

# The *Spring Times*



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*Dedicated to providing “concerted plans and amusements for the bicyclist”*

## **Club Meeting Dates:**

### **Officers Meeting**

Monday, November 7th  
7:00 p.m.

### **General Meeting:**

Monday, November 14th  
7:00 p.m.  
El Camino Real  
4116 University Drive

## **All Shoulders Are Not Created Equal**

**Dave Stone**

Hallelujah! The Martin Rd widening is complete and those cycling to and from the Arsenal have smooth paved shoulders onto post. This success is the result of years of hard work. However, on several recent rides out in Hampton Cove, I observed problems with shoulders that need to be mentioned. The fact is that **all shoulders are not created equal**. The shoulders on Martin Rd and the road formally known as Four Mile Post are excellent for cycling. Why? There are no intersections in them to cause conflicts. The Eastern Bypass through Hampton Cove shoulders are a different matter. There are numerous intersections where the shoulder suddenly turns into a right-turn-only lane. I counted at five intersections in a two-mile stretch on the westbound side. How is a cyclist to negotiate these conflicts? What I see is experienced cyclists proceeding straight through the right-turn-only lane from the shoulder. This causes problems with other traffic since cars have no idea where the cyclist is going. Motorists are confused. They are expecting, since the cyclist is in a right-turn-only lane, that you are turning right. You may be on the left side of the turn lane, just 6 inches from the white line, but if you collide with a car while traveling straight through a right-turn-only lane, the judge and jury will not have much sympathy for you. Remember that 85-90% of bike/car collisions involve crossing traffic. The way to negotiate this is to signal and then merge back into the through lane before reaching the right-turn-only lane. You can then return to the shoulder after passing through the intersection. Another alternative is to remain in the through lane and not use the shoulder at all, especially if the intersections are frequent. You will avoid these conflicts, increase your visibility to other traffic and avoid puncturing a tire with the debris that accumulates. Debris makes most shoulders unusable for my trike. Since many of these roads are four lanes, you will not impede other traffic by staying in the lane. The concept is called intersection positioning. The thing to remember is that you should use the right most lane going to you destination. Of course as new shoulders are built, there may be additional issues depending on the design, like rumble strips. This also applies to roads where the right lane turns into a turn-only lane. If you are proceeding straight, move left into the next lane well before the intersection. Do not continue straight through the cross hatched area. Another rule of thumb is do not cross solid paint lines. These topics and more are a part of the Road I class which I highly recommend for all cyclists. You can find information on classes at my website [www.knology.net/~BikeEdHSV/courses.htm](http://www.knology.net/~BikeEdHSV/courses.htm). The course descriptions, schedule and registration info are posted along with other useful information and links. The 2006 class schedule will be posted early next year. If you have any specific questions, please drop me a line.

## Officer Job Descriptions

With the officer elections coming up, here are some brief descriptions of the role of the officers.

These descriptions are unofficial and are intended to give a sense of what the role is.

**President:** The President acts as chief spokesman for the club, and leads the general meetings. The president also coordinates events and facilitates the tasks of other officers

**Vice President:** Selects Program material and speakers, and leads the meetings in the absence of the president

**Rides Captain:** The Rides Captain is responsible for coordinating and scheduling rides. He/She finds volunteers to lead Saturday rides, is the contact person for weeknight rides (as desired) and finds contact persons for the other weeknight rides. It's fairly easy to find people to lead Saturday rides, because we have a generous group of cyclists in our club who are going to be out riding anyway. (It is not too easy to find people to lead the slower rides) I wish that one of the people that think the rides are too fast would volunteer to be the Rides Captain. They are (probably) more familiar with the group of people who want slower rides and those are the rides that will attract new riders and keep them around. A pleasant side effect of being the Rides Captain is that complete strangers call you and talk about cycling.

**Newsletter Editor:** Although this position is a great outlet for creative writers, most of the material comes from other people. The tasks are simple: collect, edit, and compose written and graphic material into a format that you like. Send it to the printer, the Treasurer picks up the print newsletters and delivers them to the post office.

**Treasurer:** Manages the bank account for the club. Tracks expenses and income for important events and keeps a database of the club members. Also, after picking up newsletters from printer, labels and stamps the newsletters that are printed.

**Community Relations:** This officer forwards cycling advocacy issues to government and other groups and informs club members of important events related to bicycling facilities or legislation.

