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**HURON RIVER ROAD PROJECT**

**APPROVED**

Doug Tidd

**O**n May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Washtenaw County Road Commission approved the allocation of \$100,000 to supplement the \$41,000 raised by our club and other donors. This will enable the grinding and repaving of the entire section of Huron River Drive from the Foster Bridge east to the Ann Arbor city limits. Requests for bids will be sent out in June with a projected project date in August.

Thank all of you who contributed to this much needed project.

We also want to recognize again Ted Green's tenacity in seeing this through to the commitment by the Road Commission.

**NOTICE OF ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP MEETING: NEWPORT ROAD REPAIR**

Ted Green

[Editor's Note: This notice was posted on May 19, and even though the meetings referred to below have already taken place, it is included here for your information.]

As you may know by now, the generous donations to the Huron River Drive repaving project have prompted the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) to budget an additional \$110K (more than a double-match) to repave that terrible section of HRD this summer. This is all approved and will happen. Thank you again! Without your donations and the AABTS it would not be repaved for years. This will be a premium repair: The existing pavement will be completely ground up, the dirt under the road compacted and completely new pavement poured. This is tentatively scheduled for late August, which is as fast as bidding and scheduling allows.

As many of you also know, the northern part of Newport Road is also in terrible shape and in need of complete replacement. A plan for replacement has been submitted to the Ann Arbor Township. It would consist of a Special Assessment District (SAD) for about 50 properties on/near the road (raising \$60K), the Township contributing another \$60K and the WCRC contributing the rest if needed.

If you and/or any friends live within the Ann Arbor Township, it would be helpful to come to the Township meeting on May 19, 2014 at 7:30 to speak and/or show support for the Newport Road project. While the Township appears to be in favor of the project, these meetings often attract anti-tax zealots, and it is important to show majority support. The meeting will be at 3792 Pontiac Trail. If the SAD and budget are approved the terrible northern part of Newport Rd. will be repaved this fall.

For perhaps the first time, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners (BOC) is considering levying a 0.4 to 1.0 mill 1 year tax to help with road repair. The next meeting where the public can make comments is tentatively May 22 at 6:30 in the County building board room. The WCRC has created an impressive list of roads that can be repaved/repared with just 0.4 mills and a larger list is being considered for up to 1.0 mills. I cannot imagine many residents being opposed to this. I hope the BOC votes yes on this soon enough for additional road repairs this year.

**BACKGROUND  
AND PROGRESS REPORT  
MARCH 2014**

**Polar Vortex Freezes  
WCRC Commitment on the HRD  
Last Mile Project**

[Editor's Note: Since this was written, the checks have been turned over to the WCRC—they were given in a "photo op" on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here's a link to the article (Ann Arbor Bicyclists Donate \$40K to Help Repave Half-Mile Stretch of Huron River Drive):

<https://www.facebook.com/AABTS.MI.>

From the Board and Officers of AABTS

First the good news: The Huron River Drive Campaign was an overwhelming success. A total of \$41,000 was raised for the milling and paving of the worst section of Huron River Drive. \$15,000 of this was contributed by Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society Members, plus the Club's match of \$10,000. The Ann Arbor Velo Club contributed \$6,000. There were also several contributions made many area residents. The board and officers are very thankful for all of Ted Green's significant efforts during the campaign and are very proud of the response of many club members.

Last fall, when we embarked on the club's second drive to make significant improvements to Huron River Drive, we had no idea that this winter would be one of the worst in recorded history for our area's roads. The Washtenaw County Road Commission is very concerned about all of the frost damage that may have affected some of the hundreds of miles of roads they manage. In the next few months, once the deep frozen ground has thawed they will have a more accurate picture of how much damage has been done and also how much has been spent clearing the roads of our unprecedented snowfall.

We are asking for the project donors' continued patience as we wait for what we feel is almost certain appropriation of funds by the WCRC to complete the project. We have not turned over the checks to the WCRC and would not do so without their appropriation of the matching funds to complete the project.

Thank you again for your generous support of this project! As soon as we hear that they have appropriated the funds we will be sending out our celebratory update!

