

Club Happenings

Apr 2 (Sun) Daylight Savings Time Begins

Standard ride time is still 9 am, but you'll need to get up an hour earlier to make it!

Apr 2 (Sun) Antonini Cupples Memorial Dedication, 11 am

See page 3 for details.

April 9 (Sat) 600 Kilometer Brevet

See our web site for details.

Apr 24 (Sun) Spring Picnic

Meet at the San Felasco Trailhead off US 441. The club will provide Spaghetti a la Chandler and soft drinks, bring a salad or dessert as a dish to pass. On-road and Off-road rides meeting at 9 am, Competitive Eating at Noon.

May 7 (Sat) Standard Ride Start Times Move to 8 am

But watch your email for groups who may switch earlier or later!

May 30 (Mon) Memorial Day Picnic at Little River Springs

Ride the back roads of Suwannee county to work up an appetite for *Sonny's* Barbeque and a need to jump in a cool spring. For full details, see below.

Memorial Day Picnic

Little River Springs Park

Ride the back roads of Suwannee County to work up an appetite for *Sonny's* Barbeque and a need to jump in a cool spring. To partake, you must be at the ride start **not later than 9:15 am** to place your order with the Lantern Rouge; plan on arriving by 9 am.

Depending on where you are coming from in Gainesville, it can take up to an hour to drive to the park, which is just north of Branford. Take US 27 from High Springs to Branford. Turn left onto US 129. Drive three miles north on US 129 and turn left onto County Road 248. A green "Little River Spring" marks the turn. Go about a mile toward the river (west) and follow signs to the spring.

You must be a club member to participate in the feast. We will sign you up on the spot if you're not a member (\$15 or \$20 for a whole family). Bring deserts and salads to complement the Sonny's fare, and a lawn chair.



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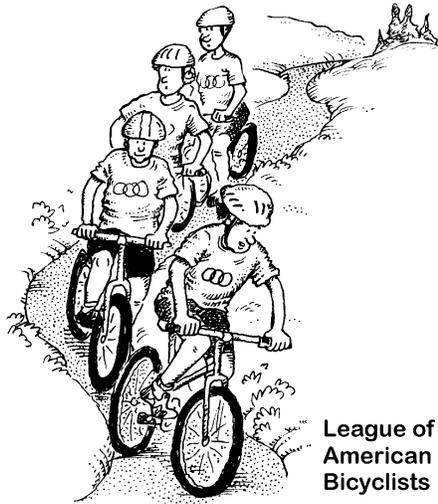
Off Road



by Leslie Folkerth

Spring is in the air! It is a great time of year to be riding, and we've already been enjoying the trails, both at San Felasco and other places.

A couple of weeks ago we headed down to Santos for some fun. A total of 17 people made the trip, and most of us rode out to the "critter bridge" and back, stopping for a bit to play in the pits. Of course, we had to regain our energy by stopping at the Chinese Buffet on the way home!



League of American Bicyclists

Also, by the time you read this, we will have finished a ride at Alafia River State Park. There are a lot of trails down there, the majority being rather technical, so at this writing I anticipate a trip full of thrills and spills! And also lunch afterward...the best part of any trip!

Don't forget our regular Sunday rides out at San Felasco at 9 am. The time will be changing soon to 8 am, so watch your email for the announcement. As always, everyone

is welcome, regardless of skill level – there is always someone to ride with! And on Sunday, April 24, we'll be having our annual Earth Day ride at San Felasco at 10 am. This ride is suitable for families and beginners. We'll be having longer/faster rides as well, and afterwards Chandler plans to cook his famous spaghetti! Bring a side dish to share for a potluck, as this will be a GCC picnic day as well.

So – lots happening this spring. Don't forget about the night rides also, which are sponsored by the Friends of San Felasco. These are typically held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, and the Wednesday closest to the full moon.

Details are always announced by email.

Thanks, and see ya on the trails!

Leslie



League of American Bicyclists

President's Letter



Dear Friends:

On Saturday April 2nd at 11:00 AM we will dedicate a Memorial to Gus Antonini and Will Cupples. This is not a memorial service: We did that a year ago, and it was a fine and meaningful service. The April 2nd Dedication will be a recognition of an important addition to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park and the Gainesville/Hawthorne Trail, which is part of the Park, and an acceptance of the Memorial by the Park management. And far from least in importance, it will be an opportunity to thank the good people who brought this Memorial into existence.

