

Club Happenings

December 4 (Sat) Holiday Party

See full details on page 4. Pot luck dinner at the Merkner's, 6 to 10 pm. 2401 NW 27th Lane. From Glen Springs Road (NW 23rd Blvd between NW 13th St and NW 34th St) take either 23rd Terr or 24th Terr south to 27th Lane.

December 13 (Sun) Annual Christmas Bike Fixup

Each year, the Gainesville Cycling Club spends a day helping the Gainesville Police department do the final check over and tuning of 50 bicycles that will be given to underprivileged children.

Everyone can help! Even if you don't know anything about bike mechanics, you can help by cleaning, by driving to get parts or lending moral support. If you would like to help, please E-mail (Chanbike@aol.com) or talk to Chandler. If you have children's bikes to donate, bring them or contact Chandler to have them picked up.

The Fixup will be Sunday, December 12, starting at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until about 2 p.m. The location is the same as last year at American Self Storage, 3728 North Main Street (across from the Saturn dealership).

The bike giveaway will be Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Police Department, 720 NW 6th Street.

This is GCC's community service project and is the reason that the Gainesville Police Department helps us each year with the Horse Farm Hundred.

December 26 (Sun) Memorial Cleanup, Lunch, and Ride

Help clean up the Depot Road Memorial starting at 8:30, pot luck lunch from noon to 1:00, and rides. See full details on page 3.

January 1 (Sat) New Year's Day Ride 10 AM

Our normal Saturday ride at GRU, but note the later starting time to allow more time for recovery from a late night.

January 15 (Sat) EZ Riders Holton Creek Wildlife Ride

See page 3 for details.

January 23 (Sat) Chilly Chili Ride

Meet at O'Leno State Park a few miles north of High Springs on US 441 at 9 am and either ride the trails in the park or the roads in the area. Then gather to eat Chandler's Chili and other good stuff you bring. Entry to the park is \$3.25 for a car or \$1 for a bike. See page 3 for more details.



President's Message



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Dear GCC Members,

What a great turnout we had at this years' Horse Farm Hundred, and what great weather, the best riding to be had in bicycling

Well, I had a great time and a great ride. Now I want to know, like last year, if there is anything you think we should do next year to make it even better. .

You may have noticed that some of your suggestions came online this year. Bottled water, alternatives to peanut products, better signs and several other changes were introduced. We are listening..

Now, while your ride (and any irritations and suggestions) is still fresh in your mind, sit down and send me some snail mail so that you can help improve the ride next year. I am particularly interested in safety issues. You can call me on the phone and leave a message too, but a letter or note is better because I won't get a chance to forget about writing your suggestion down. All letters received will be reviewed again by the board just before next year's event.

Also my thanks to all the board members and volunteers for your tireless efforts on the clubs behalf. It just could never happen without you..

Impressive too was the large showing of GCC jerseys and shorts on the rides, they got here in the nick of time. All who wore the new jerseys agreed that these were even better than the first generation of GCC jerseys..

Many thanks to Primo for distributing & sponsoring the bike clothes for us, and to Water World and Perry McGriff at State Farm, for their sponsorship.

Our thanks too to Saturn and the North West Boys Club for all their help..

If you want to see some **pictures** taken during the Horse Farm be sure and check out the constantly improving club website. To find them you can do a '**Search**' for "photos" or "pictures" from the first menu that appears on the left side of the screen. And if you've forgotten the website address, its: www.afn.org/~bike. .

And if you have some pictures of a club ride that you would like to share with others, take them over to Roger Pierce and let him take a look at them. They just might end up on our website too..

On another note, the clubs **Christmas Party** is on December 4th. This is always a wonderful social event, and a chance to put on some extra wintertime calories. The extra calories just provide all the more reason to get out there and ride with your club. So come to the party, bring your specialty side dish, and get 'plumped' for next year's riding!

Following Winds, My Friends.

Rob Wilt



EZ Riders Plan Ahead

by George Edwards

We are scheduling three "theme" rides for January, February, and March, courtesy of Lys Burden, who orchestrated the geology ride last August.

15 January 2000 - Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area, with the League of Environmental Educators of Florida and the SBA. Lys is trying to recruit a biologist to help us with tree ID. This will be a short ride over easy double-track trails, with lots of wildlife. We will carpool from the SBA HQ in White Springs.

19 February 2000 - California Swamp Ride, with SBA. A real wildlife ride, which Lys says includes deer, otter, song birds, water birds, what have you. She will try to recruit a NWR biologist for this one as well. Lunch after at the Salt Creek Shellfish Company Restaurant in Suwanee. Also carpool from SBA HQ to the ride.

