

Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society Ride Calendar 2012

April-May Special Club Rides and Events

Rides are graded A (18+ mph), B (14-18 mph) and C (9-13 mph), based on a comfortable riding pace

April 1st (Sun)

Kathleen's Democratic Ride

The first Sunday ride of the year. Those who show pick where to go....unless Kathleen shows up. And she will, so watch out!

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

Captain: Kathleen Donahoe 734-996-4985

kdonahoe@umich.edu

April 1 (Sun)

Foolish Ride

Join a group of cyclists riding out of the Chelsea Health & Wellness Center for a 50 mile ride on Sunday April 1st. There will not be a food stop on this ride so bring some power bars. This is a C/B ride suitable for entry level riders who can go the distance. Faster riders will stop periodically so the group can remain reasonably together.

B/C: 50 miles

Parking lot of the Chelsea Health & Wellness Center (14800 E. Old US 12, Chelsea.)

Captain: Bob Martel 734-646-1507

April 1 (Sun)

The Gravel Grovel – a back roads ride

The first Sunday Ride of 2012! Enjoy the back roads of Washtenaw County including a lunch stop; 28 mm or larger tires are recommended.

A/B/No Drop C: 20-33 mi 10:00 am

Wheeler Park

Captains:

Skip Tatum 734-662-0742

jtatum65@comcast.net

Jan Tripp 734-996-8079

Jan_Tripp@comcast.net

Apr 4 (Wed)

Ride Calendar Meeting

Meet to plan May and June. We need and appreciate your ideas. Afterwards, enjoy pizza and exotic soft drinks while we share the latest club news.

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Pittsfield Village Clubhouse, 2220 Pittsfield Blvd., Ann Arbor.

Ride Calendar Chair: Amy McKinley

734-276-0240 amckinley0102@gmail.com

April 8 (Sun)

Easter Democratic Ride

In the AABTS holiday ride tradition, those who show pick where to go to find the best Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies. A/B/C mileage determined by participants.

10:00 am Wheeler Park

Apr 11 (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

April 14 (Sat)

8th Annual AABTS Appreciation Day

AABTS members are invited to stop in at Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors in Chelsea for coffee and breakfast (provided by Mary Ann of Zou Zou's) and discounts. The discount normally afforded to AABTS members will be double: 20% on in-stock bikes & 30% on in-stock accessories and clothing.

From 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Chelsea, Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors, 1101 S Main, 734-475-8203

April 15 (Sun)

Early Filers' Ride

Ride to Moonwinks Café in Dixboro after riding north of Ann Arbor looking for lost tax returns.

This ride isn't for those who haven't filed yet – they should stay home to work on their taxes.

A/B: 42 mi 10 am from Wheeler Park

Captain: Michael Murray 734-327-9596

michaelmurray1649@gmail.com

C: 32 mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Ann Hunt 734-761-1147

ae hunt@comcast.net

April 22 (Sun)

Azalia Ashley Memorial Metric Century

Join us as we visit the town of East Milan, currently known as Azalia. Who was Azalia? We don't know – we just need a name for the ride.

A/B: 67 mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Geoff Crosbie 734-645-5840

emuhurons89@yahoo.com

April 22 (Sun)

Milan Breakfast Ride

Pop south of Ann Arbor for a hearty breakfast in the town of Milan.

C: 30+ mi 10:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Pete Kappas 734-424-9039

petekappus@yahoo.com

April 29 (Sun)

Lower Huron Metro Park Ride

Explore the lower flatlands to Lower Huron Metropark. Stop for lunch in Belleville.

A/B 65 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541

Jpavlovi1953@yahoo.com

C: 35 mi 9:00 am Ypsilanti, I-94 exit 183, south on Whittaker Rd to 1st drive on left – North Bay Park entrance, parking lot.

Captain: Amy McKinley 734-276-0240

amckinley0102@gmail.com

May 3 (Thurs)

Moonshadow Ride

Celebrate the almost full moon with a car free ride along the Huron, on the paved Gallup Park Pathway. Laps determine distance. No ride in rainy weather.

B/C: 8/16/24 mi 9:00 pm East end of Mitchell Field parking lot on Fuller Rd.

Captains: Jim & Jennifer Bryson

734-424-2802.

May 6 (Sun)

Zukey Lake Tavern Brunch Ride

Work up an appetite for a fabulous and inexpensive breakfast/brunch at Zukey Lake Tavern in Pinckney. Part of the route will follow the Lakeland bike trail.

A/B: 62 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Dan Harrison 734-476-4944

a2dan@sbcglobal.net

C: 40 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Kathleen Donahoe 734-996-4985

kdonahoe@umich.edu

May 6 (Sun)

The Gravel Grovel – a back roads ride

Come ride the quiet, country back roads of Washtenaw County. Includes a lunch stop. 28 mm or larger tires are recommended.

