Next CBC Meeting - Apr 16, 2018

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KICK-OFF the SEASON with RIDES, a CHILI COOK-OFF and FREE LUNCH
Come out to Soddy at noon on Saturday, March 31st, as some of the Club’s finest Chili-Heads compete for bragging rights & loot. Then enjoy a great chili lunch while socializing with your fellow CBC members.

Everyone is welcome, bring your family and friends! *(If you wanna eat, you gotta tell Lou how many folks are coming along >>>> b8man51@gmail.com or 423 580 3691.)*

If you’ve already RSVP’d no need to do so again.

**Oh yeah…** there will be 3 rides earlier in the day for cyclists of almost all abilities. All rides start at the Soddy Daisy Community Center. See the CBC Calendar for additional ride details.

1. 8:00 am - A challenging 44 mile ride featuring a climb up Brayton Mountain, led by Ed Park
2. 8:30 am - A moderately paced 30 mile social loop to Graysville & back, led by Joe Lodato
3. 10:30 am - A 10 mile leisurely tour of Soddy & Bakewell. R/L is John Oakey.

**MENU**

- Mouthwatering Chili with all the fixin’s
- Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream and Lou’s Double Top Secret No-Name Dessert
- Sweet Tea (SF & regular), SF Lemonade, coffee & water. (Or bring your own beverage but keep in mind the Community Center, like most other parks & facilities, has a no alcohol policy)
- While there'll be plenty of chili for everyone, if you've got a side dish, appetizer or dessert you're proud of, and would like to share, by all means bring it along!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**COHUTTA FIREHOUSE CHILI RIDE - Saturday 4/7/18**

Cohutta Firehouse Chili Ride is back! Just when he thought he was out… Andy Lopez has agreed to coordinate the 2018 ride.

100K (62 miles) and 50K (32 miles) routes with SAG stops

Registration starts at 8am

Ride starts at 9am

All registration is the morning of the event and is $35.

**NOTE:** Due to management changes, for this year’s ride we can only accept **cash or checks for registration.** No credit cards.

As usual, we will have firehouse chili after the ride for all riders.

For any further info, call or text Andy Lopez at 706 934-6814

**This ride is coming up soon (next week). CBC is a big supporter of this nearby event. Let’s have a huge CBC turn out for Andy**
and this popular ride. Wear your CBC jersey!

Cohutta

Firehouse Ride

Up the Creek, April 28, 2018
There's no place like Rome for the 28th annual Up the Creek Century Ride. The ride leaves from the Forum in Downtown Rome and heads north to the scenic roads and rolling hills of NW Georgia. Use UTC as a training ride for Big BRAG that will start in Rome and hit the Georgia mountains June 2-6. Back by popular demand is the LCCL Strawberry Farm SAG stop with the best homemade strawberry ice cream on the planet!

Route distances: 32 miles, 53 miles, 71 miles, and 104 miles.

Pricing:
Early bird registration, $35 no-shirt option, until April 21
Early bird registration, $45 shirt option, until April 21 (no show/no shirt)

After April 22, ALL registration $55 with no-shirt option (remaining shirts may be available for $10 purchase on site during ride day.) Your organization might already have a promo code to save you $5, just ask!

All proceeds go to support TRED's mission of enhancing and building more trails in NW Georgia.

Honeybee Metric-Century Bicycle Ride - June 2, 2018
EARLY REGISTRATION: You can now register for the 2018 Honeybee Metric-Bicycle Ride. This year, we are hosting the HMBC Ride on the same day as the Honeybee Festival, June 2nd, 2018! Early registration will continue until March 15th, after that, registration will be $45. All money raised from the bike ride goes back to reduce registration fees at the City of LaFayette Parks and Recreation Department. So as you plan your New Years resolution, go ahead and register for this great event and commit to a healthier you!

