

# Safety Check ✓

## LED, Halogen, Burn Times, Beam

Do you commute to/from work?

Do you ride your bike to and from the Tuesday night ride?

After dinner, do you like to relax by cruising around the neighborhood?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, lights for your bicycle can be an important addition.

As we begin the 2006 riding season, an important reminder about lighting. There are two reasons for bicycle lighting. First, to see where you are going and second, so drivers can see you. A review of your riding style and the times of day that you ride, will determine what kind of lights you may need.

At the February AHBA Meeting, Joe Reicher of Amling Cycles in Niles joined us. Joe updated us on all kinds of new lighting options. The advances in battery technology have provided less weight and longer battery life. Joe's demo provided the opportunity to compare approximately 20 headlights for weight, distance, brightness and clarity. From my perspective there was a vast difference, the ability to see them at the same time, in the same (dark) conditions was a terrific advantage. Taillights have also seen improvements with greater brightness and variable flashing patterns.

Other considerations:

Helmet lights

Reflectors

Reflective clothing

For more information checkout these websites:

[www.niterider.com](http://www.niterider.com)

[www.planetbike.com](http://www.planetbike.com)

[www.bikelights.com](http://www.bikelights.com) (Light & Motion)

Tailwinds,

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