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Key West

300 miles and a world away Tom Hauser

Well, I did it again! After each of my previous two trips from Fort Myers to Key West, I swore I'd never do it again. But, in May, together with Dave Baty, Jeff Brim, and Bill Garrison, I packed up my touring bike and headed south.

Actually, it was two separate rides. There was the "paceline" (Dave, Jeff, Bill) and the "tourist" (me). The "paceline" started right out at 15 mph, while the "tourist" held a more conservative 12 mph, enough to stay cool in the 90+ temps. The "paceline" went to restaurants while the "tourist" stopped at super markets, but we stayed at the

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SEABAR (short for Seattle to Bar Harbor) Dutch Van der Kuyp

It's time for another long ride.

It all started about 6 or 7 years ago that I road my bike from Cape Coral to Toronto, Canada, and back to Tupelo, Miss. I then said to myself, it would be

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Tribute to GARY FAAS

By Wayne Van Netta

The Caloosa Riders lost a beloved former member with the passing of Gary Faas, one of our founders. Gary, along with Stu Hodes, was the heart of our club in the early days. We were all mostly recreational riders that rode as a group.

Gary would invariably be a self appointed ride leader. He took this honor not to lead, but to sag. The new rider, the slow rider, the rider with the clunker bike never had to worry about being dropped, being lost or fixing a flat. Gary truly loved helping people,

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Caloosa Riders YahooGroup

We now have a group on Yahoo that will replace the message board on the website. To subscribe send a blank email to:
caloosariders-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
You will receive an email with instructions on joining.

MONTHLY MEETINGS 4th Thursday of the month Dinner Meetings

July 24 Thursday 7:00 PM

August 22 Thursday 7:00 PM

Stevie Tomato's
11491 S Cleveland Ave
Fort Myers, FL

Ride Schedule

Saturday Rides: Buckingham Community Park on Buckingham Road East of SR 82 Start 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday Rides

Cay West Parking Lot - Cape Coral Parkway west of Chiquita. 8:00 AM 30 miles
The group rides to Coral Oaks Golf course for a break and then returns. Some of the riders maintain a conversational pace (12 - 15 mph) while others ride much faster.

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July 5	Greenbrier	Jeff Brim 239-560-2746
July 12	Wheeler	Bill Garrison 239-275-7615
July 19	Old Milwaukee	Ron Cox 239-334-7580
July 26	Alva Special	JoAnne V. 239-936-1058
Aug 2	I Like Ike	Mike Swanson 239-896-6938
Aug 9	Greenbrier	Jeff Brim 239-560-2746
Aug 16	Wheeler	Bill Garrison 239-275-7615
Aug 23	Old Milwaukee	Ron Cox 239-334-7580
Aug 30	Alva Special	JoAnne V. 239-936-1058
Sep 6	I Like Ike	Mike Swanson 239-896-6938

Tuesday Evening Ride 6:00 p.m.

From Publix at Burnt Store Rd and Pine Island Rd Cape Coral confirm with Soloane 826-6161 or Soloane@yahoo.com

Wednesday Ride

Summerlin and Colonial in Ft. Myers 8:00 a.m. The ride follows the Summerlin Bike Path. Pace 17-20

Sunday Rides

Bell Tower - Daniels and US 41 Meet at 7:30 AM Pace 20 mph for 30 to 60 miles. Not for beginners.

Pelican/Cape Coral: Meet at 8:00 AM at Pelican Park on Pelican Blvd, north of Cape Coral Parkway. Pace 12 to 20 for 26 to 35 miles.

Check the website for changes to the ride schedule and maps.

Breakfast After Rides
Tuesday/Thursday
 Annie's
 814 SW 47th St, Cape Coral
Saturday
 Frankie's
 3701 Fowler St, Fort Myers



HELMETS REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDES !!!!!

OTHER RIDES

Aug 30 to Sept 1	26th Annual Tour of Sebring	http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1524848
Nov 2	Everyone Rides	http://www.everyonerides.org/
Nov 16-20	Key West Adventure 5	Details in last issue or Ron Cox 239-334-7580 rcox1@comcast.net



Gary Faas, JoAnne VanNetta, Wayne VanNetta

and he enjoyed doing so.