25 March 2000 - Wild Azalea Ride in the Falling Creek Tract south of High Springs. This ride will feature the spring wildflowers, and a genuine waterfall, a rare hydraulic feature in Florida. We will ride to the historic Falling Creek Church, a 100-year old heart pine structure deep in the woods. This will be a long ride for us, 18 miles, but by then we should all be in our Spring-training shape, and up for it.

We will try to schedule something for December, but I know that is a busy month for many. Perhaps during Christmas week, when the pressure is off for many, and lots of people have time off. How does a weekday ride then sound to you? Our children will be here then, and would like to meet all of you, and ride with you. Of course, they consider our rides pretty wimpy . . .



Memorial Clean-up and Ride Slated for Dec 26

There will be a clean-up of the area around the bicycle memorial on Sunday, Dec. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a potluck lunch at noon. Informal bike rides will start from the Memorial at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

All events are at the Bike Memorial, at Depot Avenue, just east of Main Street

December 26 is the third anniversary of the terrible accident that claimed the lives of Doug Hill and Margaret Raynal, and injured four members of our bike club.

You don't have to spend all morning at the clean-up. Come and spend one hour raking, mowing or sprucing up the place. Then go for a bike ride and come back for food. Please bring gloves, garbage bags, rakes, shovels, lawn mowers and any garden tools you can think of. Come spend an hour or two with us and the Memorial will look better.

If you can bring food for lunch, please do. Chandler will make a kettle full of some concoction. The club will provide Gatorade, water, paper plates and utensils.

If you have questions or want to help, please call or write Chandler at Chabike@aol.com or call 377-1728. We need ride leaders for the informal bike rides.

Oleno Ride Set for Jan. 22

Road rides, off-road trail rides and a tour of the historic Bellamy Road are featured for Saturday, Jan. 22 at Oleno State Park. A picnic lunch will start at noon, featuring Chandler's famous chili, please bring a side dish so there will be healthy food.

Riders should meet at 9 a.m. at the parking lot next to the Santa Fe River in Oleno State Park. Oleno has 13 miles of off-road trails and has informational kiosks along the historic Bellamy Road, which crosses the park. There are also many pretty country roads near the park, including part of the Santa Fe Century course.

Food should start at noon at the picnic area next to the Santa Fe River. Bring an appetite.

Oleno State Park is 8 miles north of High Springs on US 441, about 35 miles north of Gainesville. Entry fee is \$3.25 per car, \$1.00 for persons on bike.

If you have questions, please write or call Chandler at Chabike@aol.com or call 377-1728.

Holiday Party Activities

Who Am I?

When you arrive at the Holiday Party, be sure and put your name on a name tag and stick it on your chest; with over 350 club members, there's bound to be someone who doesn't quite remember your name! While you are doing this, the greeter will place another name tag on your back with your identity for the evening. It is your task to determine who you are. Now, of course, every one else will know, since they can see your back. But no one is allowed to actually tell you who you are. But they can answer questions that you pose to them about who you are. A sample dialog (for an easy one) follows:

Am I a bicycle racer? NO

Am I a politician? YES

Am I a local politician? NO

Am I a national politician? YES

Do I currently hold national office? NO

Am I running for President? YES

Am I George Bush? NO

Am I a Democrat? YES

Am I Bill Bradley? YES

We promise not to use Djamolodine Abdujaperov this year! (Famous sprinter in the Tour de France.)

Food Contest

When you arrive you will be given a food label and a food ballot. The label will have a number on it. Write your name and a description of your dish on the label and make sure that it is placed so that everyone can tell that it goes with your dish. When you decide to vote for a dish as "best", write the number that is on it's label on your ballot, and place it in the ballot box. Prizes will be awarded for best dish and best desert.

Costume Contest

We will award prizes in three costume categories: best dressed, most creatively dressed, and funniest or most entertaining costume. The decision of the judges will be final!

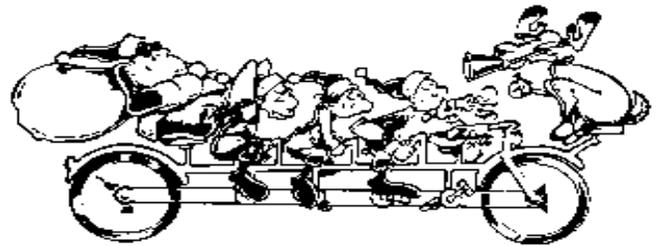
Competitive Gift Exchange

Everyone coming to the party should bring a wrapped gift. You shouldn't spend a lot of dough on this gift, in fact something lying around the garage may do just fine. On the other hand, if you are well off and want to have some fun, go for it.

