



Chickasaw Trace Classic to Kick Off Cross Country Racing in Tennessee



Trailhead parking at Chickasaw

Despite extensive trail damage from two recent floods, the trails will be race-ready for the 23rd Chickasaw Trace Classic, according to Race Director Duane Leach. The race is scheduled for March 25th.

Leach said a portion of the trail collapsed into the Duck River from the first flood and that new trail had to be cut around it. During a recent workday, all the branches and downed trees were removed. Leach said there will be plenty of time to break in the trail prior to the race. Chickasaw is a USA Cycling Junior Development event. Special USAC medals will be awarded for two and three-year age group breakouts within each junior race.

Please Welcome Kenneth Wallace – Newest TBRA Official

Please welcome our newest TBRA official - Kenneth Wallace from Nashville. Kenneth races for Nashville Local Cycling. He loves life and racing his bike. Kenneth one day plans to buy an RV and travel the country, racing and officiating.



Although he mainly competes on the road, he frequently helps at races of all disciplines, so be sure to say hello and thank Kenneth for his service to Tennessee cycling!

Nashville Crit Weekend Promises to Attract Racers from across the Region

If you are a road racer, Nashville is the place to be on May 4th-6th

The Music City Crits will kick off its famous series on Friday, May 4th at the Nashville Speedway followed by The Max Gander Memorial Criterium on Saturday and The Cedar Hill Criterium on Sunday.

In the midst of the Max Gander Memorial racing action, [The Sevier Park Fest](#) will be held at the same venue on Saturday, which will offer a variety of food, vendors, and live music, making the event a must for the entire family. The Cedar Hill Criterium is known for attracting some elite competition and large fields, guaranteeing some great racing and spectating. Be sure to mark your calendars for the May 4th weekend in Nashville!

Empower Her Women's Masters Race Series Comes to Tennessee



Six existing criterium races will provide masters women an opportunity to race with their peers this upcoming season! Tennessee Women's Cycling Project is excited to announce the inaugural [Empower Her women's masters race series](#) to support bicycle racing by women who are in the 40+ age group. The goal of Empower Her is to grow women's cycling by providing an opportunity for masters-aged women to race among their peers.

The series, which is made possible through Empower Electric's title sponsorship, will include six existing criterium races in Tennessee. Women will earn primes, spots on individual race podiums, and points toward the series. While each race's results will be based on age 40+, the overall series will include a 40-49 age group podium and a 50+ podium, where each series winner will receive a champion's jersey.

To stay up-to-date on this new series, visit the [Facebook page](#).

Calendar:

April 15 - UCOR Oak Ridge Velo Classic Criterium

April 22 - Cookeville Criterium

May 6 - Cedar Hill Criterium

May 19 - High Roller Crit p/b Riverside Bicycle Racing

June 10 - Rockabilly Gran Prix Criterium

July 21 - Three Rivers Rumble p/b The Roane Alliance Criterium

The Empower Her series will promote women's masters racing in Tennessee, but has no exclusive affiliation with a promoter, event, or racing series. TWCP plans to grow the series to more events in future years.

Road Season Promises to be Action-packed, Featuring Exciting New and Restored Races

TBRA is proud to have a jam-packed calendar of road racing this year.

We have two new races—[The High Roller Criterium](#) in Clarksville and [The Battle of Lewisburg](#) has added a RR (as well as TT) to become the seventh Omnium on the 2018 Calendar. TBRA is proud to bring back the downtown [Cookeville Criterium](#) (as part of Aaron Schafer Weekend), Espinazo Del Diablo Road Race, and the [Three Rivers Rumble](#) Road Race. The Three Rivers Rumble has been moved to July and is the 2018 Tennessee State Championship Road Race.

On the Omnium scene, the State Championship Criterium will be held at the [Rockabilly Gran Prix](#) in June. [Oak Ridge Velo Classic](#) has been moved to the spring with Three Rivers taking their old date in July. [Johnson City Omnium](#) and [River Gorge](#) are back with their big payouts, pro fields, and epic mountain top finishes. Battle of Lewisburg and [Alabama Wheelman Race](#) weekend are two long standing August races that have expanded to Omniums for 2018. Women's exclusive "[Rockabilly Revolution](#)" is back for it's third year while [Tiger Lane](#) has added two criterium weekend dates in Memphis.

The first Music City Criterium, Max Gander, and [Cedar Hill](#) have teamed up for a full weekend of criterium racing in Nashville! High Roller Crit and El Diablo have also teamed up for a weekend in north west Tennessee, and Aaron Schafer and the Downtown Cookeville criterium will allow for a full weekend of racing in Cookeville.

On top of nearly every weekend of racing in Tennessee, look for The Music City Crits and Bells Bend Time Trial to scratch that Wednesday itch. We look forward to seeing on the road in 2018!

2017 TBRA CX Season Recap



2017 provided another top-notch slate of cyclocross races on the TBRA calendar. The series boasted fourteen races, covering the state from Memphis to Chattanooga and finally culminating in early December at the state championship in Franklin. The state championship jersey winners along with the CXBAR series winners are below:

State Championships

CX Pro/1/2: Andrew Reardon

CX Cat 3: John Carr

CX Cat 4: Hunter Connell

CX Masters 35+: David Rush

CX Masters 45+: Barry Lucas

CX Masters 55+: Rick Harmon

CX Jr 10-14: Zachary Lowe

CX Jr 15-18: Hunter Connell

CX Jr 15-18 F: Eleanor Israel

CX Single Speed: Alistair Sponsel

CX Women 1/2/3: Kaitlyn Benavides

CX Women 4: Amy Christian

CXBAR Series Winners

CX Pro/1/2: Andrew Reardon

CX Cat 3: John Carr

CX Cat 4: Dustin Weida

CX Masters 35+: Paul Carter

CX Masters 45+: Paul Carter

CX Masters 55+: Rick Harmon

CX Jr 10-14: Zachary Lowe

CX Jr 15-18: Jacob Kuper

CX Jr 10-14: Elizabeth May

CX Jr 15-18 F: Eleanor Israel

CX Single Speed: Alistair Sponsel

CX Women 1/2/3: Kaitlyn Benavides

CX Women 4: Marsha Williams

