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RENEWING MEMBERS

St. Petersburg Bicycle Club

Newsletter

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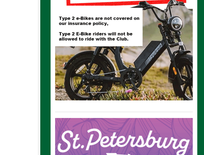
Welcome our new SPBC members!

Bruce, Jeffrey	St Petersburg	FL
Buck, Steven	St Petersburg	FL
Grant, Amy	St Petersburg	FL
Hall, Michael	St Petersburg	FL
Grant, Bob	Dana Point	CA
Ceming, Earl	Largo	FL
Hall, Michael	St Petersburg	FL
Horan, Byron	St Petersburg	FL
Lawrence, Richard	St Petersburg	FL
Mcgrath, Kathleen	Tampa	FL
Schaffer, Carol	Riverview	FL
White, Dan	South Pasadena	FL
Wright, Patricia	St Petersburg	FL
Williams, Bill	St Petersburg	FL



Peter Wray

Starting in my teen years, cycling has been both my exercise, meditation and social venue. Commuting to work and running errands on my bike was the norm. I had left my bike behind for a weekend in 2013 and joined the SPBC that year.

In Ohio, I belong to two bike clubs and an active in two cyclingadventure advocacy groups. I've been on 3 cycling vacations/tours.

I have a bike mechanic's certificate/completed many classes in the area and am working to build a network among the numerous groups in Tampa Bay who are already active in these issues.

The SPBC Team Store is now open.

The store will close at midnight on 9-15-22. All orders received will be batched for the first open production run in October.

Please DO NOT re-order Paul at Atlantic

From the Team Team:

Hello Fellow Riders! We have been NOT to use Apple Pay at checkout - we have experienced that Apple Pay gives a false checkout, people think they have completed checkout when they actually never completed the order.

Also, please DO NOT order in the Summer in our solar-powered factory in Coon Valley, Wisconsin. When the store closes, all orders placed will be processed and sent for production. An estimated ship date will be sent to you once the orders get processed.

Thanks for your order to the orders outside North America!

To order:

ST PETERSBURG CYCLING CLUB

https://stpetecycling.com/

Online ordering for St. Petersburg Cycling Club ends on Sat, Sep 10, 2022 @ 11:59 p.m. CDT

Save the Dates!

Friday Oct 21:
PETA's Bus Rapid Transit grand opening (and ridership free for 6 months)
https://www.wusf.org/transportation/what-to-expect-when-bus-rapid-transit-opens-in-pinellas-county

Sunday, Oct. 30
Central Avenue Open Street event (Halloween weekend)
https://www.stpete.org/parks_and_recreation/open_streets_initiative.php

SPBC and Cat Cow Ed Fete will have a joint bike valet service at the **Halloween event** - both as a service and to help promote the Nov. 20 Wood Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. **Please let Peter Wray know if you're willing to work 1 hour shifts to help the valet booth, park bikes and provide MAJOR information.**

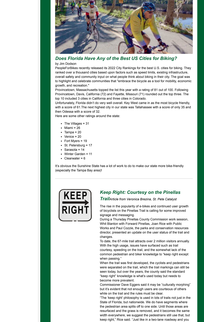
Wednesday, Nov 20,
Wood Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
9:30 AM - Tentative meet-up for Club for pedestrian event.
10:00 AM - Ceremony begins.

The purpose of this event is to remember life injured, and the effects on them and their families and friends, and to call for safer streets for all road users.

Late-morning, who was hit by a garbage truck while cycling, will appear - as well as other cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians who have been affected. And, the mayor of 13 will speak. Also, Wood's family will be present, as well as Tom Gallagher, Jeff Danner and Mike Clarke, who were among the memorials. They're to have good media coverage from TBT along with publicity regarding road safety.

Wood was hit by a 30-ft-tall city at least at Williams Park on Nov 20. Following speakers, there will be a brief bike ride with speakers accompanying victims through downtown. Pete, More information about these events and volunteer signup will be available on the SPBC home page and Facebook page.

Sunday, December 4,
2022 Holiday Party!
Mark your calendars, we believe our Club members will be enthusiastic about celebrating a holiday Party this year at the Clubhouse.
Holiday Party this year at the Clubhouse.
The party will be held on St Petersburg Clubhouse, North Club, and will start at 5:00 pm.
The evening will feature appetizers and cash bar, buffet dinner, dessert and a DJ for dancing.
The party will be provided in the Yacht Club garage. More details on reservations to follow this.



Charlie's Champs Upcoming Events: Spooky Cycle and More!

Charlie's Champs has **big changes** in the works for the end of 2022!