All of the gifts go under the tree. We will then call a name for the evening (see Who Am I?) and that person will select a gift from under the tree and open it (quickly). Subsequent persons called will have a choice: select a gift from under the tree or take one that someone else already has. If your gift is taken, you have the choice of selecting one from under the tree, or taking one someone else has (you cannot take back the one you just lost). You are limited to three "takes" during the evening; after that, if you are the victim, you must select a gift from under the tree. The game ends when the last person with an option selects a gift from under the tree.

Symphonic Occurrence

Bring any instrument that you are (or were at sometime) proficient at, or just join in with your voice, to regale the assemblage.



YOU MIGHT BE A BIKE WEENIE IF...

You yell "On Your Left!" when passing another car.

You have more money invested in your bike clothes than in the rest of your combined wardrobe.

You buy a mini-van and immediately remove the rear seats to allow your bike(s) to fit .

Your kids bring a rear derailleur to "Show & Tell".

Off Road



by Brian Raisler

This is the second in a series of articles highlighting some exceptional places to ride in Florida. The last newsletter featured Ocala's Hardrock Cycle Park. While Hardrock is certainly a premier riding location in Florida, it also has its shortcomings. The experienced offroad enthusiast can enjoy challenging climbs and steep and sometimes treacherous descents. These attributes, exciting to the adventurous, can be daunting to novice or intermediate riders. This article will focus on a more family friendly location, **Santos Trailhead** in Belleview.

South of Ocala, on land owned by the state of Florida, lie miles and miles of interconnecting trails offering hours of fun for anyone willing to make a trip down to enjoy it. The trails are built and maintained by the Ocala Mountain Bike Association (OMBA). They have done a terrific job of clearing and marking all of the trails and including color-coded markers for various skill levels. Riders can easily spend a half or full day of riding there and seldom hit the same trail twice. It is certainly a place to be visited by anyone looking for offroad fun in this area.

How to get there: The simplest way to reach the trails from Gainesville is to head south on 441. You can take I-75, but you won't save much time that way. The drive is about 45-55 minutes depending on traffic. Continue south through Ocala another 12 miles on 441. The road for the turn is not very well marked. The sign to look for says "Santos" and points the opposite direction of the right turn that you want to take. Another landmark to look for is a Sheriff's station situated in the oversized median of 441 at that point. Turn right on the road and the entrance to the park is on the left almost immediately. Follow the dirt road back into the park to find a circular parking area. The trails head a couple of directions out of the parking lot.

What to bring: A fellow biker that is familiar with the directions to the trails and the layout of the trails would be extremely helpful. I occasionally make the

trip down to Santos and would be happy to have anyone come along with me. One great asset of the Santos Trails is the low, low prices. This park is open and free to the public every day. The trade off is that there isn't that much in the way of accommodations or support. There is a bathroom on site, but I have never once seen it unlocked. The alternative is two or three nearby Port-O-Lets. There are picnic tables near the parking area, but no grills last time I checked. Bring sandwiches and snacks and plenty to drink. You are probably going to want to spend the better part of the day at the trails and the parking area is well situated in the trail system to allow you to come back there for a mid-ride break for refreshment. You might want to have a camera along as I have seen some beautiful wildlife there at times. Or you might want to take pictures of your friends going over sheer drops you didn't think you'd find in Florida.

What to expect when you get there: The trail system is quite large and mostly interconnected. One loop of single-track will take you on a 20-mile round trip voyage out from the parking lot and back, but most of the trails are shorter than that. As the trails are interconnected, you can vary your direction and the terrain that you are riding frequently and easily. The majority of the trails center around two old limerock quarry pits. More difficult trails ride directly around the rim of the pits and sometimes venture down into them. As I mentioned earlier, the trails are color coded for difficulty. Yellow is easy, blue is intermediate, and red is advanced. You don't have to be afraid that the yellow trail you are riding along is going to suddenly drop off a cliff or anything. It does really help to have someone in your party who is familiar with the trails. It can get pretty confusing with all of the trails seemingly going in every direction. The terrain will vary depending on the trail you choose from pine forest to oak hammocks. Around the quarries, you can find more exposed rock and some unusual formations. Be sure to look for the surface cavern at the north quarry. Some of the trails that skirt the perimeter of the quarries are very easy and allow any cyclist to get a good view over the rim of the quarry and down into it. There are even park benches installed in some locations so you can stop to soak in the beauty of nature, or so you can stop and recover your breath.

