent investments. Let’s use the endowment fund to ensure a bright future for bicycling.

Donate now before the July 31, 2013 deadline:

- <http://www.aaacf.org/>
- <http://www.aaacf.org/about-aaacf/our-funds/aaacf-designated-funds>
- <http://www.aaacf.org/about-aaacf/our-funds/aaacf-designated-funds/lucian-w-chaney-bicycling-safety-advocacy-fund>

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Below is an excerpt from the September 25, 2003 letter establishing the Lucian W. Chaney Bicycling Safety and Advocacy Fund.



Lu Chaney

Lu Chaney is the inspiration for this fund. He made many contributions to bicycling and bicycling safety in and around Ann Arbor. He was a champion rider in senior's racing divisions, for many years he organized weekly AABTS time trials, and, during a period when we offered them, he completed a number of double centuries. He regularly attended Washtenaw County Road Commission meetings, thus ensuring that bicycling routes like Huron River Drive were appropriately paved (think asphalt rather than chip and seal). He instigated bicyclist-friendly signage on this same route. Most importantly, bicycling today is safer and more enjoyable because of the influential public meetings that he arranged with public safety and transportation representatives over the years.

Lu's generosity was felt by many, and certainly was evident in the work he did for many years recruiting ride leaders, publishing the AABTS ride calendar, and in the leadership he and his wife Mary gave to the Fun/Family OHR option by staffing the registration booth at Portage Lake during OHR. Lu and Mary developed new rides including the Clear Lake Circuit Ride and the Waterloo Farm Museum Ride that we still enjoy today.

For years Lu led the Club's Safety and Advocacy Program; within the Club an ongoing Safety and Advocacy Committee is continuing Lu's strong example. The group is drafting the Club's first Safety Newsletter, with plans to dedicate it to Lu. The publication will address the many important issues related to bicycling safety. AABTS has inaugurated the *Lucian W. Chaney Bicycling Safety and Advocacy Fund* with a donation of \$5,000. Members of the Chaney family have already made generous contributions to the fund, and a number of club members and friends have declared their intention to make significant donations as well. Given sufficient resources, AABTS will continue to make contributions annually.

By donating to the Lucian W. Chaney Endowment Fund, you will make a gift that keeps on giving to a bicycling community that embraces Brighton, Plymouth, Northville, and Canton as well as Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Dexter, Chelsea, and environs. We have an opportunity to build a strong, permanent tradition of community support for bicycling. Lu showed us the way; he made a difference; now let's follow his lead.

JOE DATSKO UPDATE

Lynda Collins

Joe Datsko moved to Maryland last May after living in Ann Arbor, Michigan for 70 years beginning in 1939 with his freshman year at U of M. He selected a retirement community in Maryland which would be near two of his daughters and an airport so his entire family of five could visit and have reunions easily. Charleston, the retirement community

he chose, is about six times the size of Glacier Hills with many great facilities.

There is a 1.3 mile hilly road around the campus that he found great as a training course: 10 laps in 80 minutes. There are many bike and rails-to-trails nearby and only 4 miles to a road along side a river in a State Park. However, in August last year he developed shingles in his right foot and the virus infected the nerve down his right leg, which partially immobilized the ankle and caused “foot drop.” This restricted his bike-riding, but with six days a week of therapy, he expects that he will again be biking again this spring.

“Although, I’m getting along fine here, I do miss my friends in the Ann Arbor area and my favorite spots in S.E. Michigan. To keep in touch, I read the Ann Arbor News, and occasionally look at the DVD of my 90th birthday party to which about 100 of my friends came. It helps to keep my memory alive of my friends in the bike club. The numerous of photos of Doris spaced around my two rooms keep reminding me of all the good time we had together for nearly 70 years.”

Joseph Datsko
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Catonsville, Maryland 21228
Phone 410-737-1650

BIKE RALLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Carole Hann

[Ed. Note: The following call went out to club members via our Google Group, the response was good, and the event on May 4th was a success . . . more in the September Newsletter.]

