

Happenings

September 5 (Mon) Labor Day Picnic at Boulware Springs

Our last picnic of the summer! We need volunteers to plan and prepare the main course that will be provided by the club. Send email to roger@gccfla.org if you can help. We ask that attendees bring side dishes to complement the main course.

We will provide enough main course for those who RSVP. Please RSVP before the weekend if you will be eating the main course so that we can buy enough food. The RSVP link will be sent in an eNews in mid-August and will be available on the News page in the Members Area on the GCC web site.

Rides should be planned to meet at the park at 9 am; eating will commence by noon.

Boulware Springs is located on SE 15th St. See <http://gccfla.org/starts/ridelocboulware.html> for more detailed directions.

September 16 (Fri) Gainesville Senior Games

See page 4 for full information about this event. Registration closes on August 24.

October 22-23 Gainesville Cycling Festival

Save the date for our big annual event. We'll be signing up volunteers starting some time in August (watch for an eNews); see more details on page 3.

We need a few members to step up to help with higher level management-type positions to pre-plan for the event. If you can help, email roger@gccfla.org.

November 11 or 12 Veterans Day Poker Run

Watch for further announcements about this annual event.

Second Saturday, Monthly Family Friendly Ride

The Family Friendly Ride is a monthly GCC outreach ride for riders of all ages, but especially aimed at families with kids. Riders do not have to be members of GCC, so please tell your family, friends and neighbors who might like to join us for a social, all ages bike ride.

We meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the Depot Park parking lot and ride the Gainesville Hawthorne trail down to the Alachua Overlook and back for a round trip of 9 miles. All riders must wear a helmet, parents are required to participate with riders under 16. Tag-alongs, bike trailers, and class 1 or 3 e-bikes (pedal assist) are welcome, but no class 2 (throttle) e-bikes or training wheels.

Any questions, contact jeanie_west@yahoo.com.

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Once upon a time we did a long form newsletter like this every other month, printed hundreds of copies, and mailed them to the membership. That got really expensive a while ago, and most of our members are able to get this same information via email.

This month's long form newsletter is needed due to the large volume of information to get to you. Hope you make good use of it!



ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE MOVEMENT. JOIN US!

EVERY BODY EVERY BIKE!

NEW MEMBERS RIDE AWAY WITH A CUSTOM NECK GAITER OR HANDLEBAR BAG

Join the League of American Bicyclists and get \$15 off your individual membership using code **Gaines**. When you join, you'll receive the new, revamped American Bicyclist as well as other great benefits. You can join or renew by visiting <https://bikeleague.org/join-now>.

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President's Column

Stephen Perz

Greetings fellow travelers!

It has been a very challenging past few years for the club and cyclists in general. We've been challenged by COVID, in so many ways. Of course there were the changes in group ride protocols, but way more. You want what new parts for your bike? You want a new bike? Here's your number, you're in the line! The bike boom has also meant big demands on bike shops.

We've also had to face the challenge

that comes from the grief of loss, whether of loved ones due to COVID or beloved club members who have passed on. Chandler Otis epitomized the spirit of the GCC, in his willingness – indeed, happiness – to help fellow cyclists, whether that meant helping fix a flat or guiding folks on long rides through beautiful places with great people like him.

But we ride on! We ride on because we love the ride and we admire the people who make rides great, who make bike clubs great. Let me pivot as

GCC President by noting that we are in need of club members who have the time and the skills to step forward to contribute to key club positions. We currently lack a Social Events Director, a Secretary, and a Festival Director. Our club has to limp along without those positions filled. You can make a difference! Honor what this club is about! If you're interested, let me or another GCC Board member know.

In the meantime, ride smart and stay safe out there!

Tall Bikes Needed!

Diann Dimitri

Hi folks,

We're still very busy rehabbing bikes for vets who have been homeless.

Lately we've had trouble getting enough tall bikes for some of these guys who are running 6' up to 6'4" even 6' 5". So, we'd really appreciate any donations that might help these tall vets.

Other needs are bike carrying racks for cars in addition to any bike racks for on the bike. We realize most vets have to use their bikes to carry items such as groceries, so racks or baskets make a big difference.

All donations can be dropped off at the Gainesville Cycling Club headquarters aka our house at 5015 NW 19th Pl. If you need me to pick up anything,

please call our house and leave me a message at 352-378-7063.

