

AABTS Board member Elections at March 30 Potluck

Three to be Elected

By Dan Harrison

The club will hold its annual meeting at the March 30, 2005 potluck. Three of the five AABTS board members will be elected at the potluck. Board members serve for a two year term and set club policy, long range plans, get club volunteers, and name officers. It is a good way to get to know the club, meet new people, and help guide our club. Please consider nominating yourself. If you have any questions or would like to nominate yourself please contact the club President Mark Erzen, Dan Harrison, or any Club Board Member prior to the potluck.

You can email your nomination by March 24th to:

Dan Harrison at danielharrison@att.net
or Mark Erzen at merzen@comcast.net or any board member.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>term ends</u>	<u>email address</u>
Ted Green	03/2005	ted@vedit.com
Will McWhirter	03/2005	wmac2@peoplepc.com
Barb Underwood	03/2005	UnderBPatD@AOL.com
Ada Johnson	03/2006	BJoh929018@aol.com
Steu White	03/2006	steucy@netscape.net

Future Potluck Dates for 2005 are:

Spring: Wednesday March 30, 2005

- Board Elections, Awards, Mileage Patches, Trophies, Ride Captain Prizes, OHR Volunteer sign-up, Annual Meeting

Fall: Thursday Sept 29, 2005

- Annual Photo Show, 2005 Mileage Patch Design Contest, Name Officers.

Holiday: Thursday Dec 1, 2005 (changed from the 8th)

- Entertainment





Stratford 2005, *Anything Goes*

AABTS Stratford 2005 will be August 5-7. Join us for some great cycling and great theater in Stratford, Ontario. Most participants drive to Stratford (about 200 miles from Ann Arbor) on Friday, and return on Sunday. The group attends plays on Friday and Saturday evenings. On Saturday morning, we join the Great Canadian Bicycle Tours bike club for a 50-60 km ride through beautiful Ontario countryside. Sunday morning, we do a thirty-km ride round around St. Mary's before swimming at the quarry.

All tickets must be paid for in full when I place the order. Therefore, I must ask you to send me a check for the full price of your tickets when you submit this form. The prices I have listed below are in American dollars, at a 0.83% exchange rate, plus 50 cents handling. The prices reflect A seating; if you wish B or C seating, contact me for the prices, or check the web at www.stratfordfestival.ca.

Everyone must make his or her own accommodation reservations. In the past we have stayed at Travellers Motel at 784 Ontario Street, and Steu and Lucy will be staying there again this year. If you choose to join us, you may make reservations by calling the motel at (800) 465-4106; mention that you are with AABTS. For those who choose to stay elsewhere, we will establish a rendezvous point for driving to the start of Saturday's bike ride.

There is lots of good information on lodging and more on the Stratford website: www.city.stratford.on.ca. Accommodation information can also be obtained from Tourism Stratford at 800-561-SWAN.

Most importantly, here is the theatre lineup; a brief description of each follows on the next page.

Friday, Aug 5	\$67.50	<i>As You Like It</i>	_____
	\$75.75	<i>Into the Woods</i>	_____
	\$45.25	<i>Edward II</i>	_____
	\$43.50	<i>Measure for Measure</i>	_____
Saturday, Aug 6	\$67.50	<i>The Tempest</i>	_____
	\$67.50	<i>Fallen Angels</i>	_____
	\$67.50	<i>Wingfield's Inferno</i>	_____
	\$45.25	<i>The Measure of Love/Ruth Draper on Tour</i>	_____

Trip reservations close on April 1, 2005, so don't delay. To make your reservation, please send this form (completed *in full*, please don't make me go hunting for your address) together with a check for the total cost of your theater tickets to **Lucy White, 509 Bruce Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-3525**. Questions? Please contact Lucy at 734-996-2974 or steucy@netscape.net.

You must be a current AABTS member to participate. Thanks!

Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____





As You Like It...

As You Like It by William Shakespeare. Set in the “Summer of Love,” with music by the Juno Award-winning Barenaked Ladies, this is the story of two idealistic young people who drop out of the cynical and despairing world of the court to seek peace in exile amid the boughs and brooks of the Forest of Arden – where love takes on surprising guises. Festival Theatre.

Edward II by William Shakespeare. King Edward’s infatuation with the parasite Gaveston earns him the disgust of England’s barons and earls. Civil war ensues when Edward’s wife, Isabella, forms an adulterous alliance with the nobleman Mortimer. But one deadly sin begets another, as Mortimer’s own ambitions and desires lead him to contemplate a hideous murder. StudioTheatre.

Fallen Angels by Noel Coward. Years ago, old friends Julia and Jane had a lover in common, the dashing Frenchman Maurice. Now their comfortably dull married lives are thrown into hilarious disarray by news of Maurice’s impending visit. Will old passions be rekindled? Will jealousy rear its sinful head? And above all – will their husbands find out? Avon Theatre.

Into the Woods, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by James Lapine. To lift a witch’s curse, a baker and his wife must undertake a quest in the woods, where they encounter such fairytale characters as Cinderella and Little Red Ridinghood. Most fairy tales, like most musicals, end happily ever after – but in the tangled darkness of these woods, nothing is quite that simple. Avon Theatre.

Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare. Angelo, the Duke of Vienna’s recently appointed deputy, begins his crackdown on public immorality by sentencing Claudio to death for fornication. When Claudio’s sister, the virtuous Isabella, pleads on his behalf, the hypocritical Angelo offers her a chilling bargain: the surrender of her chastity in return for her brother’s life. Tom Patterson Theatre.

