

Club Happenings

June 7 (Sun) Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Party, 4 pm

Meet at the Pearl station in Micanopy (please park along CR 234 or across the street). Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Afterwards, the club springs for pizza at Tony & Pats!

July 18 (Sat) Annual Poe Springs Picnic

Time for a jump into the cool waters of Poe Springs. After too many disasters trying to get the gates open at the springs early, we're going to try something new this year. We'll form up at Talbot Elementary School on NW 43rd Street (just north of Millhopper Road aka NW 53rd Ave, near the GRU facility) at 8 am. Chandler will be there to collect side dishes, while the rest of us ride out to Poe Springs (25-30 miles depending on the route). Those wishing to do the traditional rides from Poe Springs, or to do off road rides, will meet at the park when it opens around 9 am. We expect the faster riders to arrive around 9:30 unless a longer route is taken to add miles. Competition eating begins around 11 am. Pack a swim suit and possibly a towel on your bike so you can take advantage of the springs before heading back to Talbot.

Poe Springs Park is on CR 340 west of High Springs—CR 340 runs off of US 27/41 south of the downtown area. Entry into the park is \$3 *per person*, whether you arrive by bike, car, or foot.

NEW OFF-ROAD RIDE MEETING TIMES

SATURDAYS - 9 am at the Plaza

TUESDAYS - 5:30 pm at the Plaza

June Races in Gainesville

USA Cycling Masters Regional Challenge & Lance Armstrong Junior Olympic Race Series

Three race series will be held the weekend of June 12-14. The week will kick off with a Time Trial on Angle Road from 4 to 8 pm on Friday. Action moves to north of Alachua on Pre-Columbian Road for a Road Race on Saturday with the first race going off at 8 am and the last at 3:50 pm, finishing around 6 pm; there will be a total of 13 different races. The Pro I, II, III race goes at 3:30 pm, for 60 miles. Sunday will see another 13 races in downtown Gainesville, this time criteriums. The races will start again at 8 am, with the last finishing up around 6 pm.

The event is being sponsored locally by the Gainesville Sports Organizing Committee (GSOC) in conjunction with the city and county. A prize list totalling \$1800 is up for grabs. For more info call 338-9300 or email info@gsoc.com.



President's Message



St. Marks Reflections

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This past weekend I led the fourth annual St. Marks ride. The ride included the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, a climb up the St. Marks lighthouse (a rare opportunity) and a ride up and back down the St. Marks Rail Trail (Florida's first rail trail). Half of us stayed at the Sweet Magnolia B & B, which is the height of luxury and only a few hundred feet from the southern end of the St. Marks Rail Trail. Some of us stayed at a less expensive but comfortable motel in south Tallahassee.

Friday evening we had the pleasure of meeting with some of the members of the Capital City Cyclists for a post ride dinner at a local Italian restaurant in Woodville, just a jump off the Rail Trail. Some of the GCC troupe even managed to make it to the North end of the trail to ride with the CCC on the St. Marks before coming to that dinner.

Saturday we rode through the Refuge and saw an abundance of wildflowers, water lilies and gators. The insects didn't seem as hungry this year as in previous years, I only had to slap a few times. The climb to the top of the lighthouse after the 22 mile ride afforded an excellent view of the route which we had just finished on the paved road through the marsh. We stopped to look at the Refuge shop and museum, and on the ride visited the Newport bridge and a campsite overlooking the St. Marks River.

Post ride we took off for Poseys for some smoked mullet, the less adventurous among us opted for grouper, shrimp and steamed oysters washed down with a pitcher of beer.

That evening our group made it to a wine tasting party hosted by CCC members, where we were introduced to the excellent cooking of Martha Cunningham and the wine expertise of Bob Gorman. A lot of bicycling conversation ensued. Conclusion, bike people in Tallahassee are just like bike people in the GCC. They are people you want to get to know and people you want to ride with. And I shall.

Sunday our group split, half went up and down the St. Marks Rail Trail for a leisurely 32 mile ride and the rest went for a club ride with the CCC. Everyone had a good time, whichever they chose. This in spite of high heat and humidity which at times made us feel like steamed oysters ourselves.

If I lead a ride in Tallahassee again next year, we are going to do something exciting, something fresh, something new.

Until then,

Following winds, my friends

Rob Wilt



The Bee Line

by Gary Kirkland

They may have some gray hair, but don't show up looking for a soft easy ride with the Bee Line, the ride group that's designed with early birds in mind.

