First, thanks to Trey Dunnnaville for stepping up and organizing our weekly Zwift virtual rides. He has patiently assisted all virtual ride newbies and made the experience fun for all participants. Continued kudos to our members that are health care professionals—we appreciate your daily work and dedication! Your Board has been planning on how to deal with the effects COVID-19 has had on our members and activities:

- **News from the Governor:** On May 29th, all of Virginia, including Richmond City, Accomack County, and the Northern Virginia region entered Phase 1. All Phase One guidelines will apply throughout the state, and Virginia will remain in Phase One for a minimum of another week. Areas that delayed entering Phase One may still enter Phase 2 with the rest of the state.

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**April Mileage Contest**
By Wes Surina

Many thanks to everyone that participated in the April Mileage Contest. The current way of life should not prevent us from enjoying our shared love in a safe way. I have seen many of you out on the road when I am riding. I hope we will all be able to ride together soon.

1. Zola 1000.50
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3. kevincampbell 858.70
4. SteveRosen 835.00
5. JSabu 679.40
6. rsampson 641.40
7. RobbieAndrews 640.00
8. DanGirouard 631.20
9. Jan_Waldron 616.80

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**Success: Bikes for Kids Donation Match!**
by Kim Moore

One of the many difficult things we have had to face during the COVID-19 pandemic is the shutdown or loss of not just group rides, but events and special recognition periods related to bicycling. May is Bike Month was one of those special periods of time that was muted—during normal times, bicycle events of all kinds from rides to speakers to Bike to Work Day/Week fill the entire month of May. Rather than mourn another thing lost due to the pandemic, one RABA member made it a very special month for the RABA Foundation, the 501-c-3 nonprofit arm of RABA, which organizes the Bikes for Kids charity effort. Huge appreciation and gratefulness go to John Levy who pledged $2,500 to be used as a matching donation to any other donations to the RABA Foundation done in May.

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**RABA Members and COVID-19 Pandemic Survey**
by Kim Moore

Thanks to the 106 club members who answered questions about their behaviors and feeling during this pandemic. Some things to note about the survey:

- There were eight (8) short questions
- The survey was completely anonymous
- No requirement to answer any question (i.e., respondents could skip one or more questions)
- Survey was open from May 26 to May 30, 2020

Here we go–

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The fundraising drive opened on May 11, 2020, at 10:34 AM, via a message posted on the RABA Message Board by Andrew Mann, RABA Foundation President. By Friday, May 15, 2020, at 9:08 AM, the RABA Foundation received donations in the amount of $2,620, more than fulfilling the match pledge! WOW!

The power of John’s gift cannot be understated: match pledges like his incentivize other donors to give because they feel like their donation is doubled. We definitely saw very fast and generous response by club members in less than five days in mid-May. Many thanks to the following individuals who participated in the match donation effort:

Will Click  
James Cobb  
Donald Collins  
Dawn Eberhard  
Cindia and Morris Evans  
Ed Hellerman  
James Hewitt  
Victor Hines Jr  
Janice Johnston  
Daniel Judkins  
Timothy Kelly  
Mike and Kim Moore  
Robert Mullins  
Sandy Norman  
Patricia Reddington  
Gregory Roth  
Andrew Schafer  
Joshua Silverman  
Deanna Weiler  
Charles Wood  
Gary Zimmerman

The COVID-19 pandemic makes any additional fundraising events for Bikes for Kids uncertain or unplanned for the foreseeable future. However, the Icicle Bicycle Ride in February and the fundraising in May materially sustain Bikes for Kids. The RABA Foundation is still focused on purchasing bikes in October, putting them together in November and delivering them to the Christmas Mother Programs in counties of Central Virginia in December. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Bikes for Kids Donation Match...  
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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).
Bud Vye Closes Out His Career as Advocacy Director

After decades of serving as RABA’s Advocacy Chair and being the strong proponent of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly policies in all levels of government, Bud Vye is stepping down from his advocacy duties due to health issues over the past several months. Bud has not only represented RABA, but also was a vocal and active member of the Virginia Bicycling Federation. He has won recognitions like National Advocate of the Year in 2009 by the Alliance for Biking & Walking and the Virginia Governors Lifetime Achievement Award for Transportation Safety in 2015.