The Measure of Love by Nicolas Billon. For her 68th birthday, Joan receives an unusual gift from her friend Mabel: the manuscript of a play. Together, the two women re-enact their friendship from its beginning in high school to the event that led to a twenty-year estrangement. But does Mabel’s script tell the whole story, or do some secrets remain? Studio Theatre. Double bill with “Ruth Draper on Tour.”

Ruth Draper on Tour, devised by Raymond O’Neill. Whether in London, Paris, New York or Rome, American monologue artist Ruth Draper delighted audiences with her vivid and often hilarious characterizations. Offering a fascinating glimpse of the woman behind the art, this one-person show promises to be a true “tour” de force. Studio Theatre. Double bill with “The Measure of Love.”

The Tempest by William Shakespeare. Deposed from his dukedom and marooned for twelve years on a remote island, the magician Prospero at last has the chance to use his god-like powers to wreak vengeance on the “men of sin” who have wronged him – only to discover that love and forgiveness work the most potent magic of all. Festival Theatre.

Wingfield’s Inferno by Dan Needles. The heat is on! A devastating fire at Larkspur’s community hall leaves it a smoking ruin. Walt Wingfield spearheads the charge to get it rebuilt, but lighting a fire under his fellow committee members proves a daunting task. Is it courage they lack, or is the devil in the details? Tom Patterson Theatre.



AABTS makes it's annual donation to the Plymouth Library

On Wednesday, February 2nd, AABTS made our annual charitable donation to the Plymouth Public Library. On hand were Dave Patria, Gary and Linda Francis, John Bain, Rita Straith, Scott Green, Dave Duffield, and Jim Van Vlerah. A check for \$301 was presented to the Director Pat Thomas. This token of appreciation is for our use of the library facilities prior to our rides leaving the library parking lot.

Mail or E-Mail? That is the Question

In the 2005 membership renewal form, we have added two check boxes for you to select your communications preference. We have given members the choice of receiving newsletters and ride calendars via the US Mail, an E-Mail with a web link, or BOTH! Just in case you thought you could select only one of those options and you would like your newsletters via the mail AND via e-mail with web link, or would like to change your choice, you can contact Chris Free at 248-669-5434 or membership@aabts.org and we will update your information. Please include your current e-mail address.

Deadline
for Next
Newsletter
Friday
April 15

Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition

Meets on the first Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m., Ecology Center, 117 North Division (just north of Huron) in Ann Arbor. Visit the WBWC web page at www.wbwc.org for news and updates about this organization dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of bicycling and walking opportunities in Washtenaw County through advocacy and education.



Club Hotline:
(734) 913-9851
WWW.AABTS.ORG

The Hotline has information about current rides, corrections to the Ride Calendar, dates of potlucks and the like. If you have questions about rides, the Hotline is a good place to look for answers.



One Helluva Ride 2005 Seeks Volunteers

It may be hard to imagine next July while we are still in the throes of winter, but the 2005 One Helluva Ride (OHR) committee has already started planning for this summer's big event. The ride is scheduled for the second Saturday in July, the 9th.

Shirley Ceely, Ann Hunt, and Vickie Smith (known as the Three Graces or the Triumvirate, and no doubt other names we're unaware of!) will be in charge of lining up volunteers this year. We are requesting AABTS members to start thinking which job they might be available to take on for this all-important club event.

One Helluva Ride is our largest club activity. It is also our major fundraiser, paying for the potlucks, support of major bicycle organizations, safety programs; and the event itself fulfills a major goal of AABTS by promoting bicycling in our community, and showing off our biking routes to outsiders. The Club dues alone barely pay for the newsletter.

Also, OHR is fun! When you volunteer for a job you meet and work with other club members, are invited to the Afterglow party the evening of the ride, and have a chance to be a part of an exclusive group of people—OHR Volunteers!

Please volunteer early to reserve the job you want. There are dozens of jobs available, some before the ride (such as Friday night set up and package stuffing) but most day of ride: registration, food stops, SAG, parking, and more.

To volunteer for the 2005 One Helluva Ride, contact Ann Hunt (734-761-1147, ae hunt@comcast.net), Shirley Ceely (734-662-8266, sailnickelby@bignet.net), or Vickie Smith (734-996-9461, vickie.smith@comcast.net). Use Shirley and Vickie's e-mail addresses from now through the first week in April. Ann will be available at both her phone and e-mail address, and she'll also be at the March 30th potluck with sign-up lists.

We look forward to hearing from you!
Ann, Vickie and Shirley



Buster makes several points at the January OHR Planning Meeting

To: All AABTS Riders

From: Aberdeen Bike & Fitness, 1178 S Main St. Chelsea, MI.

You are cordially invited to attend the first annual Aberdeen Bike & Fitness AABTS Appreciation Day.

Please join us April 9th from 9am to 6pm for food, prizes, riding and big discounts!

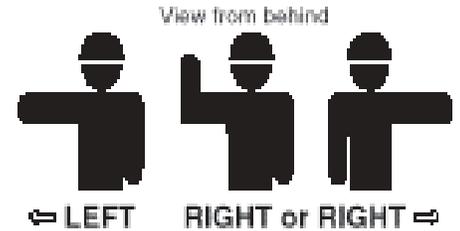
Our normal AABTS discounts will be doubled on this day only. Get 30% off parts and accessories and 20% off bicycles. ZouZou's will be serving a complimentary breakfast at the store. A ride will start at the shop at 9am, weather permitting. Great door prizes all day.

To get to the shop from ZouZou's: continue West on W. Middle to Wilkinson. Turn left and go to US 12. Turn left and go to M-52 (Main St.). Turn right, we are on the right, behind Chelsea Lanes.

Please call 734-475-8203 with any questions, or visit our website at aberdeenbike.com.



