#### June 2023 Ride Calendar

#### 5:30 PM: Monday Meander

WSRE Parking Lot 12th and College Blvd. The Wheelmen Club version of the "Slow Ride!" The pace is 16-18 MPH or 13 MPH with C2CK. Helmets are required but not spandex. Come on out for a casual nearly flat ride. Beginners welcome.

#### 5:45 PM: Taco Tuesday Ride

WSRE Parking Lot 12th and College Blvd. Enjoy this every other Tuesday ride cruising through the nice neighborhoods of Pensacola's east side. 20 miler. B/C groups. No drop ride. Afterwards we eat tacos, etc. at the nearby Cactus Cantina or Tacos El Amigo!

#### 6:00 PM: Tempo Tuesday Loop

Ride More Bicycles 59 E. Gregory St.

The WFW Tempo Tuesday ride is very fun and popular and starts downtown at the RMB store!

Moving pace 21+ MPH. If you miss the 6:00 PM start from RMB, the group cruises through Summit & Maygarden around 6:30 PM so feel free to hop in there.

#### 8:00 AM: Wednesday Wild Ride

Different starting locations (usually in Santa Rosa County). Please see the full information for each ride, including changes to the ride day due to weather which are posted on the Blackwater Cyclists Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/Blackwatercyclists">https://www.facebook.com/groups/Blackwatercyclists</a>. The ride has developed into a faster paced ride (18-22). Average distance will typically be between 40 and 60 miles.

#### 5:30 PM: Wednesday Worlds

WSRE Parking Lot 12th and College Blvd. Each Wednesday, we gather at Pensacola State College for a 25 mile, no drop loop. A Group speeds along at 20+ mph, B Group rides at 17-19 mph and C Group cruises at 16-17 mph. C2CK 16 miles at 13 MPH.

## Departs 5:30 PM Sharp: Thursday Beach Ride Around the Sound Loop

3 Casino Beach Boardwalk Pensacola Beach Enjoy the world class beauty of our beaches! A & B groups leave from the Casino Beach parking lot (by the beach ball water tower) and do one of our favorite routes. A group 20 mph+, (drop ride) B group - 17-20 mph (no drop ride) Regather at

Cumberland Farms Store in Navarre. The wind direction will dictate which direction to do this great 42 miler.

#### 5:45 PM: Girlz Only Sunset Ride

Park West 1235 Ft. Pickens Rd.

Our women are invited for this picturesque ride to Ft. Pickens. Meet at Park West (approx. one mile east of Ft. Pickens guard station gate) and ride to the fort and back. Moderate to fast pace.

#### 5:45 PM: Every Other Thursday Breeze

Gull Point 7000 Spanish Trail Join us for a beautiful ride through the East side, downtown and over/back on the Three Mile Chappie James Bridge bike paths! The is a 26 mile ride at a B group pace (17-20mph moving pace). No Drop Ride

#### 6:30 AM: Saturday WFW in the City

Groups normally ride out from Summit & Maygarden or from behind Bagelheads at 916 E.

Gregory St. Please check the WFW <u>calendar</u> The ride on Saturday rotates through six different courses; however, at times, the route and start time can change depending upon conditions. The ride length is between 40-60 miles. This is normally a solid B Group ride (19 mph) although A Group cyclists are known to split off from the peloton. The B Group is a no-drop ride. C Group (17 mph). C2CK (13 MPH).

#### 8:00 AM: Saturday WFW in the Country

Blackwater River State Forest

Meet in the parking lot across the street from Truly Spokin' 5172 Stewart St. Milton. The distance of the ride will vary from 42 to 55+ miles and is typically posted by Thursday afternoon on the Blackwater Cycling Facebook page. A/B/C Groups.

#### 7:00 AM: Sunday S'cool Ride Summit and Maygarden

Are you looking for a ride which will get you home in time for church? This is a slower paced recovery ride which should have you home by 9:00 AM. Join us for this 22-mile loop from the north to downtown Pensacola. Stay together C group ride.

#### Special Ride Calendar

Please always check the calendar at westfloridawheelmen.org



Glassner Autumn Challenge October 14th, 2023 Alabama State University Montgomery, AL



Psychle Century Ride for Mental Health July 9th, 2023 Villa Rica Middle School Temple, GA

















#### #emmastrong

Emma came in third at the 2023 World Triathlon Para Series in Yokohama, Japan. Emma is the 2022 USA Paratriathlon National Champion in her Division. Congratulations, Emma, as you tackle your next goal!





