

Happenings

November 11 (Sun)

Veterans Day Poker Run

Popularized by our motorized & leather-clad cousins, a poker "run" is actually a ride that incorporates at least five stops at which each rider draws a card. Our first four card draws on will take place at various local veterans monuments/memorials (Gainesville, Newberry, High Springs, Alachua). After the finish line draw, each rider has a complete hand and best straight poker draw wins the run. Podium prizes for the top three hands generously provided by Bikes and More, plus a special prize for the lanterne rouge (worst hand). Proceeds benefit VETSPACE; sign up in the Members Area. For full info, see <https://www.facebook.com/events/798773827150606/>.

Nov 17 & Dec 15 (Sat)

Family Friendly Ride

Join the Gainesville Cycling Club at 9 am for our monthly Family Friendly Ride from Depot Park. We go down the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail to the Lake Alachua Overlook for a 9-mile round trip. A shorter option is to ride to the Sweetwater Overlook, which is a 6-mile round trip.

Parents and helmets required. Tag-alongs and bike trailers welcome, but no training wheels. We will meet at the far end of the Depot Park parking lot (the lot by the pavilions). Don't forget your water bottles!

November 17 (Sat)

4th Annual Ride for Recovery

Meet at 9 am, ride at 9:30 at Boulware Springs. There will be a live DJ, lots of fellowship and fun! Please plan to come on out for a great time, cycling the Hawthorne Trail and enjoying the nature at Boulware Springs! Registration for the ride can be done online, at: <https://www.bikereg.com/ride-for-recovery>.

December 8 (Sat)

Holiday Gathering



Join your fellow cyclists for a holiday gathering at the Cypress & Grove Brewing Company (1001 NW 4th St) at 6 pm. The club will provide an assortment of snacks and hors d'oeuvres; craft beers, wine, and soft drinks are available for sale at the Brewery.

Please RSVP in the Members Area so we know how much food to bring!

January 5 (Sat)

200 K Brevet

Quality Inn, 2435 SW 13th Street, 7 am. See full information and register at <http://gccfla.org/brevet/brevets.html>.

January 19 (Sat)

Chilly Chili Picnic



The Gainesville Cycling Club (GCC) will have it's best picnic of the year at Oleno State Park. It's our annual Chili contest. Bring your best chili (meat or vegetarian) or bring a salad or desert to round out the feast. GCC will provide a mild meaty chili, (so mild it will offend no one) a vegi chili and gumbo.

RSVP and see much more information in the Members Area, News page.

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The Gainesville Cycling Club has reached a “crossroads” event in its history.

The GCC as an organization really took off when we incorporated in 1991. Our membership steadily increased, participation in the Horse Farm Hundred moved up, and we added the Santa Fe Century to inaugurate the Gainesville Cycling Festival.

The members who put in the work to make this happen were mostly in their 40's and 50's. They, along with a lot of members of the club, have aged quite a bit since then (a quarter century!). Some of us are still doing the heavy lifting we were doing back then.

One would think that as we moved into retirement age that we would have a lot of extra time to devote to even more work for the GCC! The reality is that retirees are no longer required to stay in Gainesville most of the year to work at jobs; we travel a lot more, and have developed new interests.

In my case, I've been trying to find someone with a passion for the event to take over as Director of the Gainesville Cycling Festival, a job I've been doing for around 15 years. I've reached the point where I will not fill this position any longer; I will continue as Registrar, something I've been doing since 1991; doing two jobs at the Festival is just too much.

For a couple of years, for the first time in our incorporated history, we've had positions on the Board that we have not been able to fill. In particular, we have not had a Vice President for a couple of years.

This year, Ally Gill is not running for reelection as President (thank her for her six years of service on the Board). Needless to say, not having a President nor a Vice President will make running the Club somewhat awkward.

So now we have a number of very important positions that we need to fill. To keep things running smoothly, they need to be filled within the next few months.

We have Board of Directors elections coming up in January. See the article later in this newsletter for more information. The bottom line is that we need candidates for the vacant offices.

In order to have a Gainesville Cycling Festival next year (Santa Fe Century, Horse Farm Hundred), we need to have a new Director. One of our big downfalls recently is that we haven't been very good at doing publicity. My efforts this year fell victim to summer travel. A Director should be in place by early 2019 to develop a publicity plan and to have time to learn about the position.

We're also going to need a new Aid Director for the Festival. Neal Adams has put in his five years in this challenging position. The most successful persons in this position have been engineers.

The question before you now is about whether the Club will continue to be a major player in cycling in Gainesville, or will fade and become just a number of riding groups out on the weekend.

New leadership with new visions and new ideas are needed.

Contact any Board member if you can stand for election to a Board position. Contact me (roger@gccfla.org or 352-378-7063) if you can do a Festival position.

Email Note

GCC administrative emails (ride notices, ride group emails, renewal notices) are frequently blocked by AOL and Earthlink, and occasionally by other ISPs.

If you have gmail, you may find that these emails wind up in your SPAM folder; you can tell gmail that they are OK to keep them from going there in the future.

We will be investigation ways to correct these problems over the next several months. So far, we've changed ISPs twice in an attempt to solve them; we're hoping that the third time will be the charm and not the third strike!

GCCMail is handled by a separate vendor who specializes in listservs. We have not had any delivery problems with GCCMail posts.

Gainesville Cycling Festival



We had a great Festival for 2018, with beautiful weather and a turnout that was about the same as last year.

We had 292 riders sign up for the Santa Fe Century, and 413 for the Horse Farm Hundred. For comparison, in 2012 we had 444 for the Santa Fe, and 732 for the Horse Farm.