Unfortunately, Bud’s health issues kept him from fully contributing to this past year’s Virginia General Assembly session. But Champe Burnley and Jim Durham of Virginia Bicycling Federation and Brantly Tyndall, Director of Outreach for Bike Walk RVA, continued on with the legislative advocacy work. The 2020 Virginia General Assembly session significantly reduced the “to-do list” that Bud and Champe were going to leave to their successors for future sessions. Heading the list are the following passed bills:

HB874 – which prohibits a motor vehicle driver from using a hand held communication device while they are operating a vehicle – After being scuttled a year earlier by some late mischief, after it appeared that the bill was headed for passage, this year, it was signed by the Governor but the delayed effective date of 1/1/2021 was agreed upon to allow training and reporting systems to be established in advance of issuing citations.)

HB1705 - Stop for Pedestrians in a Marked Crosswalk. This bill also prohibits a driver from passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. Signed by the Governor with a normal effective date of 7/1/2020. This bill’s passage was particularly sweet for both Bud & Champe as they had been working on it for almost 20 years, while always seeming to run into opposition from an unexpected source.

SB 437 - Vulnerable Road User. This bill also prohibits a driver from using a bike lane to pass. Aimed at putting some penalties into the code for a driver who kills or seriously injures a vulnerable road user, where we had previously seen them not charged with anything, or charged only with a minor offense, we now had a class I Misdemeanor called for (which some thought still too lenient, although a big improvement) with an effective date of 7/1/2020

HB1442 - Enables Automated Photo Speed Enforcement in school and work zones as a first step toward attempting to slow down speeding vehicular traffic. Effective date 7/1/2020

For those who have forgotten how we did it last year, you can get the full text of a bill, and the path it took to passage, by keying the bill # into the Legislative website lis.virginia.gov.

List of Previous Advocacy Successes

Virginia Bicycling Federation Accomplishments

As lead proponent at Virginia Legislature and in areas not limited to legislation —

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) required to develop a statewide Pedestrian Plan. (2002)
- VDOT permitted to fund standalone pedestrian and bicycle projects (with no highway work involved) (2002)
- VDOT required to have a Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee in each of the nine Construction Districts. Narrowly failed in the House as some delegates didn’t want to micromanage VDOT, but did agree to request Transportation Secy. Clement to establish such committees. They did, and he did, a practice that continues until today, even though not required by law. (2002)
-cyclists may ride not more than two abreast, provided they fall into single file formation upon being approached from the rear by a faster moving vehicle. Prior to this, riders must ride single file at all times. (2004)
- Mandatory sidepath ordinances were no longer permitted (which required cyclists to ride on a sidepath, if one was present, rather than on the adjacent highway) At that time, 14 Virginia jurisdictions had mandatory sidepath ordinances. (2004)
- Tail lights required after dark while riding on highways with speed limits of more than 35mph. Up until then, only reflectors were required. (2005)
- Worked closely with the Secy of Transportation and his Assistant to get the construction of the Virginia Capital Trail project underway (2002 -2005) and later with the VDOT District Administrator to develop the trail’s route around the I-295 exits at Rt. 5 (2012 -14)
- Motor vehicle must pass bicycle by 3 feet. (previously had been 2 feet) (2014)
- Wearing of masks by cyclists permitted in cold weather, provided they are not worn to conceal their identity (2014)
- Vehicle not to follow another vehicle (including a bicycle) more closely than is reasonable and prudent (2015)
- Motorist may cross double center line (if safe to do so) in order to pass a bicycle by three feet. (2015)
- Dooring --- Operator of parked motor vehicle not to open vehicle door into moving traffic until safe to do so (2016)
- Maintenance Reimbursement --- Jurisdiction will not lose annual maintenance reimbursement when it converts a vehicular travel lane to a bike lane (2017)

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President’s Message...

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next Friday (June 5th), provided that their data trends show that they are ready.

• **Ride Suspension and COVID-19:** Our members have complied with the spirit of social distancing by either not riding or limiting their impromptu rides to less than 10 riders while practicing social distancing. Thank you. Since groups of up to 50 people are permitted under Phase 2 guidelines, RABA group rides will resume when Phase 2 guidelines are implemented! To assist with social distancing, sign-in procedures will be modified—just tell the ride leader your name and they will write it on the sign-in sheet.

Everyone must make their own decision as to whether they participate in group rides at this time. An individual’s health status and the presence of risk factors that might increase COVID-19 morbidity and mortality should be considered. In any case, if you are experiencing any symptoms that might be associated with COVID-19 or have potentially been recently exposed to COVID-19, please do not go on a group ride.