Thanks for your consideration,

Gainesville Cycling Festival

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Gainesville Cycling Festival, which incorporates the Santa Fe Century and the Horse Farm Hundred, is coming up in October. Proceeds from the Festival are used to provide a donation to the Boys and Girls Club, and to supplement GCC dues to run the club.

To successfully pull off a major two day event such as this we need a significant number of volunteers to pitch in and help. Most of those are needed on the actual weekend of the event, but there are a few jobs that will need doing in the days prior.

How to Sign Up

All volunteers should complete a Festival Registration, but only after getting your position recorded in the data base. CONTACT the volunteer coordinators at volunteer@gccfla.org to get a volunteer slot BEFORE registering. When we have you in the system as a volunteer, you will get your choice of T-shirt, and those working multiple or longer shifts will also be eligible to ride one of the rides for free.

You can also sign up at the Labor Day Picnic.

Type of Help Needed

REST STOPS. Hand out food and water during the Horse Farm Hundred at First Magnitude, Flemington, or Evinston, and during the Santa Fe Century on Pre-Columbian Road, Watermelon Park, Worthington Springs, and DeSoto Park in Hague.

REGISTRATION. We will be open Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon at the Boys Club, and Sunday morning at First Magnitude and in Flemington.

SAG. Drivers will be needed for both the Santa Fe and Horse Farm. We pay money for gas.

OTHER AREAS. We'll also be looking for help to load and unload the trucks before and after the rides, and clean up the week afterward. Prime positions at the packet stuffing party will also be up for grabs!

You can check on exactly which jobs are available by going to our web site and checking the Festival Volunteers page in the Members Area.



Club Member Notes

Ana Fajardo, who has been our Festival Director for the last two years, is moving to Chattanooga. We wish her well in the Volunteer state!

Steve Howell and **Sue Wagner** got engaged on July 4. Steve is a Cruiser, member of the Millhopper Crew, and a renowned potter. You can hear Sue on WUFT-FM every Sunday morning.

Annual Gainesville Senior Games

Are you 50 or older? If so, come on out and test your cycling skills at the 19th Annual Gainesville Senior Games 5K and 10K time trials on Friday, September 16. Compete against other riders in your age group -- or just to see how well you can do! This is a friendly event, so don't be afraid to participate.

**Registration deadline is
August 24.**



The time trials start at 8:30 am at the Gainesville Raceway. This local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and is a qualifier for the Florida State Championships.

Details and registration can be found at www.gainesvillesportscommission.com.

Bike Cases

The club has three hard shell bike cases available for check out. They are managed by JD Donnelly. The best way to contact him is to text to (352) 243-6963. Pre-arranged pick-ups and drop-offs can be done at Super Cool Bike Shop.



Jersey Sponsors Needed

We're preparing to offer club jerseys this fall. The first step is to get sponsors (this reduces the cost of the jerseys to members).

Sponsorships are \$500. We guarantee that the sponsor logo will

be placed on a minimum of 100 jerseys. We also provide recognition on the club website.

If you have a business that would like to sponsor the jersey or know of one that may be interested, contact our

Jersey Manager, Frank Briscoe, at frankoldguyonabicycle@gmail.com.

We have space on the jersey pockets for up to nine sponsors. First come, first served!

Goodbye my friend - Gone but not forgotten

When a good friend suddenly passes without warning, it's often hard to know what exactly to say about them to others. You can't let it go as though it has no meaning to you, though it may feel hurtful to discuss it. The best you can do, I think, is try to express what that person meant to you while they were alive.

I met Chandler back in 1990, at Campus Cycle, across from UF, while looking for a better bike, to ride in my new town... G'ville. He overcame my reluctance to ride in a group (my loner mentality) and convinced me to come ride with him on his Sunday rides from UF's West library out to Newnan's Lake and back. So he was my 'in' to the GCC, which dramatically changed my life, very much for the better. Later I became VP, then Prez, then VP again, and the club photographer for many years. Leaving the board after twenty entertaining and eventful years. I met my wife and made many good friends through the club, and that wouldn't have happened had I not crossed paths with Chandler.

Chandler was always a big part of the board, and the club meetings, picnics and other bike events for the GCC. He also worked on Bike Florida, the Santa Fe off-road rides, the Bubba rides across the US, one of which I was a participant in, the 2013 Key Largo to Key West ride. My wife learned to ride off-road on a bike borrowed for several months from Chandler's stock of personal bikes. Chandler had a great sense of humor, was generous and had a patient spirit that I can't say I've ever seen in anyone else, and I know that he affected many people and the community at large for the better. He was a gentle intelligent voice with a fervent love of democracy, always active in local politics, providing a rational balanced thoughtful perspective on



many subjects, but most of all on cycling, which was his lifelong passion. He trained as a journalist, but found his natural place was in working at Gainesville's many bike shops, introducing others to the joys of cycling.