Bike Education for the Cyclists
League of American Bicyclists Road I
Offered in 2005
 By Carole Hann



Again in 2005, AABTS will offer the League of American Bicyclists **Road I** bike education course. If you are interested, **mark May 14th** as the date scheduled for this class. It will begin about 9:00 am and conclude around 4:30 pm. The class will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard, Ann Arbor. The cost will remain the same at \$35 per person.

The class is not just for beginning riders. It is for anyone who rides and wants to develop better riding skills and learn more about bike laws within the State of Michigan. In general, the topics to be covered in this class are 1) Bicycle Handling: looking over your shoulder, quick stops, hard-braking and instant turns. 2) Traffic Safety: riding on the right, yielding to cross traffic, yielding when changing lanes, intersection positioning and speed positioning. There is a Road I manual given to participants that is required reading prior to the instruction. There also is a test given to complete the Road I course successfully. The on-road and classroom instructions will be completed in one day.

If you agree that much of what you know about bicycling was learned before adulthood, and that it did not include the challenges we face on the road today, consider taking this class. Sports enthusiasts do not hesitate to take lessons to learn skiing, running, rock climbing and a multitude of other activities, but the AABTS Safety Committee believes, most bikers mount a bike and ride without any formal instruction.

The 2005 edition of the Road I, education of the cyclist, will be taught by Don Reed, who is a League of American Bicyclists certified instructor or LCI (League Cycling Instructor.) Don is a member of the Cherry Capital Cycling Club out of Traverse City, Michigan. Don is a former Michigan State Trooper, an avid cyclist and a former League of Michigan Bicyclists board member. In addition, Don was instrumental in the development of the highly regarded League video called "The Law is for All." It is a pleasure to have an instructor with Don's credentials agree to return and teach Road I for AABTS.

Don will be one of a team of two instructors. Officer Kathleen Vonk of the Ann Arbor Police Department will join Don Reed in teaching this class. Officer Vonk received her BS degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Exercise Physiology from Michigan State University and a BA (Summa Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University. She joined the AAPD in 1990 and performs law enforcement for the City as a police cycle patrol officer. Officer Vonk has published numerous articles in the International Police Mountain Bike Association Newsletter relating to law enforcement for the police cyclists. She is a certified Police Cyclist Instructor with the International Police Mountain Biking Association and recently became a Licensed Cycling Instructor (LCI) with the League of Michigan Bicyclists. She is also trained and active in teaching Bicycle Traffic Law to law enforcement officers.

The AABTS Safety Committee is delighted to have two outstanding cycling instructors available to teach bike education skills to AABTS members. The class size is limited to about a fifteen so if you would like to be kept informed about this class or be added to the participant list, contact Carole Hann at carolehann@comcast.net. Or you can enroll by completing the application form on page eight.



Together, we can save a life

AABTS safety committee Offers first aid class for ride captains & AABTS members

As part of the Safety Committee's continuing effort to educate its membership with safety on the road, an American Red Cross first aid class is scheduled for **Saturday, March 26th, 2005** at the new American Red Cross center at 4624 Packard Road in Ann Arbor. The class will include CPR and the standard First Aid course. Currently the class is set for 15 people, but if there is enough interest, a second instructor can be added to accommodate more people.

The class begins at 9 am and will take most of the day. The First Aid portion is 1 1/2 hours and the CPR portion 4 hours. The cost is \$55 dollars, but for those who have M-Care, the class is free. The Safety budget will fund \$15 of the class cost (or fund more of the cost if fewer enroll) for the first 20 Ride Captains who have led 4 rides or more in 2004 or commit to leading 4 or more rides in 2005.

If you are interested in this class, please **contact Bud Preston** by email at budpreston@comcast.net or phone him at 248-380-0691. If you are unable to reach Bud, contact any AABTS Safety Committee member.



League of American Bicyclists
BikeEd Program
Road I Course Registration



Cost: \$35 dollars with check payable to AABTS

Course Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI

Date: May 14, 2004

Mail to: Carole Hann, 8300 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

League of American Bicyclists Membership Number _____ Not a member _____

What is the approximate longest distance you've ridden in one day during the past year? _____ miles

Check the kinds of riding you do, or have done:

Local Recreational

Commuting

Long Distance

Fitness Riding

Please indicate the most important thing(s) you hope to derive from this course.

Please indicate any physical or emotional conditions that might limit your participation in this course.

RELEASE: SIGNATURE REQUIRED

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.

I am aware of the risk of bicycling and otherwise participating in this event and voluntarily assume such risk. In consideration of being permitted to participate in this event: 1. I release for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, the League of American Bicyclists, Inc., and the respective directors, officers, volunteers, and staff (Indemnities) from any claim, liability, demand, action, and cause of action whatsoever (collectively, "Claim") arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury (collectively, "Loss"), to myself or my property, that I may sustain in connection with, or arising out of, this event; 2. If registrant is a minor, I (as parent or guardian) agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee against any claim for any Loss said minor may sustain in connection with or arising out of, this event, and against legal or other expenses incurred by any Indemnity in connection with defending any Claim by or on behalf of said minor for any such Loss; 3. I consent to emergency medical treatment if I am injured; 4. I shall obey traffic laws and practice safety in bicycling; and 5. I agree to wear a CPSC approved helmet on all bicycle-riding activities at this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or guardian signature if under 18 years of age)



Special Announcement - Ride Captain Celebration – Saturday, March 19, 2005

Serious Stuff –

AABTS is putting together the first ever, Ride Captain Celebration on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 AM to no later than Noon, to be held at St Richards Catholic Church (Social Hall), 35637 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland MI, between Newburgh and Wayne, east of I-275.

Panera goodies will be served.