• **Electronic Voting by Membership:** This is especially relevant with the current social distancing but was an issue anyway. 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. We will send out a strawman poll shortly to gauge response to an electronic poll and to measure support for this change.

• **Impact on HOV:** Currently, we are planning on having the Heart of Virginia Bike Festival. We are examining ways to incorporate social distancing and have the option to cancel if circumstances dictate. More to come.

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

Bud Vye...

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**As major supporting proponent------**

• Dangerous Dog Registry Established (2006)

• Landowners, including railroads, immune from liability when they allow passage across their property for recreational usage. (2009)

• Numerous bills to restrict cell phone usage and other driver distractions (several sessions)

• Much progress made with AmTrak, and work continues, toward permitting passengers to bring bicycles on trains.

**Anti-Bicycling Bills we Opposed that were Defeated**

• Rear view mirrors required on all bicycles while riding on VA highways. (2000)

• Helmets required on all bicyclists, and some age groups, while riding on VA highways (several bills in several sessions)

• To abolish restrictions on hunting on Sundays (2012)

• Cyclists required to be on Cap Trail rather than Rt. 5, after some Cap Trail sections had been completed (2014)

• Bicycling while intoxicated a class 2 misdemeanor (2017)
### April Mileage Contest...

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### Survey Results...

1. Which statement most accurately describes your behavior during the pandemic? Check only one (1) answer.

- [ ] I have stayed home except to go out for necessities
- [ ] I have stayed home most of the time but have made regular trips out of the house
- [ ] I have been traveling to work regularly
- [ ] I have not made any changes to my normal behavior

- [ ] I have stayed home except to go out for... (32.4%)
- [ ] I have stayed home most of the time but... (51.4%)
- [ ] I have been traveling to work regularly (15.2%)
- [ ] I have not made any changes to my normal behavior (2.9%)
2. What daily life activities would you be comfortable doing today? Check all that apply.

104 responses

- Eating at a restaurant outside: 55 (52.9%)
- Working on-site at your workplace: 36 (34.6%)
- Eating at a restaurant inside: 15 (14.4%)
- Attending an on-site meeting or event: 18 (17.3%)
- Traveling in an airplane: 10 (9.6%)
- None of the above: 39 (37.5%)

3. What RABA activities would you be comfortable doing today? Check all that apply.

105 responses

- Group rides of 10 people or more, led by a RABA Ride Leader volunteer: 22 (21%)
- Bicycle Safety classes and training: 18 (17.1%)
- Annual club picnic, usually held in August: 25 (23.8%)
- Bikes for Kids Assembly, usually held in November: 47 (44.8%)
- December Meeting and Holiday Social: 25 (23.8%)
- None of the above: 34 (32.4%)

- Heart of Virginia Bicycle Festival event, held in mid-Sept: 34 (32.4%)
- Bikes for Kids Delivery to Christmas Mothers, usually held in December: 34 (32.4%)
Survey Results...

4. Have any of your close relatives or friends had COVID-19?
104 responses

- Yes: 20 (19.2%)
- No: 84 (80.8%)

5. How concerned are you about getting COVID-19? Check only one (1) answer.
105 responses

- Very concerned: 30 (28.6%)
- Somewhat concerned: 42 (40%)
- Not very concerned: 27 (25.7%)
- Not at all concerned: 6 (5.7%)

6. How long have you been a member of RABA?
105 responses

- Less than 1 year: 18.1%
- 1 to 2 years: 34.3%
- 3 to 5 years: 32.4%
- 6 to 8 years: 8.6%
- 9 years or more: 8.6%

7. Gender
102 responses

- Female: 24 (23.5%)
- Male: 77 (75.5%)
- Prefer not to say: 1 (1%)
My work schedule is inconsistent.  
My furloughed schedule is much better.  
Every afternoon at 5pm.  
Chips, salsa and a big frosty mug of beer!  

- Gregory Doggett
Making Lemonade from Lemons...

Accomplished lots of yard projects. Learned how to play games (Scattegories, Pictionary) with friends online. Caught up on some of my favorite shows. Enjoyed some needed down time amidst a slower life pace.

-Nan Johnson

I am a new member to RABA and haven’t ridden or met any members yet. I have been doing the Zwift rides hosted by Trey Dunnerville. They have been fun and I know some names now.

-Fred Soltow

Regular exercise: every cough prompts me to aerate my lungs on my stationary bike.

Learn technology: new Zoom expert; plan to join a Zwift ride.