A few words from the Adopt-A-Road Director:

I would be remiss if I didn't list all the people who have shown up to do the Adopt-A-Road cleanups this year. They are (in alphabetical order):

Cheryl Baker, Julie Baker, Purvis Bedenbaugh, Chuck Broward, Edie Broward-Jensen, Scott Butler, Michael Cochran, Diann Dimitri, Debbie Duggan, George Edwards, Lee Edwards, Vivian Fincher, Nancy Groome, George Hecht, Rich Heiss, Kim Heiss, Joyce Kelly, Jeff Meyer, Chandler Otis, Maureen Petersen, Brian Raisler, Audra Strahl, Marty Tod, and last but not least Rob Wilt. It's quite possible some of you who in fact showed up might not have signed up and therefore aren't listed above. I'm sorry for the omission.

The other big listing is how many bags of trash we picked up this year:

Regular trash: 22.5 bags (big bags!)
 Recycled trash; 7.5 bags (also big!)

I have to give a special thanks to Lee and George Edwards, Lee for trying to keep me straight on the scheduling of the cleanups and George for being the "sweep of the road". I'm looking forward to another year with the great volunteers of the GCC.

Thanks to everyone's efforts,

Diann



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Club members, call, mail, email, or fax your stuff that you no longer need to the editor for inclusion in this column. Priority will be given to bicycling items; the number of items per member may be limited due to space considerations.

'98 Trek 6500DX Mountain Bike, Shimano Deore LX, padded seat, cyclometer, rarely ridden, excellent condition. Small or medium frame size. \$400. 375-4161.

All of the following items are offered by Rob Wilt, 380-0561.

CYCLO-CROSS TIRES - AVOCET Cross 700c x 35c, \$ 10 for pair

Ortofon CARTRIDGE (Dual TKS 55E with DN 155E biradial stylus). Provided as original equipment on Dual CS 627 turntable. Has only a dozen or so playings on the stylus. Was displaced by a Shure V15 type 5. This model originally sold for \$115. Excellent overall characteristics, low tracking weight. Will sell for \$50.

INDUCTIVE AMPLIFIER - Progressive Electronics Inc. Model 200B. Hand held model with speaker. \$ 25.

RAM, 30 pin SIMMs 1mb x 9, 80ns, \$5 each, 4 available

Vittoria bike shoes, black and yellow leather, size about 9 or 9½ mens, new \$20

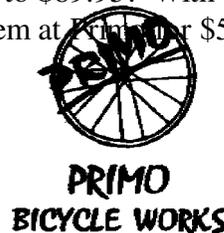
Airwalk casual shoes, black, gray and white, about size 9 mens, only worn twice, \$20



Jersey Status

Most of you have picked up your jerseys and shorts. Those of you without email may not have remembered to check, so get on down to Primo and pick them up!

There is still a decent stock at Primo. Jerseys, mens, S & XL, womens S & M. Shorts, mens, S, L, XL, womens, S, M, L. The shorts are still a bargain; I've checked a lot of catalogs lately, and shorts of the same material from the same production line as ours sell for \$79.95 to \$89.95! With the club discount, you can get them at Primo for \$54 plus tax, while the last



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December - January Ride Schedule

RIDING GROUPS

A Riders. (no Group Captain). Fast paced rides from two to five hours. There is often a group that will do a shorter ride. The ride may become very fast for some periods. Team Florida frequently joins the group on Sundays.

Gliders. Andrew Gill, 338-9205, apgill@gnv.fdt.net. Fast (18-19 mph), steady paced rides, normally from 50 to 70 miles in length.

Spinners. Larry Bowman, 495-2305, jjrider@hotmail.com. Moderate (16-17 mph) rides on Saturdays.

LoBees. Paul Zimpfer, 462-5003 evenings, Z-MAN2@prodigy.net. Rides in the 15-16 mph range on Saturdays. Meeting times and places are posted via email.

Hunters Crossing Pedalers. Linda McMahon, 331-4089. Meets most Saturdays for a slower paced ride. This group also meets on some Sundays.

Newnans Lake Riders. Chandler Otis, 377-1728 (leave a message). A family and beginners group that meets Sundays to do a 15 to 35 mile ride.

Off Roaders. Brian Raisler, braisler@ufl.edu or 338-4594. Meets most Sundays. Special rides announced via email.

Bee Line. Bill Cochran, 371-4118 or Dave Wagner, 375-4496. Meets at various locations and times on weekends and weekdays, usually starting very early. Civil rides at a good pace with rest stops.

Feet First. Bruce Bush, bruce@musician.org. Recumbent bicyclists group. May do one or two rides a month, announced on the club email list.

Stray Cats. Rob Wilt, 380-0561, afn09010@afn.org. Slower paced rides at out of town locations, announced via email

Fireflies. Rob Wilt, 380-0561, afn09010@afn.org. Tuesday and Thursday rides out and back on Millhopper. Lights required. Call the leader before joining this group.