Please RSVP your intention to attend by March 15th by contacting Kathleen Donahoe at either: 734 996-4985 or by e-mail - kdonahoe@umich.edu

The Objectives:

- share your experiences leading rides with others
- voice your concerns regarding leading rides
- ask questions about leading rides
- hear what the Club is doing regarding ride leadership
- learn how the new by-laws, ride decorum and rider releases impact our ride leadership
- receive guidelines, hints, maps etc. that will help you be more effective ride leaders

The goal is for all of us to share what we think makes for a successful, safe AABTS ride.

The formal agenda might include:

- a. Some background and history.
- b. Some explanation of why things are done as they are and what needs to be changed.
- c. What has been missing, what do you feel could make the experience better for you and for the ride participants.. Changes we think might be worthwhile
- d. What training/support material has been missing that ride Captains feel they feel would be helpful and which the would like to have.
- e. Why can't we just ride our bikes?

And...

Following the inside presentation and Q & A sessions, we plan to have a nice ride in celebration of the coming of Spring (in about 24 hours) – Mileage will be awarded and Mark Erzen will be the Ride Captain.

Not So Serious Stuff

All participants will be eligible and will receive some sort of door prize. Those who have not been lucky enough to have led a Saturday Breakfast Ride during 2004, will have the pleasure of watching those who have, be subjected to the indignity of receiving “thank you “ gifts (kind word for this) from their nagging, whining ride captain coordinator. As usual these prizes will range from the unbelievable to the incomprehensible (or is that the same in this case.)



January Ride Calendar Meeting Reviewed

Mark Erzen

I'd like to thank those members that made the snowy trek to the Mallet's Creek Library in January to talk over a few topics on our ride calendar. We had a good, productive discussion on some of the issues we face in organizing our rides. At the top of my agenda was the issue of beginner friendly rides and our ability to attract new members into the sport of cycling and our club. As Tom Powell eloquently pointed out, "We have a wonderful product, and we'd like to share it with others."

In the past year, I've gotten a few complaints from new riders that the group is too fast, rides in cliques and takes off, and in general doesn't seem like a beginner-friendly group. Those are tough words to hear because I know so many friendly riders within our group. Last year, we labeled a bunch of our "slow" rides as beginner friendly, only to realize that slow for us still might be a bit fast for our beginners, and that the distances we like to ride are in many cases too far for the beginner. Another problem I see is that we tend to stick the ride leader with bringing up the rear of the group, and everyone else takes off and rides. In many cases, the beginner feels like they're just holding the ride leader back, instead of feeling like they're riding with the normally social AABTS.

In the April/May Ride Calendar, we've scaled back the number of rides labeled as beginner-friendly. Our idea is that we can direct new riders to a handful of rides each week where we've got good participation, and a group of people willing to hang out with the new riders. Most beginner-friendly rides should be "no-drop" rides, where the majority of the riders are riding together (as opposed to one person doing sweep duties). For the Dexter Breakfast ride, we're designating additional "ride lieutenants" to help with the new riders, and we're encouraging folks to stop in Dexter to socialize and invite new riders along. The 22-mile trip from Wheeler Park to Dexter is an advanced beginner ride, and we need to support those new riders on the entire trip.

I brought up a number of concerns over the Sunday Special Rides that we put on each week in the summer. One concern is the amount of work and people we have to dedicate to the planning. Ken Bawcom, Jim Spencer, Ann Hunt, and our C-Ride Chair all spend a lot of time putting that calendar together. With that amount of effort and people on the task, it's disappointing to see the dwindling crowds, riders veering from the routes, complaints about maps and certain rides, etc. The majority of folks at the meeting felt that as long as there were folks willing to plan the rides, and some riders willing to ride, that the Sunday Rides were still worth the effort every week.

I think the problem is that ONLY Ken, Jim, Ann, Don, Vickie, and a very small handful of others are participating in the creation of the ride calendar. These riders can't ride every Sunday, every route and fix what needs to be fixed. They need feedback and participation from the riders. If a particular ride needs to be adjusted or eliminated, maps need to be fixed, or there's a new idea that we should try, that feedback needs to get back to us. The more riders we have participating in the creation of our ride calendar, the better the ride calendar. Many thanks goes out to Jim Spencer, who never seems to be short of good ride ideas. I hope there are some more "Jims" out there who can make it to our next ride calendar meeting on Thursday April 7th at 7:30PM. It will be held at Ann Hunt's house, 3420 Andover Rd in northeast Ann Arbor. Check www.aabts.org for directions.

Heads Up

As I am sure all of you who have had the opportunity to ride on Huron River Drive between Ann Arbor and Dexter this winter are aware, the road is in horrible condition. It has seriously deteriorated (if that is possible) since last fall, and there are major holes, shoulder failure, and debris all along the route at all the expected places. Saturday's "tease" only further emphasized how dangerous it is. With winter not nearly through, we can only assume that a few more freeze-thaw cycles will only make matters worse. So, please be extremely careful out there during the early season and before we can get the City and County to make the necessary repairs.



Will's Excellent Adventure By Will McWhirter



I had a great time this fall on a solo, self-contained cross-country biking trip. I followed the Adventure Cycling Western Express route from San Francisco to Pueblo, CO, and then the TransAmerican route from Pueblo to Williamsburg, VA. The weather was great and I had no significant bicycle problems. This was truly an excellent adventure.

During and after the trip, I've been asked two questions the most:

- From non-bikers – “Why would you want to bike across the United States?”
- From bikers – “Why did you choose to go solo?”

The cross-country idea grew from biking last winter in Nevada. Carolyn and I spent a couple weeks visiting our daughter and son-in-law near Reno, and I really enjoyed biking in the area. I met some local bikers and learned that the traditional ride across Nevada is along

Route 50, billed as the loneliest road in America. This seemed like a cool idea, but then the ride began to expand...