A/B: 45 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captains:

Skip Tatum 734-662-0742

jtatum65@comcast.net

Jan Tripp 734-996-8079

Jan_Tripp@comcast.net

May 7 (Mon)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

The route follows what was originally a railroad that has been converted to a limestone/slag surface trail. This is an ideal ride for fat-tire bike or road bikes equipped with non-skinny, treaded tires. Riders will need to provide a light (if traveling the entire distance), helmet and repair kit/pump. Ride is scheduled every Monday and Thursday through September. Ride leader would appreciate (but not require) a one week notice if you plan to participate. For more information, see www.vbco.org/government364491.asp

A/B/C: 35-70 mi 5:45 pm Start: near Kalamazoo, North 10th Street (take US-131 north to the West Main Street (M-43) exit; travel west on West Main Street then turn north on 10th street) (see map on website))

Captain: Laike Misikir 248-505-7067

laikemariam@yahoo.com

May 9 (Thurs)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

See May 7 for description

May 13 (Sun)

Mother's Day Democratic Ride

Make it home in time for lunch with Mom. Those who show pick where to go. A/B/C mileage determined by participants.

9:00 am Wheeler Park

May 14 (Mon)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

See May 7 for description

Captain: Laike Misikir 248-505-7067

laikemariam@yahoo.com

Bookend Miles:

Ride mileage to and from an AABTS sponsored ride should be included on the ride sheet for the specific ride.

May 16 (Wed)

Ride of Silence

A silent slow-paced National ride to honor those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways. AABTS participation will take place starting from the following locations:

Ann Arbor: 30 mi Meet at Wheeler Park at 6:00 and ride to Ypsilanti to join the Ypsi ride.

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

Ypsilanti: C: 10 mi Recreation Park Senior Center parking lot, corner of Congress and Oakwood. Ride begins at 7:00pm. Sponsored by Bike Ypsi (www.bikeypsi.org).

Captain: Bob Krzewinski 734-487-9058
wolverbob@gmail.com

After ride gathering at Corner Brewery

May 17 (Thurs)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

See May 7 for description

May 20 (Sun)

Hathaway House

Ride to the historic century old Hathaway House in Blissfield. Enjoy lunch at the casual Main Street Stable.

www.mainstreetstable.com

A: 85 mi 9:00 am Wheeler Park

Captain: Jonathan Rodgers
jroddgers@umich.edu

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

Captains: Jeff Keeler [734-255-8853](tel:734-255-8853)
jakeeler@att.net

C: 45 mi 10:00 am Clinton City Lot, on US 12, the block east of Clinton Rd.

Captains: Steu & Lucy White [734-996-2974](tel:734-996-2974)
steucy@aim.com

May 20 (Sun)

South Lyon Ride

Ride the South Lyon path to Kensington Metropark & Island Lake State Rec. Area.

B: 40-50 mi 9:00 am McHattie Park in South Lyon, 1/4 mi south of 10 Mile & 1/4 mi west of Pontiac Trail.

Captain: Jane Barrett 248-486-6809

May 21 (Mon)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

See May 7 for description

Captain: Laik Misikir 248-505-7067
laikemariam@yahoo.com

May 24 (Thurs)

Kal-Haven Trail Ride

See May 7 for description

May 23 (Wed)

Horsey Hundred GCBT Pizza Party

6:30 pm The Great Canadian Bicycle Tours (GCBT) bicycle club will host a Pizza Party in the lobby of the the Hilton Garden Inn, 110 Grandstand Drive, Georgetown, KY; 0.3 miles North of the Microtel. A collection will be made to pay for Pizza. Bring your own drinks. RSVP to Dan Harrison 734-476-4944
a2dan@sbcglobal.net by May 22.

May 24 (Thu)

Thursday "Horse Country Ride" AABTS Pre-Ride

Georgetown, Kentucky

A/B/C: 30 - 75 mi 8:45 am

Meet at Microtel Inn, 111 Darby Dr, Georgetown, (parking available at the outlet mall across the road from the Microtel) **Note: New meeting location.**

Ride to Wallace Station for lunch. See horse farms, distillery, mill, and bird sanctuary.
Captain: Dan Harrison 734-476-4944

a2dan@sbcglobal.net

May 25 (Fri)

Horsey Hundred Weekend Friday Group Dinner

5:30 p.m. Join AABTS members and guests for dinner at the nearby Mi Mexico Restaurant, 440 Connector Rd in Georgetown, KY. Reserve by Monday, May 21.

Contact Carol Hohnke [734-546-9570](tel:734-546-9570) or carolhohnke@comcast.net for reservations.

May 25 (Fri)

Friday "Paris Ride" AABTS Pre-Ride

Georgetown, Kentucky

A/B/C: 30 - 75 mi 8:00 am

Meet at Georgetown College parking lot near 400 E. College Street, the second lot West of Military Street.

Ride to Paris, KY for lunch, see farms, covered bridges, Cane Ridge meeting house.
Captain: Dan Harrison [734-476-4944](tel:734-476-4944)

a2dan@sbcglobal.net

May 26 & 27 (Sat-Sun)

Horsey Hundred

see *Invitational Ride Calendar*

May 27 (Sun)

Memorial Day Sunday Democratic Ride

Holiday weekend democratic ride. Those who show pick where to go. A/B/C mileage determined by participants. AS
9:00 am Wheeler Park

May 27 (Sun)

South of Adrian Ride

Ride from Adrian to Wauseon or Archbold, Ohio along the rural roads of southern Michigan and northwest Ohio.