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#### Patriotic Kits Available until June 21 Order Now!



These jerseys are light weight and they are our go-to kits for all of the Wheelmen patriotic rides: Dr. MLK, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Of course, they can be worn on any ride and you will receive attention as we celebrate living in freedom. Click on this <u>link</u> or on the photo above to be taken into our Ascend store. Please don't hesitate



Registration Now Open! Fenner Ride 2023 October 28th







## 2023 Championships Cycling

Georgia's Grass Roots Olympic Style Sports Festival

#### **ROAD RACE**

July 8, 2023 Cass High School City of White, GA

#### TIME TRIAL / CRITERIUM / OMNIUM

July 9, 2023 West Oak Business Center Marietta, GA





#### Road Race Schedule: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*All times are TENTATIVE and fields may be combined*		
<u>Category</u>	<u>Laps/Miles</u>	Start Time
Masters 35+	3/57	8:00 am
Masters 45+	3/57	8:00 am
Masters 55+	3/57	8:00 am
Masters 65+	3/57	8:00 am
Women 1/2/3	3/57	8:10 am
Women 4/5	3/57	8:10 am
Pro 1/2	4/76	10:30 am
Cat 3	4/76	10:30 am
Cat 4	3/57	10:40 am
Cat 5	3/57	10:40 am

#### Criterium Schedule: July 9th, 2023

\*All times are TENTATIVE and fields may be combined\*

<u>Category</u>	Minutes/Laps	Start Time
Juniors	30 min	8:30 am
Women Cat 1/2/3	40 min	9:00 am
Women 4/5	40 min	9:00 am
Men Cat 5	40 min	9:45 am
Men Cat 4	45 min	10:30 am
Masters 35/45/55/65+	50 min	11:15 am
Men Pro 1/2/3	60 Min	12:15pm

#### Road Race

Early Registration: (until June 23 @ 5:00pm) = \$40.00 per adult Regular Registration: (between June 23-July 6) = \$45.00 per adult Late Registration: (after July 6 through walk-up) = \$50.00 per adult \*Out of state residents add \$5.00 to entry fee.

Online-Registration will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6 Walk-Up Registration Begins at 6:30am on Saturday, July 8.

#### Time Trial Schedule: July 9th, 2023

Races Begin at 7:30am

#### **Criterium**

Early Registration (until June 23 at 5:00pm): \$40.00 per adult Regular Registration (between June 23-July 6): \$45.00 per adult Late Registration (after July 6 through walkup) \$50.00 per adult \$10.00 for 2nd/3rd Crit category entry in same event.

\*Out of state residents add \$5.00 to entry fee. Early Deadline: June 23 @ 5:00 pm



## **REGISTER AT: www.georgiagames.org**

EMAIL: info@georgiagames.org

#### **Memorial Day Rides**



#### Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

REPRINTED FROM WEBSITE

The Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park connects a bustling Grand Rapids community to the forests, farmlands, and friendly towns of Northern Lower Michigan. At nearly 93 miles, it is the state's second longest rail-trail.

The trail is paved from Comstock Park north to Howard City and from Big Rapids north to Cadillac. Currently, the 22 miles between Big

Rapids and Howard City remain unpaved.

Beginning near the stadium for the West Michigan Whitecaps Minor League Baseball team just north of Grand Rapids, you'll head north 28 miles through mostly rural terrain. After passing through Cedar



Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

Springs, Sand Lake, Pierson, and Howard City, the pavement ends about 19 miles past Rockford.

You can connect to the Big Rapids Riverwalk to head into town to grab a bite or take a rest stop. Leaving town, a 319-foot bridge provides a scenic Muskegon River crossing.

Six miles north is Paris, where the trail runs through Paris Park, featuring camp-in cabins, a canoe launch, and a fishing concession along the banks of the Muskegon River. Continuing 6.4 miles to Reed City, trail users can catch a view of the Yoplait Yogurt factory and cross the junction with the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail before taking a covered bridge over the Hersey River. The trails intersect at the Depot, a reconstructed replica of Reed City's historic downtown railroad depot.

For more information on the trail click here.













