A Visit to The Bicycle Guys
By Kim Moore

On March 12, 2020, long-time RABA member and intrepid entrepreneur and business owner Seth Schmidt opened his new warehouse to host a special night of tours, sales and refreshments just to the club. This event was planned for several months, starting last fall, pending Seth’s move to this new location in the Northside.

Unfortunately, due to some bad timing where this event coincided with the beginnings of the Coronavirus pandemic, we did not have as many people come out as we had hoped. But for those of us who did make the trek (and we did practice social distancing at that time), it was a great experience. Seth, his wife Ellen and the staff were very welcoming to us.

First, The Bicycle Guys warehouse is located at 1407 (Continued on page 3)

April Mileage Contest
By Wes Surina

As our members know, we are not able to sponsor club rides at this time. This does not mean you need to abandon your RABA family. This is a chance for some friendly competition.

Instead of a monthly ride in April let’s see who can ride the most mile in one month! Ted Zeh and I will calculate the numbers at the end of the month and announce who gets bragging rights. This is neither a speed contest, nor a group activity contest. It is how many miles you can keep your rear end on the seat.

Rules:
1. All miles need to be outside miles (you can circle your block for hours, or go on a long ride).

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Links to Governor Northam’s COVID-related Executive Orders
Executive Order 53 (dated March 23, 2020)
Executive Order 55 (dated March 30, 2020)

Living in Interesting Times
First, thanks to all our members that have decided to support the Richmond Area Bicycling Association by serving as committee chairs and Board members. In these “interesting” times, we continue to appreciate their commitment to strengthen the RABA community. Thank a chair or Board member next time you see them (hopefully on a ride soon). Kudos to our members that are health care professionals—we appreciate your daily work and dedication! Your Board has begun to plan what impact COVID-19 will have on our members and activities:

- **Policies & Procedures**: We continue to review, rewrite, and reformat the existing RABA policies and procedures. Updated and accurate policies facilitate an understanding of how things work, and more importantly give us an opportunity to discuss how things should optimally work.

- **Ride Suspension and COVID-19**: Our members have complied with the spirit of social distancing by either not riding or limiting their rides to 2-4 riders while practicing social distancing. Thank you.

- **Impact on HOV**: Although we hope that COVID-19 will be a memory by September, we are planning for the worse if that is not the case.

- **Virtual Rides**: We are examining the possibility of group virtual rides. More news to come.

- **Electronic Voting by Membership**: This is especially relevant with the current social distancing but was an issue anyway. Currently a minimum of 11 members can approve a non-bylaws motion and 14 members can approve a bylaws change based on our quorum requirement of 20 members present at a vote. This roughly corresponds to 1% & 1.4% of the total membership.

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President’s Message...  

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Attendance at RABA meetings has traditionally involved a fraction of members—many members for various reasons (child care, etc.) do not attend our meetings. To involve more of our membership in RABA business and governance, the Board is examining a bylaws amendment to allow electronic voting, pursuant to appropriate quorum and notice requirements. The catch-22 is that this change must be approved at a physical meeting. We will send out a strawman poll shortly to gauge response to an electronic poll and to measure support for this change.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve as President of RABA. Happy riding or thinking about riding!

-Ken Kolb, RABA President

RABA Mileage Contest...  

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2. All miles must be entered into bikejournal.com.
3. All miles must be entered by May 10 so we can calculate the miles for the June Pedaler.

For those that go “I do not have a bikejournal.com account...” Yes you do. RABA pays for it, and you just need to log in. Directions on how to log in and join the RABA club are available on RABA.org at http://www.raba.org/club-mileage/.

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Membership Information

Annual RABA Membership Dues are $20 per person (25 years of age or older), $25 per family consisting of one or two adults and all dependents under 18, or $10 per person (under 25 years of age) The term of membership is 12 months from the enrollment date. The Pedaler subscription is included.

Submit membership application or renewals online
(http://www.raba.org/membership-information/).
A Visit to the Bicycle Guys...

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Cummings Dr, Richmond, VA 23230. For those of you who participated in the Bikes for Kids Assembly Event this past November, The Bicycle Guys is located next door to the Richmond Community Toolbank. It essentially occupies the rest of the building that Toolbank is located in. That means that The Bicycle Guys is a very large warehouse, several thousand square feet of floor space filled already to the brim with bicycles.

Second, the warehouse is filled with thousands of used bicycles, from high-end road machines to mountain bikes to simpler, more casual two wheelers, bicycle parts, bicycle accessories, wheelsets, apparel, almost anything related to the bicycle. The Bicycle Guys buys these bicycles, parts and accessories, then fixes / cleans things so they are ride ready for re-sale to the public. Any bicycle that is too broken down to be fixed or not considered re-sellable, Seth donates the bicycles to other organizations. Seth even built a special large washing station to clean bikes; he uses a special eco-friendly cleaner that gets recycled back into the system (it has special “critters” that eat the grime / grease). Genius!

