Saturn Santa Fe Century

The 11th edition of this popular ride through farm country and quaint towns north of Gainesville was ridden under fair skies with only light breezes.

There were 274 riders at the start, with 157 planning to ride the full century.

The Santa Fe Century is a significant fund raising event for the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County. Thank you all for participating and contributing to the continuing success of this vital community activity.

The rest stop for the Millhopper Ramble was provisioned by Beef O’Brady’s. The first century stop in High Springs was set up by Publix. The century mid point was manned by the Gainesville Cycling Club, and the final stops in Worthington Springs and Hague were manned by volunteers from the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

For next year’s ride, scheduled for October 23, 2004, we plan to add fixin’s for lunch at Watermelon Park, and additional snacks at Worthington Springs and Hague. And we will bring back IHOP for their fantastic breakfast and Dominos for pizza after the ride.

Horse Farm Hundred

The 23rd running of the pride of the Gainesville Cycling Club broke all records for participation. As the exhausted registration staff caught their breath, 465 cyclists galloped off into Horse Farm country.

The morning tailwinds helped keep the pace high for the front runners, and allowed those more inclined to look at scenery to enjoy some really spectacular views.

Despite the unexpectedly high number of riders, rest stop supplies held out most of the day, leaving no one with an excuse for not gaining weight on the ride.

Team VetMed and Team Health Professions were back again this year in large numbers, sporting new jerseys produced specially for this event. Through their efforts, large amounts are raised for scholarships for the Veterinary Medicine and Health Professions schools.

You all were a fast bunch this year, as all riders were back at the start well before 5 pm. Which meant that no one was still on the course when the skies opened up shortly after 6!

Next year, we’re going to plan for 600 riders. So tell your friends to be in Gainesville on October 24, 2004 for our 24th running of the Horse Farm Hundred.
John Stokes’ drawing used on the Horse Farm Hundred t-shirt.
Congratulations Twin Centurians

The following persons registered for both the full Santa Fe Century and Horse Farm Hundred:

Antonini, Gustavo A. Gainesville, FL
Blixt, Lisa Tampa, FL
Burr, Dave Gainesville, FL
Cabrera, Len Gainesville, FL
Caldwell, Andrew Titusville, FL
Carr, Jim Winter Park, FL
Chioji, Wendy Gainesville, FL
Clemmons, Roger M. Gainesville, FL
Copeland, Joe Dothan, AL
Detzner, Bill Miami, FL
Emerick, Jack Winter Haven, FL
Floyd, Jeremy Tallahassee, FL
Franzmeier, Daniel Altamonte Spg, FL
Gann, Michael L. Gainesville, FL
Geisler, Reinhard Oviedo, FL
Gross, Rachel Tallahassee, FL
Grussemeyer, Michael E. Cape Coral, FL
Hamley, Michael Gainesville, FL
Hill, Darren Winter Park, FL
Holland, Bill Punta Gorda, FL
Hudspith, Theodore O. Winter Park, FL
Jacobson, Elliott Gainesville, FL
Keith, Darius Port Orange, FL
Laurenzano, Katherine Gainesville, FL
Lester, Robin Ocala, FL
Lewis, Nat Oviedo, FL
Littler, Bob Winter Spgs, FL
Losen, Willy the Hawthorne, FL
Lynch, Charles Jacksonville, FL
Mahaffey, Lynne High Springs, FL
Nicholson, Joe Gainesville, FL
Norman, Wendy Gainesville, FL
Omer, Richard Tampa, FL
Orthoefer, Joseph D. Gainesville, FL
Ozeck, Chet Chapel Hill, NC
Pavelka, Ed Sanford, FL
Politowicz, David P Gainesville, FL
Powe, Joshua Mc Intosh, FL
Price, Alex North Port, FL
Przybyla, David Palmetto, FL
Richardson, Tim Gainesville, FL
Ross, Frederick Mims, FL
Rushing, Larry Plant City, FL
Saranko, John Gainesville, FL
Schmelz, Eric Dothan, AL
Schmitz, Mike Gainesville, FL
Schweder, Mark Orlando, FL
Shugg, Michael Gainesville, FL
Spiller, Mark Orlando, FL
Spinosa, Christopher Alachua, FL
Stroupe, Ed Alachua, FL
Tompkins, Cindy Gainesville, FL
Tompkins, Darryl J. Fort Myers, FL
Tupa, Anton Winter Park, FL
VanNostrand, Candice Holiday, FL
Wallace, Daniel Gainesville, FL
Weber, Joan Windermere, FL
Wells, Tom Gainesville, FL
Wentzell, Tom Gainesville, FL
Woodruff, Shannon Reddick, FL
Zimmel, Dana Gainesville, FL

STATISTICS

675 People were registered as riders or volunteers for all or part of the weekend.

Of the 274 riders on Saturday, 157 planned on doing the full Saturn Santa Fe Century, 87 opted for 56 miles, and 30 did one of the Millhopper Ramble rides.

Of the 465 riders on Sunday, 312 registered for the full Horse Farm Hundred, 45 for the Rush 55, and 108 for one of the Horse Farm Tours.

53 Gainesville Cycling Club members served as volunteers in support of one or both of the rides. Additional volunteers and staff from the Boys and Girls club and Alpha Phi Omega helped support the Santa Fe Century.
The Saturn pace car was driven on Saturday by Jerry Yermovskey, and on Sunday by Sean Nickerson.

The Course Marshal for the weekend was George Edwards. The Festival Registrar was Roger Pierce, who also acted as Aid Director for the Horse Farm Hundred. Rest stops for the Santa Fe Century were provisioned by the Boys and Girls Club, Publix, and Beef O’Brady’s.

In 1992, recognizing that a significant number of Horse Farm Hundred participants were getting in their cars after registering and heading to Flemington to do only the lower loop of the ride, we added an official starting location in that area. To serve those who didn’t want to do even the full 45 or so miles of the lower loop, we later added a shortcut version of the ride which diverged from the century route to get to the lunch stop more directly. Unfortunately this year many riders registered for the 45 did not realize they were following the century route, and our route marking at the short cut point was not clear. We’ll make sure that this is corrected for next year.

If you arrived for the Horse Farm Hundred at Morningside Nature Center before 7:30 am, you got to sit in your car out on the road for a while. Someone (with the key to the park) forgot to set their alarm. We finally got out heavy tools and dismantled the gate! This seems to happen once every ten years, so you’re safe for the foreseeable future.