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AABTS Spring Potluck

Thursday March 30, 2006

at the Grotto Club

2070 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor

Set up & Socialize 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to feed six.

BYO place setting

Do not bring chips/drinks/snacks, etc.

(will be provided)

Please no merchandise sales

Spring Potluck Special Features:

AABTS Board Member Elections

2005 Annual Mileage Awards & Trophies

2005 Personalized Mileage Patch Awards

2005 Lifetime Mileage Patch and Pin Awards

2005 Ride Captain Prize Drawings

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AABTS Board member Elections at March 30 Potluck



Two to be Elected

By Dan Harrison

The club will hold its annual meeting at the March 30, 2006 potluck. Two 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, Board Chairperson Barb Underwood, Dan Harrison or any Club Board Member prior to the potluck.

You can email your nomination by March 25th to:

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or Barb Underwood at underbpatd@aol.com
or Dan Harrison at danielharrison@att.net

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Future Potluck Dates for 2006 are:

Spring: Thursday March 30, 2006

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

Fall: Thursday Sept 28, 2006

- Annual Photo Show, 2006 Mileage Patch Design Contest, Name Officers.

Holiday: Thursday Dec 7, 2006

- Entertainment



The Ride of Silence

By Mark Hagar

Hello Ann Arbor Bicycle & Touring Society members. My name is Mark Hagar, I hold the Membership Chair of the Rapid Wheelmen Bike Club in Grand Rapids and am the Michigan Representative for the *Ride of Silence*. I would personally like to thank AABTS members Paul Alman and Mark Erzen for agreeing to be the coordinators for the Ann Arbor *Ride of Silence* that will take place on May 17th, 2006. I will again be the coordinator of the Grand Rapids *Ride of Silence*.

The 2006 *Ride of Silence* will roll across Michigan, the U.S. and the world on May 17th, 2006 at 7:00 PM (a few sites will adjust their time). This is NOT a Critical Mass Ride. There are no shirts or items for sale. There's no fee or registration. Each ride is approximately 12 miles long, is ridden at a 12 MPH pace, and is Silent. It's not just a club ride. It's a ride for Moms, Dads, brothers & sisters, family & friends, beginning cyclists to racers, anyone who wishes to honor a cyclist who has been killed or injured by a motorist while out riding and to let motorists know they MUST share the road with us. Participants are asked to wear a black arm band to honor a cyclist who's been killed, and/or a red arm band to honor a cyclist that has been injured.

As of Dec. 15th, we have 12 confirmed sites in Michigan the most of any state in the U.S. at this point. Locations and supporting clubs are (**new for 2006):

- **Ann Arbor**, Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society, Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition, start location to be determined
 - **Battle Creek**, Battle Creek Bicycle Club, from parking lot behind Team Active
 - **Boyer City**, North Country Bicycle Club, start location to be determined
 - Grand Rapids**, Rapid Wheelmen, Macatawa Cycling Club of Holland, West Mich. Coast Riders of Muskegon, Jade Cycles of Zeeland, from Riverside Park
 - **Hamburg-Pinckney**, Against the Wind Cycling Club, start location to be determined
 - **Houghton**, Copper County Cycling Club, start location to be determined
 - **Jackson**, Cascades Cycling Club, start location to be determined
 - **Lansing**, Tri-County Bicycle Assoc., from Haslett Middle School
 - Livonia-Westland-Dearborn**, Multiple Detroit area clubs, from Nankin Mills Pavilion, Hines Drive
 - Midland-Bay City-Saginaw**, Tri-City Cyclists, Bay City this year, start location to be determined
 - **Mount Pleasant**, CMU Cycling Club, start location to be determined
 - Traverse City**, Cherry Capitol Cycling Club, from Horizon Book Store
- TENTATIVE:
- Grattan**, at Wed. night race series, all racers riding one slow lap in silence (as they did last year)

There are a few clubs considering hosting a ride in their area, and I am still in the process of contacting other locations around the state. For those unfamiliar with the *Ride of Silence*, here is a brief history;

- * In 2003 endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz is struck and killed by the mirror of a passing bus while cycling outside of Dallas. His friend Coach Chris Phelan organizes a memorial ride in Dallas on May 18th, titled the *Ride of Silence*, a slow paced silent 12 mile ride to honor his friend. Over 1,000 cyclists attend. Chris thinks he has closure.
- * Word spreads about the *Ride*. A grassroots movement takes place...
- * In 2004, *Rides of Silences* take place on May 18th in 50 cities in the U.S. and Canada. The Dallas *Ride* has 2,500 cyclists. It's written up in Bicycling magazine.
- * Chris actively promotes the Ride. A board of directors is in place. A copyright is applied for the *Ride of Silence* name.
- * In 2005, *Rides of Silence* take place in over 100 U.S cities, 150 worldwide, in 9 countries, across 4 continents. The Dallas ride again has 2,500 cyclists. The Dallas City Council issues a proclamation that May 18th 2005 is *The Ride of Silence Day*. The Dallas board appoints a representative in each of the states / areas. Grand Rapids holds its 1st Ride of Silence.
- * *Rides of Silences* will take place on May 17th 2006, worldwide, at 7:00 PM.

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The League of Michigan Bicyclists will actively promote the 2006 *Ride* to all affiliated clubs. I have been working with Dave Duffield, LMB Director at Large. Dave attended the Livonia-Dearborn *Ride* last year and submitted the write up about it to Chris and the Dallas Board. Dave will promote the 2006 Michigan rides to all LMB Directors at their January meeting. We have submitted all sites that were confirmed by Oct. 31st to the LMB 2006 Ride Calendar. Eight of the above sites were confirmed by that date. For the sites that came on board after the deadline, I asked that a general statement be included, to the affect of: If your location is not listed, please contact your local bike club or shop for any additional *Rides* that may have been scheduled. To quote Dave: ***“I personally think this ride may be the most important one listed on the calendar for obvious reasons.”***

I would ask that all AABTS members consider riding in the Ann Arbor *Ride of Silence*, and to give Paul and Mark your full support in promoting and putting this on. Or attend a *Ride* in one of the other locations, and ask your cycling friends to consider attending a *Ride* for 2006.