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Many of our rides were on the Summerlin bike path where you could always count on at least one broken beer bottle.

We can picture Gary now stopping his bike, getting out the whisk broom and sweeping away the glass. That his fellow riders might flat was a major concern. They threw away the mold.

We'll miss you, Gary!

Gary Faas — Founding Member

Gary B. Faas (pictured on left), who was a founding member of the Caloosa Riders, passed away on May 29th. He was surrounded by his loving wife Janice, and his family. Gary was a charter member and past President of the club. He loved bicycling and especially the camaraderie of the club.

Gary worked diligently to advocate for better and more bicycle paths throughout Lee County. He was a two-time veteran of both RAGBRAI and BRAG.

To commemorate his 50th High School Reunion, Gary rode his bike solo from Cape Coral to Marengo, Iowa. His love of bicycle riding was truly contagious, as a result several members of his family are avid cyclists today.

A memorial fund has been set up in Gary's name: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Attn: Katie King, 3715 Northside Parkway, Bldg. 400, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30327.

**BREAKAWAY TO KEY LARGO
BIKE MS ZIMMERMAN RIDE 2008
Andy Hernandez**

May 3rd & 4th, 2008 one of the most important fundraisers for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society took place. 1.7 million dollars was raised to fight MS. The 150-Mile Bike Tour for 2008. This event takes place every year and the ride consist of 75 miles each way – Miami to John Pennekamp Park in Key Largo, Florida – on May 3rd (Saturday) and returning Sunday, May 4th.

This is my 4th year participating in the event and must say that this year the attendance was overwhelming. More than 2500 cyclist took part in this great event. There are cyclists from all over the country due to the organization of the event and promotion from the many sponsors. The sponsors are institutions as Wachovia Bank, Bank of America, and Bank United. Communications companies such as: Metro PCS, Comcast, Mega TV, 93 Rock Radio Station, CBS 4 Fox Miami, Mack Cycle, Trek Demo Tour Inc., UPS, Federal Express, DHL, Maroone Ford, Doctors Hospital, Memorial Healthcare System, Catholic Health Services, University of Miami (which has been a long time sponsor and the tour left from the Bank United Center at the UM Campus). Tony Roma's, Gatorade, Bacardi, Red Bull, Miller Lite, Penta Water Starbucks and Pilon Coffee and so many others that it would just bore you.

I must say that we were a little impatient at the Starting line. In my mind was the "it will get very hot", thought. Started pedaling and the thoughts changed. Now was the time to enjoy the ride. The route was well organized and police assistance was at every intersection on the route. It was a smooth ride with no worries about cars coming close.

There were 10 rest stops along the way to Key Largo, each one of them with lots of water, Gatorade, Penta Purified and Antioxidant Water (which was really good), fruits (bananas, apples, grapes, watermelon); Power Bars, and portable toilets.



Team Tysabri — Andy is third from left

It is rewarding to see so many people participating in this fundraiser that has such an important goal, Find the Cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The participation extends not only to the cyclists, who are the main attraction, but also so many volunteers giving their contribution, not only financial, but with their time. There were whole families attending the event. Mothers with their children dressed as cheerleaders greeting the cyclists.

We need to thank you for your contributions. I am very grateful to be able to share my weekend rides with the Cape Coral Team, and do appreciate your help and concern for this cause. You know it is very important to me because my wife is an MS patient.

ANDY

***Want to participate in 2009?
We would like to form a team from Ca-
loosa Riders to participate in 2009. For
details contact:
Andy Hernandez
andyhernandez852@embarqmail.com
Mike Swanson
mike@notevest.com***



SEABAR

nice to ride the circumference of the U.S.A. A few years later I went from San Diego, CA to Saint Augustine, FL.

I am riding my long wheelbase recumbent this time, so the packing would be a little harder than with my short wheelbase. First I had to decide between flying or going by train. I opted for the train (Amtrak). Job no 1 was to find a box for my long wheelbase. The guys at the Schwinn bike shop helped me a great deal with the bike adjustments, and getting me boxes to fit my bike. Thanks guys.

