FBA 2014 awardees aimed high for better bicycling

For the last four years, the Jacksonville Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee has worked toward establishing the Cyclist's and Pedestrian's Bill of Rights as BPAC policy, building a relationship with City of Jacksonville Transportation Planning Division, proposing a DOT operation and land use feasibility study, and complimenting the introduction of context sensitive design policy within the city. Through the BPAC's efforts in following the 5 E's—education, engineering, enforcement, evaluation and encouragement—the Transportation Planning Organization has committed funding to a downtown bicycle plan; the City of Jacksonville and the Mayor have secured the city's first full-time bicycle pedestrian coordinator; the City Council has created a Context Sensitive Streets Committee and Bike to Work Day is now looking toward being an annual city event.

Bike Club: North Florida Bicycle Club, Mark Atkins, President
The North Florida Bicycle Club, working in conjunction with Flagler College, created and is executing "One Road, A Cycling Safety Campaign." This two-year media campaign is to educate motorists and cyclists to improve cycling safety in Jacksonville and all of northeast Florida. The club has recently given a $10,000 grant from CSX and a $2000 grant from Bike Florida in support of this campaign. The North Florida Bicycle Club is working hard to be a good community partner and to reduce the number of cyclist crashes in Jacksonville.

Off-Road Bike Club: Club Scrub at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Dorsey Tennant and Juliana Catalfumo
Club Scrub was organized in May 2000 in conjunction with Jonathan Dickinson State Park officials to coordinate and promote off-road bicycling. In December of 2000 the club became a "special committee" operating under the Friends of JDSP, a non-profit organization with a mission to assist park management in meeting the natural and cultural resource management objectives established for the park. Since then many volunteers have helped build and maintain the approximately 8-mile trail system into what it is today...a destination for cyclists of all ages. Membership dollars help develop new trails and support trail maintenance. In October 2014, Club Scrub hosted "Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day," especially for novice riders. Club Scrub also created practice pits to sharpen skills. No other trail system in Palm Beach County has been as considerate for new MTB riders. Club Scrub continues to maintain and improve the MTB trails at Camp Murphy in JD State Park, and hold events to encourage off-road riding for children and adults.

Enforcement Agency: Punta Gorda Police Department, Chief Albert Arenal
The agency has shown, since the first outreach by a bicyclist, that they are willing to partner and work towards better cycling in the city. For example, the Peace River Riders Bicycle Club Wheels and Wings event uses police radar equipment to gauge speeds for cyclist awareness and the club donates proceeds from the event to the PGPD's "Do the Right Thing" program for kids. The bicycle club assisted in a 3-foot passing law traffic enforcement program, and the PGPD displays the 3-foot law on patrol cars. The PGPD's bike Team Leader serves on the Bicycle Friendly Communities Committee. The agency hosts bicycle

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rodeo, safety classes and routinely provides bicycle law/safety presentations to local civic organizations. PGPD enthusiastically supports Share the Road and has the goal of making Punta Gorda the bicycle mecca for Florida.

Educator: Lisa Indovino, Safe Routes to School Program Educator, All Children's Hospital
The hospital's program operates in seven counties, and Lisa heads up the Lee County branch. The program's primary focus is to combine classroom instruction, educational outreach and experiential learning to educate children and parents how to walk and bike more safely. To do this, the program uses developed classroom lessons, conducts safety assemblies at schools, presents at PTA/PTO meetings, coordinates walking schools buses and walk/bike to school days, conducts bike rodeos, and participates in various community and school events. The Lee County program started in 2013, making it one of the most recent additions to the All Children's Hospital Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program. While the Lee County program is new, Lisa has taken initiative and turned the program into a success, reaching 16 schools and more than 8,000 students.

Supporting Agency: FDOT Safety Office, Trenda McPherson, State Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program Manager
In May 2012, Trenda McPherson was appointed to develop Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan, form a Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition, and lead the coalition to vigorously implement the plan as part of the focused initiative. Adopting a data-driven approach, the program focused resources where opportunities for bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements were the greatest by using crash data to identiﬁc the top 10 highest priority counties in Florida. Another of the outstanding efforts was to create, brand, and promote an educational campaign, called Alert Today Alive Tomorrow, via various paid media and outreach activities. Members hosted and participated in numerous community events across the highest priority counties. The Alert Today Alive Tomorrow education campaign has partnered with FBA to have the Governor proclaim March as Florida Bike Month and co-created the Pause for People Day as an annual event for the third Wednesday of March.

Program: OnBikes, Inc., Julius Tobin, Executive Director
OnBikes, Inc., a non-proﬁt organi- zation founded in 2011, organized a community bike ride during the holiday season with about 150 riders to raise funds to purchase 100 new bikes and helmets for at-risk Julius Tobin children in the Tampa Bay area. Their efforts have more than doubled each year. In 2014, 500 bikes were distributed to at-risk and foster children. Their efforts go well beyond the children's thrill of ﬁrst receiving the bikes by giving them an opportunity to experience the sense of freedom, self-reliance, mobility and a healthy lifestyle for years to come. The OnBikes motto, “You can't buy happiness but you can buy a kid a bike and that's pretty close,” indicates their outstanding level of dedication.

Bicycle Professional: DeWayne Carver, State Bicycle/ Pedestrian Coordinator, FDOT Roadway Design Oﬃce
Each District Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator is responsible for working with city and local governments, various Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and individuals within the District on related pedestrian and bicycle issues. The Statewide Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator’s oﬃce in Tallahassee, works with and through the FDOT District Coordinators. DeWayne's background in transportation planning for both the public and private sectors is essential to guide district coordinators as Florida implements the recently adopted Complete Streets policy. DeWayne initiated face-to-face meetings for district coordinators every six months, held throughout the state, to give coordinators feedback on their ongoing efforts.

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Let the good times roll

by Sharon Shea (photos by Mick Shea)

The car is loaded with camping gear, kayaks and bikes. We are ready for another adventure weekend in White Springs.

I sigh with relief as we exit I-10 onto Hwy 41. The wild flowers are abundant with a profusion of yellow, orange and purple, carpeting the country roads and open ﬁelds.

April showers have made for spectacular May ﬂowers and the river is running. It’s going to be some great pedaling and paddling.

