

Happenings

September 2 (Sat)

Active For Recovery Bike Ride

Boulware Springs -- 9 am. The ride along the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail benefits Metamorphosis of Alachua County, a long-term, community-based, residential treatment program for adult chronic substance abuse clients.

<https://www.bikereg.com/ride-for-recovery>

September 4 (Mon)

Labor Day Picnic at Boulware Springs

Our last picnic of the summer! Chandler will bring his now famous soft taco bar! * BRING * side dishes to complement the main course and for dessert. We'll find a place for you to help out at the Horse Farm Hundred or Santa Fe Century.

We will provide enough main course for those who RSVP. Please RSVP before the weekend if you will be eating the main course so that we can buy enough food. (Find the RSVP link in the eNews, or on the News page in the Members Area on the GCC web site.)

Rides should be planned to meet at the park at 9 am; eating will commence by noon.

Boulware Springs is located on SE 15th St. See <http://gccfla.org/starts/ridelocboulware.html> for more detailed directions. We meet on top of the hill behind the pump house.

October 21-22

Gainesville Cycling Festival

Registration for the Gainesville Cycling Festival is now open! Club members should sign in to the Members Area and use the short cut button there to ensure you get club member pricing (join the Club and save \$5 per ride!). Volunteers should wait to register until your assignment is posted (this ensures you get your free shirt and ride).

NEW THIS YEAR: The Horse Farm Hundred will use a shorter route to get to Flemington, so we won't need the additional rest stop in Evinston. But don't worry, you still get to go by the Wood & Swink on your way back to Gainesville.

On Saturday, the Orthopaedic Institute Santa Fe Century will offer rides of 103, 68, 55, and 32 miles. Shorter options are the 18 mile Millhopper Ramble, and the remote-start 27 mile Providence ride. Again this year, the 65 mile Gravel Challenge for those who eschew the pavement!

On Sunday, the Horse Farm Hundred again starts at the First Magnitude Brewing Company, which means a free craft beer when you finish the ride!

November 4 (Sat)

Pink Pumpkin Pedal-Off

Join us to raise money to support research at the University of Florida on treatment-resistant breast cancers. Choose one of four scenic routes: 10, 22, 40 or 62.5-miles (metric century). Honor a loved one affected by breast cancer by ordering a personalized pink ribbon to wear during the ride. Compete for great prizes by raising money to support this critical research!

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One of the real needs of our club is to have a dedicated news person. This person would prepare news articles for the web site, put out regular eNews transmissions, and on occasion do one of these long-form newsletters. If you have a

hankering to get into journalism, give me a call at 378-7063.

We'll distribute this newsletter as a PDF file. If you'd like a paper copy, feel free to print it off.



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Gainesville Cycling Festival

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Gainesville Cycling Festival, which incorporates The Orthopaedic Institute Santa Fe Century and the Horse Farm Hundred, is coming up soon. Proceeds from the Festival are used to provide a donation to the Boys and Girls Club, and to supplement GCC dues to run the club.

To successfully pull off a major two day event such as this we need a significant number of volunteers to pitch in and help. Most of those are needed on the actual weekend of the event, but there are a few jobs that will need doing in the days prior.

How to Sign Up

All volunteers should complete a Festival Registration, but only after getting your position recorded in the data base. CALL Roger Pierce (378-7063) to get a volunteer slot BEFORE registering. You can also volunteer with Aid Director Neal Adams. When we have you in the system as a volunteer, you will get your choice of T-shirt, and those working multiple or longer shifts will also be eligible to ride one of the rides for free.

You can also sign up at the Labor Day Picnic.

Type of Help Needed

REST STOPS. Hand out food and water during the Horse Farm Hundred at First Magnitude, Flemington, the lunch stop at the Roberts farm, or the trail stop, and during the Santa Fe Century on Pre-Columbian Road, Watermelon Park, Worthington Springs, and DeSoto Park in Hague.

REGISTRATION. We will be open Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon at the Boys Club, and Sunday morning at First Magnitude and in Flemington.

SAG. Drivers will be needed for both

the Santa Fe and Horse Farm. We pay money for gas.

PARKING. We'll need a few people to help direct parking at First Magnitude on Sunday.

We'll also be looking for help to load and unload the trucks before and after the rides, and clean up the week afterward. Prime positions at the packet stuffing party will also be up for grabs!

You can check on exactly which jobs are available by going to our web site and checking the Festival Volunteers page in the Members Area.



Over the past 25 years I have flown with bicycles to southern Africa several times, but these had been one way journeys for the bikes as I was leaving them behind when my stays ended. Therefore I had simply re-used cardboard bike shipping boxes obtained from local shops. These trips also occurred in that now hazy period when airlines rarely charged for a bike box as long as it met their weight requirements. Most have since discovered bicycles as an additional revenue stream.