G-H Trail Riders. Carol Glavin, 371-8695, glavin@gator.net. Sunday rides on the rail trail.

Centurians. Roger Pierce, 378-7063. Hundred mile rides and up, usually at out of town events.

EZ Riders. George Edwards 372-8974, gedwards@atlantic.net. Leisurely rides (well, glacially slow) with frequent stops to look at the flora, fauna, rocks, what have you, usually out of town and often on mix of pavement and forest trails. Announced via e-mail.

REGULAR STARTING TIMES AND PLACES

Always check your email for time and place updates.

GRU FACILITY RIDES

(NW 53rd Ave, north side, just west of NW 43rd St)

SATURDAY

All groups meet at 9 am unless otherwise announced in email.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Fireflies meet at 6:30 pm.

PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS RIDES

(University of Florida campus in front of Library West under the walkway)

SUNDAY

All groups meet at 9 am unless otherwise announced in email.

FT CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

(9301 NW 23rd Ave)

SUNDAY

Off Roaders meet at 10 am.

BOULWARE SPRINGS

(3300 block of SE 15th Street, second entrance)

SUNDAY

G-H Trail Riders meets at 9 am.





Florida

Bicycle Touring Calendar

(VERY ABRIDGED)



See the complete calendar on the World Wide Web at <http://www.afn.org/~bike/FBTC>

- Dec 10-12 **Highlands Bicycle Festival**
Sebring FL Linda Leeds, (561)683-2851, 913 Sumter Road East, West Palm Beach FL 33415.
- Dec 11-12 **Secret Santa Weekend**
White Springs FL On Saturday there will be a forty mile ride into Live Oak to visit the Christmas Festival. Sunday - 35, 50, 64, or 101 miles. Suwannee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. (904)397-2347.
- Dec 12 (Sun) **Tour of Boca**
Boca Raton FL A police-escorted tour of Boca (561)416-3410.
- Dec 21 (Tue) **8th Annual Winter Solstice Century**
Tallahassee FL Meet at the St Marks trailhead at 8 am. YOYO. (850)224-7729 or (850)297-1893.
- Jan 1 (Sat) **New Year's Day YO-YO Century**
Jacksonville FL 8am, from FCCJ, Kent Campus, in Jacksonville. 100, 60, 44 and 25-30 mile rides. Jeanne, (904)264-7168, Cecilia (904)908-0934, or Jerry (904)781-3701.
- Jan 1 (Sat) **Y2K Century**
Albany GA "First Century of the Century." 50/100. Pecan City Pedalers, PO Box 214, Albany GA 31702.
- Jan 1 (Sat) **The First Y2K Ride**
Savannah GA Ride from Savannah to Tybee Island to toast the New Year, 2000. Breakfast or Brunch on your own at Cap'n Chris's Restaurant. T-shirts \$10 must be ordered by Dec 15. CBTC, PO Box 14531, Savannah GA 31416.
- Jan 9 (Sun) **Tour of Boca**
Boca Raton FL A police-escorted tour of Boca (561)416-3410.
- Jan 21-23 **Tour De Cape Century Ride**
Cape Coral FL 15, 30, 62 and 100 miles. (941)574-0801, Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Dept, 4537 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33904.
- Jan 23 (Sun) **Boca Raton News Boca Bike Festival**
Boca Raton FL 20 mile police escorted, 30, 60, and 100 miles. Fax contact 1-954-462-4607 attn: Ed
- Jan 23 (Sun) **Brevet Series 2000: 200 km**
West Palm Beach FL 124 miles. Randonneur ride series that will qualify you for Boston-Montreal-Boston. Jim Solanick, (561)433-8796.
- February 12-13 **Brevet Series 2000: 300 km**
West Palm Beach FL 186 miles. Jim Solanick, (561)433-8796.
- February 19-20 **SWAMP Romp '00**
Brooksville FL Croom Mountain Bike Trails.
- Feb 13 (Sun) **Tour of Boca**
Boca Raton FL A police-escorted tour of Boca (561)416-3410.
- March 4-5 **Brevet Series 2000: 400 km**
West Palm Beach FL 248 miles. Jim Solanick, (561)433-8796.
- March 12 (Sun) **Lake Weir Kiwanis Tri-County Tour**
Weirsdale FL 20, 40, 60, or 100 mile routes through the rolling hills of Marion, Lake, and Sumter counties. Please email or visit our web site. As a last resort call Glen (352-821-4653) or Julie (352-624-9237).
- Mar 12 (Sun) **Tour of Boca**
Boca Raton FL A police-escorted tour of Boca (561)416-3410.
- March 18-19 **The Second Annual Breast Cancer Ride for Life**
Vero Beach FL \$500 minimum funds raised. Breast Cancer Ride For Life, PO Box 442, Goldenrod FL 32733. (407)677-4728.
- March 19 (Sun) **Second Annual Royal Palm Classic**
Fort Myers FL 100/62/45/15 miles. Caloosa Riders, PO Box 870, Fort Myers, FL 33902. (941)549-1366.
- March 31 - Apr 2 **Walgreens Ride 2000**
Orlando FL Fundraising goal for each rider is \$1250. (888)658-BIKE.
- Apr 1-6 **Bike Florida 2000 "Springs Training"**
Gainesville FL Between 40-65 miles/day with longer options available. 4 or 6 day fully-supported bicycle tour. Overnight stays in Gainesville, Branford, and Chiefland. BIKE FLORIDA, 8 Broadway, Suite A, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. (407)943-7995
- April 2 (Sun) **12th Annual Spring Classic Bicycle Ride**
Palmetto FL 19, 32, or 62 miles. St. Petersburg Bicycle Club.
- April 8 (Sat) **Clean Air Bike Ride**
Brooksville FL Withlacoochee State Trail, 12, 20, 48, and 100 miles. Clean Air Bike Ride, 6170 Central Avenue, St Petersburg FL 33707. (800)771-5863.
- April 8-9 **Brevet Series 2000: 600 km**
West Palm Beach FL 372 miles. Jim Solanick, (561)433-8796.
- April 9 (Sun) **18th Annual Strawberry Century**
Plant City FL 19/31/62 miles with option for 100 (unsupported) (813) 985-5933 - FAX (813) 985-7462
- April 14-16 **BRAG Spring Tune-Up Ride**
Thomaston GA Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), PO Box 87111, Stone Mtn. GA 30087-0028. fax (770)935-1918.
- Apr 15-16 **19th Annual TOSRV South**
Quincy FL 200/126/56 miles in two days from Quincy, Florida to Albany, Georgia and back. TOSRV South Director, Capital City Cyclists, P.O. Box 4222, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-4222.
- April 15-20 **Y2K Florida Bicycle Safari**
Live Oak FL Florida Freewheelers. PO Box 916524, Longwood FL 32791. (407)788-BIKE
- April 22 (Sat) **Brevet Series 2000: Fleche**
West Palm Beach FL 24 hours. Jim Solanick, (561)433-8796.
- Apr 29-30 **Breakaway to Key Largo MS 150**
Miami FL Minimum pledge \$200.00. National MS Society, South Florida Chapter, 7933 NW 53 St., Miami, Fl. 33166. Phone (305)599-0299
- Apr 30 (Sun) **Tour de Forts**
Jacksonville Beach FL New route to Fort Clinch (Fernandina Beach). Tour de Fort, P. O. Box 550963, Jacksonville, FL 32255-0963 (904)721-5870
- May 7 (Sun) **Cross Florida**
Cocoa Beach FL 170 mile one way course. Spacecoast

