

Club Happenings

Feb 23 (Sun) Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Party 3 PM

Meet at the Pearl station in Micanopy at the corner of US 441 and CR 234. Park along CR 234 or across the street. Chandler is once again threatening to seed the area with "interesting" finds. Not that some of the things that turn up are not already interesting! The club will buy pizzas at Tony & Pats afterwards.

March 1 (Sat) Annual Swap Meet, Dinner, and Meeting

5 PM - Swap Meet gets underway in the North West Boys Club gym.
6 PM - Spaghetti dinner served (no charge for club members, \$5 for guests).
7 PM - Annual meeting and election of new officers.
RSVP to 378-7063 (leave a message) or RCPBIKE@aol.com.

Mar 22 (Sat) Spring Picnic at Payne's Prairie State Park

Picnic on the shores of Lake Wauberg on Chandler's chow, and any other side dish you feel appropriate enough to the occasion to bring. 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.

LOSS

The Gainesville cycling community has lost three of its most prominent members.



Two, GCC members **Margaret Raynal** and **Doug Hill**, died while riding with a Gliders group on December 26th heading to St Augustine to participate in a cross-state ride. A driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the road as he came up behind the group. Four other riders, three of them club members, were injured in the crash. An overflow assemblage attended Doug's funeral on December 30th, and



cyclists from all over the state gathered for a memorial service for Margaret and Doug on January 11th. There are additional articles inside this newsletter.



Kermit Sigmon passed away on January 14th of liver cancer. Kermit was one of the most important activists in the formation of the bicycling facilities that we have in Gainesville today. He lead the move away from the narrow, bumpy separated paths with the dangerous intersections at roadways and driveways to the type of facility we now have on roads such as north 39th Ave and NW 43rd St. His experienced counsel was always looked forward to on his frequent visits to the Bicycle/Pedestrian

Advisory Board. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Kermit for helping make Gainesville the most bicycle friendly city in the South.



President's Message

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We (GCC) have received many telephone calls, and letters expressing anguish in hearing about GCC's loss of two of our members. There were calls from Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, and from various parts of Florida.

Statements such from the (Tampa Bay Freewheeler's) "Please accept our condolences with regard to the losses to the Gainesville Cycling community." The (Montgomery Bicycle Club) "I was in Florida on vacation over the holidays and saw the TV news report about the accident which killed Doug Hill and Margaret Raynal. I want to express our club's deepest sympathies for the families of these riders and for the club members who shared the roads with these individuals and the other cyclists who were injured in the accident." Minnesota "This is horrible." "We have posted information regarding the tragedy on our home page, and we would like to be kept informed. "

There were also many letters and messages via the internet expressing the same sorrow. Most just wanted to share their feelings, others communicate ideas, and information. Others just wanted to do something to make the wrong of this tragedy leave a meaning of right. To date they are still coming in. May it continue, never letting us forget what happened to two wonderful people and four others on December 26th of 1996 in the State of Florida.

When I returned to work that following Monday, a dozen or more of my coworkers stopped to tell me how sorry they were about this tragedy (these were non cyclists). They are in the medical field dealing on an everyday experience of life, death, and tragedies. They sought me out as if this tragedy had involved one of my family members. I will tell you I was very moved by their spontaneous compassion for "our cycling community". They were people who probably had not ridden a bicycle for two decades or more, yet they understood the vulnerability of all bicycle riders. They knew sometimes the law abiding cyclist depend many times on the motorist to take heed, to just simply share the road. They expressed that cyclist as the motorist have every right to travel the roads of Florida. They did not understand why Mr. Lassiter did not do the same.

I know many are concerned with the on going investigation. As of this date 1-19-97 it is still on going. Mr. Lassiter could still face "Vehicular Homicide" and this without a positive drug test. "Could." Most have expressed that without the charge of "Vehicular homicide" the Green Cove Springs States Attorney will be sending a message to all motorists that we "are fair game."

Gainesville is a cycling community and we need now, more than ever, to work toward a better understanding between all of us, cyclists and non-cyclists. Whether we like it or not we sometimes have to share the road with people who think driving a motorized vehicle is a right. That having a license to drive is a right, and that we the cyclists have no rights and should be riding on the sidewalk.

