

Letter from the President

Coastal Bicycle Touring Club

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Dear Coastal Bicycle Touring Club Members,

As president of the Coastal Bicycle Touring Club, it is my pleasure to reach out to each of you. We had a great year in 2025, and I am excited to continue to experience cycling adventures along our beautiful coastline. Our club's strength lies in the camaraderie, enthusiasm, and shared love of cycling that each of you brings to our community.

Over the past year, we have enjoyed memorable group rides, witnessed new friendships blossom, and seen our membership grow. Your active participation and commitment to safe, enjoyable rides have made these accomplishments possible. Thank you for your energy, your volunteer spirit, and your support of our club's mission.

We began tracking participation of our Saturday rides beginning on July 19th. Since then, the Club sponsored 18 rides, (we would have ridden 23 if not for the weather which prompted us to cancel 5 rides). Our rides have included an average of more than 19 club riders, with our largest turn-out at 26, and the smallest at 10. Fifty-four of our members have been on at least 1 ride, one rider only missed 1 ride, and 19 (of those that rode) participated in 9 or more rides.

October 18th found us in Brunswick, riding with the PEDAL THE GOLDEN ISLES event. Twenty-six of our members showed up for the ride (more than 14% of the participants – way to go CBTC!!





The leadership of the club has been busy with several activities that may not be visible to you as a club member:

- We have been actively working on developing alternative rides to the “usual”. This has turned out to be a challenge as our rides need:
 - Have routes for those riders that prefer a ride 35-40 miles as well as those who prefer to go a shorter route.
 - The ride ideally has rest rooms at the beginning and at our rest stop.
 - Light Traffic / Good roads
 - If you have options, we should consider – please let us know.
- We have been working on developing Safety guidelines, and potentially video’s that will highlight behaviors that can keep our rides safe.
- The club will be sponsoring clinics periodically, with the first subject “Bicycle Maintenance” featuring our own Ken Pierce.
- We are working on a new jersey for the club. It is amazing to see a large group of riders in the club jerseys, and we feel that it is time to add another option for the club.
- We have developed a “Code of Conduct” for the club that will appear on the website soon. Much of what you will find in it reflects the good behaviors that members exhibit, but we felt that having it in writing would help us when behaviors deviate.

Looking ahead, we have a full calendar of events planned, including our local rides (Rincon, Darien, Riceboro, Nevils, Ellabell and Hardeeville, Islands, Fancy Hall & Kilkenny, Right Turn Clyde), a new Richmond Hill Ride, skills clinics, and family-friendly outings. I encourage all members—new and experienced—to join these activities, share your experiences, and help welcome newcomers to our club.

In addition to our usual rides, we are planning to ride some other events:



More than 20 of our members have signed up to ride in Darien at the end of February with Party Gras on the Coast. It is a charity bike event, and the Club is being represented well. We have members that have signed up for 100 miles, 100 km, and 42 miles. The roads in Darien are good, and we expect the ride to be well supported.

We are also planning another trip to Wakulla Springs (20 min. south of Tallahassee, FL) at the end of March. The dates are March 19 – 22nd. There are already more than 10 people who have signed up. We are staying at The Lodge at Wakulla Springs.

It is time for membership dues to be paid. We have received dues from about one half of our members already. The dues are used to pay the bills for the club and our website, The dues have not seen inflation, but it is important that they be paid to keep the club functioning. **We have added a new method to pay them this year with Zelle – just send them to Brian Kadish at treasurer@cbtc.org.**

We are also asking members to fill out a new waiver ([click here](#)) and send to Joe Jukubek jmjakubek@me.com.

I also remind everyone of the importance of safety and respect for our fellow riders and the communities we travel through. Please continue to follow all cycling guidelines, wear your helmets, and look out for one another on the road.

If you have suggestions for future events or ways to improve our club, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our leadership team. Your ideas and feedback are always welcome.

Thank you for being part of the Coastal Bicycle Touring Club. Here's to many more miles of fun, friendship, and adventure!

Ride safely,

Bill Herbes

President, Coastal Bicycle Touring Club