We hop on our mountain bikes to ride Foster’s Hammock Loop, an eight mile off-road trail in Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park. Suwannee Bicycle Association (SBA) took advantage of natural terrain and created this challenging trail with some nice elevation and switchbacks. For more experienced riders, this is a fun single-track trail.

Friday morning we switch gears for some truly awesome road rides. A symphony of cicadas serenades us as we pedal past verdant woods and tranquil ﬁelds dotted with majestic live oaks. Our destination is Falling Creek, a waterfall about 12 miles outside of White Springs. When the river is high, the waterfall looks just like liquid caramel.

After a great lunch of Fat Belly’s fried cat fish, we take our kayaks to the boat ramp at the Hwy 41 bridge, just south of town. We paddle down the Suwannee and take out at Stephen Foster State Park.

The white limestone karst topography along this natural and scenic river creates huge rock sculptures, surrounded by cypress, oak and palmettos.

We stretch our legs on white sandy beaches and swim in the clear tannic waters. After an easy paddle, we are back at the park and a short bike ride brings us back to the car.

American Canoe Adventures in White Springs is always helpful in planning a river trip, including shuttling your boats.

Friday evening we meet up with other SBA members at its historic clubhouse, just outside the park gates. Home of many a great pot luck dinner, it’s a perfect setting for a relaxed evening with friends as we catch up and plan our rides for Saturday.

SBA headquarters in White Springs welcomes outdoor adventure seekers.

The next morning we again hop on our mountain bikes. SBA has 50+ miles of really fun single-track off-road bike trails in White Springs, running along the banks of the Suwannee and through hardwood and pine forests.

Leaving SBA headquarters, we ride to the nearby trailhead for the Bridge to Bridge trail. About 4.5 miles long, this trail is great for all types of riders. The trails are in great shape and we’re ready for some more miles. Next up is Gar Pond. We cross the Hwy 41 bridge, with a great view of the Suwannee below, where we started Saturday’s paddle.

The Gar Pond trail is about five miles long and fast riders can really push the pace. I love these fun and ﬂowing trails through diverse and beautiful terrain, including some impressive sinkholes.

On our last morning, the sun is shining and we have time for one more good ride. Choices are the Beast of Burden, a moderately challenging eight miles, or a longer ride on Big Shoals and Long Branch trails. It’s a tough decision, because you usually see a lot of wildlife at Big Shoals, including deer, wild turkey, fox and more and if the river is up, the roaring class-three rapids at Big Shoals.

Adventure in the White Springs area knows no season. Spring and summer really allow you to enjoy the river; fall provides a kaleidoscope of colors; in winter you can see past the pines, palms and hardwood trees, deep into the forests. SBA provides directions to and descriptions of our off-road bike trails and road routes, along with maps that include GPS QR codes, at the SBA website: www.suwanneesite.org

SBA members enjoy back roads and spring scenery.
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President’s message...
Summer heats up rides…and advocacy

H ere we are halfway through the second quarter of 2015 and I don’t know about you all but the time just keeps flying by for me.

The short days of winter have passed and here in Northeast Florida, the long, hot days have not yet begun so the bicycling time is very enjoyable.

There were a few April showers and the May winds have been a bit stronger up our way but the cycling weather couldn’t be better up here. Hope it’s great wherever you are riding as well!

At our last FBA board meeting we welcomed two new board members, Chris LeDew and Jim Dodson (see story below). We are happy to have Chris and Jim join the board and look forward to working with them.

You probably already know of the demise of HB231 in April, victim of the early ending session. This was sad news for those of us who ride our bicycles and advocate for safer riding conditions for the cycling community.

The accident statistics are moving in the wrong direction. Florida accounts for 17% of national bicycle accidental deaths. We have 3+ times the number of bicycle fatalities (per 10K bike commuters) than California.

We have FBA member clubs and individual member advocates throughout Florida working on local and state issues to help turn these numbers around. We need to support them when they ask for our help.

Your Executive Director, Becky Afonso, has been crisscrossing the state presenting FBA Annual Awards and attending meetings to represent us in the cycling community. Take a few moments to read the Tuesday blogs to keep up with what Becky, FBA and FBA members are doing.

You also should revisit the FBA website. There is a lot of great information there and Becky has done a great job updating and making it easy to navigate.

And now is the time to make sure you are checking the Florida Touring Calendar, linked from the FBA homepage, for the best rides for the remainder of the year. Heck, we have even had some rides listed already for 2016! Check out the calendar to see what great rides here in Florida and neighboring states have been posted so far.

Many of our member clubs raise money to take care of their administrative costs from the revenue they earn from these rides. So plan ahead and don’t miss out on any of the great rides.

Get some friends together and make it a cycling event for all of you.

Be Relevant...RIDE BIG!!

In closing, I hope you enjoy what is left of spring and I hope summer is kind to us with not so hot and humid weather and no major storms!

We are lucky in that we do live in Florida—where most of us can ride our bikes 12 months a year. We are far more fortunate than others in that respect aren’t we?

See you on the road. Be Safe. Be Seen. Be Relevant...RIDE BIG!!

FBA Board welcomes new members

At its spring quarterly meeting held in Vero Beach, the board appointed two new members: Jim Dodson (Clearwater) and Chris LeDew (Jacksonville).

Jim Dodson
Jim is a Florida boy, born and raised in Sanford. He attended FSU for his undergraduate and went on to graduate from FSU College of Law.

He served four years in the Air Force as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and then worked in Clearwater for five years as a prosecutor with the State Attorney’s Office before joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Tampa, where he worked in the civil division defending medical malpractice cases. Jim entered private practice and was with a firm in Clearwater for some 17 years before opening his own office in 2001. He is a personal injury lawyer with a special emphasis on bicycle accident victims. Jim and his wife have two adult children and six grandchildren. He’s a cyclist among other outdoor interests. He is a strong advocate for bicycle safety and looks forward to bringing his perspective to the board.

Chris LeDew
Chris is the Director of the Transportation Technology Transfer Center at UF in Gainesville.

The T2 Center houses the Florida Pedestrian / Bicycle Safety Resource center, which distributes bicycle helmets and safety materials to local governments and non-profit agencies around the state.

Before UF, Chris worked for 27 years with FDOT focusing on Traffic Operations and Safety Engineering in both the Ft. Lauderdale and Jacksonville areas.