We make the Laws and Statues, and only we can change them. Lt. Lupper was following
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guidelines set by you and I. And as many others I, too, assumed that if a fatality occurs that drug testing was mandatory. Maybe some statutes need to be changed. Maybe we need to become more involved in local issues, attending a few public DOT meetings. We should be fighting for every highway in the State to have either shoulders or a bike path. We should attend more public meetings, voicing our needs.

Write or talk to these people with your individual thoughts:

Patrick McGovern
Clay County Commission
P.O Box 1366
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Tim Collins
States Attorney
Clay County
P.O. Box 1366 Green Cove
Green Cove Springs, Fl 32043

Governor Lawton Chiles Office of Correspondence
www.eog.state.fl.us/cgi-win/mailform.exe

Bob Casey
casey@afn.org Telephone 334-1700

Allen Parlapiano
622 NEW 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida
376-6046

Mr. Parlapiano is Doug Hill's estate attorney. I found him to be very helpful in discussing the laws pertaining to bicycle vehicle, statutes. He is also a cyclist. Call or write to him.

As I have said many times on our Hunters Crossing Group Ride, GCC has given to me more than I could ever give in return, many friends, many cycling friends. 1996 has been a sad year for GCC; we will all miss them.

Kindest regards,

Linda C. McMahon



See you cycling!

Dear GCC Members,

I'm writing to thank the many club members who have offered their loving support to me after the tragedy that took the lives of Doug Hill and Margaret Raynal. This has been an incredibly difficult time for all of us and yet many positive things have happened as a result. The outpouring of support and love that I have received, and continue to receive, from the Gainesville cycling community has been so helpful.

Doug and I frequently rode with the Gliders. Thank you all very much for your heartfelt messages. I look forward to riding with you again very soon! There are many other club members whom I hadn't yet met who have also been extremely caring. All of this brings me a great deal of comfort and inspiration as I strive each day to strengthen physically and emotionally. Thank-you all.

Gratefully Yours,
Lauri Triulzi

Club Rides

The purpose of the Gainesville Cycling Club is to expedite the process of getting people together to do group rides. We do this in several ways.

The most obvious way is to advertise a schedule of rides with set starting times and meeting places. Some of these rides are otherwise totally informal (all weekend A Rides, for example), and others have designated ride leaders (most Gliders rides).

Another method we use is to have designated riding groups. This enables a member to identify those riders that are most compatible with their riding style, and to have a group of riding friends that they can call when there is an opportunity to ride when no ride is advertised.

We publish a roster of club members with information about how each likes to ride (speed and distance). With this, members can find others to get together with and do group rides.

While we encourage members who will be doing group rides to advertise them in the newsletter, on the RideLine, and/or on the gcc-fla email list, there is no requirement to do so. Group rides of members of the GCC are considered "club rides" when the ride is initiated by a club member and involves, for the most part, other club members. A ride initiated by a non-member, in particular another group (for example Team Florida), is generally not a GCC club ride.

If this is beginning to sound a bit on the "legal" side, it is because the only time that this distinction is important is when our insurance company has to get involved. Club members are covered by our insurance policy while on club rides, but not while riding alone, commuting, or riding with a non-club group. If being covered by the insurance is important to you, be aware of the makeup of the group ride you are on, and how it has been advertised. To eliminate complications, a group may elect to have guests sign an insurance waiver each time they ride with the group. Contact Roger Pierce to obtain them.

Memberships

by Roger Pierce

I must apologize for the delay in getting out membership cards to renewing members, and in delays in getting new member packets out to new members. I am into that time of year where I am working full time (7 days a week so far this month!). It will all get done eventually. In the mean time, continue to use your 1996 Membership Card to identify yourself to our business sponsors who provide discounts. I plan on having 1997 cards available to hand out at the Annual Meeting.

All of the 1996 Reference Guides are gone. A slightly revised Guide will be prepared and ready, probably in late February, for new members who have not received one. A goal continues to be to update our maps and produce a new Reference Guide for distribution to all club members. This might happen by September, but don't hold your breath.

On December 31st, our membership had exceeded 300! We won't know precisely where it is now until I process all of the renewals from the end-of-year batch. Many of you now will be getting renewal forms during the year, near your membership anniversary date. Those who were members when we did calendar year memberships will continue to receive renewal forms in December unless there is a gap in membership status.



