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Spring Ahead

Heads up! On Sunday, 12 March, we continue the goofy tradition of "Spring Forward" on our time devices. Not only will this mess up your internal clock, it also begins the time when our weekly Saturday club rides will begin at 8:30am instead of 9am. That means the 18 March Islands ride will begin at 8:30. Mark your calendars accordingly, else when you show up at 9am you'll be all by yourself.

March Ride Schedule

Ride leaders for each category will be assigned. Ride director: Kim Turner
kimbooskie@gmail.com

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.

Date/Ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
Friday, 3 March, 10am, Easy ride	~14	Approximate 14 mile easy paced ride on the Truman Trail and lightly traveled streets. The ride will leave from the pavilion at Lake Mayer at 10:00 AM and will be approximately 90 minutes in duration.	Roy Reynolds, 870-310-9868, royreynolds59@gmail.com
Saturday, 4 March, 9am, Ride to Fancy Hall	22/32/40	Meet/park at the Publix Super Market at Richmond Hill Plantation, 12800 GA-144, Richmond Hill. Out-and-back routes, with post-ride eats and treats at the Sunshine Cafe, adjacent to the Publix market.	Roy Reynolds, 870-310-9868, royreynolds59@gmail.com
Saturday, 11 March, 9am, Kilkenny ride	26/35/42	Meet/park just outside the entrance to Ft. McAllister State Park, at the very end of GA-144 Spur, Richmond Hill. Out-and-back routes on freshly paved country roads. Post-ride eats and treats at either Fish Tales dock-side restaurant near the ride start/stop, or at a Richmond Hill location that sometimes people prefer.	Kathy Schaefer, 912-661-2884, kwilyschaefer@gmail.com
Saturday, 18 March, 8:30am, Islands ride.	23/34	Meet/park at Forsyth Park at the corner of Bull and Gaston. Ride out of town to Burnside Island, over to Sandfly for a rest stop at Jalapeño Mexican restaurant, then to Isle of Hope before returning to town. Post-ride eats at Sly's, corner of Abercorn and 34th.	Kim Turner, 214-725-2490, iimbooskie@gmail.com

Date/Ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
Saturday, 25 March, 8am, Tour de Low Country, Walterboro, SC	32/62	Meet/park at 278 Robertson Boulevard, Walterboro, SC	N/A

Party Gras - Darien

The club was well represented at the 18 February Party Gras ride in Darien, Georgia. Conditions were far from perfect, with temperatures in the low 40's and a constant wind. Nevertheless, 10 hearty CBTC souls turned out to represent our club at the event. Einar Anderson was among a dozen riders leaving at 8:30am for the full

century (100 miles) route, although he turned back and rode "only" 75 miles. Fifteen minutes later, Peter Broadhead, Gabi Hauck, Cindi Martin, Cathy Reiman, Dave Reynolds, Kathy Schaefer, Kim Turner, Rich & Deborah Wharff took off for the metric century, which turned out to be close to 66 miles.



Despite the weather, the ride itself was pretty special. Road conditions were excellent, rest stops were well stocked, and Darien residents were so grateful to all the ride participants, as evidenced from the post-ride communication from ride organizers:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

From the bottom of our hearts, we *thank you* and want you to know how much we appreciate you participating in our inaugural *Party Gras on the Coast* event!

It was an incredible day and greatly exceeded our expectations!

Congratulations to all of our finishers! You were not deterred by the crisp morning weather, or windy conditions! Your commitment, resiliency, and positive energy inspire us! We hope you had a great time and enjoyed a well-deserved rest and recovery day!



Springfield Revitalization Ride

After a two-year hiatus, the Springfield Revitalization ride is back this year. It will be held on Saturday, 1 April, starting and ending at Ulmer Ball Park, 503 North Oak Street, Springfield.

Proceeds from this event fund facade grants and beautification projects in downtown Springfield. SAG bags for all participants will include information about stores, restaurants and events in and around Springfield. There will be 50 and 100 mile options. Routes will be on rural Effingham County, with well stocked rest stops and restrooms, and roving SAG vehicles helping riders along the routes. In addition, there will be police escort at key intersections and ride segments. Each rider will also receive laminated pocket size route cards. Post-ride lunch will be provided.

Registration for this worthy event can be accomplished on-line at:

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Easy pace ride - First Friday

Roy Reynolds will lead an easy pace ride the first Friday in the month, starting in March, and continuing until June. Turn-out participation will dictate further scheduling.

The rides will start at 10am, at the Lake Mayer Pavilion, and travel onto the Truman Linear Trail and some very lightly traveled streets. Pace will be dictated by the turn-out, but there will be no drops and everyone will stay together.

Our thanks to Roy for arranging these rides, which were mentioned in feedback garnered during the club's latest survey (i.e., a desire for easy pace rides of medium distances).

Bike Ed

Having just concluded African-American History Month, observed in the United States, Canada, and more recently, in Ireland and the United Kingdom, it would be appropriate to focus on an American cycling legend - Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor. Taylor was a remarkably gifted professional cyclist at the turn of the 20th century. Recent efforts to recognize his pioneering accomplishments on the track are underway, to award him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Read on about Major, considered by many to be best sprinter in the history of bike racing, AKA "The Black Cyclone".

