

## Happenings

December 14 (Fri)

Decorating Party 6 pm

Decorate the board room for the party! The club will supply pizza, drinks, and other goodies. Email the Prez ([bobnewman@cox.net](mailto:bobnewman@cox.net)) to get in on the fun.

December 15 (Sat)

Holiday Party 6 - 10 pm

### Venue

Paradigm Properties Headquarters  
220 N. Main St. (NW corner of Main St. & 2nd Avenue)  
Enter from the lighted parking lot at rear of the building.

### Eating

The club will provide the turkey, liquid refreshments, and assorted other goodies. Bring side dishes to complement the birds (nothing that requires refrigeration please).

### 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 appetizer, best dish, and best desert.

### Icebreaker

We will have an activity planned for when you arrive.

### Competitive Gift Exchange

Everyone coming to the party should bring a wrapped gift. Select something that you think may be sufficiently desirable that people might want to fight over it. But you do not need to spend a huge amount of money; a box of ten power bars might do the trick if you cannot come up with something more original! Huge battles have been fought over a \$3 stuffed animal from Dollar General!

January 12 (Sat)

200 Kilometer Brevet

7:30 am. Full info is on our web site. Please preregister for this event.

January 12 (Sat)

Tour de Felasco

The ride is full. To volunteer to help out, email [info@sanfelasco.net](mailto:info@sanfelasco.net) or call the registration director at (386)418-1113.

January 26 (Sat)

Chilly Chili Picnic

See page 4 for full details about this anticipated annual picnic event, held at O'Leno State Park.

## TAKE THE BICYCLE COMMUTING SURVEY!

See page 11.



# From The Editor

Roger Pierce

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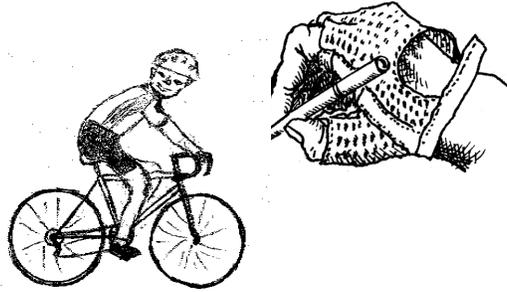
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In this issue we wrap up the Gainesville Cycling Festival and prepare to head into winter. Many thanks to those who contributed articles.



# Membership Secretary's Report

Roger Pierce

We are in the continuing process of implementing a new, web based, data base to keep track of the club's membership data. This new data base is stored on a secure server at our internet service provider (probably somewhere in New Jersey). They take care of making sure the data is backed up, and restoring it if there is a problem. Previously, the data was on a home PC with no real time backup.

The most obvious impact on you, the member, is the new membership number that you all have, and an individual password for use in accessing the Members Area on the web site. When you do so, and take a look into the membership list, you will now be looking at the actual data rather than an out-dated copy as had been the case in the past.

As I continue to work on the transition, you will eventually be able to sign up for ride groups and to update your membership data on the web site. We will also probably be able to hook up with Pay Pal so that you can renew online without having to deal with paper.

Note that you can change the computer generated password to

anything that you want once you are signed into the web site. Heed the warning: I can see this password in the data base. Don't use the same one you use for sensitive information, such as access to your bank account.

In mid-November, we emailed every member with an email account their member number and password. A number of these were returned as undeliverable (meaning that you changed your address and didn't tell us!).

Your member number will also appear on your membership label and membership card when you get a new one. If you are in a family membership, only one of the membership numbers can be fit on the mailing label.

For the technically inclined, our old data base was implemented in Corel (was Borland) Paradox, with some reports done in Word Perfect. The new one is in MySQL and is accessed with PERL. The web interface is standard HTML with Javascript. I continue to use Word Perfect for the same printed reports (web browsers don't give good results when doing formatted printing).