This trip marked the first attempt at an out & back journey for a bike I intended to keep - so using a real case made sense. For a trip from Florida to Cape Town, I knew only a hardshell case would suffice. The Trico Ironcase owned by GCC is a fairly simple design: a rigid plastic rectangular outer shell with a layer of foam lining each outside panel and one foam layer to separate frame and components from your wheelset. A closure system of seven straps & buckles holds everything together. Two small wheels on one end allow you to drag the case like a somewhat unwieldy duffel bag should you choose.

Packing the case takes a bit of effort so do not wait until your ride is about to leave for the airport. Despite using a hardshell case, I took the extra precaution of covering as much of the frame with closed cell pipe insulation as possible. This is a cheap and quick extra measure of protection. My 56cm steel road bike necessitated removal of wheels, pedals, handlebars and seat/post. I choose to place the frame inside facing drive side down to better protect the rear derailleur (if using a soft sided case you should perhaps remove it). Bars, pedals and seat/post followed in this layer, then covered by the middle foam piece. Wheels are placed slightly overlapping on top then the last outside piece of foam completes your steel (or carbon or aluminum) and foam sandwich.



At first it might look like this will never collapse to fit within the proper depth dimension of the case. Before placing the cover on top, loosen the three main straps somewhat then gently compress your "sandwich" in the middle until that long strap can be buckled loosely. Next buckle the other two long straps loosely. Now you can apply light pressure and work each strap gradually tighter until

the two sides of the case overlap fully. Buckle and tighten the four end straps, then re-tighten the three long straps. You are done, save placing some tag that identifies the case as yours. Taping on a large handwritten label is the simplest option, however my crafty spouse made several tags coated with clear packing tape which went around a strap on each side of the case. They are bombproof.

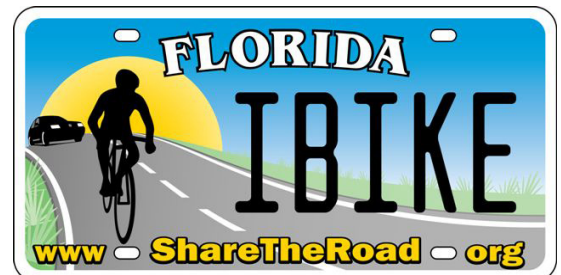


Do your research well in advance on what airlines charge for "oversize" baggage as rates do vary. If flying domestic, you might choose instead to use a service such as Bikeflights.com or have your local bike shop pack and ship for you. But for international travel, paying whatever the airline demands is likely to still be cheaper than shipping separately. Delta charges \$150 each way if the bike is your second allowed piece of luggage. Have your credit card ready - gone are the days when you can slip an obvious bike case through for free. Unless you packed a lightweight road bike, you'll be over the usual 50 lbs limit with a Trico case. For that extra \$150 Delta did not care as long as it did not approach 70 lbs. Then be prepared for a slightly annoyed TSA officer to open, search, and swipe your case. You can watch and hope they have actually closed it properly before it disappears into the bowels of the air travel industry. If you happen to depart out of an airport with a XL bag scanner this may not happen, but well, good luck with that.

If you are traveling for any event which you cannot control the start time, think about traveling early. Then fly even earlier than that. Despite paying the extra oversize fee, any tight connections due to weather or equipment delays may result in your regular bag making it through the system while your bike sits and waits for a later flight. And if the next flight is not until 24 hours later, well then things can get a bit tense. Trust me, I know. Also be prepared for any connection through a non-partner local airline to charge you a second time at their own oversize rate. I did not face this situation but I have seen it occur. And just to keep things interesting, be prepared for a different rate charged when you check in for the return flight - I saved \$50!



In sum, taking your own bicycle for an international trip is an investment of time, money, and sometimes nervous energy. Where suitable in-country rentals are available, it is certainly an option worth considering. However, for some events - and some people - using your own machine remains a necessity. I'm happy to say the Trico case loaned by GCC got the job done quite well.



**Gainesville Cycling Club, Inc.
Income Statement June 30, 2017**

General Club Operations

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| Revenues | 13,838.92 | |
| Expenses | 14,011.02 | |
| Loss | | (172.10) |

Gainesville Cycling Festival

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| Revenues | 34,662.25 | |
| Expenses | 30,629.80 | |
| Surplus | | 4,032.45 |

Brevet Series

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| Revenues | 930.00 | |
| Expenses | 276.51 | |
| Surplus | | 653.49 |

GCC Jerseys

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| Revenues | 458.69 | |
| Expenses | 443.40 | |
| Surplus | | 15.29 |

Merchandise

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| Revenues | 1,321.00 | |
| Expenses | 1,321.00 | |
| Surplus | | 0.00 |

Major Donations

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| Florida Bicycle Association | 2,000.00 | |
| League of American Bicyclists | 1,000.00 | |
| Active Streets Alliance | 1,000.00 | |
| Freewheel Project | 218.00 | |
| Loss | | (4,218.00) |