During his time at FDOT he was involved in various Community Traffic Safety Teams using Engineering, Education and Enforcement to achieve Traffic Safety goals. Among other things, he became more aware of the safety concerns of bicyclists and bicycle commuters trying to survive in an infrastructure built primarily for motorists.

In Jacksonville, Chris served as the FDOT representative on the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee. There he worked to build pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to help reduce the crash rate for our most vulnerable road users.

Chris earned a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the UF and a Masters in Transportation Engineering from UCF.

Studying advanced traffic engineering concepts introduced Chris to the idea of “Complete Streets” and the importance of building roads on a human scale.

Chris believes that focusing on the privacy of the human in a transportation system is the way to give legitimacy to the bicycle as a mode of transportation.

Chris’s favorite quote: You’re not stuck in traffic, you are the traffic.

Visit “About FBA” on our web site for more about our board members, staff and advisors.

FYI on FTBSEP and Safe Routes to School

The Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program (FTBSEP) is a state-wide, comprehensive, pedestrian and bicycle safety education program that instructs school teachers, community professionals, and others how to teach pedestrian and bicycle safety to children. Teaching children safer traffic behaviors, such as stopping at the edge, searching and scanning, signaling, and avoiding hazards are skills that can help save lives and reduce injuries.

Program title: Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program
Organization: University of Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office
Website: http://safety.hhp.ufl.edu
Target audience: Schoolteachers and community professionals to serve as instructors for elementary, middle, and high school-aged children.
Training Workshops:
• Eight-hour (one day) workshop for schoolteachers
• Six-hour workshop for community professionals

“FTBSEP workshops are funded by the FDOT Safety Office and are provided at no cost.

ALL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS ARE CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE FTBSEP REGIONAL TRAINING TEAM WHO ARE CERTIFIED BY THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS (LCI), AND/OR CYCLING SAVVY (CYCLING SAVVY INSTRUCTOR).

If you would like more information, to host/coordinate a workshop, or if you would be interested in becoming a Regional Trainer please call (352) 294-1685 or e-mail safety@hhp.ufl.edu

Florida Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

In addition to the FTBSEP, there are numerous pedestrian and bicycle safety education programs for children located regionally throughout the state. For example, Florida SRTS funds 15 programs in the following counties:
Charlotte, Collier, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. Lucie.

For more information, or to get involved locally, please call (352) 294-1685 or e-mail SRTS@hhp.ufl.edu.
Executive Director's corner...

Progress often requires patience...and a plan

Becky Afonso, Director

Summer makes me think of lemonade, a cold, refreshing beverage that’s not too sweet, not too tart and quenches your thirst. I enjoy lemonade, but I don’t drink it on a regular basis. Maybe I just don’t thirst for it. Summer also makes me think of heat and humidity, although I have this thought most of the time in Florida. Florida weather can be, at times, unbearable. It can also be perfect. Yes, there are good days and there are bad days. I’ve learned over the years to enjoy the good days, and when there are bad days, think about the good days to come. It takes practice, this kind of optimism, but it has its rewards. The trick is to keep practicing and be patient.

The same holds true for advocacy.

Case in point: House Bill 231. HB 231 initially was summarized as follows:

Specifically, the bill

- Defines Bodily Injury and Vulnerable User of a Right of Way or Vulnerable User.
- Provides that a person operating a vehicle who overtakes and passes a vulnerable user of a public right-of-way proceeding in the same direction may not make a right turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway unless the turn can be made at a safe distance from the vulnerable user with reasonable safety and will not impede the travel of the vulnerable user.
- Provides an exemption for vehicles violating a no-passing zone when passing a vulnerable user.
- It is unlawful to harass, taunt, or maliciously throw an object at or in the direction of a person riding a bicycle.
- Allows a bicyclist to take the center of the lane if the lane is less than 14 feet wide and is not adjacent to a bicycle lane that is at least 5 feet wide.
- In addition to any other penalty imposed, if a violation contributed to the bodily injury of a vulnerable user, a fine of not more than $12,000 shall be imposed and the driver license suspended for 6 months. These penalties can be delayed for 1 year under conditions that the offender complete a traffic safety course and perform between 100 and 200 hours of community service. An extension may be granted for good cause. Upon completion of the course and community service the fine and driver license suspension will be vacated.
- Requires a law enforcement officer to note on the traffic citation if said violation contributed to the bodily injury of a vulnerable user.
- A mandatory hearing is required before a designated official for any infraction of passing a vehicle in an unsafe manner, passing and turning in front of a vulnerable user in an unsafe manner, and a careless driving violation that contributes to bodily injury of a vulnerable user of a public right-of-way.
- Requires traffic education courses to include instruction on traffic laws relating to the rights and safety of vulnerable users.
- Requires the driver license and commercial driver license examination to include testing of an applicant’s knowledge of traffic laws relating to the rights and safety of vulnerable users.
- Provides severability.

The bill went before four legislative committees in three months time, suffered a few edits, and came within moments of moving towards the Governor for signature. The progress of HB 231 stopped on April 27 when the Florida House abruptly ended their session and abruptly ended HB 231. Just like that, Florida remains a state without a vulnerable-user law.

Time to pull optimism from that bag of tricks. This time, however, our optimism comes with purpose in the form of an action plan and obtainable results.

The action plan is simple enough and something learned from attending the National Bike Summit this past March—don’t just lobby, educate.

It is the intention of Florida Bicycle Association to do just that. FBA will produce an educational component to take to legislators and staff this fall, prior to the next session. With the help of our partners, sponsors, members and other stakeholders, face-to-face discussion will ensue in order to educate, and in the process, develop understanding and nurture good relationships with legislators and staff.

This is not a one-time and done strategy. This is FBA legislative policy moving forward, to educate and to encourage our members to educate. It’s going to take time and it’s going to take people, but I’m optimistic.

It’s how I’m going to spend my summer, taking lemons and making lemonade. I’m getting thirsty just thinking about it, are you?

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The Florida Bicycle Association was incorporated in 1997 for educational and charitable purposes. FBA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations, including membership dues, are tax deductible. A copy of the current financial statements may be obtained by contacting FBA, P.O. Box 2452, Oldsmar, FL 34677.

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You can request an application to be mailed to you by contacting Becky Afonso at 813-748-1513 or e-mail becky@floridabicycle.org.