# President's Letter

Another successful year is nearly in the books for the Gainesville Cycling Club. In 2007, our membership has climbed to nearly 700 members, an all-time high. Once again the club was able to provide its members with numerous benefits, including our trademark staple of rides and picnics reinforcing our unofficial club motto of "ride to eat and eat to ride."

The GCC was again able to donate \$10,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alachua County. This money was raised by the Santa Fe Century bike ride, which came close to a record for attendance of the event.

It's companion, the Horse Farm Hundred broke participation records. Successful endeavors such as these could not have been made possible without those of you who have donated their time and energies, and as always, thanks for your support.

I would also like to thank Jim & Mary Lou Merkner for sharing their home with club members for our annual Christmas party for as many years as I'd care to remember. This year we have finally outgrown the capacity of their friendly environs and will be moving our party to the Paradigm Property Headquarters at 220 N. Main St. on December 15th. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Stay safe. Stay happy.



Bob Newman



## GONZO

by Keith Blanchard, Director, Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County

One of our Club Kids, 13 year old Dillon Gonzalez, participated in the Millhopper Ramble bike ride. Normally, this would not be particularly newsworthy if it were not for some special circumstances. Dillon has had a very difficult childhood. He has endured several surgeries on his legs and as a result as never participated in any athletic activities. He also has suffered from kidney failure and at the age of 9 had a kidney transplant.

As a result of his operation and having only one working kidney, Dillon has always shied away from any form of sport or risky activity. Not any more. The day before the ride, Dillon told our staff and his mother that he wanted to participate in the event. He told his mom that he wanted to take on the challenge and complete the 27 mile route. There was only one more obstacle, Dillon did not have a bicycle. So, we gave him a new lime green cruiser and matching helmet courtesy of Regions Bank.



honestly tell you I was a little worried as the time passed by. However, like Dillon promised, he rolled in just in time for lunch with a big smile on his face.

I can't tell you how proud all of us are of Dillon and how encouraging it is to see how despite the obstacles he accomplished his goal.

Congratulations Gonzo, job well done.

Dillon showed up promptly at 7:30am the next morning, completed the registration process, strapped on his helmet, took a brief look at the map and was on his way, along with over 400 other experienced cyclists. I can



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# January Picnic Features the Famous "Chilly Chili" Contest

The GCC will have its world famous "Chilly Chili" picnic on Saturday, January 26 at Oleno State Park. Bike rides start at 9 a.m., food starts about noon.

The picnic features a Chili Cookoff, and everyone is invited to bring their best chili. For those who don't like spicy chili, The Club will provide the famous "Fowl Flesh Chili", a mild chili made with ground turkey, guaranteed to offend no one. On the other end of the spectrum, we may again see George Edwards' mouth watering "One Alarm Chili" with its accompanying antidote.

All chilis are welcome, including vegetarian recipes, hot or mild chilis and other variations. Prizes and praise will be awarded to the best chili's including vegetarian chili, mammal flesh (cow, swine, squirrel) chili, and fowl flesh (chicken, turkey, ostrich) chili. Insect and seafood based chilis are also welcome.

The Club will provide soft drinks and a big pot of rice to accompany the chili. All picnic participants are asked to bring either a chili or a side dish, such as a salad or dessert.

Bike rides will include both road rides and off-road rides.

Road ride leaders may want to organize road rides for the Oleno area. The top half of the Santa Fe Century route is near Oleno. Also, there is a new off-road paved bike trail that goes from Oleno to Fort White, then to Itchetucknee and on to Branford, about 28 miles. This trail has no cars and is safe for family groups and



beginners.

Oleno has 13 miles of gentle off-road trails, including the historic Bellamy Road, Florida's first Federal road built in 1826. Chandler will lead a history ride to the Bellamy Road, which will include the Old Spanish Trace and Wire Road, which have been in use for more than 300 years.