Special Event Support

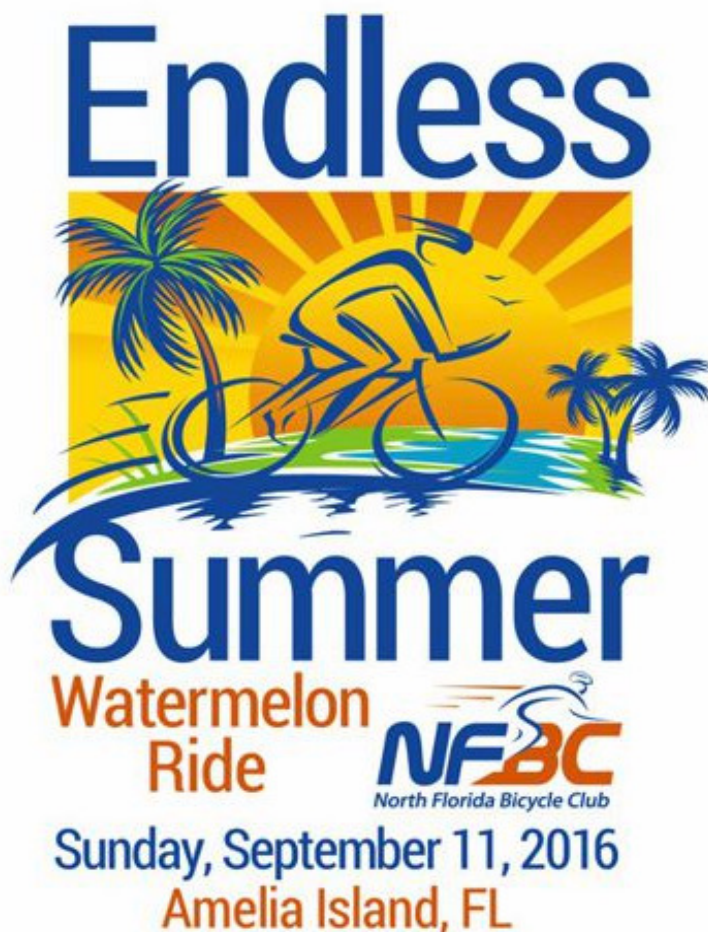
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| Active for Recovery Ride | 268.10 | |
| Pink Pumpkin Pedal Off | 1,003.46 | |
| Ride To Remember | 1,081.66 | |
| Loss | | (2,353.22) |

Overall Loss (2,042.09)

Statement Notes

The GCC had a down financial year in FY2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017).

The biggest impact on our bottom line is how well we do at the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Participation has continued on a downward trend; getting more of our own members to participate would help significantly. As a lot of our Festival expenses are fixed, increasing participation adds a lot to the bottom line.



The GCC elects its Board of Directors each January. In our history, we have had two contested elections; all others have been by acclamation.

We invite all members (who will have been a member for at least a year by January 1) to compete for a position on the Board.

The Board consists of the officers of the Club, most of whom have specific assigned duties. The current Board will select 11 of the following positions to comprise the 2018 Board:

President

Responsible for the overall operation of the Club. Conducts meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership.

Vice President

Assumes the duties of the President when the President is not available, and performs other duties as assigned by the President and/or the Board.

Secretary

Maintains the legal records of the Club. Takes minutes at Board and Club meetings. Supervises the Historian.

Treasurer

Maintains the financial records of the Club. Manages the Club funds. Manages the governmental requirements of the Club (annual corporate registration, sales tax, tax returns). Supervises the financial record keeping functions.

Chief of Staff

Responsible for the day-to-day administrative operation of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Membership Secretary, Membership Card Laminator, Bookkeeper, Webmaster, Data Base Manager, Web Content Manager, Warehouse Manager, News Editor, Advertising Manager, Jersey Manager, Bike Store Liaison, Email List Manager, Photographer, Insurance Manager, Bike Case Manager, Facebook Admins, Storekeeper.

Picnic Manager

Responsible for the overall process of supplying and staging GCC picnics. Activities include proposing picnic dates and venues to the GCC Board, arranging for use of facilities at picnic venues, coordinating with the Equipment and Supplies Manager and the Fluids Manager, finding a Venue Manager for each picnic, publicizing the picnic, and arranging for or providing a main course food item.

Ride Captain

Supervises the riding programs of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Club Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Group Captains.

Gainesville Cycling Festival Director

Puts on the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Supervises a vast staff of volunteers.

Brevet Administrator

Puts on the Gainesville Brevet Series.

Education Director

Establishes and conducts an education program for the club and the community.

Membership Services Director

Contacts all new club members to welcome to them to the club and answer questions about how to participate in club activities.

Member At Large

This persons prepares to assume another position on the Board by observing and assisting for one term. Members are limited to one elected term in this position.

The Board meets monthly, currently on a Monday evening at 7 pm.

Contact any Board Member if you are interested in running.



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| Bikes & More | 15% | 373-6574 | 2113 NW 6 th Street | www.bikesandmoregainesville.com |
| Chain Reaction | 10% | 373-4052 | 1630 West University Avenue | www.chainreactionbikes.com |
| Coach K Fitness | 20% | 246-5514 | 519 NW 10th Ave Suite B | http://coachkfitness.net/ |
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