I am looking for several volunteers to help with the 2013 AABTS helmet give-away scheduled for Saturday May 4th, rain date May 11th. This event, sponsored by the AABTS Bicycle Advocacy Safety Education Committee (BASE), has the potential to distribute 150 free helmets. The event will be

held at University Townhouse Cooperative at 3200 Braeburn Circle in Ann Arbor.

AABTS BASE will combine efforts with Common Cycle <http://commoncycle.org/>. Common Cycle is a community-based organization empowering Ann Arbor to ride bicycles by providing access to education, workspace, and resources. Last year the event was a huge success with over 100 children and parents attending and about 75 bikes being repaired by Common Cycle volunteers.

If you are not sure—relax. Fitting helmets to heads is made easy due to the “easy-fit” style Bell helmets we purchase. The helmets are sorted by size/age group and clearly marked in easy to access boxes. Also available are tape measures for the occasional hard to fit head. Measure the head then find the helmet to fit. There also are seasoned volunteers to assist the less experienced.

If you want to be a part of this great event, contact Carole Hann: carolehann12@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AABTS Members: Please see the Volunteer Opportunities Below and contact Erica Briggs, erica@cec-mi.org or 734.585.5720 x34, for more details on volunteering.

Teaching Benefits of Biking on Health and Environment

Volunteers are needed to help teach short lesson plans on the importance of biking and walking to 6th graders at Clague Middle School starting in May. These lessons will be taught during advisory class and focus on the environmental and health benefits of biking and walking, as well as how to engage in these activities safely. Advisory classes meet from 11:35–11:50am. Our ideal volunteer will be able to commit to teaching two lessons a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, throughout the month of May. Training will be provided. Volunteering less often or on different days may be an option, please contact Erica Briggs, erica@cec-mi.org or 734.585.5720 x34, for more details on volunteering.

More background on the project: Clague Middle School was one of six schools in Michigan to receive Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for the 2012–2013 school year. This funding will be used to make infrastructure improvements around Clague Middle School, as well as fund education and encouragement work. Clague is working with the Clean Energy Coalition to hold walk and bike to school days at Clague this spring, implement pedestrian and bicycle safety education through advisory classes, and organize a bike festival in conjunction with National Bike to School day in May. In partnership with the City of Ann Arbor, SRTS funds will help fund the installation of sidewalks and crosswalks on Nixon Road, install flashing beacons on Green Road, and make crosswalk improvements at the intersection of Green and Nixon roads in the summer/fall of 2013. The total project award was \$180,065. For more information, please visit www.cec-mi.org/clague

Bike and Walk to School Days Event Assistance

CEC is supporting Bike + Walk to School Days at Clague. We need volunteers to assist with welcoming students and recording participation on the following dates from 7:20am–8:10am. Volunteers can assist on one or more of the days:

- Friday, April 12th and 26th
- Friday, May 10th , 17th , 24th , 31st

Thank You.

Jim Lee,

VP, Bicycling Advocacy, Safety and Education (BASE)

BICYCLE SALE AT ANN ARBOR HURON HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, May 11 will be the date of a large used bicycle sale at Huron High School. The sale is being held to raise money for the Huron Band 2014 France Trip and to benefit the community at large by providing access to a large quantity of used bikes all at one place as well as a way for people to sell their bikes. The sale will run from 11:00am to 3:00pm in

the Huron High School cafeteria, 2727 Fuller Rd, Ann Arbor.

Additional details are available at the AA Huron Band France Trip site:

<http://huronbandfrancetrip2014.org>, and select upcoming events.

In addition to donating, selling and buying bikes, the Ann Arbor Huron High School would like to invite AABTS members to volunteer during the event. Volunteers will be asked to provide advice about bikes and help with bike repair/tuning. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Clark McCall at a2bikesale@gmail.com or 734-845-2429. Thank you for the help!

Read the full press release (PDF) for more information:

http://www.aabts.org/HuronSale_PressRls.pdf.

