

Club Happenings

Feb 3 (Sat) **Chandler's Yard Sale**

Proceeds benefit the Christmas Bike Fixup program that our club sponsors with the Gainesville Police Department. **Chandler** has lots of parts, frames, etc, in his yard at 713 NW 11th Ave.

Feb 10 (Sat) **Hunters Crossing Traxler Ride**

Meet at 9am sharp in Traxler for a 48 mile ride through the North part of the Santa Fe Century (page 49 of your 93-94 Reference Guide, page 37 in the 1995 Reference Guide). To get to Traxler take I-75 north to CR 236, or take US 441 to High Springs, take a right at CR 236 and travel 4 miles to Traxler, stop just past the I-75 overpass. The journey from Gainesville is 25 minutes. After the ride we plan to eat lunch (about 2pm) at the Great Outdoor Cafe. So plan a full day for this excursion.

Feb 17 (Sat) **GCC Annual Meeting, Dinner, and Swap Meet**

Swap Meet starts at 5:30 pm. The spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. No cost to GCC members, \$5 for visitors. RSVP 378-7063 or RCPBIKE@aol.com.

Feb 24 (Sat) **Hunters Crossing - Pothole Pedalers Joint Ride**

Meet at 9 am at Ravine Gardens in East Palatka. Allow 75 minutes for travel time. Call **Linda McMahon** for more info and full directions.

Feb 25 (Sun) **Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Party**

Meet at the Pearl station in Micanopy at 3 pm (please park along CR 234 or across the street). Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Afterwards retire to Tony and Pats for what many say is the best pizza in town!

Mar 23 (Sat) **Spring Picnic at Payne's Prairie State Park**

Break out of winter with picnic food by **Chandler!** Bring a side dish to add variety. Riders meet at the park (on US 441 south of the Prairie) at 10 am. Road and off-road riding is available. Picnicing will get underway after the rides (around noon). Admission to the park is \$1 for bikes and \$3.25 for cars.



President's Message

The Gainesville Cycling Club's annual membership meeting will be held February 17th at the North West Boys Club (2700 NW 51st Street).

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First on the agenda is the swap meet at 5:30 pm. There you may find all sorts of items pertaining to bicycles and riding, so bring something to swap; almost anything will be much mulled over, examined, questioned about and fully enjoyed! (bicycle riders are a curious lot.)

Next on the agenda (and I've always thought most important) is eating. This year there will be the usual superb cuisine of spaghetti, salad, bread, soda and near beer...so come and relax with your fellow club members, chow down some food, pick over the swap items, tell some stories...and enjoy the time.

Third on the agenda is your opportunity to express any ideas, thoughts about your club. If you do want to express any thoughts contact one of the board members prior to the meeting. That way it will be easier to organize ideas and hopefully have a lively discussion.

Last but not least is the election of new officers to serve on your board for the year 1996. There will also be door prizes to keep your attention at its peak. And yes, **Chandler**, I still want that water bottle!

Hope to see you there!

Linda C. McMahon



Have You Renewed?

Check your mailing label. If it says "MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED" this will be your last newsletter! If you can't find your membership renewal form, use a new member form from a bike shop, entering your name and only any other data that has changed, and sign the release to accept the insurance. If you can't find a form anywhere, send \$10 to the club address with your name and we'll send you a Renewal Form so you can sign for the insurance.

Group Riding with the GCC

The primary reason that we have a bicycle club is to get together for group rides. The Gainesville Cycling Club has three groups that meet fairly regularly, the A Riders, Bee Line, and Hunters Crossing Pedalers. The club officers believe that there are more of you in the club that want to ride, either regularly or occasionally, but find that these groups either meet at inconvenient times or ride too fast, too slow, too far, or not far enough. We would like to discuss ways to get like-minded members together at the Annual Meeting so that more club members can enjoy the benefits of riding with a group.