June 24, 8:00 AM Muscogee Mountain Bike Trails 742-830 River Annex Rd. Cantonment, FL 32533







#### Are we still riding?

Have you ever wondered why you did not get the message that a ride was postponed or cancelled? Or you may want to invite others on a special ride you've created. Well, we'd like to cut you some slack.

Yep! Slack is a communication app which we tested last year and found it to be a useful tool for your saddlebag. Well, not really, it's for your phone or computer. No extra cost. And, yes, one more thing to keep up with, 'cause you really wanted to ride your bike during a tornado watch just to make fun of those who had a little more sense.

<u>Download</u> it or go to <u>slack.com</u> then click on this <u>link</u> to get into the action.



WEDNESDAY WORLDS.



## Our 2023 Gold Sponsors!





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SUSAN BASTAJIAN

850.516.7732 **REALTOR** 

#### Cycling Etiquette in Group Rides Veteran Cyclists

Cycling etiquette is critical to the safety of every group ride. It the duty of the more experienced riders to make sure that every member of the club or group is well-versed so that all participants are safe. The following are some of the most important group ride safety tips:

- Always ride bar-to-bar with the cyclist next to you – riders should be riding side by side in a two by two formation
- Never peel off without warning, make sure that the riders behind you know that you are going to steadily peel off to the back
- Once the riders in front of you peel off, it is your responsibility to pull through and keep the group riding along at a solid pace
- Group rides are not races, be sure to stay with the group pace
- Fill gaps as much as possible
- Use hand signals to notify riders behind about slowing speeds, holes on the road, etc.
- Avoid yelling to the riders behind you, they can rarely hear what is being said
- Maintain your bicycle just slightly to the side of the cyclist in front of you to avoid a crash when slowing occurs
- Always be predictable when in traffic
- Avoid any overlap from your front wheel and the rear wheel of the cyclist in front
- While controversial, it is best not to ride in aero bars when you are following another rider closely
- Be aware of the grade of your group do not attempt to ride with a group above your pay grade
- Riding in groups is an excellent way to engage in the local cycling community, push your personal bests, and improve overall. In Florida, understanding and applying group ride safety rules is absolutely imperative for the well-being of all involved. Never be afraid to speak up if your group is not following the rules.



\$12! See Prez Jeff Williamson or Memz Chris Huffman to purchase a couple of these.



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So Troy shows how he gets 1080.3 miles in one week. His longest ride: 376 miles in one day.



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## Our 2023 Silver Sponsors!











## Our 2023 Bronze Sponsors!







oin the peloton for <u>2023 Membership!</u> We are having divided group rides and other events throughout the year including special meetups.

Now would be an excellent time to review your goals for the summer. If your goal is to complete a century, your objectives should be to complete 40, 50, 60, and 75 mile rides. Many of our rides fit into these distances, and we have begun training with our Couch to 100K group.

This is a great opportunity to control your weight and improve your immune system as we roll through Spring. As you noticed, we published our fourth leaderboard in 2023 in this issue and we are proud of those who have renewed. If you

have disappeared on the mileage leaderboard simply sign up. By the way, we post your miles for the entire year no matter when you register.



In order for us to tally your miles, please join us on Strava by asking to join the WFW Strava Club. Remember, you have to be a Wheelmen member to join.

WFW is always open to new ideas so, please feel free to reach out to any of your board members. You can email us at <a href="membership@westfloridawheelmen.org">membership@westfloridawheelmen.org</a> or check out our club website at <a href="westfloridawheelmen.org">westfloridawheelmen.org</a>. We are also on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter and Instagram">Twitter and Instagram</a>.

You always have a voice and we encourage our membership to be involved. Presently, the board meetings are being held at Saltmarsh, Cleaveland and Gund on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please contact Jeff Williamson at <a href="mailto:jeffreyw615@gmail.com">jeffreyw615@gmail.com</a>. (This lets us know to expect you and let you in the doors after hours.)

Lastly, we appreciate you—our members. Our club would not exist without you!



