

Coastal Cyclist Club Meeting – at Sticky Fingers – 21Mar11

Michael Salley started by thanking Pivotal Race Team for partnering up for the monthly Coastal Cyclist meeting. It is much appreciated that race teams like Pivotal, and the others race teams in the area, continue to support the club. Michael mentioned:

- He would like to see the better membership participation at monthly meetings. He plans to make these monthly meetings informative and fun. He would like to have the club have a higher visibility in the Charleston community.
- We will continue to hold the monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. We are looking for a permanent place to hold the meetings, preferably one that serves food and beverages. Any suggestions are welcomed. An announcement will be made prior to next meeting.
- Mention was made of a transportation forum being held on 28Mar11 from 6:30pm -8:00pm at St. Andrews Middle School on Wappoo Rd.
- Here is a request to the Coastal Cyclist members to submit an article about cycling in South Carolina. If you have any interest in submitting an article for consideration please let Michael know, he will get you in contact with the individual and provide you more information.
- Charleston Clean Sweep will take place on 09Apr11 from 9:00am – 11:00 am. This is to help clean a .63 mile bikeway from Cypress St. to Huger St. Let Michael know if you have an interest in participating, these are the type of community events Coastal Cyclist can show Charleston they are involved in making biking safer in Charleston. You can also find information at cleanbikeway@gmail.com.
- Volunteers need to the After Bridge Run Ride. Let John Glover from the Charleston Bicycle Company know if you are interested.
- Need to make people aware of the benefits of joining Coastal Cyclist. Membership is lower than last year. Membership helps Coastal Cyclist provide great benefits and events for all.

Brian Stockmaster Pivotal Race Team thanked Coastal cyclist for supporting their Race Weekend fundraiser. The Race Weekend is to take place on the 16 & 17 of April.

- If you would like to be involved contact them through their web site www.lowcountryracing.com. Volunteers are needed.
- The Pivotal Race Teams sponsors support of the Race Weekend has been greatly appreciated. Sticky Fingers will be supporting the Race Weekend supplying the food.
- If anyone has any interest about joining, or experiencing, a race team you can contact the race team. You can accompany them on their rides and they will teach you about how to ride in a race environment.

The speaker for the meeting was Mike Mitas who gave his story about being hit by two cars which left him in critical condition and then required lengthily rehabilitation. He was hit after he lost control of his bike by hitting the ring that holds a construction barrel. He was thrown into the path of traffic. His helmet saved him after being struck on the head. The tire tracks on the helmet are a reminder of the accident. It was strong support from family, friends, and faith that pulled him through. Remember to be very aware of your surroundings when riding, being hit just by a car may not be you biggest danger.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chuck Hassold

Secretary