Finally, Seth reports that business has been very good since he started several months ago. This new space accommodates the increasing size of inventory coming in and moving out; Seth felt lucky to have found this warehouse after long search. They outgrew their old warehouse space within a few months, and they are actually facing space constraints so shortly after moving in.

If you are looking for a shopping experience where a large selection of used quality bikes and gear at very competitive pricing, check out The Bicycle Guys either at https://www.thebicycleguys.com/, support@thebicycleguys.com, or 804-499-3036. Inventory is constantly changing.
A Visit to the Bicycle Guys...

So many bicycles and parts come in from The Bicycle Guys buying trips, there is now little space to store them - these are awaiting mechanical review and classification.

RABA Public Relations Director and RABA Foundation member Ed Heller-man buying a bicycle that fits and can be ridden for more social paced excursions. Ed reports he was happy to find this bike at the price that he paid!

RABA Member Jack Speed making a purchase.

The Bicycle Guys have lots and lots of parts.

The Bicycle Guys have a dedicated, skilled bicycle mechanic, who is very busy, for many hours, each day.

Making sure that the bicycle is road-worthy and without any mechanical issues.

The Bicycle Guys were ready to welcome a large number of RABA Members with these special mugs! We hope to have another event for members when the time is right and maybe these mugs will find a new home then.

The Bicycle Guys Owner and long-time RABA member Seth Schmidt with his wife Ellen. Seth was incredibly generous to offer food and non-alcoholic drinks to everyone who stopped in. Thank you, The Bicycle Guys!

-Photos by Kim Moore
RABA Adopt-A-Trail Cleanup- March 14, 2020

We were definitely fortunate to get this in before the virus shut everything down!

Thanks for all of the wonderful RABA volunteers for giving back to the community and helping to clean this beautiful mile on the Capital Trail. RABA is now eligible for their sign.

We definitely had fun and had some very interesting finds! The next clean up will be scheduled in the next couple of months.

-Susan Craver, RABA Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator

 Photos by Ed Hellermann
Bikejournal Report
By Ted Zeh

RABA riders logged 26,559 miles for March (cutoff 3/31 6p) on Bikejournal for the clubs perennial second place among top 5 clubs.

1. Sumter Landing, FL 128,152
2. RABA 61,364
3. Sacramento, CA 26,962
4. Phoenix Metro 25,475
5. PBA 22,735

Miles Logged by Month

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RABA Leader Board

Note: All positions since the last report except for #1. Congrats Robbie!

1. Robbie Andrews 1927
2. Paula Dahl 1810
3. Steve Rosen 1749
4. Ray Reed 1634
5. John Sabu 1435
6. Reneta Sampson 1355
7. Tim Kelly 1288
8. John Loughran 1211
9. Robert Keiter 1210
10. Steven Trzcinski 1204
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RABA APPAREL

Here is the new design for RABA apparel. We are using Starlight out of Roanoke. They re-open their online store for us occasionally for a limited time. Then, order your gear and have it shipped to your home. You can get a short sleeve jersey (club fit), bibs or shorts, arm warmers and a wind/rain jacket.

Some popular sizes will be kept in stock but anyone interested in this gear is encouraged to order directly from the web when the store reopens. Keep an eye on your mailbox for notices.

Contact Connie at cjackson2@ymail.com if you have any questions.

Shops and Businesses Offering RABA Member Discounts

- Pedal Power Bicycles, Broad St./Staples Mill Rd (former Rowletts location), 10% discount on parts and accessories with proof of membership.
- Conte’s of Richmond, 12256 W Broad St, Henrico, VA 23233 10% discount.
- Molly’s Bicycle Shop, 4515 W. Hundred Rd, Chester, VA 23831, 10 percent discount on parts and accessories, 5 percent discount on bikes other than Felt.
- Outdoor Adventure Store, 318 N. Main St. Farmville 23901. 434-315-5736. 10% discount.
- Deb Young, Road Tested Bike Tours LLC, Richmond, VA. Also at www.FaceBook.com/RoadTestedBikeTours-10% discount
- The Bicycle Guys at 2111-B N. Hamilton St., Richmond, VA 23230 offers RABA members 10% off any bicycle purchase with 3 free accessories up to $100 value thrown in free of charge (bottle cages, seat packs, pumps, clothing, shoes, blinkies, lights, etc.).

Note: If anyone knows of any other bike shops that offer RABA members a discount, please contact Wes Surina at wessurina@gmail.com. Get a membership “card” by following the steps here.

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For more information or to schedule a ride, contact:

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