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HOW TO BE STREETWISE

A New York City Commuter's 5 Best Strategy's for Riding Safely in Traffic:

- 1) **Anticipate.** Try to notice everything up to half a block ahead: There is an intersection; a car could speed through. That dog isn't wearing an invisible fence collar; it could chase me.
- 2) **Be Human.** I may be one of the only cyclists in MYC who signals. I do it not only to let drivers know I'm turning, but also because it is humanizing. When cyclists don't interact with drivers, it's too easy for drivers to see us as just another road hazard. Making eye contact with drivers as intersections is a good way to ensure that you're seen too.
- 3) **Don't Always do the Right Thing.** Hugging the right side of the road generally keeps you out of harm's way, but riding 3 or so feet into the lane is safer if parked cars line the street (a car door could open). Likewise, riding a few feet into the lane can be a good idea if you're approaching an intersection - if a car passes you, then cuts you off to turn right, you can escape by riding around to the left.
- 4) **Pick the Slowest Road.** Suburban thoroughfares can be nearly as busy as city streets with hidden intersections, no shoulders and speeding cars. Look for a route with fewer intersections, no shopping strips (cars leaving parking lots) and slower traffic. The most direct route may not be the best cycling route.
- 5) **Herd the Pedestrians.** When you happen upon unsuspecting pedestrians, aim to pass behind them rather than cut in front of them as they cross the street, where their natural tendency is to freeze then hurry ahead. Cutting behind them gives you and them a better chance for safe passage.

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RIDE SCHEDULE AND MEETING DATES

All Riders: Download ride maps from our website before the ride. www.caloosariders.com.

Most routes are marked. All rides are between 30 and 40 miles unless otherwise noted.

SATURDAY RIDES: Buckingham Community Park
of Buckingham Road east of SR 82.
Start 8:00

May		
Saturday, 5/5	Alva Special	Ron Cox 239 334-7580
Saturday, 5/12	I Like Ike	JoAnne V 239 936-1058
Saturday, 5/19	Greenbriar	Dick Bennett 239 464-0606
Saturday, 5/26	Wheeler	Jeff Brim 239 560-2746
June		
Saturday, 6/2	Old Milwaukee	Bill Garrison 239 275-7615
Saturday, 6/9	Alva Special	Ron Cox 239 334-7580
Saturday, 6/16	I Like Ike	JoAnne V 239 936-1058
Saturday, 6/23	Greenbriar	Dick Bennett 239 464-0606
Saturday, 6/30	Wheeler	Jeff Brim 239 560-2746
July		
Saturday, 7/7	Old Milwaukee	Bill Garrison 239 275-7615
Saturday, 7/14	Alva Special	Ron Cox 239 334-7580

BREAKFAST AFTER RIDES - JOIN US

<TUESDAY/THURSDAY AT ANNIE'S

814 Southeast 47th St Cape Coral, FL 33904

<SATURDAY AT FRANKIE'S

3701 Fowler Street Ft. Myers. FL 33901

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY RIDES

Cay West parking Lot— 1708 Cape Coral Parkway

West of Chiquita. The group rides various routes through Cape Coral. 20 & 40 miles. Speeds between conversational (12-15 mph) to fast (21+mph).
8:00 Start

WEDNESDAY RIDES

They are starting again!! Interim rides are being organized!!
Call Bill Garrison for details
239 275-7615

SUNDAY RIDES

Bell Tower/Ft. Myers—

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

Pelican Park/Cape Coral-

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

FUTURE RIDES: See our Website for details

May 16 The Ride of Silence in Punta Gorda

Start time is 7:00 pm.

Gilcrest Park of f W. Retta Esplanade

Memorial Day Ride and Picnic Will it happen? See the officers if you thought it was fun in years past and want to do it again.

June Ride We need a volunteer to organize a day ride or weekend ride in June. Who will step up???

NEXT CLUB MEETING DATES:

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Pot Luck Supper

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Pot Luck Supper

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Pot Luck Supper

WHERE: LEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM AT 7:00PM

**PERSONAL RIDING EXPERIENCE?
AN ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE?
LIST OF BIRTHDAYS TO RECOGNIZE?
A FUNNY STORY THAT HAPPENED ON A
RIDE?
A GREAT BICYCLE ARTICLE?
A SAFETY TIP?
MAINTENANCE TIP?**

NEWS ARTICLES NEEDED

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KEY WEST RIDE 2007 APRIL 22-26

This is just a quick piece to say the trip was a grand success!! Thank you Tracy Wells and Ron Cox for organizing this fantastic ride. The ferry ride down was a bit choppy but everyone in our group managed very well. The first day ride to Long Key was met with a fierce wind on the nose but we made it...very tired but we made it. Tuesday allowed us to have a great breakfast at Bob's Buns. Some enjoyed snorkeling at Pennekamp late that afternoon. Oh what a pleasure to be going down wind for the return trip! What can I say, Fat Tuesdays never tasted so refreshing as it did on Thursday afternoon before we boarded the ferry back to Fort Myers Beach. The seventeen of us enjoyed the whole event. Bob Hale is an unbelievable SAG—Thank you for sharing your truck and your talents.

RIDE TIME CHANGES

The longer days mean it is that time again to look for changes in the start times for the various rides.

WE WANT TO MAKE IT EASY!

**There are no time changes this year between
Memorial Day and Labor Day.**

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RIDE OF SILENCE IN PUNTA GORDA MAY 16, 2007

Starting at 7:00 pm at Gilcrest Park on W. Retta Esplanade in Punta Gorda will be an 8-mile ride, no faster than 12 mph, to raise awareness of bicycle safety, mourn those that have been killed by motorists and to raise awareness of cyclists on the roadways.

Call Earl Lang at Acme Bicycle Shop for more details 941 258-3400

FOR SALE Gary Fisher, HooKooE, extra small, red, model G7HKE, 26" wheel size, ATB Avocet seat, SRT 400 shifters, frame mounted pump, Rock Shox suspension front fork, side pull brakes, 100 PSI road tires and STD 26x1.95 off-road tires, \$300 obo. call Millie 549-1366

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State: ___ Zip _____
Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____
E-Mail _____
_____ New Member or _____ Renewing Member or
_____ Family Membership: \$20
_____ Spouse's Name: _____
_____ Single Membership: \$15

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

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

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

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

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

Member's Signature _____

If Family Membership, Spouse's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Make checks payable to: *Caloosa Riders*

Mail to: **Caloosa Riders**

P.O. Box 870

Ft. Myers, FL 33902

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

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 Fort Myers, FL 33902

NEW MEMBERS:

Bob Kik
Wayne Fisher
Bob and Carla Williams
Jeremy Holston
Martti Wright
Joan Simon
Ridge Shannon
Dave Kenzie
Allen Trevett
John Ruppert
David and Mary Reardon
John and Kimberly Terpak
Tony Cicerello
Jeannette and Ken Solomon

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 Cape Coral & Ft. Myers
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 1712 Del Prado S., CC
 239 772-2453

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 MacGregor Pt SC, B.Sprs
 947-2222

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 8001 Plaza Del Lago Ste 101, Estero
 239 390-9909

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 3451 Fowler St, FM
 239 936-1851

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

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

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 8789 Tamiami Tr N
 (Marketplace at Pelican Bay)
 239 566-3646

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 239437-0373

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 FM 239 481-3376

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

Wooley's Bikeland
 Colonial Parkway, FM
 239 939-0511

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

CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE AT THESE FINE STORES;
 These businesses offer members a 10% discount on non-sale items. Bicycles Excluded.
 Present your membership Card.