**AABTS POTLUCK  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
AWARDS, MILEAGE, AND ELECTION**

**LIFETIME MILEAGE AWARDS**

At the April 9, 2014 AABTS potluck, the following lifetime mileage awards were presented:

- 180,000 & 170,000:** John Pierce
- 145,000, 140,000 & 135,000:** John Finnegan
- 115,000 :** Don Evich
- 110,000:** Frank Lamitola
- 100,000:** Jan Shubitowski, Vickie Smith, Gwen Evich
- 95,000:** Dan Harrison, Tom Sleeker
- 85,000:** Gary Oak
- 80,000:** Will McWhirter, Sharon Sleeker
- 65,000:** Steu White
- 55,000:** Lexanne Creitz, Charlie Deroo, Tom Powell
- 50,000:** Charlie Deroo

- 45,000:** Phyllis Czapla, Carol Hohnke
- 40,000:** Steve Dodge, Dieter Hohnke, Jim Melosh, Mick Osman, Joe Pavlovich, Chuck Stanich, Lucy White
- 35,000:** Dorothy Stock, Barb Underwood
- 30,000:** Alex Wagner
- 25,000:** Ann Hunt, Gail Preston, Jonathan Rodgers, Jeff Witzburg
- 20,000:** Paul Alman, Tim Caldwell, George Gonyo, Lloyd Strong, Doug Tidd, Tony Williams
- 15,000:** John Barr, Terri Keppler, Amy McKinley, Elizabeth Tidd, Terence Treppa
- 10,000:** Ed Baumstark, Jeff Eisemann, Jeff Keeler, Bob Martel
- 5,000:** Dawn Callahan, David Carey, John Coffey, Debbie Lienau, Steve Limkemann, Tim Loviska, Richard Mahn, Kristen Polanski, John Reiter, David Relson, Dallas Simpson, Jeffrey Spoon

**FEW MILES NEEDED FOR NEXT LIFETIME PATCH**

<b>Name</b>	<b>2013 Lifetime</b>	<b>Miles Needed in 2014</b>	<b>Next Lifetime Patch</b>
Jay Fillion	4,898	102	5,000
Sheilagh Fillion	4,898	102	5,000
Philip Furspan	24,877	123	25,000
Ron Bunnell	19,817	183	20,000
Buster Buster	19,807	193	20,000
Carolyn McWhirter	19,763	237	20,000
Beth Caldwell	39,754	246	40,000
Bill Pidgeon	9,682	318	10,000
Jon Stinson	39,677	323	40,000
Carole Hann	29,636	364	30,000
Dave Hahn	34,625	375	35,000
John Waller	14,600	400	15,000
David Jonah	44,509	491	45,000
Bob Rawson	59,484	516	60,000
Jan Moore	39,447	553	40,000
Dan Clarke	29,373	627	30,000
Regina Wilson	9,303	697	10,000

