

Here Comes Covington

by Charlotte Kuehn

It's time to register! The beloved Covington Century is right around the corner and the Southern

Bicycle League is busy with preparations! Here's what's in store for you Saturday August 3: Mileage options: 13, 33, 63, 100. Signature rest stops by the Jersey Girls, Cub Scouts, BikeMS and the Rest Stop Queen, you all know what that means! You will love the routes by C-4-Paul Jones. The 63 and 100 for the most part follow CC's traditional route. Paul will publish routes via Ride With GPS. Roads will be clearly marked by C-4. Eddie Shirey stencils will be in production soon, cue sheets to follow.

Of course we have solid SAG, mechanical and medical support. The Newton County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (NCARES®) will also roam the roads watching for weary souls. Beneficiaries this year are Newton Trails, Pound Puppies 'N Kittens and Hometown Animal Rescue. Our sponsors include Nestle Purina PetCare Company, Covington Newton County Visitors Bureau, Showcase School of Photography and Georgia Piedmont Technical College, and Tammy Tharp in Sponsorships has more on the way! GPTC has offered up Newton Conference Center again, a full-service venue with EXPO facility, ample parking and impressive grounds. SBL's very own emcee, Walt Massey, will trigger the MASS START promptly at 7 am. Registration to be seamless (again) thanks to Jan and the good folks of Unity Church of Rockdale and this year our after-ride festivities ROCK. Yes the CC is all about the ride, always has been, always will be. Yes, it's about the lightly traveled roads, great scenery, thoughtful routes, perfect markings, and solid support. But August 3rd may be somewhat hot. To beat this BEAST the CC has über-cool ways to cool off. Our BEACH PARTY will be in icy full-swing upon your return, sprinklers sprinkling, beach balls bouncing, popsicles dripping, KIDDY POOLS spilling. You can towel off (bring a

towel) and plop down in a lawn chair (bring your own) to listen to signature guitarist Chris Cates. Jailhouse Brewery will be on hand and even their root beer will be on tap. In the air-conditioned EXPO you can check out Main Street Covington events for SAT night, ask for a CHARM massage,

sign up for other rides. Visit our sponsor booths, talk to folks from our charities; learn about their good works. Perhaps you'd like to build a trail or save a tail. Walk a Great Dane. Yep. Stick around after lunch, freshen up. Your day in the saddle deserves reward. We have door prizes galore; gift certificates, dinners on the Square, a Holiday Inn Express gift card, massage from Charms, CC jerseys, gift baskets, even 50-pound bags of Purina One. The humongous club trophy is up for grabs, last year Dunwoody Cyclists wore the most club color. Take away their bragging rights, wear club color! Interested in overnighting? Hampton Inn is down the street from the start and Holiday Inn Express offers cyclist discounts too. Want to camp?

Hard Labor Creek Park in Rutledge. The Twelve Oaks B&B in historical Covington is offering a romantic getaway weekend for CC cyclists and a Friday Ride with after-ride aperitifs. Aztec Cycles is donating a KHS 19' Brentwood Hybrid for the raffle and Savannah eBikes is giving us two Electric Trikes each with a range of 20 miles per charge and top speeds of 17-20 mph. e-

Demos on hand too. Fun Stuff! What about lunch you ask? Yes of course it's included. Just dogs is grilling on site! Veggie dogs, bratwurst, Portabella mushroom or Black Angus burgers, broccoli salad, chips and more. Five-buck upgrades to Lobster Rolls! Smoothies this year too. Dessert's got me stumped... ideas?

Trail Building. Frisbee Catching Canines, Great Danes, Animal Adoption. Friendship. Sense of Well-being. This year we have it all. Well, I can't think of anything else, guess that's it. You might be asking why we try so hard to please?





Because More Riders Means More Trails and Saving More
Tails. - www.covingtoncenturyride.com

Just the facts, Ma'am?

August 3 2013. Registration open 5:30 am. From \$30. Mass
Start 7am. Rain or Shine Ride. Helmets a Must. Start Location
25 miles east of Atlanta. Just off I-20. Newton Conference
Center. 8100 Bob Williams Pkwy. Covington, GA 30014. For
more call 404/441-3772 (as if you need more info).

Ride and Relax - Perfect summer enjoyment.



Tour de Franklin "Fall Classic" Saturday, September 28th, 2013, 9am



Ride begins at Smoky Mountain Bicycles located at 31 East Main Street (DOWNTOWN), Franklin, NC 28734 at 9am. Registration and packet pickup begins at 8am.

There are 3 routes to choose from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 28 mile – 2200' elevation | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 until 09/14/13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 mile – 3500' of elevation | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 thereafter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 66 mile – 5500' of elevation | |

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Vegetarian: Yes No

How did you hear about Tour de Franklin? _____

Email address _____

You can register online at www.active.com

Please make checks payable to: Smoky Mountain Bicycles and mail to:

31 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734 Phone# 828-369-2881

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