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Bicycling is one of life’s simple pleasures to enjoy, not fear. Join or donate to the Florida Bicycle Association and let’s ride together for Florida bicycling excellence.

Contact Becky Afonso at becky@floridabicycle.org for more information on ways to donate to FBA.
Bike Friendly Community: South Lake County

Home to Clermont, Groveland, Mascotte, Minneola, Montverde and South Lake County proclaims to be the Center of Health, Wellness and Fitness. South Lake Chamber's Sports & Tourism Committee along with South Lake Hospital and The Cycling Hub, a gold-level bicycle friendly business, led an initiative to make Lake County as bicycle-friendly as possible.

With more than 20 years as a trails advocate, Mickey is one of the champions for connected trails in Florida. He has particularly demonstrated his ability as the Park Manager for the Cross Florida Greenway. A series of events transformed this corridor from one of the nation’s largest uncompleted public works projects to a world-class greenway. This 80,000-acre, 110-mile corridor is the largest managed area in the Florida State Parks system and a major backbone spine in the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Mickey is responsible for the new bridge over the Withlacoochee River near Dunnellon and has affected significant, long-range positive change in public policy to benefit the Florida Greenways and Trails System. Mickey is the Department’s first full-time Trails Manager and has assisted in establishing policies and programs that help guide local communities in planning multi-modal, healthy and environmentally friendly places. Mickey takes every opportunity to not only further the development of trails, but helps to educate the public about their importance, and how they benefit health, the environment and the economy.

Volunteer:  Dr. Mickey Witte

As a neuroscientist, triathlete and advocate in Miami, Mickey helped develop the University of Miami’s BikeSafe® Program, and served on Miami-Dade County’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Aware that the county could do a lot better for its citizens in terms of providing the safe infrastructure characteristic of Complete Streets, in the wake of another cyclist fatal tragedy occurring in the bike lane on Key Biscayne, she helped launch the Aaron Cohen Road Safety Initiative with others in the community who wanted help stop the unnecessary deaths of cyclists on the roadways. The community’s work led to the creation of Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act. Since the passage of this law, Mickey has continued her efforts to make roads safer for cyclists and pedestrians through her involvement with the Dolphins Cycling Challenge and Plan Z for Miami, an initiative to convert Rickenbacker Causeway into Rickenbacker Park.

Elected Official Champion: Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, District 48

After the driver of a hit-and-run crash that killed cyclist Aaron Cohen escaped serious penalties due to a loophole in Florida’s law, local advocates were able to rally local support, and recruit Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla to sponsor a bill to be known as the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act. This bill would provide harsher penalties to drivers found guilty of leaving the scene of a crash so they mirror the penalties for DUI crashes. With the passage of this bill, for the first time in Florida Statutes bicyclists and pedestrians were defined as “vulnerable road users,” which is a necessary strategy to increase penalties, and serve as a deterrent for errant drivers.

Special Recognition: Dan Moser

Dan has worn many hats during his association with FBA that began in 1998 when he joined the board of directors. His leadership and expertise helped pave the way for the many successes FBA has achieved over the years. In 2008 he resigned from the board but was quickly put to work on a contractual basis as the conference director for FBA’s 2008 ProBike/ProWalk Florida conference. His duties expanded to the role of program director, a position he held until the fall of 2014. Dan’s outgoing personality, tireless energy, especially at special events, and overall knowledge of bicycle education are just a few of his strengths. In addition to Dan’s FBA duties, he consults with a variety of organizations throughout Southwest Florida to teach injury prevention, driver education and bicycle/pedestrian education. As a regional trainer for the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education program, League Cycling Instructor and CyclingSavvy Instructor, Dan has taught hundreds of students of all ages. Dan is a founding member of BikeWalkLee and serves on its steering group. He has served in leadership positions on the City of Fort Myers Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board, Lee County BPAC, Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition, Healthy Lee Coalition and the Fort Myers Track Club. He also writes a column for The NewsPress and is involved with the organization of just about every running, biking, walking or festival throughout Lee and surrounding counties. A Lee County resident for over 40 years Dan has influenced positive change throughout Southwest Florida.

We have more award recipients to show you next issue of the FBA Messenger. Watch for it in September 2015. Visit floridabicycle.org/annual-awards for the complete list and for more information on the awards program. Nominations for 2015 will open in October.
Bicycle medical bills – who pays what?

by Christopher G. Burns, Esq.

You are riding your bicycle. Suddenly a car, or a bus, or a trash truck, or maybe a motorcycle pulls directly into your path. You cannot elude the vehicle—you suffer a collision. You need to go to the hospital or be evaluated by a doctor. You live in Florida.

How are the medical bills supposed to be paid? What if you don’t have health insurance? So many of my clients are confused by who pays?

If You Are Hit by a Car on Your Bike
If hit by a car, you are entitled to have your medical bills paid by your own auto insurance despite that the bike crash was not your fault. Your car insurance applies even though your own car was not involved in the crash.

The basic medical bill coverage under your auto insurance is called “Personal Injury Protection” or “PIP” or “No Fault Benefits.”

This coverage is “primary” for your medical bills, meaning your auto insurance is the first insurer who is supposed to pay the bills.

Many cyclists ask me if this is unfair. They often ask, “Why should MY insurance have to pay my medical bills, when I did nothing wrong?” They then add, “Will my auto insurance cancel me or raise my rates?”

If true, You have paid money (premiums) to your auto insurer for this exact type of insurance coverage under your policy.

In Florida, it is mandatory that all auto insurance policies provide these PIP benefits. Believe it or not, the auto insurer for the negligent vehicle driver does not have to pay these medical bills at first, nor does his/her auto insurance.

There is a saving grace to this: your auto insurance cannot cancel you or raise your rates because benefits were paid for an accident that was not your fault.

Limits imposed by law
Are there limits on how much auto insurance will pay for bike crash-related medical bills?

Yes. In Florida, medical bills from your bike crash (when in a collision with a car) will not be 100% covered by your PIP. Your PIP auto insurance will generally pay 80% of all reasonable medical bills, unless you have purchased extraordinary (and not basic) coverage. The maximum payments for all medical bills for a single bike crash total $10,000. Once your auto insurance has paid $10,000 in PIP benefits (with basic coverage), the benefits are “exhausted.”