Participants in the IDIDARIDE and the San Felasco Ride are invited to enjoy the chillifest. Oleno's trails are not challenging, but it is a good chance to get together over a

meal and try trails that the entire family can enjoy. Directions to Oleno State Park: Oleno is 35 miles north of Gainesville on US 441. Take US 441 north through Alachua and High Springs. Oleno is eight miles north of High Springs on US 441. Riders and picnickers should meet at the picnic area in Oleno, which is next to the Santa Fe River.



## Cheese Wheelers

by Kerry Duggan

Hello!

I'm starting a new ride for those who love bikes but hate weather. We must be guaranteed conditions no less ideal than home or office before we even agree to meet. We will seek to avoid unpleasantness associated with rain, heat, headwinds, sidewinds, humidity, people faster than us, people slower than us, people more than five years our junior or senior, racers, tourists,

recumbents, mountain bikers, single speeders, hybrids, and unicycles. We will shun close talkers, low talkers, loud people, ugly jerseys, cool jerseys, food jerseys and any shorts not flat black. All rides and start times will be planned on the lunar calendar months ahead and postponed when conditions appear unpleasant. Thirty minutes before departure a conference call will affirm the ride based on last minute

weather radar being clear for a 600 mile doppler scan. Ride leaders will rotate based on who brought their I-phone with weather updates. The ride itself starts and ends at the Cheese-Wheel and Kielbasa Bakery near my home. In fact they have offered to sponsor our jerseys after 50 visits each. We will be the Cheese Wheelers!

## McGriff riding with a smile and a goal

**P**erry McGriff rides six days a week, but club members will seldom see him because he typically wraps up his morning jaunt before the sun is fully above the horizon.

McGriff is joined on these 16-mile spins by Dave Wagner and Mike Steinberg, and on Saturdays the ride is stretched to the 30 or 40 mile range. Starting time is typically about 5:30 a.m.

"Bike riding is a way I can satisfy a good healthy habit," says the long-time club member who has served as a Gainesville mayor, Alachua County Commissioner and in the Florida House of Representatives.

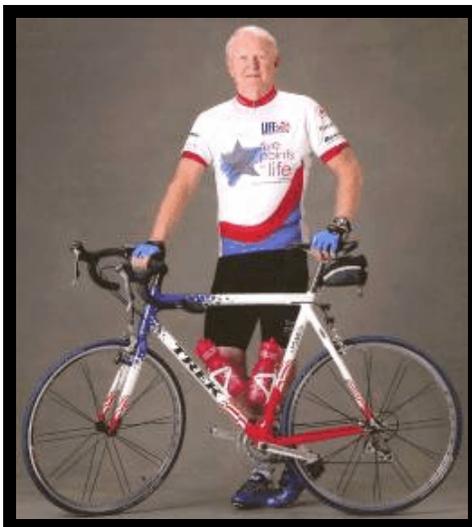
And it's a habit he discovered out of necessity. As a high school student McGriff earned varsity letters in four sports, and at the University of Florida he played both baseball and football. He's been active all of his 70 years. Back in the 1990s running and handball were his choices for keeping in shape, but a testy calf muscle kept giving him hints that maybe he should try something a little different. The answer was sitting in his garage, a seldom-used blue Schwinn touring bike that by today's standards was about as light as a Humvee.

"One day I just got on the bike and it didn't hurt," he says.

He wasn't an instant convert, but it did tweak his interest and he'd occasionally ride, especially when that calf muscle would start talking to him. Then one day he was leafing through a magazine and read about a tour that would start at the Grand Canyon and travel south all the way to Mexico, so he signed up. His total preparation was boxing his old standby Schwinn, fat tires and all, and sending it to Phoenix. He came equipped with his bike, bike shorts, tennis shoes, T-shirts, pedals with straps and, thankfully, a healthy dose of determination to begin a week-long short course in Arizona geography and how not to tackle a

long-distance ride.

When he touched down in Phoenix it was 105 degrees and that night it was 39 degrees, and on one morning there was frost. His vision of Arizona was flat desert. The reality was mountains and the 7,000 feet of thin air of Flagstaff. And he met a group of riders who became his instructors.