37TH ANNUAL ONE HELLUVA RIDE JULY 13, 2013

General Information

The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society (AABTS) presents the 37th **Annual One Helluva Ride (OHR)** on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Join us for a day of scenic bicycle touring over tree-lined, paved roads in Washtenaw, Ingham, Jackson and Livingston counties. The routes wind through rural and recreation areas on beautiful rolling terrain and vary enough to appeal to a broad range of bicyclists.



OHR riders can choose from six great loop routes. Four rides start and end at Chelsea Fairgrounds in Chelsea, Michigan; the 100 mile route will go through Hell. The two Fun Rides start and end at Portage Lake State Park. All the routes share the same central lunch stop at Portage Lake State Park, so family members and friends who decide to take different routes can meet.

Register Now! <http://aabts.org/ohr/>

COOKIES NEEDED FOR AABTS-HOSTED PALM 2013 STOP

Once again AABTS will be hosting a Cookie Table on the PALM, Pedal Across Lower Michigan ride, and we need your help making cookies.

PALM is a six-day ride geared to new riders and young families, and also numerous folks who ride it annually. This year the Cookie Table will be in Manchester on Wednesday, June 26, day 4 of the week-long bike tour. There will be about 800 riders, and so we are looking for 135 dozen because EVERYONE loves homemade cookies.

Last year's cookie coordinator, Jan Shubitowski, will be out of town so Christine Flaviani will be coordinating this year's table. Please contact Christine at cflaviani@yahoo.com or 248-349-8862, with the number of cookies you can provide. All types of cookies, including brownies, are welcome!

John Finnegan has volunteered again this year to help with cookie collection and freezer space for the Far East Fringe area. We are still in need of freezer space and volunteers for collecting cookies in the Ann Arbor area. Please contact Christine if you can help out.

The Cookie Table is a great way to talk to other bicyclists about the benefits of joining AABTS and the fun they could have riding One Helluva Ride.

RIDE OF SILENCE WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Join the 10th anniversary worldwide Ride of Silence (www.rideofsilence.org) as cyclists

throughout the world ride in a silent, slow-paced ride (maximum 12 mph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways. AABTS will join Bike Ypsi at Recreation Park, Ypsilanti for the ride. Gather at 6:30 pm, ride at 7:00.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 30, 2013

Creating a cycling event in Ann Arbor for BMT (bone marrow transplant) Infonet and U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic

Hello!

My name is Craig Bowman. I am a two-time cancer survivor, bone marrow transplant recipient, and avid Ironman triathlete and cyclist.

I am now a Caring Connection volunteer for BMTinfonet.org Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network (based in Chicago).

Because of my passion for intense endurance exercise (something that positively contributed to my incredible recovery from death's door!), one of the directors for BMTinfonet, when I volunteered, asked me if I would think some on organizing a major cycling event sponsored by their organization along with the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Bone Marrow Clinic and local Michigan-based groups.

This note is simply to put the word out that we want to make this happen.

We need to determine two things, initially: a good date for the event and what kind of supportive interest among Michigan cyclists, triathletes, and others there might be.

We would like the event to take place, ideally, in Ann Arbor in close proximity to the U of M hospital.

One of the dates that I initially picked is June 9, a Sunday that also happens to be the National Cancer Survivor Day, with a gathering of survivors treated by U of M CCC that

afternoon in Ann Arbor. I attended this inspiring celebration last year for the first time, but this year I will be in Israel directing an archaeological dig. I still think that it may be one of the best dates for staging the event, but someone other than me would end up being the main coordinator for it.

The connection for BMTinfont.org is that this event would serve as a fund-raiser incentive for persons wanting to reduce travel costs to attend the annual Celebrating a Second Chance at Life National Symposium for Bone Marrow, Stem Cell, and Cord Blood Survivors. This year's symposium was held in Costa Mesa, CA April 20-21.