I'll be sending regular emails to Paul and Mark and all the other Michigan coordinators in 2006, on updates from Chris and the Dallas Board, and to have an open forum on how to promote the Mich. *Rides*, and share our ideas on what went well in 2005, and what we can do to improve for 2006. I look forward to working with Paul and Mark in promoting the 2006 Ride.

In Grand Rapids for 2006, sadly we have another area cyclist (not a Rapid Wheelmen member) whom we will be honoring, Anna Sobie, who was struck and killed this past September in Walker. Her husband and family were very gracious when we asked them to attend, and will be there to ride with us, in honoring Anna. The Rapid Wheelmen have donated a set of Share the Road signs to the City of Walker, that Anna's husband approved, when we stenciled "In Memory of Anna", and will be placed on both sides of the road where Anna was struck. If anyone would like additional information about the *Ride of Silence*, or starting a Share the Road program in your area, please feel free to email me. Together, we can make a difference.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Lynda Collins for allowing me to post this very important event in the AABTS newsletter.

Sincerely

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THE COURT DECIDES

By Lynda Collins

The hearing for the young man responsible for the death of Charlotte Marcotte was held December 1, 2005. He pled no contest, and his sentencing was declared on January 12, 2006. At that time family members and friends rose to speak before the court referee who would decide his sentence. Despite the fact that he had not intentionally caused the accident, they mentioned that his probation period should be longer, and he should have numerous hours of public service including speaking to youth groups about careless driving. Charlotte was an important part of the community and her death should be meaningful. Previously, many letters were sent to the court in regard to his sentencing.

As a result, the referee decided that he would be on probation until the age of nineteen, would perform 200 hours of community service which would include 50 hours of public speaking about responsible, careful driving, and his license would remain suspended until further notice.

Representing the AABTS at the hearing and sentencing were members Jan Moore, Vickie Smith, Barbara Underwood, Lynda Collins, Alice Rawson, Connie Cavanaugh and Frank Lamitola.



From The Grand Rapids Press

By Keith Essenburg

GRANDVILLE — Recent weather probably doesn't bring bicycling to mind, but the city's newest traffic signs are designed to do just that.

City employees recently mounted four signs, two matching sets, along Ivanrest Avenue SW, between Prairie and 28th streets. One sign in each set depicts a bicyclist, and the other asks motorists to "share the road."

The portion of Ivanrest chosen for the new signs is a leg of the Kent Trails system. Unlike most of the system, the stretch along Ivanrest doesn't include a bike or walking trail, forcing bicyclists to ride on the street until they return to the trail farther north on Ivanrest or southeast near Wentworth Avenue SW.

The Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club of Grand Rapids, an organization that sponsors bicycling events and promotes bike safety, donated the signs.

"Unfortunately, a lot of motorists don't realize that, by law, cyclists have the same rights on a road as a car," said Mark Hagar, a spokesman for the group.

Motorists assume bicyclists belong on sidewalks or walking paths, but those legally are pedestrians' domain, he said.

Hagar, who works as a quality engineer at Jireh Metal Products, said the same signs, which cost about \$45 a set, have gone up throughout Grand Rapids and in a handful of Ottawa County communities. He said club members also have plans to approach officials in Walker and Rockford to see whether their signs can be mounted there.

The club, formed in 1970 by Zeeland bicycle shop owner Jim DeGracia, has a membership of about 400 families and hosts several events and also sponsors bike safety rodeos.

Club members are planning a memorial for Anna Sobie, who was killed this year on West River Drive NW in Walker while riding her bicycle. Sobie was not a Rapid Wheelmen member, but the club considers its efforts to promote safety as a benefit to all bicycle enthusiasts, Hagar said.

He said the club also plans to donate \$11,000 to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and to the bicycle patrols operated by the Kent County Sheriff's Department and local police departments early next year.



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.



Dear AABTS;

I would like to thank the club for the lovely flower arrangement of roses and Bird of Paradise in memory of Bernie Wings. He greatly enjoyed the cycling and fellowship of your club and will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

Once again thank you for your lovely tribute to a wonderful man.

Sincerely,
Bob Vansickle

I want to thank the AABTS membership and Kathleen Donahoe for her selection of a lovely basket of plants that I received after my surgery.... They certainly brightened my home and attitude during my recovery.

Regards,
Lynda Collins

Doris Datsko Recovering

Doris Datsko, wife of Joe and mother of Jim, is currently at Glacier Hills recovering from a stroke suffered while on vacation. AABTS sends its best to the entire Datsko family

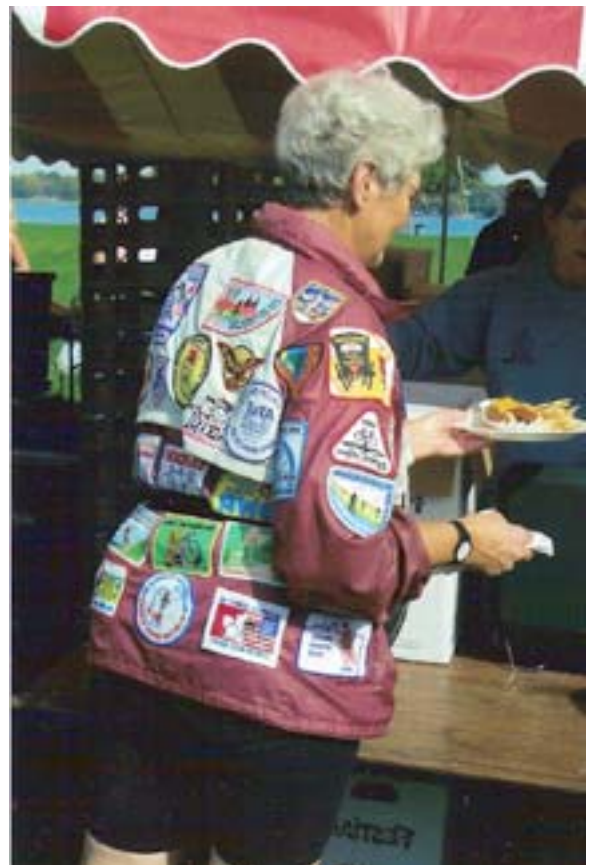
HOW ABOUT SOME PATCH PRIDE ?