Perry McGriff says the group began around 1991. The riders weren't looking for A- rides, but still liked to go at a good clip.

"We can hold our own, believe it or not," said McGriff, 60, the senior member of the group.

Gainesville Cycling Club Treasurer Bill Cochran, 53, is a long-time member of the group.

"It's kind of evolved and evolved and evolved and just comes back in a different form every time," Cochran said.

He said he met McGriff one day when he was cycling in from Alachua.

"We just started talking and we've been talking ever since," he said.

Dave Wagner joined the group when he moved to Gainesville in 1991. Having served in the Army, Wagner had gotten his first road bike in 1985 and biked around Germany.

"I'd done some riding, but not like I've done here," Wagner said.

He says with the Bee Line times and distance are secondary considerations.

"We're more out on a social ride and get some good exercise," Wagner said.

And Cochran likes the advantages of a group over going solo.

"It's generally a lot safer riding with a group than by yourself," Cochran said. "If you break down there's somebody to offer help and advice."

That can be a 6 a.m. social ride for those who choose to join in on the weekday rides that typically go for 15 miles in about an hour in Northwest Gainesville. The flashing lights and reflective clothing make them pretty conspicuous. Getting a ride in at an hour before most calendars are filled with conflicts is one advantage, but there's also another.

"There's really not a lot of traffic out, and normally we're going out with the traffic coming in," McGriff said, adding when traveling on NW 23rd Avenue to NW 98th Street, he's counted fewer than five cars.

Members dress for the weather and aren't easily

deterred.

"There may be five days of cold or rain we can't ride," McGriff said.

On weekends they get started around 7:30 a.m. and typically go 30 to 35 miles. Sometimes they'll join up with the Sliders when they leave the GRU parking lot at Hunters Crossing at 8 a.m. One of the distinctive aspects of the Bee Line is the annual road trip. Not just a jaunt to Tallahassee or the Withlacoochee Trail, but cross country. Members have done cross-state rides in Virginia, had adventures in Arizona, and made multiple visits to CycleOregon.

McGriff's first long-distance experience was a ride from the southern rim of the Grand Canyon to the Mexican border in Arizona.

"I didn't realize how many mountains there were in Arizona, I like to have died," he said.

But they weren't dissuaded.

"You go to these parts of the country and see the beautiful scenery," he said.

There's also the social aspect of the big ride, meeting other riders from all over America.

"You learn real quick, it's a small world," McGriff said.

There was also agreement that CycleOregon was their favorite.

"I think it's probably the gold standard for organized bike rides," Wagner said.

The ride, which is limited to 2,000 riders, has two traveling kitchens that leapfrog in front of the riders, and traveling semi-mounted showers. A micro brewery, a Starbucks Coffee tent and its own daily edition of the newspaper are just a few of the extras. Then there's the scenery, which ranges from high desert to vistas in the Cascades. This September's ride, CycleOregon XI, will circle through southwestern Oregon, including a day pedaling around Crater Lake.

"The challenging part of the ride is there are a lot of hills, big hills, not like the hills we have here," Wagner said.

Bill Cochran recalled one day's ride included a 20 to 25 mile climb.

"You have to be in fairly decent shape to handle that," he said.

(For more information on CycleOregon, visit its website at:

<http://www.oregonlive.com/cycleoregon>)

For more information on the Bee Line call Cochran at 371-4118 or Wagner at 375-4496.)

Potbellies Unite!

A number of our members may be interested in this new association. Check out:

<http://members.aol.com/Potbellyc/> Potbelly



Cycling Association
45 Munson Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570 USA

ROAD WARS

"I have watched many motorists slow down and wait for young ducks to cross the street, and then drive through a herd of pedestrians just a mile or so down the road. Go figure."

Dan Burden
High Springs, Florida

"Peter Jacobson, on pednet, quotes a study that indicates that motorists are more likely to brake for an animal than a child."

Michael Ronkin
Oregon Bike/Ped Coordinator

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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.

ROOM for Rent. 12x16½ (200 sq ft). Porch, mostly unshared bath, use of well-equipped bike shop and kitchen (share food costs). Available in mid July. \$350/month. Call Roger Pierce, 378-7063, or in June, Ralph Schlieff, 336-2341.

All of the following items are offered by Rob Wilt, 380-0561.

CYCLO-CROSS TIRES - AVOCET Cross 700c x 35c, \$ 30 for pair

WET SUIT - BAILEY nitrogen blown neoprene, 5 mm, black and red, long sleeve. Plush nylon inside & out. Spine pad, key pocket, clean, medium, fits man or woman \$ 60

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

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INDUCTIVE AMPLIFIER - Progressive Electronics Inc. Model 200B. Hand held model with speaker. \$ 25.