What happens after auto insurance pays 80% of a given medical bill? Who pays the difference? What if the auto insurance max of $10,000 in payments has been reached so that auto insurance doesn’t pay at all?

These bills should be submitted to your health insurance, such as BlueCross BlueShield, United Healthcare, Aetna, Tricare, etc. After your bike accident, your PIP auto insurance benefits are “primary” and your health insurance is the “secondary” insurer.

On a given bill, auto insurance PIP benefits will pay 80% and then your health insurance can pay the balance due on bill.

Once your PIP insurance has reached its limit of benefits, then the health insurance becomes the primary insurer. Your attorney can still seek compensation from the at-fault driver, vehicle owner, or their auto insurers for the medical expenses you have incurred.

Ensuring the bills are paid
How can you make sure that all the insurers, auto and health, are bound to pay the bills submitted?

1. It is critically important that your bike crash medical bills are submitted to the insurers as soon as possible. Some auto and health insurance companies decline to pay medical bills if they are not submitted in a timely manner.

When you go to the hospital or doctor, ask them to submit your medical bills to your auto insurance, and if you have it, your health insurance—on every claim—directly to the insurers as soon as possible. Some auto and health insurance companies decline to pay medical bills if they are not submitted in a timely manner.

2. Try to keep track of how your medical bills are submitted and being considered by the insurers.

Many auto insurer and health insurers give their customers on-line access to the claims submitted. By going on-line, you can check to make sure the insurer received the bills, and see how much was paid and why.

If you don’t own a car
What if you don’t own a car, and don’t live with a family member or relative who owns a car?

Then you are still entitled to PIP or No Fault benefits under an auto insurance policy. You get these benefits to pay your medical bills from the owner of the opposing car’s auto insurance.

You are entitled to these PIP benefits whether the accident was your fault, the other driver’s fault, the fault of both of you, or nobody’s fault. You are entitled to have 80% of each reasonable medical bills paid up to $10,000 maximum benefits.

Crashes resulting from crash avoidance
What if you are in a bike crash where you swerve to avoid being hit by the vehicle, and you crash without the vehicle actually touching you?

Florida Courts have not agreed on whether the bicycle rider is entitled to PIP benefits. The Florida law on PIP benefits (Florida Statute 627.736) says all auto insurance policies must “provide personal injury protection when the policy holder is ‘struck’ by a motor vehicle and suffers injury.”

Thankfully, certain Florida Courts have interpreted this law to include PIP coverage where the cyclist crashed to AVOID being struck by the vehicle.

This is abundantly fair. It would be ludicrous for cyclists to be covered who were hit by cars, when other cyclists, who likely minimized their injuries by avoiding a collision, were not covered.

If you have payment related questions about bicycle crashes and medical bills contact an attorney who specializes in bicycle crash cases. You can contact me, Christopher Burns, directly at (904) 632-2424 or chris@floridacyclinglaw.com.

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you've just witnessed a crash. The bad news, you were in it. The other driver comes to you and says, “Why did you do that?”

There are no other witnesses so what's the law? Here’s my “Portable Lawyer Advice” list of statutes. Cut out, fold in half and laminate for your carrying compartment.

On the road, Bicycles are vehicles to all other vehicles.

“Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all of the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this [Traffic statutes chapter]” 316.2065(3) Same rules, same rights.

Duty to Exercise Due Care

“Every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian, animal, or fixed or moving object, parked or moving vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, animal, surface hazard, turn lane, or unstandard-width lane a lane too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side...,” which makes it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. 316.0875(3)

Cars can’t turn in front of bicycle drivers

“The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction...” 316.122

Motorists’ Right turns

“Both the approach for a right turn and the turn are to be made as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.” 316.151(1)(a)

And they have to signal the last 100 feet before a turn

“A signal of intention to turn must be given during the last 100 feet traveled by a vehicle before turning. If a cyclist needs both hands for control, the signal need not be given continuously” 316.155(2)

Can’t stop or suddenly decrease speed without signal

“No person may suddenly decrease speed... without first given appropriate signal to the driver or any vehicle immediately to the rear, when there is opportunity to give such signal.” 316.155(3)

Yield to Bicycle Drivers

“The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road or driveway shall stop the vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk crossing, and shall yield to all vehicles and pedestrians which are so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.” 316.125(2)

Cars passing too close

“The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance...” 316.0875(3)

Crossing Double lines to give bicycle drivers space

“The prohibition of passing in a no-passing zone does not apply when an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway.” 316.0875(3)

It’s not a bike lane unless it’s 4 feet AND marked

You don’t have to ride in the gutter; it’s not the roadway, “…That portion of a roadway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder...” 316.003(42)

Bicycles can be driven on sidewalks

“A cyclist riding on a sidewalk or crosswalk has the rights and duties of a pedestrian.” 316.205(9), but “…shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian...” 316.2065(10)

Sidewalks are not designed for bicycle speeds. Local ordinances may prohibit bicycles on sidewalks.

Attorney J. Steele Olmstead practices law statewide from offices in Tampa. One of his specialties is bicycle law and he’ll even come to you... wherever you got broken.

Share the Road Mini Grants available

Bike Florida and Share the Road invite your organization to apply for a Share the Road Mini Grant. Through the sale of “Share the Road” specialty license plates, and sponsoring events like BIKE LAW as our newest Mini Grant sponsor, we can make these funds available to cycling organizations, city or county governments and school parent teacher organizations (PTOs) or just about anyone actively promoting safe cycling or cyclist and driver education.

Some of the most common awards fund new bicycle purchases or repairs for organizations administering education programs, especially those teaching the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program.

We have also funded requests to purchase Share the Road signage in communities around the state.

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Like Bike Florida and Share the Road, BILL BONE BIKE LAW is dedicated to the bicycle safety message.
It is rare to see an organization with this much passion for cycling.
Cyclists with their bikes will ride free on Tri-Rail November 11-15 as part of a green mobility initiative—WHEELS—to make bikes, transit and trails the same standard for how Floridians get around.

Five days of guided and self-guided trail and road rides will take place throughout Miami-Dade County. Bike prizes, swag and music will liven a bike-in street party in South Miami, one of Florida’s most bike friendly cities.

Metrorail and the M-Path with its extensions bisect downtown as part of a trail system that loops 42 miles south through the county.