<p>SEARS Roger Pierce GAINESVILLE Telephone (352) 332-0972</p> <hr/> <p>H&R BLOCK® THE INCOME TAX PEOPLE</p>
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Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner

Please **RSVP** for the Spaghetti Dinner not later than Feb 27 (the earlier the better). Call 378-7063 and leave a message, or email RCPBIKE@aol.com. We know there will be walk ins, so we will make plenty of spaghetti. However, the club is 50% larger this year than last, so we have no idea how many to actually expect. If you have not RSVPed, you will be asked to take a number when you arrive. Those with RSVPs will eat first, and then we'll call the walk ins by number, until the food is gone.

The event will be held in the North West Boys Club gym at 2700 NW 51st Street. If the weather is cold, dress warmly as the gym is not heated.

ELECTIONS!

At our annual meeting on March 1st, the Gainesville Cycling Club will elect its board of directors for 1997. The persons who are seeking office are listed below. Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

President	Rob Wilt
Vice President	Linda McMahon
Membership Secretary	Roger Pierce
Treasurer	Bill Cochran
Grand Poobah	Chandler Otis
Recording Secretary	Maureen Petersen
Adopt-A-Road Director	Diann Dimitri
Off Road Director	Melanie Pfautz
Member At Large	Barry Gibbons

Swap Meet

Bring *anything* you think someone else might want to swap for or buy to the swap meet at 5 pm on March 1. Of course, the purpose of the meet is to swap bike stuff, so do be reasonable (leave the piano at home).

Off Road



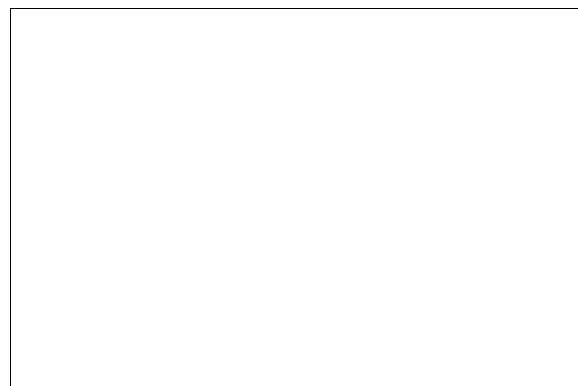
The Gainesville Cycling Club has created the Board of Directors position of Off Road Director, and nominated Melanie Pfautz (Mel) to fill it. Mel has been talking with landowners and cyclists interested in riding off road to begin the process of getting organized enough to get something done. Here is her first submission for the newsletter:

Mountain biking is one of the most popular outdoor activities in the country, and its popularity hasn't passed Gainesville by. After all, there must be some reason for all those bike shops full of mountain bikes we've got.

So, Gainesville loves mountain biking. Then why do we have to drive 45 minutes to ride legal, well maintained trails? Well, I guess we do have the Hawthorne Trail. It's dead boring if you want challenging single track, but at least it is legal.

If we have enough mountain bikers to support so many bike shops (face it, roadies can't do it alone), then we must have enough to support local, legal trails. We can get what we want, but we have to organize ourselves, figure out how to do it, and make it happen.

If you would like to get involved in mountain biking give Mel a call at 378-3029 or email mel@phys.ufl.edu.



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.

Looking for affordable ROOF RACK for car with gutters. Mel 378-3029 mel@phys.ufl.edu.

BIKING SHOES for sale. Two pair Nike (men's size 6 and 8) \$5 each and Shimano size 39 \$10 -- SPD and LOOK compatible. Call Laurie Tudeen 375-8906.

Wanted: BICYCLE CHILD SEAT. Mike 332-0729.

TREK 520 TOURING BIKE. Purchased in April of 1996 and used only four months; like new. Fully loaded for touring or commuting with Cannondale Overland rear panniers (also comes with pannier rain covers) and full Zefal fenders. Shimano STI, triple chain ring, Look clipless pedals, 3 Blackburn water bottle cages. The 520 is Trek's top of the line touring bike and is perfect for any level of touring or commuting. Selling everything for \$780 or best offer. Call Clint at 472-6269 or 331-7625 (work).

BIKE MIRROR - Helmet-mounted, removable, has flexible stem, Reflex CycleAware brand, new, \$ 10. Rob 380-0561.

BIKE MIRROR - Eye-glass frame mount - easily removable, Third Eye brand, new, \$ 8. Rob 380-0561.

TIRES - AVOCET Cross 700c x 35c, \$ 30 for pair. Rob 380-0561.