Major Taylor

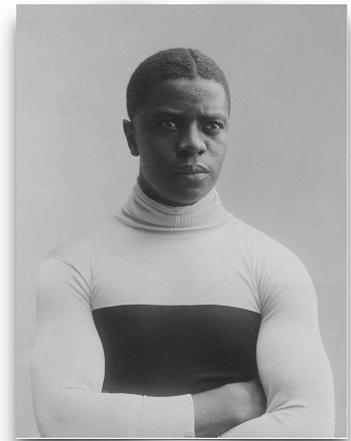
Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor, born in Indianapolis, in 1878, dominated the American track cycling scene in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

He won the first amateur race he entered, aged just 14. He turned professional four years later and continued winning races, most of them sprints around oval tracks at Madison Square Garden and other arenas in the eastern US.

Taylor went on to make history by winning the sprint event at the 1899 world track championships in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and the American Sprint Champion in 1900.

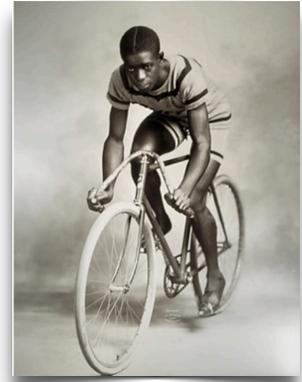
Taylor faced bitter racism throughout his career, often from his rivals. One competitor, after losing to Taylor in Boston, actually attacked him and choked him unconscious. He was barred from races, turned away from restaurants and hotels, and subjected to racist insults throughout his career," Noelle Alvey wrote for the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American History in March 2014.

"In most of my races I not only struggled for victory but also for my very life and limb," Taylor wrote in his autobiography.





Despite his incredible success, Taylor spent his final years in destitute and in poverty and sadly died of a heart attack aged just 53 in 1932.



Honoring Major Taylor

The Major Taylor Initiative was established by the Bronzeville Trail Task Force, Inc., based in Chicago, to advocate for the recognition of Marshall W. "Major" Taylor. Major Taylor was an African American professional cyclist. Taylor may be the greatest American sprinter of all time. He became the first African American to become the cycling champion of the world and earned the title of the "world's fastest man."

He married Daisy V. Morris in 1902 and retired eight years later. He eventually lost his wealth due to failed business ventures and medical bills. He moved to Chicago, in 1930, to sell his autobiography. He died of a heart attack in 1932 and was buried in an unmarked grave. In 1948, a group of cyclists had Taylor's body exhumed and reburied in the Memorial Garden of Mount Glenwood Cemetery in Glenwood, Illinois.



Taylor continues to inspire many people. Many cycling clubs, trails, and events in the U.S. have been named in his honor. He was inducted into the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame in 1989.

Most recently, the North Florida Bike Club featured him in their February newsletter to club members.

If this historical cycling tidbit resonates, you can urge your Congressional representative to award Major Taylor the Congressional Medal of Honor through the Bronzeville Trail Task Force web site at:

<https://www.bronzevilletrail.org/>

Carlos Evans

As featured in last month's newsletter, Carlos Evans visited Savannah in late February. You may recall that Carlos was a United States Marine Corps Sergeant who was deployed in the Global War on Terrorism four different times. Carlos, a native of Puerto Rico, lost both legs and his left hand after stepping on an IED in Afghanistan. That was May 17, 2010. After an exhausting and long recovery period, Carlos decided to spread words of



hope and positivity through his "Touching Lives, Leaving Footprints" foundation.

Carlos Evans - Cycle Event

Carlos, along with his support team, visited Savannah 23-25 February. Through affiliation with the Perry Rubber Bike Shop in Savannah, Carlos led a large group ride around Forsyth Park and back to the shop on Saturday morning, 25 February.



The ride was supported by Savannah Police Department, who provided escort throughout the event. City leaders participated, and later that morning Carlos addressed the participants. He spoke about his injuries, and focused on the events that led him to realize he could touch lives and leave



Estevan Sotorosato, Carlos Evans, David Udinsky

footprints, despite having one hand and no feet. He wore a very warm, sincere smile throughout.

His post-ride words left a vivid mark on the participants, several of whom were CBTC members. He concluded by thanking everyone and reminding them that they met a "new friend this morning" - Carlos Evans. Estevan Sotorosato, a close friend of Carlos and former member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), also known as the Night Stalkers, stationed at Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, summed it up in the following message:

"Richard,

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for you and those who rode with us. Now I have new friends.

I really thank you for everything you did. You are the one who synchronized the city council connection and planed the route and connected your team to make the event happen. The result of you, Carlos and those around us is a gratitude for what God has done for us. I think gratitude is a big thing. It puts us in a place where we become humble and effective to change the world.

Once again thank you and Mi casa es sus casa!
Take care Amigo!

God Speed! Very respectfully,
Estevan Sotorosado"



Alderman Nick Palumbo and Carlos Evans

If



Carlos Evans and some of the group

you're in need of bikes, bike equipment or repairs, visit any of these shops and receive 10% discount on parts and accessories, by mentioning you are a CBTC member.

