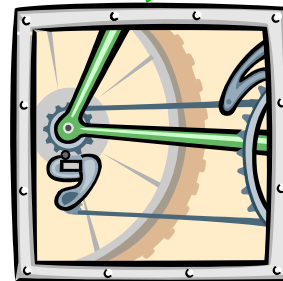




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New officers were elected at our December 2015 holiday party and meeting.

I'm pleased to announce your 2016 SCCC officers:

President	Ernie Thomas
Vice President	Dan Kruvand
Treasurer	Laurie Volkmar
Secretary	<u>Open: Please apply</u>
Membership Director	Drew Boody
Community Affairs	Jamie Miernik
Rides Captain	Hunter Chockley
Newsletter Editor	Regine Northover
Webmaster	Dale Stinson

Thanks to all the officers and members who contributed to making the Christmas party a great success!!! Over 50 people attended on a Sunday night at the 5th Season clubhouse in Madison (venue arranged by Andy Brown).

Come out and join us for the February general membership meeting at the new Yellowhammer Taproom on Clinton Avenue, Monday 8, at 7:00 PM.

If you haven't renewed your membership, our treasurer, Laurie Volkmar will be there to handle renewals. Come out and enjoy some tasty brews and comradery with your fellow cyclists.

Ernie Thomas, SCCC President

General Meeting: February 8 @ 7:00 p.m. - Yellowhammer Brewery, 2600 Clinton Ave W

Officers Meeting: February 22 @ 6:15 p.m. - The Nook, 3305 Bob Wallace Ave SW

February General Meeting

Date: Monday, February 8th

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Yellowhammer Brewery
2600 Clinton Ave W
(new location!)

Program: Club Social

*No scheduled program . Just enjoy
your bike club friends!*

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March Newsletter Deadline: Feb 26

Please send submissions to northover@knology.net if she's still the editor. Members are requested to submit articles, photos, and useful links. You may also run free classified ads in the newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions you may also call me at 256-895-3005. Thanks for your assistance!

Also, *Fat Rob* awaits your cycling or bike maintenance questions. You may email him at ama3655@aol.com.

Note – Officers Meeting minutes are available to all members. If you would like to view a copy of these please contact Andy Brown

February General Meeting

The February General meeting will be held on Monday the 8th from 7- 8 p.m. at the new Yellowhammer Brewery, 2600 Clinton Av in Huntsville. The new building is located at Clinton and Lowery, at the east corner of the old Stone Middle School campus. For those familiar with the old location, it's now just a block west, on the same side (north) of Clinton Ave.

This will be a social and membership meeting; no formal presentation is scheduled. After the general business meeting, new and renewing members will have the opportunity to pay their membership dues on the spot. For those wanting to come early and dine, the new restaurant, Earth and Stone Wood Fired Pizza, shares the same building with Yellowhammer. They have appetizers, calzones, and salads in addition to their signature wood-fired oven pizza, and can serve you right in our meeting room.

Come out and join your fellow cyclists for a mid-winter social. Have a beer, pay your club dues and talk cycling with friends...what could be better than that?

Dan Kruvand,

VP



JaVa! Cyclist approved.

Owned by SCCC members

Jack McReynolds and Valerie Connaughton

Please stop by!



Community Affairs *by Jamie Miernik*

Alabama Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop

January 19-27, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) conducted a series of five workshops in each ALDOT divisions across the state to gather comments on the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian (Bike/Ped) Plan update. Scott Stevens, George Hamilton, David Stone, Michael Holderer, Ken Rex, I, and some others attended at the ALDOT division office in Guntersville to review and comment on the presentation of materials. There were about 7-10 contractors and ALDOT representatives. They spent a lot of time with each visitor. We were there for about two hours and they were listening and talking to us most of the time. There wasn't a big turn-out of citizens in Guntersville.

We had hoped ALDOT would show a draft bike/ped plan, but that will have to wait until summer. This was an initial workshop with plans to release a draft Bike/Ped Plan by the end of the year. The good news is that one of the gentlemen on the contractor team (Gresham, Smith and Partners) has been a bike commuter for 15 years (currently in Nashville). It was also good to see the ALDOT State Bike/Ped Coordinator, Ms. Rebecca Fulks, attending the meeting. Less encouraging news is that she does not own or ride bike. George Hamilton suggested that this could change; she did not take the bait.

