

# Caloosa Chronicles

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## **Bike Lane Success Story**

By Dave & Norma Colver

The bike lane corridor that will soon connect south Cape Coral with the Veterans Parkway bike path system leading to northwest Cape Coral is a community success story! As you know, the Cape Coral City Council recently approved bike lanes on Sands Blvd, Beach, and all the way up Surfside Blvd in west Cape Coral. This biking improvement only happened by the active persuasion of many grass roots enthusiasts, including the Caloosa Riders Club.

It started about four years ago when residents on Surfside Blvd approached Cape Coral with a bike lane proposal. It was soon rejected for a variety of "bureaucratic" reasons. But the residents and biking enthusiasts keep pushing. There were three important components that turned the City's decision in our favor: First, there is a very organized neighborhood group called the Sands Neighborhood Association. They sought out the correct procedures with the City and held important meetings. Second, a loosely organized group on Surfside Blvd. solicited petitions and kept the phones busy with the City staff. Several of us attended City meetings that addressed these bike lanes. And third, the presence of the Caloosa Riders members played a very important role in convincing City Council members that the Surfside bike lane initiative was important for the City and the whole County. They began to recognize that a county network of bike lanes that connect together is a quality of life issue for a population larger than just the residents of Surfside.

Those of us in the immediate area that will clearly benefit from these lanes would like to thank the Members of the Caloosa Riders for their support and their very active role with writing letters and attending critical city meetings.

### **Welcome our new Club Officers for 2007**

The Club is under the steady hand of a new president—Chris Wells. We are very fortunate to have all the other officers from last year staying on to help Chris with making this a growing and fun bicycle club in 2007!!

Let's all support our new leadership!

### **Articles, Ideas and Input of all kinds—WANTED!!**

Happy New Year! A new look to the Caloosa Chronicles and a new novice editor. All articles and suggestions are welcome! Help me make this a useful piece for the Club Membership. Send an email to Dick Bennett with your ideas.

Jackie, thank you for all your efforts in years past. We will miss your contributions to this newsletter.

## Ride Schedule and meeting dates

**All Riders:** Download ride maps from our website before the ride. [www.caloosarodders.com](http://www.caloosarodders.com).  
Most routes are marked. All rides are between 30 and 40 miles unless otherwise noted.

**Saturday Rides:** Buckingham Community Park of Buckingham Road east of SR 82. Start 8:00

| January        |                 |               |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Saturday, 1/6  | Alva Special    | Jeff Brim     |
|                |                 | 239 560-2746  |
| Saturday, 1/13 | Gateway         | Bill Garrison |
|                |                 | 239 275-7615  |
| Saturday, 1/20 | Gateway Special | Ron Cox       |
|                |                 | 239 334-7580  |
| Saturday, 1/27 | I Like Ike      | JoAnne V      |
|                |                 | 239 936-1058  |
| February       |                 |               |
| Saturday, 2/3  | Greenbriar      | Dick Bennett  |
|                |                 | 239 464-0606  |
| Saturday, 2/10 | Old Milwaukee   | Jeff Brim     |
|                |                 | 239 560-2746  |
| Saturday, 2/17 | Alva Special    | Bill Garrison |
|                |                 | 239 275-7615  |
| Saturday, 2/24 | Gateway         | Ron Cox       |
|                |                 | 239 334-7580  |
| March          |                 |               |
| Saturday, 3/3  | I Like Ike      | JoAnne V      |
|                |                 | 239 936-1058  |
| Saturday, 2/10 | Greenbriar      | Dick Bennett  |
|                |                 | 239 464-0606  |

## Breakfast after rides — Join US

### ●Tuesday/Thurs Day at Annie's

814 Southeast 47th St Cape Coral, FL 33904

### ●Saturday at Frankie's

3701 Fowler Street Ft. Myers. FL 33901

## Tuesday and Thursday Rides

Cay West parking Lot—Cape Coral Parkway

West of Chiquita. The group rides various routes through Cape Coral.  
Mileages vary

Between 20 & 40 miles. Speeds between  
conversational (12-15 mph) to fast (21+mph).

8:00 Start

## Sunday rides

### Bell Tower/Ft. Myers—

NEC Daniels & US 41. Speed 20+ mph for 30 to 60 miles. Not for  
beginners! 7:30 Start

### Pelican Park/Cape Coral—

Meet at Pelican Park on Pelican Blvd north of Cape Coral Parkway  
Speeds between 12 to 21+ mph 8:00 Start

## Future Rides: See our Website for details

January 14

- >Pedaling for Pathways
- Naples Pathway Coalition
- >Tour de Cape, Rotary Park , Cape Coral

January 20-21

- >Immokalee to Chokoloskee Weekend

March 25

- >Tour de Friendship Bike Ride
- Immokalee Friendship House

## Next Club Meeting Dates

### Thursday, January 25th

Swap meet—Bring your bike stuff to sell or trade.

Pot Luck Supper

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WHERE: Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium at 7:00PM

Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member or \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership: \$20  
Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership: \$15

**Membership is for the calendar year. Membership applications dated through October remain in effect until the end of the year. Applications dated November and December remain in effect through the following year.**

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Caloosa Riders (Club) sponsored Bicycling Activities (Activity) I myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISK AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH (RISKS); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club, the League of American Bicyclists, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, and other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the releasees herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE releasees OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such a claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTANDING ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
If Family Membership, Spouse's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Caloosa Riders**      Mail to: **Caloosa Riders**  
P.O. Box 870  
Ft. Myers, FL 33902

**Benefits of membership: •Newsletter•Discounts•Club Meetings•Marked routes•Free Classifieds**

## Club Member Discounts Available at these fine Stores:

These businesses offer members a 10% discount on non-sale items. Bicycles Excluded. Present your membership Card.

**A.J. Barnes Bicycle Emporium**  
15248 S. Tamiami Trail, FM  
239437-0373

**The Bike Route** (new location)  
8595 College Parkway at Winkler  
FM 239 481-3376

**Ft. Myers Schwinn**  
3630 Cleveland, FM  
239 939-2899

**Wooley's Bikeland**  
1025 Tamiami Trail, NFM  
239 997-3111

**Cape Coral Bicycles**  
8 Del Prado Blvd S., CC  
239 343-2453

**Trikes & Bikes**  
3451 Fowler St, FM  
239 936-1851

**The Naples Cyclery**  
813 Vanderbilt Rd, Naples  
239 566-0600

**The Naples Cyclery**  
27820 S. Tamiami Tr, B.Spr  
239 949-0026

**Clint's Bicycle Shoppe of Naples**  
8789 Tamiami Tr N  
(Marketplace at Pelican Bay)  
239 566-3646

**University QuickPrint**  
4519 S.E. 16th Place #102, CC  
239 542-1020

**Mother Earth Natural Foods**  
Cape Coral & Ft. Myers  
239 454-8009

**Acme Bicycle Shop**  
615 Cross St (US 41 S), P.Gorda  
941 639-3029

**Paradise Bicycles**  
1712 Del Prado S, CC  
239 772-2453

**Hearing Aid Services**  
MacGregor Pt SC, B.Spr  
947-2222



2007 Dues are payable NOW!!! Don't let your membership lapse.

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