**Public Affairs:** This officer is responsible for publicizing all club events. The minimum requirement is to send the list of club rides to the Huntsville Times at the beginning of every month. Additional publication includes sending in radio announcements to the public radio station and distributing flyers and calendars at public locations. Finally, attendance and input at the monthly officers meeting is a responsibility. By performing these duties, you can dramatically increase the membership of the club as well as have a say in club activities.

**Secretary** – Take notes during meetings and send them on to the newsletter editor. The secretary also collects out-of-town ride information and sends it to the newsletter editor.

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Geanine Lehmann**

### **Officer's Meeting**

The officers met at Ed Bernstein's home. Mike Holderer announced that his daughter and son-in-law Melanie and Steven Lamar would host the Club Christmas Party on December 10<sup>th</sup> in their home in Providence. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to make phone numbers optional on the membership application. The membership roster will not be on the web version of the newsletter. Century profit as of the meeting was \$753.26. Considerations for next year were noted, such as signs on bad curves. The rides atlas revision project is stalled with decisions on software and a lack of input delaying the project.

### **Membership Meeting**

Vice President Morgan Andriulli chaired the meeting. Dan Kruvand reported \$10,115 taken in and \$9,361 out, after the \$1000 donation to the soccer team. There was a loss of \$500.00 on the shirts. Dan expressed his thanks to all the volunteers that made the Century a success. The decision about members opting out of the phone list was announced at the meeting. Dave Stone announced that there is a link on the club website for his bike education classes. Dave also made a motion that the club buy a computer projector, costing around \$600.00. No one seconded and the idea was tabled while some investigating as to the type and price is conducted. The Bike Club Christmas Party will be December 10, at the home of Steve and Melanie Lamar in Providence. Details to follow but mark your calendars now. The Leaves of Lincoln ride had a great first year. The fact that we need to support the Huntsville Track Club on December 10<sup>th</sup> was brought up. Tim's Ford Campout proceeded without any contact with the Rangers.



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## Join The Club!!!

If you would like to become a member of the Spring City Cycling Club, please complete the application form in this newsletter and send your dues to: SCCC, PO Box 2231, Huntsville, AL 35804. Or, you can renew online at the club website: [www.springcity.org](http://www.springcity.org)

Dues are:

- \$12 - email newsletter (individual)
- \$17 - USPS newsletter (individual)
- \$15 - email newsletter (family)
- \$20 - USPS newsletter (Family)



## Welcome New Members

Cindy Banks.....533-1086  
Tom Fessenden.....882-5656  
Pete Green  
Tom Hagood.....(205)595-9295  
Donnie Knighten.....498-2835

Rides Captain: Mike Moran

Phone: 852-7412

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## Spring City Cycling Club November 2005 Rides Calendar

Recurring Rides				
Date/Time	Miles	Ride Leader	Ride Name/Starting Point	Ride Comments
Sunday 8:00 am	43	Morgan Andriulli 536-7190 <a href="mailto:jamorgan10@comcast.net">jamorgan10@comcast.net</a>	Fast Breakfast Ride/ Mullins Restaurant	17-19 mph pace, sometimes harder, sometimes not.
Sunday 9:00(9:15) am	18 (10)	Willy Albanes 883-0685 <a href="mailto:albanes@att.net">albanes@att.net</a>	E-Z Breakfast Ride/ Grissom H.S.(Winn Dixie)	To Mullins Restaurant and back, at a social pace. Post breakfast Monte Sane option
Sunday 1 p.m.	30	Tom Greer 655-0121 Dan Kruvand 880-9347	Sunday Recovery Ride/ Johnson Park On Mt. Gap Road	16-17 pace
Sunday 1:00 pm	40	Don Wallace 859-3019 <a href="mailto:wallace@mae.uah.edu">wallace@mae.uah.edu</a>	Sunday Afternoon Ride/ Williams Elem. School	32 & 22 mile options 16.5 to 17.5 pace
Tuesday 5:30 pm	28	Don Lovelace 539-9008 <a href="mailto:lovelaced@msn.com">lovelaced@msn.com</a>	Tuesday Arsenal Ride/ Bldg. 5400 south parking lot	13 & 21 mi. options, 17-19 pace. Badge, Government ID or escort required, fast and slow groups, pre-arrange for slower pace; bring lights
Tuesday 5:30 pm	32-38	Dean Della Pella 730-3679 <a href="mailto:dean.della.pella@intergraph.com">dean.della.pella@intergraph.com</a>	Tuesday Intergraph Ride/ Wellness Center parking lot	At the "new" old Intergraph
Thursday 5:00 p.m.		Geanine Lehmann 655-6385 <a href="mailto:gean31356@aol.com">gean31356@aol.com</a>	Thursday Alternate Ride/	JIT Services at 125 Electronics Blvd.; Please come early to be on road by 5:00
Thursday 5:30 pm	28	Don Lovelace 539-9008 <a href="mailto:lovelaced@msn.com">lovelaced@msn.com</a>	Thursday Arsenal Ride/ Bldg. 5400 south parking lot	13 & 21 mi. options, 17-19 pace. Badge, Government ID or escort required, fast and slow groups, pre-arrange for slower pace; bring lights
Thursday 5:30 p.m.	25 or More	Charles Feaux 881-8479 <a href="mailto:cfeaux@comcast.net">cfeaux@comcast.net</a>	Thursday Williams Elem. Ride/ Williams Elem. on Zierdt road	Slow and fast groups; usually fast; bring lights