September: We have exciting new bike elements coming up. Many new bikes have been ordered and will be arriving in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more details!

No more kids have been patiently waiting for their Champs bike to arrive. Many of the bikes have arrived and are ready to be assembled. Stay tuned for more details!

October: Saturday, October 15th Spooky Cycle, the annual Spooky Cycle is just around the corner! Registration is now open for Spooky Cycle 2022! Join Charlie, Champs Kids and Champs Coaches for a fun-filled Monster Mash Mixed Ability Bike Ride in St. Petersburg, FL.

Charlie's Champs Brings Fun to Kids with Disabilities!
Charlie's Champs is a free bicycle training program for children with disabilities. We help kids ages 5 and up ride a bicycle for the first time or relearn how to ride a bicycle. Our mission is to give children with disabilities the opportunity to experience the joy of riding a bicycle.

For events, go to CharliesChampsRentals.com

December: Christmas Giveaways. As always, we plan to do some surprise Christmas giveaways for our Champs Kids. Stay tuned for more details! Thank you to Peter and Mrs. Clava, who delivered toys to deserving children in the Pinellas County area.

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To donate, go to: https://www.charliescampsrentals.com/donate

Does Florida Have Any of the Best US Cities for Biking?

by Jon Dawson

Peoplefirstbike recently released its 2022 City Rankings for the best U.S. cities for biking. They looked at 100 cities and ranked them based on a variety of factors. Some of the factors they used were overall safety and community input on what people think about biking in their city. The goal was to find the most bike-friendly communities that fit individual lifestyles as well as the overall safety of bikers and pedestrians.

Florida has a total of 5 cities in the top 100 bike-friendly cities. Miami is ranked 11th, Jacksonville, Tampa, Gainesville, Orlando, and Clearwater. Clearwater is the last one on the list, ranking 100. Its 10 included 3 cities in California and three cities in Colorado.

Florida's most bike-friendly city is Miami, ranking 11th. Miami can be the most bicycle-friendly, with a score of 6. The next highest city is in our state was Tallahassee with a score of only 35 and Miami City with a score of 32.

Here are some other ratings around the state:

- The Villages = 37
- Cape Coral = 38
- Tampa = 39
- Jacksonville = 40
- Fort Myers = 74
- Port St. Lucie = 77
- Sarasota = 91
- Winter Garden = 11
- Clearwater = 8

It's obvious the Sunshine State has a lot of work to do to make our state more bike friendly (especially the Tampa Bay area).

Keep Right: Courtesy on the Pinellas Trail

from Veronica Brezina, Sr. Pete Catalyst

The Trail is the popularity of e-bikes and continued user growth of bicyclists on the Pinellas Trail is calling for some improved courtesy and safety.

During a Thursday Pinellas County Commission work session, Wild Bannon with Forward Pinellas, Jace Rice with Public Works, and Sgt. Brian Gibbons with the Sheriff's Office presented an update on the shorter, presented an update on the user status of the trail and changes.

The 34.5-mile trail attracts over 2 million visitors annually. With the high usage, issues have sometimes surfaced such as trail incidents, speeding on the trail, and the somewhat lack of the "Keep Right" knowledge in which riders need to keep to the right when passing.

Pinellas County is not exceptional. As e-bikes and scooters were separated on the trail, which the trail markings can still be seen. Bannon said that the "Keep Right" signs and the "Keep right" knowledge in which riders need to keep to the right when passing.

Bannon said that people said it may be "culturally mounting" but it's evident that not enough people are conscious of others while on the trail and the rules must be clear.

The Pinellas Trail is a unique trail in that it is not just in the State of Florida, but nationwide. We need to educate people on what is acceptable, we suggest the pedestrians still use the trail keep right," they said. "Just like in a two-lane roadway and you want to pass someone, you have to look behind you, signal and then go around. There's common courtesy and you have to be aware of your surroundings. We're not trying to be the police. As a result, Rice said there will be new pavement markings and signs to help with the issue.

The update comes as a new E-Trails section was completed that runs through the Countryside area of Clearwater to John Chesnut Park. The 1.5-mile section is the first of 3 segments that will start next year for a protected bike lane through the Lake Toxaway Outfall Canal that would be completed in the summer of 2024.

7 Ways to Seat Stubborn Bike Tires

by Jim Langley

For anyone who doesn't know what it means to "seat" a tire, let's start with a definition. Seating a tire is the process of getting the tire that stays down when installing most tire-on-bicycle-and-motor vehicles, too.