FENDERS - High impact black plastic fenders for road or touring bike, Snap on & off, Zefal brand, \$ 7. Rob 380-0561.

ICE CREAM MAKER - Electric, with all needed accessories, good condition \$ 15. Rob 380-0561.

ELECTRIC SHAVER, Norelco rechargeable, like new, clean, \$ 25. Rob 380-0561.

BEDSPREAD - Crown Crafts Inc.(Antionette), Queen size, all natural cotton, natural color, heavyweight matelasse type with sculpted center medallion and coordinating fringe, excellent condition, used two days, still in zippered protector \$ 60. Rob 380-0561.

CHEST OF DRAWERS - all WOOD, not particle board, stained red cedar, 4 drawers. Good condition \$ 40. Rob 380-0561.

MAMA-SAN CHAIR -. Natural wicker, with two pale green pillows with bamboo leaves and small flower blossom pattern, good condition. \$ 25. Rob 380-0561.

COMPUTER SYSTEM - Commodore 64, 5.25 inch and 3.5 inch drives, Sears 2000 printer, handmade wooden stand, 2 modems, 3 joysticks, mouse and pad, lots of manuals, books and software. Great game machine. Fully operational and in excellent condition \$ 250. Rob 380-0561.

INDUCTIVE AMPLIFIER - Progressive Electronics Inc. Model 200B \$ 50. Rob 380-0561.

WET SUIT - BAILEY nitrogen blown neoprene, medium, black and red, Long sleeve. Plush nylon inside & out. Spine pad, key pocket, clean, \$ 60. Rob 380-0561.

MOUNTAIN BIKE Diamond Back "Apex", 19-20" frame, 22" top frame, "snake" stays, "Bontrager" rims, handle bars, Shimano Deore LX components, rapid fire shifters, "Tioga" head set & neck piece. Call Michael at (352)333-3036.

☐☐ **Road Watch** ☐

- ☐ CR 329 in north Marion county is being rebuilt from just north of Fairfield to I-75. At last report it was stripped to the limerock.
- ☐ Construction is starting on SR 26 (Newberry Road) from the current end of the 4-lane out through Jonesville. When complete, there will be paved shoulders and 4 lanes.
- ☐ Dungarvin Road is closed at I-75 due to interstate bridge construction. We are promised that this will be done by early spring.
- ☐ Germantown Road in Marion County has been rebuilt; enjoy the nice smooth pavement.

TOSRV

TOSRV South is the two day event April 19-20 from Quincy, FL, to Albany, GA (shorter options are available). See the Florida Bicycle Touring Calendar for more details. The sponsors, the Capital City Cyclists, are offering a \$5 discount to members of groups of at least 5 persons signing up for the ride. If you would like to be in the GCC group, call Roger Pierce at 378-7063 (leave a message if necessary) or email RCPBIKE@aol.com.

Injured

At press time we didn't have any new information on the condition of those injured in the Dec 26 crash. Lauri Triulzi, Jessica Green, and Eric Finnan were able to attend Doug's services, though obviously battered. Charles Hinson will be laid up for several months with his injuries.

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. These rides can be very fast, and do not necessarily make rest stops. On the weekends, these rides are usually joined by riders from the Revolution Sports Society racing team, and frequently by Team Florida and other miscellaneous racers.

Gliders. Barry Gibbons, 372-1145. Rides with ride leaders in the upper B range (17-19 mph average). Meeting times and places vary; see the schedule on this page. Rides will normally be around 50 miles in length.

Sliders. Bill Boyette, 338-2945. Rides in the lower B range (15-16 mph average) on Saturdays. Meeting times and places are sent to group members by email about a week before the ride. Call Bill or email to Wdbest@aol.com to join the group.

Roadies. Sam Sullivan 371-8218. Rides in the lower B range (15-16 mph average) on Sundays. Call the group captain if you are interested in a ride. Rides will normally be around 40 miles in length.

Hunters Crossing Pedalers. Linda McMahon, 331-4089. Meets at the GRU facility on NW 43rd St just north of NW 53rd 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.

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.

REGULAR STARTING TIMES AND PLACES

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 meet at 9 am.

SUNDAY

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

STEAK 'N SHAKE RIDES

(Corner of SW 13th St at 16th Ave)

VARIOUS WEEKDAYS

A Riders meet at 11:05 am

Centurians. Roger Pierce, 378-7063. Hundred mile rides and up. We do many out-of-town invitational centuries.