The Memorial is a covered bench located on the Sweetwater Branch Overlook on a short spur off the GHT near the Boulware Springs Trailhead. This spot, familiar to many of you, is a grand place to get a sweeping view of the Prairie basin. Right now the Prairie has an interesting aspect, because much of the water brought by the twin hurricanes last September is still with us, a relatively unusual situation in which the Prairie displays its aspect of being a wetland. There is water standing in shallow ponds everywhere you look, and thousands of water birds. Please come to the dedication ceremony, if only to see this dramatic view.

The Memorial bench was made possible through the generosity of Gus' widow, Victorina Basauri, and the dedication of the members of the Friends of the Gainesville/Hawthorne Trail and Tom Stevens, President of Froghat, who worked with Victorina and the families to raise the money for the necessary materials. Construction was the work of the State Park Service Alumni Association at their annual gathering and work-session, and the County prison crew which works on maintenance projects for the Park. The Friends of Paynes Prairie provided lunch and dinner to fuel this hard-working crew. The

design of the bench itself was originally done by the State Park Service, and several examples have been installed by the Office of Greenways and Trails along the Nature Coast Trail. I think there is at least one example on the Withlacoochee Trail. It's a good design, and one we hope will be duplicated at other points along the GHT. The bench features pressure-treated wood and a metal roof, a design and construction which will have a long service life.

So a large number of folks had a hand in bringing this Memorial to reality, and I want to extend the thanks of the Gainesville Cycling Club to each of them. It is heartwarming to be part of creating something that will preserve the memory of our fallen comrades, and to erecting such a valuable addition to our Park and Trail. Everyone who contributed to this effort should take pride that they had a hand in giving something to the community and to other cyclists, something that will serve the Park and Trail for many years. Thanks to all.

Regards,

George H. Edwards



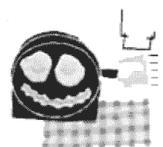
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Gainesville Cycling Club

2005 Annual Meeting

March 6, 2005

Rob Wilt reporting



President George and Treasurer Lee greet the arrivals.



Carl & Jan



Bud Jones received an award for his participation as a GCC Board Member



George goes to the food to do the QC check



Diana & Bob



Jay



Keith Blanchard of the Boys and Girls Club receives an award for his work with the Santa Fe Century



Marty



Kirby and kids



Chandler looking unusually reserved



Greg Grooms received an award for his single handed dedication to providing the club with its newest jersey.



Maria and Kevin



Gay & Joe



Jim & Meegan



Roger checks out the salad fixings



Brian



Debra



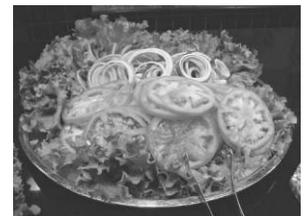
Gloria



Leslie & Doug



John at the counter



Dear Friends:

The following Policy was passed on to us by Tom Stevens, President of Frogat, along with the warning that dog complaints are fairly frequent. Useful phone numbers are: Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park Rangers Station - 466-3387 between 8:00 AM and sunset (the Park open times), or 466-3077 or 466-3226 after hours. The DEP Police can be reached at 352-955-6227. Emergency calls should go to 911. The note about calling the ASO in any case of dogbite is important because of the threat of rabies and the need for disease control. A dogbite probably warrants a 911 call, or you may wish to call the ASO Administrative number at 367-4000 and see where they send you.

In the past I have been told by the DEP Police that they wish to handle vicious dog matters themselves (rather than the ASO, who will call Animal Control), because the DEP can bring more serious charges against the owners when dog attacks happen on State property. But the few DEP patrol vehicles are spread over several counties and might not be able to respond to your call quickly. So if you have to call the ASO, you should follow up with a call to the DEP to put them in the picture.

Tom favors carrying pepper spray, and warns about using it in windy weather (!). I carry bear spray (available at Brasington's) - it's expensive but I tend to be down on the dog's level, so I guess it's worth it. I have heard that household ammonia in a spray bottle is also effective. Chandler says if you have nothing else, spray your water bottle in the dog's face and that will distract him.

Please report any problems with dogs, or let me know about them so that we can report the incidents to the proper authorities.

Cheers,

George



Official Policy On Dogs/Pets on the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail

Pets are allowed on a hand-held leash, no more than 6 feet in length on that portion of the GHT from Boulware to the Preserve boundary (the gate) and from 60th Terrace (the other boundary gate) to Hawthorne. No pets are permitted within the Preserve boundary along the GHT and it is posted as such. Anyone with an unleashed pet (or having a pet within the Preserve) is subject to a citation. Owners are responsible for removing any pet droppings. Anytime someone is bitten, a report must be made to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and the animal quarantined. Other disputes (such as barking or etc.) would have to be evaluated by a Law Enforcement agency (Alachua County Sheriff's Office or DEP Law Enforcement division). If you hear of a reoccurring problem with unleashed dogs, please pass the information along.