RAM, 30 pin SIMMs 1mb x 9, 80ns, \$5 each, 4 available

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Bicyclists Safety Memorial Dedication

by Lauri Jenkins

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Bicyclists Safety Memorial Dedication which was held on the evening of Saturday, May 9th. The turnout was great! I hope all of you enjoyed the ceremony. I personally found it to be very moving, particularly Lauri Triulzi's and Jessica Green's description of how the deep community support that they received after the accident helped them make the transition from bitterness and anger to acceptance and hope. I think that is our main strength as a bicycling community. We cannot prevent accidents like this one from happening, it was the result of a truly careless individual, but we can be there for the survivors and families.

The ceremony ended in a beautiful candle lighting ceremony with Kali Blount leading us in singing "Amazing Grace" - Wow!, what a voice that gentleman has!

I would like to thank everyone involved in planning and carrying out this event as well as the speakers and guests. The list of names is just too numerous! Also, the over 100 people involved in the Memorial construction. It shows that a small, grassroots effort can move mountains (well, at least a lot of rammed earth).

I encourage those of you who have not been to the Memorial site to visit it. The site is just east of the intersection of Main and Depot, along the rail trail.

The city is planning to purchase the Depot Building and renovate it into a community center. There are also plans for creating a park in the open space in front of the memorials. We are very lucky to live in a city which supports cycling! Those of you who have cycled in other cities in Florida understand how bicycle friendly Gainesville is. It is our responsibility to make sure



Gainesville stays bike friendly as it grows and to support other communities efforts in this area.



The Share the Road Campaign's goal is to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety by combining our manpower with other cycling advocacy groups in the community. If you are interested in becoming involved with our group, we meet the second Wednesday of every month, 7 pm at the downtown library.

Letter to the editor:

May 12, 1998

Dear Board of the Gainesville Cycling Club,

Lauri Triulzi and I would like to thank you all very much for your support of the Bicyclists Safety Memorial and its dedication which took place on Saturday, May 9, 1998. We were very heartened by, and appreciative of, the number of people that attended the dedication, and realize that many people were members of the GCC. The GCC has an important role to play in the community as a representative of bicyclists and bicycling issues and we appreciate the hard work of the Board in its role as a group of community-minded individuals giving time and commitment to this work.

Sincerely,
Lauri Triulzi
Brad Guy



Jersey Update

The final jersey order for 1998 has been placed. We expect

delivery sometime around July. If you didn't send in your check, Primo has ordered a few jerseys to sell at retail. Club members will get a rebate that can be used to extend your membership. Otherwise, we will publish the address of Procrastinators Anonymous, if we ever get around to it.

Those wanting sleeveless or long sleeve jerseys should start lobbying their friends now, so that we will have enough demand to do one next year.

Thanks to Water World coming on as a new sponsor on this printing of the jersey, replacing Saturn.



PRIMO
BICYCLE WORKS



Campus
Cycle
Web



Water
World

Page Redesigned

The GCC web page has been redesigned to improve ease of navigation, and to make it look better and more consistent. Everything *should* be up to date; send email to the webmaster if something is amiss.

New features include Club Happenings and Breaking News. Former Reference Guide data has been integrated into the regular pages, mostly under General Information.

Letter to the Editor:

Goodbye and thanks ...

Hello All,

Just wanted to send out a short message of thanks to all who made my cycling experience in Gainesville so much fun. First and foremost I'd like to thank Chandler Otis, Roger Pierce, Rob Wilt, and Linda McMahon for being the glue that keeps GCC together and thriving. I have always admired your dedication to cycling and all it encompasses. Secondly, I'd like to thank all the ride leaders I've cycled with, especially Bill Boyette and Andrew Gill. I hope you realize how much your showing up every week no matter what means to all of us.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Sliders ride group for helping put alot of miles on my legs and alot of laughs along the way. I won't soon forget "The Bill and Rocky Show" during the rides or Tim "Timmy Goodtime" Malles' dead-on Phil Liggett impersonation. And thank you for a wonderful send-off party, Mary, JoAnne, and Barb.

I hope you all have a great summer of cycling!
Warmest regards,

Mark Fuller



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June-July Ride Schedule

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

RIDING GROUPS

A Riders. (no Group Captain). Fast paced rides. The main group usually goes two to three hours this time of year. There is frequently a small group that will go longer. The ride may become very fast for some periods.