- Route 50 leads to southern Utah, which is really beautiful.
- Kansas people are really nice.
- I always wanted to see more of the Missouri Ozarks.
- My dad grew up in southern Illinois, I miss our visits to that area.
- Biking around Lexington has been great, I wonder what the rest of Kentucky is like?
- I always wanted to bike on the Blue Ridge Parkway, I wonder what Virginia biking is like?
- Wow, the Adventure Cycling Association has (plastic) biking maps that cover this route.
- The Adventure Cycling route starts at the Golden Gate Bridge, that's cool.

The solo tour approach evolved from:

- I like to bike at my own pace, prefer not to draft, and like to stop whenever the spirit moves me on long rides.
- I'm comfortable biking by myself, in bike maintenance and in the solitude.
- I didn't know if I would have knee problems on a long tour, so I wanted to be able to take a rest day anytime I needed or wanted one.
- Finally, I had no interest in camping for two months. After weighing the items on my planned equipment list, I had no interest in camping at all (a motel room every night sounded great).

In April I decided to make the trip, and knew it would take some months to prepare. An early fall departure to beat the snow in the mountains and miss the summer rains and high summer temperatures in the south would work. Since this was all new to me, I relied on:

- The Adventure Cycling website (www.adventurecycling.org) for maps and general info.
- The crazyguyonabike.com website for journals of other bike tours.
- The sheldonbrown.com website for equipment tips.

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I plan to place a detailed account of my trip with pictures on the crazyguyonabike.com website, but I expect this will take a month or so. The journals on the crazyguy website were extremely helpful in my trip preparation, so I'd like to add mine to help others planning a similar adventure. I expect I'll call it "Will's Excellent Adventure, Western Express to TransAmerica East."

My pre-ride concerns and trip experiences were:

- Motels, since I didn't carry camping equipment. Found a hotel or B&B each night, although I did have to schedule a couple of 100+ days to reach them.
- Altitude. No problems at all. I trained at 5000' for a week in Reno before starting, I'm sure this helped.
- Butt problems. Saddle sores came and went a few times after bumpy days, but I experienced no rashes at all. I really liked the Assos shorts, their chamois is thick, absorbent, and smooth.
- Spoke/wheel problems. No problems at all. Used 36 hole Mavic Open Pro ceramic rims.
- Weather. I had great weather for the trip: only a couple of 100⁰ days at the start, and needed my rain jacket only once. There were a few big thunderstorms in the mountains, but I was able to beat them to my motels.
- Dogs. One (in eastern Virginia) did chew on my rear pannier a bit, but none of the dogs that could catch me tried to bite me. Most of the really mean sounding ones were tied/chained up, whewwww.
- Drivers. The drivers were much more tolerant than Michigan drivers. Even the semi drivers, logging and coal trucks gave me the whole lane when they passed if they could. When semis were coming from the front and rear, I did get off the road just in case.

California was in a hot spell when I started on August 7 (over 100 degrees), so my first 3 days were interesting. On my second day I drank 3 quarts of Gatorade, 3 quarts of Sprite and 3 quarts of water and still dehydrated a bit. The third day was my hardest day of the trip, but ended on a high note.

The weather cooled down and things just got better and better for the remainder of the trip. Nevada was very beautiful and peaceful with very little traffic. Most of the route followed Rt 50 and included ten climbs followed by nice, smooth descents. Services along the route were scarce so I needed to start each day with up to 10 water bottles.

Utah was my favorite state for biking because of its fantastic scenery and its solitude. One pick-up driver passed me and turned around, usually this is not good. He said that I was coming to a really big climb (it was 4000 ft) and asked if I would like a lift...pretty nice. I told him I came for the climbs. He looked a little perplexed, but then welcomed me to Utah.

I took a partial rest day in Bryce Canyon National Park; a park shuttle stops at all the overlooks so my butt got a rest too. In Utah, the route also passes through the Cedar Breaks Nat'l Monument, Grand Staircase Escalante Nat'l Monument, Glen Canyon Rec Area, and Capital Reef National Park.

Colorado Mountains seemed easier than the Nevada and Utah mountains. There were 6 major climbs in Colorado, but usually only one per day. Since the climbs were longer, the downhill runs were the best of the trip. When the wind was calm I frequently coasted at 30-40 mph for 5-10 miles, a couple of time I got up to 47 mph. When my speed slowed, I needed to check my speedometer before pedaling, often I was slowed down to only 32 mph.

In Utah I met Cole, a 17 year old, east-to-west cross-country biker. He said his favorite stop was Telluride, CO. so I changed my plans to take my third (and final) rest day there. Telluride is beautifully nestled in the Rocky Mountains and has a quaint and historical downtown with a laid-back atmosphere.

At Monarch Pass (the highest elevation on the Western Express route at 11,312 ft), I had just finished taking my pictures and was adding clothing for my descent when a young lady came over to chat. Laura and her husband, Matt (who was resting in the shade), were also on a break on their cross-country, self-contained trip (E to W). One difference was that Matt was running (self supported with his supplies in a baby jogger, no baby) and Laura was biking self-supported with panniers, wow!



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They had some Utah and Nevada water questions since they could only travel 30 miles a day and Matt needed 3 gal of drinking water each day.

Eastern Colorado, Kansas and western Missouri are fairly flat and were relaxing. There were always interesting things to see along the route: watching crop harvesting and dove hunters, finding the Prairie Chicken Capital of the World, finding millions of caterpillars crossing the road. (Okay, I did have to work a little harder to get excited in the plains.) The road surface was (at times) my only problem along the trip. In some counties in Missouri and Illinois I had to slow down considerably because of washboard surfaces. The Boots N' Saddle Café in Walnut, Ks. has a book for cross-country cyclists to sign and make comments. My entry was the 80th for the season, most cyclists passed by in June and July.