Here is the 2018 Honeybee Metric Bicycle Ride Jersey image! They will be available for a limited time, so you will need to get yours fast! Remember, this year the ride will be on the same day as the 2nd Annual Honeybee Festival, June 2, 2018!
The 63 mile ride and 34 mile ride will kick off at 8 am and the Mayor's 10 mile ride will kick off at 8:10 am.
Registration and jersey purchases can be done at the following website:

https://www.bikereg.com/honeybeemetric18

Oktoberfest Chattanooga Challenge - Oct 13
The OKTOBERFEST CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE pairs an amazing bike ride with the best beer festival in the Southeast! Choose between a full 100-mile century or a 50-mile half-century on the most scenic roads in the tri-state region, including a closed-road climb up Lookout Mountain! ChattanoogaChallenge.com. Event organizer Shannon Burke, owner of Velo View Bike Tours, touts the ride as an affordable, scenic ride organized by locals. It's also an event Burke believes could fill the void left by the canceled 2018 3-State 3-Mountain Challenge.

"The Oktoberfest Chattanooga Challenge is my answer to the lack of a hometown ride," Burke said in an email to the Times Free Press. "Yes, we'll have the Hincapie Gran Fondo in May, which I'm sure will be great, but I felt that Chattanooga needed a century ride put on by locals at a price point that was accessible to a wider audience."

Registration is now open at veloviewbiketours.com/chattanooga-challenge. It includes tickets for two beers and food at Oktoberfest, parking, a T-shirt and a water bottle. The event is $40 for those who register before Memorial Day, $50 for those who register between Memorial Day and Labor Day and $60 for those who register after Labor Day. Registration closes Oct. 7.

**Ride Pictures**

The Circle the City ride didn't work out as planned. We were about halfway when we needed to cross a railroad track to stay on Graysville Rd. A train stopped beside us and traffic started to pile up. We waited patiently for a while but nothing changed. We started looking for alternatives. We couldn't find any so finally turned around and rode the route backwards. Later that night we heard on the radio that there had been a leak close by and the train was still blocking the road.
Beverly Short, Mike Hartline, Peggy Olson, Daisy Blanton, and Photographer Chuck.
Riverwalk Ride. Statue beside hill going up to the Art Center. Beverly Short, Daisy Blanton, Peggy Olson, Pete Williams, Howard Rowe and photographer, Chuck.
Same folks. Just other side of the art work.
Sharon & Richard Russell were the only brave ones out at 8:00 for the Mountain Cove/Dougherty Gap Ride with Scott Higgins.
We had a lot of fun on the Ladies' Ride. Peggy Olson (leader), Michelle Anderson, Lynn Seeger and Daisy Blanton
We found this little bit of history along the route.
This valley was part of the Cherokee Nation, and farmed by the Cherokees until their forced removal in 1838 – known as the Trail of Tears. Lott Tallant Jr. settled in this valley in 1790, his son William P Tallant Sr. was born at the foot of Grindstone Mt. near this location are the Chestnut and Tallant family cemeteries. In 1923 Huse Edgemon bought a tract from the Chestnut family and in 1927 built their family home across the street. In 1932, Verlan Massengill built this stone Spring House for the Edgemons. The previous structure was built of logs, and dated back to days of the Cherokee as this location was used for food storage, with the surrounding boulders being used for the grinding of food meals. To the rear of this location is the property of the late Edgar and Ethel Tallant-Miller.
The spring runs under and around the Spring House.
Weekly CBC Birthdays

Mar 29 - April 4

Jim Johnson, 3/31; Dan Mailman, 3/31; Marshall Horton, 4/3; Rudy Hausler, 4/4

Monthly Membership Notices - March 2018

Please be sure to notify us of any email change since all our communication is generally online. Thanks.