By Lynda Collins

Every March the club hands out the mileage patches for the past year. Most of us keep track of that mileage for the year, make sure Vickie Smith's figures are accurate, and are proud to receive the decorative patch. However, then what happens to the patches? Are they just tossed in a drawer or box to be forgotten after the March Potluck? Or without wearing them on a sash like a Girl or Boy Scout, isn't there another means to demonstrate our pride in our accomplishment?

Some have displayed them in one large frame with other patches from various rides or travel destinations. Another has hung individual patches in individual frames on the wall or exhibited them on a table. Handcrafters have sewn them on jackets, panniers or bike bags. This can lead to lively conversations at Invitationals. And others, like Gene Buatti, have even used them for coasters under glasses to protect furniture. With all the effort that goes into the achievement of the patch and the work that goes into their design and manufacture, there should be a means to put them to good use or display them proudly.

What ways have you or others exhibited them or used them? Give us your ideas. So all the readers of the newsletter can benefit.





YOUR CLUB WORKS FOR YOU

HELP WANTED: Share the Road Signs

by Mark Erzen, President

Back in the Fall, the Board and many members of the club expressed interest in putting up additional Share the Road signs along our common routes. We currently have 8 signs placed along Huron River Drive between Ann Arbor and Dexter, and would like to place additional signs in the Chelsea-Dexter area. Our current idea is to place six more signs: 2 in each direction along Dexter-Chelsea Road and one in each direction along Cavanaugh Lake road just entering and exiting Chelsea. Our hope is to have the signs ready to unveil by summer. I plan to spearhead this effort, but need volunteers with experience in working with the Dexter and Chelsea townships and the Washtenaw Road Commission to reach the right people with our proposal. Please contact me at 734-453-3481 if you have any road sign knowledge that will help us in this effort.

MEETING OF THE MAPS

by Mark Erzen, President

In January, we conducted an inventory of our special ride maps and found that our collection was a bit out of date. While our members are very good at keeping up with the road conditions and adjusting the routes of our rides, we're not very good at getting the updated maps to Frank Lamitola, our Maps Chair, and subsequently getting those maps posted on-line. If any of you have ever dealt with the frustration of trying to acquire a map at the last minute for that Sunday ride you're leading, you know what I'm talking about.

Therefore, if you create a new map or adjust a map for a ride that you lead, I ask that you send the new map in with the ride sheet so that we can record the new route and update our records. Also, if you have maps for any of the following routes, please arrange to get them to me or Frank ASAP so we can get them online:

| Ride Name | Distance |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cappucino/Latte Ride | 30 |
| Sunday Tandem Ride | 30-40 |
| Classic Bike-a-Thon | 29, 96 |
| Hathaway House Ride(Saline Start) | 65 |
| Dans Invade Danville | 60 |
| Cement City Century & Grass Lake Ride | 40 |
| Adrian Mural Ride | 35 |
| Pleasant Lake Ride | 40 |
| Double Century | 200 |
| Independence Day/Three Colonels Ride | 40+ |
| Remotely Yours Leslie Ride | 50, 75 |
| Outdoor Sculpture Ride | 25-40 |
| Huron River Valley Tour | 34, 63, 75 |
| Washtenaw Co Roundup | 40, 73, 100 |
| Sugar Maple Rides | 10-15 |
| Gee Farms | 95? |
| Salem Witch Ride | 38 |
| Lower Huron Metro Ride | 35, 65 |

New bike racks have been purchased by the club and will be in Chelsea this April

Want Add

Jim Melosh and his new wife are interested in testing and possibly purchasing a tandem bike. If there is availability please call:

248-437-5067



UPCOMING INVITATIONAL RIDE CALENDAR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

CHANGE:

Grand Traverse Adventure dates will be Jun 14-18 (Wed-Sun).

ADDITIONS:

Apr 21-23 (Fri-Sun)

Cycle North Carolina Spring Retreat

Three days of riding, authentic North Carolina food, and nightly music centered in Asheboro, NC.

www.ncsports.org/

Ride captain: Pat Patrick 662-9612 (cell—734-657-4106)

Jun 10-17 (Sat-Sat)

Bicycle Across Kansas (BAK)

Enjoy 8 days and 500 plus miles cycling across the state. Registration will open in January; route announced at that time. www.bak.org

Ride captains: Chris & Casey Marble 231-828-4483 or 734-426-8694

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Jul 23-29 (Sun-Sat)

RAGBRAI: The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa

Heading into its 33rd year, RAGBRAI is the longest, largest and oldest touring bicycle ride in the world. RAGBRAI is sponsored by The Des Moines Register.

Route will be announced Jan. 28. Deadline for signup is April 1. www.ragbrai.org

Ride captain: Gary Francis 734-522-1014 singingcyclist@aol.com

Aug 22-Sep 1 (Tue-Fri)

La Ruta del Cid

This Bicycle Adventure Club ride features 6 days of superb bicycling in Spain following the route of the 12th century epic hero. Additionally we will visit Madrid and Valencia. Everything is included in this trip, even a sag van. Please contact www.bicycleadventureclub.org for information and sign-up.

Ride captain: Claudio Vacas 248-334-1394 claudiovacas@comcast.net

Announcement

From, Bob Krzewinski

Wolver-Bent Recumbent Bicyclists (and AABTS member)

May 13th, 2006 (Saturday)

Michigan Recumbent Rally - East

Willow Metropark pool shelter, southwest Detroit area,

9am-3pm, 734.487.9058, www.wolverbents.org, wolverbob@cs.com



Club Hotline:
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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.