Chandler also became my close personal friend, and he joined us many times for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners over the years. I even trusted him to watch our home and take care of our cat when we went off to Greece in 2019 for over a month, and I don't know of anyone else I would have felt so comfortable with, because of his honesty and his trustworthiness.

During the Covid I checked in on him occasionally to see if he was doing ok. I don't think Covid took him, but it definitely upended the life he had managed to organize for himself in the social world of cycling. I'm sorry now I didn't make it into Gainesville more recently to see how he was doing. He seemed fine in April, the last time I saw him, his usual 'up' self.

It really does go without saying that I will miss Chandler, I don't know of anyone I've met in my life who was quite like him, literally one of a kind; and 'kind' is the word I think that best describes his general temperament. I'm sure that I am not the only one who will miss him. I think there will be a big hole in the GCC and my heart that will remain open for a long time before this sad wound heals.

Goodbye my friend, thank you for making this world a better place; I know that was your intent, and you succeeded. Now that you are gone from this existence, we will not soon forget you.

Photos

[Click here for photos over the years of Chandler.](#)

[Click here for photos of the memorial ride.](#)

Please send any additional photos you have to Rob to be added to the collection (particularly of the start of the memorial ride).

Rob wrote the following in his President's column in 1997:

Next there is Chandler Otis, Grand Poobah for the club and maybe the Grandfather to the club as well. I'm sure that he has long ago lost count of all the people he has drawn in to our club (yours truly for example). He is a familiar face in our community in relation to ANY bicycling event. He actively works in the political arena outside our club to bring about needed change for the betterment of bicycling for us all. Chandler in person is so low key that you can hardly imagine the clout and respect that he wields within our community. I doubt that there is a member of our city government who does not know his face and name. He works to collect old bikes for refurbishment to be given to disadvantaged children. He paints the course markings that you see when you ride the Horse Farm or the Santa Fe. He does the bike repair for these rides and for the Bike Florida. He fires the hamburgers and hot dogs at picnics and always brings the sodas. He does anything needed, whenever and wherever needed. And he faithfully leads the Newnans Lake ride to offer a slow option for those who are speed challenged. When I think "bicycle" in Gainesville, I think of Chandler. And you are more likely to see him quoted on TV or in the paper, about biking, than anyone else in our community. Chandler's efforts reflect well on himself and our club.

**Gainesville Cycling Club, Inc.
Income Statement June 30, 2022**

General Club Operations

Revenues	9181.92	
Expenses	11,727.63	
Loss		(2,545.71)

Gainesville Cycling Festival

Revenues	27,441.00	
Expenses	26,285.33	
Surplus		1,155.67

Merchandise

Revenues	195.00	
Expenses	234.19	
Loss		(39.19)

Major Donations

Florida Bicycle Association	2,000.00	
League of American Bicyclists	1,000.00	
Loss		(3,000.00)

Overall Loss (4,429.23)

Total Assets 24,714.35

Statement Notes

The GCC had a down financial year in FY2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022).

The net income from the Gainesville Cycling Festival was disappointing, primarily due to the bad weather we had for the Santa Fe Century.

We are now without a Brevet Series run by the club, which was a significant contributor to our bottom line.

While our insurance and data services costs have increased, we have so far held the line on dues. We're hoping a good Festival result in 2022 will continue to put off a dues increase.

We have adequate reserves to continue operations well into the future.

Recent Years Overall Results

FY 2021	(6,500.84)
FY 2020	(1,752.46)
FY 2019	5,819.20
FY 2018	1,767.80
FY 2017	(2,042.09)
FY 2016	4,423.48
FY 2015	234.75
FY 2014	4,865.40
FY 2013	(3,939.90)
FY 2012	1,978.27
FY 2011	3,509.37
FY 2010	(722.08)

Prior to this, we did not have a bookkeeper, and did not have comparable financial statements.

The GCC elects its Board of Directors each January. In our history, we have had two contested elections; all others have been by acclimation.

We invite all members (who will have been a member for at least a year by January 1) to compete for a position on the Board.

The Board consists of the officers of the Club, most of whom have specific assigned duties. The current Board will select up to 11 of the following positions to comprise the 2023 Board:

President

Responsible for the overall operation of the Club. Conducts meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership.