A/B: 70-80 mi 9:00 am Adrian, south side, near the Meijer Gas Station, NE corner of M-52 and US-223.

Captain: Tom Glowacki [734-426-4616](tel:734-426-4616)
tom.bikepilot@gmail.com

May 28 (Mon)

Memorial Day Democratic Ride

In the AABTS holiday ride tradition, those who show pick where to go. A/B/C mileage determined by participants.

9:00 am Wheeler Park

May 28 (Mon)

Horsey Hundred Monday Democratic Ride

Georgetown, Kentucky. This is a democratic ride, bring your maps from Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday and choose one to ride on Monday. Group chooses an AABTS Ride Captain. The captain records the AABTS miles.

A/B/C: 10-50+ mi 8:00 am

Meet at Georgetown College parking lot near 400 E. College Street, the second lot West of Military Street.

May 31 (Thur)

Moonshadow Ride

Celebrate the almost full moon with a car free ride along the Huron, on the paved Gallup Park Pathway. Laps determine distance. No ride in rainy weather.

B/C: 8/16/24 mi 10:00 pm East end of Mitchell Field parking lot on Fuller Rd.

Captains: Jim & Jennifer Bryson
734-424-2802

Lead a Ride!

To Volunteer:

Sunday & Weekly Rides:

Joe Pavlovich, Jr

jpavlovi1953@yahoo.com

734-545-0541

Saturday Rides:

Kevin McGuinness

kmcguinn@comcast.net

734-761-9894

Invitationals:

Vickie Smith

vickie.smith@comcast.net

734-996-9461

June-July

Ride Calendar

Deadlines:

Sunday Ride Ideas:

April 3 by e-mail, or at Ride Calendar Meeting on April 4

Weekly & Invitational: April 20 Final!

Sunday & weekly to:

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jpavlovi1953@yahoo.com

734-545-0541

Invitationals to:

Vickie Smith

vickie.smith@comcast.net

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AABTS April-May '12 ANN ARBOR AREA Weekly Rides

Mondays

9:00 am
Back Roads Ramble
Ride gravel roads to Independence Lake, Llama Farm and other low traffic destinations.
Start: 960 Forest Rd, off Country Club Rd in Barton Hills
C: 15-35 mi
 Captains: Jeanette & Chuck Hescheles 734-761-2885
 Beth Caldwell 734-663-5060

9:00 am
Chelsea Ride
A ride for all levels. Destination alternates between Stockbridge, Grass Lake, Napoleon, Munith, and Pleasant Lake. To arrange a bike demo during ride, call bike shop at 734-475-8203.
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors.
B/C: 35-45+ & 55-65+ mi
 Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

5:00 pm (April)
 5:30 pm (May)
Paved Country Roads Ride
Optional stop at Pleasant Lake Party Store. Hilly Schneider Rd included on longer routes.
Start: Pine Cross Ln, east off Parker Rd, 1 mile south of Jackson Rd.
Park: Pine Cross Ln, north edge past mailboxes.
A/B/C: 18/24/30 mi
 Captains: Don & Gwen Evich 734-426-5116

7:00 pm sharp! (May only)
The Civilized Ride
C/C-, no-drop ride, great for new riders. All are welcome. Come at 6:30 pm for Basic Repair Tips! Captains' house is available for changing into bike clothes and for post-ride pizza dinner. No ride on federal holidays.
Start: 610 Briarwood Ct, off of Arborview.
C/C-: 12 or 18 mi
 Captains: Joel & Wendy Hakken 734-945-4133

Tuesdays

9:00 am
Parks, Lakes & Trails Ride
Join us as we cycle through Kensington, Island Lake and the new trail to Milford. Choose to ride 10 to 50+ miles, all on paved bike paths. Optional Brunch stop before end of ride.
Start: McHattie Park in South Lyon, 1/4 mi south of 10 Mile & 1/4 mi west of Pontiac Trail.
B: 10-50+ mi
 Captains: Jon & Carol Stinson 734-449-2026

10:00 am (Apr)
 9:00 am (May)
Tuesday Ride to Chelsea and Beyond
A weekday rendition of the Saturday Breakfast Ride.
Start: Barton Park parking lot, W. Huron River Dr near Bird Rd.
B: 36-40+ mi
 Captain: Ed Baumstark 734-996-8440

6:00 pm
Chelsea Family Ride
A low key, introductory ride for those new to cycling on the roads. Call bike shop at 734-475-8203 to arrange a bike demo during ride.
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors.
C/C-: 15-25+ mi
 Captain: Mike Casey 734-475-8203

6:00 pm
Dog & Suds Ride
Ride to the west or north from Chelsea. Guaranteed no potholes (well, almost no potholes).
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.
A/B: 25-30+mi
 Captain: Doug Tidd 734-678-8297

6:00 pm
Focus on Women - The Huron River Ride
A No Drop Ride, especially geared for women who are new to riding. Enjoy the Huron River & environs on Spring evenings.
Start: Barton Park on Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor. Note that the starting point has moved from previous years.
C: 18-40+ mi
 Captain: ElizabethTidd 734-662-0205

Wednesdays

9:00 am
Superior Salem Dirt Road Ride
See Plymouth Area Rides.