**AABTS MILEAGE PATCHES  
FOR CLUB RIDES IN 2013**

At the April 9, 2014 AABTS potluck and annual meeting, 166 members earned a personalized mileage patch for the 2013 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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Place</b>			
John Finnegan	12,427	1	Rita Straith	2,614	40
John Pierce	12,047	2	Lisa Sessa	2,549	41
Sharon Sleeker	5,535	3	Jim Irrer	2,459	42
Charlie Deroo	5,534	4	Carol Hohnke	2,282	43
Will McWhirter	5,386	5	Jim Van Vlerah	2,282	44
Tom Sleeker	5,093	6	John Reiter	2,221	45
Joe Pavlovich	5,039	7	Tim Loviska	2,186	46
Jan Shubitowski	4,950	8	Richard Mahn	2,157	47
Frank Lamitola	4,825	9	Dieter Hohnke	2,130	48
Ed Baumstark	4,790	10	Elizabeth Tidd	2,085	49
Jeffrey Spoon	4,754	11	Jim Melosh	1,878	50
Steve Dodge	4,649	12	Steve Lepper	1,868	51
Tony Williams	4,589	13	Alex Wagner	1,834	52
Dan Harrison	4,585	14	Buster Buster	1,818	53
Don Evich	4,561	15	Beth Caldwell	1,777	54
Gwen Evich	4,558	16	George Gonyo	1,762	55
Dan Clarke	4,371	17	Sandy Hahn	1,730	56
Jeff Eisemann	4,285	18	Gene Hoefle	1,720	57
Bob Martel	4,161	19	Jane Barrett	1,717	58
John Coffey	4,100	20	Chuck Stanich	1,708	59
Dawn Callahan	4,000	21	Steu White	1,664	60
Mick Osman	3,543	22	Nada Dandan	1,658	61
Jonathan Rodgers	3,528	23	Kristen Polanski	1,653	62
Terri Keppler	3,512	24	Vivian Phillips	1,647	63
Dallas Simpson	3,434	25	Amy McKinley	1,645	64
Vickie Smith	3,332	26	Philip Furspan	1,575	65
Lloyd Strong	3,293	27	Dave Hahn	1,559	66
Steve Limkemann	3,256	28	Emily Van Heukelom	1,503	67
Tom Haig	3,201	29	Lexanne Creitz	1,500	68
David Carey	3,199	30	Allan Newman	1,466	69
Jim Knight	3,189	31	Pete Cwik	1,446	70
Dorothy Stock	3,107	32	Marilyn Pobanz	1,443	71
Gary Oak	3,071	33	John Waller	1,412	72
Doug Tidd	3,035	34	Tom Powell	1,392	73
Joe Skurka	2,945	35	Terence Treppa	1,391	74
Kevin McGuinness	2,901	36	Carole Hann	1,361	75
Jeff Keeler	2,863	37	John Bain	1,360	76
Jeff Witzburg	2,796	38	Bill Bruce	1,338	77
Ron Bunnell	2,714	39	Gil Daws	1,324	78
			Randy Rubin	1,306	79

Debbie Lienau	1,292	80
Kenny Moffatt	1,277	81
Jack Caldwell	1,274	82
Sarah Rucinski	1,273	83
Barb Underwood	1,244	84
David Relson	1,237	85
Bud Preston	1,200	86
Gail Preston	1,200	87
Carlin Early	1,190	88
Jim Lee	1,184	89
Jan Tripp	1,164	90
Andy Zandler	1,138	91
Bill Pidgeon	1,132	92
Bennet Wolper	1,130	93
Cindie Niemann	1,128	94
Christine Flaviani	1,127	95
Ann Hunt	1,105	96
Kathleen Donahoe	1,104	97
Connie Cavanaugh	1,100	98
Kevin Galvin	1,093	99
Marc Konvisser	1,082	100
Ross Richardson	1,078	101
Thomas Moore	1,063	102
Chuck Hescheles	1,025	103
Matt Raezler	1,018	104
John Vincent	1,015	105
Craig Stephan	1,003	106
Deb Beer	1,000	107
John Clinthorne	993	108
Robb Pilkerton	983	109
Marcia Peitzman	969	110
Jim Ingles	937	111
Art Kitze	934	112
Mary Wise	930	113
Phyllis Czapla	929	114
Lucy White	890	115
Mary Jo Freitas	882	116
Richard Palacios	879	117
Mark Shields	862	118
Chuck Freitas	858	119
Jim Datsko	858	120
Paul Alman	832	121
David Patria	829	122
Nobuki Sekiguchi	823	123
Cheryl Klee	820	124
Lynn Babcock	797	125
Scott Falconberry	796	126
Harold Klee	794	127
David Blank	791	128

Michael Motowski	790	129
Brian McLaughlin	767	130
David Sasaki	718	131
Dan Gauvin	712	132
John Fry	707	133
Wendy Hakken	700	134
Joel Hakken	697	135
Vickie Plotner	670	136
Brian Muscat	667	137
Darlene Morin	658	138
William Ghrist	650	139
John Wilson	649	141
Regina Wilson	649	140
Jeff Poliner	642	142
Meredith Sheeran	633	143
Carl Karickhoff	625	144
Bob Rawson	621	145
Sharlene McGugan	614	146
Jon Stinson	603	147
Leslie Roberts	598	148
Dick Bauman	597	149
Jim Schaefer	596	150
Dea Armstrong	588	151
Jeanette Hescheles	585	152
Tom Hunt	578	153
Anne Ormand	575	154
Eileen Canfield	570	155
Kathleen Farmer	558	156
Bob Burslem	550	157
Corliss Irrer	544	158
Tom Leib	521	159
John Barr	520	161
Toshiki Masaki	520	160
Marlene Barr	510	163
Mary Hensel	510	162
Gerald Huntley	503	164
Jay Fillion	500	165
Sheilagh Fillion	500	166

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**AABTS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

By Dan Harrison

At the April 9<sup>th</sup> AABTS Annual Meeting and Potluck the AABTS Board member election was held. There were two board members to be elected. The nominees were Dave Patria and Jeff McNally.