Believe me, as a BMT recipient, there is no one who shares the depth of meaning and life-renewing aspects as well as the unique life-threatening challenges as do fellow transplant patients. We understand each other like no one else can. We also inspire each other in extraordinary ways, but we also still depend heavily on caregiver and community support. These kinds of gatherings are essential for survivors. But not all survivors can afford to get there on their own. Together, we can make a real difference in helping them realize their dreams.

Many of you to whom I write, knew 17-time Michigan Ironman legend Jon Logan and his wife Sandy. Many of you have already ridden in or will ride in events honoring Jon's memory. Some of you knew Art DeCook, the father of professional triathlete Ryan DeCook. And, many of you know my story rather well. Some of you may be involved in some phase of your own cancer or transplant journey. With the cancer occurrence at one in three, chances are that you or someone very close to you will face the cancer challenge; it is likely in your lifetime you will be either patient or caregiver. The storylines for Jon, Art, and me are simultaneously similar and different. All three of us faced cancer, not alone, but encircled by family and friends who carried us daily when we could not walk on our own, with loving hands, listening ears, and devoted hearts. Each of us depended on the caring community around us. Those like

us need all of you.

Please join me in the creation of this event.

Thanks for your participation and consideration.

Sincerely,
Craig Bowman

[Editor's Note: This thank-you letter was delayed due to an error on the part of the editor.]

September 21, 2012

Dear Bicycle Friends,

Before my back surgery I remember thinking, "I hope I don't get a plant from AABTS because I'll probably accidentally kill it," but now I'm glad I have the plant. It reminds me of you and all the cards and get well wishes. Thank you for thinking of me, and I hope to be bicycling again soon.

Gwen Evich

To: The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely basket of green plants that we received at our new residence. The plant is doing very well—it is actually thriving—growing new leaves and sprouting white lily-like flowers. It is a nice addition for our family room. Gary and I hope that all our bicycle friends are doing well. We think of you often.

Sincerely,
Gary and Linda Francis

Friday, February 15, 2013

Dear AABTS,

What a pleasant surprise to have the lovely dish garden delivered to our door this week (especially the day before Valentines Day). We are enjoying the variety of plants that are in it and will no doubt have it for a long time. My recovery has been great so far. I have been able to do some walking each day, both inside on the track and outside on the country roads. But I haven't been able to get

into the pool yet. Perhaps next week, after the doctor gives the okay, I will be able to get back into the water.

Thanks again for the nice plant garden. It was very thoughtful of you.

Art Kitze

To all of the Members of AABTS

Thank you so much for the flowers the club sent me after my recent ankle surgery.

They are in the center of the table right now.

I don't really feel like I should rate a full "get well wish" because everything went so smoothly and I have had so little pain or discomfort.

It already feels so much better than it did before that the big problem is remembering to stay off of it so it can knit.

Thank you again everyone.

See you on the road,

Steu White

To all of the Members of AABTS

The family of Gene Buatti deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

FOR SALE

For Sale: "Standard Road" men's 54cm Merlin bike. 27-speed, titanium frame, drop bars. Mavic Classics wheels, Ultegra triple. Use your pedals, saddle. \$1,500 cash. 517-796-4990 (Jackson, Mich.) between 9 AM and 8 PM.

If you buy, we can meet in Michigan's Lower Peninsula to avoid shipping.

Please let me know if it's too long, or if you need anything else.

Thanks, again!

Marta Dodd [mkdodd08@gmail.com]

For Sale:

Diamond Back Road Bike (Expert Model)

- Red/White Frame (Aluminum)
- Drop Bars
- Low Mileage
- Very Clean/Like New
- 53 cm Frame Size
- Loaded:
 - Computer
 - Mirror
 - 2 Water Bottle Cages
 - Seat Bag
 - Bell
 - Toe Straps

\$500/call 734-971-0685 (Mary)

- Thule Fit Kit #227
 - for 400 XL Foot Pak
- \$45/call 734-971-0685 (Mary)
-

- Shimano Clip On Pedals
 - double sided
 - minimal use
- \$25/call 734-971-0685 (Mary)
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**AABTS HOLIDAY POTLUCK 2012
GROTTO CLUB OF ANN ARBOR
PHOTOS OF CELEBRATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Shirley Ceely performs in the Veg-O-Matic trick.