10:00 am (Apr)
 9:00 am (May)
Early Morning Ride from Ann Arbor West Side
B ride to Chelsea or Whitmore Lake and beyond.
Start: Bird Hills Park parking lot, Newport Rd.
B: 40+ mi
 Captain: Kevin McGuinness 734-649-9762

10:00 am (April)
 9:00 am (May)
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: Bob Rawson 734-475-9297

5:30 pm (start Apr 11)
Bike & Brew Ride
An A/B ride from Saline south to Milan then west through the area around Britton-Macon.
Start: Saline Municipal Lot, in the block S of US-12 @ AA-Saline Rd.
A/B: 30+ mi
 Captain: Geoff Crosbie 734-645-5840
C: 20+ mi
 Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862
BikingJeff@gmail.com

5:30 pm sharp! (April)
 6:00 pm sharp! (May)
West Side Ride (35th Year!)
Newcomers, casual riders, & recumbents welcome! Dexter DQ visit possible on all routes.
Start: Paladin parking lot, 2800 N. Zeeb Rd., just north of Huron River Bridge.
A/B: 25 mi
 Captains: Don & Gwen Evich 734-426-5116
C: 13-18 mi
 Captains: Brad Bates 734-665-4552
 Ross Richardson 734-761-2659

Thursdays

9:00 am
Jackson Co. Brunch Ride
Ride the less traveled roads of scenic Jackson County.
Start: Cavanaugh Lake Park on Cavanaugh Lake Rd. 3.2 mi W of Chelsea.
B: 25-50+ mi
 Captain: John Pierce 734-994-5908

10:00 am
Spring Unfolding Rides
A series of leisurely daytime rides around local neighborhoods to appreciate the seasonal delights of Ann Arbor's gardens, parks and cafes.
Start: Gallup Park Canoe Livery
C: 10-15 mi
 Captains: Judy Schmidt 734-971-5763
 Beth Caldwell 734-663-5060

6:00 pm
Chelsea Family Ride
A low key, introductory ride for those new to cycling on the roads. Call bike shop at 734-475-8203 to arrange a bike demo during ride.
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors.
C/C-: 15-25+ mi
 Captain: Mike Casey 734-475-8203

6:00 pm
The Chelsea Dirt/Road Ride
We will continue to ride on dirt roads. Riding dirt will allow us to do longer & safer rides during the limited spring hours of daylight. Bring your Cross, Mountain or Hybrid bike. Head lamps and a flashing taillight necessary in April. Flexible 6:00 pm start time with roll out no later than 6:15 pm.
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors (new).
B/C: 25-55+ mi
 Captain: Mick Osman 517-285-6830

6:45 pm (May only)
Ann Arbor Thursday Evening Ride
This ride travels through UM North Campus, Barton Hills, and the scenic roads NE of Ann Arbor. As a special bonus, riders will be given an opportunity to practice their climbing skills.
Start: Fuller Pool parking lot
A/B: 25+ mi
 Captain: Steve Dodge 734-996-9122

Fridays

10:00 am (April)
 9:00 am (May)
Whitmore Lk Coffee Break
Ride with one of the most congenial groups in Washtenaw County to the Coney Island in Whitmore Lake.
Start: Olson Park on Dhu Varren@Pontiac Trail.
C: 20+ mi
 Captain: Joe Datsko 734-663-4498

Rides are graded A, B and C, based on a comfortable riding pace for you.

A (18+ mph):
 Riders are expected to be self sufficient.

B (14-18 mph):
 Ride captains will check with slower riders near start, and at later stops.

C (9-13 mph):
 Ride captains will ride sweep to assist all riders.

All Riders are urged to be prepared to repair a flat.

Saturdays

9:00 am
Dexter Breakfast Ride
AABTS's most popular ride follows scenic Huron River Dr to Dexter, Chelsea, and beyond! The ride captain will depart shortly after the starting time with C riders & newcomers. The last riders should arrive in Dexter no more than 1 1/2 hours after leaving Wheeler Park. Sample the delights of the Dexter Bakery or ZouZou's and Pierce's in Chelsea!
Ride options, total miles: Dexter, 22; farm stand, 30; Chelsea, 38; Cavanaugh Lake, 48; Waterloo, 55; Munith, 70; beyond, 80-100.
Start: Wheeler Park (corner of Depot and N. Fourth Ave. just west of Amtrak station).
A/B/C: 22/30/38/48/55/70/80-100+ mi

Captains:
 Apr 7: Kathleen Donahoe 734-996-4985
 Apr 14: Tom Powell 734-994-6340
 Apr 21: Don & Gwen Evich 734-426-5116
 Apr 28: Paul Alman 734-775-1156
 May 5: Beth & Jack Caldwell 734-663-5060
 May 12: Craig Stephan 734-274-6350
 May 19: Vickie Smith 734-996-9461
 May 26: Paul Alman 734-775-1156

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Weekly Rides may not run on major holidays. Check with ride captain.

