



CBTC NEWSLETTER

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August 2017

Bike Club Meeting

Carey Hilliard's

11111 Abercorn St

Monday 7 Aug

5:45PM Board Meeting

6:15PM Social Hour/Dinner

7:00PM Program

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Dennis Lee Stuart had his first court appearance at the courthouse in Springfield on 7/12. He plead not guilty to: 2nd Degree Vehicular Homicide, Hit & Run, Driving on a Suspended License and Failure to Maintain Lane. Several club members and others from the cycling community were present as a show of solidarity. For anyone interested in being present at his future appearances do not wear shorts (you won't be allowed in the courtroom) and leave cell phones in your car. Also wearing your jersey and carrying your helmet would be a good way to show our local officials who you are and why you're in the courtroom.

July meeting minutes:

There was discussion about when to cancel a ride where there is a good chance of rain or high heat index. It was agreed a ride would not be cancelled for high temps but an earlier start time will be tried for August rides. Start time for August rides is now 0830. Presentation was on the Athens-Savannah ride by Rich Wharff and Bill Webb.

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Income:

Sales \$125.00

Expenses:

merchandise 750.00

Total \$1577.40

August meeting presentation will be Darrel Snuggerud on his cycling trip in France.

Date / Time	Mileage	Ride	Leader
		August ride schedule not available at time of publication.	

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.

Sun A.M. Several club and local cyclists meet at the Habersham YMCA for a 35 mile ride. Ride leaves promptly at 0800 for the remainder of the summer. This is a faster ride than CBTC group rides.

AREA RIDES OF INTEREST

Savannah Century Update:

Registration for the Savannah Century is open and CBTC members get a discounted rate, use code CBTC17.

Pedal Hilton Head supporting the Boys & Girls club is on 9/17. Supported and escorted with multiple routes up to 62mi/metric century. <http://www.pedalhiltonheadisland.org/event-information.html>

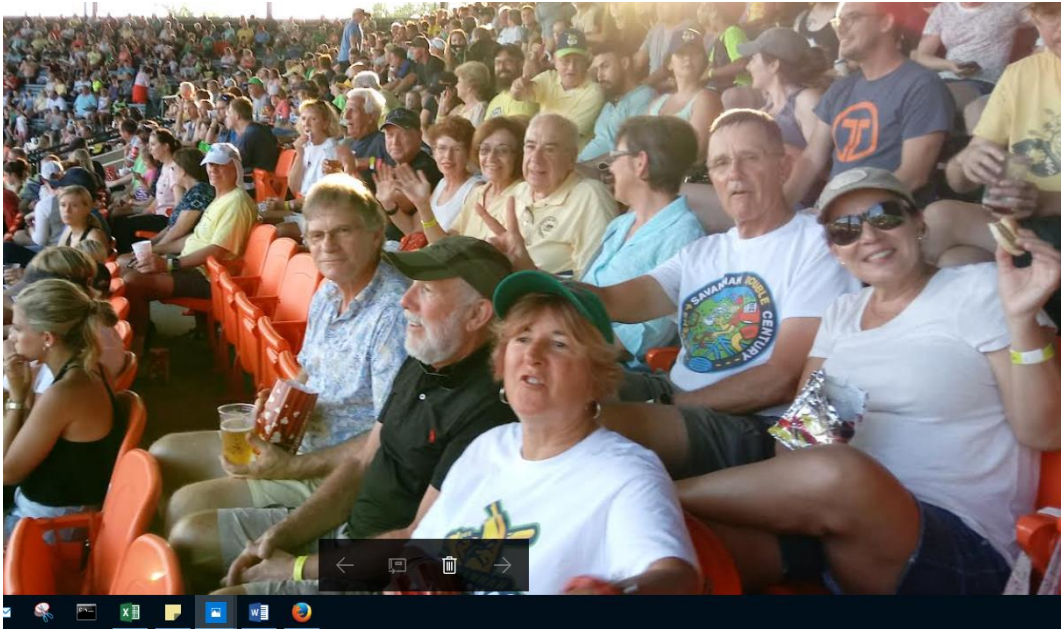
Resurrecting the George L. Smith State Park riding and camping weekend was suggested, in the past it was done over a Thursday-Friday-Saturday with local rides and either camping or pooling together and renting a cabin. This would be in the late fall to hopefully catch campfire weather. If interested let Vikki Graham know so she can start putting something together.

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11/4-11/5 a 2 day ride is being planned from Savannah to Jekyll Island; riding down on a Sat, spending the night and riding back the next day, about 90mi each way. Ride would be self-supported but we have a volunteer that will haul overnight bags down and back. Contact Joel Mitchell if you want to be included on the email updates for this trip. Joelmitch.ga@gmail.com

2017 Social Events

2017 Savannah Bananas Game



Friday, April 7, 2017 Oyster Roast and fireworks at the Savannah Westin

cost \$18 per person

[more information](#)

Saturday, May 13 Club Picnic at Fort McAlister Park in Richmond Hill

cost \$5 parking

[more information](#)

Friday, June 16 Comedy Night at Foxy Loxy Café

cost: free

[more information](#)

Thursday, July 7 Baseball Game Outing, Grayson Stadium, Thirsty Thursday's

cost \$9 per person

[more information](#)

Saturday, September 9 Savannah Queen Moonlight Cruise

cost \$23.95 per person

[more information](#)

Sunday, October 8 Picnic in the Park, Forsyth Park

cost free

[more information](#)

Saturday, November 11 ButterDuck Winery

cost \$8 per person

[more information](#)

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.

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.

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

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.