

January  
'06  
February

# Caloosa Chronicles

Bi-monthly publication of the Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club of  
Lee County, Florida

Web Site: [www.caloosariders.com](http://www.caloosariders.com)

President  
Richard Bennett  
464-0606  
crpres05@earthlink.  
net

Vice President  
Bill Garrison  
275-7615  
bjgarrison11007@  
aol.com

Secretary  
Alan Byerly  
437-1608

Treasurer  
Dale Sterz  
540-1260  
dsterz@hotmail.com

Ride Coordinator  
JoAnne VanNetta  
936-1058  
jwvan@comcast.net

Membership  
Tracy Wells  
282-2291  
wellsonwheels@  
comcast.net

Editor  
Jackie Kampfert  
542-2382  
jkampfert@mac.com

Publisher  
Lorena Tonti  
University Quick-  
Print  
542-1020  
Universityquick-  
print@  
swfla.rr.com

Webmaster  
Jeff Brim  
www.caloosariders.  
com  
jeff@brimnet.com

## That Was Fast! 2006 is Already Here!

By Dick Bennett, Club President

Out with the OLD YEAR and in with the.... NEW YEAR! It is a great time to take stock in what the Caloosa Riders Club accomplished during 2005 and what we expect for the exciting, brand NEW YEAR....2006!

### So, What Rides were Organized in 2005?

The **Peddle and Paddle** outing was a great success! Following a great morning bicycle ride in Cape Coral, many adventurous members convened in Matlacha for a kayak trip into the mangroves and surrounding area. We did not lose anyone.

The **Royal Palm Classic** was again a successful fundraiser for the Club. We provided several well-marked routes and a delicious cookout for the participants.

The **Shark Valley** outing took us to the Everglades and the opportunity to see a lot of wildlife and some very large alligators, up-close and personal!

The **Memorial Day Picnic ride** at the Cape Coral Yacht Club had 40 riders enjoying a beautiful day and a pot luck cookout!

The **Zolfo Springs ride** took us from Punta Gorda into the middle of the state on a hot summer weekend.

Hurricane Wilma 'blew off' our third planned **Key West Ride** via the "Big Water". Look for it to be rescheduled in 2006.

The annual **Thanksgiving Day Turkey Leg ride** from Ft. Myers to Naples and back was again a success with many riders joining in this unsupported ride. Some did the full century and many did the shorter distance options depending on where members joined in.

Twice as many riders joined **Christmas Lights Night Ride** this year for a beautiful ride around Cape Coral followed by a cheery social time at the Hale's house.

The **Club Christmas Party** at Cape Harbor's Community Building was heavily attended. Great food, great location, great gift exchange and great fun!

### So, What Else happened?

Club members stuffed goodie bags, marked the routes and rode in the Tour de Cape in January in support of the Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department.

We contributed two children's bikes and helmets to the Kiwanis Fundraiser.

We donated, delivered and assembled a lunch table to the Lehigh Acres Saturday rest stop.

Many members supported the Bike Florida event in the Florida panhandle this Spring.

We made our voice heard at the Lee County Commissioners meeting for bike lanes along Buckingham Road.

Many members joined in the Ft. Myers Memorial Bike Ride to honor those riders who have died or were injured while riding their bike.

The Club supported Bike to Work Week by making a ceremonial loop of the Miracle Baseball diamond prior to a home game.

All our club routes were remarked during the summer to make it easier for both Club Members and non-members who use our published routes.

We supported the creation of bike lanes along many of the NW Cape Coral roads. That support generated many more miles of bike lanes in that section of the Cape.

We supported the publication of the second edition of Lee County Bicycle Route Map with a \$1,000 Sponsorship contribution.

continued on p. 3

# Ride Schedule and Meeting Dates

Sunday rides will leave from Bell Tower in Ft. Myers or Pelican Park in Cape Coral.  
All Saturday rides will leave from Buckingham Park on Buckingham Road east of S.R. 82.

All rides leave at 8:00 a.m.

January 2006		
Sat, 01/07	Golfview	Wayne, 936-1058
Sat, 01/14	I Like Ike	Jeff, 939-7263
Sat, 01/21	Golfview	Dick Bennett, 941-505-2661
Sat, 01/28	Alva Special	Bill G., 275-7615
February		
Sat, 02/04	Gateway Special	Ron, 334-7580
Sat, 02/11	I Like Ike	Bob, 772-9402
Sat, 02/18	Greenbriar	Gerry, 694-6757
Sat, 02/25	Alva Special	Dale, 768-0574
March		
Sat, 03/04	Greenbriar	Rosemarie, 303-0476

All Riders: Download ride maps before club rides. Maps to all rides can be found on the club's website: [www.caloosariders.com](http://www.caloosariders.com). Most routes are marked. All rides are between 30 and 40 miles unless otherwise noted.

## Tuesday & Thursday Rides

Cay West Parking Lot - Cape Coral Parkway west of Chiquita. The group rides various routes through Cape Coral. Mileages vary between 20 and 50 miles. Some of the riders maintain a conversational pace (12 - 15 mph) while others ride much faster. 8:00 a.m.