Saturdays (cont)

9:00 am
Ride the Heart And Sole dirt road route
Start: Chelsea, 1101 S. Main, in front of Aberdeen Bike & Fitness.
A/B/C: 14 miles
 Captain: Mike Casey 734-475-8203

9:00 am
Far West Quad County Ride (no ride May 26)
A Saturday morning B/B+ ride leaving downtown Chelsea. Ride on some of the finest low-traffic roads in Washtenaw, Jackson, Livingston and Ingham counties with a friendly group of cyclists. "Brunch stop" determined by riders..
Start: Chelsea, in front of Zou Zou's, Main & W. Middle.
Park: in the 24-hr lot behind the Purple Rose Theater.
B/B+: 40-100+ mi
 Captains:
 Deb Beer 734-645-1205
 Terri Keppler 734-645-5696
 Jim Knight 734-478-0424
 Bob Martel 734-646-1507
 Doug Tidd 734-678-8297

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 734-545-0541

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 734-996-9461

AABTS April-May '12 PLYMOUTH AREA Weekly Rides

Monday

10:00 am (April)
9:00 am (May)
Hines Park A.M. Ride
Ride Hines Park. Alternate route is on roads west of Plymouth.
Start: Plymouth (downtown)
Parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
A/B/C: 30+ mi
Captains:
April: John Finnegan
734-981-0787
May: Bud & Gail Preston 248-380-0691
budpreston@comcast.net

5:00 pm
Hines Drive No Drop Ride
Leisurely ride along Hines Drive. Novice riders welcome.
Start: Warrendale Picnic Area, Dearborn Heights
C: 10+ (usually 20 to 30)
Captain: Gene Hoeffle
734-459-0209

6:00 pm (April)
6:30 pm (May)
Far East Fringe Ride
Hines Park to Dearborn.
Start: Plymouth (downtown)
Parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
A/B/C: 15-30+ mi
Captains:
Will McWhirter
734-455-5766
Don Broadway
734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

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Parks, Lakes & Trails Bike Ride
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Wednesday

9:00 am
Superior Salem Dirt Road Ride
Ride gravel roads on a great country circuit. Basic 19-mile route; multiple longer loops. Fewer miles for new riders.
Start: Trinity Presbyterian Church parking lot at NE corner of Gottfredson Rd & Plymouth-Ann Arbor Rd.
B/C: 19+ mi
Captains:
Jim Melosh 248-437-5067
Beth Caldwell 734-663-5060
Marilyn Pobanz & Art Kitz 734-663-8980
Vivian Phillips 734-482-5103

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9:00 am (May)
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Ride Hines Park. Alternate route is on roads west of Plymouth.
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248-380-0691
budpreston@comcast.net

6:00 pm (April)
6:30 pm (May)
Far East Fringe Ride
Hines Park to Dearborn.
Start: Plymouth (downtown)
Parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
A/B/C: 15-30+ mi
Captain:
Don Broadway
734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

6:00 pm (April)
6:30 pm (May)
Kensington Ride
A pleasant evening ride ending with the sunset on the lake. Call ride captain if weather is questionable.
Start: Upper East Boat Launch parking lot, Kensington Park
B/C: 22-45 mi
Captains:
Dave Farmer 248-722-5954
Kathleen Titus Farmer
248-318-4422

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Experienced Riders A/B: 20-33+ mi
Captains:
Matt Raezler 734-560-4512
mraezler@yahoo.com
Don Broadway
734-560-1601
don@xyzijk.com

Friday

10:00 am (April)
9:00 am (May)
Hines Drive Ride
Ride along Hines Drive.
Start: Newburgh Pointe Rec. Area parking lot (on Hines Drive between Haggerty & Newburgh Rds.)
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captain:
Phyllis Czaplra
734-453-8794

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

Saturday

9:00 am
Far East Fringe Saturday Ride
Ride scenic Hines Drive (20+ miles) and the roads west of Plymouth (30-50+ miles). Stop in Plymouth after the ride for coffee and conversation.
Start: Plymouth (downtown)
Parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
B/C: 20-50+ mi
Captains:
Jeff Witzburg 734-459-4013
John Finnegan
734-981-0787

**Rides are graded
A, B and C,
based on a
comfortable riding
pace for you.**

**A (18+ mph):
Riders are expected to
be self sufficient.**

**B (14-18 mph):
Ride captains will check
with slower riders near
start, and at later stops.**

**C (9-13 mph):
Ride captains will ride
sweep to assist all riders.**

**All Riders are urged to
be prepared to repair a
flat.**

Sunday

9:00 am
Far East Fringe Sunday Ride
Ride the roads west of Plymouth (30-50+ mi) and on scenic Hines Drive (20+ mi).
Start: Plymouth (downtown)
Parking lot behind Penn Theater, 760 Penniman
A/B: 20-50+ mi
Captain:
Joe Skurka 248-449-6572
joe@skurka.us

1:00 pm
**Terry's Herd of Turtles No
Drop Sunday Afternoon
Ride in the Park**
A relaxing, conversational ride through Hines Park.
Start: Nankin Mill Interpretive Center, north side of Hines Dr., 1/4 mile east of Ann Arbor Trail.
A/B/C: 20+ mi
Captain:
Terry Treppa 734-729-0150
treppa@comcast.net

**Weekly Rides
may not run on
major holidays.
Check with ride
captain.**

APRIL-MAY 2012 INVITATIONALS

Includes both non-commercial and commercial rides. A Club member must volunteer as ride captain. In case of multiple volunteers, the first name received will be listed as ride captain. These rides often require advance registration. Contact ride captain for information.