Videos will show how to bring bikes safely on and off trains. Programs of bike safety training will reach all ages.

People ready to expand their commuting options from cars alone will find individuals and families of commuters that frequently travel by bike and transit to talk to during the street party.

LAB’s Andy Clarke, Walkable Communities’ Dan Burden, and East Coast Greenway Alliance Executive Director Dennis Markatos-Soriano will highlight one conference session that Director Dennis Markatos-Soriano will talk to during the street party.

A second session will describe how Florida’s fast-forward trails program benefits cities around Florida, and how pro-bike, pro-walk contracts between developers and advocates are making Delray Beach a breakthrough leader in green mobility.

“We’re going to empower people to rethink how they get around and make their wishes heard.”

The event will pay tribute to a long-for-gotten initiator of today’s LAB, Kirk Munroe, who lived and biked for 30 years from his home in Coconut Grove.

All five days of WHEELS will be cost-free or almost so.

Everyone who registers for any part of the program will be eligible to win one of five free bikes and swag.

Out-of-area visitors will find hotel rates that start below $45 per person per night in shared rooms.

Sponsors of WHEELS include the Natural Resources Defense Council, League of American Bicyclists, FDOT, SFRTA, East Coast Greenway Alliance, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, Florida Bicycle Association, Miami-Dade Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, Miami-Dade Public Schools, the City of South Miami, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Everglades Bicycle Club, Green Mobility Network, and Dover, Kohl & Partners, among others.

For more info: www.wheelsflorida.org, or herbhiller12@gmail.com.
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Lighting requirements

Q Nathan asked: How is the law supposed to be interpreted with respect to the rear reflector, since reflectors don’t “exhibit light” without something shining on them?

“Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear.”

A Lacking any statutory language or case law to the contrary, I would guess that the requirement in s. 316.2065 – Bicycle Regulations for reflectors to emit the light visible for 600 feet would be when illuminated by a light source such as a car headlight. But the paragraph also requires a lamp and reflector on the rear.

I suggest asking an attorney familiar with such matters for a legal opinion.

Passing on the right

Q Doc asked: If car traffic is traveling slower than I am on my bicycle, may I pass those vehicles on their right?

The road is quite wide, with a three to four foot paved shoulder marked by a solid white line, but not marked as a bike lane.

I presume on the streets where there is an official and marked bike lane I would be able to continue in the bike lane and pass these slower vehicles on their right.

A You are correct about the bike lane, which is part of the roadway. Watch out when in a bike lane or paved shoulder approaching the intersection due to right-turning motor vehicles.

There is no statute that prohibits driving a bicycle on a paved shoulder. The statute that applies to passing on the right is this:

s. 316.084 – When Overtaking on the Right is Permitted

(1) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass on the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

(a) When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;

(b) Upon a street or highway with unobstructed pavement not occupied by parked vehicles of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving traffic in each direction;

(c) Upon a one-way street, or upon any roadway on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement, where the roadway is free from obstructions and of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles.

(2) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle on the right only under conditions permitting such movement in safety. In no event shall such movement be made by driving off the pavement or main-traveled portion of the roadway.

Strictly speaking, a bicyclist leaving the roadway to pass other vehicles on the right on a paved shoulder, then moving back into the “main-traveled portion of the roadway” could be construed as violating subsection (2) above.

In such a case, it might be argued that the cyclist never left the “pavement.” You will need to seek legal advice, which we don’t do here, to resolve that.

That same bicyclist would be lawful if always remaining on the paved shoulder. Approaching an intersection might make that difficult though, since many undesignated paved shoulders disappear at intersections.

Right turns and bike lanes

Q Anthony asked: If a vehicle is stopped at a red light intending to make a right turn and a trailing bicyclist pulls abreast of the car on the right, intending to go straight, who has the right of way?

Must the vehicle wait for the bicyclist to proceed or does the bicyclist wait for the car to turn?

A For simplicity, assume there is a curb and gutter roadway.

The stopped motorist may be in violation due to the position of the vehicle. The vehicle should be as far to the right as is practicable.

s. 316.151 – Required Position and Method of Turning at intersections

(1) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

(a) Right turn – Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

The bicyclist, just as any other overtaken vehicle, has the right of way and the motor vehicle driver must wait until it is safe to turn. The following statutes apply:

s. 316.083 – Overtaking and Passing…

(1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall … pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle … The driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle … must pass … at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle.

s. 316.085 – Limitations on Overtaking, Passing, Changing Lanes…

(2) No vehicle shall be driven from a direct course … until the driver has determined that the vehicle is not being approached or passed by any other vehicle in the lane or on the side to which the driver desires to move and that move can be completely made with safety and without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the same direction.

s. 316.155 – When Signal Required

No person may turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety…
Visions of blueberries dancing in her head, driver sends rider to hospital...

Blueberry picking causes crash

Earl Lang

Thus, the investigation is performed without acknowledging the need to determine who was at fault.

Not seeing, not intending—or distracted by blueberries dancing in your head—is not a defense in most accidents. Why then, does it apply to accidents with people on bicycles?

Not seeing is often construed as careless or reckless endangerment, failure to yield, or not maintaining assured clear distance.

It appears that persons on bicycles are less equal under the law.

*Merriam-Webster defines accident as “An unexpected happening causing loss or injury, which is not due to any fault or misconduct on the part of the person injured but for which legal relief may be sought.”* [emphasis added]

Birth of a bicycle club

by Frank Roberts

Frank Roberts contacted FBA back in March asking for help to promote their newly formed bicycle club. We asked Frank to tell us the club’s story.

We are the RIVERSEDGE RIDERS of New Smyrna Beach, formed in March, 2014, as we prepared for Bike Month.

We are small but numbers are not what we’re after. Our slogan is “Friends Riding with Friends.” Whether it be old friends or future friends, we want our club to be a group that enjoys riding and the camaraderie of each other.

We are all currently road bikers, touring primarily, but we are not bike snobs. We enjoy the ride and each other. We check out interesting encounters along the route; I take pictures to document for Facebook (like us @Riveredge Riders) and we enjoy what God has provided. That doesn’t mean that we creep along; our group has been blessed with corporate financial support to help defray start-up expenses. Our thanks to Mr. Larry Mullinax (Mullinax Ford, New Smyrna Beach), REC of Edgewater, Mr. Andy Pallemaerts with Fox Firestone Bicycles and Mr. Lee Griffith of Hidden Lakes Golf, both of New Smyrna Beach, with whose support we secured our club kits. We wear the kits on our formal rides. We also receive super bike mechanical care and service from Mr. Nathan Robey at Fox Firestone.