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

Gliders Ride Schedule

Date	Time	Ride Leader	Phone	Start Location
Feb 8 Sat	9 am	Tim Strauser	375-3612	Office Environment Center, 4805 SW 34th St
Feb 9 Sun	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Plaza of the Americas
Feb 15 Sat	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	GRU Facility, NW 43 rd St and NW 53 rd Ave
Feb 16 Sun	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	Roadside park in Hague on US 441 (DeSoto park)
Feb 22 Sat	9 am	none		Plaza of the Americas
Feb 23 Sun	9 am	none		Plaza of the Americas
Mar 1 Sat	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	GRU Facility, NW 43 rd St and NW 53 rd Ave
Mar 2 Sun	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Roadside park in Hague on US 441 (DeSoto park)
Mar 8 Sat	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Plaza of the Americas
Mar 9 Sun	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Roadside park in Hague on US 441 (DeSoto park)
Mar 15 Sat	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Plaza of the Americas
Mar 16 Sun	9 am	Barry Gibbons	372-1145	Plaza of the Americas
Mar 22 Sat	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	Roadside park in Hague on US 441 (DeSoto park)
Mar 23 Sun	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	Plaza of the Americas
Mar 29 Sat	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	GRU Facility, NW 43 rd St and NW 53 rd Ave
Mar 30 Sun	9 am	Mark Koletzke	337-0030	Plaza of the Americas
HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON THESE RIDES				



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 (Sun) Tour of Boca

Boca Raton FL

A police-escorted tour of Boca. Registration starts at 12:30 pm and the ride at 1 pm; fee is \$2. Start at Patch Reef Park (corner of Military Trail and Yamato Road). Call the Boca Bicycle Club Hotline (561)362-0244 or Janette Giddings (561)391-1093.

Feb 15 (Sat) IDIDARIDE

White Springs FL

50 mile *off-road* challenge. Suwanee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. 904-397-2347. Email: WPburden@aol.com

Feb 16 (Sun) Suwanee Sweetheart Ride

White Springs FL

27/50/64/100 miles. Starts at 8:30am, from SBA HQ in White Springs. \$10 fee (\$5 if you did Ididaride the day before) includes after ride dinner, maps and marked route. No t-shirts this year. Call Jeanne at 264-7168 or 260-1126. Email: BiknJeanne@aol.com

March 9 (Sun)

Tour of Boca

Boca Raton FL

See the Feb 9 listing.

March 15 (Sat)

Metric Century Pasta Bash

North Port FL

North Port International Festival. Rides of 16, 32 and 62 miles over lightly traveled roads, sag support, Festival T-shirts, routes marked and mapped, rest stops with nourishment and drinks, ride followed by Olive Garden pasta lunch. Ride registration 7:00 AM, Saturday morning. Ride limited to first 100 cyclists. Contact

Jack Spencer (941)624-4524. Email:

edjlaw@i3.net Dave Johnson

March 16-20 WinterGEAR '97 (Session 1)

Mt Dora FL

A bike rally produced by the League of American Bicyclists. Five days/four nights. Rides, some meals, workshops, entertainment. Limit 300 per session. Email: Bikevent@aol.com

March 23 (Sun)

15th Annual Strawberry Century

Plant City FL

Start time: 7:15a.m. (5 min. interval)
Place: Florida National Guard Armory, Plant City (near the municipal airpark) *Price:* \$23 in advance; \$25 day of ride *Rides:* 30/62/100 *T-shirt:* exceptional long-sleeve T-shirt; no T-shirt guarantee if registration post-marked after 3/8/97 *Other:* breakfast food; great lunch; SAG support and food; HELMETS REQUIRED; ride ends at 4:00p.m.; DOOR PRIZES; massage team. Contact: Susan Smith (813)251-1624 Tampa Bay Freewheelers, PO Box 291817, Tampa FL 33687-1817 Email: tandemon@sprynet.com.

March 23 (Sun)

Breakaway to Sugarloaf

Clermont FL

30/40/60 miles. Clermont Citrus Tower. CFT/Sommer Sports, PO Box 121236, Clermont FL 34712. (352)394-1320 fax (352)394-1702 Email: cftsports@aol.com

March 23-27

WinterGEAR '97 (Session 2)

Mt Dora FL

See March 16 listing.