Apr 17-May 9 (Tue-Wed)

Wandering Wheels Border to Border

Wandering Wheels is no longer offering their traditional coast-to-coast US ride. The event in 2012 will be from Jacksonville, FL to Cleveland, OH.

Space limited!

www.wanderingwheels.org

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

Apr 21-26 (Sat-Thu)

Florida Freewheelers 32nd Annual Bicycle Safari

Live Oak & Cherry Lake, FL. Ride some of the best cycling roads in North Florida & South Georgia. The first 3 days will be based at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds in Live Oak. On Monday, cycle north past the town of Madison to the Cherry Lake Campground for 3 more days' riding. First section available as shorter option. Limited--fills quickly!

www.floridabicyclesafari.com

Captain: Debbie Kelley 269-789-3946
djkelley45@gmail.com

Apr 29 (Sun)

Dawn Farm 3rd Annual Ride for Recovery

Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti, MI. Ride to benefit Dawn Farm features metric century, 45-mile, 25-mile, 10k, & 5k/10k; also 5k/10k run/jog/walk. Registration includes t-shirt and "Fun Day at the Farm" — food, hayrides, family activities in the Barn, tours, Fun Walk, and more — for registered riders/runners/walkers and their families. \$50 suggested fundraising donation.

<http://www.dawnfarm.org/events/ride-for-recovery>

Captain: Tom Powell 734-995-6340
tpowell@umich.edu

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

May 5 (Sat)

Calvin's Challenge

Springfield, OH (Shawnee High School). Twelve-hour bicycle race consisting of male/female & age classes; also classes for traditional bikes, tandems, single speed/fixed gear, recumbents, HPVs, high wheelers, triples, trikes, 2- and 4-person teams. Both the 50-mile long loop and 7-mile short loop are flat to rolling terrain on lightly traveled roads.

www.calvinschallenge.com/

Captain: Laike Misikir 248-505-7067
laikemariam@yahoo.com

May 6 (Sun)

Metro Grand Spring Tour (MGST)

Willow Metro Park. 28th annual. Sponsored by the Downriver Cycling Club. 25-, 45-, and 62-mile routes along the Huron River and on scenic country roads in Wayne & Monroe Counties. A "Chris Cakes" breakfast is included in registration fee. Optional mass start at 9:00 next to the registration building. Look for the ride captain wearing an AABTS jersey riding a recumbent.

www.lmb.org/dcc/mgst/

Captain: Joe Pavlovich 734-545-0541
jpavlovi1953@yahoo.com

May 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

51st Annual TOSRV – Tour of the Scioto River Valley

*America's bicycle touring classic, which began as a father-and-son outing in 1962 before quickly growing into the nation's largest bicycle touring weekend. This Mother's Day favorite is a 2-day, 200-mile bicycle tour from Columbus, OH to Portsmouth, OH, and back again. Half-TOSRV starts in Chillicothe. **Fills quickly!***

www.tosrv.org

Captain: Chris Marble 734-426-8694
chris.marble@gmail.com

May 19 (Sat)

Blessing of the Bikes

Ann Arbor's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invites all area cyclists to its 3rd Annual "Blessing of the Bikes," 8:30 am on the church lawn (306 N. Division St.). Sponsored by the Episcopal Health Ministries and the cycling community of St. Andrew's, this short observance occurs in the context of May as National Bike Month as promoted by the LAB. Info: 734-663-0518.

AABTS contact: Ann Garvin
734-663-4075

May 26-27 (Sat-Sun)

35th Annual Horsey Hundred

Georgetown, KY. The Bluegrass Cycling Club's Horsey Hundred is our club's favorite weekend invitational. It offers routes from 26 to 100 miles each day through the horse farm country north of Lexington. Every year about 60 AABTS members make the 5-6-hour drive to see what other club members are raving about. Also each year we are joined by several members of the Great Canadian Bicycle Tours (GCBT) bicycle club. www.bgcycling.net

AABTS is offering some special pre- and post-tour features again this year so you can make this a 2-, 3-, 4-, or even 5-day cycling vacation. Check the Special Rides, and view more details at

<http://www.aabts.org/interactive/AABTS%202012%20May%20Horsey%20poster.pdf>

Captain: Dan Harrison 734-476-4944
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May 31 or Jun 1-Jun 3 (Thu-Sun)

2012 VerMontreal Bike Tour

Starts at Snow Farm Winery, South Hero, VT. Gently rolling ride along the shores of Lake Champlain Islands in NW Vermont, followed by flat farm country in southern Quebec, following the Richelieu River & the Route Verte. Tour culminates in the 32-mile Tour de l'Ile in Montreal, part of the Montreal Bike Fest.

<http://www.localmotion.org/vermontreal>

Captain: Sharon Cooper 810-227-9182
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Doing an invitational
(June or later)
you don't see in **Coming Up?**
Email
vickie.smith@comcast.net
or Call 734-996-9461
NOW to get it listed.

UPCOMING INVITATIONALS

Jun 9 (Sat)

2012 Indiana Tour de Cure

Indianapolis, IN. American Diabetes Association fundraiser. Starts & ends at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Four routes: Family ride, 50K, 75K, & 100 mile. Fully supported. \$200 fundraising min. required.