AABTS - THE EARLY YEARS

By: Jim Datsko

Didn't some historian once write "you cannot hope to see the future until you understand the past."? With that in mind, I have collected thoughts from some of our clubs other original members to put together a brief history of the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society's "old days."

Most of the charter members of the AABTS came from the ranks of the Ann Arbor Section of the Detroit Chapter of the American Youth Hostel (AYH) organization. A review of the July, 1976 AYH newsletter (an appropriate date for our bicyclist's independence) reveals that while the AYH had numerous other outdoor activities, it seemed that nearly all the work was being done by the bicyclists. While Ann Arbor had two other pre-existing bike clubs then, one political and one racing, we just didn't feel like doing their style of rides which were either painfully slow or painfully fast.

Our small group of a dozen or so Ann Arbor riders felt that it was time we had our own club, devoted solely to that recreational pursuit. The first meeting of mutineers was to discuss seceding from the AYH. A few minutes after adjourning the AYH meeting held at the Michigan Union; the peaceful secessionists meeting was held down the street at Bicycle Jim's. Here the rebels could have a beer - something forbidden on U of M property.

Much like our patriot forefathers, this motley crew met clandestinely to discuss forming a club and possible names for it, such as "Numb Bums." The second meeting occurred with a POTLUCK at Paul and Linda Malboeuf's apartment on N. Main Street. It was shortly followed by another meeting at Phil Howrey's house where the Articles of Incorporation were signed on his dining room table. The Potluck dinner meeting tradition had become firmly entrenched. Another leader in this early movement was Reuben Chapman. Kindly "Uncle Reuben" a rebel? Whoever would have guessed? Maybe if you saw the unlikely rebel doing a club ride on his moped due to having one of the club's first chill-injured knees you would believe it. We soon learned to wear leg-warmers below 65 degrees temperature.

The Articles of Incorporation (Non-profit) were then filed by myself with the State of Michigan on March 25, 1977. After much wrangling with the IRS bureaucrats, we were eventually granted an exemption from income tax as a §501(c)(7) social club on December 30, 1977.

Our group was so small at that time, that 3x5 index cards were proposed by Herb Hartsook as ride sign-up sheets. Later in 1977 or early 1978 someone typed up a club mailing list which contained a whopping total of 45 names. Of those original 45, two have died, and six are still active club members: Phil Howrey, Tom Powell, Reuben Chapman, Steve Segall, Klaus Wolter, and myself.

The first membership drive took place on April 13, 1978 in the basement of the Ann Arbor Public Library. Dave Knox's beautiful and deeply moving multi-media slide/music show on the Bike Centennial '76 cross-country Tour was shown (now Adventure Cycling.) Many members felt his scenic show was responsible for the subsequent boost in the club's size. Dave also proposed staging an invitational ride to be called "One Helluva Ride," and the first year's turn-out of 237 riders amazed our fledgling club in 1977. With no real club treasury yet, we were fortunate to have the fruit for the snack stops donated by Les Bohm's new company, Eclipse. Our club rapidly grew to over 300 members by 1983.

The Saturday Breakfast Ride was always the most popular of our three or four weekly scheduled rides. It was a time when our cyclists of all abilities got together for choice riding, conversation, and to hear the announcements and latest club news. The ride usually left 15 minutes late. That extra 15 minutes served as an outdoor replacement for regular indoor club meetings. This was not destined to be a club for those who could only "talk a great ride." To find out what was happening in AABTS your only option was to show up on Saturday and do the ride with everyone else. We also conducted on-the-road clinics on safe and efficient cycling, including proper pace-line technique.

The Saturday favorite was the XXL apple fritters that the Dexter Bakery used to serve. Some of us actually took photos of their size to show to disbelieving friends, much like the portions on the Jackson All Star Dairy Ride. Soon, the breakfast ride settled into a pattern of rotating Saturday destinations among Saline, Whitmore Lake, and Dexter. Latecomers were advised of the exact destination by a chalk message on the Gandy Dancer sidewalk.

However the independent spirit of the AABTS persevered. Another mutiny occurred on a Saturday ride in the late 1970's when Mike Sanders and Jim Datsko refused to go on the scheduled breakfast ride to Saline on account of safety concerns due to the increasing volume of traffic. They instead led a mutineer's ride to Dexter. Ever since that break-away, all the Saturday breakfast rides have been out Huron River Drive to Dexter and points beyond.

In those early days, the 11 miles to Dexter was too much for many of our newer members. So we would usually stop halfway where they could take a short rest at Delhi Rapids before pressing on toward Dexter. Many of those restees were taken under the wings of our more experienced riders, and before the end of their first season they too had become Century Riders.

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Other rides we formerly staged were a clover-leaf shaped double century ride, a self-contained tour of Manitoulin Island in Georgian Bay, Canada, a week-end ride to Lake Michigan and return, and Steu White's formidable but ever popular Tri-State ride which included camping and water-skiing. For a few years we even competed with the Friday night bar crowd by holding a Friday after-dark night ride around Washtenaw County. For the night ride we used the old generators that rubbed against your front tire to obtain power. Until one dark and stormy night when Wayne Malburg ran over a chunk of road-kill as we tried to outrun an approaching thunderstorm. Wayne's tire flung chunks of fresh road-kill on his face, and he then tried to drink from his water-bottle and wash the skunk flesh off his mouth only to discover his water-bottle was also plastered with it after squirting some into his mouth.

By 1978, the Board of Directors were graced with their first female director, Kathy Porter. She promptly began to add a touch of class to our otherwise often non-stop sweaty-male rides by originating the Corn Roast Ride at Silver Lake Park. This was the very first of our clubs famous destination-event rides. Another significant milestone in the history of AABTS occurred when Jim McGraw volunteered to publish a club newsletter, and the first issue, being all of a single page, rolled off the press in March, 1980. Soon this became the most eagerly anticipated piece of mail in everyone's mailbox.