The hills started in Missouri and became rolling before the Ozarks. The Ozarks were really beautiful and the hills were fun. The Ozarks are hillier at the eastern and western ends, the middle section is a plateau with dips for rivers. Unfortunately I scheduled my longer days (91 and 100 miles) at the eastern and western sides... this gave me the opportunity to use my cool bike lights after dark.

Along the way I caught up to a tandem couple traveling from the Artic Circle to the Florida Keys. Randall and Barb Angell were having mechanical problems and were waiting for parts. They have a very interesting story, and lots of trip pictures on their website: www.teamangell.com.

Kentucky and western Virginia were very nice biking, similar to what we're used to around Lexington (without the racing horses). The Adventure Cycling route alternated steep local roads with low traffic state roads with more gentle inclines. Many of the local roads followed streams, which were usually lined by houses and trailers.

Fall brings foggy mornings in Appalachia, but visibility was always good enough to safely ride starting at 7:30 AM with my rear flashing light. Downhill runs weren't as exciting as in the West. I needed to break to 13-14 mph because of the road surfaces and curves, but the runs were still fun!

I took two "rain delay" days at the Breaks Interstate Park (that straddles VA and KY) to let the hurricane Jeanne rains clear out ahead of me. I was surprised how stiff I became after the rest days, 'nuff of this rest stuff..

The Adventure Cycling map said that the Appalachians were "much harder to cycle than the mountains of the West... because of the roller coaster grades of the Appalachians." I didn't find this to be the case. To me, the Appalachians on the TransAmerican route were easier than the western mountains on the Western Express route. Maybe this is because I was in better shape by the time I got to the Appalachians, or because I only needed to carry 2-3 water bottles in the East vs. 10+ water bottles some days in the West.

The last few of days in Virginia were good biking (cool temperatures, good pavement, nice scenery), but after I made my plane and rental car reservations I think I was just mentally ready to wrap it up and return home.

The daily uncertainty really made this trip interesting. The Adventure Cycling map includes enough information on the route conditions (locations of lodging, grocery stores, restaurants, mountain elevations, etc.) that I always felt comfortable. But I never really knew what was up ahead.

Some interesting trip statistics:



3775 miles 55 biking days plus 3 rest days, 2 rain delay days
 68.6 miles average per biking day
 hotel / B & B costs \$59.34 average (incl taxes)
 414 total hours (based on start and finish times) 9.1 miles per hour average 7.5 hours per day average
 cruising speed 13.4 mph in the West 14.4 mph in the East
 body weight change none (I enjoyed the eating part !!!)
 pictures: took approx 1000, saved 675, my favorites number over 350.
 longest day (time)– tie
 day 3 12 ½ hours, 63 miles (after 100⁰ and 96⁰ days)
 day 38 12 ½ hours, 107 miles
 longest single climb (east from Cedar City, UT) 20 miles, 4500 feet, 6 hours
 most liquid consumed day 2 (80 ½ miles, 4000 ft, 96⁰) 9 quarts
 total trip consumption / usage
 gaterade 112 20-oz bottles
 trail mix 17 pounds
 fig newtons 11 2# packages

Inspiration



Mark Breeding & Dave Homyak

changes to the bike be made before any long distances are done. I adjusted my seat up about ½ inch right before my 3 hour ride on week 2. I was amazed how most of my leg could feel a little sore while the 1 inch above my knees was in intense pain.

This article was written to hopefully inspire someone that would like the challenge of a century, but didn't quite know how to go about it with minimal time away from family. Hopefully, this article will help. If someone has any questions, feel free to call me at home at 734-662-6785.

My name is Dave Homyak. I'm 39. I enjoy bicycling and decided to challenge myself this year by riding a century at the One Helluva Ride in July. Last year my long rides were mainly around 20 miles. However, last fall, I saw an article in Outside magazine entitled 100 Miles in 24 Easy Rides. Figuring I couldn't find an easier way to complete an endurance event, I decided to try it.

The schedule the article described didn't seem too severe. It talked about building a base of 30 miles a week for the two months before the 8 weeks of prescribed rides began. Then, when the 8 week schedule began, the rides were ½ hour Tuesdays, 1 hour Thursdays and Saturdays were the long distance days. Week 1 – 2 hours, Week 2 – 3 hours, Week 3 – 4 hours, Week 4 – 2 hours, Week 5 – 4 hours, Week 6 – 5 hours, Week 7- 4 hours and Week 8 is the Century. It's important to ride at a pace that guarantees you'll finish the rides on Saturdays.

Training for this century was much more strenuous than my last century. When I was 15, a friend and I read that a century was a real milestone. So, we rode out to a lake that had a bike path that was 5 miles long and rode around it 19 times, then rode home. Total distance, 103 miles. No training at all.

This time the training was required and difficult. Weeks 2 and 3 were the toughest with a jump from 2 to 3 hours, followed by a jump from 3 to 4 hours the following week. The nice thing about this program is it wasn't distance based, but time based, which let you know precisely how far away from your goal you were. I also recommend that any

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Southeast Michigan One-Day Tours

Many of our club members experience the joy of touring by riding in cycling events sponsored by other cycling clubs. In many cases, riders will drive out of state or even fly across the country or world to participate in a wide variety of invitational rides. For those who don't travel much, or prefer to ride close to home, I thought I'd point out the local invitational rides that Southeast Michigan cycling groups sponsor.

Metro Grand Spring Ride

Date: May 1st 2005

Location: Willow Metro Park

Registration Fee: \$22 day of ride

Routes: 25, 45, and 62 Miles

Sponsored by: Downriver Cycling Club

Website: www.lmb.org/dcc

Contact: 313-381-2866 or mgst@wowway.com

Features the famous Chris Cakes full breakfast at the first food stop!