Welcome New and Returning Members for the Month of March

Art & Ellen Thompson, Ron & Frances Johnson, Troy & Ella Ivey, Sally Wencel, Mariella Pechero, Forrest Simmons, Burton Brown, James Sacket, Lisa Simmons, John & Bernie Hilbrandt

Membership Renewals Due between the End of December, 2017 and the End of March, 2018

Lee & Iris Abelson, 3/31/2018; Caleb & Ashley Antwine, 2/28/2018; Noel Bergquist, 1/31/2018; Kimberlie Breu, 3/31/2018; Tracy & Daniel Bryant, 2/28/2018; Angela Capelle, 2/28/2018; Mark Follett, 1/31/2018; Tom &

Renew Online

2018 February Club Meeting Minutes & March Agenda

2018 February club annual meeting minutes. 

2018 March club monthly meeting agenda.

This Week's Upcoming Rides - check the CBC ride calendar for more details and activities 
https://chattanoogabicycleclub.com/ride-calendar/

Wednesday, Mar 28, 6:00 PM - Riverwalk-Red Bank Ride - Leave from the Frye Center on the Riverwalk at 6:00 PM. Loop around Red Bank, Hixson and the Riverwalk. Ride about 20-25 miles, 12-15 mph, no drop. Bad weather cancels. Lights are recommended. James Sackett, 423-755-3635, kannk2006@gmail.com

Thursday, Mar 29, 10:00 AM - Iffy Weather Ride - A 29 mile ride from Chickamauga Civic Center behind the library. Availability of a restroom at the start depends on the Library being open. No store stop but will find a place for a rest stop. The route stays within a few miles of the start and has several opportunities to cut the ride short in case of rain. 29 miles, 11.5-12 mph, no drop. George Perry, 423/290-1482.
https://ridewithgps.com/routes/7181902

Thursday, Mar 29, 6:00 PM - Battlefield Ride: 16+ mph - Come ride through the Chickamauga Battlefield and quiet county roads of north Georgia. This posting is for faster riders. Leave from the Chickamauga Battlefield visitor center at 6:00. 15-30 miles, 16 mph +. Ben Keim, (423)504-8597, benkeim03@hotmail.com

Thursday, Mar 29, 6:00 PM - Battlefield Ride: 14-16 mph - Come ride through the Chickamauga Battlefield and quiet county roads of north Georgia. This posting is for intermediate riders. Leave from the Chickamauga
Thursday, Mar 29, 6:00 PM - Battlefield Ride: 12-14 mph - Come ride through the Chickamauga Battlefield and quiet county roads of north Georgia. This ride is geared towards Advanced Beginners and anyone wanting to ride at a slower pace without the vehicle traffic. The emphasis will be on safety and fun while riding in a group. We will ride in and around the park while avoiding busy public roads. The restrooms at the visitors center may or may not be open. MY RULES: Helmet, Water Bottle, Extra Tube and Air Supply are required. I start the ride at the posted time, please don't be late, I won't wait. I will cancel for bad weather or wet roads. If you have any questions, please text or call and leave a message, I will get back to you. Leave from the Chickamauga Battlefield visitor center at 6:00. 20-25 miles, 12-14 mph, no drop. Tim Blaes, 423-364-0890, timblaes@epbfi.com.

Friday, Mar 30, 10:00 AM - Riverpark Twenty-Mile Leisure Ride - This leisurely ride follows the Riverwalk from the Hubert Fry Center to the Wheland Foundry Station in St. Elmo, and then returns to Hubert Fry Center. The ride has a "bring your own snack" stop at the Blue Goose Hollow Station on the way back from St. Elmo. Please note that the time has changed for this ride. Leave from the Riverpark Fry Center at 10:00. 20 miles, 9-10 mph. https://ridewithgps.com/routes/26460895 Chuck, 865/321-0893, cjp0124@gmail.com

Saturday, Mar 31 - Kick-off the Season Rides -
8:00 - challenging 44 miles up Brayton Mtn
8:30 - moderate 30 miles to Graysville
10:30 - leisurely 10 mile tour of Soddy & Bakewell.
For more detail see above.

Sunday, Apr 1, 9:00 AM - Battlefield Beginner Ride - Canceled this week only for Easter.

