

Club Happenings

February 14 (Sat) Withlacoochee Trail Ride

Meet at **9 AM** inside Fort Cooper State Park (near Floral City) for a ride of approximately 40 miles followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Contact Rob Wilt for details (380-0561 or afn09010@afn.org) and to stay informed of changes in plan.

March 7 (Sat) Annual Swap Meet, Dinner, and Meeting

See page 9 for full details.

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.

March 8 (Sun) Adopt-A-Road Clean Up Party

Meet near the Pearl station in Micanopy on US 441 and CR 234 (Angle Road) at **3 PM**. Park along the road or across the street from Pearl. Work up an appetite for pizza and fixin's at Tony and Pats after the cleanup.

March 14 (Sat) Palatka Ride

Reschedule of canceled December 97 ride. Meet at Ravine Gardens at **9 AM**. Ride approximately 30 miles and picnic. Contact Rob Wilt for details (380-0561 or afn09010@afn.org) and to stay informed of changes in plan.

March 17 (Tue) Your Local Polling Place

Vote **NO** on the anti-paving Amendment. See articles on pages 3 and 5.

March 21 (Sat) Spring Picnic

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.

VOTE NO ON ANTI-PAVING



President's Message



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Ramblings

Reviewing the last month and a half I see that weather has interfered with most of my planned riding. As a consequence the riding edge has been lost and any attempt to ride results in sore muscles and a tender bum. It is little consolation that every other bicyclist in the area is suffering the same sad situation. I guess we in Florida are blessed and jaded. With so much excellent weather all the time we forget that most parts of the country drop in to the lower part of the Fahrenheit scale and just stay there all winter. But cold, rain or snow, people there still ride!

Via Barb Beecher comes some news for that neighbor or kid you've been trying to get to use a helmet. One of the most common complaints is: "I don't wear a helmet because all the cheap ones look dorky and I can't afford an expensive one." Now Prudential Insurance has worked out a deal with Troxel to provide helmets, good looking helmets, to anyone who wants one at a reasonable price. They run \$15 max. and \$4.50 for shipping. They come in several styles, sizes from child through adult, and meet all required safety standards. Call 1-800-MY-HEALTH and ask for the Bicycle Helmet Program brochure.

On another note, the long awaited GCC bike jersey is about to order. The fit kit is in at Primo on University. We expect to place the order in early February. The cost dropped to just over \$47 per jersey, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Saturn, Primo and Campus Cycle. Having tried on the sample jerseys at Primo I can tell you that I haven't

experienced a more comfortable material or a better fit than these Pearl Izumi's.

Other business. In March, city residents will have the opportunity to vote on an issue that may well decide whether or not the much contested Hogtown Greenway will have a paved bike path running through it. The issue is loosely hidden behind a larger agenda, masked as an attempt to prevent green spaces from disappearing under pavement in all city parks. In fact, the issue is really an attempt to sneak in a regulation which will make it impossible to pave the Hogtown (without specifically mentioning it in the ruling). Don't be fooled, if you want the Hogtown Greenway to have a bike path you must vote "NO". For further info on this issue, contact Chandler Otis.

May 16 and 17. The **Annual St. Marks Trail Ride** will be going down again this year. Details will be in the next newsletter. Last year many people expressed an interest in staying at the Wakulla Lodge but found out that it is extremely popular and is booked far in advance. Now is the time to make your reservation there if that is where you want to stay. Also available as an alternative to Wakulla Springs Lodge (904-224-5950) is the newly opened Sweet Magnolia B & B (904-925-0117) in St. Marks. Either accommodation will put you in the middle of our riding-eating activities.

Following winds, my friends,

Rob Wilt



In all the years I have been in the GCC, I have always tried to keep political issues separate from the joy and fun of bike riding. However the Hogtown Greenway referendum may affect the future of bike trails in Gainesville for years to come.

It's a bit confusing, but **please vote "no" on the anti-paving amendment.** A "no" vote will allow the City to pave bike trails in city owned parks and property. A "yes" vote may prohibit the City from building off-street paved bike trails.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Gainesville, you can vote. If you aren't registered, you can register to vote until Feb. 14.

