



**Sarasota-Manatee Bicycle Club, Inc.,
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SMBC involvement in other events

The Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club has been incorporated for over 20 years and represents over 400 active cyclists. Our members have many years of cycling experience, gained not only in Florida but all over the USA and abroad. We promote and encourage the use of bicycles as a healthy and safe means of recreation and transportation.

We welcome the organization of safe and well managed cycling events in Sarasota and Manatee Counties and elsewhere in Florida in which our members can participate. However, the club has specific legal obligations and limited resources so is not necessarily able to be officially involved in the organization or funding of events. As a guide the Club will:

- List in the "Rough Draft" (our official bi-monthly newsletter) and on our web site (up to 5 lines) any event in which our members might wish to participate. This would include not only events within our area but others where members might participate.
- Allow promoters to have a display advertisement and application form or similar details, in either of our Club media, they would pay advertising rates. Arrange our Club ride schedule not to obviously clash with an event organized by others within our area. We reserve the right to offer standard club rides elsewhere that do not interfere with or overlap with ride routes. Similarly we will make every attempt to avoid organizing special social rides concurrent with a charitable cycling event in our area.
- Advise our members of requests for volunteers to assist in an event promoted by others. Members will volunteer individually as they see fit.
- Permit our Gulf Coast Cyclefest Organizer to offer general advice to organizers of other events should this be requested. The advice given will be such as to assist in making the event safe and successful.

The Club's Articles of Incorporation limit its activities to cycling. While we are able to give limited financial assistance to a member wishing to participate in a significant charitable cycling event, we are not permitted to make donations to charities other than cycling ones.

Confirmed by SMBC Board February 2nd, 2011