Sunday, Apr 1, 1:00 PM - Easter Afternoon Ride (Bonnets optional) - Hopefully, we'll have a warm, sunny Easter afternoon for this ride! Meet in the parking lot by the pavilion at Red Clay Park and be ready to ride at 1pm. This is a no drop ride that makes a big loop from the park over to Beaverdale. Then we'll follow the River Road for a while before heading back through Cohutta.
There is a gas station in Beaverdale, but I can't guarantee a restroom (or if they'll be open Easter Sunday.) So, please plan accordingly.
This ride is approximately 36 miles, 11-14 mph, no drop, and we will regroup as needed. I will be leading from the rear as the ride progresses. (With the cool kids!) If you'd like to go faster, please make sure you have a cue sheet or know where you're going.
Here is the link to the route on Ride With GPS:
https://ridewithgps.com/routes/10666233
Bad weather or poor road conditions will cancel this ride. Call or text if questionable. Peggy Olson, (920) 412-0999, pbiker10@yahoo.com.

**Monday, Apr 2, 6:00 PM - Beginner Ride** - We'll start this ride in the Hospice Parking lot on Hamm Road across from Friends of the Festival. Take Manufacturer's Rd west to Hamm Rd (turn left about 1/2 mile from US-27). Parking lot is about 1/8 mile on the right. Start time: 6 pm, 5-20 miles, average speed varies, depending on who attends. This ride is to help new and returning riders develop skills, strength and stamina. The route, which may vary from week to week, will be in the Moccasin Bend/White Oak/Red Bank area. NO DROP RIDE. Inclement weather cancels the ride. Please contact ride leader if you have any questions. Jim Trimble, (478)287-0588, jimmit.t@gmail.com and John Hubbard, (423)432-9748, johnhubbard46@yahoo.com

**Monday, Apr 2, 6:00 PM - Monday Night City Ride-13-15 mph** - Ride will start at Riverview Park on Riverview Rd at 6:00 PM. Front and rear lights will be needed. We’ve been riding the Burnt Mill Loop course. Fun ride with some rollers. 30 miles, no drop. Chuck, (865)321-0893, cjp0124@gmail.com.

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**Tuesday, Apr 3, 10:00 AM - Not Your Usual Battlefield Loop** - This 32.4 mile rural ride from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor's Center loops around Chickamauga without entering it. At 5.8 miles we reach the top of Mission Ridge on Cora Ann Drive. Climbing Cora Ann will get your attention. As we descend, watch for police because you may break the speed limit on Turner Ridge Rd. No store stop but we will look for a shade to take a break while on Taylor-Broom Rd. Fairly hilly for the first 12 miles; expect about 1800 ft elevation gain. 32.4 miles, RL's final average will be 11.5 to 12 mph, no drop. Starting time may be adjusted. George Perry, 423/290-1482. https://ridewithgps.com/routes/8091045

**Tuesday, Apr 3, 6:00 PM - Battlefield Ride 12-14 mph** - This ride is geared towards Advanced Beginners and anyone wanting to ride at a slower pace without the vehicle traffic. The emphasis will be on safety and fun while riding in a group. We will ride in and around the park while avoiding busy public roads. Leave from the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitors Center, lower parking lot at 6:00 PM. The restrooms at the visitors center may or may not be open. MY RULES: Helmet, Water Bottle, Extra Tube and Air Supply are required. I start the ride at the posted time, please don't be late, I won't wait. I will cancel for bad weather or wet roads. If you have any questions, please text or call
and leave a message, I will get back to you. Tim Blaes, 423-364-0890, timblaes@epbfi.com

**Wednesday, Apr 4, 6:00 PM - Riverwalk-Red Bank Ride** - Leave from the Frye Center on the Riverwalk at 6:00 PM. Loop around Red Bank, Hixson and the Riverwalk. Ride about 20-25 miles, 12-15 mph, no drop. Bad weather cancels. Lights are recommended. James Sackett, 423-755-3635, kannk2006@gmail.com