Urge all your friends to vote "no." The opponents are organized and all of them will be voting. If we don't show up at the polls, we may lose.

If you or your friends aren't sure about bike trails, go visit the Gainesville-Hawthorne Rail Trail. One hour on the Rail Trail will usually convince almost anyone that family-oriented bike trails are wonderful recreational facilities.

As the election approaches, we will hear more and more anti-paving and anti-Greenway rhetoric from the Greenway opponents. Please take all information provided by the Greenway opponents with a big grain of salt. In the past, they have spread much misinformation, including exaggerated cost estimates; exaggerated design details; and have raised crime and safety issues to almost hysterical levels. I have tried to be objective throughout this process and I will continue to do so. Please call me if you have any questions about the Greenway, and I will be happy to discuss the pros and cons of the Greenway.

One last word, try not to take this issue personally. The Greenway opponents are extremely passionate because they feel their homes are threatened, so we must be patient and understanding if their tactics and rhetoric are a bit extreme. Rather than snarl back at them, we should listen empathetically and remind them that what we want is a family oriented recreational bike trail. This is not a matter of life and death, but a development issue that involves paving a bike trail on city

CYCLING CLUB MEMBERS HELP GAINESVILLE POLICE FIX CHILDREN'S BIKES FOR CHRISTMAS

by Chandler Otis

As part of the GCC Holiday tradition, club members assisted the Gainesville Police Department with fixing and tuning 60 bicycles that were given to needy kids. This marks the tenth year GCC has helped with the Holiday Bike Program.

Each year, inmates of the Gainesville Work Camp, a Florida Department of Corrections road prison, repair and repaint more than 250 bicycles. Sixty of these bikes are given to the Gainesville Police Department to be given to needy children. On the weekend before the bikes are presented to the kids, GCC members check over the bikes, air all the tires and do any repairs necessary to make the bikes safe and roadworthy.

Sunday, Dec. 14 was a cold rainy day, and those club members who came to help were truly brave. Luckily, the owners of American Self-Storage Warehouse were generous and opened up two unused storage units so we didn't have to work on bikes in the rain.

Club members who braved the rain included Scott Butler, Dottie Dryer, Barry Gibbons, Tim Malles and sons Robert Malles and Michael Malles, Chandler Otis and Ted Richard.

"Weight training works, and isn't just for racing -- it's healthful, too. In a recent West Virginia University study, researchers comparing resistance training to aerobic workouts found that both produced similar cardiac benefits. Lifting helps retain muscle volume as you age, so you can ride fast and strong for years to come. Added strength also protects against injury."

--Fred Matheny, Bicycling Editor--

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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.

19" Romic, all chrome (under tri-color custom paint job), chrome moly, double butted, stronglight crank, Shimano crane Gs, diacompe sidepulls. All state-of-the-art stuff a decade ago. Anyway it is a beautiful little bike and would be great as a cheap but good road or touring bike for someone. Needs some work. \$100, will consider any reasonable offer. Shirley Lasseter 371-9146

Greentyre airless tires — cannot be flatted. Best used for utility/commuting bikes, may be good on off road bikes (not for racing). Clearance, \$5 each. Roger Pierce, 378-7063.

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

CYCLE-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

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 \$ 150

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

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

"The bikers rode past. They were moving so fast. Hills were nothing to them. They had light bikes, expensive ones, and the climbs were only excuses to use the great strength of their legs. The wind in their faces, and pressing back against their chests, was but a reason and a direction, for a feeling; it was something to rail against, and defeat, or be defeated by -- but it was tangible. Compared to some things, the wind was actually tangible."

--Rick Bass, The Watch

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:

•**Directeur sportif:** French term for a bicycle racing team's manager or head coach. If a team has both a manager and a directeur sportif, the manager is the one in charge.

•**Domestique:** Called an *agregario* in Italian. Occasionally anglicized as domestic. A French term literally meaning "servant." A domestique is a support rider on a racing team who will sacrifice his own chances in a race for that of the team leader. Domestiques will give their leader their personal water bottles or even bicycles if necessary. They provide lead-outs, chase down breakaways and impede their progress, and when their leader is in a break, they block others in the pack from chasing. Although the term "domestique" is widely used in English, the French often use the less pejorative term *équipier* (pronounced ay-keep-ee-ay), which simply means a team rider. A domestique and *équipier* are the same thing.

