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As we enter into the new year, it's always useful to reflect on the past year. We're fortunate in that the club had no significant accidents and injuries in 2018, in a year that saw a number of Savannah bike riders injured. Moreover, we gained several new members in the past year, and are hopeful for even more in the coming year. Lastly, we're blessed to have such a good group of people who are devoted to the club rides and events. The best to all in the forthcoming year!

There are open dates for anyone who would like to be a ride leader. Contact John Girardi to find out more. johngerardi@hotmail.com

CBTC January 2019 Ride Schedule

Helmets are required on all rides, and rear view mirrors are highly encouraged. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure. CBTC members and guests must sign the waiver prior to departure.

Date/ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
5 January 2019, Liberty Trail Ride	31/26/18 B/B-/C	Midway, GA. Meet at Smokin' Pig BBQ I95 south to exit 76, then TR.	Kim Turner 214-725-2490
12 January 2019, Harris Neck ride	41/30/21 B/B-	Riceboro, GA. I95 SB to exit 67, TL on Highway 17/25 south, Turn into McDonalds and park in the gravel/dirt parking lot behind the restaurant.	Roy Reynolds 870-310-9868
19 January 2019, Springfield ride	38/28 A/B/B-	Start next to Gaffny's Cheap Seats restaurant, 840 South Laurel Street, Springfield. Plenty of parking next to the restaurant, where lunch happens.	Mike Griffith 614-216-3462
28 January 2019, Ride to Fancy Hall	40/32/22 A/B/B-/C	Richmond Hill. I95 SB to Highway 144, TL and then about 5 miles to Publix on the right.	Darrel Snuggerud 912-484-1912

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, the CBTC web site will be updated with a cancellation notice at least one and a half hours prior. An email will also be sent to club members by the ride director.

Bike Ed

This month's edition of Bike Ed outlines relevant State of Georgia laws pertaining to bicycles. While the following is extracted from the Georgia vehicle code, and contains relevant code designators.

In Georgia, as in most states, **a bicycle is legally a "vehicle"**. This classification means that general vehicular traffic law applies to the operation of a bicycle. However, the vehicular code and various regulations include many qualifications for specific classes of vehicles. Wherever the code or regulation uses the phrase "vehicle," that section applies to all vehicles, including bicycles.

40-1-1 Definitions:

(6) "Bicycle" means every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having only two wheels which are in tandem and either of which is more than 13 inches in diameter.

(6.1) "Bicycle lane" means a portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping, pavement markings, or signage for the exclusive or preferential use of persons operating bicycles. Bicycle lanes shall at a minimum, unless impracticable, be required to meet accepted guidelines, recommendations, and criteria with respect to planning, design, operation, and maintenance as set forth by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

(6.2) "Bicycle path" means a right of way under the jurisdiction and control of this state or a local political subdivision thereof designated for use by bicycle riders.

(6.3) "Bicycle trailer" means every device pulled by a bicycle and designed by the manufacturer of such device to carry human passengers.

(14) "Driver" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

40-6-55

Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter relating to operating a vehicle on a roadway, where a bicycle lane is provided on the roadway, **the operator of a motor vehicle shall yield to a person operating a bicycle in a bicycle lane.**

40-6-56.

(a) As used in this Code section, **the term 'safe distance' means not less than three feet.**

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, when feasible, the operator of a motor vehicle, **when overtaking and passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between such vehicle and the bicycle and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.**

40-6-144

Except as provided by resolution or ordinance of a local government for sidewalks within the jurisdiction of such local government authorizing the operation of bicycles on sidewalks by persons 12 years of age or younger, **no person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized driveway.**

40-6-291

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 40-6-50, **any person operating a bicycle may ride upon a paved shoulder**; provided, however, that such person **shall not be required to ride upon a paved shoulder**.

(c) Any person operating a bicycle **may signal a right turn with his or her right arm and hand extended horizontally or with his or her left hand and arm extended upward**.

40-6-296. **Lights** and other equipment on bicycles

(a) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a light on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet to the front and with a light on the back which shall emit a red light visible from a distance of 300 feet to the rear. Any bicycle equipped with a red reflector on the rear that is approved by the Department of Public Safety shall not be required to have a light on the rear of the bicycle.

(b) Every bicycle sold or operated shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level pavement.

(c) No bicycle shall be equipped or operated while equipped with a set of handlebars so raised that the operator must elevate his or her hands above the operator's shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.

(d) (1) No person under the age of 16 years shall operate or be a passenger on a bicycle on a highway, bicycle path, bicycle lane, or sidewalk under the jurisdiction or control of this state or any local political subdivision thereof without wearing a bicycle helmet.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "bicycle helmet" means a piece of protective headgear which meets or exceeds the impact standards for bicycle helmets set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection, a person shall be deemed to wear a bicycle helmet only if a bicycle helmet of good fit is fastened securely upon such person's head with the straps of such bicycle helmet.

Patrick MacDonald

Patrick MacDonald, 27, of Ellabelle, was seriously injured just before 6am on 12 December 2018, while riding to work on Louisville Road. Patrick was struck by a vehicle in the 1100 block of Louisville Road while traveling eastbound. Several Savannah riders have visited Patrick since the accident, and report that Patrick's cognitive abilities are slowly improving, although he faces a long, uphill period of recovery, with full-time rehabilitation started 23 December. A go-fund-me site has been established to help with medical costs, given that Patrick was without health insurance at the time of the accident. Should you wish to contribute, you can do so via:



<https://www.gofundme.com/patrick-macdonald-cycling-accident-fundraiser>

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