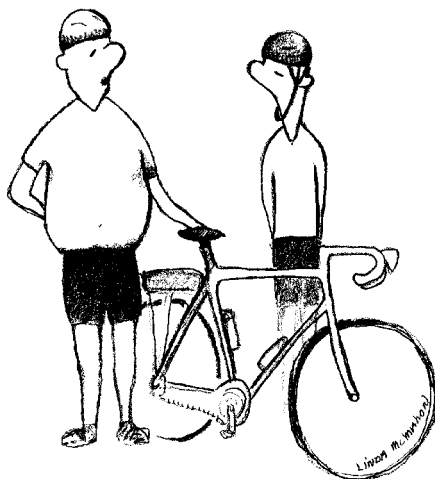
Our primary means of notifying members of upcoming rides is with this newsletter. This limits our scheduling options because the newsletter is only published six times a year. For example, a ride to be held on May 18th would be listed in the April newsletter, which has a publication copy deadline of March 15th, a full two months before the ride date. This is currently not a real problem, since most of our rides are now scheduled by specifying a time and a place to start, without specifying a distance or destination. And to make things easier, the time and place are usually the same every week.

The GCC has several optional methods of getting the word out about rides. Rides can be

announced on the GCC RideLine, but only those who call the line will get the word. Rides can be announced on the GCC-FLA mailgroup, but only those who subscribe will get the word. The method used by the Bee Line is for members to call the group captain or a designated alternate to determine when and where rides will leave from.

Many clubs schedule most of their rides by having a designated ride leader for each ride. The ride leader determines the date, time, starting location, speed, and distance/route/destination of the ride. These clubs have a volunteer who coordinates rides so that two of the same type of ride don't get scheduled at the same time. This volunteer also calls prospective ride leaders to try and fill the ride schedule with enough rides.

For YOU to do: think about the type of ride that you would like: should it be regularly scheduled or occasionally scheduled, should it go fast or slow, short or long. Then COME to the Annual Meeting ready to discuss what you want and find others who want what you want.



If I take off my rack and switch to those lighter Shimano 803 pedals, I could probably keep up with those A Riders too.

CLASSIFIED

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.

BIKE TRAVEL CASE (by Cycle Safe) Hard plastic carrier securely holds any size road or mountain bike, \$150. Craig Traupane 378-3140

Airless bicycle tires for when you absolutely cannot afford a flat. Recommended for commuter bikes. Many sizes and styles. Half price. Roger Pierce 378-7063, RCPBIKE@aol.com

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Events

□□ **Road Watch** □□

Williston Road (SR 121) just south of I-75 is torn up for a tenth of a mile or so. The southbound bike lane is not there, and the northbound side is very rough.

World Wide Web
<http://www.afn.org/~bike/>

E-Mail
Membership: gcc-fla@cyclimg.org
Officers: bike@afn.org
Individual Officers: see sidebar on page 2

Join Our Mailgroup!

You get The Gainesville Cyclist to keep up-to-date on what is happening in the club and in bicycling in general in Gainesville. But this newsletter is only published every other month. How can you get up-to-the minute info without remembering to call the RideLine every week?

Join the GCC's email group! Whenever any member of the group finds out about something that the rest should know, they send a message to the group, and, *viola*, everyone knows!

The bad news: you can only join if you have an email account. If you have access to a computer with a modem, accounts can be had for as little as \$4.95 a month.

Joining the mailgroup is as simple as sending a short email message. Send it to majordomo@cyclimg.org. The subject line is not important, put something like "Join GCC-FLA" in it. The body should consist of the following two words: **subscribe gcc-fla**.

Two additional Florida clubs have joined us with their own mailgroups. The Suwannee Bicycle Association is **sba** and the South Broward Wheelers are **sbw**.

February - March Ride Schedule

FOR CURRENT INFO, Call The GCC RIDELINE 538-8100 (courtesy of ALLTEL Mobile)

RIDING GROUPS

A Riders. (no Group Captain). Will usually choose a middle or long distance ride. The route may change without notice at any time. The group will frequently split into two or more groups; one group almost always does a middle distance ride. These rides can be very fast, and do not necessarily make rest stops.

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

Gliders. Andrew Gill, 335-5213. Meets at the Plaza of the Americas on Saturdays. If the group is large enough, will do a moderately paced ride with rest stops. Otherwise will hang on to the A Ride until it gets too fast.