Winter had always been a time to hang up the bike, and gain weight. Duane Thomas, a likable cigarette-smoking, coffee-thermos-toting, bar-stopping novice rider changed all that after a couple of years of being dropped by our faster riders. One sunny early-spring Sunday morning in the early 1980's Duane threw open his garage door and wheeled out his bike having secretly trained on rollers all winter. He then not only kept up with but shortly proceeded to drop some of our stronger A+ riders that day. The gentleman's agreement to take it easy all winter was now cancelled - instead our riders worked to stay in shape and some even rode thorough the winter. Duane's artifice resulted in his being rewarded with the club presidency. Also a sister club that had developed in tandem to our club for the first ten years was finally discovered, the Washtenaw Ski Touring Club. That discovery led to a cross-flow of members looking to enjoy outdoor recreation during all four seasons in Michigan.

By now, the AABTS had grown to become a strong and positive force in many people's lives. Members preferences in new (bike-friendly) cars, home locations in Ann Arbor near ride starts, merchants and professionals to patronize (club members), and even choice of (club member) mates, have been shaped by the AABTS. Members moving out of state would stay in touch with the club, and via the newsletter invite us to visit and try cycling their new locale.

One of the strongest motivators for many remains the tracking of club miles. In our club's early years very few members would avail themselves of the many interesting invitational rides that were beginning to be sponsored by other clubs. To change that, I wrote an article for the October, 1983 newsletter entitled *The Out of Towners* which described the joys of DALMAC, TOSRV, CFC, Hilly Hundred, etc. To supplement that effort, the Board revised the policy in the mid-1980's to permit granting of club miles on invitational rides. Now we often have more of our members riding an out-of-state invitational, than actually doing our own local rides. We also used to award club miles for commuting by bike to the start of a club ride. My high-mileage commutes from Manchester probably contributed to the cancellation of that policy.

While our club has prided itself on following our chartered purpose of "recreational bicycling" rather than political action or racing, our club unofficially dabbled with one form of racing during 1983-85. This was partially a natural outgrowth of Lu Chaney's time trial series, our State Championship Level of Thursday night (roast -off) training rides, and the fact that the local Velo club was making too many disparaging remarks about the slowness and lack of bicycling skills of our membership. We tired of their mimicking our exact routes during the same time we were doing a club ride, to show how much faster they could ride.

To defend our club's honor, a four-man AABTS team was fielded for the Second Annual "Big Mac Attack" Team Time Trial in 1983. This marathon event was a 175 mile non-stop race from Mt. Pleasant along scenic and winding old highway US-27 to the Mackinaw Bridge, in which the competing teams rode tight pace lines at flat-out speed. Our AABTS team soundly defeated the Ann Arbor Velo racing club, and placed 2nd overall. The following year the Velo Club's description in the Ann Arbor News Recreational Supplement was changed to read "racing *and* touring." We also fielded a team the next year in which the Velo Club didn't enter, and AABTS again placed 2nd overall, barely bested by the ringer Grand Rapids racing team composed of licensed Cat I racers. Our first year team members were Tom Rymanowicz (Bike Shop Owner), Jim Datsko (lawyer), Duane Thomas (Landscape), Phil Howrey (Econ. Prof.), and Mike Muha - alternate (Computer Guy). The third year was the charmer, when Lew Kidder led a team with David Evans, Bruce Dykaar, and Dave Baty to a solid first place overall.

Maybe history has gone full circle and will repeat itself with another secession, but I hope not. Sometimes it seems that Brad Bates perennial and always popular Wednesday night ride, complete with its own potluck series and dues (church parking donation) has almost become its own spin-off bike club. The same with the Plymouth ride series.

Well, that's the AABTS history in a nutshell.



2005 Peru Tour and Inca Trail Trek

By Dave Patria

Barb Underwood at Dead Woman Pass



In September Barb Underwood and Dave Patria, along with several AABTS members traveled to Peru for a great non-cycling adventure. Other club members included Jane Barrett, Liz Pyzik, Chris Flaviani, and Linda Lutzier. The rest of the group of 14 were friends and acquaintances, so we were not faced with integrating ourselves with strangers. The trip was organized and led by Active South America, an outfitter based in New Zealand. They provided a guide who accompanied us throughout our stay. Nick, a New Zealander, was unfailingly pleasant and could solve any problem which arose. He was very familiar with all the areas we visited and knew all the best restaurants.

The itinerary focused on experiencing the extensive Inca Indian history of Peru. We met Nick in Lima, Peru's capital, then flew to Cusco, the original center of the Inca Empire, and spent two days acclimatizing at 10,600 feet. Within this short period, we did two moderately challenging day hikes to Inca ruins outside Cusco and near the small town of Pisac. Much of our free time was spent SHOPPING! In all the cities we visited, street vendors and artisan markets tempted us at every corner and lane. Sometimes, quality was an issue and the old maxim "You get what you pay for" held true.

While this was a non-cycling trip, there were several days which offered opportunities for some road cycling. The outfitter provided a mixed bag of mountain bikes for what were mostly downhill or flat routes on the way to a day's destination. Generally, traffic was light, the roads good and the scenery spectacular. The last of these road excursions was done on the road to Lake Titicacca and began at over 14,000 feet in the Andes.

Following the practice hikes, we began the challenging trek over the Inca Trail, a strenuous four day hike at altitudes between 9,000 and 13,800 feet! Beautiful scenery and amazing food from the outfitter's portable kitchen enhanced a unique experience. Summiting at Dead Woman Pass, the highest point on the Inca Trail

gave us all an exhilarating feeling of achievement which somewhat minimized our feeling of exhaustion. Our hike ended at the fabled lost ruins of Machu Picchu, a 15th century mountain top Inca city which was never discovered by the Spanish invaders.