We would recommend that any pet in those portions of the Trail where permitted be kept on a short leash so the animal will not be stretching the leash across the trail, be sure and bring plastic bags to pick up droppings and insure that the vaccination tags are current and visible.

Thanks

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Florida

Bicycle Touring Calendar

(VERY ABRIDGED)



See the complete calendar on the World Wide Web at <http://www.floridabicycle.org/fbtc/>

April 3 (Sun)

Bradenton FL

Spring Classic

60/35/25 miles. Registration opens at 7 am behind the Lost Kangaroo Pub at 427 12th Street W. in Bradenton. 60-mile ride starts at 8 am, the 35-mile ride starts at 8:10 and the 25-mile ride starts at 8:20. Ride through the scenic roads of northern and eastern Manatee County. Well stocked SAG stops on each marked route. T-shirt to all pre-registered riders and first 100 late-registered riders. Post-ride party with prizes and lunch at the end of the ride. Registration before March 26 is \$25, after \$30. Registration without t-shirt is \$20/\$25. St. Petersburg Bicycling Club PO Box 76023, St. Petersburg, Florida 33734

April 10 (Sun)

Plant City FL

23rd Annual Strawberry Century

Who: Tampa Bay Freewheelers

What: 20, 38, 62, and (62 + 38) 100-mile rides

Where: Hillsborough Community College, 1206 N. Park Rd., Plant City, FL (exit 22 from I-4)

When: Registration 6 am. Breakfast 6:30 to 9:00 am. First riders mass start at 7:30 am. Lunch 10:30 am to 3 pm. SAG support ends promptly at 3 pm on all routes.

What's in it for you: Breakfast, hot lunch, rest stops, SAG and mechanical support, long-sleeved T-shirt, vendor displays, camaraderie, lots of locally grown strawberries, and door prizes, including a Trek 7500 hybrid!

How much: \$29 for www.Active.com online registration (closes March 24) or for U.S. Mail registrations postmarked by March 14. \$35 for U.S. Mail registrations postmarked by March 24 and day-of-ride. (T-shirts guaranteed for all online registrations, and for all U.S. Mail registrations postmarked by March 24.)

More info: Ruben Watson (813) 404-5721

April 16-17

Quincy FL

24th Annual TOSRV South

Tour of Springtime Rural Vistas. Tour rural back roads of North Florida and South Georgia in the bloom of springtime. Gentle rolling hills, picturesque farmlands and pecan groves, quaint rural towns. 200 miles or 126 miles in two days. Well stocked rest stops, all meals, marked route with sag support, medic, mechanic, t-shirts, free camping, or motels available. Limit 500. Capital City Cyclists. Larry Pushor, Coordinator, 974 Park View Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311. 850-78-7473.

April 16-21

Live Oak FL

25th Annual Florida Bicycle Safari

Riders may choose a 3-day or 6-day option. Routes cover the lightly traveled roads of north Florida and south Georgia. Exceptional sag stops. Mileage varies daily. There are two century rides offered. Food is provided by Dixie Grill. Contact: George Cheney, Executive Director (407)788-3748. For registration go to the web site.

April 24 (Sun)

Jacksonville FL

Tour de Forts

The North Florida Bicycle Club brings you a classic one-day bicycle event designed for the touring cyclist. 18, 30, 60, 71, or 100 mile rides. Pre-ride snacks, rest stops, a post-ride lunch, mechanical support, motorcycle escorts, and roving sags. The shorter routes includes big planes and views. The longer routes include big planes, ocean views, river views, and Fort Clinch. Ride headquarters is at First Coast High School located at 590 Duval Station Road, Jacksonville, FL (near the Jacksonville International Airport). Ride packets, t-shirt pickup, and day of ride registration starts at 6:30 AM at the school cafeteria. The 60, 71 and 100 mile rides start at 7:30 am. The 18 and 30 mile rides start at 8:30 am. To download a flyer or to register on-line, visit the North Florida Bicycle Club website. We prefer that you register on-line. Cost is \$25 members or \$30 non-members. Mail in deadline is April 6th. On-line registration deadline is April 13th. Late on-line registration (without t-shirt) deadline is April 20th. You can still register the day of the event, but the cost increases to \$35 (members and non-members--cash/check only (no credit cards) and does not include a t-shirt).

