

# Winter Newsletter

November 2019

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## From the President

Wow what a year. We have seen membership balloon up to over 100. We brought the Cotton Pickin back. We had great club rides. And we had a good volunteer showing for the track championships. I don't know about the rest of you, but I hate to see the weekday rides end. They were so much fun.

So, what's up for 2020? We can always look forward to our weekly rides, and the Cotton Pickin, though under a new name. We hope to add a ride or two, and possibly a Spring Charity ride in Fort Mill. We'll see where the wind takes us.

“Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride” – John F. Kennedy



# ROCK HILL BICYCLE CLUB

Rock Hill, South Carolina

## Weekly Rides Updates

We had, what the Board considers anyway, a very successful year on the bike. Our Monday Night Ride grew to the point where we were getting 75+ riders a night. The Tuesday and Thursday night rides had a consistent showing. The Time Trial, although kinda forced to move locations, still ran strong. A lot of folks participated, and we received a lot of positive feedback. We'll spend the Winter thinking of ways to improve the rides, and look forward to more success next year.

We attempted to start a Saturday morning club ride that left from the Wells Fargo parking lot at 8:00. The first one had a good showing, with 25 riders. But attendance dropped after that, and we finally took it off the calendar. If you'd like a Saturday morning ride, let the Board know your thoughts. Would you like a different loop? Maybe a different distance? We'd like to try this again next year, but need your feedback to make it work.



The Board really wants to encourage everyone to ride together whenever possible. If you want to hold a ride, whether it be road, track, MTB, crit or gravel, and no matter what level, please let the Board know and we'll post it on our calendar and social media. Our goal is to get club members riding together as much as we can.

Just because it'll soon be Winter doesn't mean we have to stop riding.

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## Did You Know?

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The December meeting isn't all fun and games. We actually have club business to tend to. We'll elect new officers, vote on the budget, and vote for membership fees for 2020.

## Cotton Pickin

We brought the Cotton Pickin back this year, and it was a big success. We had a wonderful turnout, a great group of volunteers, and received a lot of positive feedback. We have pictures posted under the Photos tab on the web site and our Facebook page. We plan on bringing it back next year, but it will have a different name. The Board received a few complaints about the name, so we have decided to change it. We hope to pick one that still reflects Rock Hill's textile heritage in some fashion.

## Club Merchandise

We still have club merchandise for sale. Lightweight, wicking t-shirts, new water bottles, and koozies. You can see them on the website. We'll also have them at the December meeting at discounts so we can clear inventory for next year.

## Website Highlight: Member's Interests

Our new website offers some really neat features. Do you realize this new website has an Interests section? It's available on the navigation bar. When you sign into the site, you can go to that page and select your interests. This allows you to find people involved with the same things you are, and provides us with a way to reach specific groups via email. If you get some time, go ahead and select your interests.

## New Officers for 2020

We will be electing the 2020 officers at the December meeting, and are now accepting nominations. The Secretary and Treasurer are stepping down, but all officer and Director's positions are up for nominations. If you are a member, I encourage you to consider a post on the Board. It's very rewarding and gives you a chance to have a voice in what the club does and how it's run. The Board can always use new faces and viewpoints. Position descriptions are listed in the bylaws, posted in the Documents section of the website. Please contact Erik at [vp@rockhillbicycleclub.com](mailto:vp@rockhillbicycleclub.com) to nominate yourself or someone else.

## Things to Remember

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Monday Night Ride

On hold until next Spring.

Time Trial Series

On hold until next Spring.

Cotton Pickin

Coming back next year.

End of Year Meeting and Social

Date is December 12. This will be our official December Club meeting plus a social. Food, drink, awards, and lots of fun. This will be for paid members plus a guest only. 7:00 pm at Tattooed Brews. Registration is required and is open on the Events page.

Also, keep your eyes open for the possibility of the Club's annual Chili Ride coming back on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the calendar for details.

## Volunteering

Though the club got off to a slow start with volunteers in May, we made up for it in September. We had 12 people volunteer for the Collegiate Track Championships at the velodrome, and the Rock Hill Parks and Rec department was extremely happy with us. Thanks to everyone that helped, and to show their thanks, the Velodrome held a RHBC only Try the Track night, and we will have a RHBC only special free track certification night coming up.

Remember, there are health benefits of volunteering. Studies show volunteering makes you happier, lowers stress and anxiety, helps you connect with others, and gives you a sense of purpose. So, if not for the club, do it for you.

## Some Miscellaneous Stuff



Beginner's Road Rides: Danny Jones donated his time to hold Beginners rides on the third Monday of each month. He used this time to help new cyclists become familiar with riding in groups, and cycling in general. Big shout out to Danny for that.

Members Only Webpage: The Club occasionally receives special offers and discounts for members. Everything from discounts on rides, to books, to products. Rather than send out an email every time we get something, we have created a page just for members. So, check that page once in a while. It has some good stuff.