Both 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. Dave and Jeff volunteered to run for re-election.

Thanks to all of the board for your outstanding service to AABTS.

### **AABTS BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

**Two Members Elected on April 9, 2014**

**At the AABTS Potluck**

**Current AABTS Board Members**

**Term Ends**

Dave Patria 03/2014 (re-elected)

Jeff McNally 03/2014 (re-elected)

**Term Continues**

Lynn Babcock 03/2015

Terri Keppler 03/2015

Jim Lee 03/2015

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### **AABTS MILEAGE ACCUMULATION GUIDELINES APRIL 2014**

#### **Club Ride Mileage**

The following is AABTS' policy for accumulating club ride mileage. Please direct questions regarding the policy to the Club President.

- Mileage is tracked by the calendar year (January-December).
- Only rides listed in the AABTS Ride Calendar, or on the AABTS webpage if added after the calendar has been published, count toward club mileage.
- Miles ridden to and from the start of a scheduled ride count for mileage.
- Ride miles should not exceed those listed in the ride calendar unless adjusted by the ride captain and submitted on the ride sheet; this policy is intended for a ride captain to correct small inaccuracies in posted ride length, not as carte blanche for riders to create their own ride. If riders choose to

cut short a ride, please indicate this on the ride sheet.

- Members may not accrue mileage credit for a club ride unless they ride it at the time designated on the calendar and on the route designated by the ride captain. Otherwise, it is not considered a club ride.

#### **Invitational Rides:**

- Invitational rides sponsored by non-profit organizations, such as other cycling clubs or charitable organizations count for club mileage when the ride appears on the ride calendar and an AABTS member is designated as a ride captain. Notice of invitational rides must appear in plenty of time for other members to make arrangements to attend. Rides will not be placed on the ride calendar if it is unreasonable that others may participate in the ride. Commercial rides for profit are also allowed as long as they meet these criteria. "Pirating" invitational rides is not condoned by AABTS. This includes our own OHR. Please do not sign up for mileage if you have not paid for the ride.

#### **Patches**

- Club mileage over 500 miles in a year earns a personalized mileage patch for the rider.
- Once a club member reaches 500 miles in a year, their career mileage is tracked every year after that and it is not necessary to accumulate 500 miles every year for the mileage to be added to the total lifetime count. However, if a member drops out of the club for a period of 2 years or more, their lifetime mileage is also dropped.
- Only paid, current AABTS members may accumulate club mileage.

### **ANN ARBOR YPSILANTI RIDE OF SILENCE**

<http://www.rideofsilence.org>

**The Ride of Silence**, part of a world-wide event to commemorate bicyclists killed or injured while riding, was held on May 21, 2014 in Ypsilanti. Riders participated in rides of 8-12 miles in length at a relaxed pace. The

joint Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Ride of silence began at Ypsilanti's Recreation Park, Congress and Elm Streets, and was sponsored by Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society and Bike Ypsi.



The Ride of Silence aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for and honor the lives of those who have been killed or injured. Cyclists take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

**38TH ANNUAL  
ONE HELLUVA RIDE  
SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014  
<http://aabts.org/ohr/>**

• **General Information**

The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society (AABTS) presents the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual One Helluva Ride (OHR) on Saturday, July 12, 2014. 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 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.

All routes will be clearly marked and maps provided.

• **Portage Lake: Fun Rides**

Check-in: 8:00 a.m. to noon at Portage Lake. The 15- and 30-mile Fun Rides start and end at Portage Lake State Park, near Grass Lake. Take I-94 Exit 150 North. The \$11 Recreation Passport for motor vehicles registered in Michigan or an \$8.40 daily fee for out-of-state vehicles is required for park entry. For more information on the Recreation Passport, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport/>

• **Chelsea Fairgrounds: All Other Routes**

Check-in: 6:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The 39-, 64-, 75-, 100-mile rides start and end at the Chelsea Fairgrounds. Take I-94 Exit 159 North. Day of Ride registrations are \$35 (adult), \$12 (minor, 7-17) and under 7 free. There is free parking at the Fairgrounds.