Seating a tire is important because it ensures that the inflated tire is fully and properly installed. If tires are not properly seated, they can't have the correct high sacks, holes in the bead and with no tube pinch flats. Unseated tires can also be a safety issue. Here's how:

Is a Bicycle Tire Seated?
Tires that are properly seated have a uniform bead that rests on the bead seat, you look at the seat that's molded into every tire. The bead is the reinforced edge of the tire that sits on the rim side of the rim, equidistant from the rim's sidewalls around the wheel and on both sides.

Tires that are properly seated have a hearing the seat line get stuck below the top of the rim (shown in the photo) creates a bulge in the seat. This can occur on only one spot or in several different places.

When this happens, if you ride, the tire will unevenly roll. Probably the tire spot(s) in the tire bulge, and the tire will possibly to damage the rim if you hit something at that spot.

To help, here are seven ideas for seating tires that refuse to. Some of these ideas are for tires that are hard to seat, and for tires with standard bead lines and sidewalls.

1 Use Soapy Water
Soapy water will help lubricate the tire's bead and will wash it from getting the tube stuck beneath the tire's edge. To use soapy water, remove the tire's valve core and fill the tube with soapy water. Then reinstall the valve core and inflate the tire. It's easy to inflate.Please advise tubes up to the right and pinch the tube. Then, when you're ready to make sure that the tube is open first.

2 Bike Tire Seating Tricks
Here are some bike tire seating tricks:
CAUTION: Do not exceed your maximum rated tire pressure when seating tires.

This is the quickest and safest way to seat a tire and it works most of the time since you're good at it. But, you have to do a few things right. Make sure the tire's bead is lubricated and that the tube is even before you set it in. Because it can take a few pumps to get the tire to seat, you'll want to use a pump that has some right kick.

Also, make sure that the wheel between your legs and gripping the tire right at the tire section. You want to use your hands, however works for you to put maximum pulling force on the tire as you pump. Finally, make sure that the valve stem is in line (we the heels of my hands and look like it on up) and even pumping.

3 Use Ratchets
This is the way our guys and gals seat tires and a lot of bike mechanics do it, too. It's kind of fun because as the tire seats it makes a popping sound that's very satisfying. The key to this method of clearing time all the rim, which can be dangerous and expensive. I wrote about all modern e-axles

https://www.bicycleretailer.com/industry-news/2022/08/01/ratchets-are-always-a-necessary-bike-shop-tool-why-some-techs-prefer-them-and-others-dont#.YvgZ-XZBzIU. Ratchet straps are compressors put too much on in his field and very gradually compressed the tire's bead. Then, when the tire is set, he lets the seats feel before walking down air. And, don't ever inflate a tire past the maximum pressure.It should be written on the tire sidewall.

Drop
Speaking of motorheads, they typically have a big tub of tire mounting tools. Some of these tools are used to drop the tire before the slippery stuff on before inflating the tire's valve core. While there are tire soaps made for bikes, the

Shock
To apply it, find the low-quickly on the tire and keep track of it's position as you're inflating the tire. Then, when you're ready, quickly rotate it inward.

Stand
Here's a trick that's worked for me on a few occasions and it's the last of the ways at the tire quite enough so that you can get a good grip on the tire with your hands. Then, stand on the tire. If you don't mind making making a mess and a big bit of clean-up.

Then, as you pump up the tire, the tire quickly should pop out. If not, clean and dry the tire so that you can get a good grip to it and do remaining tube quickly to hand. The soap should still be between the tire and the rim, so you'll have to clean that up as well. Then, repeat the process one more time.

Use the ground
Here's a trick for a hard-to-seat tire that's the tire's low spot on the ground to put a pulling force there.Use a tire lever to pull the tire. This will sometimes get the tire seat line to come out from under the rim's edge.

Riding and waiting
Sometimes it just takes more time than you expect for the tire to seat. Inflate the tire to the max pressure and then ride it for a short spell. If you give it a chance, it might've seated the next time you check it. This can happen out on a ride. You just have to be patient. Inflate the tire to the max PSI, ride it for a few miles, and then pump the wheel and not ride riding anything.

Use a Ratchet
The photo shown by Park Tool Tire Seating Pliers, which I have used successfully on many occasions. Here's how it works:
The only thing is that you need to be careful to pick only the rim with this type of tire pliers. But they work well for many seating tire issues.

Glue
People are always surprised when I use this seating trick so I don't use it often, but it's a great trick for stubborn tires.
The trick is to use a can of bug spray to lubricate the tire's bead and rock the wheel to put the tire's bead seat. Woodworking rows the tire's bead seat. Woodworking rows the tire's bead seat. Woodworking rows