Freewheelers, PO Box 320622, Cocoa Beach FL
32932-0622. (407)784-4686.

Gainesville Cycling Festival

Perhaps the best thing that we can say about this year's Saturn Santa Fe Century and Horse Farm Hundred is that there are no big stories. Both days had great weather and we had a near record turnout to enjoy them.

On Saturday, 261 riders hit the road for the Santa Fe Century and Millhopper Ramble. Even more came out on Sunday, with 291 riding in the Horse Farm events. Of the 461 riders, 92 rode both days.

The following 42 people (a record!) are those club members who worked during the rides to make them possible. Thanks also to those who came out and helped at the packet stuffing party.

Santa Fe Century

Chandler Otis, Director

COURSE WORKERS

Neil Crandel, Course Marshall
Paul Zimpfer
George Edwards
Marty Tod
Carol Glavin
Wade Evans
Audra Strahl
Brian Raisler
Jeff Meyer, lead car driver
Rob Wilt, lead car navigator

MYRTIS REST STOP

Steve Grosteffon
Eliveth Grosteffon
Danny Dresdner
Mary Lou Merkner



Horse Farm Hundred

COURSE WORKERS

Linda McMahon, Course Marshall
George Edwards
Jeff Meyer
Susan Brown
Jim Merkner
Carl Brush
Barry Gibbons
Jim Sanders, pace car driver

REST STOPS

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Everest The Hard Way

by Dwight Kingsbury

Goran Kropp climbed Mt. Everest in May 1996, at the same time as the colorful crowd whose disastrous misadventures have been chronicled in other books and an Imax movie. His book on his trip was reviewed by the New York Times Book Review, from which the following is excerpted.