#### Membership and its Privileges

- Several weekly rides which are published in this issue and on our <u>website</u>.
- Supplemental accidental insurance coverage on all WFW rides.
- Membership in Ride with GPS to download routes and acquire turn-by-turn navigation. *This is a \$60 value*.
- 10% off at participating bike shops.
- Complimentary use of bike travel cases.
- Make our voice stronger for cycling advocacy, safety and public education.
- Receive a bimonthly newsletter with all the local cycling news, rides, special events, etc.
- Free use of Theragun Elite® massager.
- Free use of portable PA system.
- Be invited to several fun social events throughout the year.
- Participate in our published leaderboard.
- WFW has several events on the calendar for 2023 such as Couch to 100K, Independence Day Ride, Tour de Beach, the Fenner Ride and others to be announced.
- Monday Meander and Wednesday Worlds returned in March.
- Girlz Only Sunset Rides.
- Thursday Rides with One Ride Cycling Club.
- Please check out our new kit in this issue.
- And always, additional rides added monthly.

Here is the link for 2023 West Florida Wheelmen membership! Please take a moment, click on the link and sign up!

#### **RENEW**

#### westfloridawheelmen.org











#### Finish Line Info:

After crossing the finish line, please go through the checkout process. This helps us ensure the safety of all riders. Then join us to get your medal and for some red beans and rice, music and fellowship.

### Swag Info:

The first 150 people to register will have their names added to the tshirt! (artwork will be posted prior on our FB page.) \*Full registration inc. tshirt, medal and use of all rest stops, afterparty. No swag incl. rest stops and afterparty. No medal or tshirt. Finisher jackets will be avail. for purchase for all distances & riders full swag or no swag.

#### Route Info:

All routes available on thegulfcoastbicycleclub.c om and on the Southern Magnolia Facebook event page.

\*Please no earbuds

Registration begins May 1st! theGulfCoastBicycleClub.com

#### SUNDRY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

**Latimer Community Center** 10908 Daisy Vestry Road Biloxi. MS 39532

Distances are 20, 40, 54, 62, 100 and the 124 Double Metric!

#### REGISTRATION INFO

5/1 registration opens w/ a one-day cost of \$35. For GCBC members and \$40 for non-members.

5/2 - 6/2 \$45 for GCBC members and \$50 for non-members.

6/3 -8/31 \$50 for GCBC members and \$55 for non-members.

9/1 - 9/8 \$55 for GCBC members and \$60 for non-members.

9/9 & 9/10 ride day \$40 ride only (no swag)

No swag registration - \$20 for GCBC members and \$25 for non-members. (registration provides unlimited use of all rest stops during the ride and the afterparty celebration, but no tshirt or medal.) PRCKET PICKUP

\*September 5th- TriHard Sports,

430 Porter Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 (4-6 pm)

\*September 6th- Biloxi Bicycle Works,

993 Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530 (4-6 pm)

\*September 7th- Run N Tri,

9133 Carl Leggett Rd, Gulfport, MS 39530 (4-6 pm)

\*September 8th- Everything Kayak & Bicycles,

15240 Creosote Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503 (4-6 pm)

\*September 9th- Cyclist Choice,

1927 25th Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501 (10am-12 noon)

\*September 10th- Latimer Community Center,

10908 Daisy Vestry Rd, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 (6-6:45 am)



59 E. Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502 850.912.8805 ridemorebicycles.com

#### Call for Help!

Here is a list of numbers and contact information which will come in handy (probably this week) when you are cycling.

#### **Outside of City limits on State Routes**

Road hazards, debris, low hanging limbs

Department of Transportation ....850.981.3000

Ferrovial Road

Maintenance Services ...........850.494.1859

#### Pensacola

#### **Gulf Breeze**

#### Milton

Dead animals, vicious animals
Santa Rosa Animal Control 850.983.4680
Malfunctioning traffic lights
Public Works
Ambulance, Fire, Police
Central Dispatch
Escambia County
Road hazards, debris, low hanging limbs
Pubic Works
Dead animals, vicious animals
Animal Control
Malfunctioning traffic lights
Public Works
Ambulance, Fire, Police
Central Dispatch
Santa Rosa County
Road hazards, debris, low hanging limbs
Public Works
or submit a Citizen Work Order Request @
santarosa.fl.gov
Dead animals, vicious animals
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Ambulance, Fire, Police
Central Dispatch 911



Bikes Plus on 9th 6307 N. 9th Ave. #4 Pensacola, FL 32504 Bikes Plus Downtown 194 N. Palafox St. Pensacola, FL

#### Thank you to our 2023 Members

We have over 250 members signed up for this year!

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