Winter In Illinois

by Seana Hogan

Once had a friend who spent 6 hours a day for an entire winter in Southern Illinois riding his Monarch erg trainer in his tiny trailer with the heat turned off, in the dark, naked (it got phenomenally hot and steamy in there), the seat coated with vaseline. I remember wading through the snow to his trailer one night. The lights were off, the windows were coated with steam. And the trailer was shaking back and forth and roaring along like an airplane ready to take off.

Another funny thing: my friend (I won't use his name -- but he was a well known racer in the midwest) lived on yogurt that he made himself in gallon jugs that sat up by the ceiling above his trainer in his trailer. Essentially, he had turned his trailer into a huge human powered yogurt maker.

Hogtown Greenway

by Chandler Otis

The never-ending saga of the Hogtown Greenway may come to a conclusion with an election on March 17. An amendment to the City Charter will be on the ballot, and a "yes" vote will prohibit the city from paving the Hogtown Greenway.

The Greenspace Preservation Association gathered signatures to put the anti-paving initiative on the ballot. The amendment, as written, would prohibit the City of Gainesville from using paving in any city property zoned conservation or recreation (parks and greenspaces). This would, of course, kill the Greenway, and may also prohibit the city from repairing or building sidewalks, bike trails, basketball courts, tennis courts or any other facilities that might require paving.

The Greenspace Preservation Association realized that this amendment, as written, was vague and ambiguous, so they rewrote it but were unable to gather enough signatures to get the revised version on the ballot.

To put it simply, a "yes" vote will stop the city from building any bike trails in its parks, a "no" vote will allow the City to proceed with the building of the Hogtown Greenway.

In related news on the Greenway, The St. Johns Water Management District issued a permit to allow the City to proceed with construction of the first portion of the Greenway. The first section of Greenway will run through the woods near Westside Park, from intersection of NW 8th Avenue and NW 31st Drive to the Loblolly Nature Center at NW 5th Ave. and NW 34th Street. Construction of this 0.6 mile segment is unlikely to begin before the election.

The Hogtown Greenway as envisioned will be a seven-mile long paved trail for hiking, biking and roller skating. When completed it will run from NW39th Ave. & NW 13th Street across Gainesville to Kannappaha Botanical Gardens. The Greenway has been a very hot political issue, with citizens who

live along the intended route of the trail opposing the trail at every step of the permitting and construction process.

For more information on the Hogtown Greenway, please call Chandler Otis at 377-1728 (home) or 376-6729 (work).

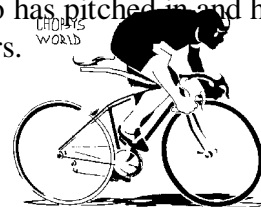
A Note from the Adopt-A-Road

Director

by Diann Dimitri

Our last cleanup was on Dec. 7. We had a crew of eight: Arnold Betancourt, Michael Cochran, Diann Dimitri, Barry Gibbons, Brian Raisler, Maureen Peterson and Marcie Stenmark. Since half of the crew came with pickup trucks, the cleanup was accomplished in a short hour and a half. Afterwards we headed for the usual watering & feeding hole- Tony & Pats.

Our next cleanup will be on March 8 at 3pm. This is the next day after our annual GCC meeting on March 7. I will remind everyone at the meeting to please try to make at least one cleanup this coming year. It was four years ago, 1992, at the GCC annual meeting, that the majority of the GCC members present voted to join the Adopt-A-County-Road program. The club has a committed group of people who have made this volunteer program a success. A big thanks to everyone who has pitched in and helped over the past four years.



Standard Ad

□□ Road Watch □□

- Newberry Road from the end of the four lane to Jonesville is still under construction.
- CR 225 from Irvine to Fairfield is complete with a gorgeous new surface.

The Florida Department of Transportation held a public hearing on December 10th to present the Tentative Work Program for FY 1998/99 - 2002/03. Portions of those plans that will affect our riding area are listed below.

