

CBTC NEWSLETTER

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CBTC Meeting

Members agreed to schedule four general memberships per year. The next meeting will be 3Q22 (July-Aug-Sept)

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New Rincon Ride

Club member James Dasher has graciously created a new Rincon ride that will be added to the club's sponsored Saturday ride menu. Like the existing Rincon ride, the new route starts and ends at Macomber Park, 1103 Lexington Avenue, Rincon. However, instead of turning left on 4th Street, the new routes turn left. There are 27 and 40 mile options, and the new route will be Rincon Right Turn, whereas the original will become Rincon Left Turn. Thank you James, we needed a new route option.

Also, while inflation driven gas prices are out of control, the BOD agreed to keep the Saturday rides as close to Savannah as possible.

July Ride Schedule

Ride leaders for each category will be assigned. Ride director: Kim Turner
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Helmets are required on all rides. Rear view mirrors are highly encouraged. Please arrive at least fifteen minutes before scheduled roll-out. Guest riders must sign the club waiver prior to roll-out. Club members acknowledged the waiver when they joined or renewed membership in the club. Enjoy the rides and the company. And if you have an idea about a new ride, contact Kim and she'll work to make it happen. **Oh, by the way, now that we've reset our clocks, club rides begin at 8:30am each Saturday.**

Date/Ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
Saturday, 2 July, 8:30am, Skidaway Island ride	26/34	Meet/park at The Village parking lot, across the street from the BP station (TL at second traffic light intersection on Skidaway Island). Route options to be determined by rider participation, but usually consists of a faster group riding 34 miles, and a slower group riding either 26 or 34 mile options.	Cathy Reiman, 239-293-7118, creiman@icloud.com
Saturday, 9 July, 8:30am, Liberty Trail ride	24/34	Meet/park at the Smoking' Pig BBQ restaurant, 13711 Oglethorpe Highway, Midway, GA. Post-ride eats at the Smoking' Pig.	Dave Taylor, 714-322-1173, d3taylor@live.com
Sunday 16 July, 8:30am, Rincon Left ride	26/35	Meet/park at Macomber Park, 1103 Lexington Avenue, Rincon, GA. Post-ride eats and frio cerveza at El Real Mexican restaurant a short drive from Macomber Park.	TBD
Saturday 23 July, 8:30am, Kilkenny ride	25/35	Meet/park just outside the entrance to Ft. McAllister, at the very end of GA 144 spur, Richmond Hill, GA.	
Saturday, 30 July, 8:30am, Hardeeville rid	23/34/45	Meet/park at Millstone Landing boat ramp, 55 Millstone Landing Road, Hardeeville, SC. Out-and-back routes along sparsely traveled back country roads.	John Arney, 912-660-4088, johnaarney@gmail.com

Club stats - first half of 2022

Through the first half of 2022, CBTC members have put up some impressive cycling numbers. Following is a short synopsis of the club's statistics: (Editor's note: this information was gleaned from the club's STRAVA website. It's important to note that not all club riders are on our STRAVA page, and furthermore, some club riders prefer to keep their individual STRAVA page "private". What this means in practical terms is simple - as impressive as these statistics are, the actual club totals are even more significant.

Name	Miles	# rides	Total ride time
Rich Wharff	6,513	191	492 hours, 14 minutes
David Jackson	5,122	238	320 hours, 26 minutes
John Arney	4,604	200	282 hours, 29 minutes
Kim Turner	3,282	128	211 hours, 1 minute
Kathy Schaefer	2,383	80	148 hours, 30 minutes
Susan Wiener	2,142	97	168 hours, 19 minutes
Dave Taylor	2,131	84	134 hours, 38 minutes
Deborah Wharff	1,662	53	102 hours, 34 minutes
Eric Holmes	1,550	115	110 hours, 39 minutes
Graham Sadler	1,322	41	75 hours, 55 minutes
Geoff Carson	154	39	23 hours, 9 minutes
Bill Webb	72	3	5 hours, 40 minutes
Total	30,935	1,269	40 days, 1 hour, 5 minutes

CBTC web presence

The club's web presence has helped attract new riders, new club members, and a fair number of cyclists visiting Savannah. Most club members are aware of our internet site, which has information on club sponsored rides, membership application, and other club ride information. Our web is designed for desktop and mobile devices.

<https://cbtc.org/>

The club also has a Facebook page, that is used to announce the weekly Saturday club rides and host photos of ride activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=coastal%20bicycle%20touring%20club>

Bike Ed

Continuing to re-post previous editions of "Bike Ed", the following article first appeared in the January 2018 newsletter. The article dealt with the Georgia state vehicle code relative to cycling. It is a very useful read.

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

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, bicycles 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 with the straps of such bicycle helmet.

If you are in need of bikes, bike equipment or bike repairs/adjustments, visit any of these bike shops and receive a 10% discount on parts and accessories, by mentioning you are a CBTC member. Oh, and with the COVID-19 fueled supply chain interruption, not to mention out-of-control inflation, getting a new bike can be challenging, so order as soon as possible and expect a substantial wait until that new bike arrives in Savannah.

