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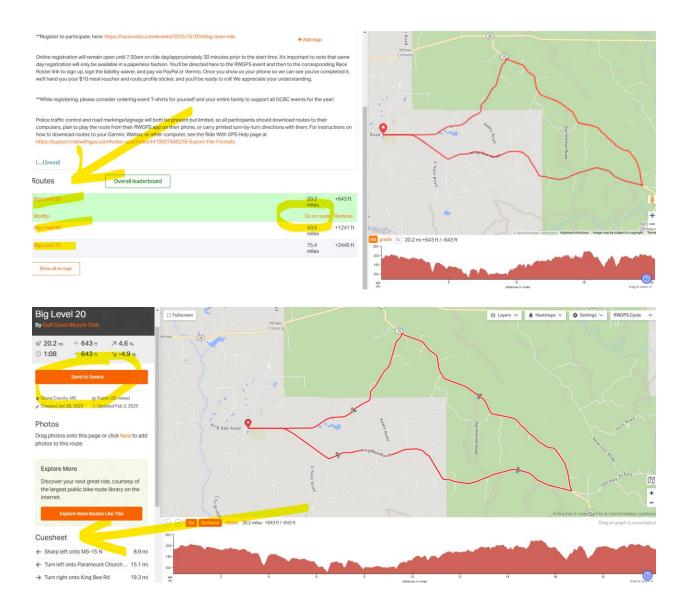
We hope you are all staying safe out there and preparing well, despite this challenging weather headed our way.

We had a wonderful time together last night at the first meeting of the year! Thank you again so much to those who attended and to those who sent in their absentee vote on the club logo in advance! We had an overwhelming vote for the new club logo/option #2, attached. We are grateful for the 39 years the prior logo represented the GCBC and look forward to a great future! Thank you again to Ciara Fountain for your excellent work here. The color scheme she used was with the intention of paying homage to the original kit design, also attached. Shout out to Brent Futrell for sending these over to me and for taking the time to share so much of the club's history with me back in January. I've learned a lot since then!

We were able to officially vote in our amazing officers and board members, the bylaws and articles of incorporation, and the club budget, including the club agreeing to grant a \$300 scholarship to a young cyclist named Aaliyah who will participate on the Mississippi Mustangs Mountain Bike Team this year because of the club's generosity.

In other news, there were a few of us out at Rouge Roubaix in St. Francisville, LA this past weekend! Enjoy pictures attached.

As a friendly reminder, if you are not a RWGPS club member, you won't be able to view and download the routes to your phone or bike computer, or print out the navigational cues. It's free to be a RWGPS club member, and you'll get all the bells and whistles thanks to the club's paid membership. The confirmed route options will always be pinned to the bottom of the event. See my screenshots below for a nice visual.



Please click the link below, so you have full access to all our event routes for the year:

https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/14742-gulf-coast-bicycle-club/join

Also, once you've got your desired routes downloaded and ready, we encourage you to practice these routes prior to the big ride day and enjoy familiarizing yourself with the course and with RWGPS!

Speaking of routes, we have excellent news to share regarding the upcoming Big Level Ride happening on March 22, in just 7 days! Blue Cliff College will be there with their massage students offering complimentary massages! Thank you so much to Blue Cliff for coming out to support the GCBC! If you haven't already, here's where to register for the Big Level Ride:

https://ridewithgps.com/events/343882-big-level-ride-three-route-distance-opti

Besides that, we have our "TriHard/GCBC Road Time Trial~ Race #1/Woolmarket" coming up Wednesday night! We hope to see you out there! When you get a chance, please register to participate in this free event, here:

https://ridewithgps.com/events/344071-trihard-gcbc-road-time-trial-race-1-wool

Don't hesitate to let us know if you have an interest in volunteering or helping the club in any way, or if you have feedback or suggestions for us. We are all ears and would love to hear from you. Till next time, ride and repeat! See you soon!

Best Regards,



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