There were three areas of discussion of particular interest to cyclists.

1. Elected officials from Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy counties were present in force to support the Nature Coast Greenway. This project will provide many miles of paved recreational paths in those counties, with the closest approach to Gainesville probably being Trenton. The officials strongly supported moving the project up on the list, rather than waiting to the next century to begin work.
2. A strong case was made to redesign the SR 20 (Hawthorne Road) project to provide for a higher bridge over the creek between Newnans Lake and Paynes Prairie. DOT responded a few days later, postponing bids on the project in order to do the redesign.
3. Alachua County and the Gainesville Cycling Club supported moving the project to widen and repave CR 241 from Jonesville to Alachua to an earlier date.

PROJECTS

Unless otherwise noted, all projects are repaving and will add shoulders if not already present. The year listed is when construction should occur (it could possibly start at the end of the previous year).

Alachua County

US 27/41	from Newberry to High Springs	1998
SR 20	(Hawthorne Road) out to SR 325 4 lanes	1998
US 441	from NW 6 th St to Alachua	1999
CR 235/241	in Alachua	1999
US 27	from Levy county to Archer	1999
US 301	from Island Grove to Orange Heights	1999
SR 26	from Orange Heights to Melrose	2000
SR 26	(Newberry Road) from CR 241N to CR 241S 4 lanes	2000
US 27	from High Springs west to Columbia county	2000/1
NW 39 th Ave & I-75 interchange		2001
SR 121	from LaCrosse to Santa Fe River	2001
SR 121	Santa Fe River bridge rebuild	2001
SR 20	(Hawthorne Road) from Waldo Road to Lakeshore Dr	2001
US 301	from Waldo to Bradford county	2001
SR 24	(Waldo Road) from Gainesville to Waldo	2001
US 441	rebuild bridge at Columbia line	2001
SR 26	(Newberry Road) from CR 241S to Newberry 4 lanes	2001/2
CR 241	from Jonesville to Alachua	2002

Bradford County

US 301	entire county	1998/9
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Union County

CR 231N	(Battle of Olustee course) bridge replacement	1999
SR 121	from Lake Butler to Reddick	2000
CR 231N	(Battle of Olustee course)	2003

Gilchrist County

CR 340	from US 129 to SR 47	2000
US 129	from Levy line to Bell	2000
SR 47	from Trenton to CR 232	2001

Levy County

US 27	from Williston to Alachua line	1999
US 27A	from Williston to CR 241	2000
US 27A	from CR 241 to Bronson	2002

Dixie County

Nature Coast Greenway		2003
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"You want to ride like silk gliding on soft air. Think slow and smooth, and one day you'll discover you're riding so easy you'll laugh out loud at the joy of it all. You'll also discover you're moving fast, probably faster than you ever imagined riding."

February-March Ride Schedule

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

RIDING GROUPS

A Riders. (no Group Captain). Meets on Sundays. Team Florida usually joins us for a group training ride. Rides range from 4 to over 5 hours. The first few hours are generally steady paced riding. The last 1 or 2 hours are usually specific team training; non-racers should ask Coach Livingston before participating in drills. The pace at the end of the ride may become very fast.

Gliders. Andrew Gill, 338-9205, apgill@gnv.fdt.net. Rides in the upper B range (18-19 mph average). Rides meet at the Plaza of the Americas. 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 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.

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. This group is just getting started; come on out and get in on the ground floor! While you're at it, suggest a name for the group.

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 and leave at 9:15.

SATURDAY

Gliders and off road group meet.

SUNDAY

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





FLORIDA

Florida Bicycle Touring Calendar (VERY ABRIDGED)



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

February 14 (Sat)

**IDIDARIDE RESCHEDULED TO
MAY 16th**

White Springs FL

50 mile off-road challenge.

February 15 (Sun)

Suwannee Sweetheart Ride

White Springs FL

27/50/64/100 miles. Starts at 8:30am, from SBA HQ. \$15 includes continental breakfast, after ride dinner. Call Jeanne at (904)264-7168 or (904)260-1126.