Pre-register Early and Save \$10!

Pre-registration available online only

Adult \$25, minor (age 7-17) \$12, under 7 free

Pre-registration must be completed by July 1, 2014

Multicolored, embroidered OHR patch to the first 1,500 registrants

Pre-ordered custom merchandise must be submitted by May 1, 2014

Day of ride registration is the only option after July 1, 2014

E-mail: [ohrinfo@aabts.org](mailto:ohrinfo@aabts.org)

Safety: You must wear a helmet!

Cyclists are expected to obey all traffic laws. Like motorists, you can be ticketed if you fail to do so. Ride with the traffic and never more than two abreast. Move into single file when motorists or other cyclists approach from the rear. Signal all your intentions to motorists and the cyclists near you! No cell phones, headphones, or texting while riding. If you have to stop for a rest or an emergency, move yourself and your bike completely off the pavement. Rearview mirrors are recommended. Helmets are required. Please review

our Ride Decorum & Rules page for more safety information. Please carry personal contact information on your person while riding.

### **Preparation**

Cyclists can minimize potential problems by having themselves and their bikes in good condition for this ride. You must wear a helmet. A pump, patch kit, extra tube, on-the-road tools, a light jacket, sunscreen, and extra water bottles are highly recommended accessories. You should know how to fix a flat tire and how to do your own repairs.

### **Support Assistance**

SAG vehicles will be making continuous circuits of all routes throughout ride hours. Their help is available to all riders with problems. Priority will be given to those riders with serious medical problems, followed by those with significant mechanical difficulties, and lastly to those who simply "tire" or need to fix a flat tire! Mechanics will be available at the Fairgrounds, at some of the rest stops, and on the routes. In case of a true medical emergency, call 911!

### **Shower Facilities**

Showers will be available at Chelsea Fairgrounds until 5:30 PM. Bring your own towel and toiletries. Please be neat!

### **Check-in Times**

Portage Lake Fun Rides: 8:00 am to noon

Chelsea: 6:45 am to 10:00 am

### **Lunch & Snacks**

The registration fee includes a buffet lunch at Portage Lake State Park from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for riders on all six routes. Approximate distances to lunch are: 15 miles on the 15- and 39-mile routes; 30 miles on the 30 mile route; 39 miles on the 64-mile route; 50 miles on the 75-mile route; 63 miles on the 100-mile route. Please plan your time carefully so you do not miss lunch. Swimming is available at the park.

Volunteers will provide fresh fruit and beverages at snack stops as early as 7:30 a.m. The routes pass through several small towns where additional food and drinks can be purchased. You are encouraged to stop, rest and

take a break while replenishing your energy and making new friends! Chilled watermelon will be served to riders at the Fairgrounds at the end of the ride.

There will be restrooms and/or porta-john facilities at all designated food stops.

### **Accommodations/Local Activities**

For a list of hotels/motels/campgrounds, special events, area attractions, and restaurants, see our Weekend in Ann Arbor page.

### **Courtesy**

The people living along the One Helluva Ride routes are generally interested in the event and friendly to riders who give them the courtesy of riding to the right, obeying the traffic laws, and forming a single line to allow traffic to pass. Please review our Ride Decorum & Rules page.

## **AABTS: ONE HELLUVA RIDE 2014 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Many thanks to all of the AABTS riders who have contacted me about volunteering for One Helluva Ride on Saturday, July 12, 2014. We have been able to fill many of the volunteer jobs already.

There is still a ways to go, however, and so I am starting to make individual calls and emails to people asking for their help. As usual, most of the volunteer needs are on the day of the event itself, but there are still a few open jobs left before the ride.

It would be of great help to me if some of you could contact me before I get around to calling or emailing you.

Thanks again to all of you who have already volunteered, and I hope to hear from more people soon.

Vickie Smith, AABTS Volunteer Chair

Email: [vickie.smith@comcast.net](mailto:vickie.smith@comcast.net)



## THANK-YOU NOTES

### COOKE SCHOOL

Just a note to thank you for your club's generosity. We were able to order a brand new adapted bike and replace components on seven other bikes to make them suitable for riding. Our staff and students thank you!