The Club relies on proceeds from the Festival to support our yearly budget and keep dues low. This year, we cleared about \$3600; this was a bit better than last year.

Perhaps one of the biggest problems we are facing with the Festival is that most members of the Club do not participate. In 2018, we had 189 members register, which is less than a quarter of our membership. Over half of these were volunteers (101!), without which we could not put on the event. If you are in the majority that stayed home, make plans to join us next year for the premier cycling event in Gainesville!



Got Yours?



Proceeds from the sale of the Share The Road license plate support the bicycle safety education programs of Bike Florida and the Florida Bicycle Association.

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 (OPEN POSITION)

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

Vice President (OPEN POSITION)

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.

Publicity Director (OPEN POSITION)

Has primary responsibility for coordinating Club publicity efforts through external social media channels as well as developing visual and text content for the GCC website and Facebook page. The primary focus will be upon promoting club invitational events - Gainesville Cycling Festival and others - as well as general club efforts to maintain/expand its membership base. As this is a new director position, specific duties and strategies will be developed in consultation with the Board. Candidates should possess strong written communication skills, be adept with various social media platforms, and have familiarity with a broad range of GCC activities.

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

Contact any Board Member if you are interested in running.

Goodbike Consolidates

Our jersey sponsor bike shop, Goodbike, has consolidated into their Trailside location. It seems the property they were sitting on on 13th Street was worth over a million dollars; the landlord believes he can get more for the land than a bike shop can pay!

Visit them at 210 NW 10th Ave, across the 6th St Rail Trail from Cypress & Grove Brewery.

Club Bike Cases Move to Super Cool

The club has three hard shell bike cases available for check out. They are managed by JD Donnelly, who has recently moved from the defunct Bike Works to Super Cool Bike Shop. The best way to contact him is to text to (352) 243-6963. Pre-arranged pick-ups and drop-offs can be done at Super Cool Bike Shop.

Beware! NW 43rd Street Construction

by Roger Pierce

With repaving underway on NW 43rd St, the pavement level has been lowered by an inch or two. This has left a lip along the roadway at intersections; if you turn your bicycle into this lip at too shallow of an angle, you may lose control of your front wheel and crash. This is particularly a problem at the Chevron station (at NW 53rd Ave), and the left turn lane onto Millhopper Road.

If there is no traffic, you can swing out into the traffic lane to approach at a 90 degree angle. Otherwise, slow down enough that you can turn at close to 90 degrees from the bike lane.

Calling all new members!

By Jeannie West, Membership Services Director

I hope you will all come to the annual club Holiday Gathering on December 8. I'm looking forward to meeting all new members who have joined in the last year and putting faces with names. This is a casual friendly event so check out the party info in the center column on this page, register and come mingle. If you haven't started riding with us yet, let's talk about that over some refreshments and beverages. Maybe I can introduce you to some ride leaders. Hope to see you there!

See full detail about the event and RSVP in the Members Area.



GCC 101

By Roger Pierce

On the Club web site (gccfla.org), in the Info dropdown menu, check out GCC101, a series of short articles that provide information about how the Club operates. Here are a few samples:

Dues

New members can join the Gainesville Cycling Club by paying dues of \$20 (\$30 for an entire family, \$15 for students).

Our current base rate for dues is \$17 per year (\$27 for a family). When you pay your dues, we also collect a processing fee to cover the cost of preparing new membership cards and sending you a decal. The processing fee is \$3 for new members and \$5 for renewing members in the month of expiration. Renewing members get a \$3 bonus (reducing their processing fee to \$2) if they renew prior to their month of expiration.

There is no limit to the number of years that you can join/renew for, but the web site only supports up to ten years (except when you select Life Membership). If you wish to join/renew for more than ten years, contact the Membership Secretary. Student memberships are limited to one year.

Insurance

We hope it never happens, but should you be injured while on a GCC ride contact the Club Insurance Officer to find out how to file a Report of Accident form for our insurance

company. You will need your name, address, phone number, name of your insurance company, description of injury, type of care required, location and description of accident, and names and addresses of up to two witnesses. Generally, if you are a GCC member, our insurance will cover what yours does not after the first \$500 is paid, up to \$10,000.

If you get into a liability situation on a GCC ride, our insurance is primary insurance. You are covered if you are a GCC member and have signed and dated a release.

This insurance only covers you while on a GCC ride or participating in a GCC event. Unfortunately, if you fall off your bike while riding to a ride, you are not covered. More importantly, rides that are not organized through the GCC are not covered. To qualify, a ride must be posted on the GCC Ride Schedule in the Members Area. Should you choose to organize a ride through non-GCC social media, ensure the participants know that they are not covered by the GCC medical insurance, and that liability coverage is through your homeowner policy.

Membership Number

Your number is assigned to you when you first join the club or ride an invitational event. Once you have one, it's yours to keep forever.

Your membership number is displayed when you get it, is on your membership card, and is emailed to all new members.



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These businesses provide discounts to club members who present their yellow membership card:

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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/
G-DO REDO (plumbing)	10%	494-2695	8630 NW 35th Rd	http://plumbinggainesville.com/
Gainesville Cycle	10%	374-2064	919 W University Ave	www.schwinnshop.com
Gainesville Eye	15%	333-1186	12921 SW 1 Road, Ste. 107	http://www.eyecare4all.com
Gator Cycle	10%	373-3962	3321 SW Archer Road	http://gatorcycle.com/
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Specialty Machining	10%	472-5130	25430 NW 8th Lane Suite 100	http://www.specialtymachining.net
Super Cool Bike Shop	15%	371-2453	3460 W University Ave	www.supercoolbikeshop.com
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Some restrictions apply, ask for details at the stores.