February 22 (Sun)

Atlantic Bicycle Tandem Rally

Margate FL

Tradewinds Park, 8:30 am. 50 and 25 miles. No fee. (888)412-3687.

Feb 28 - March 1

SWAMP ROMP '98

Brooksville FL

SWAMP Mountain Bike Club Fourth Annual Croom Event. Guided rides for all skill levels (60+ miles of single-track). Riverside camping. Live entertainment by Rockin' Romy. SWAMP ROMP, 9401 Takomah Trail, Tampa, FL 33617. (813)985-5021.

March 1 (Sun)

Snowbird Century

Miami FL

Fruit and Spice Park, Coconut Palm Drive (SW 248 St) and Redland Road (SW 87 Ave). 100/62/25 miles. Start at 7:30 am. Everglades Bicycle Club, PO Box 430282, South Miami FL 33243-0282. EBC Hotline (305)598-3998. Leonard Wolfson (305)538-3833.

March 8 (Sun)

Lake Weir Kiwanis Tri-County Tour

Weirsdale, FL 20, 40, 60 mile routes thru the rolling hills of Marion, Lake, and Sumter

counties. Kiwanis Beach on Lake Weir. \$15 (\$20 after February 28). Optional post-ride meal \$4.50. 352-821-4653 or 352-624-9237.

March 14-15 **400k Brevet**

Wellington FL

Wellington Boys & Girls Club. 7 am. Jim Solanick (561)433-8796.

March 14-15 **Cross Florida Tour**

W Palm Beach FL

Two days, 290/200 miles, Atlantic to Punta Gorda, Ocean to the Gulf, and back the next day (shorter route starts in Belle Glade). WPB Bicycle Club, PO Box 6581, West Palm Beach FL 33405-6581, Frank Bostwick (561)798-3424.

March 28 (Sat)

Tour de Ranch

Vernon FL

The Panama City Flyers Cycling Club is hosting our fourth Tour de Ranch in the rolling hills of Northwest Florida. 100/62/25 miles. Cost: \$25, includes T-shirt, SAG, Rest Stops with great food! Panama City Flyers Cycling Club, P. O. Box 15966, Panama City, FL 32405. (850)872-8166 fax (850)769-8334.

March 29 (Sun)

15th Annual Strawberry Century

Plant City FL

30/62/100 miles. 7:15a.m. Strawberry Festival grounds - Reynolds St. @ Woodrow Wilson in Plant City - Exit 11 from I-4 onto Thonotosassa Rd., right on Woodrow Wilson. \$23 / \$25 if postmarked after 3/14/98. Lots of Strawberries! Belinda Carlson (813) 985-5933 - FAX (813) 985-7462

April 4 (Sat)