The route we followed on the Inca Trail used a portion of the road system built by the Inca society in the 14th to 16th centuries, before arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors. The Inca built nearly 20,000 miles of stone paved trails stretching from today's Ecuador in the north to southern Chile. Runners manned outposts along the trails much in the manner of our Pony Express. These runners, who formed a distinct social class, could bring news from the farthest reaches of the empire to the capital in under a week. They could also bring fish from the distant seacoast to the king's table while it was still fresh. All along the trail we discovered the ruins of small cities which served the trail, held special temples or contained farming communities. Because of the steep mountain sides, much Inca farming was done on extensive terraces built from the available rock – some of which are still in use today.

Group Starts 1st Ride Going to Pisac



From the heights of the Andes Mountains, our adventure took us to the jungle lowlands along the Madre de Dios River, a tributary of the Amazon. We traveled up river by motorized canoe from the city of Puerto Maldonado to a remote lodge for a two night stay. Ninety-six degree temperature warped our bedside candle (no electricity) and took a few pounds off our sweating bodies. Several jungle hikes were available as well as a fascinating nighttime river boat ride in which capybara, caimans and other nocturnal animals were caught in the powerful search light.



Native Uros People's Boat on Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca, in southern Peru on the border with Bolivia was the final part of our adventure. Traveling aboard a small boat, we enjoyed an interesting visit to one of the famous floating islands of the Uros Indians. The islands are built of mats of naturally occurring reeds which grow together into a solid, if somewhat spongy, platform. The indigenous people build complete communities on these floating platforms as well as boats of various sizes. The islands are held in place by poles driven into the lake bed and, with their boats, the Indians can move an island to a new location.

We had lunch on Taquile, a mountain top island which supported several villages of subsistence farmers and fishermen. From the dock to the villages was a steep hike several hundred feet up the hillside. Later, we docked at Amantani Island for an overnight stay with an Aymara

Indian family. These people live very simply on subsistence farming with tourist visits as their primary source of cash. Several of our group hiked 2 miles up to the top of "Pachamama" the higher of the two peaks on Amantani island. There we found a temple, recently built, which reflected the growing integration by the natives of ancient spiritual beliefs with modern Christian dogma.



Inez, our Hostess, and daughter in her kitchen in her kitchen.

Our hostess's home was made of adobe (mud brick) with a thatched roof, her kitchen had a dirt floor and she cooked on a pottery stove whose design dates back more than 1,200 years. Nevertheless, the simple vegetarian meal she prepared was very delicious. Several members of our group provided their hosts with a guinea pig for dinner – a prized delicacy. That night was nearly freezing and rainy, but most of our group donned native clothing and participated in a community festival of dancing and socializing. Barb and I chose to remain warm and dry in our room. Sharing their life style, even for only one night, was an amazing experience.

The next morning, we all boarded our boat for the trip back to the city of Puno for our last night on the shores of Lake Titicaca. After an all too short night, we boarded our flight back to Lima, by way

of our favorite city – Cusco. We had nearly 11 hours to wait for our flight home and, although the tour officially had ended, our guide volunteered to arrange transportation and guide us to some of the more interesting parts of Lima. We had lunch at a food festival in the Barranca section of the city and walked to the Milleflores area for some last minute SHOPPING. At 11:00 PM, we boarded our flight to return home after a most fascinating adventure.



Much Ado About ... Stratford 2006

AABTS Stratford 2006 will be August 25-27. Join us for some great cycling and great theater in Stratford, Ontario. Most participants drive to Stratford (200 miles from Ann Arbor) on Friday and return on Sunday. On Saturday morning, we will drive to the city of Waterloo to begin a 50-60 km ride through beautiful Ontario countryside. On Sunday morning, we will drive to St. Marys to do a thirty-km ride before swimming at the St. Marys Quarry and heading home. Best of all, the AABTS group sees wonderful performances by the Stratford Festival of Canada, on Friday and Saturday evenings (optional).

The Stratford box office requires that I pay for all tickets in full when I place our order. Therefore, I must ask you to send me a check for the full cost of your tickets when you submit this form. (Or you may choose to purchase your own tickets.) The prices I have listed below are in American dollars, at a 0.87% 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.

Participants must make their 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 and Sunday's bike rides.

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.

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|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Friday, Aug 25 | \$72.50 | <i>Twelfth Night</i> | _____ |
| | \$72.50 | <i>Don Juan</i> | _____ |
| | \$72.50 | <i>Ghosts</i> | _____ |
| | \$49.00 | <i>The Liar</i> | _____ |
| Saturday, Aug 26 | \$72.50 | <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> | _____ |
| | \$81.50 | <i>South Pacific</i> | _____ |
| | \$72.50 | <i>Henry IV, Part 1</i> | _____ |
| | \$72.50 | <i>Harlem Duet</i> | _____ |

Trip reservations close on April 15, 2006, 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 an AABTS member to participate. Thanks!

Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____





Much Ado About...

Don Juan by Moliere. Abandoning his latest conquest, Dona Elvira, the notorious seducer Don Juan persists in pursuing every woman who catches his eye, much to the despair of his long-suffering servant, Sganarelle. But with Elvira's brothers hot on his trail, Don Juan little expects his ultimate nemesis: a dinner guest from beyond the grave. Avon Theatre.

Ghosts by Henrik Ibsen, in a new version by Richard Harris. For nearly thirty years, Mrs. Alving has concealed the truth about the depravities of her widely admired late husband. But when her artist son Oswald comes home from a sojourn abroad, the ghosts of the past also return to haunt her – bringing with them a new and dreadful burden of responsibility. Tom Patterson Theatre.

Harlem Duet by Djanet Sears. In an ingenious twist on Shakespeare's famous tragedy, Othello's first wife, Billie, breaches the thin lines between love, anguish and revenge, when Othello leaves her for the white Mona. To Billie, this betrayal is not just personal but also political and cultural – with profound implications that resonate across two centuries of North American history. Studio Theatre.