Gliders. Andrew Gill, 338-9205, apgill@gnv.fdt.net. Rides in the upper B range (18-19 mph average). Rides will normally be around 50 miles in length.

Sliders. Bill Boyette, 338-2945, tteyob@aol.com. Rides in the lower B range (16-17 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 join the group.

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 some members of the group meet 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.

Centurians. Roger Pierce, 378-7063. Hundred mile rides and up. We do many out-of-town invitational centuries. Group members usually ride with the A Riders on weekends.

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.

off road group. Brian Raisler, braisler@ufl.edu or 338-4594.

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 8 am.

Sliders and Gliders depart at 8 am (but check email for time and place updates).

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

A Riders depart at 6:30 pm.

PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS RIDES

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

TUESDAY

off road group meets at 5:30 pm.

SATURDAY

A Riders meet at 8 am.

off road group meets at 9 am (check email)

SUNDAY

A Riders, Gliders, Newnans Lake Riders, and Hunters Crossing Pedalers meet at 8 am.

Bicyclopedia

If you want to know anything about bicycling, check out this site on the World Wide Web:

<http://homepage.interaccess.com/~opcc/bc>

This months samples:

- Faceplant: To fall off the bike and onto one's face.
- Father of American Cycling A title assigned to Frank W. Weston by the magazine *Bicycling World*, but popularly given to Albert A. Pope. Weston was an ardent and early supporter and did a great deal, but it was Pope who had a far greater influence.
- Fred: A sneering term used by racing cyclists to denote a novice or someone who rides for pleasure rather than competition. You don't need this term in your vocabulary unless you're a jerk.



FLORIDA

Florida Bicycle Touring Calendar (VERY ABRIDGED)