"I like to have died," he says with a roll of his eyes. "Because I was an athlete, there was no way I wasn't going to do it."

And each night as he rested his tired and tortured body, he kept his ears open. He heard the gospel preached on the joys of skinny tires, light bikes and appropriate gear ratios.

"I got a huge education," he says. "I learned real quick why the granny gears are there."

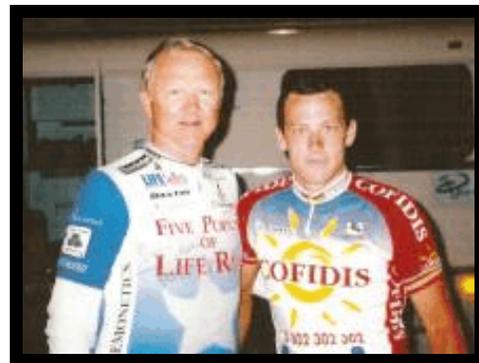
And even with all the aches and pains, he got hooked into cycling. That old Schwinn is long-retired and his morning ride routine is now in its 15th year. In 1996 he made another cycling connection on a tour from San Francisco to Salt Lake City. That's when McGriff met Larry Frederick, a former Oakland, Calif. police officer who was on a mission.

In 1982, while on duty, Frederick was run over by a speeding drunk driver. His life was saved by receiving 110 units of blood. On the bike trip, at each stop along the way, Frederick

would stop and share his story and try to recruit people to donate blood. McGriff, who is a 50-gallon blood donor, saw the power of those stories and pitched an idea to LifeSouth Community Blood Centers. That idea became the Five Points of Life Ride in 1997, a cross-country bike trip where 15 riders shared stories about the importance of blood, organ and tissue donation.

Since then McGriff has taken part in five other Five Points rides, each following a different route. And now he's ramping up his training for 2008 when the seventh edition of the Five Points of Life Ride will depart from Calgary on the 2,500 mile journey to Mobile, Ala. And when he starts talking about that challenge, a twinkle comes to his blue eyes and a big grin spreads across his face.

"There's not too many 70-year-olds around planning to ride their bikes across America," he says.



Perry with a young Lance, 1997



*The following is a letter I wrote to my friend, Ed Pavalka, cycling sport writer, and founder of the web site; roadbikerider.com. Ed crashed and had to have hip replacement surgery earlier this year.*

Dear Ed,

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend! Funny how we often need a few days off to recuperate from our days off. ;)

Deb and I headed 140 miles SW, down to Sebring, FL, for my 14th, or 15th, three day cycling festival, there. We left a bit after 4 AM, to arrive with just time enough for me to grab my registration packet, and jump into the first day's 63 mile jaunt.

Like all the rest of us aging boomers, I've got my share of aches and nagging pains. My 23 yr old back injury has gotten worse these past few months, and throbs, sending numbing tingles down my right leg when I stand for long periods, etc, etc...

Sometimes, I think God provides inspiration just when I need it most. As I was descending the front stairs of the Kenilworth Lodge, where the rides begin each day, that Sat AM, a odd, three wheeled vehicle caught my eye. I realized it was a hand propelled cycle for a rider without the use of his legs. I had only seen one, once before. I got a lump in my throat just imagining the courage of spirit it must take to join in a sport utilizing lower body strength, with only your UPPER body!

My dear wife, being so observant, registered my reaction to all this. I was on the road until about ten thirty, while she passed the morning grading

papers and piddling on her laptop. Our room at the Inn on the Lake wouldn't be ready for check in until 1 PM. The Lodge provides a healthy buffet meal for the riders each day. When we entered the dining room, Deb directed me to a table where the paraplegic cyclist, and his wife, were seated, with whom she had become acquainted while we were riding.

Keane is the name of the awesome individual I had the honor of meeting and riding with last Sun. He's 39 yrs, and lost the use of his lower body after falling from a tree, and having a sawed section land on him severing his spine, about four years ago.