Newnans Lake Riders. Chandler Otis, 377-1728 (leave a message). A family and beginners group that meets Sundays at the Plaza of the Americas to do a 15 to 25 mile ride usually going out to Lakeshore Drive along Newnans Lake. See the Near East ride map.

Hunters Crossing Pedalers. Linda McMahon, 331-4089. Meets at the GRU facility on NW 43d St just north of NW 53d Ave, most Saturdays for a slower paced ride. On one Saturday of most months the group meets at an out-of-town starting location--see newsletter articles announcing locations or call the RideLine. This group also meets at the Plaza of the Americas on some Sundays for an extended version of the Newnans Lake ride.

GATORS. Gainesville Area Tandem On Road Society. Craig Lee 376-6934. This group does not currently have a riding schedule. If you're interested in starting one, call Craig.

Limerock Moonlighters. Dave Forbes, 371-3124. Rides on limerock roads, many after dark. Call for more details and directions.

Centurians. Roger Pierce, 378-7063. Hundred mile rides and up. We do many out-of-town invitational centuries. Call me when you want to do one.

STARTING TIMES AND PLACES

MAR 9-10 E, W
MAR 16-17 SW, NE
MAR 23-24 N, S
MAR 30-31 NNW, WNW

GRU FACILITY RIDES

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

SATURDAYS

Hunters Crossing Pedalers meet at 9 am.

PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS RIDES

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

Rides meet at 9 am leaving after 9:15.

SATURDAY

A Riders and Gliders meet at 9 am.

SUNDAY

A Riders, Newnans Lake Riders, and Hunters Crossing Pedalers meet at 9 am.

VETERANS WAY RIDES

(Parking lot of Veterans facility south of Micanopy off US 441 on Veterans Way)

Call the Group Captain before coming out for these rides if you are not a regular (they may not be held each day scheduled).

TUESDAY

Limerock Moonlighters depart about 7 pm.

THURSDAY

Limerock Moonlighters depart about 7 pm.

MAP ROTATION

Chandler will have these maps, and possibly others, available at the Plaza of the Americas on the indicated days.

FEB 3-4 SE, NW
FEB 10-11 W, E
FEB 17-18 NE, SW
FEB 24-25 S, N
MAR 2-3 NW, DS



FLORIDA

Florida

Bicycle Touring Calendar

(ABRIDGED)



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

Feb 9-11 Suwannee Sweetheart Weekend.

White Springs FL
There's a century on Sunday that starts at 8:30 am from SBA HQ. Shorter rides available on both days, on and off road. Suwannee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. (904)878-2042.

Feb 10 (Sat) Tour de Cape '96

Cape Coral FL
Call 1-800-237-4659 for a brochure, or write Special Events Division, Cape Coral Parks & Rec Dpt, 4537 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral FL 33904. Fax (941)574-0882.

Feb 25 (Sun) Withlacoochee Tri-2

Brooksville FL
A just for fun (not a race) triathlon for mountain bikes. For brochure send SASE to Wes Eubank, 9401 Takomah Trail, Tampa FL 33617.

Mar 2-3 Lake Okeechobee Classic

Clewiston FL 120 mile, 2 day ride around Lake Okeechobee. SASE Lake Okeechobee Classic, 1475 Red Pine Trail, West Palm Beach FL 33414, (407)795-1805

Mar 3 (Sun) Azalea Festival Bicycle Ride. Putnam

Palatka FL Bicycle Club, PO Box 1153, Palatka FL 32178, President

Sharon Goodwin (904)325-3392.

Mar 17-21 WinterGEAR '96

Mt Dora FL A bike rally produced by the League of American Bicyclists. Five days/four nights. Rides, some meals, workshops, entertainment all included in \$120 registration fee (for LAB members--membership available at \$30). Find your own lodging (headquarters is Lakeside Inn). (410)539-3399, Bikeevent@aol.com

Mar 24 (Sun) Buddy Freddys Strawberry Century

Plant City FL 30-62-100 miles. Susan Smith 251-1624 Tampa or Bob Husereau 780-8382 Zephyrhills, Tampa Bay Freewheelers, PO Box 291817, Tampa FL 33687-1817

Apr 6-7 Cross Florida Tour

West Palm Beach FL 145/130/100 miles, (407)966-9668

Apr 13-18 Florida Bicycle Safari

HIGH Springs FL 3 & 6 days. Florida Freewheelers, PO Box 916524, Longwood FL 32791. (407)788-3446 phone/fax.