Thank you sponsors, Nathan and Safetti. If you see us, say “hello.” If you are in New Smyrna Beach, come ride with us! We look forward to meeting you.
East Coast Greenway tour...

Four-state south Atlantic trail corridor tour will focus on area’s cultural inheritance and support local economy

St. Johns County will mark the finish of a four-state tour of the East Coast Greenway along its overlap with America’s largest national heritage area, the 550-mile Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

A multi-racial group of 25 bicyclists—about half high school seniors—will start their two-week tour July 11 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and finish in Armstrong on the Palatka-St. Augustine State Trail known for hosting cyclists.

The tour will draw attention to the corridor’s cultural inheritance and support the coastal economy.

The region was once famous for rice production farmed by enslaved African Americans, who have retained much of their native language and folkways.

Rampant land development since the late 20th century has reduced their land by half.

The tour is the first since last August when the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission formed a partnership with the East Coast Greenway Alliance.

“This is the launch of what we hope will become hundreds and then thousands of people on their own or in organized tours riding the corridor,” said Atiba Mbiwan of Atlanta, coach of the BRAG Dream Team, one of the July tour organizers.

“We want the corridor to become a destination for outdoors people who can steep awhile in the culture.”

For the East Coast Greenway Alliance, its partnership with the corridor commission is “an important exercise in the placemaking of travel,” according to executive director Dennis Markatos-Soriano of the Durham-based nonprofit.

“It’s one of our strategies for getting our trail built. People who ride long distances always want to know, ‘When I’m here, where am I?’”

The corridor is one of 41 congressionally designated national heritage areas. NHAs are public-private entities within the National Park Service.

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Members of Atlanta’s BRAG Dream Team and Chapel Hill’s Spoke’n Revolution youth cycling organization—shown here at the finish of their 2014 King to King Memorial day ride—and others will start the two-week, four-state tour in Chapel Hill and finish in Armstrong, FL, on the Palatka-St. Augustine State Trail.

As a cyclist, I understand the challenges you encounter when riding on Southwest Florida’s roads. Enjoy the ride, and if you are injured while riding through the fault of another individual, please give me a call.”

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### June

**June 14 (Sun) Black Bear Bike**  
**Crankin’ Out Cancer**  
Join SNUC Foundation, Inc. and Black Bear Bike for a family-friendly day of riding all while helping to find a cure for those afflicted with Invasive Sino-nasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma. 3 marked route options to choose from including a shorter trail ride(13 miles) and 2 scenic routes through the back country roads of Brooksville (42 & 62 miles), with rest stops. All rides depart and return to Black Bear Bike (1300 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613). After-ride light lunch.  
[www.blackbearbike.com/magic](http://www.blackbearbike.com/magic)  
**Active.com** Online Registration

**July**

**July 12 (Sun) Punta Gorda**  
**Wheels and Wings VI**  
Starts and finishes at Beef O’Brady’s. Events Ten Wines, two BeerBevges, Tech T-shirt, five different rides: 15-mile (Mystery Ride); 32/50/62 and a 4-6 mile Gravel Grender. Check face, book, [www.wheelsandwingsflorida.com](http://www.wheelsandwingsflorida.com) for latest info.  
[www.peaceriverriders.com](http://www.peaceriverriders.com)  
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### August

**August 22 (Sat) Inverness**  
**Crankin’ Out Cancer**  
on the FBA web site. To add an event to his (and our) calendar, e-mail to fbtc@piercepages.com or go online to post your own entry. See complete calendar, including many out-of-state rides we don’t have room to print here, and much of the hype we edited out in this here version, at [www.floridacycle.org/touring](http://www.floridacycle.org/touring).

#### October

**October 4 (Sun) Inverness**  
**Four Falls of the Whiskeycooper Century**  
14-100 miles. Early Registration online after June 1 or Ride day 7-9 am at the Inverness Trailhead, 315 Apopka Ave. T-shirt before Sep 15 guaranteed. 5 SAG stops along paved 46 miles of Whiskeycooper State Trail. Lunch in Inverness. Century ride certificates. Bikes plus door prizes. $30. See website Ride Application.  
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**October 4-25 Gainesville**  
**Gainesville Cycling Festival**  
Two centuries in two days! (Or enjoy the shorter options for a weekend of bicycle touring.) See details in the listings for the Santa Fe Century and Horse Farm Hundred. Full info is available on the website [http://gecla.org/gcf/](http://gecla.org/gcf/)

**October 24-25 (Sat) Gainesville**  
**Gainesville Orthopedic Institute Santa Fe Century**  
A tour through the lush forest and pasture land north of Gainesville up through the Santa Fe River valley to the North West Boys and Girls Club at 2700 NW 31st Street in Gainesville. Enjoy the shorter option for a 55 mile ride road, or the 18 or 28 mile Millhopper Ramble family fun ride, with well stocked rest stops.  
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**October 25 (Sun) Gainesville**  
**Horse Farm Hundred**  
The Gainesville Cycling Club tour through the picturesque horse farms of northern Marion County. We have the best stocked rest stops in Florida! The 10 mile ride (a 57 mile option that doesn't get into horse farm territory) starts at 8:30 am at Leefohn High School at 3000 East University Avenue. Bagels and muffins will be available before the ride.  
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**October 25 (Sun) Cocoa**  
**Cocoa Intracoastal Waterway Century**  
Ids pass will be by the Kennedy Space Center, rest at our SAG stop at the American Police Hall of Fame, and ride quiet tree lined roads along the Indian River lined with turn-of-century estates along the Intracoastal Waterway. Options of 100 and 63 miles, and scenic escorted rides of 28 and 14 miles. Fully supported rides include fully stocked SAG stops, moving SAG support, mechanical support, light breakfast and pizza dinner after-ward. A great ride to try for your first century. Proceeds go to local charities.  
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#### November

**November 1 (Sun) Lakewood Ranch**  
**Rasaota Manatee Bicycle Club**  
**Cocoa Bike Ride**  
Gulf Coast Cyclfest  
20/32/65/100 mile non-competitive rides through beautiful southwest Florida. More information available at [www. cmbf.au](http://www. cmbf.au)