Frank Lamitola takes a shot at the card trick.



Katbleen and Kevin McGuinness try to solve the mystery of the rings.

Jim Carmody takes the ring! It finally reappeared and was returned to Connie Cavanaugh.

Photos: Dan Harrison

**AABTS POTLUCK
WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH 2013
AWARDS, MILEAGE, AND ELECTION**

**Awards Presented by AABTS
for 2012 Riding Season
Clete Bjornstad**

At the April 10th Potluck awards were presented to club members who accumulated a significant number of miles or were ride leaders during the 2012 riding season. Thank you all, and let me assure you that the club really appreciates your contributions.

The mileage award ballpoint pens go to the following members:

Men

John Finnegan: 16,311 miles and a First Prize

John Pierce: 13,302 miles and a Second Prize

Joe Pavlovich: 8,418 miles and a Third Prize

Women

Sharon Sleeker: 6,021 miles and a First Prize

Jan Shubitowski: 4,497 miles and a Second Prize

Amy McKinley: 4,466 miles and a Third Prize

Ride Captain Awards are as follows:

Amy McKinley's Grand Prize consisted of a \$50 Gift Certificate to Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors, \$50 Gift Certificate to Mainstreet Ventures, \$25 Gift Certificate to Nicola's Books

John Pierce's Grand Prize consisted of a \$50 Gift Certificate to Two Wheel Tango, \$50 Gift Certificate to Mainstreet Ventures, \$25 Gift Certificate to Nicola's Books

The following gift certificates were also presented:

Vivian Phillips: Mainstreet Ventures \$50

Dan Harrison: Mainstreet Ventures \$50

Joe Pavlovich: Great Lakes Cycling & Fitness \$30

Brad Bates: Great Lakes Cycling & Fitness \$30

Don Evich: Northside Grill \$30

John Coffey: Wheels in Motion \$30

Kevin McGuinness: Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors \$30

Bob Rawson: Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors \$30

Frank Lamitola: Midwest Bike and Tandem \$30

Vickie Smith: Midwest Bike and Tandem \$30

Sharon Sleeker: Northside Grill \$30

Tom Powell: Two Wheel Tango \$30

Gwen Evich: Two Wheel Tango \$30

Chuck Hescheles: Northside Grill \$20

Joe Datsko: Panera Bread \$10

Ed Baumstark: Panera Bread \$10

Elizabeth Tidd: Panera Bread \$10

Joe Skurka: Nicola's Books \$10

Rob Pilkerton: Nicola's Books \$10

Will McWhirter: Nicola's Books \$10

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

Lifetime Mileage Awards

At the April 10, 2013 AABTS Potluck, the following lifetime mileage awards were presented.

160,000: John Pierce

130,000: John Finnegan

125,000: John Finnegan

120,000: John Finnegan

110,000: Don Evich

105,000: Frank Lamitola

95,000: Gwen Evich, Jan Shubitowski, Vickie Smith

90,000: Dan Harrison, Tom Sleeker

85,000: Tom Sleeker

80,000: Chris Marble†

75,000: Will McWhirter, Sharon Sleeker

70,000: Will McWhirter, Sharon Sleeker

65,000: Rita Straith

60,000: John Bain, Steve Lepper

55,000: Connie Cavanaugh, Bob Rawson

50,000: Bud Preston

40,000: Vivian Phillips, Jim Van Vlerah

35,000: Jane Barrett, Jack Caldwell, Steve Dodge, Ted Green, Sandy Hahn, Jim Knight, Mick Osman, Joe Pavlovich

30,000: John Clinthorne, Kathleen Donahoe, Dan Lenardon, Kevin McGuinness, Joe Pavlovich, Joe Skurka