Henry IV Part 1 by William Shakespeare. As he struggles to quell a rebellion by his former supporters, King Henry despairs over his son, Prince Hal, who is preparing for his future role in life by reveling in the seamy world of cutpurses, bawds and drunkards in the company of that ultimate lord of misrule, the uproariously amoral Sir John Falstaff. Tom Patterson Theatre.

The Liar, by Pierre Corneille. Romantic mayhem reaches classic heights when Dorante falls for Clarice but mistakes her identity for that of her friend Lucrece. Add the fact that Dorante is a compulsive liar who digs himself deeper into trouble every time he opens his mouth, and the result is a giddy spiral of hilarious confusion. Studio Theatre.

Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare. As Beatrice and Benedick – old adversaries in the battle of the sexes – wage their “merry war” of witty insults, Benedick's friend Claudio is deceived into thinking that his beloved, Hero, has betrayed him. Potential tragedy yields to high comedy, however, as the lexically challenged Constable Dogberry stumbles upon the truth. Festival Theatre.

South Pacific, by Rodgers & Hammerstein. On a Pacific island during the Second World War, nurse Nellie Forbush and Lieutenant Cable, a young Marine on a dangerous mission, both fall in love with local residents. But prejudice casts its shadow over both romances, and even these two loving hearts have lessons of tolerance and understanding to learn. Avon Theatre.

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare. Viola and her twin brother, Sebastian, are castaways in Illyria, each believing the other drowned. Disguising herself as a man and entering the service of the lovesick Duke Orsino, Viola becomes part of an unusual romantic triangle – made even more complicated by the arrival on the scene of her unwitting twin. Festival Theatre. **Note:** There will be a free thirty-minute question-and-answer session with cast members in a rehearsal hall after the performance, with limited seating.



| | | | 12/14/2005 |
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| Non-Motorized Survey Summary | | | |
| | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Number of checkbox surveys received: | | 41 | 9 |
| Number of essay surveys received: | | 1 | 19 |
| <i>Statistics below are from the checkbox surveys</i> | | | |
| Surveys by location: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| <i>Ann Arbor</i> | | 19 | 4 |
| <i>Chelsea</i> | | 5 | 1 |
| <i>Clinton</i> | | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Dexter</i> | | 4 | 1 |
| <i>Manchester</i> | | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Northville</i> | | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Saline</i> | | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Ypsilanti</i> | | 8 | 0 |
| Commute to work: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Do you bike or walk to work? | | 19 | 2 |
| Average time to commute (mins): | | 39 | 40 |
| Average times per work week: | | 3 | 4 |
| Top two reasons for NOT commuting to work: | | Too Far (10) Seems Dangerous (10) | Too Far (4) Seems Dangerous (2) |
| Leisure: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Do you bike or walk for leisure? | | 37 | 7 |
| Average time for leisure (mins): | | 117 | 43 |
| Average times per week: | | 3 | 5 |
| Shopping: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Do you bike or walk for shopping? | | 20 | 7 |
| Average time for shopping (mins): | | 18 | 30 |
| Average times per week: | | 2 | 2 |
| Top reason for NOT shopping: | | Not Convenient (11) | Too Far (1) |
| Destinations: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Other places traveled regularly: | | Family/Friends (14) Dentist/Doctor (6) | Dentist/Doctor (2) Family/Friends (2) |
| Top Two other places would travel with non-motorized facilities: | | Library (14) Family/Friends (13) | Family/Friends (4) Grocery Store (4) |
| Problems: | | Cyclist | Walk |
| Top Two Main Problems: | | No Space (38) Heavy/Fast Traffic (27) | Too Much Traffic (5) Facilities not maintained (4) |
| Top Two Main Problems on facilities NOT shared by motor vehicles: | | Not there (20) Not Properly Maintained (11) | N/A |
| Top Two Main Problems with trying to cross a road: | | N/A | Need crosswalk/signal (3) Had to wait a long time (2) |
| Top Two Main Problems with conditions: | | Potholes (25) Uneven Surface (22) | N/A |
| Top Two Main Problems with drivers' behavior: | | Drive Too Fast (24) Pass Too Close (23) | N/A |
| Walking Surveys Additional Interesting Points: | | | |
| - No consensus on problems and work to be done due to variation in location | | | |
| - No walkers who took the survey indicated that they take the bus | | | |
| Biking Surveys Additional Interesting Points: | | | |
| - Four cyclists also travel to the library regularly | | | |
| - There are many issues in Michigan with weather and with lack of daylight in the fall | | | |
| - The main connector routes for automobiles are also for cyclists, and often most unacceptable | | | |
| - Drivers need education on the legal rights of cyclists | | | |
| - Eleven cyclists asked for facilities on Huron River Drive and is by far the most requested | | | |
| - Main St in Ann Arbor is the next requested place for additional facilities | | | |
| - There are many comments about the lack of facilities over bridges, mostly the interstate | | | |



League of American Bicyclists Bike Education for Cyclists Offered April 29, 2006



Again in 2006, AABTS will offer the League of American Bicyclists Road I course. If you are interested, **mark Saturday, April 29th** as the date for this class. It will begin about **9:00 am** and conclude around **4:30 pm**. The class will be held at the **Briarwood Mall, Community Room, 100 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor. The cost will be \$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: lane positioning, changing lanes safely, emergency maneuvers (quick stops, hard braking and instant turns), road hazards (how to avoid or properly manage) and nutrition basics. There is a BikeEd manual given to participants that is required reading prior to the instruction. There also is a test given to complete the BikeEd 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. What you learn could save your life. After taking the class, veteran cyclist Paul Alman said, "I was amazed at how much I learned (on Saturday)."

The 2006 edition will be a group effort with Officer Kathleen Vonk of the Ann Arbor Police Department leading the team and AABTS League Cycling Instructors Bill Guisinger, Ron Fischer, Carole Hann, Peter Hines and Terry Treppa assisting her.