Wolverine 200

Date: May 14th & 15th 2005

Location: Belle Isle Park – Detroit, MI

Registration Fee: \$40 day of ride, \$30 prior to May 6

Sponsored by: Wolverine Sports Club

Website: www.lmb.org/wsc

Contact: 586-773-4519 or wolverinesportsclub@hotmail.com

The Wolverine 200 is a personal challenge to see how far you can ride in 12 or 24 hours. Riders do laps on a 4 mile course and enjoy the scenes of Belle Isle. There are many activities along the course and camping on Belle Isle is available the night of the 13th.

One Helluva Ride

Date: July 9th 2005

Location: Chelsea Fairgrounds and Portage Lake State Park

Registration Fee: \$25 day of ride, \$20 pre-register and \$17 prior to May 19

Routes: 15, 30, 39, 54, 63, 76, and 100 miles and a 34-mile Fat Tire route

Sponsored by: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society

Website: www.aabts.org

Contact: ohrinfo@aabts.org

Join us for a day of scenic bicycle touring over tree-lined, paved (and on our Fat-Tire Ride, gravel) roads in Washtenaw, Ingham, Jackson and Livingston counties. Most of the routes wind through rural and recreation areas on beautiful rolling terrain and vary enough to appeal to a broad range of bicyclists.

A Peach of Ride

Date: September 11, 2005

Location: Armada Elementary School, Armada, MI

Registration Fee: \$25 day of ride, \$16 prior to August 28th

Routes: Dirt – 25, 31 mi, Road – 25, 45, 55, 62 mi

Sponsored by: Slow Spokes of Macomb County

Website: www.lmb.org/spokes

Contact: (586) 819-0187 or peach@lmb.org

The Slow Spokes of Macomb invite you to join us on this scenic Autumn Tour through rustic farm country that abounds with many apple orchards as well as stately old trees with colorful foliage.

Celebration of Cycling

Date: September 17, 2005

Location: Warrendale Recreation Area – Hines Park, Dearborn MI

Registration Fee: \$26 day of ride, \$18 prior to Sept 5

Routes: 12, 35, 50, 75, 100

Sponsored by: Programs to Educate All Cyclists

Website: www.bikeprogram.org

Contact: 734-674-6725 or info@bikeprogram.org

Programs to Educate All Cyclists, formerly The Arc Cycling Program, assists individuals with disabilities to become competent cyclists. The celebration of cycling is a ride through Western Wayne County and Livingston County and includes Kensington State Park along the 100 mile route. Local cycling clubs are encouraged to participate in the club challenge for mileage and participation.

Please note that some prices are based on last year's numbers and may be subject to change. We are working on adding these rides to our ride calendar, assuming we can designate an AABTS ride leader for each event. Check our ride calendars for the latest info.

Mark Erzen



To the AABTS Board, Officers and Members:

Recently, as the Safety Committee was working on the Lu Chaney Safety Newsletter, I realized how little I really knew regarding the Lu Chaney Fund that the Club established a couple of years ago. Ann Hunt, who is the Club's appointed representative to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), which manages our Fund, and Tom Powell, who has been extremely active in supporting the Fund, were both kind enough to give me some background.

At AAACF, we are *The Lucian W. Chaney Bicycling Safety and Advocacy Fund*, a "Designated Fund," one of more than fifty Designated Funds they manage, which include such solid organizations as the American Red Cross - Washtenaw County Fund, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Endowment Fund, the Ark Endowment Fund, the Alumni Endowment Fund for Greenhills School, NAMI of Washtenaw County Endowment Fund, and Washtenaw Literacy Endowment Fund. For more information on the AAACF, see <http://aaacf.org>.

As a result of our discussions, I learned that the Club made a truly significant contribution to the Fund in the past, that the Chaney family and many individual Club members also donated to the fund, and that the annual disbursement amount is approaching a level that can support ongoing and important safety programs. If we can increase the value of the Fund to \$50,000 over the next few years, it would generate up to \$2,500 annually, enough to continue support of safety and advocacy programs such as Road 1 training, First Aid Classes, additional Bike Rodeos for local communities and many other programs of this nature, without using Club operating funds.

Because the goals of the Fund are very consistent with the safety part of the AABTS mission, and given the increasing importance of safety to all of us who ride our bikes, I strongly support efforts to grow this fund. I know Tom has formally requested that the Club consider an annual donation to the Fund for the next few years, and I certainly would like to join with my support of that request. Further, I would like to encourage individual Club members to consider making an annual donation, a bequest, or a one-time donation. I believe that if the Board were to lead the way and make a commitment to support the Fund over the next few years, many individual Club members would be encouraged to also donate to the Fund. This is an excellent way in which the Club can continue to be, and to be recognized as the leader in SE Michigan bicycle safety programs and issues.

Paul Alman

If you'd like to donate to the *Chaney Fund*...

Your tax-deductible donation is made directly to AAACF. Make your check payable to AAACF, designate it for the *Lucian W. Chaney Bicycling Safety and Advocacy Fund*, and mail to:

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
201 S Main Suite 501
Ann Arbor MI 48104-2113

Contact AAACF (734) 663-0401 or info@aaacf.org to find out more about the Foundation and planned giving. Contact Ann Hunt (734) 761-1147, ahunt@comcast.net or Tom Powell (734) 994-6340, tpowell@umich.edu with questions about AABTS and the Fund.