25,000: Dan Clarke, Gerald Huntley, Michael Murray,

20,000: Mark Goodwin, Gene Hoefle, Chuck Nicewonder, Jeff Witzburg

15,000: Ron Bunnell, Doug Tidd, Tony Williams

10,000: John Atwater, Ann Garvin, Jim Irrer, Terri Kepler, Amy McKinley, George Moses, Randy Rubin, Jan Tripp

5,000: Ed Baumstark, Jeff Eisemann, Jeff Keeler, Jan Leonard, Bob Martel, Amber Morin, Christopher Morin, Matt Raezler, Joe Toland

Commuter Miles Prize Drawing

Craig Stephan

Commuter Miles sub-Chair

- John Ford (top mileage, with 2,721 miles)
- Joe Christy
- Terri Kepler

The second two winners were picked from a random draw from all people who had posted 2012 mileage. All received \$10 gift certificates.

Altogether, 17 commuters rode 15,343 miles in 2012, resulting in estimated savings of 731 gallons of gasoline and the avoidance of 7.0 tons of CO₂ emissions.

Few Miles Needed for Next Lifetime Patch

Name	2012 Lifetime	Miles Needed in 2013	Next Lifetime Patch
Dawn Callahan	4,947	53	5,000
Claudio Vacas	34,872	128	35,000
Dave Arscott	14,839	161	15,000
John Pierce	169,774	226	170,000
Steu White	64,764	236	65,000
Charlie Deroo	49,711	289	50,000
Terence Treppa	14,687	313	15,000
Mick Osman	39,667	333	40,000
Lucy White	39,666	334	40,000
Ann Hunt	24,656	344	25,000
Chuck Stanich	39,621	379	40,000
Tim Loviska	4,589	411	5,000
Carolyn McWhirter	19,534	466	20,000
Debbie Kelley	9,528	472	10,000
Kristen Polanski	4,507	493	5,000
Jim Melosh	39,488	512	40,000
Lexanne Creitz	54,460	540	55,000
Jan Moore	39,445	555	40,000
Daryl Howell	4,439	561	5,000
Steve Limkemann	4,431	569	5,000
Phyllis Czapla	44,427	573	45,000
David Jonah	44,424	576	45,000
Jay Fillion	4,398	602	5,000
Sheilagh Fillion	4,398	602	5,000
Gerry Meridith	9,357	643	10,000
Dieter Hohnke	39,326	674	40,000
Paul Alman	19,317	683	20,000
Elizabeth Tidd	14,230	770	15,000

**AABTS Mileage Patches
for Club Rides in 2012**

At the April 10, 2013 AABTS potluck and annual meeting, 173 members earned a personalized mileage patch for the 2012 riding year. You too can earn a personalized patch by riding 500 or more AABTS club miles in a year. If you missed the potluck Dan Harrison and Jan Shubitowski will be carrying your patch on selected club rides this year. Look for them to receive your patch. Otherwise we will mail it to you later in June.