**November 7 (Sat) Tallahassee**  
**Spaghetti 100**  
An annual favorite includes paved and off-road options from 35 to 100 miles. Entry Fee is $55 for non- members and $45 for CCC members. Registration includes full SAG support, plenty of rest stops, T-shirt and spaghetti dinner. Start at Miccosukee Community Center and rides into the scenic backcountry of North Florida and South Georgia. Thomasville, Boston in Georgia, Monticello, FL. Off-road is non-technical, following the can- opied clay roads through the heart of classic: Red Hills plantation country. City Capital Cyclists spon- sor. Benefits: Kids on Bikes Elementary Education program and our Trips for Kids that helps disadvantaged kids discover the joy of mountain biking.  
[www.cyclists.org/spaghetti100](http://www.cyclists.org/spaghetti100)

**November 8-14 St. Augustine**  
**St Johns River to Sea Loop Tour**  
An all inclusive inn-to-inn tour with average daily mileage of 30-40 miles. Loop explores rural commu- nities along the St Johns River and Florida’s Atlantic Coast, starting and finishing in St. Augustine. Full SAG support, rest stops, and a fun "happy hour" with snacks, wine, beer, and other refreshments restore you for the next day. Ride is limited to 20 people, so sign up early to reserve your spot! Call Joy at 352-224-8861 for more information.  

**November 8 (Sun) Melbourne**  
**Cycle4Alz (Cycle 4 Alzheimer’s)**  
The Brevard Alzheimer’s Foundation hosts. The event is part of the CAAAM Event Series Challenge and is NOT A RACE! The event will feature 3 routes: 10 Mile Fun Ride, 63 Mile (Century) and a 100 Mile (Century) YOUR REGISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING DUES INCLUDES: Event t-shirt, Fully stocked rest stops with plenty to eat and drink. Roving SAG support with limited mechanical support. Pre-event PASTA party on Saturday night, Genna pizza after the ride. We have the best stocked rest stops, moving SAG support, and plenty of water, fruits and snacks to help you complete the ride. Benefits research toward a cure for cystic fibrosis.  
[www.cycle4alz.com](http://www.cycle4alz.com)

**November 14-15 Clermont**  
**Horrible Hundred and Cycling Expo**  
On Saturday, enjoy one of several warm-up rides in the morning. Guided family-friendly ride on the South Lake Trail. After the ride, get lunch at one of the food trucks then visit the Cycling Expo with over 30 vendors. No charge for Saturday’s ride and Expo. Event will also open on Sunday. Ride 35/50/70/100 miles. Plenty of hills on all distances. Fully supported with SAG stops and SAG vehicles. Registration includes a custom t shirt or water bottle, access to SAG stops and lunch.  
[www.horriblehundred.com](http://www.horriblehundred.com)

**November 21-22 Sunrise**  
**Ride for Adopt-a-Bike**  
Sat: Blackjack Levee (Mountain or Fat Tire) Bike & Road Race - Reg. includes 1 Blackjack hand & lunch. 70/30 cash split for winners. Sun. ride 62/40/25/10 miles. Fully sup- ported. Registration includes Raffles & Lunch. Six Ride Levels starting at 10-12mph to 25+. Complete details at adoptabike.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides - Donations to Adopt-a-Bike Foundation are tax deductible.

**Florida Bicycle Association**
District 1
Cities: Bradenton, Fort Myers, Naples, Sarasota
Counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, Sarasota
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Providence Nagy, 239-225-1983
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Bonita Bay Bicycle Club, Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club, Coastal Cruisers Bicycle Club, Highlands Pedalers Bicycle Club, Peace River Riders Bicycle Club, Polk Area Bicycling Association, Sanibel Bicycle Club, Sarasota-Manatee Bicycle Club
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Acme Bicycle Shop, Bicycle Center of Port Charlotte, Bike Route (Fort Myers), Naples Cyclery, The Bike Route (Naples), Billy's Bike Shop, Fort Myers Schwinn Cyclery, Ringling Bicycles, Bike Shop of Winter Haven

District 2
Cities: Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lake City, St. Augustine
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Derek Dixon, 904-360-5653
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Gainesville Cycling Club, North Florida Bicycle Club, Suwannee Bicycle Association
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Gator Cycle, Champion Cycling & Fitness (3 locations), Lake Shore Bicycles & Fitness

District 3
Cities: Destin, Panama City, Pensacola, Tallahassee
Counties: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty,
Ovalosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Olen Pettis, 850-330-1543
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Capital City Cyclists, Emerald Coast Cyclists
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: St. Joe Velo, The Great Bicycle Shop (2 locations), Dragon Sports

District 4
Cities: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Stuart
Counties: Broward, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Jennifer Fierman, 954-777-4318
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Boca Raton Bicycle Club, Vero Cycling Club
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Bike America (6 locations), Lauderdale Cyclery, Wheels of Wellington, Bicycle Generation

District 5
Cities: Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach, Kissimmee, Melbourne, Ocala, Orlando
Counties: Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Deborah Tyrone, 407-482-7897
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Florida Freewheelers, Sumter Landing Bicycle Club, Orlando Runners & Riders, Riveredge Riders
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Infinity Bike Shop (2 locations), Sun Cycle Center, Village Cycles (2 locations), Greenway Bicycles, Orange Cycle, Full Circle Cycle, Retro City Cycles, West Orange Trail Bikes & Blades, Wildwood Cyclery, Daytona Bicycle Center

District 6
Cities: Key West, Miami
Counties: Miami-Dade, Monroe
FDOT Bike/Ped Coord.: Zakary Lata, 305-470-5308
FBA Member Bicycle Clubs: Central Florida Randonneurs, Florida Panthers Tandem Club, St. Petersburg Bicycle Club
FBA Member Bicycle Shops: Suncoast Bicycles, City Bike Tampa, Bike Sport, Chainwheel Drive (2 locations), Jim's Bicycle Shop, Hampton's Edge Trailside Bicycles, University Bicycle Center

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Good News, Mr. Smith! The IRS now allows your employer to give you a tax-free reimbursement of up to $20 per month for reasonable bicycle related expenses as a qualified bicycle commuter.*

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