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Rider Information for the 2018 15th Annual WNC Flyer

SCHEDULE ON SATURDAY June 2

- 1:30 - 5pm Pre-registration and Packet Pickup at Liberty Bicycles
1378 Hendersonville Rd. Asheville, NC 28803
Here's a good reason to pick up your packet on Saturday; Liberty Bicycles will be giving away 40 prizes throughout the afternoon at the top and bottom of every hour. Plus you'll be entered into a drawing for a grand prize to be announced on Sunday.

SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY June 3

- 6:30-8:30am Registration and Packet Pickup at Oskar Blues
342 Mountain Industrial Dr.
Brevard, NC 28712
- 6:30-9:00am Finisher Bag Tent open for riders to drop personal items. Items must be in a securely, closed bag with rider bib number attached.
- 6:30-7:45am Parking available on Industrial Blvd near Oskar Blues (until lots full or 7:45am)
- 6:30-9am **Auxiliary Parking available at the following locations:**
- Transylvania County Parks and Recreation Parking Lot at 1078 Ecusta Road (accessible to OB via Bike Path/Greenway)
 - Davidson River School - 970 Ecusta Rd. (accessible to OB via Bike Path/Greenway)
 - Pisgah Forest Elementary - 1076 Ecusta Rd. (accessible to OB via Bike Path/Greenway)
- 7:45am Oskar Blues, Industrial Blvd – Road and Parking Lots CLOSED to traffic. – Auxiliary lots should be used for parking.

- 7:45 am Rider Drop Off Zone CLOSED on Industrial Blvd. at TVS Parking Lot. *TVS (Transylvania Vocational Services, Inc.), 11 Mountain Industrial Drive, Brevard, NC 28712, This is at the beginning of the road to the brewery. Use this option if someone is dropping you off for the ride and you want to avoid the traffic going into the brewery.*
- 08:00am Century riders depart Oskar Blues
- 08:05am Metric Century riders depart Oskar Blues
- 08:10am Half Century (50 miles) riders depart Oskar Blues
- 08:15am Half Metric (31 Miles) riders depart Oskar Blues
- 08:30am Parking and Traffic re-opened at Oskar Blues and along Industrial Blvd.
- 10:30pm Beer available; complimentary first beer for all riders over 21 and Root Beer float shooters.
- 11:00am Luella's Catered Lunch Begins at Oskar Blues
- 12:30pm The Clyde's on Fire Band begins playing
- 5:00pm Lunch/Dinner service ends
- 5:00pm Course closes and ride becomes unsupported.

2018 Rider Cue Sheets and GPS for WNC Flyer Rides

Century: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27423282>

Metric: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27430661>

Half Century: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27431190>

Half Metric: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27431286>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RIDERS

We want you to enjoy this wonderful event, return home safe and sound, and minimize our impact on the community that shares the roads we use in the *WNCFlyer*.

- EMS and fire departments have been alerted and will be able to provide EMS care should anyone be injured.
- Our SAG vehicles will have ham radios that can call for help even if your cell phone doesn't work, and you will be able to easily recognize them with flags, signs, and amber flashing lights.
- Every rest stop will have a Safety Marshal and a ham radio operator to help with safety.

Our goal is an event with no injuries, and no citations for traffic law violations by either cyclists or motorists. Every effort has been made to provide you a safe and enjoyable ride!

This is not a closed course. We are sharing the road with local residents who also have the right to use it.

The WNC Flyer is not a race and as such we do not report finishing time.

Please obey all traffic laws and observe all stop signs and traffic lights.

Please do not litter. There will be trash receptacles at all rest stops where you may deposit any trash. Please do not drop wrappings from energy bars and gels on the road.

EVENT RULES

For your own safety and the safety of others, there are rules you must follow:

1. You must wear an approved helmet.
2. You must wear a WNC Flyer bib, with the number visible from the back.
3. You must pull off the road to let emergency vehicles pass.
4. Please do not wear headphones or otherwise impede your hearing.
5. Please do not have personal SAG vehicles on the course. Personal SAG involves any vehicle which is on the course specifically to give you support, such as providing water, food and clothing. There just isn't enough room for additional vehicles.
6. Please obey the directions of Marshals, SAG Drivers, and all Law Enforcement and EMT vehicles:
 - a. Stop at intersections when directed to by Law Enforcement or Course Marshals – they are for your safety and to aid you in crossing intersections. They are not there to stop cars.
 - b. Stop at a rest stop and do not continue riding the course... when directed to by a Course Marshal – there may be a problem ahead.
 - c. Obey any other instructions – this is for your safety and the safety of others.
7. The Event Director may halt the ride, delay the ride or prohibit any riders to proceed past a certain point due to severe weather, unsafe conditions or other emergencies. If it becomes necessary to delay or halt the ride, the Course Marshals will communicate this decision to you.
8. Please be polite, respectful, and calm with the public, whether on the bike, on foot, or in a vehicle – even if they are frustrated or verbal – please do not respond in kind. Hand gestures are not acceptable, no matter how "right" you may be.

STATE LAWS

In North Carolina bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles. Traffic laws will be enforced for cyclists, and law enforcement may issue citations to riders who break the law.

1. You must obey all traffic laws.
2. You must come to a full stop at stop signs, flashing red, or other traffic control devices.
3. You cannot block traffic by taking up the entire lane.
4. You should allow vehicles behind you to pass by forming into a single file.
5. You must stay on your side of the double-yellow line at all times.
6. When you hear sirens and see lights, you must pull over to the side of the road and stop to allow emergency vehicles behind you to pass safely.

SAFETY TIPS

1. Please be aware that there may be wildlife on the course. Please stay alert.
2. There may dogs on this course – not all property owners control their dogs.
3. SAG vehicles and Course Marshals are in vehicles with flags and/or flashing amber lights.
4. Marshals will be at each rest stop, wearing high visibility vests. Any of these people can help you.
5. If you need non-emergency assistance, give a Thumbs Down to SAG vehicles.
6. In case of an emergency
 - Call 9-1-1
 - And then SAG at (828) 329-8863
7. Your cell phone may not work in some locations as some of the course is beyond cell service.
8. SAG Vehicles and Rest Stops have Ham radios to report emergencies. Most Marshals can get help via Ham radio, so just ask.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Thunderstorms with life-threatening lightning strikes are unavoidable in this part of the country. If you experience thunderstorm activity during your ride, it is up to you to evaluate the potential danger and take action.

Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, and a large course that may include severe weather in one part of the ride but no danger in other parts of the ride, it is the sole responsibility of each rider to determine the danger of the weather.

We recommend you follow this guidance from NOAA Weather Service:

1. If you can hear thunder, then you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Lightning strikes can be fatal.
2. Take shelter to protect yourself from a strike.
3. Remain in that sheltered position until you cannot hear the thunder for at least 30 minutes.
4. If caught outdoors and no shelter is nearby:
 - Find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.
 - If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees.
 - If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground and make yourself the smallest target possible.

**Help us keep this beautiful and challenging ride on public roads.
Please be an ambassador for all cyclists!**

- **RIDE SAFE**
- **REMAIN ALERT**
- **FOLLOW THE RULES**
- **OBEY THE LAW**

Enjoy the Ride!