Name	Miles	Place			
Ovidiu Adam	726	135	Christine Flaviani	2,079	62
Paul Alman	591	160	Chris Free	603	158
Lynn Babcock	670	144	Chuck Freitas	807	127
John Bain	1,976	65	Mary Jo Freitas	807	128
Jane Barrett	2,020	64	John Fry	827	123
Brad Bates	538	167	Philip Furspan	933	115
Ed Baumstark	3,565	28	Kevin Galvin	610	157
Deb Beer	2,573	44	Art Gershowitz	976	110
David Blank	2,915	38	William Ghrist	582	162
Don Broadway	586	161	George Gonyo	1,142	94
Bill Bruce	679	142	Ted Green	649	147
Eugene Buatti	641	148	Dave Hahn	2,768	42
Ron Bunnell	3,074	36	Sandy Hahn	3,060	37
Bob Burslem	1,075	102	Tom Haig	1,123	96
Buster Buster	1,457	82	Joel Hakken	919	118
Beth Caldwell	2,116	60	Wendy Hakken	821	125
Jack Caldwell	1,669	72	Carole Hann	1,401	85
Dawn Callahan	3,436	29	Dan Harrison	5,269	9
David Carey	1,086	100	Michael Head	622	153
Connie Cavanaugh	1,401	84	Mary Hensel	705	138
Tom Chettleburgh	1,211	90	Chuck Hescheles	1,025	105
Dan Clarke	3,676	24	Jeanette Hescheles	650	146
John Clinthorne	1,331	86	Gene Hoefle	2,554	46
John Coffey	928	116	Carol Hohnke	2,439	48
Sharon Cooper	829	122	Dieter Hohnke	1,486	80
Lexanne Creitz	1,005	108	Daryl Howell	510	171
Pete Cwik	1,220	87	Ann Hunt	1,167	91
Phyllis Czapla	1,587	75	David Hunt	503	172
Jim Datsko	743	132	Tom Hunt	691	140
Gil Daws	1,761	68	Gerald Huntley	3,106	35
Tom Dembinski	543	166	Jim Irrer	2,397	49
Charlie Deroo	3,609	27	David Jonah	680	141
Steve Dodge	4,537	13	Carl Karickhoff	925	117
Kathleen Donahoe	1,742	70	Jeff Keeler	3,881	22
Carlin Early	1,091	99	Debbie Kelley	2,848	39
Jeff Eisemann	3,910	21	Terri Keppler	4,045	20
Nellie Emery	738	133	Art Kitze	1,008	107
Don Evich	4,829	11	Cheryl Klee	950	111
Gwen Evich	4,230	17	Harold Klee	940	113
John Finnegan	16,311	1	Eileen Knesper	533	168
			Jim Knight	3,333	30

Marc Konvisser	1,094	98	Ross Richardson	1,166	92
Frank Lamitola	5,023	10	Leslie Roberts	774	129
Tom Leib	523	169	Jonathan Rodgers	3,137	34
Dan Lenardon	1,692	71	Randy Rubin	3,277	31
Jan Leonard	510	170	David Sasaki	1,215	89
Steve Lepper	1,433	83	Stan Sedo	1,019	106
Debbie Lienau	1,471	81	Nobuki Sekiguchi	1,562	77
Steve Limkemann	3,652	25	Lisa Sessa	1,616	74
Tim Loviska	2,823	40	Mark Shields	701	139
Mark Lytle	677	143	Jan Shubitowski	4,497	14
Richard Mahn	2,565	45	Dallas Simpson	2,207	56
Kathy Malone	595	159	Joe Skurka	2,206	57
Chris Marble	3,613	26	Sharon Sleeker	6,021	5
Daniel Marcin	636	149	Tom Sleeker	6,772	4
Bob Martel	5,632	8	Vickie Smith	4,066	19
Sharlene McGugan	760	131	Jeffrey Spoon	2,230	55
Kevin McGuinness	5,666	7	Chuck Stanich	822	124
Amy McKinley	4,466	15	Craig Stephan	715	136
Jeff McNally	616	155	Jon Stinson	836	120
Will McWhirter	5,789	6	Dorothy Stock	2,189	58
Jim Melosh	2,061	63	Rita Straith	3,195	33
Gerry Meridith	832	121	Lloyd Strong	911	119
Laike Misikir	574	163	Pat Swann	500	173
Kenny Moffatt	2,279	52	Skip Tatum	1,560	78
JulieAnn Moore	626	152	Doug Tidd	3,877	23
Darlene Morin	709	137	Elizabeth Tidd	2,381	50
Michael Murray	2,585	43	Joe Toland	633	150
Allan Newman	1,218	88	Terence Treppa	1,082	101
Chuck Nicewonder	618	154	Jan Tripp	1,746	69
Cindie Niemann	563	164	Barb Underwood	1,049	104
Gary Oak	3,197	32	Emily Van Heukelom	809	126
Anne Ormand	726	134	Jim Van Vlerah	2,325	51
Mick Osman	4,815	12	John Vincent	936	114
David Patria	1,143	93	Alex Wagner	1,618	73
Joe Pavlovich	8,418	3	John Waller	1,976	66
Marcia Peitzman	774	130	Lucy White	1,061	103
Vivian Phillips	2,232	54	Steu White	2,083	61
Bill Pidgeon	544	165	Tony Williams	4,143	18
John Pierce	13,302	2	John Wilson	630	151
Robb Pilkerton	2,121	59	Regina Wilson	612	156
Marilyn Pobanz	985	109	Mary Wise	1,770	67
Kristen Polanski	2,258	53	Jeff Witzburg	2,811	41
Tom Powell	940	112	Bennet Wolper	668	145
Bud Preston	2,454	47			
Gail Preston	1,534	79			
Matt Raezler	1,562	76			
Bob Rawson	4,312	16			
John Reiter	1,126	95			
David Relson	1,111	97			

