



Havana - A Very Different Florida

March 2023 NEWS AND EVENTS



7th Annual Havana Hills Spring Classic Better Than Ever

Beautiful weather and scenic trails make for happy cyclists, Not to mention the happy helpful support

all along the way and a delicious meal at the end of the trail.

More than a 160 cyclists participated this year on six separate rides on both hard surface and off road "gravel". **The Havana Fire Volunteer Fire Truck and Havana Police** escorted the throng of riders out of town with the die-hard 88 "Milers" leading the pack.

All along the ride they were catered to, from a roadside Art Exhibit by the **AHA Gallery** on the toughest parts of the hard road ride to the fresh baked cookies from the **First Presbyterian Church**, both were a huge hit.

Fresh Fruit and water was supplied by **Harvey's in Havana** and PBJ sandwiches were prepared by **Reva Marshall** and members of her team of volunteers.

Cyclist safety was the main concern. Thank you, **Kim Doxie, Ken Skipper and Neal Dimacali**, who were on call to help from bandaging the fallen to retrieving stranded cyclists.

All the while, the **Tallahassee HAM Radio Op-erators** were in communication making sure no cyclist was left behind.

Epic Bikes provided a mechanic for bike tune ups are the Havana Registration site and as a special treat coffee and donuts were also provided by Epic.

At the end of the ride, every cyclist was treated to a cool drink compliments of **Hubs & Hops** (Thomasville, GA) and **Tri-Eagle Distributors** and the incredible culinary skills of **Jeana Ruland** and **Jane Nipps** with their Irish Stew and Lentil Soup, partnered with cornbread and deli-cious cupcakes that were donated by **The Cake Shop** of Tallahassee.

Refreshments were served at the beautiful patio area of the soon to be open **Off the Rails**, under the watchful gaze of Fergus the Leprechaun! **Heroes and Villains** sponsored a special discount for all cyclists at their shop on all menu items.

MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving supplied the cyclist "goody bags" which included a reflective arm band and various informational cards, every registered cyclist also received the commemorative Havana Hills Spring Classic Buff sponsored by **Farm Bureau Insurance, Havana Main Street** and **Visit Tallahassee**.

A special shout out goes to the event chairs, who without them, this event would not exist; **John Dunn** who conceived the idea seven years ago, **Joanna Southerland** who set up the social media, online payment and spread the word through her personal participation on numerous regional rides, to **Rick Ashton** and **Joel Piotrowski** for riding and charting the Gravel routes and **Roger Hawkes** of **The Hub at FeatherOaks**, Tallahassee, for sponsoring the pre-event packet pick up, saving everyone a lot of time and energy allowing the gravel riders to go directly to the gravel ride start point and not have to stop in Havana first, and to the artists that donated their talents to **Road-side Exhibit**. Nine paintings were sold and funds were donated to the ride; **Paige Brown, Diane Cleavinger, Joy Green, Pam Springer and Jody Winter**.

Thank you all!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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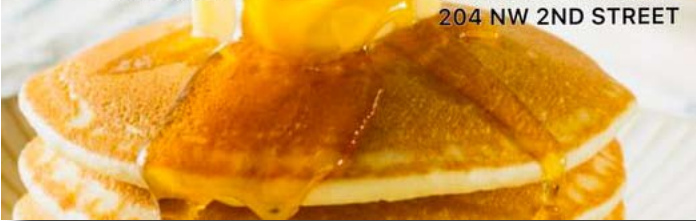
Community Pancake Breakfast March 25th

Breakfast

PANCAKES, BRADLEY SAUSAGE
AND JUICE

8 to 10 Am

UNDER THE PAVILION
AT THE SHADE
TOBACCO MUSEUM -
204 NW 2ND STREET



HAVANA
ARTS & CRAFTS
BAZAAR
APRIL 8TH
10:00 AM UNTIL 4:00PM
Vendors/Food/Fun



"What a Wonderful World" - A Tribute to Louis Armstrong

Jazz'n
Havana

April 29, 2023 7-10PM



March 18 4:00 - 6:30 PM

HAVANA MAIN STREET

Welcomes New President

Two new officers were elected at the recent Havana Main Street Annual Board Retreat. **Karol Schneider** will take on the mantle of President of the Board, her term officially started March 1st. Karol will conduct her first board meeting March 8th at the Havana Main Street Office at 8:30. Thank you for taking on this task. We look forward to working with you.

We would also like to thank **Havana Springs Resort** for donating the space to for the retreat.



LOOK UP!

Work on the future home of Havana Main Street is moving forward. Check out the recently revealed original ceiling tiles. Design plans include restoring the ceiling tiles and much more, exciting things are happening in Havana!

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AHA Gallery

Now Open Every
Saturday

From 11:00am-5:00pm

Be a part of making it happen!

Volunteers make the events a success.

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