

Special Rides and Events in February

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	ROUTE	PACE	MILES	CONTACT
SATURDAY 4th	9:00am	Popi's III	Terra Ceia	10-12	20	John J 813-951-2348
				12-14	22	Pam 941-351-6388
				14-16	25	Dave C 941-776-2769
				16-18	40	Clare M 941-447-0201
	9:00AM	Tatum Ridge	East Sarasota	14-16	26	Florian Z 941-377-3525
9:00am	Fire House	Fruitville Loop	18-20	35	Bud G 941-232-5678 David L 412-610-0815	
SUNDAY 5th	9:00AM	301 Publix	Sundance	16-18	45	Mike 941-953-4903
WEDNESDAY 8th	6:30PM	Sun 'n Fun	BOARD MEETING			Chris P 941-773-9395
SATURDAY 11th	9:00AM	Ridge Manor	Withlacoochee Trail	10-13	50	John J 813-951-2348
				14-16	50	Dave C 941-776-2769
				16-18	50	Chris P 941-773-9395
	9:00AM	Cattleman	East Sarasota	16-18	40	Mike P 941-953-4903
	9:00AM	Tatum Ridge	East Sarasota	14-16	26	Florian Z 941-377-3525
SATURDAY 18th	9:00am	Popi's III	Terra Ceia	10-12	20	John J 813-951-2348
				12-14	22	Pam 941-351-6388
				15-17	25	Dave C 941-776-2769
	9:00am	Fire House	Fruitville Loop	18-20	35	Bud G 941-232-5678 David L 412-610-0815
	9:00AM	Tatum Ridge	East Sarasota	14-16	26	Florian Z 941-377-3525
	11:00AM	Laurel Park	Lunch Bunch	10-12	15	RobH 941-316-9887
SUNDAY 19th	9:00AM	NE Shop Center	Mote Ranch Meander	16-18	48	Mike 941-953-4903
Wednesday 22nd	8:00AM	SA Park & RR Ave	San Antonio	16-18	40	Bud G 941-232-5678
SATURDAY 25th	9:00AM	Ringling	DeSoto Memorial	10-12	15	Norma R 941-739-1299
			Anna Maria	14-16	34	Dave C 941-776-2769
			Anna Maria	16-18	34	Bud G 941-232-5678
	9:00AM	Tatum Ridge	East Sarasota	14-16	26	Florian Z 941-377-3525

Ride Start Locations

Albertson's – NE corner of Lockwood Ridge and University Pkwy; meet in front of Honey Tree, 8315 Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243.

Best Friends: 5110 Clark Rd., Sarasota, FL 34233

I-75, Exit 205; go west on Clark Rd, SR 72, 9/10 miles, turn left (south) on Honore Ave, 1/10 miles turn right.

Cattleman – strip Mall at Palmer Blvd & Cattleman Rd; park on East end of lot; I-75, Exit 210, west to first traffic light, left on Cattleman to Palmer Blvd.

David's – 7020 Myakka Valley Trail; I-75, Exit 207; East on SR72 for 7 miles, Left into Myakka Valley Ranches, 1.25 miles on left; (\$2 entry fee).

Firehouse – I-75, Exit 210, East on Fruitville Rd

5 miles; park in rear.

Laurel Park – Nokomis

I-75, Exit 195; West on Laurel Rd

2.4 miles; left on Forest, follow signs to Park.

LWR Publix – 8330 Market St., Sarasota, FL 34202.

Off of University Pkwy; 1st traffic light east of I-75, turn left and immediate left onto Exchange Way; Publix on right.

MSP (Myakka State Park) – 13207 State Road 72. I-75, Exit 205; SR 72 East 9 miles. Entrance on left; (\$\$\$) Park at Concession stand mid-Park.

NE Shop CTR – Northeast Shopping Center; NE corner 17th St & Lockwood Ridge.

Palmetto – Publix - 1101 8th Av. W., I-75 Exit 224, turn right on to 301; go West 3.5 miles (becomes 10th St W) to 8th Ave W (Bus. 41); turn right, Publix on your left .

Popi's III – 10508 Us Highway 41 N, Palmetto, FL 34221. I-75 to I-275, Exit 1, US 41 N (last exit B-4 bridge) Go north 1.5 miles; Popi's on right.

Potter – Potter Park, behind Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA, 8301 Potter Park Dr, Sarasota, FL 34238, just north of Central Sarasota Pkwy.

Ridge Manor

I-75, Exit 301; East on SR 50/US 98 ½ mile to Croom Rital Rd, turn left to Trail Head.

Ringling – 3606 Manatee Av., W., Bradenton. From US 41, turn West On Manatee Av, 2.1 miles on right.

Sarasota Cycle – & Fitness

3800 S. Osprey Av. From I-75 Exit 207, West on Bee Ridge 5 miles; cross US41, Becomes Bay St. 2/10 mile; right on Osprey: on left.

Sun 'n Fun – 7125 Fruitville Rd; 1 mile east of I-75, Exit 210; turn left at light at East Rd.

Tatum Ridge – Tatum Ridge Elementary, 4100 Tatum Rd, corner of Palmer Blvd. I-75, Exit 210, Fruitville Rd; go East 1.3 miles, turn right on East Rd (traffic light) 1 mile, turn left on Rim Rd 3/10 mile, turn right on Tatum Ridge, school is on the left.

Winn Dixie: 4445 Sun City Center Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573 I-75. Exit 240; go East on SR674, 1.5 miles; W/D on the right.

301 – Publix: 6242 US 301, Ellenton, FL. I-75, Exit 224; go left (north) on 301 2.3 miles, just past traffic light at Old Tampa Rd. Publix is on your right.

BOOK REVIEW

The Bicycle Book, by Bella Bathurst. Harper Press: 306 pages

Even “The Economist” featured a review of this book. Bella Bathurst, an award-winning author, fills a gap in cycle literature, not by her technical details, but rather, because of her joyful skim through the unusual.

It's a book about the people who ride and why they love bicycles. She ranges from the strength trainers to the eccentrics for whom the bicycle offers an expression of their desire to do something different. It is full of interviews and anecdotes, in which the Author explores some of the wide range of people for whom the cycle is more than a way of life, but rather, comes near to being life itself.

There are more than a billion bicycles in the world – more than twice the number of cars. The bike has proven its versatility from the fastest urban message carrier to its military uses. The author includes a chapter on the Tour de France, but just to provide an insight into why people first accepted the challenge of this fearsome competition, and why they still do. This will prove a welcome addition to your own library and a good read. And after you've read it, you will have no doubt that you're right to love your bike! – *David*