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

- June 7 (Sun) **West Georgia 100**
Carrolton GA 12/25/50/66/100 miles. Sagged, rest stops. University of West Georgia. Allen Griffin, Perpetual Motion Bicycles Inc., 1002 Maple Street, Carrolton GA 30117. (770)834-3278, fax (770)832-9578.
- June 6-7 **The Augusta Cycling Weekend**
Augusta GA Saturday - Mountain Bike ride on the canal. Sunday - Spring Century Tour, 30/65/100 miles. Also Downtown Criterium. Augusta Freewheelers, PO Box 204256, Martinez GA 30907. (706)737-2698.
- June 13-20 **BAMA**
Mobile AL Bicycle Across Magnificent Alabama. Mobile to Dothan (the Gulf coast ride) 390 miles. BAMA, 2117 Rothmore Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35803-1431. (205)881-8032.
- June 20-27 **Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG)**
Oxford GA Seven day ride, 404 miles. Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), PO Box 87111, Stone Mtn. GA 30087-0028. Phone (770)921-6166, fax (770)935-1918.
- July 12 (Sun) **9th Annual Frank Stark Celebration Ride**
Boca Raton FL 18 to 100 miles. (561)391-0062 or Club Hotline (561)451-3692 Boca Raton Bicycle Club, PO Box 810744, Boca Raton FL 33481-0744.
- Jul 31 - Aug 2 **Dog Days Pedal & Paddle**
Live Oak, FL Held at the Suwannee River State Park 9 miles west of Live Oak, this event combines both on and off road cycling in the cool(er) morning hours with water-based activities in the afternoon. Registration limit is 200. Suwannee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. (904)397-2347.
- Aug 2 (Sun) **9th Annual Covington Century**
Covington GA 30, 50, 75, & 100 miles. Al Strickland (770)787-8193 or (770)787-1229.
- Aug 7 (Fri) **Dog Days Lunar Century IV**
Rome GA Mount Berry Square Mall, US 27 North. 10 PM until 2 AM. Coosa Valley Cycling Association, PO Box 2764, Rome GA 30164. (706)234-9787, (706)291-1501, (706)234-2453.
- August 14-17 **L.A.B. GEAR North & National Rally 1998**
Wellesley MA Charles River Wheelmen. (410) 539-3399 ext. 211.
- Aug 15 (Sat) **Lakeshore Schwinn Pizza Ride**
Jacksonville FL Leaves FCCJ (Kent Campus) at 8 am, for a 52, or 66 mile tour of western Duval county. A 25 mile option will leave at 9:30, since pizza won't be served until 11:30. (904)260-1126, Lakeshore Schwinn Pizza Ride, 10661 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32257.
- Sep 5-7 **Tour of Sebring**
Sebring FL See details on page 10.
- Sep 6 (Sun) **16th Historic Savannah Century**
Savannah GA 25, 50, 100 miles. 8 am. Coastal Bicycle Touring Club, PO Box 14531, Savannah GA 31416.
- Sep 13 (Sun) **9th Endless Summer Watermelon Ride**
Baldwin FL 27/49/73/100 miles. North Florida Bicycle Club, PO Box 550963, Jacksonville FL 32255-0963. (904)721-5870
- Sep 13 (Sun) **SBW 14th Annual Century**
Cooper City FL 25/62/100 miles, flat, from Brian Piccolo Park. South Broward Wheelers, POB 290723, Davie FL 33329. Annette Bria, (305)653-9857
- Sep 13 (Sun) **Annual Assault on Sugarloaf**
Clermont FL 112/56/31 miles. CFT/Sommer Sports, PO Box 121236, Clermont FL 34712. (352)394-1320 fax (352)394-1702
- Sep 20 (Sun) **3 States 100**
Dothan AL 7 am, 25, 50, 100 miles, rolling terrain. Circle City Cycling People, (334)792-1011, (334)774-4783.
- Sep 26-27 **MS 150 Gulf Coast**
Tampa FL David Stephens (813)287-2939. Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.
- Oct 3 (Sat) **6th Annual Saturn Santa Fe Century**
Gainesville FL A tour through the lush forest and pasture land north of Gainesville up through the Santa Fe River valley. Rides start at 8:30 am from the North West Boys Club at 2700 NW 51st Street in Gainesville. Enjoy a 100 or a 55 mile road ride, or an 18 mile family fun ride, with well stocked rest stops. GCC, 5015 NW 19th Pl, Gainesville FL 32605.
- Oct 4 (Sun) **18th Annual Horse Farm Hundred**
Gainesville FL The Gainesville Cycling Club's tour through the picturesque horse farms of northern Marion county. We have the best stocked rest stops in Florida! The 102 mile ride (and a 55 mile option that doesn't get into horse farm territory) starts at 8:30 am at the Morningside Nature Center at 3540 East University Avenue. Bagels and muffins will be available before the start. The 46, 31, and 26 mile touring rides start at 8:30 am in Irvine (northernmost I-75 exit in Marion county). GCC, 5015 NW 19th Pl, Gainesville FL 32605.
- Oct 3 (Sat) **Diabetes Challenge**
Tampa FL 100k, 50k, 25k. (813)781-CYCL.
- Oct 4 (Sun) **3rd Annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride**
Inverness FL (352)726-2251. Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee, PO Box 807, Inverness FL 34451-0807.
- Oct 16-18 **Mt Dora Bicycle Festival**
Mt Dora FL Rides range from 3 to 100 miles. All meals are included in the registration fee. Mt Dora Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 196, Mt Dora FL 32757. (352)383-2165.
- Oct 24 (Sat) **15th Annual Spaghetti 100**
Miccosukee FL 100 mile, 100 k, 50 k. Jim Mann (850)422-0302.
- Oct 25 (Sun) **Intracoastal Century**
Cocoa Beach FL 100/50 miles. Spacecoast Freewheelers, PO Box

320622, Cocoa Beach FL 32932-0622.
(407)784-4686.

TOSRV South

by Tim Malles

An impressive turnout of 20 Gainesville Cycling Club members rode the 18th TOSRV, Tour of Southern Rural Vistas, a 2 day, 200mi ride, with metric options, through North Florida and Southern Georgia. Back to back centuries led the group through rolling hills, lush pecan groves, on country roads enjoying great chow and excellent cycling company.

The participants were:

Bill Boyett	Barb Bergin
Bear Bryan	Angela Choate
Skip Choate	Bill Cochran
Neil Crandell	Mark Fuller
Rocke Hill	Lauri Jenkins
Mary LaPlante	Tim Malles
Jim Merkner	Roger Pierce
Burt Silverstein	Janet Silverstein
Bruce Stechmiller	Joyce Stechmiller
Lynda Wolff	Mark Wolff

(Did I forget anyone? Please let me know.)

With the wind at our backs and perfect weather, Saturday's ride was one of the easiest centuries any of us has ever done. The weather put a damper on Sunday's ride. Strong headwinds and a constant cold rain proved to be nothing more than a slight inconvenience for a few, a challenge for most and too much for other riders. We were "singing in the rain", led by Burt (Bacharach) Silverstein, to make the best of it and to remind ourselves we were here only for the fun after all.