2012 RIDE STATISTICS



- ★ 50% of Rides Led by Top 16 Ride Captains
- ★ 1,629 Rides Led
- ★ 130 Ride Captains
- ★ Average of 6 riders per ride
- ★ 348 active members rode an average of 1,096 miles, rode an average of 26 rides, for an average distance of 43 miles, and led an average of 5 rides
- ★ 173 earned a mileage patch for 500 or more miles
- ★ AABTS members rode a total of 381,458 club miles up 6% over 2011
- ★ Active members rode a total of 6,532,216 lifetime miles
- ★ Active members have an average 18,771 lifetime miles
- ★ 67 lifetime patches/awards earned in 2012

NEW LIFETIME MILEAGE AWARD

Jan Shubitowski

A new lifetime mileage award has been established for our highest mileage riders. The first two were presented at the April 10th potluck.

When AABTS started about 36 years ago, a system of recognizing members who accumulated a significant miles on club rides over the years was instituted. The original system presented a patch for every 5,000 miles ridden, all the way up to 50,000 miles. It was believed that 50,000 miles would be the top.

Then, in 1998, we found members were reaching, and surpassing, that mark. A series of pins was created, to cover every 5,000 miles, from 55,000 all the way to 100,000 miles. All was well, for a few years.

That ceiling was passed by club members in 2006, and we added a second series of mileage pins, from 105,000 to 150,000 miles. That, we believed, would suffice for a long time. Maybe forever.

Well, forever has arrived. In 2011 we had our first club member breaking through that 150,000 ceiling.

Therefore, we have implemented a new series of awards. Starting after 150,000 miles, Lifetime Achievement Awards will change to be presented every 10,000 miles. (160K, 170K, 180K and so on.) This award is a large drinking glass etched with the club logo and the mileage milestone.



The first member to pass the 160,000 mile level—and also the 170,000 mile level—is John Pierce. John was presented both a 160,000 and a 170,000 mile etched AABTS glass at the April potluck.

AABTS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Dan Harrison

At the April 10th AABTS Annual Meeting and Potluck the AABTS Board member election was held. There were three board members to be elected. The nominees were Terri Keppler, Lynn Babcock and Jim Lee.

All three were elected and will serve a two year term.

AABTS thanks the nominees for stepping up and running for the board and for their support to the club.

Outgoing board members Don Broadway and Debbie Beer served for four years over two terms. Lynn Babcock has served for one year and has been reelected. Thanks to all of you for your outstanding service to AABTS. The terms of Dave Patria (03/2014) and Jeff McNally (03/2014) continue.

The Board now consists of: Jim Lee (chair), Terri Keppler, Jeff McNally, Dave Patria, and Lynn Babcock



Not a bad turn-out for a nasty windy first Saturday Wheeler Park ride of the regular season. Rain and sleet appeared later near Chelsea. High 30's to low-40's and SE winds to 25 mph.

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