## Wednesday Ride

Summerlin and Colonial in Ft. Myers 8:00 a.m. The ride follows the Summerlin Bike Path. This is a fairly intense ride with average speeds being far above a conversational pace.

## Sunday Rides

Bell Tower - Daniels and US 41. Meet at 8:00 a.m. Pace: 20 mph for 60 miles. Not for beginners.

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

## Meeting Dates for 2006

Thursday, January 26  
Thursday, February 23  
Thursday, March 23  
Thursday, April 27  
Thursday, May 25  
Thursday, June 29  
Thursday, July 27  
Thursday, August 24  
Thursday, September 28  
Thursday, October 26

Lee Memorial Hospital Auditorium

## Club Meeting

Thursday, January 26 @ Lee Memorial

Hospital Auditorium

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share.

**Breakfast after the rides**

• Tues/Thurs at Annie's in CC  
• Saturday at Franke's on Fowler, Ft. Myers



# For Your Information

1. If you change your address, send that information to Tracy Wells, wellsonwheels@comcast.net.
2. Membership dues are payable now. This is your last newsletter unless your dues are current.
3. The Royal Palm Classic planning is in the works. If you want to work on the ride, contact Bill Garrison, 275-7615.
4. Welcome our new members: Peter Brunco, Ann & Elmer Bley, Jean Jones, Joan Benz, BJ Gutstadt, Richard Clark, Mark & Lois Geisler, Gerald Pierce, John Windisch, Fenton & Linda Cunningham, Joseph

Teipen, Bob Forward, Brian Hedstrom, Pete Owens, Sam Tishler, Moises Inoa.

5. The Christmas party was a hit as always. Winners of the door prizes were: Ray Putnam & Dutch Van der Kuyp-Jason's Deli gift certificates; Ron Cox & Mike Bricker- Ft. Myers Schwinn Shop gift certificates; Joyce van der Kuyp-Paradise Bike shop gift certificate; Rosemarie Franz & Liz Abbott - Cape Coral Bike shop gift certificates; George Sampson & Chris Wells - Iguana Mia gift certificates.
6. The new club jerseys are here. Check with Bill Garrison or Dale Sterz. All sizes are available. \$55.00.

## Club Events

**Pedal & Paddle** - Sunday, February 12. Regular Sunday ride from Pelican Park. Club sponsored picnic at Matlacha Park. Paddle from Matlacha on the new Blueway Kayak Trail. Kayak launch at the park - kayak rental across Pine Island Road at Gulf Coast Kayaks (283-1125). RSVP so we know how much food to buy. Jackie, 542-2382. Members and guests only.

**Royal Palm Classic** - Sunday, March 5. Support your club. Register and Ride. 100, 62, 31 or 15 mile routes. Buckingham Community Park. SAG's and fully stocked rest stops. Lunch is included in the registration fee. \$25.00. Bring your friends and register early.



## That Was Fast!

Continued from Page 1

We participated in the Ft. Myers Open Space Needs Assessment Meetings sponsored by their Parks & Recreation Department.

Many members joined in the Everybody Rides Charity Fun Ride fundraiser both financially and physically for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee & Collier Counties.

The Caloosa Riders supported the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association River Ride in November.

The Club supported the bicycling portion of the Lee County sponsorship of the Florida State Senior Games. They won the honor for the next three years starting in 2006.

We agreed to support the Cape Coral Youth Crime Prevention efforts to start a bicycling option for area youth through classes, safety instruction and organized rides.

### So, What is Planned for Next Year?

We are in the final stages of planning the 2006 Royal Palm Classic on March 5th.

New, colorful, custom graphics Club Jerseys have arrived for 2006 and are being sold at cost - \$55 each.

**We want to continue the momentum started in 2005 with:**

...more group rides to compliment the scheduled weekly rides.

...more new and renewal members to join in all our activities

...more volunteers to support our special Club rides and other area fundraiser rides.

The Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club has lots planned for 2006 and there is plenty of room on the calendar for even more activities. A special thank you to all the Club Officers from 2005 who unanimously agreed to serve again in 2006. They are:

Bill Garrison - Vice President

Dale Sterz - Treasurer

Alan Byerly - Secretary

Tracy Wells - Membership

And thanks to everyone who helped assure it was a successful 2005 for the 231 Club Members.

# THE 8th ANNUAL ROYAL PALM CLASSIC MARCH 5, 2006.

The 8th Annual Royal Palm Classic will start at Buckingham Park located near I-75 Exit 136 (Old Exit 22). See map. There will be four different mileage rides, 15, 30, 62 and 100 miles. For new or inexperienced riders, the Caloosa Riders will provide a guided "no rider left behind" 15 mile loop. Each of the other four routes will be clearly marked. The starting times vary and the ride and course closes at 3:30. Enjoy a day on the road and the hospitality of our rest stops. Beginning at 11:00, hamburgers, boca burgers and hot dogs along with pasta salads and desserts will be served (included with your registration fee). Non-registered friends and family may purchase meal tickets at the event for \$5 each.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$25.00 if received before March 2, 2006. \$30.00 on day of event. Children under 15 years ride FREE (no T shirt). T Shirt and water bottle are included as part of the full registration (only guaranteed for everyone pre-registered before 2/26/06) along with lunch. Non riders may purchase meal ticket for \$5.00 each.