Vice President

Assumes the duties of the President when the President is not available, and performs other duties as assigned by the President and/or the Board.

Secretary

Maintains the legal records of the Club. Takes minutes at Board and Club meetings. Supervises the Historian.
There is no incumbent for this position.

Treasurer

Maintains the financial records of the Club. Manages the Club funds. Manages the governmental requirements of the Club (annual corporate registration, sales tax, tax returns). Supervises the financial record keeping functions.

Chief of Staff

Responsible for the day-to-day administrative operation of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Membership Secretary, Membership Card Laminator, Bookkeeper, Webmaster, Data Base Manager, Web Content Manager, Warehouse Manager, News Editor, Advertising Manager, Jersey Manager, Bike Store Liaison, Email List Manager, Photographer, Insurance Manager, Bike Case Manager, Facebook Admins, Storekeeper.

Social Director

Responsible for the overall process of supplying and staging GCC social events. Activities include proposing picnic and party dates and venues to the GCC Board, arranging for use of facilities at venues, coordinating with the Equipment and Supplies Manager and the Fluids Manager, finding a Venue Manager for each event, publicizing the event, and arranging for or providing a main course food item.
There is no incumbent for this position.

Ride Captain

Supervises the riding programs of the Club. Performs or supervises the following functions: Club Safety Officer, Insurance Officer, Group Captains.

Gainesville Cycling Festival Director

Puts on the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Supervises a vast staff of volunteers.
There is no incumbent for this position.

Brevet Administrator

Puts on the Gainesville Brevet Series.
There is no incumbent for this position.

Membership Services Director

Contacts all new club members to welcome them to the club and answer questions about how to participate in club activities.

Publicity Director

Arranges for publicizing the Club and the Gainesville Cycling Festival. Produces advertising materials.

Member At Large

This person prepares to assume another position on the Board by observing and assisting for one term. Members are limited to one elected term in this position.

The Board meets monthly, currently on a Monday evening at 7 pm.

Contact any Board Member if you are interested in running.

Our household just completed year one on a class 3 E bike. 5,800 hundred miles ridden in all sorts of weather.

Peggy has increased her mileage by almost 50 miles a week. Her average speed is up almost 25%. In turn, I am now riding an extra 50 miles per week and there are no more rest days. My overall calories burned is way up.

We had to switch tires from the very soft originals to much firmer tires. We have now virtually eliminated all flats after we also put a liner between the E Bike tires and tube.

Learning to change tires that have an axle was not too difficult but it is different than a skewer system. Disk brakes are more sensitive than I thought but once adjusted correctly brakes work well.

Our bike was expensive but the local maintenance and warranty work is a plus. The only difficulty we had was a bad wheel which was replaced without cost. I would never buy an E Bike online. I know my local shop will support the bike we bought there. If we were doing it again, we would buy the larger size battery. Peggy can go about 50-52 miles on a charge. The battery has not deteriorated at all in the twelve months we have owned it. I would like to up the mileage but 50 miles is adequate for her.

The E Bike configuration is very similar to a hybrid or mountain bike. The upright position has reduced pain that was common on her traditional carbon frame.

The E Bike is heavy and not suitable for a regular rack for transport. We do have a heavy-duty rack.

The bike electronic system interfaces with an app on our smart phones so we can get updates and diagnose any issues that may arise. We added an additional rear facing light