The presentation was a continuous running power point overview, four survey "Goals" posters, the selection criteria map (three maps), and current proposed statewide bicycle routes map. Also included were several map enlargements of North Alabama, for redlining and commenting on potential routes across the state and region.

We all agreed they had real good graphics and cartography and seemed experienced in Bike/Ped planning efforts. They had a good strategy for route selection process. This seemed to be tied again to ALDOT roads/highways. However, the team members were open to county highways or rural roads that parallel the ALDOT managed system. Scott Stevens was encouraged by the fact that the team members were considering better route options for bicyclists.

They seemed to be willing to consider partnering with local communities, clubs, etc., to generate routes that make sense. AlaBike, the statewide advocacy organization, had previously presented several statewide maps, compiled by Scott Stevens, suggesting routes and corridors across the state. It didn't look like ALDOT had passed those on to the contractor. Scott Stevens had however brought copies and made sure that they had his input now.

Electronic copies of the meeting materials are on the ALDOT webpage:

<http://conferences.dot.state.al.us/BicyclePedestrianPlan/index.html>

ALDOTBicycleAndPedestrianTeam@dot.state.al.us - Leave comments

Jamie Miernik



The time has come to **renew, join or re-join** under SCCC! Current SCCC members may change their member type at renewal or new members can join as a Belle by selecting that membership type from the menu on the first screen:

Current SCCC members who are part of a household but want to join the Belles, please contact Laurie Volkmar for a manual setup.

Please see at right how to sign up via SCCC website for another exciting year of riding!!

Member Sign Up

Select the type of membership that the member signed up for. Then click the 'return to a previous step if you need to update information already entered.'

Membership Type	✓ < Select >
Expiration Date	Bicycle Shop Membership
Club Join Date	Household
	Household Race
	Individual
	Individual - Rocket City Cycle Belles Div
	Individual Race

Chip Moore, an SCCC member for many years, has been living with prostate cancer for the past 2 years or longer. On February 27 he will be recognized as a courageous person undergoing a somewhat experimental treatment to keep the cancer at bay.

He still rides a couple times a week and goes to work most days at NASA.

There are a number of SCCC cyclists who may want to attend this fundraiser. The details are below:

White Linen & Wine



Jackson Center

Saturday, February 27, 2016 @ 6-11 pm

An Upscale Wine Tasting to Benefit the Russel Hill Cancer Foundation

In honor of long time (former) SCCC member, cyclist, friend and cancer survivor: Chip Moore

Reservations: www.russelhill.org - Questions: 256 503-8241

RUSSEL HILL
CANCER FOUNDATION

A word from the Rides Captain - January Rides Recap

Even though the month of January had rain, snow and cold days, the club still had a respectable number of weekend and recurring rides. This was achieved by taking advantage of the better days for riding and also having multiple rides on the same day. The rides continue to have good participation.

Weekend Rides & Ride Leaders were as follows:

Easy & Flat Ride - FRG Start to Gurley – Ken Rex

New Market, Upper Hurricane, & Sharps Cove – Hunter Chockley

Cloud Cove & Meander New Hope (Shorter version) – Ken Rex

Cloud Cove & Meander New Hope (Longer version) – Hunter Chockley

New Hope Loop Ride (Shorter Version) – No designated Ride Leader

New Hope Loop Ride (Longer version) – Drew Boody

EASY New Hope Ride – Raul Briseño (Had 30 riders, divided into 3 pace groups, leaving at different distances from the starting location. This large turnout was due to a badly needed break in the weather).



The four recurring rides are as follows:

Sunday Easy Breakfast Ride (Rob Hammond/Anita Tygart); Wednesday or Thursday Mid Week Ride (Drew Boody), Friday RCC Belles Ride (Frances Dalrymple, & Melissa Wood) and the Saturday the Jaunty, Steady-Pace, Fat-Burner Ride (Morgan Andriulli).