I planned on doing this trip self-contained, towing a BOB trailer with over 35 lbs of gear. Including the trailer, total towing weight is about 50 lbs. A few weeks ago I found out from Amtrak that my BOB trailer when packed is 3 inches longer than maximum size for them to take. Flying was not an option due to the length of the bike. I went to plan B.

Bob Hale offered me his Panniers, a big difference from the BOB trailer. I had to eliminate a lot of things. Together with Bob, we modified my bike rack. I must have packed, and unpacked the panniers about 12 times to add stuff, or bring the weight down. I have it down to 35 lbs. now so I better leave soon before I add some more junk. After getting different answers from different people at Amtrak they finally agreed to take the over length box for my trailer and it was back to plan A.

I started pulling my trailer about 2 months ago with 60 lbs of bricks in it. I rode about 40 miles 5 times a week. I always do that before my big rides.

After five days on the train, I arrived in Seattle, Washington ready to ride my recumbent bike to Bar Harbor, Main. The trip takes about two and a half months and covers around 5000 miles. I left on June 8th from Sebring, FL. I met 2 of the group in Chicago and the other two guys in Seattle.

Every one asks me "What does your wife say about you leaving for so long." I guess I am a lucky guy, because Joyce is very supportive of all my rides. She does not mind at all.

At the end of the ride I am going to spend a few days with Chris and Tracy Wells, members of our club. They don't live too far from Bar Harbor. I am very happy that they asked me to stay a few days. It is nice to see some familiar faces after 3 months of sleeping in a tent, and eating canned food, and wearing the same 3 or 4 outfits every day. But think of all the nice folks I will meet, and all the beautiful sceneries I'll see. That makes it all worthwhile.

After this ride, I have one more ride to do, Seattle to San Diego, to fulfill my plans of riding the circumference of the U S A. So for now I am off to my 3rd crossing, and see you guys in Sept. Thanks to all who helped me prepare for this ride, and keep me in your prayers. DUTCH

KEY WEST

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same campgrounds.

The first campground was the best and we found it by accident while looking for another one. It had shade and was quiet except for their mini-zoo (roosters, peacocks, and parrots). The second campground (a city park in Florida City) wasn't as good due to excessive street lights. The third, Long Key State Park was worse. They pulled out all the non-native trees, but hadn't yet replace them with native ones. Therefore, there was little shade (95 deg F). The fourth on Stock Island near Key West was hands down the worst and most expensive campground I've ever experienced. We had a postage sized site, little shade, and noisy neighbors. All for more than \$85.00.

The route had some good spots: (1) south at Naples on US41; (2) Big Dave's bicycle and rear rack. At over 300 lbs total with all his gear on a rear rack with no rack stays, I was sure he would break something, but all he did was crack a shoe cleat.

Alligators won the road kill contest since it was mating season. What was missing? White birds. I guess they all went north. But what really made the trip worthwhile was Bill and Jeff's excellent tour of Key West. They knew all the hot spots and what to do.

So maybe, I'll break tradition and do it again.

TOM



Dave and Jeff on the way.



Bill at the goal.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Print Clearly and Read Completely



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail _____ (must enter if you want newsletter via email)

Deliver my newsletter via ♦ E-mail ♦ Postal mail ♦ New Member ♦ Renewing Member

Single Membership: \$15 Family Membership: \$20 Spouse's Name: _____

Membership is for the calendar year. Membership applications dated through September remain in effect until the end of the year. Applications dated October thru 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.
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Member's Signature _____

If Family Membership, Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail application with check to:
 Caloosa Riders
 P.O. Box 870
 Fort Myers, FL 33902

Benefits of membership

- ♦ Newsletter ♦ Discounts ♦ Club Meetings ♦ Rides ♦ Free Classifieds ♦ Website ♦



Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club
PO BOX 870
Fort Myers FL 33902

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Peter & Teresa Olsen
Duncan Rokahr
Joseph Donnelly
Valerie & Don Etherton

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