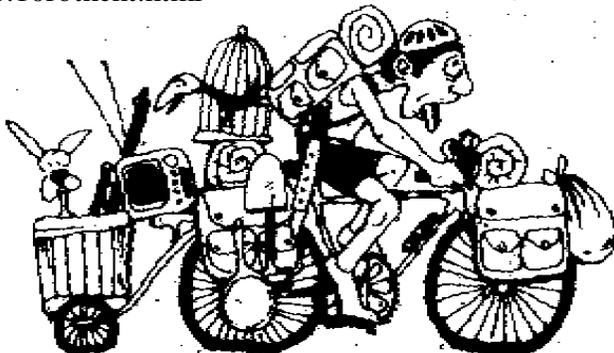
He rode his bike to Everest (nearly 7,000 miles from Sweden), lugged his own gear to base camp, climbed the mountain solo and biked home...

The bike trip, which takes up about a third of the book, is worth the cover price in itself. Kropp escapes a storm by ducking into a rustic brothel, where he pulls out a map and shares his plan with the hookers. The madam is impressed and offers Kropp a free night with her daughter. Kropp refuses -- he's refusing all support services...

At one point, his bike breaks down. He hops a bus with his bike for a 300-mile ride to the nearest repair shop, struggles with his conscience, buses back to the spot where the bike broke and pedals the same 300-mile stretch. Except for ferry rides across the watery bits, he's under his own power from his Swedish doorstep to the summit...

--From the review by John Rothchild of:
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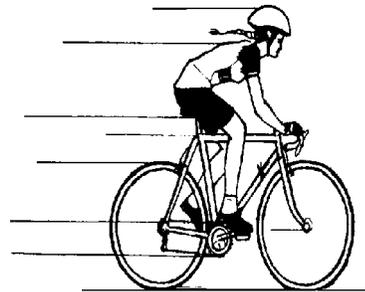
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News of our Guest Rider

by Ben Inglis

Did you meet Julie Hanson of the Saturn team on the Santa Fe Century? I chatted to her for quite a while and have stayed in touch with her and her husband since. They have just started putting together a web site called....juliehanson.com!! It's a neat idea. Julie's story - she returned to racing at age 30 only two weeks after giving birth! - travel tips, training advice, race reports from the peloton, etc. A really interesting site for cyclists, especially female cyclists. The site's going to develop a lot over the next few weeks but it's already worth a look.





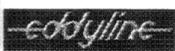
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League Meets with Head of FHWA to Discuss Bicycling Issues

Washington, D.C. -- The League of American Bicyclists held a meeting on Capitol Hill on November 2nd with Kenneth R. Wykle, the head of the Federal Highway Administration, and Congressman James L. Oberstar, ranking member of the House Transportation Committee, to focus national attention on an increasing problem for cyclists -- the design and usage of rumble strips. They also discussed strategies for a stronger implementation of TEA-21 for cyclists.

In order to prevent cycling accidents caused by rumble strips and to keep roads and shoulders open to cyclists, the League requested that FHWA coordinate further research on rumble strip design and usage that will be bicycle-friendly.

"We understand that rumble strips are effective in preventing run-off-the road fatalities of motorists," said Jody Newman, executive director of the League, "but we want to make sure that we don't injure or kill cyclists in the meantime."

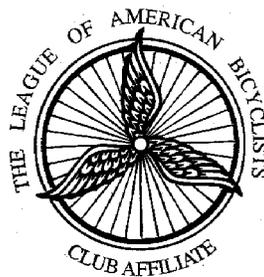
Administrator Wykle agreed to the League's request that cyclists be included in the research efforts and development of further guidance on rumble strips. He also said that they will consider limiting the federal push for rumble strips to interstate highways until the research and guidance have been completed.

During the meeting, the League praised the memorandum that Kenneth Wykle issued a year ago after a similar meeting in Congressman Oberstar's office, which was the strongest support for bicycling that the Federal Highway Administration has ever expressed, and discussed ways to ensure a strong and positive implementation of TEA-21 for bicycling. As a result of these discussions, the FHWA Administrator agreed to request a follow-up report from all FHWA division offices around the country to assess their progress on the pro-bicycling directives contained in his memorandum.

Newman invited Tim Young, an active bicycle advocate from Wyoming, and Gary MacFadden, executive director of Adventure Cycling, both of whom have been concerned with the rumble strip issue, to attend the meeting with her. Also in attendance at the meeting were John Fegan, bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the Department of Transportation, and Nadine Hamilton, DOT Congressional Affairs Director.

