



# CBTC NEWSLETTER

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February 2017

## ***Bike Club Meeting***

Carey Hilliard's

1111 Abercorn St

**Monday 6 February**

5:45PM Board Meeting

6:15PM Social Hour/Dinner

7:00PM Program

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Please forgive the spartan appearance of this month's newsletter, next month's should be back up to the usual standards.

It's membership renewal time; you can download the PDF application or submit your info online and pay via credit card using the link below.

<http://cbtc.org/membership/>

If you're going to the soups on ride please RSVP to Mike or Deb and let them know what you'll be bringing. [griffohio@gmail.com](mailto:griffohio@gmail.com), Mike 614-216-3462, Deb 614-216-3461.

**Ride Leaders Wanted!**

There are open dates available for you to choose next month and beyond. Contact John Gerardi to find out more about it.  
[johngerardi@hotmail.com](mailto:johngerardi@hotmail.com)

## Coastal Bicycle Touring Club February 2017 Ride Schedule



**Helmets are required on all rides. No helmet = no ride!**  
**Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled ride departure time. Ride leader's meeting will be held 15 minutes before departure time. Club members and Non-club members must sign the waiver form before every ride.**

Date / Time	Mileage	Ride	Leader
Feb 4 Saturday 10:00 A.M.	40/28 miles (B/B-) Note: There is no C Ride)	Coffee Bean Ride: Savannah, GA: Meet downtown at Gallery Espresso at corner of Bull and Perry Streets.	John Arney 912-660-4088
Feb 11 Saturday 10:00 A.M.	35/26 miles (B/B-/C)	Rincon Ride: <b>NOTE MEETING POINT HAS CHANGED.</b> Old Kroger on Hwy 21 in Rincon, 5667 Hwy 21 South, Rincon, GA 31326. There are no restrooms here but the Parkers on 21 as you come into Rincon has clean restrooms.	Joel Mitchell 912-704-3888
Feb 18 Saturday 10:00 A.M.	31/26/18 miles (B/B-/C)	Ellabell Ride: Ellabell, GA: (3960 Wilma Edwards Road) I-16 W to exit 143. TL on Hwy 280 for 2.2 miles, then TR on Wilma Edwards Rd for 1.5 miles to Hendrix Park on left. Park in the center lot next to the gymnasium.	John Baynard 912-598-8687
Feb 25 Saturday 10:00 A.M.	31/22/10 miles (A/B/B- /C/Social)	Soups On Ride in Guyton at the Griffith's: Meet at Deb and Mike Griffith's home at 2 Lakeview Drive. Please bring a soup or salad or desert to share after the ride. Please call Mike at 614-216-3462 or Deb at 614-216-3461 and let them know what you are bringing. There is ample parking at their house. Note that the 10 mile ride is a slower speed social ride. This will be especially enjoyed by new or infrequent riders as well as those looking to enjoy one of Georgia's scenic byways on Honey Ridge road.	Mike Griffith 614-216-3462

Ride Classifications: A: 19+ mph, B: 17-18 mph, B-: 15-16 mph, C: 10-14 mph, S: 9-11 mph

If there is a ride cancellation due to inclement weather or previously unforeseen events, the CBTC web site will be updated with cancellation notice at least an hour and a half before the start of the ride. An email will also be sent to the club members.

### Other Local Rides of Interest

Wed A.M. Several club members ride about 35 miles on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM (during winter) leaving from Berwick parking lot next to. Any riders are welcome but our current group speed is 17-18mph (Class B/B-). If interested, contact John Arney or Roy Mueller and they will add you to the short email list for updates concerning the ride.

## AREA RIDES OF INTEREST

The Jim Kruse Century (with several other options aside from the full century) in Statesboro this year is April 8. This ride is always well attended by CBTC and hopefully it won't be as windy as last years. <http://southerncyclists.com/22nd-jim-kruse-century-2-2>

A number of us are participating again in the Athens-Savannah double century. This is an excellently organized and supported 2 day ride May 5-6. Departs Athens GA, first night is in Louisville GA then day 2 ends in Savannah (actually Bloomingdale then shuttle to Savannah). So far Kim Turner, Rich & Deb Wharff, Mike Griffith and Joel Mitchell have registered. <http://www.kensbikelist.com/athsav2017.html>

Be sure to visit these shops. Take a look at the new bikes or just stop by to say hello. They'll be glad to see you. CBTC members get a 10% discount on parts and accessories (sorry, not on bicycles or repairs!). Check 'em out.

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## Ride Classifications - A/B/B-/C/S

### **A Very Fast - 19+ MPH (Avg. 19+ MPH flat road speed)**

Vigorous riding with excellent bike handling skills. Expect cooperative contribution to group within abilities. No sweep, possible regrouping. Riders are expected to navigate on own if dropped.