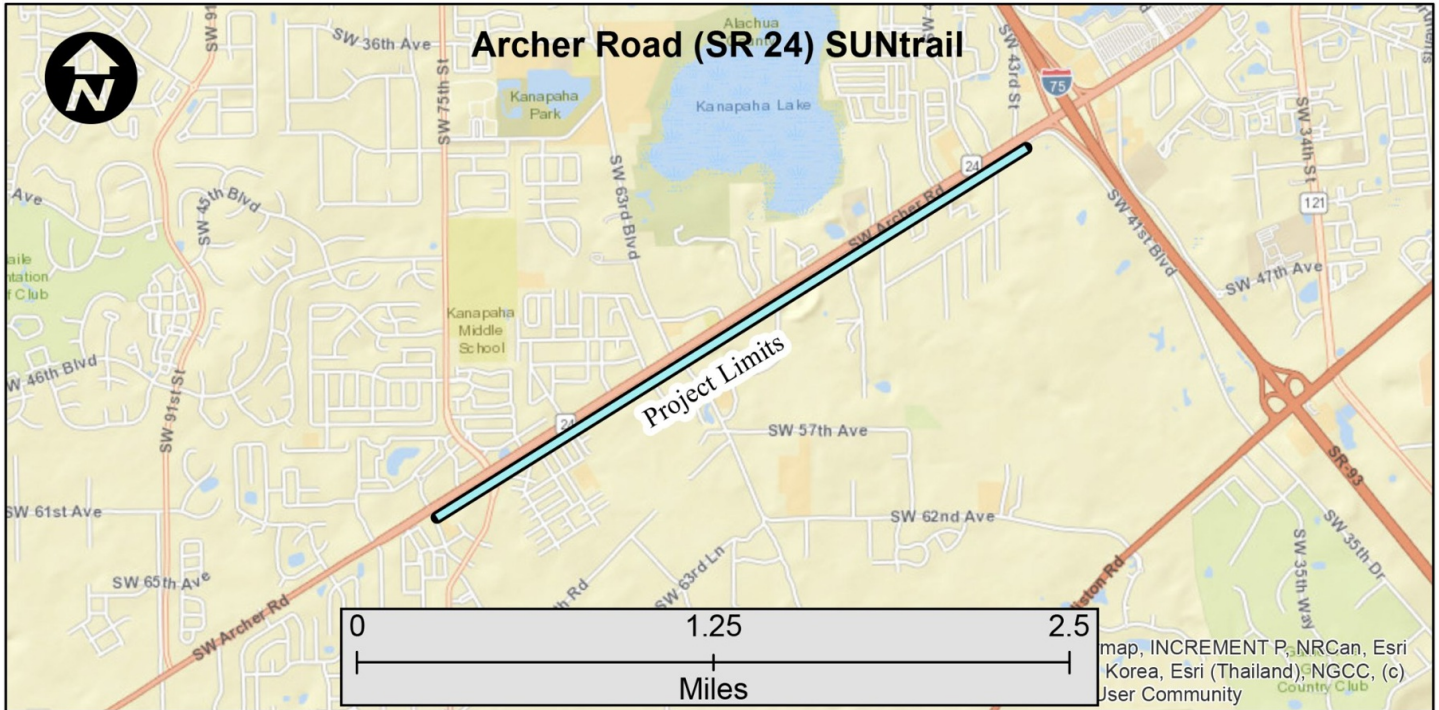
and a mirror for safety.

The biggest advantage of the E Bike for us is that we can bike at a much higher speed over longer distances so I am happier (on my regular bike ed.) and she does not suffer.

The E Bike is stable, fast, smooth, comfortable and we are very happy with the decision for our biking needs.



Archer Road SUN Trail Construction To Begin



Alachua County Public Works is constructing 2.4 miles of Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) trail along Archer Road from SW 75th Terrace to SW 41st Boulevard. The trail will be a 10-foot-wide asphalt surface for walking, biking, and other non-motorized use. This project provides connectivity to the Archer Braid Trail which begins at the trailhead in Archer Florida.

Onyx Site Services is the County's contractor for the project. The project will be constructed in FDOT and GRU rights-of-way and will be

maintained by the County.

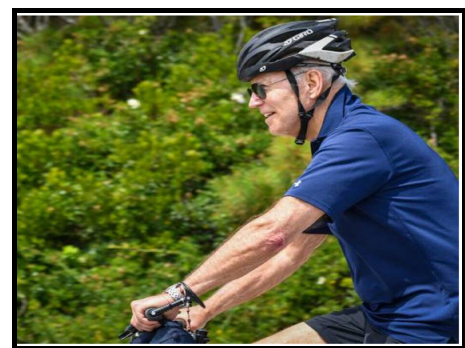
The construction cost is \$1,180,423.92 and is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation as part of its SUN Trail network. Construction is set to begin in July 2022 and is expected to reach completion in December 2022.

"The County is very grateful for this funding from FDOT's SUN Trail program," said Alachua County Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete. "This facility will be a great addition to this trail and

provide enhanced recreation and transportation opportunities to our residents."

Learn more about the Florida Department of Transportation's Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program at <https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/suntrail.shtm>

For more information, contact Alachua County Public Works Civil Engineer James Link at 352-374-5245.



President Biden rides a bike through Gordons Pond State Park in Rehoboth Beach, Del., on July 10. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty Images)



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Super Cool Bike Shop	15%	371-2453	3460 W University Ave	www.supercoolbikeshop.com
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