3rd Annual Dr. John Dwyer Memorial Bike Ride

Panama City FL

- 9 am. 20 mile community/family oriented ride. \$15. Panama City Flyers Cycling Club, P. O. Box 15966, Panama City, FL 32406. Land Line: (904) 234-8465.
- April 4-9 **The 18th Annual Florida Bicycle Safari**
Live Oak FL Three or six days of supported rides. First three days based at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds. Monday, six-day riders go to Madison to camp at the Cherry Lake 4-H campground for three nights. Florida Freewheelers. PO Box 916524, Longwood FL 32791. (407)788-3446 fax (407)788-7433.
- Apr 12-18 **Bike Florida**
Fernandina BchFL To Tallahassee via Baldwin, Lake City, Live Oak, Madison, Monticello. For more info call Mike Caleen (407)943-7992.
- April 17-19 **BRAG Spring Tune-Up Ride**
Macon GA Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), PO Box 87111, Stone Mtn. GA 30087-0028. fax (770)935-1918.
- April 18 (Sat) **Birmingham Festival of Arts Metric Century**
Birmingham AL 100k, 50k and a 25k for kids. 7:30 am. Jack Barbour 205/664-3669 or Buddy Herten 205/991-6154
- Apr 18-19 **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. TOSRV South Director, 3211 Affirmed Court, Tallahassee FL 32308 (904)668-2531.
- April 18-19 **600k Brevet**
Sebring FL In the Sebring area so we can get in our "hill requirement." Jim Solanick (561)433-8796.
- April 18-19 **12th Annual MS 150 Bike Tour**
Mt Dora FL To A.C.A. Camp in Lake Geneva (near Leesburg). Camping, dorms and/or hotels may be available. 150 miles (75/day) or 150 kilometer (46 miles/day). (407)896-3873 or fax (407)898-6736
- April 19 (Sun) **10th Annual Spring Classic Bicycle Ride**
Palmetto FL 8 A.M. ride the flat country roads through beautiful Manatee County. 17, 32, or 62 miles. Manatee County Fairgrounds, 17th Street West in Palmetto, Florida. St. Petersburg Bicycle Club. \$15 (\$20 day of event) and includes a long-sleeve T-shirt, prizes, and after ride party. Call Tom at 813-867-8493.
- April 19 (Sun) **Saturn of Stuart Clean Air Challenge of the Treasure Coast**
Stuart FL Distances of 10-100 miles. American Lung Association 1(800)330-LUNG.
- April 19 (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
- April 25 (Sat) **Taste of Coffee Bike Ride**
Douglas, GA General Coffee State Park, Nicholls, GA 31544. 912-384-7082, fax 912-389-1086.
- May 1 - May 3 **Suwannee Bicycle Festival**
Live Oak FL 5 to 100 miles. Seminars, food, on and off road. Suwannee Bicycle Association, PO Box 247, White Springs FL 32096. 904-397-2347.
- May 3 (Sun) **Cross Florida**
Cocoa Beach FL 170 mile one way course. Spacecoast Freewheelers, PO Box 320622, Cocoa Beach FL 32932-0622. (407)784-4686

Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner

Please **RSVP** for the Spaghetti Dinner not later than March 5th (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. 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.

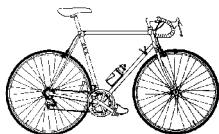
ELECTIONS!

At our annual meeting on March 7th, the Gainesville Cycling Club will elect its board of directors for 1998. 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	Brian Raisler

Swap Meet

Bring *anything* you think someone else might want to swap for or buy to the swap meet at 5 pm on March 7th. Of course, the purpose of the meet is to swap bike stuff, so do be reasonable (leave the sofa at home).

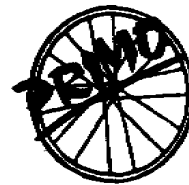
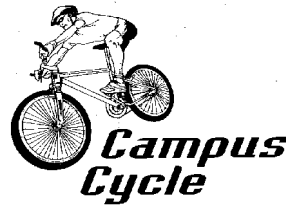


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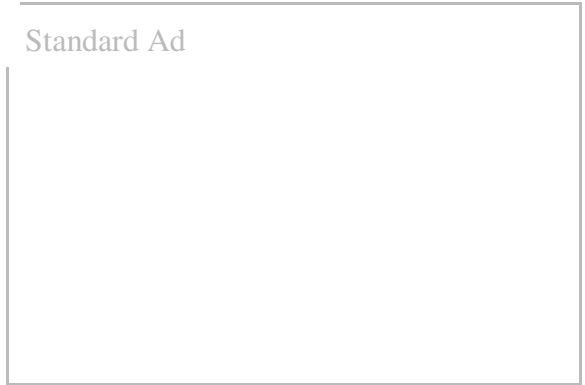
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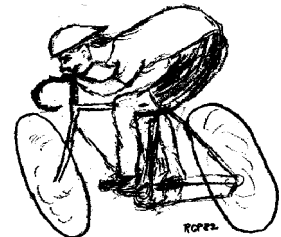


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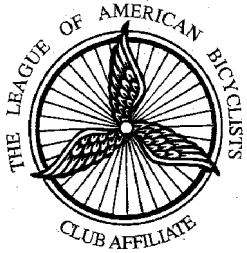
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"Do your homework, because you'll never make any money riding a bike."

Greg LeMond's high-school history teacher, happily unidentified

1 It's that time of the year when your Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster has been working up to 60 hour weeks to make some extra spending money. As a result, this newsletter is late, and some membership things, such as membership cards, are falling behind schedule. All should be caught up by some time in March.



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