Cooke School



Editor's Note: Cooke School is an NCA accredited special education center program that services students from 12 local school districts in Western Wayne County. The center is funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and operated by Northville Public Schools. In its funding request, the school provided the AABTS with the following statement regarding its use of AABTS donated funds: Biking supports our mission statement as we strive to prepare our students with recreational skills. Bike riding is also a therapeutic tool used for our special needs students to meet goals in other areas. Bikes are used in our school for a multiple number of reasons. First, they are used for physical therapy purposes to increase range of motion, improve flexibility, improve reciprocal movement patterns, visual and spatial skills while steering, and overall strength and

endurance. Biking supports and improves healthy digestive functions. Bikes are also a good piece of equipment to improve social skills with students. Some students use biking at school as a reward for following rules within the classroom. Lastly, they may be included in an emotionally impaired student's behavior program to redirect energy in a positive manner.




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Dear AABTS friends,

Alice and I would like to thank the club for the plaque honoring us for our many years of contributing to the club activities, plus a generous gift card for dinner at Real Seafood Co. We love seafood.

Our participation with AABTS began many years ago. My reason for joining was to get a discount at the local bike stores. I didn't ride with the club at first as I preferred to ride alone. However Alice started out riding with the club. Her first ride was from Dexter and she was promptly dropped as her best speed was 10mph. But she thought riding with a group of friends looked like fun and began to work on her speed.

Our club riding began when Alice joined Jon Stinson's morning ride in Whitmore

Lake, the only morning ride at that time. After a few rides Alice suggested that I might enjoy riding with the group. I asked her who was on the ride. Her answer was Jon and 6 or 7 gals. I replied that I wasn't going to ride with a bunch of women! She insisted that I would enjoy it anyway because they stopped for breakfast. I have always enjoyed a hearty breakfast so I decided to give it a try. The next week I joined her on the ride. After a few miles I said to myself, "these babes can really ride". I was hooked. The brisk ride along sparsely traveled roads to the small towns in the surrounding area was invigorating and the fellowship we had at breakfast was enjoyable. I quickly became good friends with all the riders.

Alice started her own morning ride on Wednesdays. The ride started at North Lake Church and went through Hell to Pinckney. We also rode to Gregory and even Stockbridge. At first she didn't have many riders and was ready to give it up, but Ken talked her into continuing. Alice talked to the riders on Jon Stinson's ride about her ride and thus picked up several riders. Eventually the roads

in this ride became too rough and the ride start was moved to Stockbridge. I became ride leader and we had 20 to 26 riders for several years. The route was usually about 35-40 miles. Eventually we added longer routes as faster and stronger riders joined. We still joined together for breakfast. We did this ride until our health no longer allowed us to ride those distances or speed. Thanks to Mick Osman for taking over for us.

We have always helped with Hell of a Ride, doing everything from road signs and marking, to registration, donut pick up, photography and SAG. We have led rides in Florida too. We rode in many other AABTS rides and enjoyed them all. We also make a point of coming to almost every potluck as we love to eat and enjoy Jan and Dan's entertainment.

Alice and I are still able to do the shorter rides of 15-20 miles a couple times a week and still love riding. Thanks again for the plague and the generous gift.