Mar 30-Apr 5

Bike Florida

St Augustine FL

Three and six day options; 225 miles or 450 miles. Coast to coast tour from St Augustine to Cedar Key, ending in Gainesville. Bike Florida, 8 Broadway, Kissimmee FL 34741-5712. (407)943-7992.

April 5-6

Cross Florida Tour

West Palm Beach

Two days, 290/200 miles, Atlantic to Punta Gorda, *and back* the next day (shorter route starts in Belle Glade). \$35 for WPBBC members or \$40 for non-members. 145 mile ride starts at 6am in West Palm Beach; 100 mile ride starts at 7am in Belle Glade. T-shirt, Ride Map, Luggage transportation, SAG, 5 rest stops. Same day return transportation for riders who go one way if registered by March 26th for \$25. WPB Bicycle Club, PO Box 6581, West Palm Beach FL 33405-6581, Sharon Morgan (561) 738-2456 Email: morgshar@worldnet.att.net

April 12-17

Florida Bicycle Safari

Dowling Park FL

3 & 6 days. Full, extensive details are at <http://www.bikeworks.com/safari.html>. Florida Freewheelers. PO Box 916524, Longwood FL 32791. (407)788-3446 Email: ffw@aol.com

April 13 (Sun)

9th Annual Spring Classic Bicycle Ride

Palmetto FL

18/34/60 miles or a special leisure ride. Begin and end at the Manatee County Fairgrounds, 17th St W. Preregistration is \$12 (\$18 day of event) and includes a long-sleeve designer T-shirt, food, rest stops, ride maps, fanny flag, sag support, marked routes, etc. Registration opens at 9 am. Call Earnest Foster at 813-867-9513 to register by phone or for more info. Email: Larry at

lybkr@aol.com

Apr 13 (Sun) **Tour of Boca**

Boca Raton FL

See the Feb 9 listing.

April 13 (Sun)

1997 Pine Mountain Challenge

Columbus GA

8 am. 104/58/30 miles. All pre-registered riders will receive a 1997 PMC T-Shirt. Fee is \$15 before April 1st, then \$20. Ride starts at Shaw High School on Schomburg Road off the JR Allen Parkway (US 80). Chattahoochee Cycling Club, PO Box 12036, Columbus GA 31917-2036. (706)569-1875

April 18-20

BRAG Spring Tune-Up Ride

Macon GA

Held at Arrowhead State Park. Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), PO Box 87111, Stone Mtn. GA 30087-0028. fax (770)935-1918. Email: bragHQ@aol.com

Apr 19-20

16th Annual TOSRV South

Quincy FL

200/132/75 miles in two days. All rides overnight in Albany GA where you may elect to stay in a school gym or in a motel. The 200 starts in Quincy FL, the 132 in Cairo, GA, and the 75 in Sale City, GA. *Contact:* TOSRV South Director, 3211 Affirmed Court, Tallahassee FL 32308 (904)668-2531. Email: jwinter@freenet.fsu.edu.

Greenway Update

As many of you know there is an ongoing debate regarding the Hogtown Creek Greenway. Greenspace Preservation Association, Inc, has been mounting a campaign to halt the paving of the trail. They have collected enough signatures to put a referendum on the ballot.

In their efforts to gain these signatures they used their old tactics of inflammatory and inaccurate statements. These tactics may not have occurred at every polling place, but they have been used throughout their efforts to stop this project.

Whatever your position is on this project, please base it on the facts, not innuendo and misinformation. You can contact the City Commissioners by calling (352)334-5015, by emailing Clerk@afn.org, or by regular mail at:

City Commissioners
PO Box 490-19
Gainesville FL 32602

Thank you for your support,

Tim Strauser

I have gone to get myself.
If I return before I get back, hold me here,
because it's important I see myself when I get
back
before I get confused.

Donating Blood

The next time you give blood as a public service, consider requesting that it be donated on behalf of the Gainesville Cycling Club and its members. When it becomes necessary for a member to use blood, he or she can mention that blood has been donated by GCC members and this will help defray some of the blood needing member's medical costs.