**MARCH 5th REGISTRATION:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** All riders *must* wear an ANSI or ASTM approved helmet. There will be no exceptions! It is illegal to wear headphones while biking. Please follow the rules of the road. Stay to the right. We share the roads. Be courteous.

**RIDE STARTS:** 8:00 a.m. - 100 & 62 mile ride starts.

8:15 a.m. - 30 mile start

8:30 a.m. - 15 mile start Ride leader will meet with riders prior to the ride start.

SAG support will end at approximately 2 p.m. after the SAGs perform a sweep of each loop.

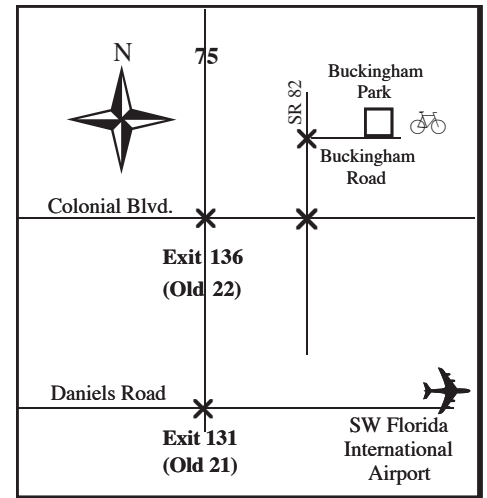
**REST STOPS:** The aide stations will provide water, fruit, and other nutritional snacks. They are located at or near local convenience stores. Remote rest stops will close at 1 p.m. Course closes at 3:30 p.m.

**QUESTIONS:** For more information email: info@caloosariders.com

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** (ten minutes from Buckingham Park)  
 Courtyard by Marriott, 4455 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, (239) 275-8600  
 Residence Inn by Marriott, 2960 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, (239) 936-0110  
 Suburban Hotel, 10150 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, (239) 938-0100  
 Super 8 Motel, 2717 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, (239) 275-3500

Wellesley Inn, 4400 Ford St. Ext, Fort Myers, (239) 278-3949  
 Camping at the Caloosahatchee Regional Park, (239) 693-2690 (30 minute drive)

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to Lee County Parks & Recreation



## REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Bicycle Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Which ride?

15 mile       30 miles       62 Miles       100 Miles

T - SHIRT

MED       LARGE       X LARGE       XX LARGE

If size is not indicated, X LARGE T-shirt will be given.

\* T-shirts not guaranteed to riders registered after 2/26/06 & day of event.

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-registration	\$ 25.00	<b>SORRY, NO REFUNDS RAIN OR SHINE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Day of event	\$ 30.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra T-Shirt	\$ 7.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> # Meal Tickets only	\$ 5.00 each	

## WAIVER/ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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 hazard 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 BODY 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 RELEASES 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 releases 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.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Signature (if under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Caloosa Riders (Royal Palm Classic) Mail to: Caloosa Riders, 7963 Gabion Court • Bokeelia, FL 33922

# Membership Application

Please Print Clearly and Read Completely

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member

\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Benefits of membership... • Newsletter • Discounts • Club Meetings • Free Classifieds

# *Club Member Discounts*

These Businesses will give members a 10% discount on non-sale items. Bicycles excluded.  
Present your membership card.

## **A.J.Barnes Bicycle Emporium**

15248 S. Tamiami Trail  
239-437-0373

## **The Bike Route**

14530 US 41 South, FM  
239-481-3376

## **Ft. Myers Schwinn**

3630 Cleveland, FM  
239-939-2899

## **Wooley's Bikeland**

1025 Tamiami Trail  
N. Ft. Myers  
239-997-3111

## **Cape Coral Bicycles**

8 Del Prado Blvd. S., CC  
239-242-2453

## **Trikes & Bikes**

3451 Fowler St., FM  
239-936-1851

## **The Naples Cyclery**

813 Vanderbilt Road  
Naples 34108  
239-566-0600

## **The Naples Cyclery**

27820 S. Tamiami Trail  
Bonita Springs, 34134  
239-949-0026

## **Clint's Bicycle Shoppe of Naples**

8789 Tamiami Trail N.  
(Marketplace at Pelican Bay)  
239-566-9620

## **University QuickPrint**

4425 Del Prado Blvd.  
Cape Coral, FL 33904  
239-542-1020

## **Mother Earth Natural Foods**

Cape Coral  
Ft. Myers

## **Acme Bicycle Shop**

615 Cross Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941-639-3029

## **Paradise Bicycles**

1712 Del Prado, CC  
239-772-2453

## **Hearing Aid Services**

## **MGregor Point Shopping Center**

239-433-2060  
Bonita Springs  
947-2222

Ft. Myers, FL 33902

P.O. Box 870