The SCCC Rides Interactive Calendar continues to be updated with the various ride categories. Checkout the Calendar at: www.sccc.clubexpress.com Rides Calendar (at bottom of page). No password required.

As usual, I want to thank all the Ride Leaders and Ride Contacts for providing ride leadership. **You are the key to ensuring SCCC remains a viable bike club.** However, I continue to need more Ride Leader volunteers!

Hunter Chockley

February 2016							Jan	Mar
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
31	1	2	3	4 Maysville, Mooresville, New Market Ride	5 ROCB - Jetplex Mooresville Coffee Ride	6 Jaunty, Steady-Pace Fat- Burner Ride Cataco Ride 58 Miler New Hope Meander 35		
7 Wkly Sunday Easy Breakfast Ride	8 February Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Jaunty, Steady-Pace Fat- Burner Ride		
14 Wkly Sunday Easy Breakfast Ride	15	16	17	18	19	20 Jaunty, Steady-Pace Fat- Burner Ride		
21 Wkly Sunday Easy Breakfast Ride	22 February Officers Meeting	23	24	25	26	27 Jaunty, Steady-Pace Fat- Burner Ride		
28 Wkly Sunday Easy Breakfast Ride	29	1	2	3	4	5 Jaunty, Steady-Pace Fat- Burner Ride		

The above graphic is a copy of the SCCC Rides Calendar showing all the Rides and Events. The link to the webpage is: <http://www.springcity.org/events>. The calendar is updated regularly to reflect the SCCC's activities. The website postings are interactive so just click on the item of interest and the details will appear. The color legend (located at the top right of the page) explains the color coding.

Treasurer's Report

12/01/15 - 1/31/2016

Beginning Balance **\$10,278.15**
Income

AYCE 2016 Registration	\$ 35.00
Membership (General)	\$ 1,470.00
Membership (RCCB)	\$ 94.00
Merchandise	\$ 16.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,615.00
RCCB NICA Fundraiser Receipts	\$ 2,781.10

Total Income **\$ 4,399.10**
Expenses

AYCE Expenses*	\$ (200.00)
Web Site and CC Processing Fee **	\$ (281.58)
LAB Annual Dues	\$ (100.00)
Smith's Store-It add'l storage	\$ (414.00)
Holiday Party	\$ (403.43)
Less Bike Shop Contribution	\$ 150.00
Net Holiday Party Expenses	\$ (253.43)
Tim's Ford Camping Trip	\$ (115.00)
Annual Officers & Member Ins	\$ (1492.80)
RideWithGPS Club Acct Subscrip	\$ (250.00)

Total Expenses **\$ (3,006.81)**

Ending Balance **\$ 11,670.44**

* Detailed Final AYCE Financial Report available for download on the website

** Also includes November charges billed in December

Active Members (as of 1/31/16) 257

Attention Renewing members!

While renewing online, if you choose *check* payment (rather than credit card), your membership will stay pending renewal for 14 days and then go back to Expired status if your check is not received and processed. You may also bring your check or cash in person to any General membership meeting if you prefer not to pay online with a credit card.

You may go into your profile at any time and print the invoice to send in with your payment if desired. Contact Dale Stinson or Laurie Volkmar if you have any issues renewing your membership online.



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www.springcity.org

Yearly Dues:

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\$25.00 - Family

\$25.00 - RCCB (Individual)

\$30.00 - Race (Individual)

\$35.00 - Race (Family)

\$100.00 - Bicycle Shop Membership

NOTE:

Membership is now managed using the new web platform, enabling us to go to a rolling 12 month membership based on date of renewal.

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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 _____ PHONE (other) _____
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Email address is required in order to manage your membership record in our secure database

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\$25.00 - Family

\$25.00 - RCCB* (Individual)

\$30.00 - Race (Individual)

\$35.00 - Race (Family)

Interest Group : Touring, Recreational Riding, Slow Cycling, Mountain Biking, Racing _____

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

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TOTAL (Check Payable to SCCC): _____

*For Belles who are part of a general SCCC household, please provide the names of the other members in your household so your RCCB account can be set up manually by Laurie or Dale. Total dues amount for the household plus RCCB is \$30 (\$5 more than regular household).

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, LLC (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) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____