Would I ride TOSRV again? You bet, but with all the great rides and cycling adventures out there, you would never have to do the same one twice!

A personal Thank You to Bill Boyett for the inspiration, Jim Merkner for the transportation, and Mark Fuller for the U-turn.

By the way, Neil, what ever happened to that cute girl with the French accent and "the best looking legs in the world"? Oh well, C'est la vie!

THESE PICTURES AND MORE ARE ON THE SPECIAL PHOTO PAGE ON OUR WEB SITE – IN FULL COLOR!



German Innovations Boost Bicycle Usage

In contrast to the Netherlands and Denmark, two countries that have enjoyed long, sustained trends in widespread bicycle ridership, Germany has experienced a much more recent surge in bike usage primarily as a result of changes in transportation policies and significant increases in bicycle infrastructure investments. An article in the latest issue of "Transportation Quarterly" by Rutgers University planning professor, John Pucher, shows how a steady 20 year increase in ridership has boosted bicyclists' share of all travel trips, while over the same period the share of car trips has fallen. Comparing bike/walk/car usage across countries: Germany (12%/22%/49%); Netherlands (30%/18%/45%); UK (8%/12%/62%); US (1%/9%/84%).

The article also notes that the increases have come in spite of an increasing rate of car ownership that's now the highest in Europe. German bike facility improvements include extensive traffic calming efforts on local streets, giving priority to cyclists at signalized intersections, extensive regional bicycle path networks, bicyclist and driver education programs and widespread and convenient bicycle parking facilities.

Forwarded from "Transfer," STPP's newsletter. Adapted from the Tri-State Transportation Campaign's "Mobilizing the Region." To order "Transportation Quarterly," contact the Eno Foundation at 202.879.4700 or visit their web site at <http://www.enotrans.com>.

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LAMENT OF AN AGING CYCLIST

My bicycle is slowing down
while I don't age a fraction
I swear its wheels are out of round
its tires have lost their traction.
I'm energetic, young and strong,
I'm healthy as a horse.
But that cycle - something's wrong.
(The chain is wearing out of
course.)
It really is a shame, you know that
bike
has aged so early.
Its crankset's just about to go.
Its steering's getting squirrely.
While I spin the pedals 'round
with legs that keep getting stronger.
So why, except that my bike's
slowed down,
are these short rides so damned
much longer.

(From the newsletter of the West Palm Beach Bicycle Club, which copied it from the newsletter of the Knickerbikers of San Diego, which says it's "excerpted from "Cycling Happy" by Gordon Hopper)

West Palm Beach Bicycle Club's

TOUR OF SEBRING

Labor Day Weekend, September 5-7, 1998

For riders of all abilities. Rolling hills, citrus groves and lakes in scenic central Florida. Fully supported with rest stops, sags and mechanical repair vehicles, three full meals, entertainment. Based at the historic Kenilworth Lodge. Cost is \$60 per person + lodging.
Saturday, Sept. 5 - 62, 28, 10 mile rides, luncheon buffet, poker & tandem rides, evening concert
Sunday, Sept. 6 - 100, 58, 27 & 10 mile rides, luncheon buffet, poker ride
Monday, Sept. 7 - 62, 44, 22 & 10 mile rides, breakfast buffet

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

**Tour of Sebring, 913 Sumter Road East,
West Palm Beach FL 33415**

Linda Leeds, 561-683-2851; leave name &
address

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These businesses provide discounts to club members who present their yellow membership card or current newsletter mailing label:

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1 Welcome new members Nicholas, Rowland & Susan Brown, Kimberly & Richard Heiss, Debbie Kraus, Chieko Matsuzaki, Stephen Perz, Gerald Woods, and Beverly & Jerry Yermovsky of Gainesville, and Lou Cimino of Ocala

1 Mark Fuller will be spending the next few months crossing the U.S. on an Adventure Cycling Association loaded touring camping trip.

1 Roger Pierce will be riding the Ridge of the Rockies PAC Tour from El Paso to Calgary in June. New memberships and additions to the email list will be on hold during that time.

1 We recalled Ben Inglis from Australia to pick up his GCC jerseys at Primo.

1 Joe and Gay Haldeman will be late picking up their club jerseys as they are doing the last legs of a cross country bike trip. You can get the full skinny at the trip web site,

<http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/biketrip.html>. A sample quote from one of the pages: "Not quite 23 miles in over five hours, a tough ride."

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