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/IndianaArea?pg=entry&fr_id=8034

Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862
bikingjeff@gmail.com

Jun 10 (Sun)

Tour de Cambridge

Duncan McIntosh Arena, Cambridge, Ontario. Bicycle ride for all levels - 10 km, 15 km, 25 km, 50 km, 60 km, 72 km, 100 km or 160 km routes. Scenic rides through urban and rural areas. Free food and drinks, including lunch.

www.cambridgetourdegrand.com/

Captain: Sharlene McGugan 519-685-8034 smcgugan@rogers.com

Jun 10 (Sun)

Black Hills TdK

One-day bike tour around Sioux Falls, SD as the prologue to the weeklong Tour de Kota the following week.

www.tourdekota.com

Captain: Jim Datsko 231-264-0041

Jun 13-17 (Wed-Mon)

NorthWest Tour 2012

Empire, MI. 5-day tour in the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas of Michigan's northwest Lower Peninsula. Great scenery and good roads through many small towns and tourist areas, featuring the convenience of a single camping location at the Indigo Bluffs Resort, 3.5 miles east of Empire. Sponsored by the Tri-County Bicycle Association, short & longer routes are offered each day, all with hills! **This ride is now full.**

www.biketcba.org/tours.php?pg=NorthWestTour

Captain: Debbie Kelley 269-789-3946
djkelley45@gmail.com

Jun 16-17 (Sat-Sun)

National 24-Hour Challenge

Middleville, MI. A personal best bike road race to test endurance and determination. It features a 120-mile rolling-to-hilly loop, a 24-mile rolling loop, & a fairly flat 7.5-mile loop for nighttime riding. This event has been traditionally held on Father's Day since 1983.

www.n24hc.org/home

Captain: Laike Misikir 248-505-7067
laikemariam@yahoo.com

Jun 16-23 (Sat-Sat)

GRABAAWR (GGreat Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River)

This ride follows the 427-mile length of the Wisconsin River as it winds through the northwoods, the central sands area and Wisconsin's Dairyland. Averages 70 miles per day with an optional century. You will experience a combination of rolling hills, flats and a few challenging hills along the way. Possible route changes in 2012.

www.bikewisconsin.com

Captain: Chris Marble 734-426-8694
chris.marble@gmail.com

Jun 16-23 (Sat-Sat)

Sierra to the Sea

A scenic and challenging 8-day California bicycle and camping tour organized by the Almaden Cycle Touring Club. Starting in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the tour traverses the Sacramento and Napa Valleys, passes down the Pacific Coast, crosses the Golden Gate Bridge and concludes at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The 3-day Lake Tahoe Prologue Option is also offered, beginning in South Lake Tahoe and ending in Bear Valley to join the regular Sierra to the Sea tour (this option is available as a stand-alone tour). **145-rider limit, this ride fills quickly!**

<http://www.sierratothesea.org/>

Captain: Jim Knight 734-478-0424
jwknight@umich.edu

Jun 23-29 (Sat-Fri)

PALM XXXI – 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. **This ride has now filled, and registration is closed.**

www.lmb.org/palm/

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

Jun 26-Jul 9 (Tue-Mon)

BAC Spanish Vasque Region

Bicycle Adventure Club tour beginning & ending in Bilbao, Spain. It will tour the Basque Country, which straddles the French-Spanish border in NE Spain, along with the Rioja and Castilla-Leon regions. Overnight stays include the resort town of San Sebastian, "the Pearl of the Cantabrian coast," and Pamplona, famous for the "Running of the Bulls" festival. Average 50 miles/day (longest day is 70 miles) with average daily elevation of approx. 3200 feet. **BAC rides are limited in space and fill quickly!**

www.bicycleadventureclub.org

Captains: Claudio Vacas & Merry Vander Linden 248-334-1394
claudiovacas@msn.com

Jul 14 (Sat)

OHR XXXVI – One Helluva Ride!

Our fabulous annual Club Invitational fund raiser, always held on the 2nd Saturday in July. Rides of 39, 64, 75 & 100 miles start at the Chelsea Fairgrounds; 15- and 30-mile Fun Rides start at Portage Lake State Park.

www.aabts.org/ohr/ (AABTS members: Please consider volunteering to work on ride day, and ride the route the Sunday before on the AABTS Members' OHR.)
Captain: Bob Martel 734-646-1507

Jul 21 (Sat)

Ride Across Indiana (RAIN)

Terre Haute to Richmond, IN. Annual one-day ride sponsored by the Bloomington Bicycle Club. 160 miles mostly on historic National Rte. 40, an older divided 4-lane road with light traffic and gentle rolling hills. Registration includes snack stops, lunch stop, & food at the end.