### **B Fast - 17-18 MPH (Avg. 17+ MPH flat road speed)**

Brisk to vigorous riding with above average bike handling skills. Expect cooperative contribution to group within abilities. No sweep, possible regrouping. Riders are expected to navigate on own if dropped.

### **B- Moderate - 15-16 MPH (Avg. 15+ MPH flat road speed)**

Moderate to brisk riding with good bike handling skills. Some cooperative pacelining skills required. No sweep, possible regrouping. Riders are expected to be self-sufficient and navigate on own if dropped.

### **C Intermediate - 10-14 MPH (Avg. 12 MPH flat road speed)**

Moderate riding, sightseeing and destination-oriented. Regroups often. A sweep may be appointed. Riders should be capable of riding at least 30 miles.

### **S Slow - 9-11 MPH (Avg. 10 MPH flat road speed)**

Leisurely riding with more attention to scenery. Ride is paced to slowest rider. Regroups often. A sweep is always appointed. Riders should be capable of riding at least 25 miles.

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### Rider Tips

Select a ride that is within your ability based on the ride distance and pace indicated on our monthly Ride Schedule (see page 3). Call the Ride Leader with any questions or concerns. Trying a pace one level lower than were you think you should be is recommended for new members in order to introduce you to our riders.

All **A, B, and B-** riders should be **self-sufficient**, i.e. carry a pump, tire irons, spare tube, patch kit, tools, money and health insurance card. They should use a cycling computer and be able to read a cue sheet.

**All riders in the club must wear and ANSI, SNELL, and/or CPSC approved helmet throughout a ride.** All rides should bring one or two water bottles with them on a ride.

Check the CBTC website for any last minute ride updates.

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### Ride Leader Tips

Before the day of the ride, make sure you have sufficient cue sheets and one or two waiver (sign-in) forms. The Ride Director can provide these if you can't access the club's website.

If you are unfamiliar with the ride, it would be a good idea to ride the course with a cue sheet to be sure that it is accurate and you know the route. Marking the road with yellow paint at important turn is also a good idea.

If a rider call you with questions, make sure that your ride is within his or her ability, based on the ride distance and pace. Trying a lower distance or pace should be recommended for new members in order to introduce them to our rides.

Ride leaders should announce the following rules for safe riding before the start of a ride:

- Use hand signals to communicate turns, slowing, stopping and road surface hazards

- Slow and stop at all stop signs and traffic lights
- Keep a safe distance between you and the rider in front of you
- Ride no more than two abreast on quiet roads and only where it is safe to do so
- Ride single file on all busy roads
- Ride alert with your head up and eyes up the road

The group may stop for mechanical problems (if there is a designated sweep who can assist, then the ride can proceed). If a rider wishes to leave the route, tell the Ride Leader. Go over the ride course, pointing out any areas of potential danger.

### Revised Ride Classifications

Please take a minute to review our revised **Ride Classifications** and **Rider Tips** on the left-hand column of the page. They were updated to make them agree more closely with the classifications used nationally by other bike clubs. They haven't been reviewed since being adopted by CBTC in December 2007.

The gist of the changes is that the **A** ride has gotten upgraded to **Very Fast** with the **B** ride taking over the **Fast** classification. We've now added a new **B-** classification, called **Moderate**.

All three of these classifications expect the riders to be "self-sufficient", that is, capable of riding the route alone if dropped. It also means that these riders should be capable of changing a flat tire and carry a pump (or CO2 cartridges), tire irons, spare tubes, patch kit and tools. They should use a cycling computer and be able to read a cue sheet.

The **C** ride classification has not been changed; it still is called **Intermediate**. However, the C riders are not being asked to be "self-sufficient" since it is expected that they will learn these skills prior to moving up the B- rides.

The **Social S** ride has been made slower than the C ride, since it is paced to the slowest rider now.

### The Coastal Bicycle Touring Club

CBTC web site: [www.cbtc.org](http://www.cbtc.org)

Established on June 29, 1981, the Coastal Bicycle Touring Club (CBTC) consists of approximately 150 cyclists. Our club is the direct result of the first GASBE/BRAG ride in 1980. Our club consists of road touring, hybrid recumbent and tandem cyclists. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for all cyclists to join us and share in our enthusiasm for health, camaraderie, the love of the outdoors and a desire to learn more about ourselves and our sport. We also believe that our bicycle club should be an advocate for the sport in our communities while exhibiting and promoting safe cycling all the time.

CBTC is affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists, Georgia Bikes, Savannah Bicycle Campaign (SBC) and Safe Kids Coalition of Savannah.

CBTC dues pays for weekly e-mail updates, monthly newsletter, Club picnic and the Club Insurance. Please support our club.

### Rides & Club Meetings

Club rides are offered every Saturday with varying distances, speeds and locations. Club meetings are held the first Monday of the each month at Carey Hilliard's on Abercorn. Dinner at 6:15 P.M. and meeting at 7:00.