The AABTS is run by a group of dedicated, energetic people who work hard to keep our club and its numerous activities growing. We are always looking for volunteers, ideas, and input into our many club activities. Choices range from Ride Calendar planning, OHR Planning, Safety & Cycling Advocacy, and of course the officers & committee chairs that lead the club. Below is a schedule of our regular meetings for 2005.

OHR Planning

Meets: 3rd Thursday of Every Month
 (exception: March meeting will be March 24th at Ann Hunt's House)
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Posted on Web, contact Mark Erzen for details.

Ride Calendar

Meets: 1st Thursday of April, June, August, and possibly October
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Ann Hunt's House (subject to change, see web)
Contact: Ken Bawcom, Ride Calendar Chair

Safety Committee

Meets: As needed (this is an active e-mail bunch)
Contact: Carole Hann

AABTS Officers Meetings

Meets: 2nd Wednesday of March, May, July, September, and November
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Earhart Village Condominiums Clubhouse
 835 Green Hills Drive, Ann Arbor
Contact: Mark Erzen

All members are welcome at any of the above meetings at any time, and your ideas, input and willingness to volunteer are always appreciated.

AABTS Fiscal Year 2003 Financial Report

The club fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. The following presents the club's performance for the fiscal years 2002 and 2003 on a cash flow basis. That means that some of the cash expenditures may actually be for "inventory" items which will be used or sold over a longer period. Looking at this summary, it becomes clear that OHR is absolutely vital to the continuing financial health of AABTS at the current level of service to the membership and, to an increasing degree, the community around us.

	10/1/02 – 9/30/03	10/1/03 – 9/30/04
<u>Income</u>		
Club Operating Income	\$ (1,477)	\$ (1,482)
Membership Dues	7,540	8,233
Other Club Income	(215)	(1,005)
OHR Income	<u>37,454</u>	<u>38,693</u>
Total Income	\$ 43,303	\$ 44,439
<u>Expenses</u>		
Operating Expense	\$ 11,843	\$ 9,087
Indirect Club Expense *	20,555	9,663
OHR Indirect Expense	<u>23,771</u>	<u>24,205</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 56,170	\$ 42,956
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$ (12,866)</u>	<u>\$ 1,483</u>

* Includes \$10,954 charitable and other donations in 2002 - 2003 versus \$691 in 2003 - 2004.

LOGi CYCLE

Coaching Services Presents:

CYCLING SKILL CLINICS

LOGiCYCLE coaching services features clinics aimed at improving safety, control, confidence and performance on bicycles, all in great fun! USA Cycling licensed coach Dave Beard operates the clinics. Events include:

Safety Knowledge

Traffic code, traffic courtesy, railroad tracks, paint markings, sewer covers, car doors, sand/gravel, and roadkill.

Skill Foundations

Helmets, mounting/dismounting, riding straight and steady, looking back, intersections, signaling, speed control, cornering, sudden stops, shifting gears, drinking and eating on the bike.

Advanced Skills

Contact drills (shoulder bumping, wheel touch), balance (track stands, see-saw, limbo, water bottle rally), hopping obstacles, off pavement recovery and paceline skills.

Fun with Skills

The clinic will conclude with a game of the coach's choice that will use skills taught that day.

Who: Groups of up to 20 participants, 10 minimum, 12 are ideal. The clinic fee is \$10 per participant.

Where: Clinics can be held at your location, or the coach can designate. The location requirements are a large grass field and parking lot, a paved slope and painted lot lines.

When: Anytime, provided the ground is dry, and participants can tolerate the weather.

Note: AABTS Clinic Saturday, April 16, 2005

How: Skill clinics run up to 2.5 hours, if we can stop the athletes from having fun! To schedule a clinic, contact Coach Beard at 248.318.9832, or at LOGiCYCLE@yahoo.com.

Why: Because it's a blast to have fun on your bike!

Who is Coach Beard? Dave Beard started cycling seriously in 1976 when he joined the Cycling Saddlemen in Dearborn, Michigan as a junior racer. He left racing while in college, but continued touring in events like the "Wolverine 200" distance ride where he was judged by Mike Walden of the Wolverine Sports Club as the event's top rider in the 20-29 age group and 30-39 age group. He progressed through the USA Cycling coaching levels, and in 2000 he completed instruction at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to be licensed as an expert coach. Coach Beard has concentrated on developing young racers in the Ann Arbor Velo Club Junior Development Program, and has taught at USA Cycling camps. He is now pursuing personal coaching, bike fitting and providing clinics for local groups.



Board meeting

Date – February 7, 2005

1. Call to Order. Welcome Board, Members and Guests
2. Roll Call – Attendance of Board, Members and Guests

Board – Chair	–	Steu White – Present
	–	Ada Johnson – Excused
	–	Will McWhirter – Excused
	–	Ted Green – Excused
	–	Barb Underwood – Present
Officers – President	–	Mark Erzen – Excused
Vice President	–	Tom Powell – Excused
Secretary	–	Terence Treppa – Present
Treasurer	–	David Patria – Present
Guest	–	Philip Howrey
3. A donation to the Lou Chaney Fund was discussed with its various ramifications such as gently encouraging members to donate to the fund.
4. It was suggested that it is the role of the board to make the club policy on donations to avert future conflicts and uncertainties.
5. We need a webmaster. It was suggested that we should look into the possibility and costs of hiring someone to run the web site because it is getting so complicated and need of constant attention.
6. Phil Howrey talked about the responses to the open forum on the proposed new By-Laws.
 - a. Why do we need a new constitution and by laws? What is the matter with the old one.
 - b. What further protections do we receive from the new document?
 - c. Explain the indemnification issue so we can understand it if possible.
 - d. There are a number of other questions that need to be answered.
7. David Patria volunteered to respond as much as possible to the raised questions.

Respectfully submitted by Terence F. Treppa, Secretary