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 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 class size is limited to fifteen. If you have questions, contact AABTS President Mark Erzen at merzen@comcast.net. If you want to be added to the class list, complete the application form in this newsletter; include a check payable to AABTS in the amount of \$35 and mail to Mark Erzen, 8155 Parkside Drive, Westland, MI 48185.

Editor's Note: *The terminology Road I and Bike Education are interchangeable and have the same meaning. Both refer to the League of American Bicyclists class that offers certification in bicycle road riding.*

**League of American Bicyclists
BikeEd Program
Road I Course Registration**

Cost: \$35 dollars with check payable to AABTS

Course Location: Briarwood Mall, Community Room, 100 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor, MI

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2006

Mail to: Mark Erzen, 8155 Parkside Drive, Westland, MI 48185

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 Indemnatee 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)

As the major portion of the riding season begins and the previous patches have been distributed, it is helpful to review the

AABTS Mileage Accumulation Guidelines

From Vickie Smith

Club ride mileage is tracked by the calendar year (January-December).

Only rides listed in the bimonthly AABTS Rider Calendar (or newsletter or web page if added after the calendar has been published) count toward mileage credit.

Miles ridden to and from the start of scheduled rides do not count for mileage.

Ride miles should not exceed those listed in the ride calendar unless adjusted by the ride leader and submitted by the leader on the ride sheet; this policy is intended for a ride leader to correct small inaccuracies in posted ride length, not as a carte blanche for riders to create their own ride. If riders choose to cut short a ride, they are asked to 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 leader. 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, can count for club mileage, as long as they appear in the ride calendar and an AABTS member is designated as ride leader.

“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.

Commercial rides for profit (such as VBT or Backroads) may not count for mileage credit. Such rides will not be placed on the calendar.

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 not reasonable that others may register and get into the ride.

Patches

Club mileage over 500 miles in a year earns for the rider a personalized mileage patch.

Once a club member reaches 500 miles in a year, their career mileage is tracked every year after that (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 has dropped out of the club for a period of 2 years, their lifetime mileage is also dropped.

Only paid, current AABTS members may accumulate club mileage.

**Club Hotline:
734 913 9851
WWW.AABTS.ORG**



CURB YOUR CAR MONTH- MAY, 2006, GETOUT AND BIKE WEEK MAY 14-20, 2006 LOOK FOR COMING EVENTS

CURB YOUR CAR MONTH 2005 OVERVIEW

During May 2005, Ann Arbor commuters and residents were challenged to curb their cars and drive less. The events were focused on raising awareness about transit, walking, biking and sharing a ride. There were a total of 22 events and approximately 1700 people that attended or participated in an event over the course of the month.

Highlights

getDowntown Commuter Challenge (May 1st - May 28th)

In the Commuter Challenge, organizations competed against those of a similar size to get the highest percentage of employees using sustainable modes of transportation during their daily commute during the month of May.

Number of Participants: 754

Number of Organizations Participating: 52

Number of Alternative Transportation Miles Logged: 81,298 (Goal: 25,000)

Pounds of CO₂ Prevented From Entering the Atmosphere: 78,171 lbs

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

Carbon dioxide is the main greenhouse gas created by combustion emitted primarily from human activity such as burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity and vehicles.

Scientists believe these greenhouse gases are causing the earth's climate to change.

Mayor Hieftje's Bicycling Ambassadors

Mission: The Bicycle Ambassadors aim to promote and encourage cooperation and mutual respect between all road and sidewalk users. Ambassadors engage people directly in a friendly and non-confrontational way to provide information and answer questions on how cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists can share space.

Number of Ambassadors: 19

Events: Curb Your Car Month Kick-off on May 2nd, Moonlight

Delight on May 6th, & Ann Arbor Book Festival on May 21st

Number of People Engaged in "Share the Road" Dialogue: Approximately 450

Bike to Work Day Ride and Rally (May 20th, 2005)

Bike commuters met at 4 different locations around Ann Arbor and rode into together for a rally at City Hall. Once at City Hall, bikers enjoyed complimentary coffee, bagels, and fruit. Bicycling Magazine gave away 50 new bikes as part of their BikeTown USA program. The ride and rally drew about 100 people.

For more information about Curb Your Car Month, please contact Erica Briggs, getDowntown Program Director, at 734.214.0100 or visit www.getdowntown.org



DEARBORN HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

2nd Annual Charity Bicycle Ride For Sight

Distance:

Riders choice:

Metric Century (62 miles)

Half Metric Century (32 miles)

Your choice

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2006

Time: Check In 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Ride begins officially at 9:00 A.M.

Place: Hines Drive - Warrendale Picnic Area - East end of
Hines Drive

Cost: \$20.00 per rider, includes T-Shirt and Picnic

Picnic: All riders are invited to the Dearborn Heights Lions
Club

Annual Picnic to begin at 12:30 P.M. Free Hot Dogs,
Pop, etc.

Registrations:

Must be received by August 1st to receive complimentary T-
Shirt.

We do not have internet registrations.

We use snail mail or day of ride registrations.

Committee: Terence F. Treppa - Chair, Jerri Allen - President,
Bernie Arko, Dick Fetzner, Jerry Hinton, John Pavlak, Kristi
Pavlak, Bill VanWinkle, Lou Woiwode

DHLC/CBRFS

35637 Cherry Hill Rd.

Westland, MI

48186-7434

SAG and along the route refreshments provided.



Drew Burton recovering from Knee surgery

Drew Burton is pictured here shortly after his
DOUBLE KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY
 Get well soon Drew & we will see you on the road

Deadline
 for Next
 Newsletter
Saturday
Apr 15th

Remember Summer



Connie Cavanaugh Enjoys the cherry on
 on her chocolate sundae during the
 Jackson Dairy ride

NOTE:

BICYCLING MAGAZINE'S March issue has an article ranking
 Ann Arbor as the third best cycling city of medium size nationwide. They
 recommend Hellavv Ride, Huron River Drive, and the AABTS.

Check it out.

