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BUD'S BITS

Greetings fellow SMBCers

Welcome to what may be a one-off or the first of many from your Club President to keep you better informed on what's going on within SMBC and the cycling community at large. Please contact me if you would like to contribute an article.

I'll make the decision on whether to continue based on feedback from you so....email your comments and suggestions to me at bud.gaunce@gmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 10- SMBC Annual Myakka State Park Ride and Picnic, Choose from six different paces and ride in the beautiful park and/or outside the park on country roads... [more](#) information

March 24 -Roll and Stroll at Payne Park, 2050 Adams Lane, Downtown Sarasota - A weekend party that begins in downtown Sarasota.

A Free Community-Wide Event.
A Car-Free way to Live, Work, and Play
...[more](#)



March 25 - The Trust for Public Land-
Tour de Parks ride - A SMBC and Friends of
the Legacy Trail joint sponsored ride. Choose
from 20, 35 and 62 mile
well-marked routes...[more](#)

Or, you could choose to volunteer, contact
Bob Trencheny [here](#)...

March 28 – **Cheers to Cure Multiple
Sclerosis**, Polo Grill...[more](#)

April 4 - **SMBC Board of Directors
Meeting** - 6:00 PM everyone welcome,
American Red Cross Offices, 2001 Cantu Ct,
Sarasota, FL 34232.

Saturday, March 31 - **New Member Ride**
If you joined SMBC after April 1, 2017, we
invite you to our 2018 inaugural New Member
Ride. There will be ... [more](#)

May 16 - **Ride of Silence**
The worldwide Ride to honor bicyclists killed
by motorists, promote sharing the road, and
provide awareness of bicycling safety.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

SMBC depends on you, our members, to
make this club CYCLE. We are now a club
over 600 members and we're looking for a few
key people to give a little of their time to keep
us cycling. Positions we need to fill are:

**March 10, Myakka State Park
picnic** Choose to help set up, serve, or clean
up. Contact Bill at rbisle@yahoo.com



March 25, Road Marshalls for Tour de Parks - Marshalls for this event will assist cyclists with the best way to proceed at special trail/road-junctures. Contact Bob Trencheny bobtrencheny@gmail.com for information

BOARD NOTES

Your SMBC Board of Directors (BOD) is currently focusing on a number of concerns including but not limited to:

- Review and Revision of Club Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
- Formation of a Code of Conduct for your BOD
- Formation of a Code of Conduct for anyone using the SMBC email platform via Club Express
- Researching companies to provide electronic voting for the 2019 directors election
- Formation of a code for Club members and guests at BOD meetings
- Remember, BOD meetings are open to all members

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ian Tummon is our 2018 Cyclefest Chairman
- Bob Trencheny is now the Club Volunteer Coordinator
- SMBC now has a club account with Ride with GPS. This allows not only Ride Leaders but club members to download route maps, cue sheets and .gpx files (for use with bike computers). Contact Tom Roberts for more information.
- SMBC offers a cycling course for members new to our sport and for those seasoned but maybe "rusty" in their skills. The Smart Cycling Workshop is taught by League Certified Coaches and receives rave reviews. [more](#)
- You can click on the Membership tab on our website (after you've signed on as a member), type in a first or last name and access contact information about club members



DOUG'S DOS AND DON'TS ON SAFETY

I've been asked to write a column about bicycle safety. My response was that cyclists would rather hear about my recent tooth extraction than hear about how to stay safe on a bicycle. That might be a bit of an exaggeration.

The truth of the matter is that after 13 years of



leading the A ride out of Potter Park, I've seen most all situations that can turn a pleasant ride into a devastating disaster, some avoidable and some not. It would be a sure bet that most of you know about the cycling behaviors that will keep you safe but because you have been biking for so long and hopefully...[more](#)

DAVE'S TIRESOME ADVICE

Quick, what's the most important part of your bicycle? Most people respond with "the frame," which is not a bad answer, especially if you are riding an ultra-light carbon model or an exotic hickory Renovo. But, my answer every time is "the tires." Too often, tires are an afterthought; they just don't get no respect. Remember that first stereo system you bought back when you had dark hair and you shopped at an actual store? You blew all your cash on the receiver and...[more](#)



Check out the Club's Facebook page for more information. You don't have to be an FB member to view our Club page.

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