<http://bloomingtonbicycleclub.org/events.php>

Captain: Jeff Eisemann 734-747-1862
bikingjeff@gmail.com

July 22-28 (Sun-Sat)

The Great Big FANY Ride

500 challenging miles across upstate New York, from Niagara Falls to Saratoga Springs. You will see Lake Ontario, the Erie Canal, Amish & Mennonite country, the Finger Lake wine region, and the Adirondack Mountains. In its 12th year, FANY stands for Five hundred miles Across New York. **Fills quickly!** <http://www.fanyride.com/>

Captain: Debbie Kelley 269-789-3946
djkelley45@gmail.com

Jul 22-28 (Sun-Sat)

RAGBRAI XL– Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa

Classic cross-state bicycle tour – the granddaddy of them all. Route TBA, but remember: Iowa ain't flat! Registration opens in November. **Fills quickly!**

www.ragbrai.org

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

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Jul 28-29 (Sat-Sun)

MS Bike Tour: Grand Bend to London to Grand Bend

Grand Bend, Ontario. Ontario's largest MS tour. Appx. 75k/day. A ride for cyclists of all fitness levels. Registration includes meals, rest breaks, & overnight accommodation at University of Western Ontario in London, ON. Join the GCBT Team (from the Horsey 100). Contact ride captain about free registration if you've never done the MS Ride before. \$250 min. pledge required.

http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1263&pg=entry

Captain: Sharlene McGugan 519-685-8034 smcgugan@rogers.com

Jul 29-Aug 1 (Sun-Wed)

GCBT Finger Lakes Cycling Tour

Spend the Canadian Civic Holiday long weekend exploring the Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York by bicycle. This is an annual, signature GCBT event with 3 days of incredibly scenic cycling, three breakfasts, two dinners, three nights double occupancy accommodations ... all for only \$160 CDN! For info, contact ride captain.

Captain: Sharlene McGugan 519-685-8034 smcgugan@rogers.com

Aug 4-11 (Sat-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 26th year of exploring the coastline of Lake Michigan.

www.lmb.org/

Captain: Chris Marble 734-426-8694 chris.marble@gmail.com

Aug 12 (Sun)

First Annual Kevin Degen Memorial Foundation (KDMF) BUM Ride

Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI. This ride will raise funds for the KDMF to continue Kevin's mission of supporting several charities and to provide adapted bikes to others so that they too can experience the freedom of the open road. Routes of between 8 and 24 miles in Kensington Metro Park and Island Lake recreation Area or road routes of 40 miles or 86 miles.

<http://kevindegenfoundation.org/>

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

Aug 18 (Sat)

One Day Ride Across Michigan (ODRAM)

Montague to Bay City, MI. The ride will travel a route from Meinert County Park north of Montague all the way to Bay City State Park on Saginaw Bay. 150 miles, lunch, post-ride party at end, NO SAG support! Proceeds from the ride will again benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. <http://odram.com/>

Captain: Laike Misikir 248-505-7067 laikemariam@yahoo.com

Aug 29 or 30 - Sep 2 (Wed- or Thu-Sun)
42nd DALMAC – Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour

The 2011 version of this club favorite featured 5 routes, including one into the U.P. The 2012 event is in the planning stage; applications will be available early in the year. **Fills quickly!**

www.dalmac.org

Captain: Gwen & Don Evich 734-426-5116 gwenevich@att.net

Aug 30-Sep 8 (Thu-Sat)

Legacy Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Utah

Cedar City to Moab, UT. Choice of 3-, 7-, or 10-day options. The 10-day route includes riding and hiking in up to 5 distinct national parks, 5 amazing state parks (some ranked very high nationally), 2 national monuments, and a number of national forests and ancient Native American ruins. A day of river rafting also included. www.lagbrau.com

Captain: Jim Datsko 231-264-0041 jrdatsko@tm.net

Sep 7-14 (Fri-Fri)

Wandering Wheels Fall Breakaway

Upland, IN. Designed around fellowship, recreational cycling and sightseeing in Eastern Indiana & Ohio. Actual route TBD. Transportation from Upland to the starting point will be provided, as well as the return trip to Upland. Those who wish to drive to the starting point will have a place to store their cars. www.wanderingwheels.org

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

Sep 29-Oct 7 (Sat-Sun)

BAC Bike and Hike the Mountains of North Georgia

This Bicycle Adventure Club tour starts and ends in Gainesville, GA. It includes stays at a state park lodge, a historic gold rush town, a lake resort, and the Bavarian town of Helen. Also featured is a 5-mile day hike to an eco-lodge and back out again the next day. 182 miles of riding over 7 days with daily elevation gains ranging from less than 1500 feet to 4336 feet. **This tour is filled – waiting list only!** www.bicycleadventureclub.org

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

Oct 7-13 (Sun-Sat)

BAC Amherst in Autumn

Amherst, MA. Experience a typical New England autumn during this fixed base Bicycle Adventure Club tour. Easy terrain, daily rides averaging 25 miles, and some longer and more difficult options. **Ride is now filled -- waiting list only.** www.bicycleadventureclub.org

Captains: Barb Underwood & Dave Patria 734-665-3961 underbpatd@aol.com

Feb 16-Mar 4 (Sat-Mon), 2013

BAC Tasmania, An Australian Adventure

Loop out of Hobart, Tasmania's capital & largest city. Explore the relatively gentle rolling hills of the East Coast, including historic Port Arthur, beautiful beaches, National parks, & small towns. 10 days cycling for a total of 371 miles; daily mileages average 37 miles. **NOTE: BAC rides are limited in space and fill quickly!** www.bicycleadventureclub.org

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