Bob Rawson

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**GOOD TURN-OUT FOR THE APRIL 12  
AABTS DEXTER BREAKFAST RIDE**



**ABERDEEN BIKE & OUTDOORS  
AABTS MEMBERS APPRECIATION DAY APRIL 12, 2014**



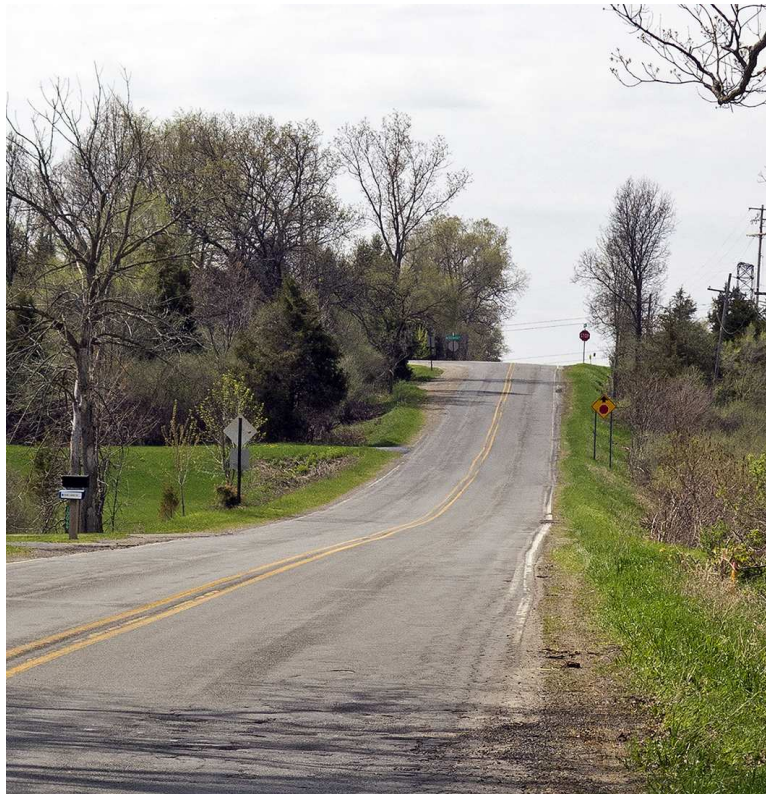
*John Pierce and Kevin McGuinness prepare to depart  
with their accumulated sales merchandise*



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE—  
LEAST FAVORITE—HILL?**

Send the editor (jrodgers@umich.edu) of the *AABTS Newsletter* photos with brief or detailed descriptions and precise locations of the hills that you love or loathe, those hills that add special joy to or ruin your ride. Let us know about the hills that you love to climb, about that hill near the end of a long ride on a hot windy day, or about that long steep descent that you especially enjoy.

We'll gather the photos and descriptions and publish them in the next issue of the Newsletter.



*Included in this appeal to sufferers is inspiration in the form of a photo of the hill that has for years bedeviled the editor, namely that despicable incline (6.8%) encountered south-bound on Hadley Road just before North Territorial*

Other candidates for most challenging hills: In Barton Hills: Forest Rd. (17%) and Colliston Rd. (12%)

**SUNDAY RIDE CALENDAR ADDITIONS  
JUNE & JULY**

**June 22 (Sun) Dansville Ride**

This dandy ride to the northwest will have you dan-cing in the streets—looking for a good lunch spot.

A: 100 mi 8:30 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Jonathan Rodgers  
734-347-1259 jrogers@umich.edu

B: 60 mi 10:00 am Chelsea, parking lot off N. East St., behind the Purple Rose Theater

Captain: Dan Harrison  
734-476-4944 a2dan@sbcglobal.net

C: 36 mi 10:00 am Gregory, unpaved parking lot near the Lakelands Trail junction with 106 (Gregory is at M-36 and 106 - Gregory Rd, 21 mi west of US 23.)

Captain: Ann Hunt  
734-604-3351 aehunt@comcast.net

**June 29 (Sun) Hathaway House Ride**

Ride to the historic century old Hathaway House in Blissfield. Order delicious items (including some breakfast offerings) from the menu of the casual Main Street Stable.

A: 85 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Jonathan Rodgers  
734-347-1259 jrogers@umich.edu

B: 65 mi 10:00 am Saline Municipal Lot, in the block S of US 12 @ AA-Saline Rd.

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

C: 45 mi 10:00 am Clinton City Lot, on US12, the block east of Clinton Rd.

Captain: Ann Hunt  
734-604-3351 aehunt@comcast.net

**July 20 (Sun) Adrian Mural Ride**

Taste the cuisine & culture of Adrian. Zesty options for brunch followed by four unique Mexican flavored murals on the route from town.

A: 90 mi Wheeler Park 9:00 am

Captain: TBA

B: 60 mi 9:00 am Saline, Saline Municipal parking lot on W. Henry St., west of S. Ann Arbor St.

Captain: Dan Harrison  
734-476-4944 a2dan@sbcglobal.net

C: 35 mi 10:00 am Clinton City Lot, on US-12 the block E of Clinton Rd.

Captain: Dorothy Stock  
734-996-8316 dorothy.stock@comcast.net

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**August 1, 2014**

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