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2024 Year in Review

The Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBBF) was founded in honor of a long-time cyclist and cycling advocate in the Cape Fear region. Terry was one of the cyclists that formed the Cape Fear Cyclists club in 1972. In the ensuing years he promoted cycling, cycling events and cycling facilities. Unfortunately, Terry was killed in a cycling accident in 2013, and the Foundation was formed to perpetuate his vision and goals for cycling in our region.

It is through the Foundation that Terry's legacy and vision lives on.

Partners with Cape Fear Cyclists

TBBF works in partnership with Cape Fear Cyclists (CFC) to enhance safe riding opportunities in the region. CFC's primary goal is the creation and implementation of safe rides in southeastern North Carolina. By providing cue sheets, ride leaders and comradery, CFC welcomes bicyclists who want to join club rides several times each week.

CFC board members work closely with TBBF members to report unsafe road conditions or concerns in high traffic areas and more. TBBF is often invited to participate in regional studies of bike lane development, and in turn we inform CFC board members of work on these initiatives.

Proceeds from the annual Tour de Blueberry are shared with TBBF, which provides grants to local non-profit organizations that are focused on bicycle safety in the area.

TBBF Board and Committees

TBBF board has three committees. Each committee reports at the board's monthly meetings, and all board members work together to achieve the board's goals.

Advocacy/Outreach – works with NCDOT, WMPO, municipalities and other partners to bring awareness of unsafe riding conditions or opportunities to improve cycling.

Funding/Research – provides information to TBBF and other partners on funding and support that is available for local projects.

Safety/Education – provides Bicycle Rodeos, Traffic Safety Gardens and Safe Cycling classes throughout the region. This committee welcomes volunteers to assist at community events. To learn more or get involved, email Tammy Swanson at pack219@hotmail.com

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TBBF Provides Grant Funds

The annual Tour de Blueberry raises money for area non-profit organizations. CFC disburses a portion of the proceeds to TBBF, who provide grants to non-profit organizations to further their work in our area. Below is a list of organizations that have received grant money from TBBF in 2024.

3Wheel Therapy utilizes an adaptive tricycle to provide free rides to individuals who cannot ride a traditional bicycle. TBBF provided a grant of \$2,000 to pay for the wrap on their transport van. The van is now a moving billboard, educating the public about this important service. The wrap includes a QR code for people to donate and learn more about 3Wheel Therapy.

New Bike Rack – Kure Beach recently added three new crosswalks to assist pedestrians crossing Ft. Fisher Blvd. The KB Bike/Ped Committee requested bike racks to be placed on the beach side of these crosswalks. Working together, we are encouraging residents and visitors to walk or ride to the beach, with a secure location for bicycles.

Carolina Beach PD Bicycle Patrol – CBPD was granted \$2,000 toward the update of equipment for their bicycle patrol unit. TBBF and CBPD understand patrolling by bicycle allows police officers to more quickly respond during high volume months and allows them to get to areas such as the board walk safely and quickly.

If your nonprofit organization would like to request a grant, click the link below to learn more.

[TBBF Grant Application](#)

TBBF Receives Grants & Support

In November 2024, TBBF received a \$6,900 grant from the **Landfall Foundation**. This grant will allow TBBF to provide “*Let’s Go! NC*” safe bicycling classes to students in three New Hanover County elementary schools.

Let’s Go! NC curriculum is approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction, with written and hands-on learning modules for students. The Safety/Education committee will work with PE teachers to provide safe bicycling instruction for one week, so all students have a chance to learn the rules of the road.

The grant will allow us to provide all written materials, set up TBBF’s safety trailer at the school, and support the PE teachers throughout the week. The week will end with a family pizza party, allowing the students to show their parents what they have learned about safe bicycle riding.

TBBF also received 100 helmets from **NCDOT**. Their program provides helmets to organizations across the state. The helmets are to be given to any youngster in need of one. During *Let’s Go! NC* training, helmets will be made available to the PE teachers, so every student owns a helmet at the end of training.

Thanks to **Jimmy’s Bike Drive** in Wrightsville Beach, TBBF received eight free, new bicycles. These were given to families who had attended bicycle safety events, and our volunteers learned the family could not afford bikes for their children. The bicycles and helmets were delivered to the parents the week before Christmas. TBBF also received 2 used bikes from Jimmy’s for use in instructional events.

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Safety & Education

The Safety & Education Committee chair serves on the TBBF board and as CFC Safety & Education liaison. Tammy Swanson is a League Certified Instructor and leads a committee with representatives from NHC Safe Kids, WMPO/Go Coast, Wilmington PD and NHC Sheriff's Department, as well as two members with LCI designations.

This committee works with municipalities, churches, and organizations to host safety events, such as Bike Rodeos or Traffic Gardens. These events are situated in a large parking area, where the committee has put road signs, and road "hazards." Children ride the course, learning how to stop and look both ways, how to use correct hand signals, how to react to a barking dog and more.

In 2024, the Safety & Education Committee hosted or participated in 15 events:

- 4 bike rodeos
- 4 glow rides
- 2 bike maintenance classes
- 1 traffic garden
- 2 bike-to-school days
- 1 national night out
- 1 BikeWalk NC summit

We had 495 participants at these events. We sent one LCI to BWNC. We gave away 119 helmets.

If your group would like to request a bike rodeo or a safety education event, please complete this form.

[Bike Rodeo Event Request](#)

TBBF Board of Directors

Sam Burgess – President. Member of WMPO Bike Ped Advisory Committee.

Adrienne Harrington – Vice President. Funding/Grants Committee chair.

Michael Brown, CPA– Treasurer. Advocacy & Outreach Committee

Eileen Clute – Secretary. Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee.

Jim Bailey, LCI – Safety/Education Committee member

Carolyn Caggia – Safety/Education Committee member

Mo Linqvist – WMPO Bike/Ped Advisory Committee, BikeWalk NC Board of Directors

Eileen McConville – Past President, TBBF & CFC. CFC Board member since 2008, Advocacy & Outreach Committee

Wyatt Richardson – Funding/Grants Committee.

Al Schroetel – Advocacy/Outreach Chair. Past President, TBBF. CFC Board Member since 2004.

Tammy Swanson, LCI – Safety & Education chair, TBBF and CFC board member

Steve Zinder – Funding/Grants Committee. WMPO Bike/Ped Advisory Committee Chair.

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