Last year, in an International competition of hand propelled cyclist from over the world, he finished third overall! He lives in Sebring, and rides 30 miles every day, and usually a hundred miles each weekend! I'm amazed by his upbeat, positive outlook! Something about him reminded me of a younger Bruce Willis, in the Die Hard movie.;

Sunday, I was with the front pack of around 50 riders, when I realized Keane was right there in the middle of the bunch, cruising along at around 22 mph. He told me, as long as he has shelter from the wind, he has no problem staying with the group, on flat ground. Later, in the last 20 miles of the day's ride, I found my self with Keane and a local couple he knew well. We got into some long false flats, and a few rather steep rollers. As I rode "rear guard" just beyond his left rear wheel, shielding him from any automobiles, I watched him power up those grades, his broad V shaped, ripped, upper back and shoulder muscles thrusting those hand cranks over, again and again...

The mental picture, that will forever remain burned into my mind's eye is that of Keane coasting down a long hill

ahead of me, swooping to the left, then to the right, at about 30 mph, with his huge arms outstretched like an eagle, all the way to the end! "Free speed"! As I watched, I realized, he never gets to coast, to rest, like other cyclist, except when there's a steep descent.

Life is pretty amazing sometimes! :) I will remember Keane, flying like an eagle, when I'm tempted to throw in the towel. There are no excuses.

*Keane responded upon receiving a copy of the letter:*

Keith,

That was a cool letter that I just read, This letter really touched my heart, that someone I just met would write about me. This is the first time I've read a letter like this, Wow! I'm glad I left a positive impression on you.

I'm still training hard. On Oct 13, The day before my 39<sup>th</sup> birthday, I handcycled around Lake Okeechobee for the first time, 114 Miles, with 5 other cyclists. We started out clock wise around the lake, with 20 MPH head winds for the first 70 miles. For me this was one grueling ride that I'll always remember, with a 16.5 avg, I was really glad to finish. I believe I am the first hand-cyclist to ever go around Lake Okeechobee. This gave me a view of what I am looking at for the 24 Hours of Sebring. I'll be In the N.Y.City Marathon Nov 4, with over 300 other handcyclists racing for the first 3 spots. This should be really exciting.

Keane West



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The last Century began in darkness. The lugged Guercotta with the cracked head tube was loaded into the 1984 Dodge van, the custom sewn signature jersey tee with mesh inserts neatly folded. The decision was made to ride toe straps and cleats, shunning the Shimano clipless pedals. The slow drive to his 15th Horse Farm Hundred took him past Watermelon Park, where the day before, he had helped man the Saturn Santa Fe Century lunch stop. Pulling into the Lofton Center parking lot, the curtains were drawn in the grey van to don his retro kit.

Lining up in the back of the pack, far from the carbon and fast twitching fibers, Roger Sessler, 75 of Lake City, rolled out for another Horse Farm Hundred bike ride.

Avoiding early crashes, flats and jostling for position in the long peloton, he used the familiar tactic used in years past. But this year, things just did not feel the same.

The ability to climb even rolling hills with any speed discouraged him. Medical tests, special diets, pills all failed to help or explain.

As the long line of cyclists continued past with abandon, Roger was left behind in last place. For the first time in years, he considered allowing the sag wagon to pick him up at the half

way point. His cycling friend from Deland, Teri Harty, a UF vet graduate, graciously stayed with Roger, giving encouragement as he slowly weaved up the rolling hills he once helped others over.

I remembered my first Horse Farm and how the teacher tutored me through the event, scolding me over my bad road etiquette, defining terms, teaching me how to ride a bicycle one hundred miles. I stuck with Teri and Roger for 55 miles until I could no longer stand the pace. I felt guilty as I used a tactic he had used on me in the past, latching onto a group of pretty vet girls and 'helping' them finish strong.