-Peter Benda

I finally have time to work on my goal to do a century bike ride.

-Gina Paige

RABA/Bicycle Guys
Virtual Happy Hour

On Wednesday, May 27 a Zoom Happy Hour with the Bicycle Guys took place. After pouring themselves a drink of choice (or not), members were able to learn some useful tips about how to change a flat like a pro. That’s something that is critical because it’s not a question of if, it’s a question of when you will have a flat. After different techniques to quickly get rolling again were demonstrated, there was a Q & A with the Bicycle Guys on general bicycle maintenance.

... I had an article in the May issue of Adventurer Cycling about my cross country bike trip 27 years ago! It has lots of pictures and mentions RABA. I thought RABA readers might enjoy reading it.... https://www.adventurecycling.org/blog/truecompanions/

Hope you are surviving the quarantine okay. I am doing so by raising a roaring vegetable garden and walking in the parks.

-Emily Kimball
RABA Members are known to enthusiastically support pot luck food events throughout the year. But with COVID-19 putting a big, unfortunate stop to all group rides and events for the foreseeable future, the chance to see and taste delicious pot luck foods has dwindled to zero. But we all know that there are lots of great cooks and bakers in the club, and people are making tasty food in their homes. We asked club members for photos of their delicious creations during this time of being at home... These pictures are a feast for the eyes! Yum-yum!

Mexi Mix Up
-Nan Johnson

Apple & Cranberry Oatmeal Casserole
-Nan Johnson

Celebratory Cake for my son leaving for Boot Camp
-Nan Johnson

The BEST Apple pie
-Nan Johnson

My 14 year old daughter Hannah made this but I was the beneficiary.
-Josh Silverman

Lemon Olive Oil Tart
-Mike Casey

This is a picture of me and my two grandkids, Lucas and Riley. Riley is always wanting to do experiments, so this morning we are making chocolate cookies and cooking them in a Solar Oven which he built.
Other than taking 4-6 hrs to bake, it was fun.
-Fred Soltow
Bikejournal Report
By Ted Zeh

RABA riders logged 36,790 miles for May on Bikejournal for the clubs perennial second place among top 5 clubs through May 30, 2020

1. Sumter Landing, FL  232,006
2. RABA  130,411
3. PBA  50,895
4. Sacramento CA  46185
5. Phoenix Metro  45,724

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RABA Leader Board

In spite of the pandemic and no scheduled rides, folks on BJ are still riding a lot. There are 55 members with 1,000 or more miles thru May 30

1. Paula Dahl  3885
2. Steve Rosen  3334
3. Robbie Andrews  3258
4. John Hamilton  2963
5. Ray Reed  2845
6. Reneta Sampson  2771
7. Tim Kelly  2687
8. John Sabilis  2668
9. Robert Keiter  2516
10. John Loughran  2471
Submissions for The Pedaler: The Pedaler welcomes submissions in any form, email preferred. All submissions will be confirmed. All become property of The Pedaler. E-Mail: rrichhalle@verizon.net. Submission Deadline: Midnight the 15th of the Month. Advertising rates: $198 full-page, $99 half-page, $149 2/3 page, $67 1/3 page, $48 1/6 page. Two bicycling classified ads are free to members; non-member rates apply thereafter. Non-Member Classified Rates: $5 for 1 item, $10 for 2-5 items, $15 for 6-9 items and $25 for 10-15 items—all with a reasonable amount of text per item. Send check or money order payable to RABA Treasurer, PO Box 6565, Ashland, VA 23005

RABA APPAREL

Here is the new design for RABA apparel. Our new supplier is Vie 13 Kustom Apparel. Their online store was open for us through May, but will re-open for a limited time later in the year. You’ll be able to order your gear and have it shipped to your home. You can get a short sleeve jersey (men’s and women’s), bibs or shorts, socks, gloves, arm warmers and a wind/rain jacket.

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.

Become a RABA Ride Leader!

For more information or to schedule a ride, contact:

Ride Director (Monthly Road Rides):
Wes Surina, wessurina@gmail.com 804-687-3117

Ride Director (Weekly Road Rides): Kim Moore, luv2cycle@yahoo.com 804-358-0935

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Classified ads on the web site are free for RABA members or for paying non-members. Members may have no more than two bicycles for sale on this site at any one time. Ads will run for 90 days unless informed that the items have been sold. The date submitted will be displayed on each. If you want your ad to continue running, you must notify the Editor prior to the expiration. The web site’s Classified page is here.