Apr 14 (Sat) Annual Pine Mountain Challenge

Columbus GA Chattahoochie Cycling Club, 3901 Miller Road, Columbus GA 31909.

Apr 20-21 15th Annual TOSRV South

Quincy FL 200/132/75 miles in two days. See ad on page 8. Director, 3211 Affirmed Court, Tallahassee FL 32308.

May 2-5 Suwannee Bicycle Festival

Live Oak FL Suwannee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. (904)878-2042.

May 5 (Sun) Cross Florida

Cocoa Beach FL 170 mile one way ride to Gulf.

May 18 (Sat) Beano Heart Ride

Gainesville FL 25/40/67 miles through southern Alachua county and northern Marion county. Preegistration is \$20 and includes breakfast, buffet lunch after ride, rest stops; the preregistration deadline is May 10. Day of ride registration is \$25. American Heart Association, 3615 SW 13th St Suite 1, Gainesville FL 32608.

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Bike Florida

Six day coast-to-coast tour.

Gainesville Cycling Festival

Oct 5 (Sat) Santa Fe Century

Gainesville FL 4th Annual

Oct 6 (Sun) Horse Farm Hundred

Gainesville FL 16th Annual

New In The Public Library

The Information Age is upon us. When you go to the Alachua Public Library next time, here are some things you might want to check out.

GCC NEWSLETTER:

Gainesville Cycling Club (GCC) Newsletter - The Main Alachua library now posts our newsletter in the magazine racks. The current issue is on the shelf, older issues are maintained under the shelf in an orange folder. If you are a new member of the GCC and were wanting to read the older newsletter issues, now you can.

VIDEOS:

BICYCLE: A CELEBRATION OF THE INVENTION - This excellent, general video about bicycles was recently donated to the library by the GCC. If you are at all interested in bicycles then you should check out this video. It covers many aspects of the subject such as history, industry rivalry, celebrities, speed records, greenways and the future of the bicycle. Produced by the BBC. About 2 hours.

EFFECTIVE CYCLING - This video covers various aspects of riding a bicycle in traffic as a vehicle used for commuting, rather than just for recreation. Many good safety hints. About an hour. Another donation by the GCC, soon to be available in the library. Produced by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB).

If you have seen a bicycle video that you thought was the greatest video on the subject you ever saw, you should let us know about it. In the future the GCC will be

donating more videos to the library to help share bike knowledge with the community, and to promote the visibility of our club. If you want to let us know about a good candidate video, just contact any of the Board Members and let one us know about it.



BUSINESS SPONSORS

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

Bike Route	15%
Campus Cycle Works	15%
Chain Reaction	10%
Gator Cycle	10%
Gator Frame Painting	10%
Ominski Massage	\$10 off
Primo Bicycle Works	10%
Recycled Bicycles	10%
Streit's Schwinn Cyclery	10%
Water World	5%

Some restrictions apply, ask for details at the store.

League of American Bicyclists

1996 Events

GEAR '96

Millersville State University, PA
June 7-10

If you dream of bicycling to Paradise, come to GEAR '96 in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch farmland. Paradise is one of the many quaint towns in Lancaster County, a virtual cyclist's paradise with its well-maintained country roads, scenic farms and interesting historic attractions. Back from the frantic tourist strip on US Route 30 lie gently rolling hills where the quiet is occasionally broken by the clatter of a horse and buggy. Across the pastures and fields the skyline is punctuated with large white barns and metal windmills. The narrow, winding roads pass covered bridges, one-room schools, and white painted farmhouses. "Chocoholic" bicyclists can visit Hershey, the town devoted to manufacturing chocolate or to the Chocolate Factory in Lititz. You can visit Strasburg and take a ride on the steam-powered railroad, the Landis Valley Farm Museum, Robert Fulton's birthplace, the Clock Museum, and the Ephrata Cloister.