April 29 - May 1

White Springs FL

Suwannee Bicycle Festival

We've moved from Live Oak to the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs this year. The Suwannee Bicycle Festival, sponsored by the Suwannee Bicycle Association, is organized to celebrate all the wonderful outdoor adventures that are available in the Suwannee region of Florida... in addition to on and off-road bicycling... canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, tubing, hiking, camping, spring hopping and much more.... This event has, at its heart, a dynamic schedule of on-road and off-road bicycle rides plus canoe and kayak trips during every activity period (morning, afternoon and evening). The fest will be held in White Springs this year, with the heart of the event staged at Stephen Foster Folk Culture State Park. Meals will be served an Nelly Bly's Kitchen and event camping has been reserved at the Stephen Foster campground. Plenty of other lodging is available at local B&Bs, motels and a hotel. Contact: Lys Burden 386-454-3304

May 7 (Sat)

Vidalia GA

Sweet Onion Century

With 24, 50, 63, 100 and 125-mile loops the Sweet Onion Century has a route for you. The lightly traveled quiet country roads on gently rolling terrain make this a great choice for novices and for those attempting their first century or Double-Metric. We aim for perfection, and think our routes are superb. Picturesque farms and small towns will keep you spinning with a smile at the beauty around you. The rest stops (located from 8 to 21 miles apart) offer plenty of fruit, cookies, snacks, sports drinks, and water, all provided with a smile by local volunteers striving to host the friendliest rest stop on the ride. The cookout at the end will again feature those delicious Vidalia onion burgers and veggie burgers.

BUSINESS SPONSORS

These businesses provide discounts to club members who present their yellow membership card or the back page of their newsletter (with expiration date):

Bike Route	15%	374-4550
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Spin Cycle	22%	373-3355
Streit's Schwinn Cyclery	10%	377-2453
Water World	5%	377-2822

Some restrictions apply, ask for details at the store.

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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.

Third Eye sunglasses mirror for sale; used twice; \$8.00 (50% off retail). Contact Lena at lena1964@earthlink.net or 352-361-5711.

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

- Teac V2-RX cassette tape deck, 3-heads, In excellent condition, \$100
- 35 MM Flash - Compact Zoom Strobe with Thyristor Flash. Adjustable flash head for close and wide angle shots. Head changes angles for non-direct lighting shots. Active hot shoe type for 35mm. With carrying bag. \$20
- Airwalk Chaos casual shoes. Black, dark gray and light gray. Virtually new. Worn a couple of times, were a bit too small. Very clean. Would fit a 9D well. \$20
- Books on tape, many titles, murder mysteries, historical, comedy. In excellent condition with original packaging. Most used only once. For a list of titles and prices email me and I will forward you the complete listing of available tapes.
- Panasonic KX-P1123, 24 pin dot matrix printer. In good shape, with stand, manual, and extra ribbons. \$25
- Brand New GCC polo shirt: Quality Queensboro shirt (www.queensboro.com), featured logo is the sweaty pony on a penny farthing bike. White with gold text and red horse. Men's size Large \$20.
- Teva Womens sandals, nearly new, size 11. Stars and Moon pattern on dark blue. \$35.
- ScubaPro Fino Mask. High quality low volume dive mask in black. Used only a few times, in perfect condition with original protective box. Originally \$90, selling for \$50.

Alachua Community Traffic Safety Team contributed by Ben Fein

Your CTST discusses traffic safety issues at each month's meetings. You can make a difference in your community by reporting traffic problems! Go to <http://www.alachuactst.org/> to report a problem. On the left hand side of the page you will find the Report-A-Hazard link.

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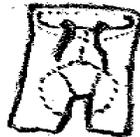
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2005 Gainesville Cycling Festival - 1-2 Oct - Santa Fe Century - Horse Farm Hundred

Cycling Shorts



 Welcome new members Karen Allman, Patricia Gregory, Carolyn J. McGilvray, Erika L. Pagel, Claire St. Peter, Carrie Stilwell, and Velvet Yates of Gainesville; and Marilyn Colby of Brockport, New York.

 Those of you with March 23 expiration dates are just getting your renewal form in the mail. We're going to extend your membership a few weeks to give you time to get your renewal in. We'll do our best to get new membership cards out to you quickly so that you'll have a valid id at the bike shops.

 Membership cards are in the mail for everyone who has joined/renewed this year (up through March 19). If you don't have a current membership card, drop an email to the membership secretary.

 Look for an email announcement for a meeting of the Editorial Board for this newsletter (probably for around May 1). We need to get more and more varied input for the content of this newsletter. It can go 16 pages, but as you may note, there was only enough stuff for 8 this time out.

Anyone who wants to provide input will be welcome at this meeting.