Ode to Compassion

*all have two arms, two legs, bodice, two feet and head
each its own design
but all brothers and sisters who ride
also have a THIRD EYE, compassion*

*It is open when the head checks the mirror behind
It is open when the sixth sense detects something blind
It is open when a hand nudges you inside
It is open when a voice calls to move up the line
we feel ITS force between us on each and every ride
we feel ITS strength when the worst happens
and our brothers and sisters die*

*please keep your eyes open for our brothers and sisters
as they enjoy life's finest hours
streaming along the roads we all share
smelling the sweet, beautiful flowers*

*this is OUR time, sons and daughters all
I pray thee, do not take it away
remember you too have a THIRD EYE, compassion,
to keep open each day*

Kelly Riedesel



Things You Should Know

- 1 That you can call Sun Dial 335-3500 and hear a little bit about local biking by entering 2921.
- 2 That you can get a free two day weather report by calling 372-1411, 24 hours a day.
- 3 That America Online has a great Bike Repair program that is graphical and can be used with the simplest DOS systems. Download time is short because the program is quite small. Look for the file, Bicycle: V2.02 Bike Repair.

Rails To Trails

from *Boca Raton Bicycle Times* November 1996

EXISTING-TRAILS:

length/type of surface/date trail opened (if known)

West Orange Trail, Phase I: 4.6 miles/paved/ September 1994
From Winter Garden west to the Lake County line for info, call:
407/672-3880

Cady Way Trail: 3.5 miles/paved
From Ward Park southwest to the Fashion Square Mall for info, call:
407/246-2775

Withlacoochee Trail: 47 miles/paved/November 1995
From Trilby northwest to Citrus Springs for info, call: 904/394-2280

Van Fleet Trail: 29 miles/paved & packed gravel
From Polk City north to Mabel for info, call: 904/394-2280

Pinellas Trail: 47 miles/paved/1988
From Tarpon Springs south to St. Petersburg for info, call-. 813/464-
4751 or fax: 813/464-4155

Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail: 17 miles/hard-packed limerock
From Boulware Springs in Gainesville east to Hawthorne for info, call:
904/466-3397

The Florida State Office of Greenways and Trails is working toward
the creation of a 200 mile Central Florida Loop by the year 2000.

TRAILS IN THE WORKS:

Length/surface/tentatively scheduled to open

Seminole-Wekiva Trail: 14 miles/paved/1997
From hwy 434 & 436 north to Sylvan Lake Park area near hwy 46 for
info, call Seminole County Planning: 407/321-1130, ext.7371

West Orange Trail, Phase II: 12 miles/paved/1997

From Winter Garden north to Apopka

West Orange Trail, Phase III:
From Apopka east to Wekiva Springs State Park for info, call:
407/836-4206

West Orange-Cross Seminole Connector (Phase IV):
From Wekiva Springs State Park north and east to Sylvan Lake Park
for info, call: 407/321-1130, ext.7371

Little Econ Greenway-
From Fashion Square Mall east to the Univ. of Cent'l Florida for info,
call: 407/836-4206

State Road 13 Trail: 13 miles
for info, call: 407/767-5012

South Lake Trail:
From Clermont northeast to Minneola: 3.5 miles/paved/ 1996 From
Minneola west to the West Orange Trail: 5 miles/paved/1998 for info,
call: 904/324-3077

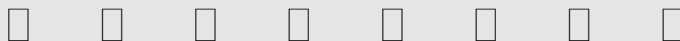
Cross-Seminole Trail: 15 miles/paved/1998
From Seminole-Orange Co. line at Aloma northeast to Oviedo, then
northwest to the Spring Hammock Preserve for info, call: 407/366-
6086

The Bob Sonnenberg Blue Line Trail: 4.5 miles/paved/1998
From Maitland Blvd & Keller Road south and east to the Maitland Art
Center on Lake Lily for info, call: 407/246-2775

Dinky Line: 1.25 miles/paved/1998
From Orange & Marks Streets northeast to Loch Haven Park for info,
call: 407/246-2775

Lake Fran/Dr. Smith Center:
for info, call 407/246-2775

Mead Garden to Cady Way's Ward Park: 5 miles/1998
for info, call: 407/246-2775



Gainesville Cycling Club home page
<http://www.afn.org/~bike>

Florida Bicycle Touring Calendar
<http://www.afn.org/~bike/fltours.html>

Archives of the gcc-fla mail list
<http://cycling.org/mailling.lists/gcc-fla/gcc-fla-archive-hyper/index>

To join the gcc-fla mail list, send mail to: majordomo@cycling.org with the following
body:

subscribe gcc-fla

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