

Tour of Faith Ride

Saturday, August 10
Peachtree City, GA
www.tourofffaith.org

MACC One Love Century

Saturday, August 31
Stonewall Tell Elementary School
Atlanta, GA
www.maccattack.com/one-love-century

Birmingham Bicycle Club's 40th Annual Century

Saturday, September 7
Birmingham, AL
www.bhambikeclub.org

Wilson 100

Sunday, September 8
Senoia, GA
www.wilson100.org

Beautiful Backroads Century

Saturday, September 15 ?
Cartersville, GA
www.bikebbc.com

Johnny Ray Century

Saturday, September 28
Auburn, AL
www.eastalabamacyclingclub.com/johnnyraycentury/

Six Gap Century

Sunday, September 29
Dahlonega, GA
www.6gap.com

Sequatchie Valley Century

Saturday, October ?
Chattanooga, TN
www.chattbike.com

24 Hours of Booty

October 4 - 5
Atlanta, GA
www.24hoursofbooty.org

Georgia Bike Fest

October 11 - 13
Columbus, GA
www.brag.org

Glassner Autumn Challenge

Saturday, October 12
Montgomery, AL
www.mgmbikeclub.org

After rounding Lake Nickajack, you begin the second major climb of the day and begin pedaling up Suck Creek Gap. Once topping the mountain, you'll traverse a long, high ridgeline before descending down into Alabama. From there you'll want to go easy a bit, prior to ascending the bad boy of the day, Burkhalter Gap. This is a climb of approximately 2.5 miles that is basically straight up. The grade varies somewhere between 12 to 17 percent and gets steeper near the top. There's a great rest stop up there where you can recuperate for a short time before heading back into Chattanooga. Before you get back into town, you'll have the thrill of descending from Lookout Mountain. But the fun isn't over yet; once back in Chattanooga, the route takes you a final five or so miles through town, with all the roads blocked off for you and police and spectators on each corner, spurring you on your way to a spectacular finish. What could be better? - SBM Editors

Up the Creek Without a Pedal

CVCA sponsors two big cycling events each year. The first, "Up The Creek Without A Pedal" is held each year on the second Saturday in May and has the reputation of one of the best rides in our area. Year after year, cyclists from around the southeast have comment on the beautiful scenery, helpful staff and great support.

Up the Creek... is an official BRAG training ride. Riders may choose from 28-mile, 42-mile, 60-mile, and 101-mile options that take them through the rolling hills and farmland of Northwest Georgia, and the ride is fully SAG'ed (Support and Gear). Riders enjoy the snacks and home-made sandwiches at each rest stop, and are also treated to a finish-line lunch at Ar-muchee High School, the start and finish line for the event.

The Rome Free Clinic was one of the beneficiaries of the 2012 Up the Creek ride.

The number of riders grows each year; an average of 600 riders a year enjoy this trip.

Riding With the Covington Big Dogs

A torrential downpour didn't stop a thousand folks from breezing in for the Covington Century last August, and on Saturday, August 3, 2013 the Southern Bicycle League anticipates doubling the number of participants. Registration for this annual SBL ride opens March 1st, and this year the organizers will cut-off the number at 2500 cyclists. The routes travel through

North Florida Tour

November 1 - 3

Camp Cherry Lake, Madison, FL

www.-

Cruisin' in the Country

Saturday, November 9

Claxton, GA

www.claxtonevanschamber.com

Holiday Ride in the Hampton

Saturday, December 8

Hampton, GA

www.holidayinthehampton.org



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scenic Newton County and the surrounding counties of Morgan, Jasper, Butts, Henry, Walton and Rockdale.

“We are adding a 50 mile route this year that will utilize the first rest stop twice and it’ll please the cyclists who wanted more than thirty and less than 70,” says Route Captain Jeff Townsend. In addition to the 30 and 50 mile options the CC also sports a family ride of 13 miles and the famous century option of 100 miles.

Preparations are already in full swing. The Georgia Piedmont Technical College’s Newton Conference Center at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway is booked for the first Saturday in August. “Our entire staff is looking forward to seeing the EXPO center filled with cyclists and vendors,” says Dawn Wolf the facility’s director. The Newton Conference Center is part of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, a technical college in the State of Georgia recognized for their student-centered atmosphere.

Tammy Tharp is the League’s sponsorship guru and she is already busy contacting businesses who would like to support Southern Bicycle League’s good works and/or be a part of a community event that reaches thousands of folks interested in cycling and animal rescue. Last year, the SBL (through the umbrella organization of Trails and Tails) raised over \$12,000 for three 501-3c organizations including Newton Trails, Pound



a famous brew! Rest stops are looking great! ‘The last caboose to travel the Rutledge rails is sitting on the corner of West Main and Fairplay Road in Rutledge’ and the Caboose restaurant will serve up their robust sandwiches to CC cyclists again in 2013. If you don’t have time to sit around in their air-conditioning listening to classic rock and visiting with old friends, the Southern Bicycle League’s tent in Rutledge Park will serve you the traditional rest stop fare. Linda at Concord Cafe will be preparing a variety of sandwiches for various rest stops, including her famous pimento cheese and newly concocted spinach and feta. The City of Newborn will host a rest stop, as will the Cub Scouts, James, the Jersey Girls and Newton Trails and these are just a few of the folks who have stepped forward in anticipation of the beloved event.

We are working with Main Street Covington to host Covington Century related festivities and Clara from The Covington/Newton County Convention and Visitors Center anticipates filling a lot of hotel beds so make your out-of-town reservations now! After the ride, there will be a ‘Beach Party’ at the conference center. A dozen kiddie pools will be filled to the brim while beach balls are getting tossed around and Frisbees are being thrown to talented dogs. Walt Massey, the famous SBL DJ, will play your favorite tunes and will raffle off incredible prizes.

Registration opens March 1. Visit BikeSBL.org for more info and to visit the event’s website.

- by *Charlotte Kuehn*