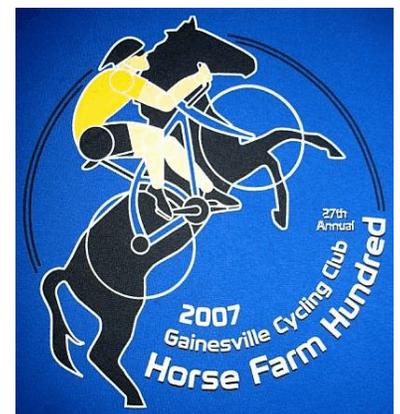
Pulling into the finish with graying clouds, sparse crowds and an empty field, I packed up and waited. It began to rain hard as an hour later I saw Teri, then Roger pull into the Lofton Center, all smiles, the final finisher. Roger Pierce took a moment from his packing up and said there was still time for a shower and some food inside if he hurried. Hurry?

Not wanting to impose, Roger stuck to custom, loading the trusty 12 speed down tube shifter with waxed chain into the grey Dodge van, changed out of his homemade kit, sitting on his charles chips can, emerging with a big hug for Teri, who helped him through what he said was



going to be his last Horse Farm Hundred. If you see Roger out and about North Florida on his bike, thank him for being a regular fixture at the Watermelon Park stop and an inspiration at the Horse Farm Hundred. "A" rider carbon fiber flyers flurry past us in a blur and are forgotten.

Steel clipped men come along once in a lifetime and are long remembered.





## Get Your GCC Bumper Sticker!

For those of you not looking at this in color on the web site, the bumper sticker is bright yellow with red lettering for Gainesville Cycling Club, and black for the rest. The GCC logo is full color.

This is a truly outstanding bumper sticker. It stands out, and gets the message across unambiguously.

To get yours, come to the Holiday Party on December 15, or send email with your membership number and name to Art Stockwell, [astockwell@teamparadigm.com](mailto:astockwell@teamparadigm.com).

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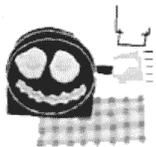
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Listed here is an amazing number of Gainesville Cycling Club members who contributed to making this year's event a record success. I know that there were others who pitched in and helped without formally volunteering and getting their name on the list. Thanks to all.



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# Congratulations Twin Century Riders

These persons registered to ride both the Saturn Santa Fe Century and the Horse Farm Hundred.

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## Bicycle Commuting Survey

by Robert Fisher

**A**s a member of GCC and a bicycle commuter (see October 2007 issue of "The Gainesville Cyclist"), I have taken it upon myself to reignite one of the objectives of GCC, and stated in the second bylaw for the GCC organization, which is "To promote the use of bicycles for ... transportation."

It should be obvious to all members of GCC that Gainesville, Alachua County and north central Florida is undergoing rapid growth and development, which presents many challenges for our current infrastructure in the form of traffic congestion. On top of this, the world that we live in is experiencing a period of rapid climatic change or global warming, in part driven by the consumption of petroleum by

industrialized nations, especially the United States, which is the leading consumer of petroleum.

One plausible solution to address these challenges is for individuals to consider alternative forms of transportation that lessen the traffic congestion and are less damaging to the environment. The obvious candidate for GCC members is their bicycle.

Yes, there are many reasons why bicycle commuting is not convenient. One positive step forward is to identify the problems and present these issues to state and local government agencies.

One effective initial strategy to identify the problems for bicycle commuters in Gainesville, Alachua County and north central Florida is for

all GCC members to take part in the following bicycle commuting survey. By taking part in this simple survey, you will be helping yourself, your family, your community and the earth. You must ask yourself do you want to be part of the problem or the solution. Please remember that the individual can make a difference, but we must solve problems as a group.

**TO TAKE THE SURVEY, LOG INTO THE MEMBERS AREA ON THE CLUB WEB SITE. IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES!**

Once you've taken the survey, the survey link will no longer appear in your member area.

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