Minnesota Congressman James Oberstar to Lead Ride at National Rally of Cyclists

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Congressman James Oberstar (D-Minn.), an avid cyclist and the Ranking Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, will lead a special bike ride next summer at the National Rally of Cyclists in St. Paul hosted by the League of American Bicyclists. The Congressman, an outspoken and dedicated supporter of bicycling interests on Capitol Hill, will also be a featured speaker and is expected to address a large audience of concerned and active cyclists.



The League of American Bicyclists, the national organization of cyclists, will host three Rallies next summer including the one in Minnesota, June 30 - July 3. Rallies will also take place in Bloomsburg, Penn., June 2-5, and in Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 18-21. All three will feature major guests from the world of cycling, workshops and presentations, and a diverse range of road and mountain bike rides.

Congressman Oberstar has been working with the League of American Bicyclists on policy and legislation and has supported funding for construction of bikeways and programs to enhance the safety and use of bicycles. As a key architect of the 1998 Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21), Jim Oberstar worked to ensure that cyclists' rights were protected. Both during the writing of TEA-21 and its 1991 predecessor, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), the Congressman focused on preserving and expanding programs for bicycle and pedestrian travel, enhancing mass transit, improving air quality, and protecting the environment.

The League of American Bicyclists, founded in 1880, is the national membership organization for cyclists. It works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America, and promotes cycling for fun, fitness and transportation. Membership includes 35,000 individuals, 450 recreational clubs, and 49 advocacy organizations. For further information on the League and its National Rallies of Cyclists, call (202) 822-1333, write to bikeleague@bikeleague.org, or visit www.bikeleague.org.

Community Service Opportunities

Scenic 441 Group Seeks Member from Bicycle Club

development quite soon.”

The Scenic 441 Corridor Advocacy Group is looking for a bicyclist to be on a newly formed committee that is seeking a "Scenic Highway" designation for US 441 in Alachua and Marion counties.

The Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) will also be looking at landscaping plans for US 441. The Florida Department of Transportation has funds for highway landscaping.

For more information, please contact the University of Florida Conservation Clinic at ankersen@law.ufl.edu or call 392-2237. The Corridor Advocacy Group chairperson is Linda Deuver at Conwayconserve@Conway.com.

San Felasco Trails

The San Felasco Citizens Support Organization (CSO) is a group that helps the park service plan, construct, and fund user facilities in the San Felasco Hammock State Preserve. Of interest to us is a new area of the preserve in which mountain bike trails will be constructed. If you are interested in supporting the development of trails in our own backyard, consider coming to the next meeting of the CSO on December 6th at 7:30 pm. It will be held in the CSO trailer at the shop entrance of the preserve. If you need directions, contact Lys Burden at Wpburden@aol.com or 454-3304.

Liz writes, “On the bicycle trail development front, Marlie Sanderson will be meeting with Preserve Manager, Randy Brown, on November 19th to review the specific placement of the pathway on the initial (green) loop. Marlie, Brian McCallister and Mark Heller have marked about the first half of the loop from the Lee Sink Trailhead to the bridge across Cellon Creek. If the pathway placement is approved, we may be able to begin actual trail

2000 Gainesville Cycling Festival

We are looking for volunteers to help promote the next Gainesville Cycling Festival, and in particular, the Santa Fe Century and Millhopper Ramble. These two rides are fund raisers for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alachua County, a United Way organization.

The Gainesville Cycling Club has supported the Santa Fe Century since its inception, providing registration and route support services. This year we also manned a rest stop. But to make this a truly effective fund raising event we need to increase community participation, and to do that we will need new programs and up front planning and leadership.

Two possible approaches are to increase participation of children, similar to what you have probably seen for walkathons in Gainesville, and to promote challenges to business firms, with awards to those who turn out the most riders. To effectively do either of these requires that we get started soon.

If you are interested in participating on the committee, please email Roger Pierce at RCPBIKE@aol.com, or phone 378-7063.



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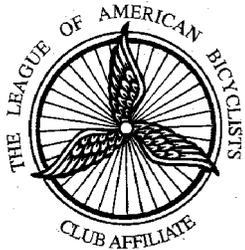
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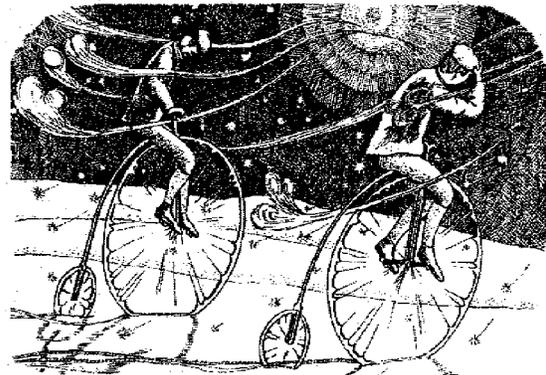
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