National Rally '96

University of Dayton, OH
July 3-7

During Dayton's Bicentennial, join 1500 cyclists for a five-day celebration of bicycling through Ohio's river valleys and beautiful rolling countryside. Home of famous cyclists Orville & Wilbur Wright, the Miami valley boasts great roads, an extensive paved trail network, and bike-friendly motorists.

Choose from over 30 rides, including ones to the world's largest aviation museum, a prehistoric Indian village, a country winery, and a working grain mill where grain is still stone-ground. Visit covered bridges, the numerous antique and craft shops of sleepy small towns, and enjoy canoeing on the pedal-n-paddle trip. We have a children's program with special destinations to the Museum of Natural History and Young's Jersey Dairy where homemade ice cream is sure to be a hit. (This is a favorite for all ages!)

From the flat rides winding around Dayton's many rivers to the gently rolling slopes that frame the area, you'll love cycling through the Miami Valley's varied terrain. For the more adventurous, tackle our most challenging rides where you may climb the "Devils Backbone," or conquer our special "Asheville Revenge" tour. Visit the bicycle shop that the Wright brothers owned and operated and is now designated as a National Historic Landmark.

A highlight of the event will be Dayton's Bicentennial 4th of July celebration, which will conclude with a fantastic fireworks finale over the Great Miami River. A special activity will be an evening at Carillon Park, which will take you back in history as you tour this unique village replicating Dayton's first settlement. For dinner, chow down on midwestern style country barbecue feast, and then afterward relax to country and bluegrass music or join your fellow cyclists in learning how to line dance.

At both GEAR and the National Rally, there will be a wide variety of workshops

for you to attend in the late afternoons and evenings. The University's swimming pool and other athletic facilities will be available for your use in the afternoons and evenings. There will be special activities for tandem and recumbent riders including special rides, workshops, and test rides. All sorts of bicycling equipment and paraphernalia will be available in our exhibit hall. Your children will have the opportunity to participate in special rides and activities. Other plans include an ice cream social, jazz concert, dance, and outdoor picnic.

Be the first to take part in the launch of the revamped *Effective Cycling*® program. Attend one of the first Road I Courses to be available for League members. This nine hour course will be offered free to GEAR and Rally attendees. You will need to pre-register.

For more information:

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<http://www.clark.net/pub/league/homepage.htm>



PLUNDERINGS

from the Boca Raton Bicycle Times

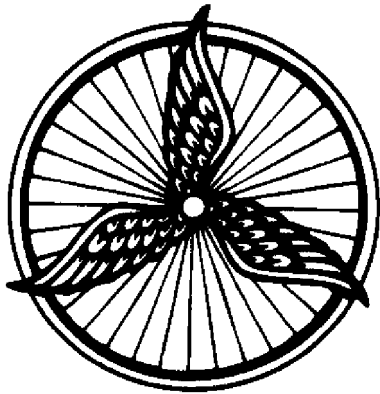
WATER BOTTLE TIP

To alleviate the flat taste that water can develop from sitting in a plastic bottle - drop in a slice of lemon or lime. This is especially refreshing during hot weather. One slice is good for the whole day!!

BIKE TIPS

Always put your left foot down when stopping, to prevent chainring "tattoos" on your right leg.

Practice making a H-s-s-s-, H-s-s-s sound to imitate a punctured tire. If done convincingly, you can get your biking buddy to let up and look at his tires, giving you a chance to get ahead. (But you'd never do that, would you?)



The 1996 Southern/Eastern Double Century Series

A loosely organized series of rides is currently being planned for the spring and summer of 1996, and will collectively comprise the first Southern/Eastern Double Century Series. Much of the terrain covered in these rides is expected to be of excellent caliber for road cycling (in fact, the Tour du Pont covers much of the same general territory). Many of these rides (and organizers) are new -- please help us make them a success.