November Rides				
November 5 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.	50	Sharon Bayler 830-5956	Ardmore Ride/ Creekside Elementary	15-17 pace with a few short climbs
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.	50- 70	Dan Kruvand 880-9347	Grassy Mountain Ride/ Publix in Hampton Cove	15-17 pace with Cathedral Cavern option
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.	50	Terry Whitehead 721-1032	Nuke Plant Ride/ Madison Gazebo	16-18 pace
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.	100	Mike Moran 852-7412	Fayetteville Ride/ From Fayetteville	Leaves of Lincoln Course; metric or full century marked course

**All rides free and open to the public. Helmets mandatory. Choose a ride appropriate to your ability. Properly maintained equipment highly recommended.**

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Deadline for the December newsletter is **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please send submissions to Rachel Marshall at: [kdsmom2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kdsmom2004@yahoo.com). Members are asked to submit articles, pictures or just about anything that they may find humorous or cycling related. You may also run free bike-related classified (non-commercial) ads. For updated ride and club information, please visit the club website at: [www.springcity.org](http://www.springcity.org)

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**Moved? Changed email address?**

**Please send changes to:**

SCCC Treasurer

PO Box 2231

Huntsville, AL 35801

[sccctreasurer@knology.net](mailto:sccctreasurer@knology.net)

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**SCCC Membership Application:** Required data is marked by an asterisk \*. Information will be published in a club directory. PLEASE DO NOT provide phone numbers if you do not want them published. You may also opt out of having your email address published (although we may need you to supply it so we can send you the newsletter).

\*NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_

\*ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

\*CITY \_\_\_\_\_ \*STATE \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  Do not publish my email address in the directory.

New Member       Renewal       I agree to receive the newsletter by E-mail only

Interest Group : Touring, Recreational Riding \_\_\_\_\_ Race Division \_\_\_\_\_

Check the option you desire. Mail this application with a check / money order made out to:

**Spring City Cycling Club / PO Box 2231 / Huntsville, AL 35804.**

**2006 Membership (January – December):**

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 (email newsletter)      \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.00 (USPS newsletter)

Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 (email newsletter)      \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 (USPS Newsletter)

**TOTAL (Check Payable to SCCC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Responsibility:** The person signing this document certifies that he/she has examined the information on this release form and membership application and that all information is complete, true, and correct. For the sole consideration of being allowed to participate in Spring City Cycling Club (SCCC) activities, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges SCCC members, agents, officers, volunteers, personal representatives, their heirs, successors and all other persons, firms, and corporations liable or who might have claimed to be liable (all and each "Released Person") from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind and nature whatsoever, and particularly on account of all future injuries both to the person and property which may have resulted, or may in the future, develop from participation in or traveling to and from SCCC activities or SCCC sponsored events. I fully realize, acknowledge, and assume the risks of the hazardous nature and dangers of participating in any club activities, including by way of example and not limitation, the following: collisions with pedestrians, vehicles, other riders, and fixed or moving objects; safety hazards, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, and weather conditions; and the possibility of serious physical injury associated with cycling (each and all of which shall be referred to as 'injury'). This release has been completely read by or to the undersigned and the terms hereof are fully understood and voluntarily accepted for the purpose of releasing each Released Person from any and all claims, disputed or otherwise on account of any injury.

**Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Signature of Parent or Guardian, if under 19)** \_\_\_\_\_