Although some changes or additions are still possible, and input into the series is still being accepted, the current schedule stands as follows (all dates are Saturdays):

(1) April 20 -- The South Carolina Double. Circuit ride leaving from near Sumter, SC. Contact/organizer: Woody Graham, P.O. Box 12563, Columbia, SC 29211, (803) 782- 3734. Ride will begin at 5 a.m. (lights needed). The date of this first ride is one week following the North Carolina 300km brevet and two weeks before Cross-Florida. (As of this writing, it is not clear that the Bamberg, SC brevet series will be held in 1996.)

(2) June 1 -- 2nd Annual The Beach Double. Kernersville, NC to Ocean City Isle, NC (between Wilmington and Myrtle Beach). Organized by Tom Fanning and Tri-Wheelers of Greensboro. Will leave about 5:45 a.m. Tom Fanning, PO Box 166, Dixonville, PA 15734.

(3) June 29 -- The Montebello Double. Circuit route through mountains and river valleys of west central Virginia, very scenic and challenging but with some flats and no cat 1 climbs, leaving at 6 a.m. from at or near my house near milepost 29 of the Blue

Ridge Parkway in Montebello. Fee \$15 before 6/10, \$20 after, some sustenance provided before, during and after ride. This ride will have a 15-hour time limit (lights not necessary and helmets not mandatory -- adults only!) with some checkpoints. The first finisher will receive some small prize. Contact/organizer -- Paul Evans, P.O. Box 115, Montebello, VA 24464, (540) 377-6454. (note new area code, replaces 703)

(4) July 20 -- The Holston River Dam Double. Circuit route in northeast Tennessee/ southwest Virginia. Will leave approximately 6 a.m. from Warrior's Path State Park in Kingsport, TN. Flat to rolling with some climbs; 14- or 15-hour time limit. SASE to contact/organizer Terry Arnold, 286 Bluff Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-6953 (note new area code, replaces 615).

(5) August 10 -- Boston Brevet Series double. Circuit ride in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and eastern Connecticut, essentially a re-ride of the Boston 300km, takes place 2 weeks before BMB. Will leave at 4 a.m. from the Civil Air Terminal at Hanscom Field in Bedford, MA. Helmets and lights; food at checkpoints; 18-hour time limit. \$20 pre-event day. Contact/organizer Dave Jordan, 19 Rockmont Dr., Arlington, MA 02174, (617) 641-2484 or dmj@odi.com.

The Nominated

The following persons have been nominated by the current board of directors to serve on the 1996 board. The election will be held at the annual meeting.

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Classified ads will be run free-of-charge for club members; call the editor.

Ads are \$5 per column inch or \$25 for six column inches (which may be broken into multiple ads in different issues); the standard ad is two column inches (2" x 3", a 1/2" narrower than a business card).



Gainesville Cycling Club

5015 NW 19th Place
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1996

Gainesville Cycling Festival

Oct 5 Santa Fe Century

Oct 6 Horse Farm Hundred

Cycling Shorts

▶ Welcome new members **Alexis Barry, Walter Barry, Karen Chadwell, Roland Chadwell, Kim Kazimour, Mark Koletzke, Nicholas P. Fahey, Susan Frank, Kathryn Gossard, Kim Kazimour, Dallas Kennedy, Bob Kerckel, Theodore J. Kmet, J. D. Manion, James Ossa, Robert Roane Smith, Richard & Gillette Tarbox, Karen Woodman** of Gainesville, **B. Scott Goodwin, Lisa Maria Goodwin** of Micanopy, **Steven & Jennifer Sparks** of Jacksonville Beach, and **Howard McComas** of Arlington, VA.

▶ Racing bicyclists are making their appearances in Gainesville for winter training. Bicycling Magazine editor Ed Pavelka has made two trips in training for Team RAAM. The University of Indiana Delta Chi fraternity Little 500 team was here for winter break. A Canadian Olympic team hopeful and a racer on the US National Team in the Tour du Pont will be here all winter. And some members of the Motorola team may be in town during February.

▶ Congratulations to **Tim Bartee** for placing second in his age group in Florida in Mountain Bike racing.

▶ Tom and Beth Ann Fanning have moved to western Pennsylvania.

